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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE

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# Body of student recovered from fire

DAVID OSBORNE  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A mobile home fire in Carbondale yielded a grisly discovery Tuesday night when fire fighters found an SIUC freshman inside the destroyed home.

The Carbondale Fire Department responded to a call at 11:28 p.m. Tuesday to find an older, duplex-style mobile home fully engulfed in flames. It was after extinguishing the fire at 1401 W. Symmote St. in the back of the property that fire department personnel found the body of Kimberly E. Smith, 37. Smith was a pre-major freshman at SIUC.



Smith

Police sources said Smith lived alone in the south half of the mobile home. The north end was unoccupied. Police, the Fire Department and the coroner will be investigating this incident jointly. Foul play is not suspected at this time. The exact cause and origin of the fire is still under investigation.

According to Admissions and Records, Smith was a returning student who had either applied to SIUC or attended classes prior to 1998.

# Faculty Union rebuffs new offer from Administration

KATE MCCANN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The administration jump started a month old stalemate at the negotiation table Wednesday by upping its original salary offer for the next faculty contract.

The offer, which yielded no relief for the frustrated Faculty Association, places added pressure on today's negotiations as both sides are expected to continue trading offers across the table.

The poorly-received administrative proposal was countered with a faculty one around 4 p.m., thirty minutes before negotiations were broken off by federal mediator Richard Kirkpatrick.

The specifics of both proposals remain unknown at this time due to an agreement not to negotiate within the media.

Faculty Association President Morteza Daneshdoust said the administration's offer did not accomplish the major goals of the union, which are bolstered salaries and restored faculty lines.

"Their offer does not address or meet the interests of the faculty in the area of parity and

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# Nader supporters demand Green party participation in debate



TED SCHURTER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

## Seven protesters arrested as police use pepper spray to control crowd

ANDREA DONALDSON AND  
DAPHNE RETTER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

ST. LOUIS — Strokes of colored light reflected off police visors and riot shields. The police moved in.

"If you remain in the streets, you will be arrested."

Most of the crowd pushed onto the sidewalk, as three young women linked hands and sat down. A protest leader shouted into a megaphone, "get onto the sidewalk!" Officers repeated that protesters in the street would be arrested. As the women were led away from the crowds, a chant came together: "We're not violent, how about you?"

But just a few hours before the tension between protesters and police erupted, the mood was light and conflict seemed unlikely.

A crowd of more than 1000 protesters gathered at a rally Tuesday afternoon to support Ralph Nader's attempts to participate in the presidential debate. The third and final debate took place in the Athletic Complex at Washington University in St. Louis. The Commission on Presidential Debates requires third-party candidates to carry 15 percent in voting polls to participate in official debates.

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TED SCHURTER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

(Top) Marching down the street, a group of protesters prepares to join a larger group assembled outside of the final presidential debate in St. Louis Tuesday night. (Above) St. Louis City Metropolitan Police Department officers attempt to control the crowd of protesters after pushing them off the street.

# Gore, Bush spar indoors as outside chaos rages

ALEXA AGUILAR  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

ST. LOUIS — Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George Bush feistily faced off in a sedate town-hall atmosphere for the third and final presidential debate Tuesday night, while disgruntled youths protested the debate a few blocks away.



Gore

As the crowd outside chanted about the candidates' lack of integrity, the dangers of corporate sponsorship and the exclusion of

third-party candidates from the debate, Bush and Gore paced the floor of Washington University's Athletic Complex, fielding questions from undecided voters.

Inside the debate hall Gore and Bush, oblivious to the protest outside, talked about the political skepticism of young people.

Bush said a truthful leader who can "shoot straight" is the answer, while Gore responded that campaign finance reform would bring disillusioned young people back to the political process.

With just three weeks to go before Election Day, the candidates were eager to utilize the final debate to get their platforms across to the voters.

In their most lively exchange yet, the candidates took questions from St. Louis citizens about education, HMO reform and gun control. Both Gore and Bush's statements were

peppered with "let me finish," "here we go again," and "he's wrong."

Gore, criticized for being rude in the first debate and too passive in the second, aggressively strode back and forth and, at one point, stood intimidatingly close to Bush while he was speaking. He often repeated his claim that Bush only represents the wealthy and large companies.

"If you want somebody who believes we were better off eight years ago than we are now and that we ought to go back to the kind of



Bush

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## TODAY

• **SIUC School of Law Amnesty International letter writing event**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., School of Law Lounge, Susan 549-3721.

• **Library Affairs Web CT Student Management**, 10 to 11 a.m. Morris Library Room 15, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs PowerPoint**, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.

• **Sigma Alpha** will be taking leaves for donation, Heather 549-1081.

• **Career Services Resume Writing Workshop**, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Woody Hall B-204, Vickie 453-2391.

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

• **Student Programming Council** homecoming meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Student Center, 536-3393.

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

• **Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity** Latinos in Today's Society, 5 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, free bowling and billiards, 9 to 11 p.m., Student Center Bowling Alley.

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

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

• **UCM** silent art auction opening, 6 p.m., Interfaith Center, Hugh 549-7387.

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

• **International Student Council** meeting, 6 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, John 529-9177.

• **Blacks In Communication Alliance** RSO members meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Missouri Room Student Center, Enca 457-8197.

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

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

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

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

• **Speech Communication Department** last words, today, Oct. 20 and 21, 8 p.m., The Mainau Theatre, \$5 general admission and \$3 students, Kate 453-5618.

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

## UPCOMING

• **Coalition for Citizens** with Disabilities meeting to identify and discuss problems with on campus services, Oct. 20, 2 to 5 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Jeanie 549-0887.

• **International Coffee Hour** informal socializing, Oct. 20, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Interfaith Center, Beth 453-5774.

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

• **International Night** basketball tournament, Oct. 20, 5:30 p.m.,

Recreation Center, Leo or Kane 453-5774.

• **International Students and Scholars** International Night, Oct. 20, 5:30 p.m., Recreation Center, Leo or Kane 453-5774.

• **German Club** Stammtisch, Oct. 20, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Booby's, Anne 549-1754.

• **Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the Illinois Department of Transportation** is offering free motorcycle rider courses, Oct. 20, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Oct. 21 and Oct. 22, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 1-800-642-9589.

• **Christians Unlimited** meeting, Oct. 20, 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Don 457-7501.

• **InterVarsity Christian Fellowship** speaker, Oct. 20, 7 p.m., Agriculture Building Room 209, Patrick 549-4294.

• **Theater Department** annual McLeod Theater Halloween Costume Sale, Oct. 21, 7 a.m. to noon, McLeod Theater loading dock, Laura 453-7584.

• **Friends of Carbondale Public Library** book sale, Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain date is Oct. 22, 1 to 5 p.m., Carbondale Public Library.

• **National Society of Black Engineers** conference, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Neckers 240, Carl 549-9965.

• **Southern Illinois Regional Effort for AIDS**, Inc. AIDS Walk, Oct. 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 10 a.m. registration, Newman Center 715 S. Washington St., Desiree 549-9941.

• **AIDS Walk** needs volunteers, Oct. 21, 11 a.m., Tim 549-9941.

• **St. Andrew Episcopal Church** Chamber Music Concert, Oct. 22, 4 p.m., St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Dan 453-5806.

• **UCM** poetry and food dinner, Oct. 22, 6 p.m., Interfaith Center, Treosong 549-7387.

## WEATHER



## TODAY:

Sunny  
High: 76  
Low: 49

## POLICE BLOTTER

## UNIVERSITY

• Aaron D. Wiles, 19, of Carbondale, was issued a pay-by-mail citation for underage consumption of alcohol at 1:06 p.m. Saturday in Lot 10.

• Demetrius L. Murdock, 19, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged on an outstanding failure-to-appear warrant on an original charge of theft at 12:32 a.m. on Sunday. Murdock was taken to Jackson County Jail where he posted a \$310 cash bond.

• David H. Bottcher, 20, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with domestic battery at 2:50 a.m. Saturday on Park Street near Schneider Hall. A police officer witnessed an altercation between Bottcher and his girlfriend who live together outside their residence. Bottcher was taken to Jackson County Jail.

• Rebecca O. Yates, 20, of Carbondale, was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 10:57 a.m. Monday on Lincoln Drive. A vehicle that was stopped in front of Yates was yielding to a pedalcycle when Yates vehicle allegedly struck the vehicle in front of her which subsequently hit the pedalcycle. The driver of the first vehicle and the pedalcycle were transported to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

• James P. Peterson, 18, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol at 1:02 p.m. Saturday in Lot 10, north of McAndrew Stadium. Paul Bowman, 19, of Carbondale and Timothy G. Miller, 19, of Carbondale were arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol and obstructing a police officer. All three were released on a recognizance bond.

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HIST 202-3	America's Religious Diversity
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PHIL 105-3	Elementary Logic
PHSL 201-3	Human Physiology
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SOC 108-3	Intro. to Sociology
WMST 201-3	Multic. Perp. Women

## Administration of Justice

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AJ 310-3	Intro. to Criminal Law
AJ 350-3	Intro. to Private Security

Art	
AD 237-3	Mean. in the Vis. Arts*
AD 347-3	Survey- 20th Cent. Art*

Biology	
BIOL 315-2	History of Biology*

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FIN 310-3	Insurance/
FIN 320-3	Real Estate/
FIN 322-3	Real Est. Appr./
FIN 350-3	Small Bus. Finance/

General Agriculture	
GNAG 311A-3	Ag. Ed. Programs
GNAG 318-3	Intro. to Comput. in Ag.*

## Geography

GEOG 330-4	Weather
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## Health Care Professions

HCP 105-2	Medical Terminology
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## Health Education and Recreation

REC 300	Intro. to Leisure Service (Web-based version only)
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Management	
MGMT 341-3	Organizational Behavior/
MGMT 350-3	Small Business Management/

Marketing	
MKTG 350-3	Small Bus. Mktg./

Mathematics	
MATH 107-3	Intermediate Algebra

## Philosophy

PHIL 389-3	Existential Philosophy
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POLS 250-3	Pols. of Foreign Nations*
POLS 319-3	Political Parties*
POLS 322-3	Amer. Chief Exec.*
POLS 340-3	Intro. to Pub. Admin.*
POLS 414-3	Pol. Systems Amer.*
POLS 444-3	Policy Analysis*

## Russian

RUSS 480-4	Russ. Realism (in English)*
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SPAN 140A-4	Elementary Spanish
SPAN 140B-4	Elementary Spanish

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MKTG 329-3	Marketing Channels /
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PLB 301-3	Environ. Issues in Contemp. Wild.
REC 300-3	Intro to Leisure Service (ILP)
REHB 535-3	Behavioral Observation Methods
REHB 575-4	Case Mgmt. in Rehab. Cnslng.
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# Suspect apprehended in shooting

Two other suspects  
still at large

RYAN TROST  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two of three suspects in connection with a shooting that occurred Monday morning at Bel-Aire Mobile Home Park in Carbondale remain at large.

The suspects still at large in the shooting at 900 E. Park St. #11 are described as a black male between 20 and 25 years old, 6 foot 1 inch tall and 150 pounds, and a black male between 17 and 20 years old, 5 foot 7 inches tall and between

200 and 240 pounds.

A juvenile was apprehended in his home just hours after the 10:16 a.m. incident. Because the suspect is a juvenile, Carbondale Police are unable to release specific information except that he is being detained in connection with the shooting and he is the only individual being held in relation to the shooting at this time.

Dontai Humble, 19, of Mounds City, an undecided freshman at SIUC, was shot in the leg during the robbery attempt in his home, and his roommate Joshua Holmes, 19, was struck in the head with a small caliber pistol. A third occupant of the mobile home was not injured in the incident.

The three men reportedly entered the home

of Humble and Holmes after gaining access by knocking on the door. The three occupants said the assailants demanded money before striking Holmes. The victims were then ordered to the floor when one suspect shot Humble. The suspects fled the scene on foot after taking a small amount of cash, according to police reports.

Humble and Holmes were treated and released from Memorial Hospital of Carbondale on Monday.

Carbondale Police are asking any person with knowledge of the shooting to call 457-3206, or to remain anonymous call the Crime Stopper tip line at 549-COPS. Anyone offering information may be eligible for a cash reward.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CARBONDALE

#### SIU to receive funds for Head Start program

The Head Start program at SIU will receive a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The grant will provide full year part-day handicapped training and technical assistance for the Head Start Program. SIU-Edwardsville received about \$3 million and SIUC received about \$1.5 million.

#### Tickets on sale for Widespread Panic

Tickets go on sale today at 10 a.m. for Widespread Panic, which will visit SIUC Dec. 1. The tickets are \$22 and are available at the SIU Arena south lobby box office and the Student Center ticket office.

For more information or to charge tickets by phone, call 453-5341.

#### PRSSA chapter to attend national conference

The SIUC chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America will attend a conference, "Public Relations: Shaping Strategic Approaches," Oct. 20 to 24 in Chicago.

Twenty-seven members of the SIUC chapter will attend the national conference to learn more about public relations firms and network for jobs.

The group will also meet PRSSA chapters from across the country and listen to speakers in the public relations field.

#### Fall festival features crafts

The sixth-annual Fall Festival by Mid America Crafters takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the SIU Arena. The festival includes handmade crafts such as apparel and jewelry. Admission is \$2, children are free.

For more information, call 453-5341.

#### Touch of Nature sponsors spa for women

Touch of Nature is sponsoring a nurturing retreat for women this weekend. The retreat, from 9 a.m. Saturday to noon Sunday, includes yoga, meditation, music, dance and nature. Vegetarian meals and lodging are included in the \$75 cost.

For more information, call 529-1214.

### TMS CAMPUS

#### Survey to students who expect to be millionaires

No offense to Regis Philbin but it's one thing to ask, "Who wants to be a millionaire?" and quite another to ask, "Who expects to be a millionaire?" A recent survey by accounting firm Ernst & Young revealed that most college students do, in fact, expect to rake in the big, big bucks.

In August, Ernst & Young conducted a survey at their intern convention at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., in which they polled 800 college students from around the world. The survey sought to learn the financial expectations and future priorities of today's college students.

Of the students that responded, 75 percent expect that they will someday be millionaires. Thirty percent expect to be millionaires when they are in their forties.

Seventy-six percent responded that they do expect to be better off than their parents. Several students specified that they will place more emphasis on their own career development — 25 percent — while others plan to place more emphasis on balancing their careers and personal lives — 47 percent.

The survey also showed that nearly 50 percent intend to retire with financial security in their fifties, a stark contrast to the seven percent that never expect to be comfortable enough to retire.

— from Daily Egyptian News and Wire Services

# POLTERGEIST HAUNTING on College Street

Former residents experiences moving  
objects and strange sounds

NICOLE OHRT  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

*Editor's note: This story is the third in a four-part series of local places with haunted histories. The stories will run each Thursday leading up to Halloween.*

Imagine renting an apartment close to campus and the Strip. Perfect apartment, not quite. Imagine that during the night you hear footsteps above your head, and objects fly across the room when no one is around.

Compact discs and candles were the preferred object of the ghosts, according to Sarah Pearsson, who lived in the apartment on College Street.

"We would be sitting in the living room, and we would hear a loud crash," Pearsson said. "We would run to [my roommate's] room, and her CDs would be lying all over the floor on the other side of the room."

Pearsson, who attended SIUC in 1997 and currently resides in Lawrenceville, Ga., will always remember her former apartment as unique. Pearsson, who lived in the apartment during the 1997 school year, said something besides her roommate, something invisible, lived with them on 201 W. College St. #3. She believes it may have been a former resident who died in

car accident but said she is not really sure what it was.

Pearsson and her roommate have experienced a number of supernatural phenomena throughout their stay in the apartment. Pearsson said they would leave for the weekend, only to return to an open apartment.

"Every window and door would be wide open, except the front door," Pearsson said.

They could not blame it on their landlord because she would notify them weeks in advance if she needed to visit.

Pearsson and her roommate would also hear footsteps like someone might be walking around upstairs, but Pearsson's floor was the top floor of the building.

Pearsson hung pictures all around the apartment, and they would regularly fall off the wall for no reason. She tried to dismiss it because it is not unusual for a picture to fall off the wall, once. But when the pictures kept falling, even after being moved, Pearsson could not deny that something unusual was going on.

The freakiest experience in the apartment was a night when Pearsson was lying in her room talking and noticed something on the TV screen. The television was off,

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KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

James Saldana, graduate student in Mass Communications, and Pat Kelly, senior in philosophy, sit by the kitchen floor which they tiled after the cover of the Tibetan Book of the Dead.

# Simon to discuss practices of presidential politics

Michael and Nancy Glassman  
Lecture series features Paul Simon

JASON COKER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN



**Who:** Paul Simon, former U.S. Senator and founder of the Public Policy Institute at SIUC. Started as a legislator in the General Assembly during the 1950s and was lieutenant governor of Illinois.

**Where/When:** Ohio Room at 3:30 p.m. and Ballroom D of the Student Center at 8 p.m.

**Why:** The press conference at 3:30 p.m. deals with his lecture at 8 p.m. on "Presidential Politics."

Understanding how the system works is key to participation in the American political system. Former Sen. Paul Simon is here to help.

Simon, director of the SIU Public Policy Institute, will be giving a presentation about how our country practices presidential politics. The presentation is a part of the Michael and Nancy Glassman University Honors lecture series tonight at the Student Center Ballroom D at 8.

"I'm going to be talking about the process itself," Simon said. "I won't say, 'Vote for Al Gore or George Bush.' I'll be talking about the process and what needs to be done to improve it."

Simon knows a lot about presidential campaigns. He ran for the presidency in 1988 as a Democrat, after several members of the House of Representatives and national columnist Richard Reeves urged him to seek the office. Many people believed Simon was the most qualified man for the job.

After a short-lived showing in the pri-

maries, Simon managed to capture second place in Iowa and a win in Illinois. The nomination eventually went to Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, who lost in a landslide in the general election to George Bush.

Fred Williams, director of University Honors, said Simon is one of the greatest experts of politics at SIUC.

"The man has politics in his blood," Williams said. "His comments about the political campaigns are an asset to SIUC."

Simon started as a legislator in the General Assembly in the 1950s. Later, he became lieutenant governor of Illinois before entering Congress. He moved into the Senate, where he stayed until he retired in 1997. Since then, he came to SIU as a professor and founder of the Public Policy Institute.

At the end of the presentation, Simon will answer questions from the public, followed by a reception.

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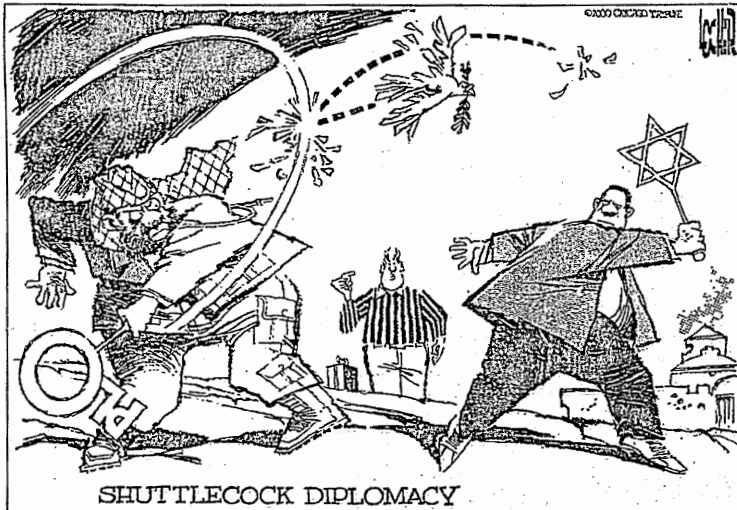
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#### OUR WORD

## Faculty Senate's resolution only adds bureaucracy to system

The Faculty Senate approved a resolution Oct. 10 to add red tape to key administrative searches.

The intent behind the resolution was sound; faculty members want to ensure their voices will be heard as SIUC grows and changes. Every administrative hire affects SIUC's direction and philosophy as an institution to some extent. Choices made in hiring a chancellor, vice chancellors and deans can also have a significant impact on faculty members. It makes sense that the Faculty Senate would want to secure members' influence on the searches.

It does not, however, make sense to require that faculty members make up a majority of the search committees.

In an academic community, it is easy to forget how administrative pyramids work in the business world. The Faculty Senate, in essence, believes it should have the right to choose its own boss.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN agrees that the input of faculty members can be invaluable in choosing qualified candidates for SIUC's administration. But for the Faculty Senate to demand representation that could control search committees defies logic.

As the true lifeblood of the University, the students could theoretically say the majority of search

committees should be made up of students. But students, like faculty or staff, hold a position inside SIUC. That position makes us members of constituency groups, which makes it impossible to truly act on behalf of the whole University.

It further complicates accountability for the decisions that whoever is hired to fill these positions will be making. When an administrator primarily hired by faculty makes a poor decision, should the faculty be held responsible?

If the administration took the Faculty Senate's advice and required that the majority of some search committees be faculty members, how long would it take before departments or colleges begin to vie for those positions. As the largest college, should the College of Liberal Arts have more representatives than other colleges?

Placing more regulations on the search committees will only serve to slow them down and decrease their flexibility. If the faculty members have felt ignored or under-represented on search committees, there are multiple avenues within the University to deal with complaints against the administration. This resolution's recommendations would only muddle the process.

## Campaigning tactics could show remorse

Late Monday night, local television stations broke startling news after Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan's plane crashed just outside of Pevely, Mo. Shaken, news anchors emotionally relayed the tragic night's events to grieving citizens.

Meanwhile, between the 10 minute news breaks,

these mourning constituents were targeted by several regional candidates' inappropriately timed commercials. While Carnahan's senatorial opponent John Ashcroft immediately called a cease to his campaign's advertisements, he seemed the only honorable politician who did pull out of that night's three-ring political circus.

Those running to replace Carnahan in the gubernatorial race continued to prey on the free political attention of the evening. Among others, I specifically remember watching Jim Talent's campaign seize the moment to sing the praises of their Republican nominee to replace Carnahan as Missouri governor. I watched as he explained his virtues and moral views which made him the most qualified man for the job.

I understand that in an event as huge as November elections there is little time to pause along the campaign trail. I also realize that these commercials were planned to air long before the news occurred.

However, I think it is a travesty that more of these candidates did not show respect for their governor during this grievous hour. Maybe it is just getting too close to crunch time. Maybe the candidates simply could not spare to sacrifice a second of their much-needed public-

ity. I can understand strategists' inclination to strike while the iron is hot. Or in this case, while the focus is on Missouri politics, as it certainly was in the wee hours of Tuesday morning.

In light of this situation, however, why did none of these politicians, with all of their moral advisory teams, choose to simply replace their tasteless commercial slots with a party-sponsored moment of on-air silence for their lost governor?

I am sure that in the days that follow this startling event, we will see each of these men on television again and again. This time, however, they will be giving speeches about the loss of a great leader and the horrible tragedy surrounding the upcoming election. As I listen, however, I will be thinking of a greater tragedy that is among us, and being thankful that I, as a citizen of Illinois, will not be forced to choose between each of these disgraced nominees on Nov. 7.

As we do cast our votes next month, however, let us remember the true meaning of honor and virtue, and not reflect upon commercials or sound bites to help us with our decision. On the other hand, though, perhaps these are exactly the examples we need in order to realize what we really look for in a leader. The person we elect represents each of us, and the qualities we hold dear. Let us keep this in mind as we do remember the advertisements we have watched bearing these men's names.

As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, we are watching your every move, candidates. May the best man win.

#### Not Just Another Priddy Face

##### GRACE PRIDDY



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Not Just Another Priddy Face appears Thursdays. Grace is a junior in architectural studies. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

#### MAILBOX

## Social Security clouded by a political smokeshow

DEAR EDITOR:

First of all, I have some very specific things to say about Gov. Bush's plan for the "young workers" of America. He keeps proposing to let young wage earners place some of their mandatory Social Security contributions somewhere else for a higher return. Supposedly, somewhere that would earn higher than the 2 percent return that the funds now earn. Anyone who has taken any elementary finance class, or has a financial adviser, should know that there is risk for a "potential" higher return. Risk, meaning risk of losing some or all of the money. Am I mistaken, or was Social Security invented for one reason — security.

I don't think the general public realizes that placing the money somewhere else might mean losing it. For about 60 years now people have had the security that if they make a few mistakes saving for retirement or have some unexpected incident, Social Security will still be there to help them.

Secondly, Vice President Gore has been very specific about his goals and his plans. Bush hasn't indicated to me what the rules will be for investing those contributions. The fund only earns 2 percent now to remain safe. This time I heard Bush's proposal, I heard different motives. If we invest in government securities, such as treasury bonds, the money would get a higher return but the money still goes to the government. If the money goes to banks via CDs and savings accounts, there might be an adverse effect on the money supply, like inflation.

There is also the alternative, corporate stocks and bonds. If there is a market crash we might see the depression all over again. I really think Bush is deceiving the uninformed. With all the mistakes his proposal can cause, I can tell that he hasn't been consulted on the possible results of the plan. Students voting this November should pay special attention to the intentions of the candidates after the victor takes office.

Torree G. Tyes  
senior in finance and economics

## Race-label debate goes on: Conrad was insensitive

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to the comments made by Stephen Conrad. First of all, I choose to go by African-American, human, and even sometimes black. We came a long way. Just not too long ago, we went from being called niggers, negroes, coloured, blacks, Blacks, and now African-American. And if you ask me, WHEN WILL WE BECOME AMERICANS?

Second, thank God for organizations that cater to the needs of African-Americans, because if there wasn't such organizations, I would not be here at SIUC TODAY. These organizations exist today because there are still "forces" that want Pleas: tville to just stay black and WHITE. There are still "forces" that sell us "candy" but want to keep the "store" for themselves. Think about it.

I was deeply offended by the comments Conrad made about BET. Isn't it strange how television represents an eerie America! NBC, CBS, FOX, and ABC are the major television networks and all have preDOMINATELY white programming. Now my question is, what is television trying to tell us about America? What is the call.

I highly recommend that Stephen Conrad take all of the African-American studies courses offered here at SIUC; then maybe he can see that everything isn't so bad out of Pleasantville.

Stephen Green  
sophomore in journalism marketing and advertising

## Reader discouraged by Saluki football antics

DEAR EDITOR:

In reference to the article "Just Another Year in Saluki Football," I would like to congratulate "Coach Q" on turning 10,000 Saluki football fans away from McAndrew Stadium in only one half. The comment "I'm a bad football coach," was not only said by the "Coach" himself, but by the ridiculous display of "Coaching" that was put on the field.

I believe that the 2000 Salukis are not as bad as they might appear, but just do not want to play for a coach who runs the ball in pivotal third down and long situations. I challenge the new Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk to make a move to bring in someone else to salvage anything left of this season.

Otherwise I challenge "Coach Q" to open up his offense and change the philosophy that has guided SIU to this 2-4 disaster.

Dave Simmons  
senior in civil engineering

# Poshard cracks down on campus skateboarders

Signs to be posted around campus to prevent disruption and injury

SARAH ROBERTS  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Skateboarders who use Faner Hall as their personal playground may soon face fines as the result of an administrative crackdown on campus skateboarding policies.

Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard has heeded the pleas of faculty members who have bombarded his office with complaints since his arrival in fall of 1999.

"We clearly have a policy against skateboarding, and we thought we had the problem solved last year. But when school started up again this year, it really took a turn for the worst," Poshard said.

Faculty members and administration are optimistic that the completion of the new skateboarding park behind the Lessar Law Building will eliminate the majority of the problems.

Bill McMinn, director of the Recreation Center, estimated that the park will be completed within a month.

"I hope that the problems decrease," Poshard said. "That's the purpose of the park, to give people an alternative place for recreational pursuit and not where it creates a safety issue."

According to SIUC parking rules and regulations, it is illegal to skateboard in areas that say "Walk Bikes." However, recent repairs to the concrete walls have resulted in the paving over of many of these signs.

"The problem is there again this year," Poshard said. "We're going to put up the signs, but if students continue to ignore the policy, we're going to start issuing fines."

Craig Johlfs, a junior in geography from Macomb, is the founder of the Division of Skateboard Enthusiasts (DOSE), a Registered Student Organization.

He said that regulation should not be strictly enforced until skateboarders are recognized as a legitimate fixture on campus.

"I can see why the University wants to enforce regulation, but until they build an actual facility for us, I don't feel they should issue fines or try to regulate us," Johlfs said. "Skateboarding is an activity just like anything else on campus, and it should be considered equally important."

Poshard's office and the signage committee are in the process of posting signs in appropriate places around campus. He estimates that 95 percent of the complaints stem from the areas surrounding Faner Hall.

Clarisse Zimra, an associate professor of English, said she is one of several Faner faculty members who have had to dismiss classes early because the noise generated by the skateboarders below makes it impossible to concentrate.

"Both individual conferences with students and general teaching hours have been interrupted," Zimra said. "I have had to cancel my office hours and search for different rooms to have class in."

Poshard said the problem is serious for both students and faculty.

"It creates disturbances for people who are trying to teach classes and for the students who are trying to learn," Poshard said.

Another concern is the damage that skateboarders do to the ramps and railings designated for the disabled. Chunks of concrete have recently

been gouged out of wheelchair ramps, creating safety hazards. Zimra said she has even witnessed skateboarders pouring liquid detergent onto the ramps to make them slicker.

Zimra said that a large number of the culprits are local junior high and high school students who are either unfamiliar with the campus skateboarding policy or use the absence of posted signs as an excuse to play there. She said signs would cut down on the number of disruptions as well as prevent potential injuries.

The younger skateboarders who come here don't have access to the campus maps that have the policy on the back. If there are no signs, then there is the possibility that the University could be sued in the event of an accident," Zimra said. "I personally would much rather see money being spent on educational resources than on lawsuits."

Brian Lukes, assistant director of the Student Recreation Center, works with Johlfs and other members of DOSE on the construction of the skateboarding park.

According to Lukes, the park has been surfaced with street ice, which is specifically designed to provide a smoother surface for skateboarders and rollerbladers. Two ramps and two grind rails have already been purchased, and blueprints have been given to carpenters at the Physical Plant.

Johlfs said that if the park is built as it was originally proposed, skateboarders will have a new haven.

"The park will turn out perfectly if everyone holds up their end of the bargain," Johlfs said. "It will be everything a skateboarder needs."

Zimra said that she is satisfied with the progress that has been made on the issue and hopes that the new park will eliminate most of her disruptions.

"In the great scheme of things I suppose it's not a major problem, but when I have to cancel class, it's a problem for me and my students," Zimra said. "My students are entitled to an education."

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# Walking toward the future

Participants take part in walkathon to fight AIDS

CODELL RODRIGUEZ  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Anthony King is walking for a cure. King, who was diagnosed with HIV four years ago, is participating in the Southern Illinois AIDS Walk 2000. The walk takes place at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Carbondale Newman Center, 715 S. Washington St.

While this is not the first AIDS walk to occur in Carbondale, it is the first regional walk that includes the 17 counties that make up Southern Illinois.

"A lot of people in Southern Illinois are not educated about AIDS," King said. "This is about raising awareness of AIDS and erasing the stigma that comes with it."

Before the actual walk begins, the participants will listen to several speeches, including one from Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration at SIUC. Poshard's speech will concentrate on understanding the significance of recognizing AIDS and knowing the effects it has on people.

"We should look at this as a societal problem," Poshard said. "We have an obligation to make the public aware of it."

The walk will use a team-effort method instead of the standard walkathon, which concentrates on one person to raise money by the distance he or she walks. Instead, this event will place participants into groups by schools, religious organizations, businesses and families. The most successful three teams will be rewarded. All walkers who raise \$15 or more will receive a free t-shirt.

At noon, the walk will end and make way for a festival offering entertainment for children, including a juggler and Popper the Clown. There will also be a

## AIDS WALK 2000

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health and information fair providing help for those living with HIV. The fair will also feature a performance from the band Loose Gravel.

Participants said the information will inform residents of Southern Illinois about AIDS and put some myths to rest.

Wally Paynter, chairman of the AIDS Walk, has seen many acts of discrimination in his hometown of Carmi. Paynter said he saw a married couple with HIV kicked out of a church. He has even encountered some of the discrimination himself.

Paynter, who is openly gay, found the fear of AIDS in a hometown barber shop. He was getting his beard trimmed when the barber, who knew of his sexual orientation, stopped and asked someone next to him if he could get AIDS from trimming a beard.

King also knows about the fears people have of HIV. King said he had troubles with job interviews in the past because of the insurance forms that require the person to fill in the space about pre-existing conditions.

When King returned to Southern Illinois after working in St. Louis as a nursing home administrator, the rumor of his acquisition of AIDS spread. When King returned to church, he found that he had an entire pew to himself.

The money made from the walkathon will either go to providing financial assistance to those diagnosed with AIDS or will go toward HIV prevention. While money is a key factor in fighting AIDS, Paynter said informing people about the disease is most important.

"I've had a lot of friends die because of HIV," Paynter said. "People have to take action to make sure they and their children don't get HIV."

# City Council issues safety warnings to beer gardens

Officials send cautionary letters to local bars

GEOFFREY RITTER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Broken shards of glass could be the cause of scathed feet and cluttered beer garden floors, but beer bottles in Carbondale aren't necessarily going to get the can.

At its Tuesday night meeting, the Carbondale City Council unanimously moved to authorize Mayor Neil Dillard to send cautionary letters to all local liquor licensees with beer gardens, advising them of the potential safety issues involved with having empty glass bottles scattered on the ground.

While the motion is "not a big issue," Councilman Brad Cole said, it is a safety issue of which local bars should be conscious.

"We're not telling them to do anything and we're not telling them not to do anything," Cole said. "It's like telling people at a busy intersection to look both ways before crossing the street. It's just safety."

The issue first came up in early September when Cole, after observing the problem in local beer gardens, brought his concerns to a Council meeting and asked that it be discussed further by the Liquor Advisory Board.

After discussing the issue at an Oct. 5 meeting, the Board recommended the Council send cautionary letters to three local bars: Sidetracks, Pinch Penny Pub and Booby's, which all have beer gardens.

"We haven't had that problem, but it's potentially there," Frank Karayiannis, co-owner of Pinch Penny Pub, 700 E. Grand Ave., said of possible injuries resulting from broken glass. "But we don't need any more restrictions from any government body."

However, Karayiannis said the bar would likely look into ways to make the floors safer, such as selling more beer in cans and plastic cups.

And in the end, Cole said that awareness is all the Council wants to accomplish now.

None of the three targeted bars reported any problems resulting from broken glass and the clientele does not seem to be deterred by the threat of serious injury.

"I don't know if I'd call it a large problem," said Stacy Zeitler, a junior in radio-television from Salem and a frequenter of Pinch Penny Pub. "I assume it would be possible for someone to cut their feet, but I've never seen it happen."

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## ELECTION COVERAGE 2000



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(Above) An anonymous self-proclaimed anarchist, completely garbed in black, waits with his respirator near the police barricade outside the debate.

(Below) Brent Mays douses his eyes in water to remove the pepper spray used to control some of the protesters. Mays, a student from the University of Missouri, protested the arrest of a fellow protester and was then sprayed.

## PROTEST

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The crowd was colorfully decorated with posters and banners sporting sayings like "No More Bush It," "Britney Spears for President" and the most popularly chanted "Bush, Gore, Same F---ing Difference."

Nader addressed the enthusiastic mass of young people at about 5 p.m. His charismatic speech instilled a sense of electricity into the already spirited crowd.

When the speeches were over, many supporters of the rally stayed around at Northmoor Park to continue to exalt their beliefs about corporate politics, legalization of marijuana, environmental issues and abortion rights.

Nader was denied entrance to the Washington University campus at about 6:45 by a CPD official.

## March to Forsyth

At about 8:45 p.m. the mob of cheering protesters began to march from Northmoor Park down Big Bend Blvd. to Forsyth Blvd. Hundreds of voices combined to the familiar melody of the "Star Spangled Banner" as they thumped buckets with drumsticks and danced on in support of Nader and other causes.

Derek Forbes, a high school senior from Kansas City, Mo., had been at the protest since noon. A U.S. flag marked with the anarchy symbol hung around his shoulders in protest of "corporate politics." As a member of the organizations Food not Bombs and Police Accountability, Forbes wanted to exercise his First Amendment rights.

"I felt that this was the best place for my concerns to be heard," Forbes said as he moved down the street with a chant of "wake up, wake up, our system is corrupt" echoing in the background. "Basically through what we've done, I feel like we've accomplished something."

A wall of policemen shielded in riot gear blocked the stream of protesters from entering campus 50 feet into Forsyth Blvd. The diverse crowd filled the enclave.

## The Cause

As chants of democracy were screamed throughout the crowd, people still spoke of Nader and the third party.

Margaret Neuman, a junior at Washington University, led the crowd in a volley of cheers.

"What do you want?" she belted into the crowd.

"Democracy!"

"When do we want it?"

"Now!"

Neuman, who has participated in several political protests, said Nader has something to offer her generation that the other candidates lack.

"Nader looks at the deeper issues," she said. "I think that this protest is very symbolic of what a lot of young people in this country really care about. We want our voices to be heard."

Jason Shoot of Carbondale attended the protest with members of the Shawnee Greens group. He hoped the protest would educate people about the alternative to mainstream politics.

"We know what we know and we're trying to educate other people that the third party movement exists," Shoot said.

For many protesters, words didn't suffice in allowing them to express themselves. One group were clothed entirely in black other than the red and white anarchy symbols on their arms and chests.

Tracy Blevins, a graduate of Washington University and a doctor, was clad in a pink dress and dyed her hair pink to pose as Medical Marijuana Barbie. She was there to support the legalization of medical marijuana.

For others it was a family affair. Ed Huffman and his wife brought their three children to the rally for an educational experience.

"We want them to learn how to be active in their communities and be active in the political process," he said. "It's really good for them to learn this at a young age."

His 11-year-old daughter, Rivera, thrust a Nader sign in the air as she enjoyed the jovial atmosphere.

"I think that it tells people that there are a lot of people out there who vote for a person for a different reason than they would have," she said, leaving no doubt where her loyalties lie. "I think Ralph Nader is a really cool guy."

As the debates drew to a close on the campus, tension began to rise at the protest. Talk began to circulate the crowd that the police would soon dissolve the protest.

The St. Louis County Police Department organized 120 officers to control crowds for the

event. Lt. Chuck Boschert, protest liaison, said the protest was manageable.

"They were noisy, but we don't mind that," he said.

"We encourage their exercising free speech, as long as that's all they're doing."

The police negotiated with protest leaders to leave Forsyth Blvd. by 10:30 p.m.

Protest leaders met at 10:15 and decided to march down

the street to Grace United Methodist Church.

Taking up a traffic lane of Skinker Blvd., the group seemed to be re-energized. The chants grew louder as they neared the church.

## The Conflict

What the crowd didn't realize was that when they crossed to the other side of Skinker Blvd., they crossed from the county's jurisdiction into the City of St. Louis. A new batch of officers met the agitated crowd.

In crossing the street, the crowd came to a halt. The dancing, chanting and drumming began again in the middle of the street, but wouldn't last long.

As Heather Driscoll, 20, was placed in a police van with her two friends, she tearfully insisted it would be worth it.

"It seems like the only way we can even be heard," she said, far from confidently. "I'm sorry, Mom," she cried before she disappeared into the van. "Tell my mom I love her!"

Meanwhile, the police began to push the crowd off the sidewalk into the church parking lot, but they were stopped by a black iron fence. Both sides were screaming forceful words as people attempted to climb the fence.

When the chaos subsided, four men had been arrested and several people had been pepper sprayed. The DAILY EGYPTIAN was unable to



reach the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Wednesday afternoon for comment.

Daria Karetnikov from Champaign was recovering in the church parking lot after getting the spray in her eyes.

"They sprayed right into the crowd at face level," Karetnikov said as she wiped the tears off her face. "It was absolutely uncalled for. Everyone was off the street."

The group, inflamed by the arrests, said they would not disperse until their fellow-protesters were released, but some protesters had been on the streets for 12 hours and the energy was waning.

Within half an hour, protest leaders met and called the preacher of the church. Rev. Mark Harvey arrived and suggested that the protest come to an end.

The police agreed to supply the names of those arrested to dissolve the protest. Across the street, elderly residents stood out on the sidewalk and watched the event unfold.

"I have eight children," said Betty Renard. "I could see any one of them could have been over there."

She and her husband, Robert, said the police overreacted.

"You'd think they were fighting an army or something," he said, gesturing to the line of police cars. "I don't think they've done any damage to anything."



## HAUNTING

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but she could see the reflection of two people on the screen.

"They looked like they were standing right behind me," Pearson said. "One guy looked like he had a baseball cap on and was standing near something that looked like a keg."

Pearson called her roommate into the room, but the apparition or reflection disappeared.

She did not have an opinion of whether she believed in ghosts before she moved into the apartment. But she definitely believes in them now. By the end of her stay at the apartment, she had almost become accustomed to the strange happenings, but she still was uncomfortable staying the night in her apartment alone.

"I'm a scaredy-cat anyway," Pearson said. "If no one was there, I would either stay at someone else's house that night, or stay up and watch television until someone came over."

I walked up to the outer door of the building. The door was painted in an abstract pattern of bright colors, resembling the human body. "The Gallery" was written in fiery letters across the top of the door. I opened the door and was taken

aback by the staircase. About 20 stairs ascended from my feet to a scratched, light colored, wooden door. The stairway was dimly lit, but the light was concentrated at the door.

I hesitated at the bottom of the stairs, thinking about what I might find behind that door. As I walked up the stairs, I kept telling myself it was daylight and nothing can happen to me during the day. Ghosts only come out at night, right?

Pat Kelly has lived in the apartment since 1998 and says he has not experienced any sort of supernatural phenomena. He has heard many stories about the experiences of Pearson and her roommate.

"I don't believe in ghosts," Kelly said. "I have had the place blessed several times, so maybe that got rid of whatever was here, if there was anything here."

PAT KELLY  
current tenant

Kelly would tell the stories to his friends, and people ranging from tarot-card readers to Buddhists would offer to bless the apartment.

"I don't tell them to come," Kelly said "they just do me the favor."

The apartment is always under

construction, Kelly said. He has combined apartments two and three, and tiled the kitchen floor in a design resembling Tibetan artwork. The randomly shaped tiles cover the floor in a circular pattern of deep green, burnt orange and mustard yellow.

I have been trying to dismiss the haunting activity, but I cannot come up with a logical explanation for all of the phenomena.

Poltergeist activity can be caused by power surges from radio or TV towers that stand within feet of the building, but only normal electrical transformers stand outside the building. Someone may have been walking on the roof, but there was no obvious ladder or stairway to the roof. The only explanation I have is no explanation.

No supernatural activity jumped out at me while I was at the apartment but that does not mean the haunting is gone. All of the renovations could have driven it out. Maybe it did not like the new tenants and left with Pearson and her roommate. Maybe it is just resting, waiting for the right person to move in; someone open to receiving the experience it has to offer.

I have had the place blessed several times, so maybe that got rid of whatever was here, if there was anything here.

## U. Minnesota student arrested after making terrorist threats

JUSTIN COSTLEY  
MINNESOTA DAILY

University of Minnesota Police arrested Lawrence Lyman Jr. on Oct. 12 for making terroristic threats to a cashier in the University's Office of the Bursar.

Principal cashier Genessa Clement said Lyman came into the office around 12:45 Thursday afternoon. She said he was clearly agitated and inquired about where to pick up his student loan credit check.

After informing him those checks are retrieved at the Student Accounts Receivable office, Clement said Lyman began yelling and screaming, eventually threatening to shoot somebody if he had to wait in line at another office.

Clement apologized to Lyman and repeated the instructions, but could not calm him down.

"He started swearing again, and just kind of yelled and said, 'If I have to wait in another line, I'm going to flip out and shoot someone.'"

Clement said he had been to the student loan office first and they told him they didn't know where to pick up his check, but to ask in the bur-

sar's office.

Initially, Clement, a former University student, said she was apologetic for Lyman's situation because she's aware that the size of the University can inhibit students' abilities to find things.

The threat and the knowledge that students at the Student Accounts Receivable office were waiting 45 minutes, however, made Clement take the situation more seriously.

"I didn't think he was necessarily serious," she said. "But I knew he was upset and when somebody says something like that and you know they are on the way to wait in another line, if for any reason something did happen, I wouldn't want to think, 'Oh my gosh, I could've stopped that.'"

Lyman left the office only a few minutes after he arrived. Clement, following office protocol, immediately informed her supervisor of the threat, who in turn called the University Police.

University Police found Lyman at the Student Accounts Receivable office in Fraser Hall and drove him back to Williamson Hall, where Clement identified him.

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# Students fail life's monetary lessons

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CHICAGO (TMS Campus) — This year Dierdre Kelleher paid off the credit card debt she ran up while attending Loyola University in Chicago. She graduated when she was 21; she is about to turn 31.

With Discover, MasterCard, Visa and a handful of department store credit cards, she peaked at \$12,000 in debt.

"I started getting solicited in my sophomore year," she said of credit card offers. "Then when I moved into an apartment from student housing in my junior year, that's when I started doing the spending. I wasn't going on big shopping trips. It was just day-to-day stuff. Occasionally I'd buy some clothes, but I certainly wasn't dressed to the nines."

Though she often made minimum payments on her cards, she never considered bankruptcy, because after graduating she wanted to buy a home, and besides, "My father would have killed me."

Now a middle school teacher at Emerson School in Oak Park, she eventually did buy a condominium, and after eight years of teaching, she is virtually debt-free, having sold the condo and living in a home owned by her family. "I don't have any credit cards, and I throw away all credit card offers." And that's her advice to other college students: "Throw them away."

In the spirit of that admonition, there are moves afoot to deal with the problem of college students

plunging into credit debt. From a proposal in Congress to an educational thrust by the Illinois treasurer's office, the issue is popping up on the radar screen.

Looking back at her middle-class upbringing, Kelleher said, she never had been forced to be responsible for money as a child. "I didn't even have an allowance," she said. "If I needed it, my parents bought it."

Kelleher's story isn't unusual. Georgetown University sociologist Robert Manning has found that 70 percent of undergraduates at four-year colleges have at least one credit card, and the average revolving debt on the cards is more than \$2,000. One-fifth of those students carry more than \$10,000 in debt.

The upshot is this: Parents and students may agonize over college's big tickets of tuition and room and board, never realizing that it is small stuff put on credit cards that could sabotage the whole experience.

The Georgetown study found that in some cases, a parent will step in to pay off the debt, but in other cases a student may have to cut back on classes and work longer hours to pay off the debt. In the extreme, students have committed suicide because they were so deep in consumer debt, according to the Consumer Federation of America, based in Washington, D.C. Large debt also can handicap a graduate looking for a job, because employers conducting background checks will flinch if the job involves entrusting large amounts of money to a

heavily indebted person, according to the study.

Sandra O'Neill's credit card balance was about \$2,000 by the time her mother discovered that the college student had even gotten the card. The balance was about \$3,600 when Annette O'Neill paid off her daughter's card, for fear that the young woman's inability to make full payments would scar her credit rating right when life should have been rich with promise.

Now all is well with the 25-year-old Buffalo State University biology major, who graduated this year and moved to Fort Lauderdale in search of a job, but Annette O'Neill has not forgotten her distaste for the idea of a bank issuing a credit card to a young person who was not prepared to manage one, let alone pay it off. Nor did she like the idea of ultimately feeling responsible for a debt over which she had no say.

"Their brains aren't developed yet, even though they're in college," said O'Neill, now able to laugh about it.

The Rochester, N.Y., mother was angry enough to contact her congresswoman, Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., who has been hearing credit card horror stories repeatedly from constituents.

So last fall Slaughter introduced the College Student Credit Card Protection Act. The legislation would limit the total credit extended under a credit card to a full-time, traditional-aged student unless a cosigner assumes joint liability. The limit would be 20 percent of a student's gross annual income, and considering that many students work,

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equity and faculty lines," Daneshdoost said, adding that those are the issues that relate to "the progress and quality of education."

The administration stands by its Wednesday proposal.

"We made a good, fair offer," Britton said. "I hope the Faculty Association will act on good faith and take advantage of the mediation efforts."

Wednesday's proposal included language for a possible three-year faculty contract, according to Daneshdoost.

Mediation begins again at 8 this morning, when it is expected more counterproposals will be passed across the table. Both sides maintain they have not wavered from their goal of establishing a contract quickly.

"We really are interested in getting a contract as soon as possible," Daneshdoost said.

Wednesday and today's mediation session follows the picket staged by both the faculty and civil service unions protesting "insulting" offers made for their respective future contracts.

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An image of Vice President Al Gore is shown on hundreds of screens at Washington University Tuesday night during the third and final presidential debate.

## DEBATE

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policies that we had back then, emphasizing tax cuts mainly for the wealthy, here is your man," said Gore, gesturing widely to Bush, who, in turn, said his tax plan is part of his philosophy.

"If you pay taxes, you ought to get tax relief," Bush said. "The vice president believes only the right people ought to get tax relief. I don't think that is the role of the president to pick you're right and you're not right."

Bush stuck closer to his chair and kept close to his message of limiting the federal government. When asked by Gore if he

supported affirmative action, Bush refused to answer, saying Gore was not following the debate procedure by directly asking him a question.

Bush responded awkwardly when asked if he was proud of Texas' record of executions. Leo Anderson, the audience member who asked the question, said Bush seemed "overly joyed" when talking about the death penalty in last week's debate.

Bush assured Anderson he was not proud of Texas ranking first in the nation in number of executions, and said he was misread by the public.

At the beginning of the debate, both candidates expressed their sympathies for the family of the late Gov. Mel Carnahan, who was killed in a plane crash in Missouri Monday night. The

crowd also observed a moment of silence before the debate.

Andy McDonald, a senior in political science at Washington University, said the governor's death was a sudden shock for the students of the university.

"It definitely casts a shadow over the debate," McDonald said.

McDonald said he planned to watch the debate on television with friends because he was not one of the 200 Washington University students selected to attend by a lottery. He said the atmosphere on campus has been "crazy" for the last two weeks.

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# Syracuse student, ACLU file \$2 million suit against INS

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A Syracuse University student, in conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union, has filed a \$2 million lawsuit against the Immigration and Naturalization Service, contending that INS officers unlawfully constrained, humiliated and physically abused him during a two-day span in early 1998.

Richard Riley, a 21-year-old Jamaican man with permanent resident status, described his tribulation with the INS as "the most dehumanizing, demoralizing experience I have encountered."

In addition to seeking damages, the ACLU, which filed the suit Tuesday in federal court with the help of New York firm Kramer Levin Nafalis & Frankel LLP, is calling for an investigation of not only Riley's case, but of other cases of alleged abuse, as well.

Riley's ordeal is merely the "tip of the iceberg," according to Judy Rabinovitz, senior staff counsel for the ACLU's Immigrant's Rights Project.

"Richard Riley's case is a textbook example of how immigration officials can persecute the innocent under the guise of the law," she said.

According to details of the suit, Riley, then an 18-year-old freshman at Syracuse, returned to New York around 8:30 p.m. Jan. 13, after spending winter break in Jamaica with his mother.

Despite providing documentation of his living status, and despite having these documents stamped and approved by the U.S. Embassy before boarding the plane, Riley was detained upon arrival at Kennedy International Airport.

INS officers proceeded to interrogate Riley, who says that a social security card, a letter from his attorney, university identification and transcripts and a stub from his work permit were not enough to convince INS authorities to let him go.

Officers called his documentation phony and the work of "an inside job," and demanded repeatedly to know where Riley had received it.

One officer then allegedly joked to Riley that the only way Jamaicans can receive permanent residency status in the U.S. is if they were proficient in jerking chicken or mopping floors.

Around midnight, officers escorted Riley to a separate room where, according to Riley, they conducted an invasive and physical strip search before leaving him shackled to a narrow bench overnight.

Riley's lawyer arrived on Jan. 15 and pressed for Riley's release. The student received his release that afternoon, but not before undergoing two more strip searches the day before and being forced to shower in front of an INS officer.

"The INS officers had no lawful or reasonable basis to detain and imprison Richard Riley and subject him to three invasive and humiliating body searches," said Kramer Levin attorney Justine Harris, who is lead counsel on the case. "Not only did Richard have valid documentation indicating that he was a lawful permanent resident, but, in violation of the INS's own regulations, officials failed to make proper attempts to verify his claim."

Nearly three years later, Riley is still traumatized by the incident. "The officers acted as if no one will or can ever question the way they treat people," he said. "What they did to me was wrong and illegal. I couldn't believe this was happening to me in America."

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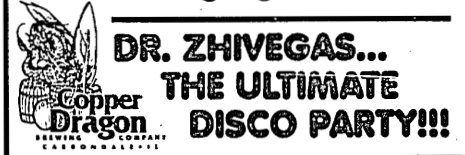
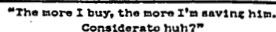
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# Who speaks for college players while others make the money?

DICK JERARDI  
KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE

**PHILADELPHIA (TMS Campus)** — They have been called the world's largest unpaid labor force.

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At the end of every season, the best of the best are put on display in the NCAA Tournament. The gigantic tournament television contract generates 93 percent of the NCAA's annual revenue. A new contract with CBS worth \$6 billion over 11 years begins in 2003.

On the 318 campuses where Division I basketball is played, there are more and more "student-athletes" wondering aloud just why they are subject to such stringent rules when they are the labor that makes so many other people so much cash.

Coaches can come and go as they please. Administrators can negotiate giant TV contracts. Bureaucrats can make rules nobody understands.

The players just play. Within the last year or so, those administrators and bureaucrats have made noises about changing some of the guidelines for coaches. The coach-

es weren't happy. So the National Association of Basketball Coaches went to the players and suggested maybe they should form their own group, so that their long-silent voices could be heard.

Under the auspices of the NABC, the Student Basketball Council was formed earlier this year. The NCAA was not happy.

Why would it want the unpaid labor force to have a voice in issues that affect them? The NCAA itself always decided such issues — in the best interests of the "student-athletes," of course.

Approximately 80 percent of the SBC's 48 members met last month in Dallas. Earlier, many of them had spoken via several conference calls.

Duke's Shane Battier, a front-runner for national Player of the Year, ran the meeting. All 31 conferences have SBC representatives. A few have more than one. Everyone that came to the meeting was heard.

Changes are coming. The players just hope that somebody, anybody, will

listen to them.

"It would be nice if would make their financial statements public so we know where all this money is going," said board member Broderick Hicks, a junior at Wake Forest. "They want to monitor what's going on among us. We need to monitor where the money we're making for them is going."

"There can't be a double standard.

They can watch us, but nobody watches them. They're one of the most profitable non-profit organizations in the world."

St. Joseph's senior Frank Wilkins, another board member, knows he won't see any changes before his eligibility expires. He's in it for the people who follow.

"Right now, we're buzzing," he said. "We're in their ear."

When the NCAA began suspending players such as St. John's Erick Barkley and Michigan's Jamal Crawford last season for accepting "illegal benefits" while in prep school, a red flag was raised. Why is the NCAA involved before players even get to college? Should it be involved?

Somehow, a benefactor helping a kid through prep school violated the NCAA's "amateurism" rule.

When the NCAA decided it understood what was right and what was wrong about summer recruiting, another red flag was raised. How would it know? What would it know?

The NCAA was and is concerned about image. It is concerned about protecting the field it has created.

It worked that way in 1906 when the NCAA was formed. It works that way today.

Back then, a violation of amateurism was defined as "the offering of inducements to players to enter colleges or universities because of their athletic abilities, or supporting and maintaining players while students because of their athletic abilities."

In other words, the rich, fat-cat alumni could not grease kids' palms, and there were no athletic scholarships. That changed in 1956, when the NCAA began to realize what a cash cow big-time sports was becoming. Schools were allowed to offer athletic scholarships. Those dastardly "boosters," however, were still not allowed to deal out cash. There are reports some unethical behavior still took place.

These days, big-time football sup-

ports entire athletic programs.

Basketball supports the NCAA. The players would like a piece.

"We have a proposal that if a team makes it to the NCAA Tournament, the NCAA should provide plane tickets for the players' parents to go see their kid play," Hicks said. "Some teams on the East Coast get sent to the West Coast. The parents can't get to the games."

Hicks, who is from Houston, wants the NCAA to give each player one plane ticket a year to fly home. Now, everybody is on his own, no matter how much money he helps generate for his school or the NCAA.

There are 14 pages in the NCAA manual on amateurism. Nobody could possibly understand it.

Players understand a ton of money is transferred from CBS to the NCAA, and they're not getting any of it.

"We may not pay tuition, but it's not free," Hicks said. "I think the whole free education thing is just to pacify us and the public. I know the schools don't want to pay their athletes. And I don't think the schools should J.C. I think the NCAA should. That way, they can monitor and make sure nobody's getting any more than anybody else."

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# Boom and bust: Dawg duffers discover differing destinies

Going out with a bang:  
Women's golf finishes fifth, breaks numerous records

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The SIU women's golf team said they wanted to finish the fall season with a bang. That's exactly what they did and then some.

The Salukis accomplished the intended "bang" with a fifth place finish in the Lady Trojan Invitational in Little Rock, Ark., Tuesday. In the process, they managed to break individual and team records before wrapping up the fall 2000 season.

Junior Alison Hiller led the Salukis, who finished second at last week's Lady Indian Invitational, with another second place finish in Tuesday's Invitational.

She also broke the school's individual 54-hole record with a 227. Her first round score of 70 tied the school record set by Gi

Magnusson in 1985.

"It was great to finish the season the way we did," Hiller said. "It will really help our confidence when we start playing in the spring."

Every Saluki player scored a personal best, as the team was able to rewrite the record book with its all-time low with of 295. The previous record of 301 was set in 1982.

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ALISON HILLER  
Junior, SIU women's golf

Senior Liz Uthoff finished in 16th place (224), Andrea Turner tied for 46th, Jennifer Shutt tied for 57th and Ashley Welch tied for 82nd.

The University of Oklahoma won the tournament, while Arkansas State University took second and the University of North Texas finished third.

"I'm ecstatic, to say the least," SIU women's golf coach Diane Daugherty. "They played outstanding. What a way to finish off a fall season."

All fogged out:  
Men's golf plays shortened tournament, finishes 12th

JAVIER SERNA  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ironhorse Golf Course was scheduled to host the 54-hole, Ironhorse Intercollegiate in Tuscola at 8 a.m. on Monday. But as the SIU men's golf team has seen in the past, the weather doesn't always cooperate.

"It was dark when we woke up [Monday morning], and it was pretty bad out there," said junior college transfer Brian Kolmer. "And then when the sun came up, we couldn't see what was going on out there. There was no way we could play. We thought they were going to call it a day."

The course, plagued by early-morning fog, didn't clear up until 10 a.m., the time competitors were allowed to tee-off. The tournament committee tried to squeeze in the first 36 holes Monday with teams playing until dark, but the Salukis got to play 30 that day.

But with some teams driving as far as Detroit and Green Bay, Wis., the tournament committee decided to shorten the tournament from 54 holes to 36. And the Salukis, with only six holes to play Tuesday, struggled to finish

12th place in the 17-team field.

Kolmer was one of the few Salukis who didn't struggle. He recorded a five-under-par (67) in round one and shot a 75 the following round.

His two-round score of 142 landed him in third place overall.

Junior Brad Dunker took 29th for the Salukis, scoring a two-round total of 151. Team captain Brandon Bullard finished in 65th, Jason Furlow 75th and Mike Smith 85th.

"I think our team was pretty unmotivated," Bullard said. "I mean we were pumped about playing 18. We all played decent the first round [297 for 6th] ... but then we ended up playing 12 holes of the last round, so it's kind of disheartening [how the team finished]."

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay won the tournament, while Butler University took second, and the University of Evansville placed third.

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## Nehlen prepares West Virginia for Notre Dame visit

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MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (U-WIRE) - Don Nehlen knows Saturday's matchup with Notre Dame is not just another game. It is a testament to the program he has built.

It will give him the opportunity to win his 200th game against the team that kept him from winning the program's only national championship. It is the Fighting Irish and everything that is entrenched deep in their history.

"It's a tribute to our football program that they're coming here. It really is," Nehlen said. "They don't have to go many places. There is an awful lot of folks that go to South Bend to play these guys. The fact that they're coming here is a big plus."

Lost in all the hoopla surrounding the Golden Domers is Nehlen's second chance at No. 200. How special would it be if it came against football's most storied team - a

team more renowned than either the Yankees, Celtics, Cowboys or Canadians.

"There is no question that Notre Dame is naturally the most storied team in America," Nehlen said. "When I was a kid growing up everybody knew that fight song. They go back so long, everybody has a little Notre Dame in them."

Beyond the tradition and mystique of Notre Dame is a quality football team. The Fighting Irish took Nebraska to overtime and allowed Michigan State to score on fourth-and-11 in the fourth quarter. Those account for the only losses Bob Davie's club has this season against four victories.

"They're two plays away from being No. 1 in the country," Nehlen said.

Notre Dame is led by its stingy defense that is allowing just 18.8 points per game.

Freshman Matt LoVecchio, who started the season as the third-string quarterback, has been thrust into the most pressure-packed position in college sports. Arnaz Battle's

injury and Gary Godsey's inefficiency forced Davie to call on the talented youngster.

"He's a star being born," Nehlen said. "He's grown up tremendously in three weeks. You can see their coaches growing confidence in him."

West Virginia will counter with a squad that is licking its wounds following a 48-20 whooping at the hands of Virginia Tech - its fourth game in 19 days.

Quarterback Brad Lewis is still suffering from a hand injury that will most likely hinder him the entire season. The junior signal-caller is practicing this week - an advantage he did not have preparing for the Hokies.

"Lewis' hand is Lewis' hand," Nehlen said. "I think it's a crack better. At least he can practice and get to see some things. He's going to battle that the entire year. It's a crime, but there is not much you can do about. What he needs is six weeks off to not do anything. It's kind of hard to do that at this point."

Lewis initially hurt his hand in the Sept. 16 game against Lewis initially hurt his hand in the Sept. 16 game against Maryland when it was sandwiched between two helmets. He did not tell any of the medical or coaching staff about the injury and went the next week without treatment causing the injury to worsen.

Lewis is currently on medication and is receiving treatment every day, although he still loses feeling in his right hand at times.

"Hopefully on Saturday he'll be able to feel the football," Nehlen said.

The man behind center isn't the only Mountaineer hurting this week.

"We got dinged up a little bit at that Virginia Tech game," Nehlen said. "Our defense has been through a lot. Thankfully we have two extra days."

Although West Virginia has two extra days than its opponent to prepare, the University of Notre Dame has this week off following midterm exams. Thus, the Fighting Irish are not forced to abide by the

20 hours of preparation time in a week allotted by NCAA rule when classes are in session.

"It's amazing, when I read that I couldn't believe it. It's a tremendous advantage," Nehlen said.


West Virginia's leading tackler, Shawn Hackett is still battling a toe infection that kept him out of practice part of last week. Hackett will have an intravenous unit placed in him the entire week and most likely until the infection goes away.

But it will take a much more serious injury than that to keep Hackett or any Mountaineer out of this game.

To compete with No. 22 Irish, Nehlen will need all his players healthy and refreshed. With Notre Dame coming to town injuries may heal a little quicker.

"The nice thing is they come here. That's a great thing for our fans and our state," Nehlen said. "When you play there you have the good Lord looking down at you and you know you got a problem. When we play here, we'll at least see our hospital."

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## 'We got people from everywhere'

The women's swimming and diving team features athletes from across the U.S. and overseas

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SIU women's swimming head coach Jeff Goelz has a world map in his office that has marks for everywhere a Saluki swimmer has come from.

"It's looks like someone sneezed on it because of all the marks," joked Goelz as he prepared his team for a meet against the University of Illinois today at 5 p.m.

The current edition of the Salukis features athletes from Illinois, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Montana, Ohio, Arizona, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Brazil, Cyprus, Italy, Peru and South Africa.

The women's team has 13 swimmers from outside Illinois, three from overseas, and five Saluki swimmers lived overseas at some point in their lives.

"This is one of the most diverse teams on the campus," Goelz said. "If you look at some of the other rosters, most of the athletes are from just Illinois or from just the Midwest. We got people from everywhere."

Daniela Muniz, who was born in Peru and grew up in Miami, joked that when she first heard from SIU, she had to ask them where Carbondale was because she couldn't find it on the map.

"I didn't know where SIU was until my brother came here to visit and then he told [former women's coach] Mark [Kluemper] and Steve Farnau [former SIU assistant coach and current University of Illinois assistant] about me," Muniz said. "Then Steve called me, and I came to visit and I really liked it."

Muniz is not the only Saluki to have had someone else point them in SIU's direction.

"It was my dream to come to the States," said Cyprus native Nicoleta Michaelidou. "I had a friend that was doing track and field at the time and she told me about this school so I gave her my times and she gave it to the coach. Then we talked and I decided this was the best school for me."

South African native Leane Pienaar said that some of her friends, particularly former Saluki and fellow countrywoman Kirsty Albertyn, had a big impact on her decision to come to Carbondale.

"I knew it was a really good school and I heard a lot about it from, not only the people here, but the people back at home and I heard it was a very good swim team," Pienaar said. "I've known [Albertyn] since I was little girl and I always looked up to her and when she called me from the States, it was really cool."

That hearsay about the quality of the program is also what has helped reel in people from throughout the United States.

Ohio native Meara Modlich said she came to SIU because she wanted to be part of the fine tradition of the diving team and she liked the feel of the program.

"There's a real tight group of kids here and I wanted to be a part of that, the closeness of having a team be like a family," Modlich said.

With all the different backgrounds and upbringings, one would think that the team would have very little in common. But nothing could be further from the truth.

"It's really weird, you would think that it would be hard to get adjusted to everyone's different style of living, but it's really not," said Texas native Amber Mullins.

"Everybody's pretty much the same, and it's neat hearing about different places and where people have been. So it's pretty nice."

Hearing about different cultures and ways of life is the one thing that the entire team enjoyed most about the diversity.

"It's something that I would have never been exposed to before," said Montana native Katy Kinnaman. "I'm really enjoying it because it's an opportunity that I'll probably never have again."

Fellow teammate and Tennessee native Mary Trailov said being around all these different people have helped make her who she is today.

"I like it, you get to see how they were raised and the different things they're accustomed to. It can help shape you as a person so you're not the same as when you got here," Trailov said.

### CALENDAR

• THE SIU WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM WILL BE IN ACTION TODAY AT 5 P.M. AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT THE RECREATION CENTER SWIMMING POOL.



EULALIE FRYE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women's swim team takes a break Wednesday at the Recreation Center pool. This year's roster boasts athletes from 12 states and five countries. SIU plays host to the University of Illinois today at 5 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

## Big tournament, big opportunities for Saluki men's tennis

Valentin Epure and Dante Santa Cruz to don SIU colors at the last and biggest tournament of the fall season

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

A great opportunity to become nationally noticed arises for two SIU's unsung athletes.

SIU tennis players, Valentin Epure and Dante Santa Cruz, will be competing in the Mid-American Regional Tournament at Tulsa, Oklahoma on Friday.

This tournament will feature some of the best tennis players in the nation as contestants swarm from throughout the middle regions of the United States.

Epure will be competing against top players in singles competition. Epure has gone 4-4 on the season with some close losses that were settled in tie breakers. Epure will admit that he hasn't been bringing his A-game to the

courts recently, but believes he will find his rhythm for the most important tournament of the year.

"It's all about the confidence and the first round of play, which is so critical," Epure said. "Once you get that first win and get in groove you can come out and play your game."

The competition will be stiff and Epure has no delusions about the chances of him coming out on top. However, he is determined to play convincingly and will take it one match at a time.

"If you don't go to win then there is no point in going," Epure said. "Realistically, I would like to make it to the semi-finals and then go from there."

We have played good schools before and that is what we will see in Tulsa. We are going to give them a hard time.

DANTE SANTA CRUZ  
SIU men's tennis

Santa Cruz is Epure's partner in crime in doubles competition and these two will look to bruise some nationally ranked teams in hopes of earning a ranked position for themselves. This will mark Santa Cruz' last year representing SIU, as he is scheduled to graduate in December. For this reason he feels a bit disappointed that he was not invited to compete in singles play with a 6-3 record, but will focus his concentration toward the doubles matches.

Santa Cruz and Epure believe they make a powerful concoction and have a decent chance to show some class in Tulsa. They went 7-2 on the year and some of their biggest wins have come

against nationally noticed teams such as Vanderbilt.

"We have played good schools before and that is what we will see in Tulsa. We are going to give them a hard time," Santa Cruz said. "Val has really good returns and I attack the net and give good volleys. We are a team that really blends well."

Men's tennis coach Missy Jeffries is proud of the accomplishments of Epure and Santa Cruz and emphasizes the impact that this level of tournament can create.

"It is very important for them to be exposed to these teams because you really only improve by who you play. A big win can pick you up psychologically, which also affects your physical game," Jeffries said. "They're capable of beating anyone, especially if they remain extremely focused and reduce unforced errors."



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Dante Santa Cruz smashes a serve during practice last year.