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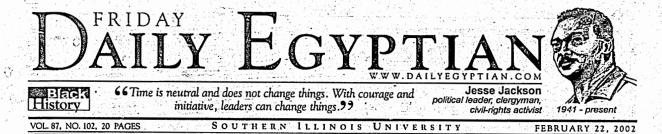
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Mark Radake, an engineering graduate student from Tamaroa, measures how much weight a straw construction can hold. High school students participated in competitions during an expo held by the College of Engineering.



Engineering Expo gives students chance to experience engineering first hand

Mark Lambird Daily Egyptian

t was a mess. Paper airplanes littered the room, and drink-ing straws were scattered wildly on the floor like a game of pick-up sticks

Looking at this scene, it is hard to imagine the education-al value, but there was a method to the madness that included far more than straws and airplanes.

The choice vents were part of the annual Engineering Expo hosted by the College of Engineering as part of National Engineering Week, which allows high school students to experience the field of engineering first-hand. Throughout the day, the more than 400 students who attended were able to participate in six events and tour the Engineering Building.

The six vents included a paper airplane contest, using a robotics arm to put a peg in a hole, using a remote-controlled. front loader to load beans into a box, building a bridge out of straws, building a house of cards and the ever-popular egg

Jermaine Nelson, chairman of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers [IEEE], said the individual events were mind games for the students.

"Using these games we can test their ability and see how innovative the students are," Nelson said. Nelson directed the airplane design contest. Each student passing through the station had to build an airplane and then

Ryan calls for school funding increase

Increases available by slashing current grant programs

Brad Brondsema Daily Egyptian

Gov. George Ryan called for an increase in state funding to public schools Monday by increasing the state's foundation level to \$5,000 per student.

The proposed increase is part of \$52.8 billion Fiscal Year 2003 Budget that includes funding for Education and Work Force Training, Human Services, Public Safety and Homeland Security.

It's no secret that the state budget for next year is going to present us with many, many tough chal-lenges because of the economic downturn," Ryan said in a statement. These problems will not stop me from making our children state's top priority

In the proposed budget, Ryan Jans on increasing foundation level funding by more than \$400, raising the level to \$5,000 per student. Under his plan, the increase will be made available by eliminating 22

current grant programs in the State Board of Education and allocating those funds to various school districts

Carbondale Elementary School

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Carbondale minister leaves legacy behind

Rev. Sumner's work as community leader and minister lives on Ben Botkin 1.

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If friends and family members of the Rev. oyd Sumner are asked what he left behind in Carbondale before he passed away, a multitude of different answers will be given.

Members of the Baptist church he served will speak of the choir and live radio program he start-ed. Area citizens will cite the brief stint he served on Carbondale's City Council and his years as presi-dent of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. And one city commissioner will recall the encouragement she received from him during her first attempts at gain-ing a seat on the Carbondale City Council.

Sumner left behind a varied legacy in Carbondue after living in the community from 1961 until his death on Oct. 5, 2000. He served as the pastor of Oliver Free Will Baptist Church, as a local activist for civil rights and as a worker for the Illinois Department of Labor. Although his church parishioners can no longer

he ep, resonating sermons, and community r his de members must now turn to others when racial ten sions arise, school children still eat in the breakfast program he started, and the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners he helped found continues to address the concerns of citizens. Despite Sumner's deep ties to

Carbondale, his story began in Brooklyn, Ill., a neighborhood in East St. Louis where he was raised by grandparents after the early death of his mother. He began his ministry in East St. Louis as an 18-year-old before coming to serve Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in 1961 at the age of 28, the stor in the church's history.

Edia Mason, a lifelong member of the con-gation, fondly remembers her former pastor. "He was a person who would help anybody in

need," she said.

need, she said. Summer also started a live radio program in 1970 that broadcasted worship services for years on WINI AM 1420, something not used at the time by any other black churches south of St. Louis or north of Meinphia. Summer resigned from his ministerial position in 1976 but resigned from his ministerial position in 1976 but resigned methods as a new probe

1976, but continued preaching as a guest speaker. Although he was not a full-time minister, he continued to serve Carbondale in a variety of positions. Sumner served as president of the local Summer served as president of the local NAACP chapter from 1991 to 1993, a time during which the membership doubled After leaving the presidential post, he stayed active in the or nization.

When speaking at a 1997 NAACP break-

fast in honor of Martin Luther BLACK HISTORY

King Jr., Sumner stressed the need for black people to contin-ue traveling the road to equality. "We marched too long, prayed too hard, wept too bitterly, bled

too profusely and died too young to let anybody tum back the clock on our journey to equality and justee, he said in a recorded tape from the event. He also admonished his audience to practice

Conservative family values. There is no virtue in bragging on TV about making four or five babies from three or four women." he said. "Ferbility is not virtuous when you don't take care of your children." Sumner extorted his 1997 audience to strive in

Summer extended in 1997 Judience to stave in making the world a better place with long-term goals in mind. "We need to leave a heritage behind us for the next generation," he said. "It's time for us to stop blaming other folls." Summer stressed the need for education as a

Make sure that our children get a quality edu-cation and the best in guidance," he preached. We cannot lose another generation of our youth. Conditions can be turned around; they must be numed around if we are to fulfill the destiny that God has planned for us."

his father put on edu cation.

"He wanted all of us to have a skill," his son

recalled. "He wanted us to be successful in life. He wanted us to receive our academic education. Ron also remembers his father as someone

who stayed busy in the community despite the everyday frustrations of life. "He worked hard," Sumner said. "There were

times when I went to the house and he was pulling his hair.

But there was also time for life's pleasures, and Ron often went on ice skating trips to St. Louis with his father.

Vernola Sumner, who married Loyd in 1976, remembers the minister as a man she married after only months of courtship.

"It was just one of those fast-moving things, she said. 'He was always busy. We have so many

beautiful memories. Vernola, who now lives in Arizona, said her life will never be the same without her husband. I just miss him and miss our conversations,"

Her memories are highlighted by her late husband's love for his fellow man. "He was a people person," she said. "He lived





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Charges of biased Jury Selection UNINGSTON, Tess - A black man who contends prosecutos deliberately keyt blacks off the jury at his murder trial in 1986 has been grant-data stay of execution by the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice Antonin Scalia granted the repriver Wednesday for Thomas Miller-EL whose case could be used by the Supreme Court to darify rules for daiming racial discrimination in the selection of a jury. Miller-EL 50, who had been scheduled to die by Injection thursday, was comrided in the 1985 robbery-slaying of a desk derk at a hotel near the Dallas-font Worth aiport. During jury selection, prosecutors used peremptory challenges, which allow lawyers to dismiss prospective jurors without explanation, to reject 10 of 11 blacks. The jury ultimately consisted of nine whites, one Flippino, one Hispanic and one black, Miller-ET slawyer argued there was a long-standing discriminatory policy among Dallas County prosecutors. Tezas authorities derived in there was auny discrimination and said much of the historical data was out of date or irrelevant. The high court said friday it would hear Miller-ET's appeal but did not halt the execution. It was up to the state to stop it on its own or for Miller-ET's lawyers field such a request Tuesday, Miller-ET had described the Thursday execution date as "beyond serious.

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"After having 10 execution dates, I've learned to not really be optimistic until something occurs to cause me to be sincerely optimistic," he said.

NEWS

Sources say journalist Daniel

journalist Daniel Pearl is dead WASHINGTON – Wall Stret Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, who was kidnapped nearly a month ago on his way to interview a Muslim fundamentalis leader in Pakistan, is dead. A senior U.S. administration source said law enforcement officials received a videotape in recent hours that gave them reason to believe tha 38 year-old Pearl was dead. The source would not elaborata. His abduction Jan. 23 prompted appeals from top U.S. and Pakistani officials for his release, and resulted in the arress of several people believed to Jave been involved in the Lidnapping, including the alleged fingleader Ahmed Omar Saeed Shelbh. His wife, Mariane, is pregnant with their first child. "We now believe, based on reports from the U.S. State Department and police officials of the Pakistani province of Sind, that Danny Pearl was killed by his captors. We are heartborken at his deathy, said Peter R. Kann, publisher of The Wall Street Journal, and Paul E. Steiger, the paper's managing editor, said in a joint statement. *Itom cancement*



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Crosswalk Safety Campaign meeting 1 p.m. Student Center Illinois Room

Spanish Table 4 to 6 p.m. at Cafe Melange

German Table 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Booby's

Japanese Table 6 to 8 p.m. at Cafe Melange

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Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item.

Items should be delivered to Communications Building. Room 1247, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar informa-tion will be taken over the phone. 2.5 operation was continuing. The rebel haven is sparsely populated, with about 100,000 residents spread out in five counties over an area the size of Switzerland. There were no official reports yet of ground clashes or troops entering the rebel area.

French PM to run for

French PM to run for presidency. PARIS - French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin announced Wednesday he would be running for the presidency of France, against incumbent Jacques Chirac, in elections to be held April 21 and May 35. The announcement was made from Hotel Matignon, his official residence in Paris. Although the announcement had been awaited, Mr. Jospin had intimated that it would be made only in early March. But given the massive publicity that attended President Chirac's declaration in Avignon of his own candidacy Feb. 11, Mr. Jospin thought it best to move up his announcement as much as possible. The Aprime Minister plans to emphasize his record of achievement during a five-year governmental term - one of the longest in the history of the Fifth French Republic -which saw the Socialists enad some 20 laws, some of them quite significant, like that which establishes a 35-hour work week, a law considered as revolutionary as france's decision to decree the worker's right to a vacation back in the mid-1930s.

Police Blotter

Carbondale

Carbondale • Brett P. Skort, 23, 1305 S. Wall St, was arrested at 12:30 a.m. fluxsday at the Sports Center, 1215 E. Walnut, and charged will aggravated battery. Skort allegedly punched and liked the vic-tim in the face during an altercation. He was taken to the Jackson County Jall. • Benjamin G. Coccos, 22, was arrested at 1:40 a.m. Tuesday at 901 E. Grand Ave. and charged with trespass to property and resisting a peace officer after a police officer saw Coccos and another individual allegedly run out of the unfinished apart-ments. Coccos was taken to the Jackson County Jail. • Michael J. Thompson, 22, 429 E. Oak St. Apt. A was arrested at 400 N. Marion St. and charged with possession of a con-trolled substance, no valid driver's license, uninsured vehicle and no registration. He was taken to the Jackson County Jail. • A VCR, digital camera and jewelry were reported stolen from a Lewis Park apartment between noon Sunday and 10 a.m. Monday. An unknown person possibly entered from an unlocked window. No loss estimate was given. Police have no suspects. suspects.

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WIDB radio personnel Mike Eckerle and Evan O'Donnell will broadcast their first away Saluki basketball game at Indiana State Saturday.

WIDB to air first road sports broadcast

Radio station hopes Indiana State game expands listenership Samantha Edmondson Day Egyptan

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The SIU men's basketbail team snubbed Creighton's attempt at clinching a regular-season conference title Wednesday night — fighting to the bitter end.

And just like the Salukis, the WIDB radio station experienced its own victory. Two sports commentators will travel to Indiana State University and run play-by-play action at the station's first sports broadcast on the road at the men's rame Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind. The SIU Arena's courtside has

The SIU Arena's courtside has been home to Evan O'Donnell and Mike Eckerle during their live basketball coverage since the beginning of the season. After heavy consideration by the graduate assistants and administration at WIDB, Eckerle, O'Donnell and Bob Piet, WIDB's

Chief engineer, got their wish. O'Donnell, a junior in televisionproduction, suid it is a gamble to convince universities to allow a student radio station to cover a game at their institution. Factors like press space and competition with other more well-known radio stations often come into play.

"It's a crapshot," said O'Donnell, "It's a crapshot," said O'Donnell, WIDB's sports dire, or, "Indiana was great about letting a student radio station come, but the directors around the MVC have been lukewarm."

Competition is welcome by veteran SIU sports broadcasters like Mike Reis. Commentating for Magie 95.1 at all SIU basketball games, home and away, Reis is excited that the student radio personalities will be running play-by-play action at Indiana State.

Jay-by-play action at Indiana State. "Some people shy away from competition, but I love it," Reis said. "I am glad people have same interests I do, and my hats are off to them."

Reis, a 1978 SIU graduate, got his first radio opportunity broadcasting on 91.9, the student radio station airing sports reports at the time. He said the job got him where he is today. The road show will give the students the hands-on experience they need to advance in this profession, he said.

"Some people try to view videos or go to games and run the play-by-play action in their minds," Reis said. "Experience is the best teacher for them."

Eckerle, a sophomore in radiotelevision, said competing with Reis would be a dream. He said even if they get five people to listen to the away broadcast, it will cause those people to return to the Arena and go 'o more games.

We had 300 hits on our website at the beginning of one of our football broadcasts, which is a great thing, said Ecketle, WIDB's marketing manager. In that aspect, we hope to give Reis a run for his money. A under one faster on the trans-

As students can listen to the game on WIDB.net, O'Donnell and Eckerle will be broadcasting via a cell phone. Increased advertising through sponsors will provide funds to acquire better transmission technology. WIDB hopes to use an industry standard piece of equipment called a hot box' for future away ballgames. This allows an easy connection to send the broadcast in a more clear and efficient manner to the students. O'Donnell said 'it' costs' roughly \$3,000. But he said on technical terms, the 'hot box' will increase the quality of the broadcast as well as the number of reports aired.

"We will get more listernship and more advertising, so hopefully we can get it — knock on wood," O'Donnell said.

said. O'Donnell and Eckerle agree the broadcast is significant for both WIDB and the student population. Local radio stations reach most of Carbondiale, but WIDB broadcasts are directly for the students. So, O'Donnell and Eckerle try to cater to the needs of their audience.

"We hope students think of us as professionals that have been around the game," O'Donnell said. "But, that we approach it as if we are not sitting at SIU Arena, but as fans that are sitting in the Dawg Pound." **66** It's a crapshot. Indiana was great about letting a student radio station come, but the directors around the MVC have been lukewarm.**99**

Evan O'Donnell sports commentator

Eckerle said he doesn't usually get nervous as students listen to the broadcasts on WIDB.net, in the Student Center, or on Channel 5 in Housing television programming. However, he is excited to be a part of the first road sports broadcast.

"It will be a nice feeling," Eckerle said. "I love doing radio and to be that trademark or milestone for WIDB."

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Man charged with assaulting police officer Tuesday

A man was arrested and charged with aggravated battery to a police officer after he allegedly closed a Carbondale police officer in the door while police attempted to enter his home on a search warrant Tuesda

David E. Spencer, 22, of 303 W. Willow St, was arrested after police, along with the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, executed a search warrant at his residence. Spencer allegedly smashed an officer's leg between the door and the jamb, holding it there until other officers gained entry to the residence from another location.

Police recovered an undisclosed amount of drugs from the house. The information is being withheld pending an investigation.

Spencer was also wanted on a failure to appear warrant out of Jackson County for an sured motor vehicle. He was taken to Jackson County Jail.

The police officer suffered a large bruise to the thigh.

Interfaith Center to host informal announcement

The Interfaith Center will host an informational announcement at 6 p.m. Sunday, describing the plans for the Peacemaker's Training Institute in Carbondale Aug. 3 through 13. Organized in conjunction with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the training will help people become more effective peace and justice activists.

SIUC students Joel Landry and Joe Monahan will familiarize those who attend about the event. Anyone who is interested in this program is invited to the presentation, which will include a free etarian dinner. For more information call 549-7387.

Man arrested for driving wrong way

A man was arrested in the early sday after police spotted allegedly driving 70 mph down West Main Street in the wrong direction.

John M. Kennedy Jr., 24, was arrested at a.m. on east Main Street across from Burger King and charged with driving under the influence, speeding and driving the wrong way on a one-way road.

Police said Kennedy allegedly drove east on West Main Street from Lewis Lane to McKinney Avenue, where he switched to the correct lane. Police made the stop shortly afterward.

ON CAMPUS

CSSA to celebrate **Chinese New Year**

The Chinese Students and Scholars Association is having a Chinese N.W Year's celebration and dinner at 6:30 tonight in the Civic Center, 200 S. Lilinois Ave. For more information, contact CSSA at 536-7746.

!!linois Sheriff's Association awarding academic scholarships

The Minois Sheriffs' Association will ard 111 \$500 scholarships throughout Illinois for the 2002-2003 academic year.

To be eligible, students must be a permanent Illinois resident attending an Illinois college and must be enrolled as a full-time nt during the 2002-2003 school year. stude

Applications will include an essay quesn and can be picked up at any local sheriff's office, or on the internet at www.ilsherifLory. They must be turned in to the sheriffs office by March 15. For more informa tion, contact your local

sheriff's office, high school advising center or colk.ge financial aid office.

Student recovers quickly

Meningitis is a dangerous illness, although typically uncommon

William Alonso Daily Egyptian

When Jonathan Foster contracted meningitis he was lucky. He was fortunate that the strain he contracted was neisseria meningitis, the most common form of bacterial meningitis, which while dangerous, is not the most severe.

Foster, a sophomore in electrical engineering from Chicago, contracted the meningococcal disease last September. He said he was probably infected with the airborne disease from someone who didn't know he or she had the bacteria that causes meningitis. "It was like a real bad flu,

omiting and things like that. It affected my energy; I was unable to eat and drink normally," Foster said. I went to the hospital and I was fine. It wasn't that conta-gious once they treated it." Meningitis is the inflamma-

tion of the membranes that cover tion of the membranes that cover the brain and spinal cord. Common symptoms of the ill-ness include headache, high fever and a stiff neck. These may also be accompanied by discomfort when looking into bright lights, confusion, sleepiness, nausea and womiting vomiting. Foster said he recovered after

seven days of treatment. Cheryl Presley, director of Student

Health Services, said when the University is confronted with a case of meningitis, Health Services follows a series of steps in accordance with its policy. "When we find out the diag-

nosis we have to find out where the student has been and who they have been in contact with for more than just casual con-tact," Presley said. "It really takes prolonged contact to contract it from another person. We have a number of people we need to call, such as public health and different departments on campus.'

SIU has had more severe cases of meningitis on campus in the past. In 1999, an SIU student was finally diagnosed with meningitis after several trips to the hospital and Health Services. She was airlifted to the Intensiv Care Unit of Springfield Memorial Medical Center where she was treated for meningitis and eventually released.

In February 1999 an SIU freshman wasn't so lucky. James Hugh O'Donnell died from pneumonia caused by a case of meningtis, according to Dr. Robert Bernadini, O'Donnell's Gmille absertion

family physician. College students are typically more susceptible to meningitis for several reasons. Active or passive smoking, intimate kissing, frequenting bars and nightclubs and living in residence halls are all factors that increase the risk

for them. While the prospect of con-tracting such a life threatening disease is worrisome, students shou'd not be extremely concerned. The risk of getting the main type of meningitis and sep66When we find the diagnosis we have to find out where the student has been and who they have been in contact with for more than just casual contact.??

Cheryl Presley alrector of Student Health Services

ticaemia, a type of blood poison-ing caused by the same bacteria that causes bacterial meningitis, is small.

Actually, the bacteria that cause these illnesses are very common. Most people carry them at one stage of their life or another without any complications. The bacteria are very weak and do not survive long outside

and do not surver long outside of the body. Yet, the University does not take meningitis lightly. Presley said after Foster case came to its attention, Health Services ordered an excess of the serum of or mericanion against the used for vaccination against the illness.

"There is no need to think in terms about an outbreak of meningitis because there has never been one, ever, anywhere," Presley said. "An outbreak of meningitis is like two people, and we are well equipped diagnosti-cally and medically to handle that.

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New nutrition professor plans research

SIUC professor will study obesity this year Ben Botkin Daily Egyptian

Allan Higginbotham has been fascinated with food ingredients for as long as he can remember.

Higginbotham's interest led him to. SIUC, where he began teaching nutrition courses this month.

"The reason I was first interested in food science was because I was interested in what goes into food, "he said. "For as long as I can remember, I've been a food label reader." And he plans to continue studying food's

intricate details as SIUC's newest nutrition professor. Higginbotham, originally from Alabama, already has research plans for this year. He will explore how protein levels in diets can potentially affect human obesity when his research begins this summer.

Higginbotham's research, sponsored with a grant from the Office of Research, Development and Administration, will closely study leptin, a fat-produced hormone that was discovered in 1994. The hormone leptin is produced in proportion to how nuch fat is in a perions system, and brain receptors sense the leptin, which works as of a cycle that helps people maintain part

weight. Higginbotham said the research will explore how different foods affect the body's

"We're looking at how diets affect the ability to respond to the hormone leptin," he

Protein plays an important part in body weight because a low-protein diet can cause a person to eat more to make up for the defi-ciency. Higginbotham's research will use dif-ferent levels of protein in the rats' diets.

He said using lab rats makes the research

easier because human subjects can't always . be trusted to follow a limited dietary regi-

"They're easy to control, and you know what you're feeding them," he said. Higginbotham said he is concerned about obesity levels, which have risen in recent years.

"Obesity overall is up," he said. "There's a really alarming amount of obesity, especially in children."

Craig Webber, Higginbotham's graduate assistant, said working on the project will broaden his research experience and still allow him to research something related to

"I wanted to do sorrething different, but stay in animal science," Webber said.

Higginbotham's journey to SIUC didn't o straight from academic studies to a pro-cessor position. As a food science major, he fessor p did undergraduate and graduate work at Alabama's Auburn University and the University of Georgia.

After completing his undergraduate work, he later went back to Auburn University for his Ph.D. so he could teach. Aside from instructing students as a Ph.D. student, SIUC is Higginbotham's first teaching post. Before he began his doctorate studies,

Higginbotham worked for seven years in the food industry, where he helped solve pack-aging problems of food products that spoiled before their expiration date.

fore their expiration date. The social climate of Southern Illinois rongly resembles his native Alabama, Higginbotham said.

"This part of Southern Illinois is very much like the South," he said. "There's a lot of friendly, hospitable people."

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Higginbotham, a nutrition professor, is extensively researching a chemical connection in the brain to obesity. Higginbotham recently moved from Alabama and is in his first week of teaching at SIU.

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News

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ROTC surpris ROTC places second in annual exketball tournament

Ginny Skalski Daily Egyptian

Nobody expected SIUC to fare well at the annual ROTC Flyin Irish Invitational at the University of Notre Dame - not even the team itself.

SIUC's ROTC team only began practicing for the national tourna-ment a week and a half before taking the trip to South Bend, Ind., so the team was surprised when it placed second in the tournament

The team was made up of nine members of SIUC's Air Force and Army ROTC, and was put together in late December, but the members could never find time in their schedules to practice. Although they were registered

for the tournament, which Mitchell says the ROTC hails as one of the biggest events outside of boot camp,

the team only played together twice before heading to the tournament. Upon arrival, other teams initial-ly poked fun at them for sporting faded blue jerseys, which the Description ly poked fun at them for sporting faded blue jerseys, which the Recreation Center loaned to them. A couple of the jerseys had the same umbers, so the team had to impro

661 thought we would do good and thought we would make it to the playoffs, but if someone would have told us we'd get second place I would have told them they were crazy.??

Air Force BOTC men

vise and create different numbers with some white medical tape.

Other teams at the tournament had coaches, uniforms and even cheerleaders, according to team member Jeff Nichols, a sophomore in administrative justice from Murphysboro. But the men from the University's ROTC team were motivated, and after playing the first three teams in the tournament, the team won its division.

"None of the teams hardly knew who Southern Illinois was," Nichols said. "They dijn't know what to expect, they underestimated us, which worked to our advantage."

At the end of the tournament SIUC was 6-1 and team member Mark Fraser was awarded most valuable player. Although Fraser's team members insist he deserved the recognition, Fraser said he was

the recognition, Fraser such he was part of an incredible team that played as hard as he did. "Anybody on my team would have gotten it because they all played well," suid Fraser, a senior in university studies from Las Vega. "Just had a few more points than they did." Army ROTC member Fraser



The Saluki Air Force and Army ROTC teamed up to win second place out of 55 teams in the ROTC Flyin' Irish basketball tournament on Feb. 10. Shown, from right to left are: Jeff Nichols, Jared Williams, and Shane Sandstrom. Not present are Paul Kelly, Rick Mitchell, Scott Snyder, Tony Hurt, Damian Carpenter, and Mark Fraser.

was impressed with the Air Force ROTC members that were part of the team. The Army and Air Force ROTC compete against each other every year in football, so Fraser wasn't sure what to expect when he had to play with members of the Air Force ROTC.

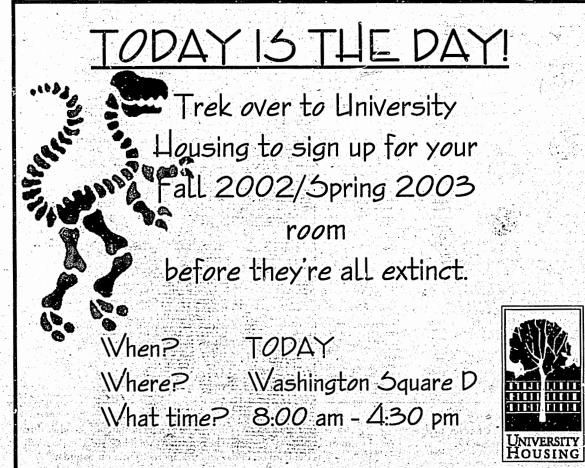
"Everybody was professional," Fraser said, "It's easy to pull togeth-

er when everybody is used to being a team.

The team lost its final game by six points to Milwaukee's Marquette Army, but Nichols and Fraser both insist the team could have won if they had more time to rest before the championship game. During the three day tournament, SIUC played seven tir

"Once we got to the final game our attitude was we wanted to win it," Nichols said. "We didn't care how tired we were, we were iust going to play our hardest and have fun at it."

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OUR WORD Knight's Inn liquor license a step in the right direction for minority inclusion

The City Council approved a class D liquor license for the Knight's Inn Tuesday despite the Liquor Advisory Board's recommendation of denial.

As the president of the Black Affairs Council, Kevin Buford knew that granting the local hotel a liquor license wasn't the real issue. He is ail too aware that blacks have few entertainment options in Carbondale, and the Knight's Inn will target a minority audience for the club it expects to open in mid-April.

Members of the Daily Egyptian continue to Fear and report on the fact that blacks do not feel welcome in this community. Many black students do not feel comfortable at the white-owned and operated bars that dominate Carbondale night life. There are no places for them to gather; rether certain venues such as Fred's Dance Barn and the Sports Center have entertainment geared toward blacks on certain nights.

Census figures reflect that the black population comprises nearly one-quarter of Carbondale's residents. Blacks make up roughly 12 percent of students at SIUC. The approval of the license is a little boost in creating a more accommodating atmosphere for a sizable segment of the community and University.

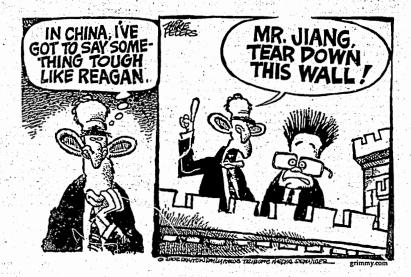
However, the success of such a venue is ultimately in the hands of the students and community members who frequent it. Too often in urban areas and even in this community, violence has erupted among black parons that result in the closure of venues geared toward them, or hesitation by other businesses to offer entertainment for them. Security is a major concern for Jacob Boateng, owner of the Knight's Inn, who plans on having bouncers trained by the Carbondale Police D-partment, as well as surveillance cameras. We urge patrons to respect this establishment, and we discourage those who would bring in an ussavory element. If this club is a success, the city will be more likely to offer similar businesses a chance.

The Daily Egyptian is pleased with the city's decision, but we are equally pleased that Boate.; would open the club even if the liquor license were not granted. We are glad that a community member stepped up to address the problem and offer a solution.

While this is an important little step, it is only that a little step. The problem with blacks not feeling welcome in this community will not be solved with the creation of one entertainment venue.

Buford, who spoke before the council in favor of granting the license, described the opening of a club as a sort of catch-22 during a recent visit with the Daily Egyptian editorial board. While blacks do need their own bar scene, he is convinced that there should be other opportunities for social interaction among minorities. The BAC has been puLing for the creaticn of z multicultural center, where patrons would enjoy more than booze and music. Re reational facilities, tutoring and mentoring could be fun for all ages, as well as aid in the social well-being and advancement of Carbondale's students and citizens.

We encourage the City Council and other community members to take a proactive stance in the creation of more enlightened social outlets for the nearly 45 percent of Carbondal's population that isn't white,



GUEST COLUMNIST

America Bless God

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After the tragedy of Sept. 11, "God bless America" has become the catch phrase to make the citizens of this country feel peace in a time of war. I can undentand that. We need to say something that can lift our spirits, right? But there is just one problem with that phrase: it needs to be rephrased to "America bless God." Reason one being that God blesses America every single day, but how often do Americans bless or even acknowledge God? Of course, saying God bless America seems like the patriotic thing to do when tragedy comes. We come to a conclusion, as humans, that we cannot win a battle by ourselves, so we call on the Lord. We ask him to bless us. But where was the phrase before 9/11? When was God's name mentioned so lovingly among the majority of Americans? I would hear God's name in public would cause people to look at you funy. How often to do we bless God when we get up in the morning for just waking us up? Do we bless God fave the food we waste, for the homes we don't clean, for the many outfits we chose

How often to do we bless God when we get up in the morning for just waking us up? Do we bless God far the food we waste, for the homes from our closets, for the many outfits we chose from our closets, for the cars we speed in, for the freedom we take for granted or for the money we spend hapinzardly? I think if we were honest with ourerbevis, we would admit that we don't bless God like we should. We won't put him into our daily lives or make an eiffort to give our Creator praise. Instead, Americans spend much time blessing other things. Oh, we acknowledge celebrities every chance we get. We want to know who the Oscar nomines are, what the stars are wearing, who Tom Cruise is dating, which "hot babe" appeared on the cover of Glamour or if Britney Spears is really a virgin. We often spend time blessing ourselves for our "great" accomplishments: my story appeared on the front page, I graduated magna cam laude, I always have a boyfriend on Velentine's Day, I always get straight A's, I'm a tenured professor. But compared to the "ower of God and what he has done by creating the whole world in six days, parting the Red Sea, healing the sick and raising the dead, our good works just don't compare. I'm concerned about how popular "God bless America" will be to this nation if we do catch Osama bin Laden, and the terrorist attacks on America fade away. Will we go back to the politically correct society where using the name of the Lord would be offending somebody eles. thus infineing

terrorist attacks on America fade away. Will we go back to the politically correct society where; somebody else, thus infringing on their rights? H.c. will we treat God? I hope we will bless God just as much as he blesses this country daily. But how does one bless God? I'm glad you asked.

We need to start by acknowledging that he exists. Then we like we so need to thank him for all that he has done for us. We need to know that without him we can do nothing Lut fail. We need to thank God when things are going bad and thank him we can not we when things are good. Thank him when you are strolling on carripus for being able to walk atolling on carripus for being able to walk thank him when you see the sunsife for being able to see. Thank him when you are taking notes in class for your fingers. Thank him when you're in your dorm room that you have heat. And thank him when you breathe because you are alive.

Andrea is a senior in journalism. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY 6 Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today.99. WORDS OVERHEARD When the weekend comes, there's really nothing to do other than go to St. Louis and Chicago. The only thing we [black students] can rely on is the Barn on Friday and the Sports Center on Saturday.??

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The New Gospel

The new gospel to be written by African-Americans in the 21st Century is as enslavers. No longer the helpless slaves, the moment has arisen for them to branch into the trenches of capitalism. What has always been debated regarding capitalism is its reliance on the class system. For if one wishes to participate as a Rockefeller, then one must accept the inevitable oppression it bestows. The descent to America for African

Americans was one not as citizens, but as cargo. To even call them enslaved is to give them the claim of being human. This would take many years before recognition-could take place. Even before the humanizing process could begin, the bloodiest of all American Wars, The Civil War, had transpired. The resolution of this costly war was that African-Americans were endowed with poverty. Of course, it would take another 100 years of destitu-tion before the rise to

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even begin. Why was it such a ong span for African-Americans to rise from poverty? It was not the doing of the "good old boy net-work" that delayed the

middle class could

stices. process, although they helped impede the nent. Rather, it was the colddevelop hearted middle class that subjugated these men and women. The bourgeoisie always had the most to lose by African-American empowerment because its jobs were at stake. The elitists' fears were secondary compared to the class whose job security was being threatened. Any activist of the '60s and '70s can account to the milita-men movements that swept across American soil during desegrega-tion. For instance, Cairo's "White Hats" tried wholeheartedly to beat down intearea ministribution to be a constraint of the second mitter gration of its town, only to flee in failure. The average man formed this militia: the farmer, lawyer, dockhand, grandfather, etc. Emerging from this cocoon of hared, African-American prosperity finally had a chance to flourish. The middle class slow-

ly accepted the spirit of the rebels cries. With each passing generation came a rejuvenated hope for the future. Finally,



these rebels managed to silence the lashing whip, earning them the most presti-gious romanticism in American history. They climbed through prolonged suffer-ing for the sake of equality, not tax relief. This marks the present disposition of the race wars. The middle class relin-

quishes its hatred and African-American's enter working class America. However, the climb of the 21st Century is the climb to cline of the 21st Century is the clin to clite status. African-Americans set dead aim at the rich and powerful. The brotherhood of enslavers must deal with the spirited unity of their once battered slav

slaves. The elites are wise though, and they have profited heavily from a system that invites their cruelty. They live in contra-dictions of justice and pray to their god: Greal. No one knows better how to brea the back of resurgence than the elites, because they have been conquering all races since the beginning of civilization. They will entice the African-American select fraw with grandeur and worldly break select frw with grandeur and worldly riches. The spirited unity will fall into classes and service their select masters. All that will be left is the nostalgic remains of slaves who climbed from the pits of poverty: At this point, capitalism will ful-fill its promise to America. What will emerge is oppression determined by class, not by color. The American Dream can finally exist with the freedom of choosing its colorless masters with the promise of continuous change. The future will forever be the beacon of perfection, while our class system demands separation and injustices.

HappySad appears every other Friclay. Chris is a senior in English. His views do not nec-essarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

The world needs a hero

I often find myself tuning out the vague reality of a student caged in a lecture hall as I swap my books for a sword to the vendor outside the gates of a mythical slumber land filled with fire-breathing vendor outside the gates of a mythical slumber land filled with fire-breathing dragons. Beyond the fiery gates, evil stands alert with its wide leathery wings ready to unfold. But before mighty wing muscles contract, before mighty wing muscles intrough the wind, crying out for the breast of the beast. And right at that moment of annihilation — SMACK. — "wake up Dave, class is over." Ive always wanted to be a hero. A hero has big muscles, never says or does anything wrong and always gets the girl in the end. Yet, feeding the Carbondie squirels peanuts to save them from eating cigarette butts is the elvsest I come. Real heroes, contrary to popular belief, can't be found feeding the criters at the bottom of the sky walk cr slaying the mythical dragons of our dreams. They are much more tangible. Forget everything you know about Superman, Batmas and Spiderman; true heroes can't be written, drawn or dreamed.

Superman, Batmai and Spiderman; true herces can't be written, drawn or dreamed. They are real, like you and I. They are the true gatekeepers of life; they are the fear-less furefighters who gave their lives in the service of others during that hellish day last September. In a true hero's approach, they forced their way into the birthplace of Lucifer with heavy hearts and the accep-tone that for them. Immorrange unruld tance that, for them, tomorrow would never come. They relentlessly crusaded through the 19 floors of the smoking tov through the 19 floors of the smoking tow-ers, having angels in their pockets and a devil by their side, they always managed to find the strength to inquire about the wel-fare of each and every person they cam-across, no matter how exhausted. This Coal like always of the insure one that God-like display of heroism was not lost shed tears of vast pride at the site of their heroes turning the corners of the endless staircases.

starcases. With strong words of their captains echoing through their thoughts, 'Guys be very careful, because firemen are going to die today. Sometimes in this job, good-bye is really good-bye," they bravely marched

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through the smoky staircases recking of jet fuel in the name of life, 13 stripes, and a hell of a lot of stars. Our heroes are gone now. Over the course of a hundred years, a wall was filled with names of fallen fire-fighters. On the 11th of September, an entirely new wall was created. To keep the memory of heroes lost from fading, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation every year conducts a memorial weekend in Emmitsburg, Md., to honor firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. Due to last year's tragic events, this year's upcoming weekend, scheduled for October, will be one of unprecedented size. Patrons can attend a variety of memorial services. They can search for the names of departed family members, comrades and friends on plaques encircling a 7-foot stone monu-ment, or pace at their leisure over the "Walk OF Honor," a walkway paved with bricks containing names of fallen firefighters.

fighters. At the end of the weekend, the air around the memorial site is softened by the sound of bagpipes while thousands gather close to pay ribute as American flags are presented to surviving family members, accompanied by a presidential message. Admirable dignitaries then unveil a plaque listing the names of honored heroes as an audience standing tall in the heavens watches through the clouds. For them, the time has come to be immortal because heroes never die.

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A poem by D. Nebi Hilliard, a graduate student in spe munication. The prem was written for Heritage Expo on February 17, 2002. the 2002 SIUC Black

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Living on the east side of the tracks Where broken down s'ucks and glass Reveal the ills of Manifest Destiny Oh say can you see ...

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wing on the east side of the tracks Where life is attacked by state funded bullets That reign down on our hum Someone please call 911 ...

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We share in the goal to bridge cultural gaps on campus

DEAR EDITOR: I commercy those responsible for the recent symposium held at the Student Center which addressed the culture gap. I agree there is a need for continuous presentations and dia-

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e... via vary umportant subject matter. I would, howev-er, like to make those iraplementing programs of this nature and those making recommendations aware that we, at The Center for Basic Skills, have for the past 15 years incorpo-rated information on diversity in our University 10 classes. There is a chapter i: our course book that has an in-depth discussion on this area, and we always invite representatives of diverse backgrounds to address our students when the chapter material is presented. If y's have presenters you would like to recommend that we invite during this time, we would welcome their input in creating additional awareness ameng our students. We are always receptive to increasing our students' perceptions. logue on this very important subject matter. I wor er, like to make those implementing programs of

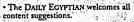
Yvonne Williams sociate director, The Center for Basic Skills

Relax ... it's just a word

DEAR EDITOR: I am writing in response to Aaron Sanford's letter of Feb. 19, commenting on the hurtful use of the word "gay" in a comis strip. I am bisenal myself, and I just wanted to say complaining about that kind of thing is really gay.



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'The harder you work, the better you get paid.' David Trampler

COFFEE, CIGARETTES and SPEED BUMPS

A night with David Trampier, a Carbondale cabby

STORY BY ARIN THOMPSON

He rolls his own - no filters. He keeps his smokes in a novelty box that displays the word "Outlaw," embossed in thick, red ink.

When the key is in the ignition, he's not just David Trampier. He's cabby No. 4, and he knows Carbondale better than people who have lived here their entire lives.

"I literally have a map of the entire city in my head," Tramp ier says Trampier has been driving in

Carbondale for about eight month The former Southern Illinois resident used to drive a cab in the northwest suburbs of Chicago but moved back to the area last year.

"This job suits my personality," Trampier said. "It's continually dealing with different people.

You're spending a little amount of time with people in a more intimate setting so there's more opportunity to get into interesting conversations

A passenger in the backseat perks up and says, "Yeah, when we get drunk we start telling our lives." But sometimes those conversations

are heated - to a boiling point - and Trampier is left in the middle of the

pot. "I once gave a ride to an atheist who was just hard line against anywho was just nare line against any-thing about the Christian dogma," Trampier said, "Then I picked up someone who happened to be a Baptist preacher, who was going to the other side of town and absolutely had to be on time, so I couldn't drop the atheist off first.

"Why don't you and you just park this cab and come into praise the Lord? Trampier recalls the preacher asking him and the atheist. "So they went at it after that,"

Trampier says. "I just tried to keep ings from getting violent." Cab drivers are independent con th

tractors. They rent the cabs for \$64 a night. They pay for their own gas and if the gas prices are high it can eat into their profits Whatever money is surplus at the end

of the night is take-home cash. Last year, Yellow Cab Co. had to get an increase in fare approved by the city of Carbondale. It used to be only \$1.70 to ride in a Yellow Cab, but after Sept. 11 that changed to a basic fare of \$2.20 to make up for the jump

in gasoline prices. The city of Carbondale set up a 30-zone system and a basic fare structure. If someone gets a ride in a cab and stays within the same zone, it's a flat rate of \$2.20. For every zone crossed it's 40 cents tacked on to the flat rate. Riding in a Yellow Cab is a

"I dispatch the rides in an econo ical fashion," Trampier says. Being a cab driver is immediate

gratification. Cab drivers get paid daily; there's no wait on a bi-monthly

The harder you work, the better you get paid, "Trampier says. This job isn't easy: Driving a cab is.

a special skill and in order to do it well, Trampier must have multiple attention spans. He has to keep his mind on at least four things at same time - all the time. First, the Trampier has to think about the act of driving itself, something some people don't do so well.

"I see quite a few accidents," Trampier says. "I see all the stupid things people do with their cars."

Trampier remembers a specific accident that he was involved in. He was driving an older woman who was sitting in the backseat. At an intersec-tion downtown, another car, driving into the sun, came screaming through and slammed into Trampier's right fender, sending his cab into a spin that covered 450 degrees.

If I'd been any further up in the intersection the old woman might have died," Trampier says. "It scared me." Secondly, he has to be aware of his

destination and continuary trained about where to turn, east or west, right or left, one-way or four-way. Thirdly, Trampier is engaged in conversation with the passengers and has to be alert for that as well. "And somewhere in the Twilight

"I wait five minutes," Trampier

says. "Some day-shift cabbies wait only three." A cabby usually gets three water-holes during every shift. If Trampier gets water-holed three times by the

same party, he refuses to pick up at that address ever again.

"Some of these people need to real-ize that this is my job," Trampier says. "If they make me wait, the next person has to wait. It can be very frustrating.

Flashlight

Trampier keeps a flashlight under his seat. He pulls it out and turns it on. In a confusing part of town, he can't always see the house address numbers. The sun has left and all Trampier has to work with is the cool, dark night. He's looking for No. 5.

The flashlight dances on the front of houses and apartments. It catches glimpses of televisions flickering in living rooms, lonely chairs on porches and rusty screen doors. "There's eight, we must be close," Trampier says. Then they emerge,

four people, ready to go to Key West for a good time.______ Tt'll be a tight fit but we can do

it," Trampier says. And the flashlight goes back under

the seat. I think the most people fit into a

Yellow Cab was nine Trampier says. "The most ever was 16, in one of the old checkered cabs, but those aren't manufactured anymore." Yellow Cab Co. owns three Dodge

Diplomats and a few Ltd. Crown Victorias - all painted solid yellow, but

these machines are in no way lemons. "We're in a 1989 Crown Victoria," Trampier says. "I like these better, I'm actually thinking about getting one of my own.

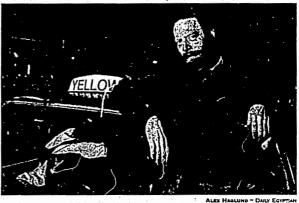
Trampier pulls a silver thermos out from next to the driver's seat. He unscrews the lid and an aroma that would make Juan Valdez fall to his knees fills the cab. On long nights, the only shift Trampier works, coffee is a pleasant passenger to have

Though being a cabby may not have the perk of stock options, it does have its unique rewards. Trampier once picked up a student who had just graduated from the SIUC School of Law. The student didn't have any money on him so he asked Trampier to take him to the SIU credit union to draw some cash. with

"When he was at the machine, from the expression on his face, it looked like he didn't have any mor in the bank," Trampier says. "Turns out he was just deep in thought. When he came back he handed me \$100 and asked me to hang out at the Het Spot with him and have a drink." Trampier couldn't have that drink

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Cabby No. 4 David Trampier stands outside the Yellow Cab stand last Thursday evening. Trampier has been driving in Carbondale for about eight months. Before that he drove a cab in Chicago's northwest suburbs.

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Zone you've got to keep half an ear on the radio," Trampier says.

Waterhole A golf term for hitting the ball into the water, also cabby jargon for a noshow

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because he was on the clock. The student understood but insisted on tak-ing Trampier to breakfast.

on he took me to breakfast 1 ati and I ended up getting paid \$100 for about two hours of work," Trampier

says. Sometimes the ride isn't so Trampier made rewarding. Last year, Trampier made a pick up at Pinch Penny Pub. Two men said they were headed to Makanda.

They went for a couple of miles, under the thick canopy of night, down a one-lane road into Union County, Trampier says.

The two guys were talking about dogs," he says. "Have you fed the dogs?" asked

one of the guys. "No," said the other.

Those dogs are really big. I'm not getting out of this cab until you feed those dogs," the first man replied. "Sometimes 1 get a hunch," Trampier says. "Or a feeling on the bick of my neck. I mean, sometimes,

The completely alone and in the mid-dle of nowhere with these people. The day shift starts at 7 a.m. and goes until 6 p.m. The night shift picks up at 6 p.m., then goes and goes and goes until 7 the next mom-ine. ing.

After all the drama, confessions drunkenness and waiting - a full 13 hours later - Trampier is ready for sleep. And at the end of the night, whi ch is actually the morning, No. 4 gets home, where he becomes just David Trampier again. He cracks a Milwaukee's Best,

smokes a couple of cigarettes and finally closes his eyes.

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 $(2 \cdot)$ SIUC researchers conducting

Keva Gaston Daily Egyptian

SIUC researchers are fighting to save an endangered species of trumpeter swans. This first-ever study of its kind was initiated to

promote the trumpeter swan's survival. Faye M. ... Babineau is in charge of guiding observations and data collected on the swans.

The field work began in December 2001 when the swans arrived in Southern Illinois and researchers were observing and getting to know their requirements and needs.

In addition, researchers observed flock move-ments, preferred habitats, courting activities and habits of the swans cating

"No one else has studied this population's win-ter habitat. There have been studies out West, but there's such different habitats and weather condi-tions there, Babineau said. Because of the market hunting, trumpeter swans in the Midwest were nearly eradicated by the

early 1900s. In the 60s, a reintroduction program began in the Midwest. The population is now approximately 2,400

swans; however, few swans are migrating and this is considered a potential limiting factor to future population growth. There is a small population of 71 trumpeters through natural pioneering and the swans are beginning to migrate to Southern Illinois

Babineau said that in the study, she hopes to ain an understanding of what habitats are important for wintering trumpeter swans and how the swans use different habitats while they are in Southern Illinois.

"We have an opportunity to help form intelligent, science-based management plans that will actually aid the species," Babineau said.

Babineau, a graduate student with the operative Wildlife Research Laboratory of SIUC, is collaborating with Jennifer Triplett, field assistant/technician and Alan Woolf, principal

investigator, for the project. The Consolidated Coal Company granted

study on trumpeter swans

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eau access to use one of its mines to do the research. The swans have been using the Burning Star 5 coal mine, a 6,000-acre reclaimed former strip mine, every year for approximately eight years. The mine provides researchers with open water and large fields with little human disturb ince.

"We have a tremendous wildlife population at all of our mines, this in particular. It's always been something Consol has prided is if on and the swans are just the iong on the cake, said Gene Smount, project engineer for the Consolidated Coal Company. The study

The study will continue each winter until December 2003 with funding from the Federal Aid

Project Wildlife Restoration through Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory of SIUC also provided additional funding and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provided aid in the capturing and radio collaring of the

My hope is that understanding these swans may aid future efforts to establish a self-sustaining migratory population of trumpeter swans, Babineau said.

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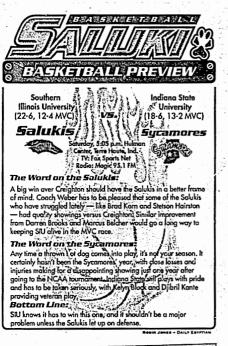
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aim at Creighton on Saturday in Peoria and swing by Carbondale to cap off the regular sesson Monday. The Salukis might need to win the MVC tournament to make the NCAA field, but a strong finish to the regular sesson

make the NCAA held, but a strong finish to the regular season would still benefit SUI in every regard. "We've got two more games before even thinking about the tournament," Weber said. "We still would like a piece of that Valley tilde — that's been our goal. We've got to cheer for those Bradley Braves on Saturday."

Bradley Braves on Saturday." SIU also has to do its part against the Sycamores, who are trudging through an excruciating season littered with close loss-es. A new low came Tuesday when a renegade Indiana State fan flung a hot dog onto the floor after a late call went against the Sycamores, resulting in a costly technical foul in a 62-60 Drake win at the Hulman Center. To his credit, Indiana State head coach Royce Waltman did-t line uto a bir for a flore the area line bard on dehede

Ip out on his fans after the peculiar hot dog debacle. I think that's an avful small blot on our fans' behavior, com

Think that's an avtul small blot on our tans behavior, com-pared to how they're dug in and cheered for us though a very. rough season, "Waltman told the Terre Haute Tribune-Staz. It was just the latest heartache for Indiana State (6-19, 4-12 MVC) in an agonizing season. Weber said Indiana State is bri-ter than its ninth-place standing indicates, and consequently would be grateful if his team doesn't find itself involved in a tus-le. Saturd when the law of comment blor sign on the sle Saturday where the law of averages takes pity on the Sycamores in the final minutes.

"Sooner or later you'd think it would go their way, so hope-fully we have a game where it doesn't go down to the wire," Weber said.

Weber said. The Salukis know winning the MVC regular season is unlike-by Creighton traditionally struggles at Bradley, but the Braves are not themselves this year. If the Bluejays win Saturday, only a home game with seventh place Drake stands between them and the title.

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lately. Mostly, though, the Salukis are out to demonstrate that they don't need to be in the relaxing environs of the SIU Arena to

source and they're running out of time to show it. "We want to prove to ourselves more than anything that we can go out and do it on the road," Rehards said. "I'm pretty sure everybody's going to pick it up."

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Israel announces buffer zones along borders

By Michael Matza Knight Ridder Newspapers

JERUSALEM (KRT) - In a er address to the nation about a conflict with Palestinians that looks increasingly like a protracted guerrilla war, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

war, rinke vinite vite offer ones between Israelis and Palestinians "in order to achieve security separation." "We will incrediately mark separa-tion areas and put obstacles along them," he said, offering few details. The plan to place permanent barriers at sensitive points has been promoted by hardline factions in Israel for several months, although it remains unclear exactly how the buffers would operate.

The speech followed a week of steady escalation of violence and the evolution of a Palestinian military strategy of attacks on Israeli positions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. These Palestinian areas, coupled by Israel in 1967, now host scattered Jewish settlements, Recent Palestinians attacks have avoided targets inside Israel's pre-1967 borders and are aimed at inflicting enough pain to force an Israeli withdrawal to those borders.

Irack aid it would adopt a strategy of countering the attacks with deploy-ments of small, mobile units. Addressing "Palestinians who don't want war and aren't terrorists, Sharon asked, "Is your aim to follow those who call on you to send your children to commit suicide or those who want to make progress? ... In the end, God will-ing, this is the way it will be." Sharon's remarks came on a day

when Israel continued retaliatory strikes in the Gaza Strip and helicopter gunships sent a rocket into Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat's Ramallah compound.

Since December, Israeli tanks have besieged the Arafat's Ramallah headquarters, effectively putting him under house arrest. Sharon has said the siege would be lifted only after Arafat arrests everyone connected with the Zeevi murder and keeps them incarcerated. In the past, arrests have been quickly followed by release.

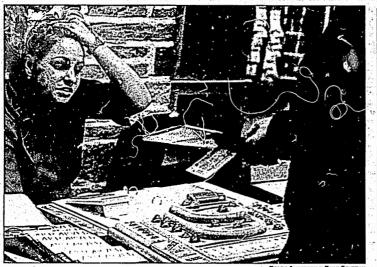
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Graduation time already? Art Carved Jewlery Company began showcasing its line of 2002 graduation rings for seniors. Katle Johamesen, a representative for the company, waits as Maria Byrd looks over the numerous selections to choose from at the University Bookstore earlier this week.

Yes, it's hot outside ... U.S. has its warmest winter on record

Seth Borenstein Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) -Early winter in the United States was pretty much missing in action this year. The past three months were the warmest November-

through-January on record, accord-ing to U.S. temperature data. The average U.S. temperature over those three months was 39.94 degrees - a whopping 4.3 degrees more than the themsethe surger for the next the three-month average for the pre-vious 106 years, according to the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C.

The old record for that period, 39.63 degrees, was set only two years

ago. "There were a lot of places where (winter) didn't show up for quite a long time ... east of the Rockies," long time . . . east of the Rockies," said Kevin Trenberth, the head of climate analysis at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., where it hit 65 degrees last weekend. November isn't technically part of

winter, which begins in December, but it marked the beginning of a shift in the weather pattern that is keeping vay. More than tv Arctic air av thirds of the nation recorded warmer-than-normal extremsly . temperatures for November. "A lot of the cold air has been

bottled up in Canada," said climate center meteorologist Richard Heim.

center meteorologist Nucharu rienn. "This is one manifestation of global warming," said Tienberth, one of the world's leading climate scien-tists. Others, including Heim, say that while global warming is real, it's difficult to blame it for the tempera-tion short period.

ture change over such a short perior. Whatever the reason; all 48 contiguous states were warmer than normal in November, December and January. For 23 of those states, it was the hottest or second toastiest ever, the climatic data center reported. In another seven states, the Novemberthrough-January period ranked

The mild weather generated the lowest-ever demand for heating energy for the three-month period,

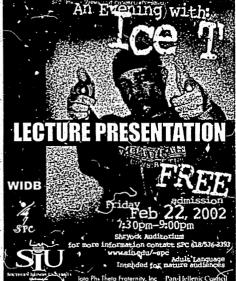
Heim said.

With meteorologists going back over 107 years of data, officials have set up a 0-to-100 scale for weatherrelated energy demand that takes into account temperatures in major population centers. The biggest November-January demand was in 1976-77, rating 100; the past three months rated a zero.

"There is less of a need to use natural gas, electricity and heating oil to heat houses," Heim said.

On top of all that, last month was the warnest January on record glob-nily, 1.24 degrees above normal and slightly warmer than the old record, t in January 1998, according to the climate center.

But don't get too used to the early ooming crocuses and golf games. Much cooler-than-normal tempera-tures are forecast for most of the nation - from the Reckies west, south of New England and north of central Florida - for Monday through next Thursday, according to the Climate Prediction Center in Camp Spring, Md.



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what he preached."

John Holmes, a lecturer for the Black American Studies program, served as co-campaign manager with Richard Hayes for Summer when the minister sought election to the City Council. Sumner started a breakfast program for school children that the Carbondale school district adopted and moved into schools. Sumner unsuccessfully sought election after finishing out the term. "He was deeply hurt about not getting re-elected," Hayes said.

Despite Sumner's failure to get elected, he stayed active behind the scenes of other campaigns, and helped Councilwoman Corene McDaniel in her first attempt at gaining a city council seat in 1998.

"He was my mentor," she said. "When I talked to him, I never heard it repeated anywhere else."

After McDaniel lost her bid for election,

Sumner encouraged her to persevere. "He told me it's the city's loss you didn't " she said. wig

Sumner's good reputation in the com-munity stands out in McDaniel's memory. "Reverend Sumner was a very honest and straightforward man," she said. "I didn't

know anybody in the community who had

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District 95 Superintendent Elizabeth Lewin said she is unsure how to react to the proposal. "We rece

receive some of that grant money; we'll have to wait and see what happens," she said. "I just hope that it

affects our district in a positive way. At the beginning of his term, Ryan created an Education Funding Advisory Board to examine the way Illinois funds schools

Robert Leininger, chair of the board,

anything bad to say about him.

McDaniel successfully gained a seat on the city council last year, and said she wished er could have lived to see the win. Sumn

While working for the Illinois Department of Labor, Sumner penned a booklet entitled "How to Get a Job" that was used throughout the state. He was known for bringing labor contracts to Southern Illinois, which provided a source of employ-ment for minorities. Paul Simon, a former senator, recalled that Sumner worked US with him on employment matters, and said he talked with Sumner about "those little

things that come up periodically." "He wis a good community activist,"

Simon said. Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty said he enjoyed working with Sumner on a variety of community matters. "He was a pleasure to work with b

he was knowledgeable in a 101 or anon, Doherty said. "He was a very reasonable perhe was knowledgeable in a lot of areas, who put things in perspective very well." Although Summer is gone, McDaniel said

she can still feel his presence in Carbondale "I know he's up there with the angels, and he's looking down," McDaniel said.

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earlier told the Daily Egyptian a lem with the funding formula is its heavy reliance on property taxes. This creates inequality among districts because schools in city districts have a bigger base to pull from with businesses and a

large population. Southern Illinois has the Shawnee Forest in its backyard, which does not generate property tax, and the burden of funding schools falls largely on farmers, small businesses and local residents.

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would give them a sheet," Nelson said. I was impressed with the facts they told me; one told me about Ohm's Law."

Nelson said the airplane contest's main purpose was to measure how innovative students were withtheir design ideas and how well they follow directions Further down the hallway on the main floor of

runner down ine nalway on the main lioor of the building, students sat in groups on the floor, feverishly working with red and white drinking straws to build bridges. The goal of the event was-to build a bridge that would hold the most weight when suspended over the floor by two tables.

Jared LaMond, a sophomore who attends Casey-Westfield High School, was one of the last to complete a bridge. He said the event was fun for him because of his competitive nature and his terest in the field.

"Everyone just gets straws, but it is up to you build the better bridge," LaMond said. For LaMond the event was more than fun to b

it gave him a chance to the see the University for the first time.

"I plan on becoming an engineer," LaMond said. "I like the campus, and there are a lot of nice facilities here in the college that makes it attractive

as a prospective student. Kimberly Hart, a physical science teacher at Hamilton County High School, said she had been bringing her physics students to the event for both of the years she had been teaching. She said the best parts of the trip are the application of classactivities and the o portunity for students to

"Many of my students have been very impressed with the college and what it has to " Hart said.

This year's event was the largest to date, thanks largely to Carbondale High School teachers who brought more than 120 people to the event. Michael Dollins and Judy Martinks are both physics teachers at CHS and believe the event

shows students the applications of the hours spent in the classroom.

"The events that our students are participating in give them practical use for what we do in the classroom," Martinko said. "For those already interested [in engineering] this will give them a push."



Miksanek tries her skills at card stacking during the 'house of cards' contest at the

Hasan Sevim, associate dean of the College of Engineering, said the event's main purpose is to introduce students the broad fields of engineering. "To get the students' attention, we use mind

He said the event grew this year because it was better organized and the college's high school out-

"We run the [outreach] program through 22 high schools," Sevim said. Their participation this year has really had a positive effect on the event."

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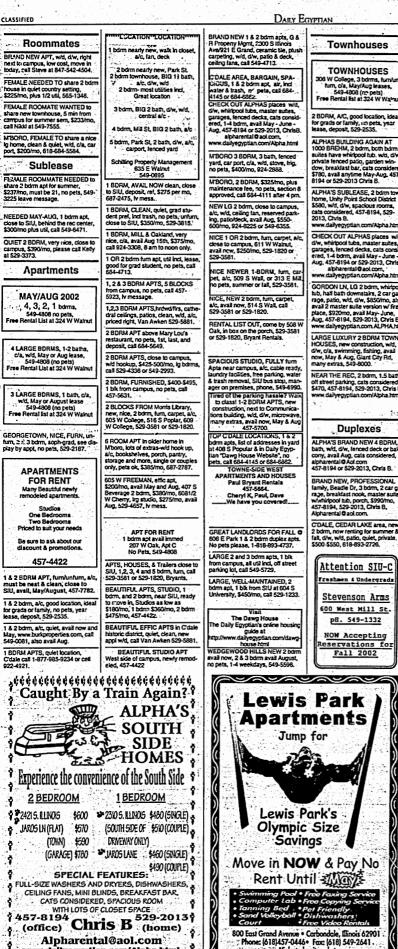
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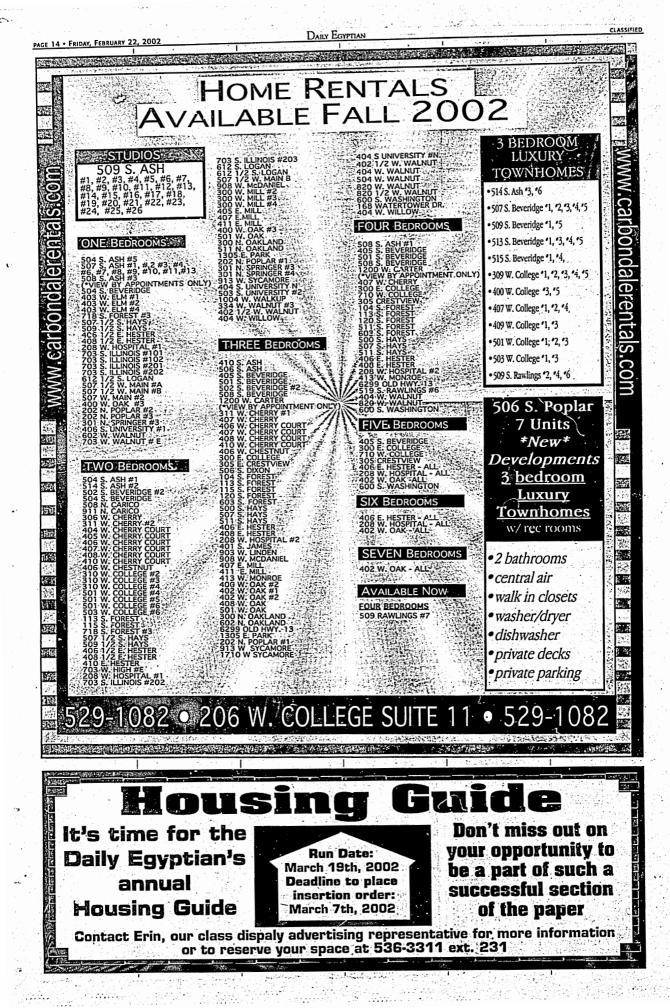
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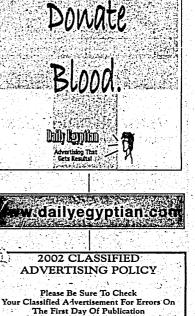
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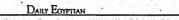
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Men's track and field ready for MVC Championships Samantha Robinson Daily Egyptian eason and have had athletes shine in all of them.

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The track and field regular indoor season has come to a close, and the Saluki men's track and field team heads into this weekend's Missouri Valley Conference Championships with three top-seeded athletes.

Beginning today and concluding Saturday, the events will take place at the University of Northern Iowa and held at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls,

Last year the event took place at the Recreation enter, where Northern Iowa took first place. SIU men's team placed fourth.

"Last year we were not even close to winning," men's head coach Cameron Wright said. "This

year everybody is closer to the top --- there is no leading team." iding team Looking back on the season, the Salukis are

ntent with where they are compared to where content with where oney are compared to where they were at the beginning. "We're improving, but we still have not put that one strong meet together," Wright said. Wright said he is confident that the men will

compete well and walk away in the top four. So far this season, the men have not completed one strong meet across the board.

At every meet they do well in areas, but Wright is hoping the Salukis can pull together and have everyone perform well in all events.

The looking forward to one meet where we do good in every event. When we do good in one event it seems the others suffer a bit, "Wright said.

Highlights this season include Jaanus Uudmae and Adam Judge being named "MVC Field Athlete of the Week" and Jeff Young being named "MVC Trick Athlete of the Week" twice this year.

The season started of with a bang when Young broke the SIU indoor 60-meter hurdles record, the broke it two more times during the season. He is now the top seed with an MVC-best time of 7.77.

Judge broke a record that had stood for 23 Judge oroke a record that had stood for 23 years in the 35-pound weight throw with a dis-tance of 68-6. He is the top seed in the weight throw after a personal best of 69-4. Uudmae is seeded second with a triple jump of 51-3 3/4. With that jump, he met the NCAA provisional qualifying standard.

There have been numerous first-place showings by the men, who have competed in five events this

We have returning athletes from last seaso that have shown maturing in their events said senior loe Zeibert. "The new additions to the team have been helpful in the outcome of the season as

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well. The men are looking forward to the competi-tion and are confident that a top placement can be obtained.

"There is no clear-cut winner yet. It is going to be a tight race and we should be in the top half," Wright said. "Northern Iowa has a leg up above all competition, but you never can predict who the will come out on top.

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Women hope for improvements over last year's championship

> Latrice Gray was named the MVC Field Athlete of the Week" and Noa Beitler was named the "Track Athlete of the Week."

> Gray recorded a height of 5-9 1/4 in the high jump and exceeded the NCAA qualifying standard while also setting a personal best. Going into competition she is the No. 2 seed, just behind Jennifer Drum of Drake University, who has a jump of 5-9 3/4. Last year, Gray was the indoor and out-

door high jump champion. Beitler, who won the 800-meter outdoor and the mile in both the indoor and outdoor championships last year, will enter the MVC 2002 indoors as the No. 1 seed. Beitler has a season best in the 800 of 2:12.44 and 4:54.84

Throughout the season, the women uned from competition with many first and second-place showings. Some of the athletes that have performed well are Julia Roundtree (dis-tance), Kelsey Toussiant (distance), Katy Ritten (throws) and Mariann Ahuna (jumps).

"We've had girls set personal best early in the season, breaking their out-door best," women's assistant head coach Dee Dee Nathan said. "With this happening early in the season, they have more opportunities to record even better times and distances.

During one of the larger meets, there were 24 teams with more than 700 athletes competing. Many of the women placed not only in the top 10, but six of them recorded top-five fin-ible in the second ishes in their events.

Going into this weekend's confer-ence meet, SIU has only two top-seeded athletes, but all of the women are prepared to collectively compete and walk away with a top spot.

This is the event we have loen working toward and I am proud of my girls for how far they have come, Price-Smith said. "No matter when they place, as long as they do their best and compete hard, I am satisfied."

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SIU baseball travels to the Big

Salukis compete in U. New Orleans Tournament

Todd Meichant Daily Egyptian

Mardi Gras wrapped up a couple of weeks ago, and the Super Bowl seems like a distant memory, but fear not, there are still plenty of fun things to do in the Big Easy -such as watching some collegiate baseball

The SIU baseball team will travel to Louisiana this weekend as one of the favorites in the University of New Orleans Tournament that runs

Friday through Sunday. The Salukis will face plenty of stiff competition during the week-

end, especially from the University of Notre Dame, which is ranked No. in the nation, according to Baseball America.

Saluki head coach Dan Callahan said although Notre Dame is the said aithough Notre Dame is the favorite on paper, SUI has a definite advantage over the rest of the field. "My gut feeling is that they haven't even been outside yet and their first game is Friday," Callahan said. I think we have an advantage in the foreigne tune does on the second in the fact that we've been out on our field and have three games under our belt." SIU heads into the tournament

with a 2-1 record and will attempt to build upon a strong showing last weekend at the University of L'ouisiana-Monme

The Salukis played 25 innings of near-perfect baseball against the Indians. Only horrible eighth and ninth innings in the final game kept

SIU from going 3-0 for the week end.

The biggest factor for SIU's suc-cess against UL-Monroe was dominant pitching performances, the likes of which were not often seen last season for the Salukis.

The lack of pitching last year was due in large part to the absence of pitchers Jake Alley and Luke Nelson. Alley was academically ineligible, while Nelson was slowed

heighte, while retain was have by an arm injury. The return of Alley and Nelson have bolstered the pitching staff and these two, along with sophomore Jerel Deitering, will make up the rotation for SIU once again this eekend

Alley will face host New Orleans (2-1) in the opening game on Friday. The Privateers should give SIU the least amount of trouble this weekend, a fact that slightly per"I'm going to go out and just do the same thing I do every other time I pitch," Alley said. T'm not throw-ing against Missouri or Notre Dame, who are both up there is the Dame, who are both up there in the rankings, so that's kinda disappoint-ing. But I'm gonna go out and win. New Orleans isn't that great of a

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Deitering will get the start against Missouri (3-1) on Saturday, while Luke Nelson will be on the mound against Notre Dame (0-0) on Sunday. Nelson threw seven masterful

innings last weekend but fell apart in the eighth, allowing five runs on six hits. He said he is not intimidated by the highly touted Fighting Irish, and actually relishes the opportunity to pitch against them. "That gets me excited. I mean,

every pitcher always wants to go out

661 think if I go out and pitch like I know I can ... I think I'll be all right.99

Luke Nelson

against a big team and try and get a win," Nelson said. "I think if I go out and pitch like I know I can ... I think I'll be all right."

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The Missouri (www.mutigers.com) and Noire Dame (www.und.com) games can be heard on internet radio. The Missouri game begins at 5 pm. Saturday, and the Noire Dame games starts at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

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Saluki softball attempts to build on early momentum

Women compete in Florida Atlantic Invitational

Jens Deju Daily Egyptian

Fresh off its 4-1 showing at the Mississippi State Bulldog Classie, the SIU softball team embarks on another tournament against tough competition.

The Salukis head to Boca Raton, Fla., to take part in the Florida Atlantic Invitational and will face off against host FAU, Georgia Tech, Florida International and Rutgers during the three-day tournament, which starts today and runs through

Sunday. SIU head coach Kersi Blaylock said she really isn't sure what to expect out of her team for the

"We're facing a bunch of good teams again," Blaylock said. "If we play as well as we did last weekend, I think we'll do well. But again we're young; I hope we can stay consis-tent. That's what I told them I'm looking for."

best of the teams is FAU as Π the Owls are ranked No. 21 and stand at 9-2. Georgia Tech is also off to a good start at 7-1, while FIU has struggled to an 8-9 mark. The Salukis' first opponent of the tournament, Rutgers, has yet to play a game

The youthful Salukis will be

I he youthful Salukis will be looking to show yet again that their inexperience is not a problem. The Salukis pitching staff is led by freshman Amy Harre, who went 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA and 13 strikeouts in 16.1 innings pitched on her way to being named the Missouri Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week. Junior Katie Kloess is also off to a great start. She stands at 2-0 with a 0.57 ERA in 12.1 inning pitched.

Hitting-wise, SIU is led by freshman Katie Jordan, who has a .462 average with four RBIs. Right behind her are senior Elissa Hopkins (.455) and freshmen Maria Damico (.438) and Kelly Creek (.400, four RBIs).

Senior catcher Karrie Fortman said even though the team is off to a great start, it still needs to come out ocused and avoid overconfidence.

I know we went 4-1 last weekend, and I know we won the tourna end, and I know we won the tourna-ment and that's great, but it's a dif-ferent weekend and different teams, Fortman said. Just because we did it 12.t weekend, we can't lighten up on anybody. We still gotta go hard at them. The Salukis are hoping to repeat last weekend's success, and thew

last weekend's success, and they know that doing so would boost

66 If we play as well as we did last weekend. I think we'll do well. But again we're young, I hope we can stay consistent. That's what I told them I'm looking for.??

Kerri Blaylock head coach, SIU sofball

their confidence as the season keeps

rolling along. "I think it'll be huge," Blaylock said. "They right now are still confi-dent. It's not that I'm not confident, I just know how a 56 game season can go ... they don't believe anyone can beat them , and I think that's what's making us pretty decent right

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The SIU achtball teams starts play today against Rutgers at the Florida Alamic Invitational in Boce Raton, Fla, During the three-day Journament thai runs through Sunday, the Salukla will also play against Florida Attemstoand, Georgia Tech and host Florida Atlantic.



Salukis swim off to ideal start in the MVC Championships



Cameron Cook, a red-shirt freshman Saluki, launches towards his run at the 50-yard freestyle in the preliminary rounds of the MVC Championships on Thursday morning. The championships are taking place at the Natatorium in the

Recreation Center, and will last until Saturday evening.

Both men's and women's teams sit in first place after day one Jens Deju Daily Egyptian

After the first day of competition at the Missouri Valley Conference Swimming and Diving Swimming and Diving Championships, both the SIU men's and women's teams are right where

they want to be — in first place. The men scored 308 points on the first night of the three day meet to lead rival Southwest Missouri State by 38.5 points. Following SIU and SMS are Evansville (173), Northern Iowa (91) and Bradley (69.5). The Saluki women lead Evansville by a score of 230-201. Following them are SMS (190.5), Illinois State (161.5), UNI (113) and Bradley (67) SIU men's head coach Rick

Walker was exceptionally pleased with the way his team came out and performed against what he said is a better team in SMS.

It's too early to say outside of the fact that these guys came out ready to swim and dive, Walker said. It was a complete team effort and we have to do that in order to win this meet. Anything shy of what we did today and we don't win.

First place finishers for the Salukis were Chrysanthos Papachrysanthos in the 50-yard freestyle and the 400 medley relay team of Marcelo Possato, Corne Prozesky, Adam Gangl and Papachrysanthou.

The other men winners SMS's Eric Bintner (500 freestyle), Josh Wegrzyn (200 individual med-ley) and Johnathan Waldon (1-meter aiving event). The Bears 200 freestyle relay team of Michael Baima, Miro Majorahan, Wegrzyn and Ryan Haydenrych also took first place. On the women's side, the Salukis

only had one first place finisher in Leane Pienaar in the 500 freestyle.

The other winners were SMS diver Vanessa Noriega in the 1meter diving event and its 200 freestyle relay team of Allison Yates, Tyler Lisle, Audrey Clark and Chauntelle Johnson. Evansville had Chaunteile Johnson. Evansville had three winners in Emily Tomes (200 IM), Kim Dodson (50 freestyle) and the 400 medley relay team of Erin Amason, Jamie Davidson, Tomes and Dodson.

Despite only winning one race, Saluki head coach Jeff Goelz was in ave of the times some of his swimmers turned in on what he said was the team's weakest day of events

"All the way down the line it's like if I could sit and dream of the times I wanted them to go, I'd dream these times," Goelz said. "This is kind of like a dream come true when they do them. I know what they're capable of, what I think, but when they actually do it I think they shock themselves."

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Salukis hit the road one last time

Dawgs need win at Ind. State to keep faint MVC title hopes alive

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Rolan Roberts hasn't liked what he's seen in his teammates' eyes in recent road games.

"I could just tell when I looked at my teammates on the floor when the game is going on where their minds are at," Roberts said. "On the road, it doesn't seem like everybody's mind is on road, it doesn't seem lake everyboady's mind is on the same page. You've got guys doing things they normally don't do; and the energy just sint there ... we've got to fix it. With Saturday's game at Indiana State (5:05 p.m., Fox Sports) the final road test of the Salukis' regular season, SIU doesn't have a world of time, at the plane at a higher law loss the

of time to start playing at a higher level on the road than it did in last week's defeats at Southwest Missouri State and Illinois State. Saluki head coach Bruce Weber said his team

has to adjust its road expectations. He wants his team to stop fretting over missing shots and refo-cus on making the blue collar plays it takes to

"I think we have to go in with a different mentality," Weber said. "You've got to realize on the road, it's not going to be smooth."

A choppy victory over the Sycamores would work just fine for the Salukis, who have arrived at the point of the season when style points are gless and the bottom line is everything mean

SIU (22-6, 12-4 MVC) has two games left in the regular season, and after beating Creighton on Wednesday, the Salukis trail the Bluejays for first by just one game. Bradley has become the X-factor in the MVC race, as the Braves take

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Saluki women upset Northern Iowa for two a in row

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For the second night in a row, SIU Arena was home to a thrilling, come-from-behind was home to a thrilling, come-from-behind victory for the Saluki basketball team. This time, however, it was the women's

The Saluki women upset Northern Iowa

The Saluki women upset Northern Iowa Thursday night, 63-55, in front of 230 fans, keeping Järve their alm hopes of advancing to the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. Although S1U was out-rebounded by a whopping 53-23 nargin, the Salukis coun-tered with a swarning defensive attack and aggressive shooting to stun the fifth-place Panthers (12-14, 7-8) and move a game closer to overtaking Bradley for the eighth and final spot in next month's conference tournament. The Salukis (6-18, 2-13) were led by

The Salukis (6-18, 2-13) were led by junior guard Molly McDowell, whose 23 points led all scorers, and senior forward Geshla Woodard, whose 12 points in the first half helped the Salukis keep the game from growing too far out of reach. Woodard attributed the victory to the

Salukis' new "nothing left to lose" mentality. "We basically came out not really caring I guess," Woodard said, "because we've been guess," Woodard said, "because we've been losing so much so it couldn't get any worze, so we just came out and played." SIU was down by as many as nine points in the first half but cut it to six at halftime as

it trailed, 31-25, at the intermission. The Salukis hung close the entire game and grabbed the lead several times before finally going ahead for good when McDowell hit two free throws to make the

score 49-47 with 7:07 left in the game. The Saiukis were manhandled on the boards as Northern Iowa out-rebounded them on the offensive glass 25-5. Much of them on the offensive gass 25-5. Future or that came from sophomore forward Amy Swisher, who pulled down 18 rebounds to go along with 15 points. Woodard said the Saluki's poor rebound-

ing was due to equally poor blocking out. "We really got to work on that because, offensively, they really killed us on the boards," Woodard said.

SIU, however, was able to control the me with its defense, which recorded 15

steals and caused the Panthers to turn the ball over 25 ti The Salukis ran a 1-2-2 defensive sch that they picked up from Indiana State, which used it to defeat Northern Iowa earli-

er this month. "[Assistant coaches] Carl Clayton and Tricia Floyd had watched that tape and did the scout on it and said, you know, we should look at a 1-2-2," Opp said, "So I took their

advice, and we put the 1-2-2 in, and the kids

advice, and we put the 1-2-2 in, and the kds did a great job with it." SIU also had one of its best shooting nights of the season, converting 42.6 percent of its field goals and 73.3 percent of its free throws. McDowell was the hot hand for the Salukis, as she went 7-for-11 from the field and 0 for 10 form the free throws line

and 9-for-10 from the free throw line.

and 9-for-10 from the free throw line. "I just didn't feel like they could guard me tonight, I don't know," McDowell said. "Every time I got the ball I just wanted to take it to the loop." After losing 15 straight games, the Salukis have now won back-to-back games for the first time ince December. SIUs next game is Saturday night when it celebrates Senior Night by hosting Bradley at 7.05 at the SIU Arena. the SIU Arena.

The Braves (13-10, 5-10) fell to Evansville, 51-48, Thursday night, which makes Saturday's game that much more important for the Salukis as they attempt to ep their conference tournament dreams ali

"That's, of course, going to be a huge game," Opp taid. "It's going to be Senior Day. We need the win, they need the win, so it's going to be a big game."

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tenaclous intensity, senior forward Geshla Woodard elevates over Panther forward Alex Cook for a rebound Thursday night at the Arena Although the Panthers out rebounded the Salukis 53 to 23, the Salukis outscored the Panthers 55 to 53 for the team's second victory in a row DAILY EGYPTIAN

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