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# TUESDAY DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! DAILY EGYPTIAN

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DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two SIU students stroll through University Park as four inches of snow fall on Carbondale Sunday night. This was the 11th snowfall of the season, putting the seasonal total at more than 30 inches of snow and third on the winter snowfall list dating back about 100 years according to Doc Horsley, professor of meteorology at SIUC.

## City guzzles snow-removal chemicals

Carbondale battles third largest snowfall season in 100 years

Brian Peach  
Daily Egyptian

After managing Sunday night's snowfall, the city is completely out of all snow-removal chemicals allotted for this year, and the two-year emergency reserve is almost exhausted, according to Carbondale Street Superintendent Wayne Wheelles.

The lack of rock salt and calcium chloride used to remove ice and snow from the roads means the city has to order extra from other towns and pay a significant amount for it.

"We've cut into the reserve rather deeply," Wheelles said Friday before the weekend snowstorm. "We have one more snowstorm to fight, and we'll surely be out."

After Carbondale's 11th snowfall of the season had left its white remains, the seasonal total reached more than 30 inches. This is enough to move the 2002-2003 season total into third on the winter snowfall list dating back about 100 years, according to Doc Horsley, professor of meteorology at SIUC. Before Sunday, the total inch count was at 26 inches, enough to keep the season tied for eighth place.

Wheelles said the large number of snowstorms means the city's eight snowplows have been working more than usual this season. As a result, the city has spent more than twice as much on snow removal, bringing the total to nearly \$45,000. And Wheelles said that number will increase because he is arranging for salt to be shipped from other cities such as Caruthersville, Mo., which will be sending about 60 tons of rock salt to take care of one more storm.

"We have exceeded our allotment for what we have ordered, so it's very difficult to get reallocated, and we have to call here and there to take care of the best price and see who can provide it," he said.

Wheelles said rock salt normally costs \$32 a ton,

while calcium chloride costs about \$270 a ton. The city has used 2,200 tons of rock salt and 15 tons of calcium chloride, Wheelles said, adding that having salt shipped from other cities will have to be done at a price of about \$50 a ton.

Despite the forecasts for more snow later this week, according to [www.wvatherunderground.com](http://www.wvatherunderground.com), Wheelles said he is hesitant to order more chemicals because it's almost March, and he plans to conserve the salt they have.

"We're getting so darn close to spring weather that I hate to jump in and order a bunch of it at a ridiculous price," he said. "We're on the fence right now, hoping that this will be our last snowfall."

"We're going to wait until we see the end of the storm before we jump in there and use a lot of salt."

Horsley said despite all the record-breaking

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## Fans plan to ditch class for basketball tickets

Sales not subject to begin until 10 a.m.

Zack Creglow  
Daily Egyptian

Bradley Fisher, a senior in political science from Red Bud, has attended every SIU men's basketball game this season. He has been a regular in the Davy Pound throughout his academic career at SIU.

But because of the SIU ticket office's policy to begin distributing tickets to students at 10 a.m., Fisher's attendance streak was nearly broken — until he decided to skip his upcoming political science class Thursday to purchase one of the 2000 SIU vs. Creighton student tickets left.

"It is kind of rock-in-a-hard-place situation," Fisher said. "I want to support my team, but I have a political science class. And my teacher has a strict attendance policy."

Fisher is just one of the students who will be ditching their classes in order to assure themselves tickets for the Saluki's biggest and most important game of the season.

Yet when Fisher and a few others waited in line around 8 a.m. last week for tickets to the SIU vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee Bracket Buster contest, he noticed students were the only fans who had to wait until 10 a.m. to receive their free tickets. Non-student ticket purchasers, who actually paid for their tickets, were able to obtain tickets when the office opened at 8:00 a.m.

SIU athletic director Paul Kowalczyk said 8:00 a.m. is a horrid time to allow students to purchase because that is when the ticket office is swamped with a multitude of phone calls and other requests. Kowalczyk said tickets usually calm down at the office an hour and a half later. That's why, he said, that student tickets are not available until 10 a.m. But the set time to pick up

tickets all season has been 10 a.m. The reason for the dilemma for the Creighton is because this game is in much higher demand than most. Tickets are on sale up till game time, but many expect student-ticker sales to be long gone before then.

Kowalczyk said that there is no possible way to ensure that every college student does not have to miss a class. He said if a student has a class conflict, then someone is able to pick them up a ticket for them using their student ID. SIU is one of the few colleges that allow students to do that.

He also said there is no perfect way to go about dispersing student tickets, but he does not think the tickets will sell out immediately and students should be able to pick them up throughout the day. The office is open until 4:30.

Chancellor Walter Wendler thinks there is no reason to skip class if the tickets are available for as long as Kowalczyk said.

"I don't encourage students to miss class for any extra-curricular activity," Wendler said. "I think we need to keep our priorities straight, but I encourage as many students to attend as possible."

Wendler, however, "does not believe an excessive number of students will miss class because SIU has planned this game out so far in advance. He also said the pressure on the ticket office will be less than last weekend's Bracket Buster game, because tickets for public sales have already sold out."

Wendler introduced the idea of selling tickets at night, but he said some students who are enrolled in night classes would miss class. He thinks there is no perfect way to go about dispersing the tickets to the student body and Kowalczyk agreed.

"This is done at every campus in the country," Kowalczyk said. "There

See BASKETBALL, page 8

## Primary narrows council election

Voting takes place today from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Jackie Keane  
Daily Egyptian

Only eight City Council candidates will remain in the running following tonight's calculation of the primary election votes.

Voting takes place today from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. to narrow the field running for the three four-year terms and the single two-year term. Six candidates for the four-year positions and two for the two-year will go on to the April 1 general election.

Individuals must vote at the pre-designated precinct listed on the voter registration card. Voters need one form of identification, Jackson County Clerk and Recorder Larry Reinhardt said.

If a voter is registered correctly, there will be a preprinted voter's application waiting at their designated precinct. If there is a problem, such as a person has moved without updating their registration, they should have been notified. If they have not been notified and a person has not updated the information, they may not be able to vote, Reinhardt said.

Those who have not yet registered have until March 4 to do so in order to participate in the general election.

To update a registration, a simple note must be sent to the Jackson County Clerk by March 4. The note should include the voter's new address, old address and printed name and signature.

Mary Wallace, Undergraduate Student Government College of Liberal Arts Senator, said she hopes student turnout will improve from the last election. USC registered more than 700 students to vote last semester.

See page 8 for voting precinct locations.

"I think it's very important for students to vote because the bigger proportion of students to vote, the more power we have to persuade the City Council to be concerned with the issues in the city," Wallace said.

Following poll closings at 7 p.m., votes will be taken to the Jackson County Clerk's Office and tallied. The preliminary winners will be announced later tonight. The official count will be released Thursday.

Anyone who does not know what precinct they are in or where they should go to vote can call the County Clerk's Office 687-7366 or city clerk at 457-3281.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Hundreds gather for memorial service for victims of nightclub fire

WEST WARWICK, R.I. — Investigators of the Rhode Island nightclub disaster tried to determine Monday whether the soundproofing material that burst into flames was an illegal, highly flammable brand. As they worked, hundreds of people turned out to mourn the 97 people who died in the inferno.

Cov. Don Carsten said authorities were still awaiting a lab analysis of the soundproofing tiles used at the Station club. State law bars flammable acoustic material like polyurethane foam from the walls of gathering spaces like bars.

"If it was (polyurethane), then the governor's going want an answer to the question, 'Why was it there?'" said the governor's spokesman, Jeff Neal, according to the Associated Press.

The state has started a criminal investigation into the fire, which also injured 180 people.

The fire began Thursday night during the first song of the night by the band Great White. Pyrotechnics apparently set fire

to soundproofing behind and above the stage, sending flames ripping through the club in a matter of minutes.

The band has said it had permission to use the special effects, a claim disputed by the club's owners.

Soundproofing experts who have seen video of the disaster say they believe the material used at the Station was polyurethane foam, a commonly used, inexpensive alternative to fire-resistant panels many experts prefer.

"It's a common mistake many people make, not evaluating their materials," said P.J. Nash, a national soundproofing distributor in San Diego. "Polyurethane foam is extremely flammable, and if you breathe that smoke, it's going to knock you out in a minute."

A polyurethane panel typically costs about \$150 while a melamine panel, which experts say withstands heat and is tested for fire resistance, sells for nearly \$250.

The club passed a fire inspection Dec. 31, but it wasn't clear if the soundproofing material was checked or would normally be during a routine inspection. Fire Chief Charles Hall declined comment on the investigation.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Saddam challenges Bush to televised debate

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The last time he was unexpectedly summoned for an interview with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein — late at night in August 1990 in Baghdad — CBS anchor Dan Rather was unshaven, didn't have on a fresh shirt and was running a fever.

Monday, when he scored a second exclusive interview with Saddam, this time in the early evening in Baghdad, Rather was more prepared. But he was still surprised when the call came. He said he had figured the chances of getting Saddam to agree to talk were "long odds — about 10 percent to 15 percent chance," according to the Associated Press.

"I was up early, had my shoes shined, my trousers pressed and my best white shirt on," Rather said from Baghdad on Monday night after reporting snippets of his scoop on CBS' evening news. "And I went over my questions maybe 2,000 times."

Because of time required to translate and process the interview, CBS held footage of the interview until today's The Early

Show. Major portions will air Wednesday at 9 p.m. ET on 60 Minutes II.

Rivals were gracious: NBC anchor Tom Brokaw said it was a "good catch"; ABC anchor Peter Jennings called it a "great get."

Rather said Saddam walked with a slight limp — perhaps a result of back problems — and was "calm, collected and patient" when a translator took time to answer some of his longer questions.

About an hour into the interview, Rather said, Saddam looked at his watch. "I thought, 'Uh oh, this is it.'" But instead of stopping the interview, Saddam explained that it was a daily call to prayers. He returned a few minutes later and talked for two more hours.

Saddam told Rather that he expected to survive any invasion. "There is no way anyone could have been in that room and not come away with the impression that he is determined to survive whatever is coming," Rather said.

The Iraqi leader tapped a finger forcefully on a table when he wanted to stress a point, such as "what he sees the lessons of history and the dangers that empires face when they try to expand in this part of the world."

Today	Five-day Forecast	Almanac
High 25 Low 14	 Wednesday Mostly Cloudy 32/20 Thursday Snow Showers 37/20 Friday Mostly Cloudy 40/20 Saturday Partly Cloudy 35/28 Sunday Partly Cloudy 45/27	Average high: 45 Average low: 26 Monday's precip: 4" Monday's hi/low: 24/7

## CORRECTIONS

- In Friday's issue of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the headline on the page 5 story should have read "Special Collection Research Center obtains five new volumes."
- In Friday's issue of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the page 6 guest column, "Salute to language written in blood," incorrectly stated the date Bangladesh was born as an independent country. It achieved independence Dec. 16, 1971. In Monday's article titled "Panel discusses language, culture, peace" it also stated the incorrect date.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets these errors.  
 Readers who spot an error should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

## CALENDAR

- Today**
- Kayak Club weekly meeting, Recreation Center Pool 7 to 9 p.m.
  - Campus Shawnee Greens Interfaith Center 5:15 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Movie showing: "School Ties" follow-up discussion about anti-Semitism on campus Interfaith Center 6 p.m.
  - "Sports, media and race" discussion speaker Kevin Foster, sponsored by the National Association of Black Journalists Communications Building, Room 1032 (across from McLeod Theater) 6 p.m.

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## POLICE REPORTS

### Carbondale

- A window was reportedly broken at about 4 a.m. Sunday at Veach Short Stop, 1123 E. Walnut St. Police said a brick was thrown through the window but nothing was missing. There are no estimates for the loss.
- A drive-through window was reportedly broken and entered in an attempted burglary between 12:20 a.m. and 5 a.m. at McDonald's Restaurant, 2102 W. Main St. Police said a person or persons unsuccessfully tried to access a safe but nothing is known to be missing.
- Quincy M. Maxwell 22, Carbondale, was arrested and charged with retail theft and disorderly conduct for allegedly trying to leave without paying for a package of cold pills and fighting with employees when confronted at 11:40 a.m. Friday at Kroger, 501 N. Giant City Road. He was released on \$100 bond.

# SIU student loses loved one to tragedy

Two club disasters claim hundreds of lives in one week

Samantha Robinson  
Daily Egyptian

It was an early morning phone call and Ayesha Judkins knew bad news was on the other end of the line. A stampede broke out in a popular Chicago nightclub, E2, killing 21 people including Judkins' cousin.

"I hate getting phone calls early in the morning because I'm always scared of getting bad news," Judkins said. "My mother was talking normal, then she broke out in tears. All she said was 'E2' and I knew it was something, to do with DaShand."

Judkins, a sophomore in journalism from Chicago, lost her cousin during the E2 nightclub tragedy Feb. 17.

DaShand Ray, 24, collapsed inside the nightclub from inhalation of fumes after trying to help others get out safely.

"He was that type of person," Judkins said. "He was sweet, kind and would do anything for anybody."

She said Ray was friends with the owner's son and sometimes worked at the club. He was pursuing a degree in communications at Columbia College Chicago and worked for Federal Express.

Twenty-one people died trying to escape from E2 on Chicago's South Side while trying to get to the only available exit after someone released pepper spray into the air.

After several people were already dead and others trapped on a long, narrow stairwell of 28 steps, the fire department opened a rear exit, allowing several people to escape the melee.

Many SIUC students from Chicago frequent the nightclub when they are home.

That Sunday night was no different.

And around 2 a.m., SIUC students were in the crowd headed toward the door, carrying with it, bodies of the young and old.

Moore, a 19-year-old sophomore from Chicago was in attendance on that night.

"Two friends and I went to E2 because we have been there before and it is a relaxed atmosphere," Moore said. "When we got there it was like any other Sunday night, nothing out of the ordinary."

Some say the relaxed atmosphere is what attracted young patrons. E2 is known as an establishment that does not require a specific dress code, and while IDs are checked, underage people frequent the club because they know they can get in, according to patrons.

"Sometimes the men at the front don't even ask for ID from women. If you look good or they remember you from before, you can get in," Moore said.

When the pepper spray was first released into the crowd, some fainted, vomited or cried out for help because they were being crushed.

As of Saturday, the Chicago Police Department said it has identified who was responsible for the pepper spray, but a name has not been released.

Students from Chicago said they

are saddened by what happened, and that it makes them reconsider the type of environment in which they choose to party.

An 18-year-old freshman who used to frequent E2 and another Chicago nightclub during school breaks said it never bothered him that the clubs were crowded.

"The more people the better is what my boys and I would say. If the [door monitors] let in a lot of women then that just made it better for us," he said.

Following the E2 tragedy, another nightclub tragedy struck.

In West Warwick, R.I., the rock band Great White used pyrotechnics during the opening of its show at the Station nightclub, which sparked flames into the ceiling, immediately setting the club on fire.

The disaster claimed 97 lives and injured nearly 200. Of those killed, only 42 have been identified.

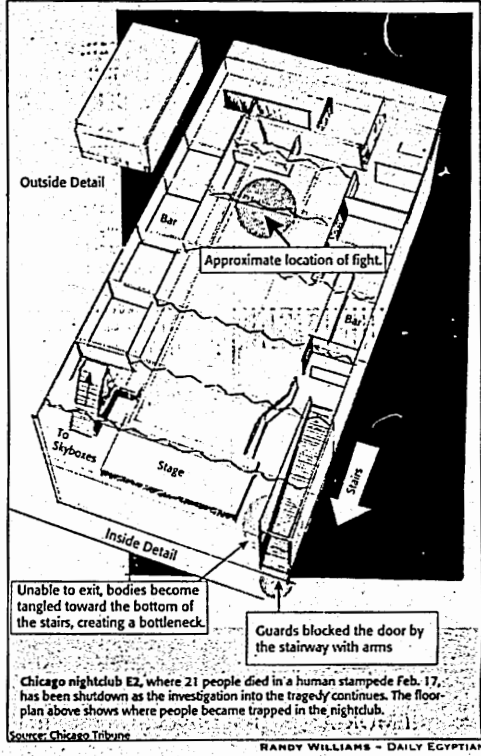
With the tragedy in Chicago and then the one in Rhode Island, not even a week apart, serious concern of nightclub safety has prompted city officials across the country to step-up on inspections and making sure clubs adhere to procedures and six violations.

More than 118 families are mourning the loss of relatives after these two incidents.

Judkins said there is not much you can say to someone at a time like this, but she wrote in the card she gave his mother that, "it's a good thing that it happened because he is in a better place now."

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the stampede of **E2**



## Sip and Puff technology assists students with disabilities

Lindsey J. Mastis  
Daily Egyptian

Chris Keller, who died last October at the age of 26, spent the first few weeks of his freshman year at Colorado State University at Fort Collins making friends and having fun.

But during a game of touch football, a spinal-cord injury left him paralyzed from the chin down. He and his family spent the next eight years finding alternatives to traditional outlets for communication before Chris died.

His father, Thomas Keller, associate professor of foreign languages and literatures at SIUC, said the Internet was Chris' connection to the world.

All of his high school buddies here from Carbondale went off to school and left Carbondale so when he came home, he didn't have many friends," he said. "E-mail was one way of reestablishing contact with all of them."

Chris used a technology called Sip and Puff to control his computer. It allows a person to control things, such as a keyboard or a television, by different sipping or puffing combinations.

Although Chris could not move most of his body, there was still pain that kept him from finishing college or staying up for long periods of time. The only things he could do were computer activities, watching movies and reading. And the only reason he could do those activities was because of the Sip and Puff system.

After his death, his Sip and Puff switch was donated to SIUC Disability Support Services.

Kathleen Plesko, director of DSS, said Chris' Sip and Puff system, along with other programs and items, is being used to demonstrate to students and staff information on disability technologies.

She said many students are graduating from community colleges without basic computer



Michael Whitney looks on as Kathleen Plesko, director of Disability Support Services, leads a discussion at John A. Logan about new equipment on campus designed to aid those with disabilities. People at the meeting had a chance to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the technology available for students with disabilities.

skills. The presentations encourage students to utilize disability technology accessories and give them basic computer knowledge, Plesko said.

"What we were finding is that students who transfer into that from the community colleges fail to have any knowledge or understanding of those kinds of options," she said. "So they landed here with all the ordinary transfer freshmen problems with the additional complications of not having basic computer skills."

"So as an initial point of outreach, we have gone into the community colleges. We are teaching what they need to know."

The presentation program, Access Through Adaptive Computer Technology and Accessible Web Design, uses technologies such as Sip and Puff to demonstrate and instruct students.

"What we actually do is take assistive computer technology out into their setting and

show people how it works," Plesko said. "It allows somebody with such restrictive physical movement to do such extraordinary things and go to such extraordinary places."

The idea is that if students with disabilities learn more about the technologies, such as the Sip and Puff, they will have the tools and knowledge to advance skills and be able to accomplish tasks.

Michael Whitney said the presentations help students find technology that will help with their disability. There are website programs that will read computer text for the blind, screen enlargers for people with low vision, as well as speech recognition for persons who cannot type.

He said the only problem with web sites is that they are not created with a disabled person in mind. DSS and Information Technology are working together to create and educate people about accessible web design so the programs

would work on every website.

Whitney said the Higher Education Cooperation Act grant funded the presentations, and additional grants would help pay for visual aides like Chris' Sip and Puff system.

Plesko said they are hoping for additional grants to help with the long-term goal of going into high schools with the presentations so students have an even better advantage to learn computer skills.

"What Keller did for us is he gave us a piece that we were wanting to utilize," she said. "There is more exciting technology out there that we hope to purchase with grant funds that would allow people with even more restrictive movement than Chris had. It really is a key to the world."

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# USG resolution to stabilize fee allocation

SOAF money to be equally available to all RSOs

Valerie N. Donnals  
Daily Egyptian

USG will be taking steps at its Wednesday meeting to ensure equal access for Registered Student Organizations to obtain funds.

Every year, RSOs scramble to get funding to sponsor campus-wide events.

One of its primary funding sources is the Student Organizational Activity Fee of \$29.25, which is paid by every student and dispersed by the

Undergraduate Student Government. This has not always been the most efficient process because the makeup of the USG senate changes yearly. As the priorities of those allocating the money change, traditionally, so do the allocation guidelines.

As a result, it is common for larger organizations and those with ties to senators to be given top priority in the allocation process.

USG has been working to combat this process throughout the year by setting up allocation forms that will hold the RSO accountable for its expenditures. Also, newly drafted funding guidelines and expected procedures are outlined on its website.

Neil Young, vice president of USG, said that it is not appropriate for large

RSOs to be guaranteed money; and that everyone should have access to the SOAF fund regardless of the size or affiliation of the organization.

"It is our job to make sure that all RSOs have equal access to the SOAF money," Young said. "It is our job to have rules and procedures in place that don't entitle one specific group or a handful of them to more money at the expense of others."

Senators will also introduce a resolution supporting a request from the History Department for funding from the Technology Fee Committee.

The department requested the money to purchase software for computers in Morris Library. The software would provide CIA and FBI documents, 19th century black American

Newspapers, and letters from soldiers during the Vietnam conflict.

The committee previously turned down the proposal, citing that the library had already received funding for software.

Young said the software is for the History Department, but will simply be available to all students in a convenient location, unlike similar expenditures that have been approved in college-specific buildings across campus.

If the bill is passed, it will require undergraduates serving on the committee to vote in support of the proposal.

The amendment to remove mention of an adviser from USG's constitution will also be voted on at Wednesday's meeting.

Senators hope removing wording

from their constitution will be the first step to eliminating the position. They currently pay for the position with the Student Organization Activity Fund.

However, if the resolution passes, it will not change the structure of operation in USG.

The vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Larry Dietz, has said he has no intentions of removing the position.

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USG will meet Wednesday at 6:30 in the Renaissance Room of the Student Center.

"Honestly, we probably couldn't have done a better job of clearing them off."

— Jeff Doherty  
city manager

## SNOW

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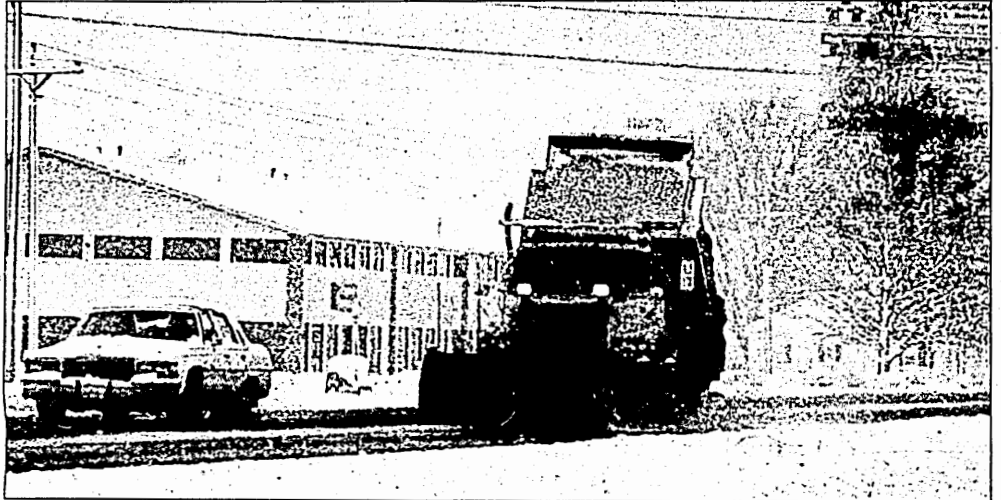
snowfall this year, the temperature has not yet fallen to record lows.

The only reason for the extra snow is the increase in the winter jet stream from the North, which has been stronger than usual this year and pushed more snow south.

He said that when areas of southern Canada and northern states such as Minnesota receive 10 or 12 inches in a storm, we get about half of that soon after.

"The really significant thing about this year is not that it's been a terrible winter with deep snow," Horsley said, ruling out both El Nino and global warming as reasons for the snow. "It's that we've had [11] different snow events that mixed snow and ice. Some were an inch and some were five to six inches."

Horsley said Carbondale may see more snow in the next few weeks, but at this time of year, it's usually rain that comes down. However, this statistic is not guaranteed and was proven wrong as recently as March 14, 1999, when



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State and local agencies are having a hard time keeping up with the cleanup of one of the hardest winters in many years. The weather has already put a crimp in supplies that is needed to keep the roads clear in many areas and costs are skyrocketing.

Carbondale saw a blizzard drop 13 inches of snow in one day, according to Horsley's book, Weather Forecasting and Prediction.

Referring to the way Carbondale has dealt with the extra snowfall this year, Horsley said the city is not adequately prepared for the

seasonal variations southern Illinois experiences each year.

He said local citizens who have lived in the area their whole lives still complain when the weather is different than expected, and at this point everyone should be used to the fact that the weather is ever-changing and unpredictable from year to year.

After the city's 10th snowfall, which took place a little more than a week ago, Mayor Neil Dillard said there was a lot of public concern on the amount of snow that gathers on the streets immediately after snowfalls.

City Manager Jeff Doherty told the Carbondale City Council that he was aware some of the roads were unclear and "ice packed," but street maintenance continues to do what they can to keep the streets as clear as possible.

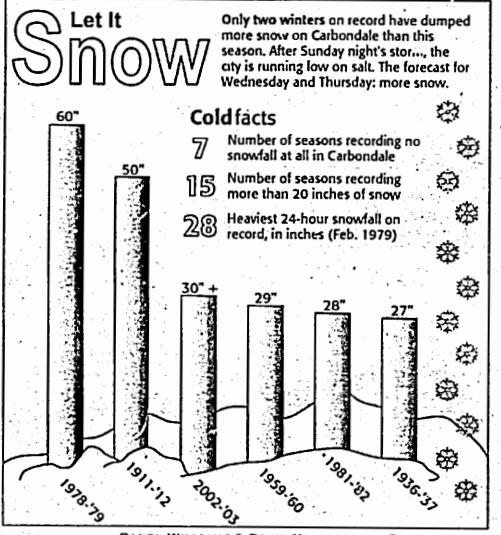
"Honestly, we probably couldn't have done a better job of clearing them off," Doherty said.

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Almost four inches of snow fell late Sunday and early Monday in the Carbondale area. Cars were covered and the streets were filthy where trucks attempted to clear busy streets by pushing snow and ice to the side. This has been the worst winter since 1959 in the Carbondale area.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### CARBONDALE

#### Musicians perform tonight

There will be a piano and violin recital at 7:30 tonight at the Old Baptist Foundation. Kyle Lombard, violinist and member of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and Wilfred Delphin, SIUC professor and classical pianist will both perform. Admission is free. For more information, contact Carl Ervin at 453-5714.

#### Step in the mud today

The Big Muddy Film Fest continues today with Documentary Feature 3 at 5 p.m. at Harbaugh's

Café, 901B S. Illinois Ave. Experimental Showcase 1 will be at 7 p.m. at Gallery HQ, 213 W. Main St.

Documentary showcase 2 will be at 9 p.m. at Melange coffee house, 607 S. Illinois Ave. Documentary Feature 4 will show at 9 p.m. at the Interfaith Center, 913 S. Illinois Ave. Experimental Showcase 1 is \$3. Every other showing today is free.

#### Legendary performer brings dance group to Carbondale

There will be a 90-minute theatrical and dance production of the Katherine Dunham performance group at 6 p.m. Friday at the Newman Center, 715 S. Washington Ave. This East St. Louis ensemble will

present a Caribbean theme. Admission is free. For more information, visit Katherine Dunham's website at [www.eslarp.uiuc.edu/tdunham/](http://www.eslarp.uiuc.edu/tdunham/).

### ON CAMPUS

#### Students learn about Bengali women

Unequal Sisters: Learning about Women in Southeast Asia will be presented from 5 to 7:40 p.m. Wednesdays, March 19 through May 7 in Communications 1020. The workshop will introduce issues of gender, development and social change in South Asia with special emphasis on

Bangladesh. An overview of the women will be presented in the context of historical, geopolitical and religious background of South Asia. Cost is \$100. Call 536-77521 to register.

#### Ballroom dance to begin in March

Ballroom Dancing Session 2 runs Wednesdays, March 26 though April 30. Beginning, consisting of Triple Swing and Cha-Cha, is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Interns... ate is Tango and Night Club 2-step, meeting from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Both take place on the second floor of Davies Gym. The course fee is \$30. For more information, call the Division of Continuing Education at 536-7751.



# Wearing it well

One of the first student film festivals in the country, Big Muddy shows no signs of aging

**Kristina Herndobler**  
Daily Egyptian

Twenty-six years ago there was a hot debate on the SIUC campus.

Although most agreed the school's future film festival's name was destined to be related to a body of water, they could not decide which.

The first meetings of students for the formation of the festival took place in 1978. They consistently attracted 40 to 50 students who eventually chose the "Big Muddy Film Festival" after the Big Muddy River. Though Mike Covell, founder of the festival, said it could have been named Prairie Film Festival, Mississippi River Film Festival, Delta Film Festival, among others.

But the story of one of the oldest student-run film festivals in the world starts even before the debate about its name.

Covell came to SIUC from Ohio University where he was one of the founding students of what is now called the Athens International Film Festival. When he arrived in Carbondale, Covell began encouraging his students to start their own festival.

Since then, Covell has watched the Big Muddy Film Festival grow from about 40 film entries in 1979 to more than 250 entries in this year's contest. Although each year has brought new issues and more films to the festival, one thing has remained for a quarter-century: An alternative venue to display quality, independent work.

Like any other year, Covell said although most of this year's films are quality works, there are always exceptions.

"Of the 250 entries this year there are, of course, excellent films in there and then there are some that aren't so good," he said.

But, overall, the Big Muddy Film

Festival has seen several films succeed after their showing during the festival. In fact, at least four films were nationally syndicated on the Public Broadcasting Station's "Point of View."

"We do get films that receive recognition on prestigious programs like POV on PBS," Covell said. "The festival becomes helpful for the films to get national exposure."

To make sure the official judges of the festival view as many worthy films as possible during the 10-day event, there are two prescreening committees, which select those films, which will be screened at the festival.

Because of the large number of films received, prescreening is necessary. Still, Covell said each judge receives a list of all the films entered in the festival. If they so choose, they can look at any film entered even if it has not advanced through prescreening.

Prescreening is a helpful assent to the festival, considering this year's event received so many film entries from all over the United States and abroad. Of those entries, 58 will be screened at the festival, which runs through Sunday, March 2.

There were some real stinkers sent in, said Evan Smith, assistant director of the festival. "But the ones we accepted we stand by and think they are really great."

So many entries make for more problems than just a few bad apples.

In 1979, when the festival began, all entries were submitted on 16-millimeter film. Today, Covell said films are accepted on 16 and 35 mm film, DVD and digital video.

The changes in technology over the years has made us more flexible," he said. "Screenings on location means we need all technology at each event to show the films and sometimes that is hard to support."

The festival received grant money to help buy equipment. In addition, volunteers have loaned the festival their personal equipment to help with what Covell calls a more complex process to show films.

Covell and Smith agree that volunteers provide much more to the festival's success than just their equipment.

"This whole process takes an amazing amount of work," Smith said. "We rely on volunteers to keep it running because it would be really hard to expect a full-time student to devote 20 or 30 hours a week to the festival."

Still, he said a group of about 50 student and community members volunteer their time to help make each festival better than the last.

Though many people receive nothing but enjoyment from their endless hours of work, some students have found the festival a venue to not only show their work, but also advance their career through internships, which help them later find work in the industry.

To prepare for the "real world" of film, Smith said there is nowhere better to start than by working with the Big Muddy Film Festival.

"This festival provides an amazing opportunity for everyone," he said. "It's great for networking with judges. If not just for talking to them, but maybe even getting to work with them in the future."

Past judges of the festivals have included SIUC alumni who have had Oscar nominated films including Milcho Manchevski, who wrote and directed "Before the Rain," and Steve James, director, producer and co-editor of "Hoop Dreams."

"That is important in an industry where you need to meet with as many people as possible," Smith said.

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25<sup>th</sup> annual big muddy film festival

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## OUR WORD

# Open ticket office sooner

This Saturday, the SIU men's basketball team takes on archrival Creighton in a game that could keep the Salukis' hopes of an at-large bid in the NCAA tournament alive.

Problem is, some of us might not be able to go, because we're students first and fans second.

The current ticket policy for the game is atrocious. As it stands now, tickets will be available for students beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday at the athletic ticket office. It will be a first-come first-serve basis.

Sound like a problem?

Many of us have this thing called class at 10 a.m. on Thursday. Most of our professors will not take "Sorry, I couldn't make it to class today because I had to get my Dawg Pound ticket," as an excuse. Judging from the importance and growing interest in this game, there could be a few empty seats in classrooms this Thursday if the policy does not change.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said students who miss class to get a ticket have their priorities out of line. Sometimes, though, you just gotta' eat your cake before the steak.

The Daily Egyptian has already received letters from concerned students stating that they are going to miss class for fear that there will be no tickets available at a later time. Some are already planning to camp out.

Is this really in the best interest of the University?

For some, the decision between the season's hottest ticket or going to class is unbearable. "I do not miss class ever," one student wrote. "That's why this is such a hard decision for me."

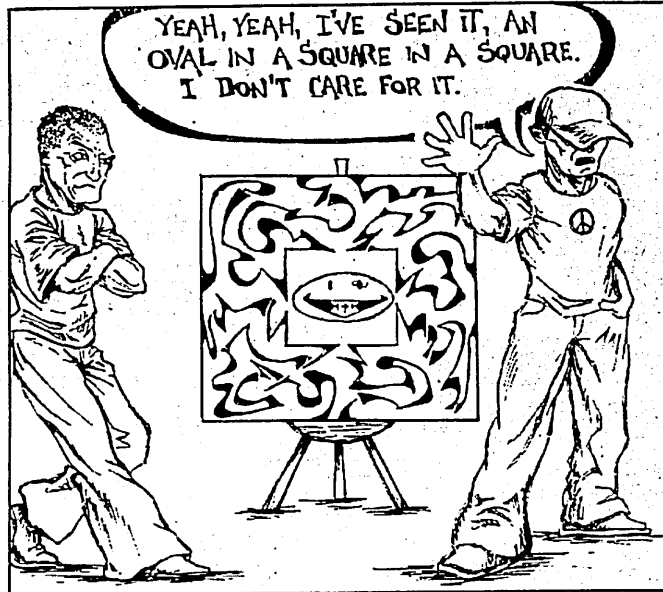
A game of this magnitude is rare at this University and it should be treated as so. It's not too much to request that you start selling tickets at 8:30, the time the office opens, for this anticipated game. Ticket office officials said that the reason for the 10 a.m. giveaway was because the ticket office was swamped with customers. While that was the case

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for Saturday's game, the Creighton game has already sold out so there would be no public sale customers. Athletic Director Paul Kowalezyk and the chancellor both have said changing the time would not guarantee that all students would be free from class. And yes, students in a pinch can give their student ID to a friend to pick up tickets, a policy the University should be commended for hanging on to. Opening at 8:30 a.m., however, would allow more students opportunities to get there. One of the busiest times for classes is 10 a.m. on Thursdays. We don't want to risk missing our ticket to the big game.

We should not have to choose between a 50-minute lecture in hard chairs with gum under the seat or a ticket to a Kent Williams last-minute lay-up, the roar of the Dawg Pound, the rush of students onto the floor and the sound of Creighton's tears hitting the hardwood floor.

I think you know where you'll find us.



THE SINGLE SIDED VIEW

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## GUEST COLUMNIST

# Qualified candidates better prepared for job

Shiva Bhaskar

Daily Bruin (U. California-Los Angeles)

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — The first and foremost criteria when selecting any position — be it a college professor or a car salesman — must be the person's qualifications. People who have the best credentials and most experience for the position should be able to reap the fruits of their efforts. Yet, in the interest of diversity and assistance to historically underprivileged groups, this fundamental principle is under siege.

Because minorities such as blacks and Latinos continue to be underrepresented in the upper echelons of higher education, certain interest groups advocate using diversity as a consideration when hiring professors. They feel diversity helps bring a unique and special perspective to the college experience. This desire for diversity leads to situations where universities may have to choose between a less qualified minority applicant and a more qualified non-minority applicant. The more qualified applicant should have the job for several reasons.

Performance in any position must be the primary objective, because performance is what helps an organization develop and grow. In the case of professors — who have so much influence in molding young minds — this is an even more urgent objective. For a potential professor to have achieved better grades, done better research, or have better speaking skills than other applicants indicates that this person would be a good professor, regardless of race. A less qualified professor will not help students maximize the learning experience.

Candidates' efforts to become better qualified should also be rewarded. For a person to become better qualified, they must have directed their efforts more productively and worked harder. It is only fair that

those who put the most into any endeavor are rewarded accordingly. It may be true that minorities have had fewer opportunities in the past, but this does not excuse unfair treatment of qualified applicants today. Race cannot be allowed to trump the effort an individual puts into becoming a professor. To value race over effort is a suggestion that hard work and ability should take a back seat to ethnicity, a factor which people have no control over. Pursuing a diverse faculty at the cost of qualified candidates values an arbitrary characteristic over an achievable one.

The benefits of diversity are miniscule when compared to the condemnation and racial tension, which extreme forms of affirmative action create. I have repeatedly heard comments from other students insinuating that black and Latino applicants at UCLA are somehow less qualified. I have also observed that members of these ethnic groups are viewed much more severely than whites and Asians when they make ill-considered or unintelligent comments. While this is painful to watch, SAT scores and high school GPAs make it hard to refute the assertion that many of these students are less qualified than their Asian and white counterparts. The resentment bred by this discrepancy can be harmful in the educational setting.

The reasons why certain minority groups tend to be less qualified at all levels of the educational system must be explored and addressed. Until that happens, minorities will continue to be underrepresented and underqualified. But hiring less qualified professors to promote faculty diversity is not the answer. In the long run, students will benefit from having the most qualified professors in their classrooms.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog.”

Mark Twain

## WORDS OVERHEARD

“I still don't know what happened. All I know is we won and I just can't explain the feeling.”

Stetson Hairston  
sophomore guard on the buzzer-beater tip in to beat UW-Milwaukee Saturday

COLUMNISTS

# Africa and the prospect of war

As hundreds of thousands American and British soldiers are now quietly converging near and around Iraq, as high tech weaponry is being polished and readied, as war clouds hover over Saddam's palaces and the slums of South Baghdad, as the media impatiently await an important geopolitical player speaks out. On Feb. 20, 52 African countries in a Franco-African summit held in Paris expressed their position on the prospective war in Iraq. They reiterated the opinion of the Central Organ of the African Union (AU) which convened in Ethiopia three weeks earlier. In the words of Thabo Mbeki, the South African president and Acting Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, "We agree and understand the necessity of the total disarmament of Iraq regarding weapons of mass destruction (WMD), but we also believe that it can be attained through pacifist means, by pursuing the inspections." The Peace camp headed by Jacques Chirac's France is now 52 nations stronger. His "coalition of the Unwilling," during the recent ten million man march against war across the world from Australia to Antarctica was endowed with the sacred legitimacy that only "We the people" can bestow. The ability of these recent events to curb the American and British position is doubtful however I am interested in the motivations behind the African decision and the implications that a war would have on it.

The heads of states of the 52 African nations in a common declaration during The 22nd Franco-African summit adopted a "Declaration on Iraq" in which they side for pursuing the inspections and considering "the United Nations

as the only legitimate means to confront the problem". The African position and insistence on the role of the United Nations is coherent with its position in the world. Although it occupies an important geo-strategic position at the center of the world, with Spain a few miles to the North across the Mediterranean Sea, Yemen and Israel to the east, Africa's economic and military inferiority has put it at the mercy of the western powers and has rendered its opinions powerless. The United Nations represents the only tribune where they can voice their opinion and redistribute power. In this optic, African powers like South Africa and Nigeria are seriously involved in the anti-war campaign to position themselves on the map for potential Security Council permanent memberships. The strengthening of broad multilateralism in the African view brings justice back to International relations for in its absence dialogues would only involve a few great powers when issues at hand sometimes could decide the fate of all. In addition, Africans are concerned with the fate of countries like Sudan or Libya which could be next targets of the war on terrorism. A multilateral solution of the Iraq crisis could set a favorable precedent for the resolutions of future disarmament or anti terrorism enterprises. On the economic front, Africa still vividly remembers the international crisis that followed the middle-Eastern conflicts of the 70s, the rise of oil prices and the impact that it had on the world economy and especially on Africa. Africans had to recourse to debt from the West and are still



## City of Geopolitics

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suffering from it. Countries like Cote d'Ivoire with the world largest debt according to population devotes 90 percent of its revenues to debt repayment. As a result, health, education and such services are being overlooked. These conditions in return create social instability. Finally, beyond the competition of interests, nobody desires war and Africa is no exception. As many African countries are currently battling the evils of conflict, they do not wish chaos upon others and urgently needs the world attention to focus on their side of the garden where fatal partners like civil war, Aids and corruption in a deadly combination compete to extinguish more and more Africans as the sun sets everyday. The loss of one more human life at the hand of war is not acceptable in Africa or anywhere. It would be shameful if men decided to start this new century with an unprovoked war and I make it a duty to tell and ceaselessly repeat to you all, let it be known, the land that shelters the world oldest and greatest civilization dwells with those that desire peace.

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# It's down to this



## Piattology

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*"It's down to this, I've got to make my life make sense. Can anyone tell what I've done?" (3 Doors Down)*

My grandfathers were both amazing men. William B. Piatt and Clay Combs were both World War II heroes. Grandpa Combs stormed the beach of Normandy with the 29th Infantry Division, while Grandpa Piatt jumped into combat with my old unit the 82nd Airborne Division. Their lives were full of adventures, trials and defining moments.

The last two months have been hard for me. I lost both of these wonderful men and helped carry them both to their place of rest. New Year's Day brought the unwelcome news that Grandpa Combs passed away. It seems only yesterday I was saying goodbye to him, and then I am on the road this past Thursday back to Ohio to bury Grandpa Piatt, the last of my grandparents.

As I stood in the rain staring over his flag covered casket, the sound of rifles saluted him and his courage. I wondered about life and its mystery. I wondered if these two men closed their eyes to satisfied minds. Now more than ever I am looking around wondering what this whole parade is all about. I have to find more somewhere below the confetti surface.

I want my life to mean more. I want to smile more. I want to know that my grandparents didn't plant a seed that failed to grow and blossom. I have to give back more than I've taken. I have to make a difference. My love has to be more visible. My family and friends have to know that the love I hold for them is the oxygen in my blood pumping purpose to my heart.

From now on I have a new theme word ... RESULTS. My whole life I have ran my mouth with the best of them, I've been told I could sell someone their own car. Those days are over. I want more from myself. I want to see RESULTS! I want to be a part of something that makes this world better for everyone, not just me. This is the only true way I can measure my progress here on earth. I'm not speaking of climbing ladders or financial success. None of that will matter when the rain is falling on my casket. What will matter is if I have a satisfied mind when I close my eyes for the last time.

*"It's down to this, I've got to make this life make sense. And now I can't tell what I've done." (3 Doors Down)*

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## LETTERS

### IT computer problems interfere with education

DEAR EDITOR:

Faculty working from a home modem using the Information Technology dial-in number get a busy signal from about 5 p.m. until about 11 p.m., Sunday through Friday. If they try to e-mail their students — about class assignments, changes in read-ins, paper critiques or related matters essential to the University's academic mission — they can't get through most evenings.

After one exasperating session I e-mailed Information Technology (Oct. 14) and suggested a solution: Transfer a portion of the existing line capacity to a new dial-up number, limit connect time on that number to one hour, inform all faculty who use dial-up, and do it now. Patty Cosgrove, assistant director of IT, replied saying she forwarded my message to Donald Olson, IT director. And that's the last I ever heard.

To reiterate, what has been happening with full IT recognition but no concern is: 1) the dial-up lines are overloaded most evenings; 2) users play games, search the Internet, chat or download music; 3) faculty can't get through to students; and 4) everybody knows this is happening. Now if only a handful

of faculty are trying to contact students and can't because the line is busy — even those few instances mandate solving the problem. If my solution is technologically impossible then, damn it, find another.

I was told that providing free home modem e-mail access is a marvelous job benefit for which SIUC faculty ought to be grateful. But my colleagues at other schools have similar access, and I've never heard one complain about difficulty connecting to their campus server.

Students don't contact faculty by phone anymore. They use e-mail to call in sick, ask about assignments, snow days, etc. If academics are really an SIUC priority, this administration should ensure that faculty can access University e-mail to contact students 24/7.

Gerald Stone  
 Professor of journalism

### The world we live in is a fixer-upper home

DEAR EDITOR:

In today's world, countries are closer than ever before for one reason or another. One solution to the

possible war in Iraq is to have the world court step in and make a decision. If Saddam is found innocent, he stays in power and the country pays a large amount of money to set them back from purchasing weapons of mass destruction. If weapons of mass destruction are found, destroy them. The inspector numbers should be increased to a larger amount — 2,000 or more — and stay indefinitely, and Iraq must take care of the maintenance of the inspectors. If Saddam is found guilty, then he should give up power. Saddam and family would be given safe passage to a country that would give them asylum and Iraq's government should be fine a large amount of money. Any weapons should be destroyed, and again, inspector numbers should be increased, stay indefinitely and Iraq should take care of the maintenance. If Saddam did not comply, at this time war could be an option.

The UN should make this deal. I realize that the world court has no authority over this kind of issue, but exceptions can be made. Anyone would agree that this would be a civil way of dealing with the world leaders. Saddam swears that Iraq does not have weapons of mass destruction, but by watching that news, his son stated that if American and its allies attack, Iraq would defend itself by using weapons that could cause massive casualties. So does Iraq have such weapons or not?

America has a serious problem with illegal aliens crossing the borders. Let's take Mexico for example. Since Sept. 11, the security on the borders is sloppy or is there another reason for letting illegal aliens come to America for cheap labor for businesses?

As of 1865, after the Civil War, an addition to the Constitution was made stating that slavery/servitude was illegal in America. Read it and find it. But servitude does exist in America. The illegal aliens are doing jobs that Americans do not want to do. They are being paid cheap wages, living in harsh and dangerous conditions and will do what they are told to do because of fear of being turned in to INS for deportation. But Americans are not saying anything about this. Why would that be? We all are guilty of not doing anything about this. If slavery is illegal, then, as Americans we should do something about the servitude going on. You would be blind not to know that it is going on in America.

The world is not a perfect place. If you think so, you live in the world of make believe. However, we should try to do our best for future generations. These are just a few issues and there is a whole globe still standing in line.

David Bean  
 Carbonville resident

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## Peace Corps needs volunteers

Agriculture, forestry majors are eligible to go as early as this summer

Katie Davis  
Daily Egyptian

Lucy Smith never understood what the Peace Corps was until she said goodbye to a friend.

"I had heard of it before, but I always thought it had something to do with the military," she said.

But it's nothing like that, she discovered, and now she's trying to decide how to spend the two years following graduation.

Smith, a junior in forestry from Jacksonville, was one of about 20 students and community members in attendance for an informational meeting with Peace Corps recruiting officials Wednesday.

The organization had been visiting classes and placing advertisements most of last week in hopes of attracting a range of possible volunteers.

The Peace Corps is a government-funded group that sends volunteers to urban and rural areas in third-world countries to improve living conditions.

The regions put in requests for volunteers and the Peace Corps matches individuals to those positions.

"This is a great opportunity right now to see the world and show other nations that we care about what goes on beyond our own borders," said Greg Renda of the Chicago office. "The program helps other nations, but it also helps ours."

Renda said individuals usually begin applying as early as one year before expected departure. By the time they are done applying, prospective volunteers have written two essays and have submitted letters of recommendation as well as a lengthy applications.

"You go through what we call application, nomination and invitations," he said.

Once the application is received, eligible volunteers are given interviews and they are matched with a location. This is based on their preferences and the individual needs of the communities, but not all issues will be resolved until closer to departure.

Smith said she will not even decide whether to apply until September, but is seriously considering it as an option after graduation in May 2004.

"I don't know what I want to do or if I want a job," she said. "With the Peace Corps, I can explore a completely different country and culture and can learn more than I would if I stayed."

Renda served in agriculture in El Salvador from 1996 to 1998, and said his work with the village provided him with more than just a taste of community service, it allowed him mobility in the job market.

"You've got international networking now on your résumé," he said. "You've got two years of international work experience."

The organization is currently heavily recruiting French-speaking individuals and those with degrees in agriculture or forestry.

Renda said many positions are still available as early as this summer. Individuals who meet the requirements could be sped through the process and depart in a few short months.

Last year, they sent more than 3,000 across the globe, and President George W. Bush said in his 2002 State of the Union address that he would like to see that number double during the next four years.

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For more information on the Peace Corps,  
go to [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov) or contact the Chicago  
office at 1-800-424-8580.

## City Council voting locations

### Precinct # and polling place

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| 1. Thomas School 1025 N. Wall St.                | 220 N. Tower Rd.   |
| 2. Carbondale Middle School 1150 E. Grand Ave.   | 17. Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center, 150 E. Pleasant Hill Road |
| 3. Senior Citizens High Rise, 300 S. Marion St.  | 18. Ramada Limited, 801 N. Giant City Road                               |
| 4. Housing Community Center 207 N. Marion St.    | 19. Lakeland Baptist Church, 719 S. Giant City Road                      |
| 5. Eurma C. Hayes Center 441 E. Willow St.       | Precinct 20 is not in city limits  |
| 6. Senior Adult Services 409 N. Springer St.     | 21. University Hall, 1101 S. Wall Street                                 |
| 7. None  | 22. Newman Center, 715 S. Washington St.                                 |
| 8. Church of Christ 1805 W. Sycamore St.         | 23. Grinnell Hall, SIU Campus  |
| 9. Civic Center 200 S. Illinois Ave.             | 24. Evergreen Terrace, Activity Room, Building 150                       |
| 10. None   | 25. Lentz Hall, SIU Campus   |
| 11. Mill Street Apartments 810 W. Mill St.       | 26. Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave.                                   |
| 12. Church of the Good Shepard 515 Orchard Dr.   | 27. Southern Illinois Airport, 665 N. Airport Road                       |
| 13&14. Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 Chautauqua | 28. Senior Citizens High Rise, 1425 Old West Main St.                    |
| 15. Parrish School, 121 Parrish Lane             | 29. Carbondale Middle School, 1150 E. Grand Ave.                         |
| 16. Grace United Methodist Church,               |  |

## BASKETBALL

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is not really a good time. When you distribute tickets, somebody will always have to miss a class."

Both Kowalczyk and Wendler said there was much deliberation in contriving a feasible way to disperse tickets to students. One of which piqued SIU men's basketball coach Bruce Weber's interest.

Weber said the school toyed with the idea of assuring Creighton tickets to all those students who attend this Wednesday's home game versus Evansville. He felt it was a system that would allow the Salukis' loyal fans to get first shot attending Saturday's showdown.

"There was talk that if someone came to the Evansville game, you had a right to get

a ticket," Weber said. "But they said it was tough to administer that. But I'd hate for someone to miss a class to get a ticket."

But Wendler and Kowalczyk's assurances of ticket availability will not persuade everyone.

The school has taken measures to allow students to stand inside Lingle Hall while they wait in line, so they will not have to brave any inclement weather.

One of those waiting inside will be Fisher, and he will be mixing class for the first time this semester to ensure his spot in the Dawg Pound, where he has stood during every home game this season, is safe.

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- 403 W. Elm #1
- 403 W. Elm #2
- 403 W. Elm #3
- 718 S. Forest #1
- 718 S. Forest #3
- 507 1/2 S. Hays
- 509 1/2 S. Hays
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- 202 N. Poplar #3
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- 414 W. Sycamore #W
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- 406 S. University #2
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- 408 S. Ash
- 504 S. Ash #1
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- 502 S. Beveridge #2
- 508 N. Carico
- 602 N. Carico
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- 311 W. Cherry #2
- 404 W. Cherry Court
- 405 W. Cherry Court
- 406 W. Cherry Court
- 407 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Cherry Court
- 409 W. Cherry Court
- 410 W. Cherry Court
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- 310 W. College #2
- 310 W. College #3
- 310 W. College #4
- 501 W. College #4
- 501 W. College #5

### THREE Bedrooms

- 503 W. College #6
- 303 W. Elm
- 113 S. Forest
- 115 S. Forest
- 303 S. Forest
- 706 S. Forest
- 716 S. Forest
- 718 S. Forest #3
- 500 W. Freeman #1
- 500 W. Freeman #2
- 500 W. Freeman #5
- 500 W. Freeman #6
- 520 S. Graham
- 507 1/2 S. Hays
- 509 1/2 S. Hays
- 513 S. Hays
- 402 1/2 E. Hester
- 406 1/2 E. Hester
- 408 1/2 E. Hester
- 410 E. Hester
- 703 W. High #E
- 703 W. High #W
- 703 S. Illinois #202
- 703 S. Illinois #203
- 612 S. Logan
- 507 1/2 W. Main B
- 906 W. McDaniel
- 300 W. Mill #2
- 300 W. Mill #4
- 405 E. Mill
- 407 E. Mill
- 400 W. Oak #3
- 501 W. Oak
- 300 N. Oakland
- 511 N. Oakland
- 1305 E. Park
- 507 S. Poplar (garage apt.)
- 301 N. Springer #2
- 301 N. Springer #3
- 301 N. Springer #4
- 913 W. Sycamore
- 404 1/2 S. University
- 503 S. University #2
- 334 W. Walnut #3
- 402 1/2 W. Walnut
- 404 W. Willow

### FOUR Bedrooms

- 408 S. Ash
- 410 S. Ash
- 504 S. Ash #2
- 504 S. Ash #3
- 506 S. Ash
- 514 S. Ash #1
- 514 S. Ash #3
- 514 S. Ash #6
- 405 S. Beveridge
- 409 S. Beveridge
- 501 S. Beveridge
- 502 S. Beveridge #1
- 502 S. Beveridge #2
- 505 S. Beveridge

- 506 S. Beveridge
- 507 S. Beveridge #1
- 507 S. Beveridge #2
- 507 S. Beveridge #3
- 507 S. Beveridge #4
- 508 S. Beveridge
- 509 S. Beveridge #2
- 509 S. Beveridge #3
- 509 S. Beveridge #4
- 509 S. Beveridge #5
- 513 S. Beveridge #1
- 513 S. Beveridge #2
- 513 S. Beveridge #3
- 513 S. Beveridge #4
- 515 S. Beveridge #2
- 515 S. Beveridge #3
- 515 S. Beveridge #4
- 515 S. Beveridge #5
- 309 W. Cherry
- 311 W. Cherry #1
- 405 W. Cherry
- 501 W. Cherry
- 405 W. Cherry Court
- 406 W. Cherry Court
- 407 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Cherry Court
- 409 W. Cherry Court
- 300 E. College
- 309 W. College #1
- 309 W. College #2
- 309 W. College #5
- 400 W. College #3
- 407 W. College #2
- 407 W. College #3
- 407 W. College #4
- 407 W. College #5
- 409 W. College #3
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- 409 W. College #5
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- 501 W. College #2
- 501 W. College #3
- 501 W. College #3
- 807 W. College
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- 104 S. Forest
- 113 S. Forest
- 115 S. Forest
- 120 S. Forest
- 303 S. Forest
- 603 S. Forest
- 706 S. Forest
- 716 S. Forest
- 607 W. Freeman
- 109 Glenview
- 509 S. Hays
- 503 S. Hays
- 507 S. Hays
- 509 S. Hays
- 511 S. Hays

### FIVE Bedrooms

- 504 S. Ash #3
- 508 S. Ash #1
- 405 S. Beveridge
- 409 S. Beveridge
- 501 S. Beveridge
- 502 S. Beveridge #1
- 505 S. Beveridge
- 506 S. Beveridge
- 508 S. Beveridge
- 405 W. Cherry
- 501 W. Cherry
- 300 E. College
- 710 W. College
- 807 W. College
- 305 Crestview
- 104 S. Forest
- 113 S. Forest
- 120 S. Forest
- 511 S. Forest
- 603 S. Forest
- 500 S. Hays
- 503 S. Hays
- 509 S. Hays

- 513 S. Hays
- 402 E. Hester
- 406 E. Hester
- 408 E. Hester
- 212 W. Hospital
- 614 S. Logan
- 308 W. Monroe
- 413 W. Monroe
- 400 W. Oak #1
- 506 S. Poplar #4
- 506 S. Poplar #7
- 507 S. Poplar (house)
- 404 W. Walnut
- 504 S. Washington
- 600 S. Washington

### SIX Bedrooms

- 405 S. Beveridge
- 300 E. College
- 710 W. College
- 305 Crestview
- 406 E. Hester - All
- 507 W. Main #1
- 308 W. Monroe
- 600 S. Washington

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- 718 S. Forest #1
- 612 S. Logan
- Three Bedrooms**
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- 513 S. Beveridge #3
- 610 S. Logan
- 602 N. Oakland
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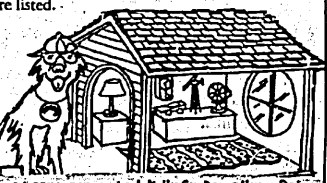
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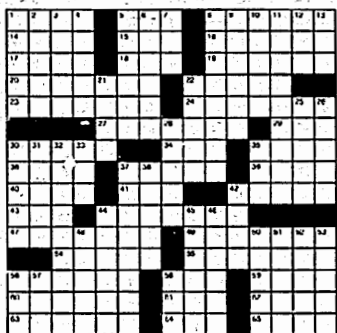
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# Water Dawgs youth successful despite loss

**Christopher Morriscal**  
Daily Egyptian

Not so long ago it seemed the SIU men's and women's swimming and diving team could be unbeatable in the Missouri Valley Conference championships.

In the nine years of MVC swimming and diving, the Saluki men hoisted the trophy six times and the women pulled off the feat seven times.

There had never been a year when one of the Dawg squads did not win at conference until this year.

Saturday saw the Southwest Missouri State Bears capture both the men's and women's MVC swimming and diving titles at the Recreation Center pool in Carbondale.

The Dawgs may have lost the championships, but it is hard to look down on two teams who were rebuilding. The men had two senior swimmers, Danilo Luna and George Oxinos and two senior divers, Jake

Sinclair and David Likar — all of whom were huge contributors to the team. The Saluki women had only one senior in Amber Mullins.

All in all, the Dawgs are losing five talented competitors and teammates, but next year, today's juniors will be seniors. The Dawgs will increase their experience to 13 seniors.

"We're young and we're going to get old," said SIU men's head coach Rick Walker. "We're maturing. They are top-heavy. One of the remedies to that is getting juco kids. The other is to develop a good freshman class. Right now, we are developing a good freshman class."

Both teams have a good, young nucleus class. In fact, more than half of the women's team is underclassmen and the men have their fair share as well.

Along with the maturing of this year's freshmen, the return of junior Brent Menghini from a back injury is key to the Dawgs' success in the 2003-

2004 season. Menghini's absence from the team during the conference may have been the difference in the men's team's finish.

At the 2002 conference championships, Menghini finished first in the 200-yard freestyle and the 200 butterfly. He also finished second in the 500 freestyle. Menghini was one individual the Salukis could not afford to be without. His points may have been enough to push the team over the top.

"When we get Brent Menghini back, it's a whole new ballgame," said junior Derek Helvey. "We'll get him back next year. He's a big part of our team."

A big part of the women's team is the experience the youth gained during the regular season and at conference. Even though the Dawgs finished 167 points behind the Bears, they were still good enough to beat out Illinois State, Evansville and Northern Iowa.

The women may have been young, but they have already shown their abilities.

"I'm proud of all the kids," said SIU women's head coach Jeff Goetz. "They really performed and raced and did their best. When the chips were down and we were down and you looked at the scoreboard and thought, 'Oh, crud, we're going to be third,' the girls stood up and fought and said, 'We're not going to be third. We're going to come back. We're in a fight.'"

Reporter Christopher Morriscal can be reached at cmorriscal@dailyegyptian.com

# SIU back in brackets

**Michael Brenner**  
Daily Egyptian

SIU will receive an at-large bid to the Big Dance if it wins out, according to ESPN.com.

The "Bracketology" predictions has SIU back in the NCAA tournament as a No. 12 seed facing No. 5 Maryland — one week after declaring the Saluki case for an at-large bid dead.

One reason for the resurrection may be that the website thinks SIU is 20-5. The website's records, for reasons unknown, show that SIU (19-5) defeated Wisconsin-Milwaukee twice in Saturday's Bracket Buster.

## Valley sweeps Bracket Buster

The Missouri Valley Conference owned ESPN's Bracket Buster Saturday. SIU, Creighton, Illinois State and Northern Iowa all picked up victories. The MVC's 4-0 record was tops in the tournament. The West Coast Conference and the Sun Belt Conference picked up a single victory each to post a 1-0 record, and the Horizon League went 2-1.

All other conferences posted losing records including the Mid-American Conference, which ended the weekend 0-4.

## Dawg Pound shows creativity

The national audience watching Saturday's game on ESPN2 was

privity to several witty signs designed by SIU students.

Signs in the Dawg Pound ranged from the poetic "Dickie V, there is life outside of the ACC" to the very blunt "Creighton you're next."

Some fans included the name of the broadcasting entity, which is usually a sure-fire way to get on TV. One verbal sign read "Expect Salukis Playing NCAA 2 in a row," and another read "Doin' it Doggy Style with ESPN2."

One fan simply scribbled "I'm Drunk, Go Dawgs" on a piece of cardboard.

## Moving up

Helped by Saturday's win over UVW-Milwaukee, SIU has improved its RPI from 78 to 54. The Salukis are ranked No. 38 in the AP poll. They received four votes — one more than last week.

## Williams watch

Senior guard Kent Williams still has an outside chance at the SIU all-time scoring record. He is 180 points behind Charlie Vaughn.

At a pace of 20 points per game, Williams could tie the record if SIU plays three games in the MVC tournament and three games in the postseason.

He is averaging 15.5 points per game this season but averaged 23 points per game last week.

## SPORTS FLASH

### SIU baseball loses two of three at S. Florida

The Salukis lost two games to the South Florida Bulls last weekend in a series that saw the return of ace pitcher Jake Alley.

The Diamond Dawgs lost game one 9-1 after being shut out for the first seven innings. In game two, Alley struck out two to tie for sixth on the SIU career strikeout list. Three runs in the eighth gave the Salukis a one-run lead and eventually, the 4-3 win.

Game three turned into a slugfest before the Bulls won the game 11-8. The Dawgs committed six errors in the game.

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# the Sweetness of Success

BY JACKIE HILLYARD  
BLACK ALUMNI

More than 25 years after leading SIU to its first-ever Sweet 16 bid, Mike Glenn is still riding a wave of success

Andy Horonzy  
Daily Egyptian

It was March 17, 2002, and the 11th-seeded Salukis had just done the unthinkable by erasing a 19-point first-half deficit to stun No. 3 Georgia, 77-75, and advance to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

With a Saluki-friendly crowd filling the United Center with chants of "S-I-U! S-I-U!", the Dawgs calmly drained the clock, punctuating what would soon become known to many as a dream season.

*"Many people, myself included, consider him the best pure shooter in SIU history. He had a classic shot, it seemed as if there was no movement anywhere in his body, except for the flick of his wrist."*

— Fred Huff  
Former SIU sports info director

However, it was not the first time the Salukis had reached the hallowed ground of the Sweet 16. For that, one must travel back to the year when the world was first introduced to Luke Skywalker and Saturday Night Fever, 1977.

It was the year Mike Glenn, also known as the "Stinger," turned March Madness into his own personal showcase, scoring 65 points in two tournament games and leading SIU to the Sweet 16 for the first time.

Glenn willed his team to an 81-77 first-round victory over Arizona and then helped the Salukis push heavily favored Wake Forest to the brink in the second round before eventually succumbing 86-81 to the college basketball powerhouse.

Although the Salukis only won one NCAA tournament game that year, former SIU Sports Information Director Fred Huff said he can still remember the image of Glenn in the air, with his shooting hand extended in front of his body.

"The thing I always think of when I think of him is how his shots would frequently hit the back of the rim, drop straight down, and then come through the basket without ever disturbing the net," Huff said. "That's what he was known for, the net never seemed to move when he made a shot."

Glenn's performance in the NCAA proved to the nation just how good he was and he was recognized for his efforts by being named to the Midwest Regional all-tournament team.

The honor was one of a slew bestowed upon Glenn during his illustrious career at SIU. As a freshman, Glenn averaged 15.3 points per game to earn Freshman All-America honors, a debut he strongly followed with 16.3 as a sophomore, while shooting 61 percent from the field, good enough for fifth in the nation.

Glenn closed out his career with averages of 19.4 and 21 points to finish second on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,878. Kent Williams recently

knocked Glenn down to a notch to No. 3 with his 28-point performance in last week's win over SMS.

Harold Bardo, associate professor of medical education and former interim athletic director, said Glenn could have been even more prolific if not for his unselfish nature.

"The coaches were always yelling for him to shoot more, but he would always wait for the best possible shot," Bardo said. "He was one of the those guys who never took a bad shot."

Huff agreed with Bardo about Glenn's unselfishness, adding that Glenn probably could have scored another 100 points in his career if the three-point line had been in effect.

"Many people, myself included, consider him the best pure shooter in SIU history," Huff said. "He had a classic shot, it seemed as if there was no movement anywhere in his body, except for the flick of his wrist."

Glenn's fairytale college career eventually gave way to a professional career that was less than storybook. Glenn's bright future took a sudden turn for the worse in August 1977, just two months after the Chicago Bulls drafted him in the second round of the NBA Draft.

The 6-foot-3, 180-pound Glenn suffered a broken vertebrae in an automobile accident near Cave Springs, Ga. Glenn managed to make a successful recovery from the career-threatening injury, but when he was finally able to play the Bulls didn't welcome him back with open arms.

Glenn soon suffered another devastating setback when his college coach at SIU, Paul Lambert, died in a hotel fire in June 1978. Lambert had accepted an offer after Glenn's senior year to become Auburn's head coach and was on his way back to the Alabama school after attending his going-away party in Carbondale.

Huff said Lambert's death hit Glenn hard, but he still insisted on speaking at Lambert's funeral, which took place inside the SIU Arena.

"The words spoken by Mike Glenn at coach Lambert's funeral were some of the most eloquent I'd ever heard," Huff said. "The last thing he said that day will always stay with me. He said, 'Coach Lambert will never be forgotten because for the rest of my life he'll be with me.'"

When Glenn returned to New York, he spent three seasons in the Big Apple before bouncing around the league for six more years, serving short stints with the Atlanta Hawks and Milwaukee Bucks.

Glenn announced his retirement during the 1986-87 campaign and ended his 10-year journeyman career with 4,496 career points, averaging 7.6 points.

While Huff said Glenn had a better NBA career than many people may recall, he isn't sure Glenn accomplished everything he was capable of.

"The car accident before his rookie

year seemed to slow him down quite a bit," Huff said. "He also wasn't very adept at driving to the basket with both hands and in the NBA that is something defenses can exploit very easily."

While his professional career may have been somewhat of a disappointment, Glenn has been very productive off the court. For the last 21 years he has conducted the Mike Glenn Basketball camp for the Hearing Impaired, and he was the winner of the NBA's J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award in 1981 for his work with the deaf.

Glenn, whose father was a teacher and coach at the Georgia School for the Deaf, learned sign language at an early age from his father's students. Bardo remembers being impressed with his ability to sign, along with the strong academic side Glenn demonstrated to go along with his athletic abilities.

"It was extremely rare back then for a college student to be able to sign, and it is still not that common today," Bardo said. "Mike was a very bright person on the court and he was gifted in the classroom as well. He was also dynamic, and he could relate things and speak very well."

His skill as an orator eventually led Glenn to his current position as analyst for the Atlanta Hawks Network Package. In addition to his broadcasting duties for the Hawks, Glenn also serves as co-host of CNN's "This Week in the NBA" and "College Basketball Weekly."

Glenn is also a successful author, publishing "Lessons in Success from the NBA's Top Players," in 1997, which featured advice from NBA greats Mitch Richmond, Grant Hill, Latrell Sprewell and several others.

In addition to his camp for the hearing impaired, Glenn has also been involved in many other charitable events.

Glenn was the coach of the Republican team in the Gallaudet University Congressional Basketball Classic, which seeks the involvement of the business community to ensure deaf students receive an education that will enable them to succeed in today's competitive workforce.

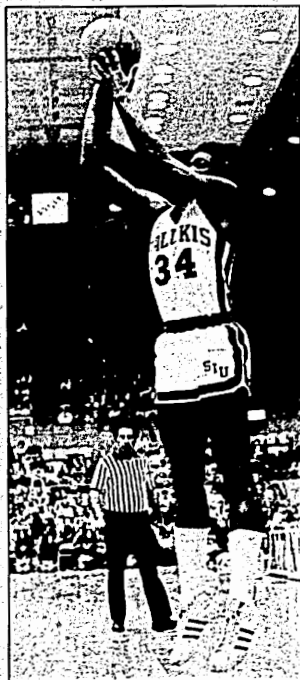
Bardo said the fierce, competitive Glenn, who now resides in Lithonia, Ga., who appeared on the court for many years has been replaced by a kind and soft-spoken person.

"In addition to being a wonderful basketball player he is a solid citizen and very intelligent person," Bardo said. "You don't get the kind of jobs he has had by bumbling and stumbling around."

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Mike Glenn left SIU as the second all-time leading scorer with 1,878 points. In 1977, Glenn led the Salukis to the sweet sixteen for the first time in school history.

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— Harold Bardo  
Associate professor, medical ed.

## SIU's all-time leading scorers

Charlie Vaughn	1957-61	2,088
Kent Williams	1999-01	1,908
Mike Glenn	1973-77	1,878
Ashraf Amaya	1989-93	1,864
Steve Middleton	1984-88	1,710

## U-Card events for the Week February 24th thru March 2nd

### U-Card

The U-Card is the Undergraduate Student's opportunity to win FREE Books for the semester just by attending fun activities around campus. To pick up your U-Card, stop by the Student Development, Residence Hall area Offices, the student Recreation center or the other locations on campus, or visit our web site at [www.siu.edu/~ucard](http://www.siu.edu/~ucard) Check it out!



#### Tuesday: 25th

Visit A Free Jazzy!  
Kris Lambert & Wilfred Delphin  
Old Baptist Foundation - 7:30pm  
Performing Arts Category  
Contact Carl Ervin 433-3714  
Sponsored by: Multicultural Programs and Services

#### Wednesday: 26th

Bones Bag Lunch!  
Faculty Sweet  
Student Center - Mississippi Room - 12:00pm  
Lecture Series Category  
Contact Carl Ervin 433-3714  
Sponsored by: Multicultural Programs and Services

Smart Strategic Diverse Eating Habits  
Student Center - Salon Room - 4:00pm  
Educational Program Category  
Contact Williams Center - 531-4441  
Sponsored by: Student Health Programs

City of Carbondale  
Adventures Reserve Center - 7:00pm  
Sports & Athletics Category  
Contact Outdoor Adventures Program 433-1243  
Sponsored by: Student Association Center

Alumni Chamber Players, Eric Mandel, Director  
Old Baptist Foundation - 7:30pm  
Performing Arts Category  
Contact Sheryl Ann Office 433-2757  
Sponsored by: School of Music

#### Friday: 28th

Katherine Dunham Performance Group  
Newman Center - 6:00pm  
Performing Arts Category  
Contact Carl Ervin 433-3714  
Sponsored by: Multicultural Programs and Services

La Ramblas  
McLoud Theater - 7:30pm  
Performing Arts Category  
Contact McLoud Theater 433-3001

#### Saturday: 1st

La Ramblas  
McLoud Theater - 7:30pm  
Performing Arts Category  
Contact McLoud Theater 433-3001  
Sponsored by: McLoud Theater

#### Sunday: 2nd

La Ramblas  
McLoud Theater - 2:00pm  
Performing Arts Category  
Contact McLoud Theater 433-3001  
Sponsored by: McLoud Theater

Berry Manchin's Capstones  
Sheryl Ann Office - 7:30pm  
Performing Arts Category  
Contact Sheryl Ann Office 433-2757  
Sponsored by: Sheryl Ann Office

\*-Black History Month Events

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BLACK ATHLETES

"Some people say I have attitude. Maybe I do ... but I think you have to. You have to believe in yourself when no one else does. That makes you a winner right there."

Venus Williams  
tennis player

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— Bruce Weber  
head coach, SIU basketball



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SIU men's basketball head coach Bruce Weber spits out orders at his team during the Salukis' 75-72 win over Bradley last month. The close victory was just one of several recent nail-biters that have brought a lot of stress to Weber and the Saluki faithful alike.

## Saluki men look to correct inability to put teams away

Jens Deju  
Daily Egyptian

This has become an all-too-familiar sight. The SIU men's basketball team runs out to a big lead, watches as the opponent mounts a huge rally and then the Salukis use one last superhuman effort to clutch back the victory.

In Saturday's nationally televised 66-64 victory over Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the ESPN Bracket Buster event, the Salukis built up a 16-point lead in the second half only to watch the Panthers reel off a 21-5 run to tie the game at 52-52.

SIU senior forward Jermaine Dearman said he thinks a reason for the Salukis' lack of a killer instinct may have a little to do with all the success last year's Sweet 16 team experienced.

"I think some of us were kind of programmed from last year that once we got those big leads

we would end up beating teams by like 20 or 30 points at home," Dearman said. "We just try to blow teams out of there and that's not going to happen like that."

SIU's inability to put teams away has become a pattern recently. In wins over UW-Milwaukee and Drake and twice against Southwest Missouri State the Salukis have had at least a nine-point second-half lead only to see it squandered.

In all of these, the Salukis were able to retake the lead before the final buzzer.

Twice, however, losing the lead has come back to bite the Salukis and bite them hard. Two weekends ago, SIU blew a 12-point lead at Bradley and fell in overtime by a score of 77-73.

Another, and even more painful, blown lead came at Creighton back in January in a game televised by ESPN2 when the Bluejays were ranked No. 13 in the nation. The Salukis had a 12-point

halftime lead, but fell apart in the second half and lost the game by nine points.

SIU senior guard Kent Williams said it is frustrating to see lead after lead evaporate, and he said the Salukis need to just calm down and not get away from the game plan when opponents start making a run.

"It's common nature to react a little bit, but we've just got to stay heady," Williams said. "It's happened too many times. We've got to learn from our mistakes and we're really got to learn to put teams away."

If SIU had been able to hold on to slow down the tempo and maintain leads against Bradley and Creighton, the Salukis would be sitting in first place in the MVC with a record of 21-3 and a conference mark of 15-0.

Instead, the Salukis are 19-5 and 13-2 in MVC play and face the prospect of having to win

the rest of their games and at least get into the championship game of the league tournament to have any hopes of an at-large bid into the NCAA tournament.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said the blown leads have yet to hurt the Salukis because they have been able to salvage most of them for wins.

However, SIU is now at a point in the season where it cannot afford another loss if it hopes to return to the Big Dance.

"We've got to learn before it catches up with you because now it's D-Day," Weber said. "One game is probably going to make the difference whether you get in the NCAAs, whether you win the conference championship, whether you win the conference tournament."

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## Pair of Salukis bumpin' elbows with Nelly during summer

Zack Creglow  
Daily Egyptian

When SIU men's basketball players Darren Brooks and Bryan Turner return home to St. Louis in the summer, the two guards ball with a superstar of sorts — but not one famed for his talents on hardwood.

More like the stage.

Brooks and Turner hit the street-ball courts every summer with St. Louis rap megastar Nelly in the Anthony Bonner Pro-Am league in St. Louis.

"He's short. He is about 5-feet-7, but he is pretty athletic," Turner said of Nelly. "He showed up to about six

of the 12 games because he is pretty busy with everything. When he played, the stands were filled. Little kids were there for autographs and cheering him on."

A few of Nelly's boys got Turner started in the summer league.

"I knew a couple of [the members in Nelly's group] before they started rapping," Turner said. "They had a summer league and because I already knew them, they were like, 'Hey you play basketball, why don't you come play with us?'"

"Every year when I go back, that is the team I play on. I have been playing in this since the 10th grade."

Brooks said he knows Nelly fairly

well, but he does not pester him as much as some others do.

"If I see him, I'll give him a five or something," said Brooks, who was one of the leading scorers in the league. "I don't want to get all up in his face like everybody else does."

Turner, who is also a friendly acquaintance of Nelly, said the artist has shown interest in obtaining one of the junior's No. 14 SIU jerseys to wear onstage. Brooks has been aware of similar interest in his jersey as well.

"He was trying to get one of my jerseys," Turner said. "I haven't been able to go to stores to get one, but I am planning on it. Everybody has

their dream of having their jersey worn by somebody."

The competition at the Pro-Am is just a few rappers and college basketball players but it can become fierce, especially when the playoffs begin.

"It is kind of like the NBA where everybody really plays all right until the playoffs start and everybody starts really playing," Brooks said. "That is when [current Washington Wizard guard] Larry Hughes comes. Nelly and [Cleveland Cavalier forward] Darius Miles come too. There are a lot of guys from the area who are in NBA now that come back and play. Things get real aggressive then."

Brooks and Turner, who play on

opposing teams, both had successful summers. Brooks said he torched two teams for about 39 points and scored 25 when he faced Hughes.

The talent they face prepare them for a competitive season at SIU.

"If gives me a lot of confidence knowing I can play well against NBA players and guys who are big-time Division I-A players," Brooks said. "When I come here, it is almost easier when we play in pick-up games. But when practice starts, it gets more intense."

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