Student fees lack USG support

Students' opportunity to grill Carbondale's mayoral hopefuls at the Meet the Candidates forum Wednesday

The event, sponsored by the Daily Egyptian, the Black Attire Council and the Undergraduate Student Government, included all four mayoral candidates. Interim Director of the School of Journalism Bill Brimovskis moderated the event.

"I think it was a good session of questions about the relationship between the university and the community and the students and the citizens of the community," Brimovskis said. "I hope that asking that question in many different ways we get to a little more clarity on where each candidate stands."

While Brimovskis said the event went smoothly, an abrupt end, after about an hour and 15 minutes, left some students upset that their voices were not heard. One question from the audience presented to the candidates — Brad Cole, Sheila Simon, Jessica Davis and Pepper Holder — was not presented before the Strips were heard, however.

Holder agreed that the Strip needs to be revitalized, but said the Strips should not be the only businesses that offer a better sense of community.

Cole said the Strip is home to a multitude of businesses, and that it is already a vibrant part of the community.

Simon said Halloween in Carbondale is both fantastic and violent, and that the city is feeling away its current restrictions. She said the community still must prove that it can handle a Halloween without restriction before the Strip can go back to the way she remembers it when she was little.

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Mayoral candidate Pepper Holder answers a question from William Freimovskis during the Meet the Candidates forum Wednesday evening in the Student Health Center Auditorium. Questions from the forum focused on the relationship between the university and the community.

The College of Business and Administration was given more breathing room Wednesday after a successful alumnus donated $1 million.

Herb Shoon, a 1989 SIUC marketing graduate, and his wife Barbara, donated the money with hopes of seeing the college's new interim Chancellor John Dams said.

Sears said in statement $500,000 would be used to address the critical needs of the college, and COBA Dean Dennis Cradit could choose to use either half for the same purpose, or to fund long-term goals of the college.

Cradit did not immediately return calls for comment Wednesday.

Sears said in the statement he hoped the gift would help the college increase its recognition among the business community.

"We want our graduates to have value to the industry when compa-"
Carbondale City Council candidate Paulette “Wills” Sherwood said she hopes everyone exercises their voice in the upcoming election and votes. But mostly she hopes residents of the northeast side of Carbondale, which she feels concern for, realize that they have a voice.

“I don’t think it’s a black issue or a white issue — it’s an issue,” Sherwood said. “I think they have to feel like they have a voice, but my thing, one way to have your voice is to vote.”

Sherwood was born and raised in Carbondale. She graduated from SIUC with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s degree in educational counseling. She worked on the university’s counseling staff for about two and a half years.

Though Sherwood did leave Carbondale for an extended period of time, she has now lived in the city for four years.

She is currently the executive pastor at New Birth Kingdom Church International.

Sherwood said one of her greatest concerns is the condition of the northeast side of Carbondale, and how the city seems to overlook it.

“It’s almost like it’s a forgotten — it’s almost like ‘Let’s push that to the side,’” she said. Sherwood, who used to live on the northeast side of town, said her parents were homeowners there, and the recent move of trailers into the area as well as aging and dilapidated buildings and boarded-up houses have hurt the community.

Sherwood said the city should be doing something to help clean up the area.

“That’s something the city can do about it,” she said. “If they’re going to regulate it, they need to stand behind it and see that it’s done.”

She also said faith leaders in the community as well as educators should help pull people from the area back into the political process and get them to participate.

Sherwood said another reason she is running is because of the vote that failed to put the Clean Indoor Air Act into effect. Sherwood is a member of the Smoke Free Carbondale Coalition and expressed her disappointment felt by the council’s vote because she said the majority of Carbondale wanted the clean air act to pass.

“Since city councils are voted in by the people, I thought the people’s desires should have been met,” Sherwood said.

“We’re here to represent the entire constituency, not favoring businesses or whatever.” However some students feel the greater problem is the litter that cigarette smokers leave behind, not smoking indoors.

Erica May, a freshman from Pekin studying marketing, said she was not completely sure of the issues facing Carbondale, but did not support Smoke Free Carbondale. While she understands not wanting smoking in restaurants and bars, she said she wishes there were more places for cigarette butt disposal.

Sherwood not only expressed the importance of voting, but also the importance of a long-term vision for the city that is accessible to everyone and will help everyone see what they can do to help make Carbondale a better place.

“She also hopes to bring more industry into the city, especially near the downtown area, to protect pedestrians and help revitalize the area.

“Everything seems to be moving out,” Sherwood said. “With that university being where it is, I just don’t believe that all of the businesses should be moving out towards the mall or farther out.”

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Carbondale City Council candidate Paulette Sherwood, left, laughs with Donna Gibson during a meeting at the New Birth Kingdom Church International on Wednesday. Sherwood, a minister at the church, has been in the ministry for 25 years.

MAX BITTEL -- DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Northeast side a big concern for candidate**
Tiny baby goes home for first time
MIAMI — The family of the world’s smallest premature babies got to take her home Wednesday for the first time after doctors believe she survived last fall.
Anna and Sonya Taylor has known only an incubator for a bed at Baptist Children’s Hospital since she was delivered 14 weeks early and weighed just 1 pound, 1 ounce, the health official said Wednesday.
Amilla, who was just 9 1/2 inches at birth, weighed less than 10 ounces and will still require oxygen at home and a developmental specialist will follow up with her and her parents to track her neurodevelopmental progress.
The infant now weighs about 4 1/2 pounds and is just over 15 1/2 inches long.
Amilla suffered respiratory and digestive problems, as well as a mild brain hemorrhage, but doctors believe those problems will not have major long-term effects.

IRAQ
U.S. helicopter shot down in Baghdad, passengers safe
FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — A military helicopter shot down and crashed Wednesday north of Baghdad on Wednesday. All aboard were safely evacuated by a second helicopter.

KENYATTA
Justice accepts soldier’s guilty plea in rape, murder
FRANKLIN CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — A military judge on Wednesday approved a second U.S. soldier’s plea to a rape and murder when he admitted that he and another 44-year-old Iraqi girl and the slaying of her family.

KENTUCKY

WASHINGTON — The rival presidential campaigns of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama accused each other of nasty politics Wednesday over a Hollywood producer who backed Bill Clinton but now supports Obama.

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) speaks at the Joseph Caleb Center in Miami on Tuesday.

Obama, Clinton camps sling political mud

CAI leak case goes to jury trial
WASHINGTON — A jury began deliberating Wednesday whether former White House aide I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby obstructed the investigation into who leaked the identity of a CIA operative married to a Republican senator.

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Plame announced withdrawal of some troops from Iraq

David Stringer THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Britain will withdraw around 1,600 troops from Iraq in the coming months and aim to cut its forces there by a further cut in 2009.

David Stringer

Nasty campaigning? Obama, Clinton camps sling political mud

Michael J. Sniffer THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


“CLINTON CAMP TO OBAMA: CUT TIES & RETURN "CASH AFTER TOP BOOSTERS VICIOUS ATTACKS,” screamed the headline.

The Clinton campaign argued that Obama had pledged to bring more civilian troops to the campaign but that Geffen’s words amounted to “slash and burn” politics.

Geffen was once a top donor to the Iraqis as the U.S. is drawing down or pull out, as the U.S. is putting,” Blair said. The announcement, which Britain could come to be. But it does mean that the U.S. plan will be to below 5,000 “— itself known from over 9,000 two years ago and 40,000 at the time of the conflict — to roughly 5,500,” Blair said.

If forces are judged ready to assume more responsibility for security in southern Iraq, Britain could further reduce its force level at Basra Palace and 5,500 soldiers in the Iraqi interior, Blair said.

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Months later, Libby told the FBI and a grand jury that he first learned that Plame worked for the CIA from Cheney on June 11. But he said that amid the press of wars issues and other national security concerns he forgot that and was surprised to hear it from NBC Washington bureau chief Tim Russert on July 10 or 11.

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Chamber taps new director

Brandon Augsburg  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Carbondale Chamber of Commerce named a recent SIUC graduate as its executive director this week following a search that lasted about a month and a half. Meredith Rhoads, 23, of West Frankfort, began as executive director Tuesday. She follows former executive director Joel Sambursky, who left the chamber to take a job in the private sector.

Rhoads said she has enjoyed her first few days on the job, but it has already been a learning experience. She said she has been going through the orientation process, meeting people and getting up to speed on projects that Sambursky was working on before he left.

Chamber Board President Woody Thorne said Rhoads must be able to learn quickly because there is a lot of work to be done in the future. He said Rhoads’ biggest responsibility will be to maintain the momentum the chamber has built up over the last year and a half. She must encourage new chamber membership, retain the current members, provide quality services to the members and be a strong advocate for the business community, he said.

Thorne said a group composed of members of the board interviewed between 15 and 20 applicants. The group recommended Rhoads to the full board because of her energy level and her enthusiasm about the position, he said.

“Meredith is uniquely qualified for the role at this point in time,” Thorne said. “She’s incredibly talented and a very bright individual, and we’re very excited to have her on board.”

Rhoads’ recent graduation and relationship with the university also fit in with recent collaboration between the chamber and the university in trying to attract and retain students, Thorne said.

“Her connections with the university were very important as a part of the criteria for making our selection,” Thorne said.

Meredith Rhoads works at her desk Wednesday afternoon at the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. Rhoads was recently named the new executive director of the chamber.

Record companies target colleges in latest music crackdown

Ted Bridis  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — College students who face lawsuits for illegally sharing large music collections over campus computer networks increasingly risk being unplugged from the Internet or even suspended over lesser complaints by the recording industry.

In a nationwide crackdown, the music industry is sending thousands more copyright complaints to universities this school year than last. In some cases, students are targeted for allegedly sharing a single mp3 file online.

“Many schools — Ohio University and Purdue University are at the top of the list — already have received more than 1,000 complaints accusing individual students since last fall. For students who are caught, punishments can vary from e-mail warnings to semester-long suspensions from classes.

Ohio University said students caught twice sharing music online would face the same disciplinary sanctions as classmates accused of violence, cheating, suspension, probation or an assignment to write a homework paper on the subject. Ohio said no student ever has been caught twice.

“If they told me I was caught,” said Ryan Hall, a junior from Louisville, Ohio University sophomore who was accused of violating the policy in November of illegally sharing a popular video game, “Grand Theft Auto,” over the school’s computer network. Real said he was ordered to delete the game and the Bittorrent file-sharing software he was using from his computer before the school would turn his Internet connection back on.

“Everybody does it,” Real said. “The odds that you are going to get caught, it’s not something you think about.”

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A heavy weight to hold

There’s no marketing plan. The website is terrible. Customer service isn’t top-notch. The university is in a critical stage.

We at the Daily Egyptian have expressed these sentiments frequently this semester. But on Wednesday, those words came straight from the mouth of SIU President Glenn Poshard. Pulling no punches, the longtime Saluki told the DE Editorial Board that these days are troubled ones for the Carbondale campus and the road to recovery will be bumpy.

The pressure is on as the university’s brass deals with tight budgets, communication misfires, lack of motivation among employees and the unsettling reality that students are prematurely departing SIUC — or overlooking it all together.

While Poshard said many of the university’s troubles are unusual — namely, the state’s refusal to help pay for the education of SIUC’s large population of former military men and women — some of the problems could have been averted. Poshard admitted that university leaders missed the mark in working with community colleges to sniff students into SIUC programs. He said if the crew from Carbondale had acted five or six years ago, the enrollment would be full of nontraditional students taking SIUC classes conveniently on community college campuses.

Poshard’s experience in the classroom and in Congress makes him fit for the task. With a lot of help, he just might lift what’s weighing this university down.

International TAs and students should compromise

Cheryl Ernst  
Guest Columnist

As the ITA coordinator for the Center for English as a Second Language, I feel compelled to address the two letters written responding to “Course helps TAs, students understand each other” from Jan. 26.

First, it is wonderful to see a dialogue opened on this issue. The topic of International Teaching Assistants on campus is a nationwide issue, one not limited to SIUC. However, to that end, there are some misconceptions, which need to be clarified.

This is not a dichotomous situation. It is not about the undergraduates learning to listen, nor is it about the ITAs learning to speak English. It is about both.

First, the ITAs who come to SIUC (and universities across the country) are screened for oral proficiency prior to their admission. The required TOEFL score for graduate studies is higher than that of undergraduate admissions. These ITAs have studied English for many years in their home countries, or they would not be here. Period.

Not all students of English will — or physically can — achieve native-like fluency. It is a misconception that learning a language is like learning a math formula or flow chart. Language is fluid. Language is dynamic. Most significantly, language is difficult.

Idioms, technical terminology and pronunciation rules make English very easy to learn superficially, but extremely difficult to learn at a native-like level. Even in the U.S. is evidence of that. The undergraduate argument, because sometimes comprehension occurs if the undergraduate is listening, is an accurate one. The conflict arises when these two very different expectations collide.

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As an ITA coordinator, I conduct observations of the new ITAs in their classrooms. On my evaluation form for the undergraduates is a question that asks what undergraduate students can do to improve. One of the most common responses is “to be patient,” followed by, “the [undergraduate] students need to do their work and prepare for class.”

The suggestion from Haino’s letter on Monday is not that undergraduates need to learn the language of the ITAs; rather, they need to be aware of cultural and academic differences and learn to listen. Go beyond the pronunciation, and be an active participant in the classroom.

I can cite a number of studies showing that pronunciation is rarely the problem.

We at the Daily Egyptian have expressed our world.

We’re not going to sacrifice basic need here, but on the other hand, we’re not going to build a Taj Mahal.”

Error is the coordinator for international teaching assistance at the Center for English as a Second Language.

Glenn Poshard  
SIU president, on Saluki Way costs.
**Letters to the Editor**

**What country are we in?**

**Dear Editor:**

After reading the article featured in the DE on Feb. 20, “Language barrier a two-way street,” I can’t help but answer doctoral student and ITA Ridaie Niel Hae’s question, “Don’t you think it’s time to make a change?” with a simple, “No.” The interview with ITA Anitri Angriawan, who is from Indonesia, and Hardik Amin, from India, showed that they seemed pleased with the ITA Training Program. If I were moving to a different country the first time they backwashed the plain and inadequate drainage — and flooded the neighborhood the first time they backwashed the swimming pool is located. It was a political, social and economic decision to begin with and Carbondale should fix it once and for all. They did the same generous thing to begin with and Carbondale lacks good swimming facilities.

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**Louis Freitag**

Carbondale resident

**Carbondale lacks good swimming facilities**

**Dear Editor:**

Looking at the beautiful weather of the past few days, it’s hard to believe that just last weekend southern Illinois was blanketed by snow. Most, including myself, welcome the withdrawal of winter’s frosty grip. However, there’s something about a world of white that I can’t help but love. Instantly everything is simplified; against a clear slate you notice more about the world around you.

Without the snow I certainly wouldn’t have noticed the coyote walking along the side of the road near Thompson Point. I watched him for bit as he surveyed the scene thoroughly before crossing the street, as if looking around for a reason not to. I’m not sure what one side of the street had to offer that other didn’t have, but he knew and in an instant he was gone.

**Tylor Cates**

graduate assistant in Carbondale, Illinois

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**Phone number required to verify authorship (number will not be published); students must include year and major. FACULTY must include rank and department. NON-ACADEMIC STAFF include position and department. OTHERS include hometown.**
When Peace Corps recruiters came to SIUC this week, they hoped to find a unique kind of volunteer—one that knows how to butcher.

Recruiter Jeri Titus said the organization is often short on volunteers for agricultural projects, such as those to increase the protein content in the diets of people in developing countries.

"Your average Peace Corps applicant doesn’t want to be in a position of raising animals for meat and butchering them," she said.

Recruiters were on campus this week to raise awareness for the Peace Corps at Tuesday’s Career Fair and Wednesday’s Agricultural Sciences Job Fair. The Peace Corps is an organization that works on issues such as AIDS education and environmental preservation in more than 70 countries.

Judy Torres, who graduated last year with a bachelor’s degree in sociology, left for the Dominican Republic earlier this month to become an environmental education volunteer in the Peace Corps.

Torres will live with a host family for her first three months in the country to become immersed in its language and culture, said Monique Wolf, spokeswoman for the Peace Corps Chicago Regional Office.

Students considering the Peace Corps should apply early because the application process often takes at least nine months, Titus said.

While an undergraduate degree is not required to serve in the Corps, Titus said applicants must have a certain set of practical skills to be considered.

"It is rare that someone who is 18, 19 or 20 who doesn’t have a degree has the skills we need," she said.

Once a person joins, they are assigned to a particular country for 27 months, Titus said. She said there are no legal penalties for quitting before the end of that time period.

Members can state which country they would prefer, but the decision ultimately comes down to specific need.

"Our biggest area right now is Africa," Titus said.

Laraine Martin, a recruiter who came back from western Africa in December, said joining the Peace Corps changed her life.

"It’s a riot," she said. "You'll be jumping off waterfalls in no time."

Carbondale City Councilman Joel Fritzler said he served in the Peace Corps from 1990 to 1992, prior to coming to Carbondale. While in the Corps, he worked as an instructor at a vocational school in Botswana, a country in southern Africa.

As a volunteer, he said he hitchhiked around southern Africa and ate the best beef he had ever tasted. "It really opens your eyes to what’s going on outside your little island," Fritzler said.

After returning to the U.S., Fritzler took advantage of Fellows/USA, a program that gives Peace Corps volunteers reduced graduate tuition for serving in needy areas. The Peace Corps also provides medical and dental care, financial assistance for student loans and hiring preference at federal institutions, Titus said.

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Cigarettes could go up in flames after upcoming elections

Andrea Zimmermann

Cranbrook was very influential in defining the idea of higher or lower mediums in art," Karayiannis said. "It was almost like history was watching in a way.

The fab five:

The University Museum features work of faculty members who attended Michigan Academy

1. Andrea Zimmermann
2. Chris Kraller
3. Jerry Montefino
4. Justin Jones
5. Andrea Zimmermann and Blacklegionism.com

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CITY ELECTIONS

Several candidates for the spring election favor a smoke-free city

Will Carbondale go smoke-free?

The City Council voted down the smoke-free ordinance on Nov. 21. The votes were as follows:

Brad Cole — yes
Jessica Davis — no
Pepper Holder — abstain
Sheila Simon — yes

Gregor Mantheis — Delaware County

Polaute Sherwood — Sangamon County

Pahlmann and the other smoke-free supporters rely heavily on the petition of 3,000 Carbondale residents and said she thought it was important to show that the city is ready and needs an indoor smoking ban.

"It's pretty remarkable that we've had so many people here from that one institution as a sort of a show of force," said Jerry Montefino, a sculpture professor at SIUC who is featured on the results sheet. "It was almost like history was watching in a way."
Evolution

Italian cinema pioneer Vittorio Venuti once famously quipped that cinema primarily offered pleasure, but for its 25th installment, Carolwood’s — Big Shor — has retained offers by its viewers more than just entertainment.

After nearly three decades, the festival aims to be broader and more socially aware and more thought provoking than before, with more than 30 films ranging from short, animation, documentary, full-length features and experimental efforts. The Big Shor has transformed into a film showcase that brings new and diverse films to the community.

Founded in 1979 by USC faculty member Mike Clark and named after a nearby tributary of the Mississippi River, the Big Shor has evolved into one of the Midtown’s premier film festivals. This year’s festival will use a wide variety of venues in various areas of the city to showcase a wealth of independent films.

The importance of the Big Shor is its ability to allow films to cut through the community to a host of different issues and other entertainment.

“Shor aimed to increase the profile of the festival this year and make NTU proud of this event’s organization,” student Jason Derr said. “Families and other arts organizations have the potential to make great change and raise awareness in any arts forum — we’re excited about the things that can be done with such a film.”

赛事协调员 Daniel McCauley explained that the Big Shor supports independent producers.

“The festival is bigger and more ambitious, with more films, and even more social consciousness,” said McCauley. “The films’ content is changing, there’s definitely something to enjoy.”

The festival’s focus was chosen from more than 200 entries, with the best submissions making the cut. A screening of 29 films, including shorts and features, was chosen by the selection process and chosen by the selection panel. The chosen films cater to new women and independent artists, Derr said.

Internationalizing

While the Big Shor has always been a showcase for international cinema and films, this year’s festival was a step forward in broadening its scope. Many different languages and different genres will be showcased at the festival’s opening night and throughout the festival.

The film exhibition season is comprised of three forums: the “Visuals,” “Reeling,” and “The Wire.” The “Visuals” and “Reeling” are comprised of films from various film festivals around the world. “The Wire” is comprised of student films from the USC. The festival’s mission is to provide a showcase for international cinema.

This year’s jury

Another in a series of events at the screening of the Big Shor is a group of jurors who will be involved in the selection process.

While previous jurors have decided individually from various ends of the cinematic spectrum, this year’s jury is comprised of two internationally renowned filmmakers and one local juror.

Bahari Rasoulian, a professor at the University of Michigan, has worked in films since the 1960s and is the director of a cinematography and photography film. Rasoulian also works as a platform for international, experimental films and makes “lightweight features.”

Richard Blum is a professor at the University of Michigan and teaches in the areas of visual arts, experimental films and mainstream filmmaking.

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“I myself have chosen films that were powerful and important, but also wanted to express an audience to something that inspires them,” said Rasoulian. “I have selected the following:

The films in this year’s festival are all wonderful and entertaining, but some of them will also have an awareness.

McCauley, a sophomore cinema major from Crystal Lake, also acknowledged Big Shor’s commitment to social consciousness, saying that the aware of the festival and the film’s intentions and get people to think outside of their traditional patterns.

“Our goal is to encourage the awareness of students through film,” he said. “We have a lot of political films and a lot of social issues, and it’s something new.”

Festival organizers say they are expecting a large turnout.

“The fact that Canadian film Chicago acts as big as it was as it was in the past,” Rasoulian said. “In two ways of the things you’ll be able to watch (at Big Shor) are things that have never been seen before, and that is the whole idea. I think it’s a big city like New York or Paris to see amazing things.

The festival has been organized by students, and it has been the students who have given new visibility to different types of films that would likely not reach the mainstream, or that do not necessarily get that opportunity because of their genre.

“This year’s jury is comprised of jurors who will be less likely that students have the opportunity to enter and pick the brain of filmmakers,” McCauley said.

There are a lot of people who have had an impact on the festival through the years and in other ways. McCauley said he is always looking to promote to the festival’s community. He invites the community to come to the festival and share with the community.

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How to build your own PC

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Among technology enthusiasts, building your own PC is a lot like getting your driver's license—it's one of the first major milestones of maturity. I've spoken with many people interested in doing that, but they are often intimidated by the prospect. However, for those willing to get their hands a little dirty, building a PC can be a great learning experience and a great way to get yourself a computer perfectly customized to your needs.

There are numerous guides online that are very detailed and thorough, and I highly recommend using one. What we're going to discuss are a few of the things a potential builder should do to prepare for the process.

If you've never worked inside a computer, that should be your first step. I'm assuming that you already have a computer and have used it step. I'm assuming that you already have a computer and have used it enough to take stock of what pieces you already possess and may not need to upgrade. For instance, if you already own a monitor that you're happy with, there's no need to shop for a new one. A keyboard and mouse are the same way. Other internal components can sometimes be reused, especially CD and DVD drives.

You should also try to assess your needs and desires carefully when it comes to expensive parts. The same goes for your mouse and monitor, as well as things such as video cards. If you don't play many games, then you probably don't need a high-end $600 graphics card.

The best part about building your own system is that you can balance your needs and spend your money only on the things you really want. I personally don't need surround audio or a terribly high-end graphics card. Since I do video encoding and conversions quite often, though, I spent the extra money I saved from omitting a sound card and buying a slower video card on a faster processor. Spending 15 minutes or so at one of the sites I mentioned above will allow you to quickly select some pieces, find the prices and get a feel for how much you're going to need to spend to get what you want.

From there, you can start adding extras or making some compromises until you find a system that reflects your needs at a price that reflects your budget.
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503 S. Beveridge
506 S. Beveridge
507 S. Beveridge #2,5
509 S. Beveridge #1,2,4
513 S. Beveridge #3, 4
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Today's Horoscopes are brought to you by...

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Today's Birthday (02-22-07). You're very smart this year, especially at solving old problems. Even better, you're widely imaginative and creative. You'll come up with all sorts of new concepts and products from all that old data you've collected.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - You're collecting the second. Don't spend it all in one place. Don't tell anybody how much you got, either. Keep it invisible.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You may be getting tired of the nervous, excitable types. Might as well get used to them. They are drawn to your self-assurance.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - As you expound your theory, with data to support it, the others realize how smart you are. Don't skip the data. Although you're charming, that's the important part.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Of course you care about others. It's OK for them to understand how much you've already done for them, and how much you can do, in the future. Let them figure it out, from hints.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're advancing but now you're getting into somebody else's territory. Remember your manners and see what you can do for the person in power.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - Now possibilities open up, and you want to go check them out. Your main problem is figuring out how to make this top work-related. Don't worry - you'll come up with something.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 21) - Today is a 5 - You can reach away quite a bit for the future now, if you will. That, and fixing up your place, are your best financial options.

Scorpio (Oct. 22-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Set up a partnership now that's about teaching as well as learning. This will be solid and supportive for many years, most likely.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - The work's getting steadier. If you commit to doing what's asked of you now, slow and steady will do just fine - you'll see.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Often, it's up to you to make success happen in your life. This time, you'll notice a greater Power helping you to relax. It's OK - you'll emerge refreshed.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - Put your money into a good investment that you and your family can enjoy while you're accruing wealth.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - The next assignment is for you to get your team to work together. You do this by delegating a specific task to everyone.

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Junior forward Matt Shaw shoots around Butler’s Drew Streitcher during Saturday’s game. The Salukis defeated Indiana State 58-50 on Wednesday night.

**Junior forward Matt Shaw**

“We hit them with a flurry and they couldn’t score quick enough and couldn’t recover,” Lowery said.

Scoring was a challenge for SIU throughout the first 30 minutes of the game. Tino of the Salukis’ first 25 points came from the free-throw line. But the SIU defense, ranked third nationally, hung tough. Only one Indiana State player, Marico Stinson, scored in double-digits. Stinson recorded a game-high 17 on the night. Indiana State shot only 36 percent from the field for the game.

Lowery said he talked to his team about Indiana State’s Senior Night, and how the Sycamores were not going to lie down. SIU improved their shooting in the second half to finish with a 44 percent mark.

Young and Tatum lead the Salukis with 15 points each. Young scored 13 of his points in the second half.

Indiana State (12-16, 5-12) has lost 12 of their last 13 games. SIU will conclude their regular season Saturday at home against Evansville. Evansville won the last meeting between the two teams, 75-68 on Jan. 17. The loss is the only one for the Salukis in their last 12 games.

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**3-Point %:** 26.7 26.7

**Free throws%:** 70.8 70.8

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**Rebounds (O-D-Total):** 7-24-31 6-20-26

**Steals:** 3 5

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The No. 24 Salukis are in for a challenging weekend at the NFCA Leadoff Classic in Columbus, Ga. Every team they will face made it to last year’s NCAA Tournament. SIU will take on North Carolina on Friday at 1:30 p.m.

SIU softball coach Kerri Blaylock said this is an important weekend for the team.

“It’s one of the most prestigious tournaments in the country,” Blaylock said. “You want to play and get a few victories.”

SIU’s first opponent, the North Carolina Tar Heels, received preseason top 25 votes for the USA Today/NFCA poll and has high expectations. North Carolina won a school record 48 games last year and has 16 returning letterwinners.

North Carolina started out the season with a rocky 4-5 record including a loss to No. 1 Tennessee. The Salukis have plenty of weapons to counter North Carolina. The Salukis are 8-2 this season with a win over Louisiana State, the No. 8 team in the nation.

The Salukis are led by catcher Amanda Clifton and pitcher Cassidy Scoggins, who was recently drafted by National Pro Fastpitch softball team Rockford Thunder.

Clifton said the team does not care who they play.

“We will face some of the best (teams) in the country,” Clifton said. “We take the same approach to everyone; we play Saluki softball.”

SIU had help from freshman outfielder Katie Wilson in the win over Louisiana State. Wilson has three home runs and seven RBI in 10 games this season.

Blaylock said the Salukis have prepared all week for the game against North Carolina.

“We had a very spirited practice,” Blaylock said. “They understand the importance of practicing well.”

SIU will play No. 13 Michigan on Saturday. They will also have to face two difficult opponents in Auburn and Hofstra.

Blaylock said the tournament could be tough, but that won’t affect the team.

“The kids believe in themselves,” Blaylock said. “We just need to be consistent.”

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Salukis face big test

SIU will play top teams in country this weekend

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Sophomore Katie McNamara takes a swing during batting practice Wednesday afternoon at Charlotte West Stadium before the team heads to Columbus, Ga., to play in the NFCA Leadoff Classic.
Earlier this week, center guard Jamaal Tatum was named the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week following Saluki victories over Missouri State and No. 16 Butler. During the Salukis’ last three wins, Tatum averaged 15.3 points per game. He also came up big at the charity stripe, going 14-of-18 from the line for the Salukis.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered? E-mail de_editor@dailyegyptian.com

MEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
Feb. 24 Evansville 7:37 p.m.
March 2 MVC Tournament 12:05 p.m.
March 3 MVC Tournament 1:35 p.m.
March 4 MVC Tournament 1:05 p.m.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
Feb. 25 Evansville 2:05 p.m.
March 1 Missouri State 7:05 p.m.
March 3 Wichita State 2:05 p.m.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE
Feb. 23 Central Michigan 2 p.m.
Feb. 24 Central Michigan 1 p.m.
Feb. 25 Central Michigan 1 p.m.
Feb. 28 Tennessee-Martin 2 p.m.
March 3 Northern Illinois 2 p.m.
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March 7 Murray State 2 p.m.
March 10 Youngstown State 2 p.m.
March 11 Youngstown State 1 p.m.
March 13 Middle Tenn. State 3 p.m.
March 14 Middle Tenn. State 3 p.m.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE
Feb. 23 North Carolina 2:30 p.m.
Feb. 24 Auburn 1 p.m.
Feb. 24 Michigan 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 25 Illinois 1 p.m.
March 3 Ball State 12 p.m.
March 3 Ohio 2 p.m.
March 4 Western Illinois 3 p.m.
March 4 Indiana 5 p.m.
March 9 Florida A&M 1:30 p.m.
March 9 Western Carolina 4 p.m.
March 10 Buffalo 11 a.m.

LACROSSE
Duke asks students to be on best behavior for game
RALEIGH, N.C. (MCT) — The Duke men’s lacrosse team holds its first game of the season Saturday against Dartmouth at 2 p.m., and Duke is asking students not to bring signs and to be on best their best behavior with a large number of reporters expected.

“One of unique scenarios (at Duke) is we don’t sell tickets,” new Duke coach John Danowski said Wednesday. “There’s no way of knowing how many people will be there. We expect a big crowd and a big positive reaction from the Duke student body and people who want to see us play lacrosse again.”

MLE
Dye says he wants to stay with White Sox
TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Outfielder Jermaine Dye likes playing for the White Sox and sounds like he just might be willing to take a smaller paycheck than he’d get elsewhere to continue doing so.

“I have always told (the White Sox) I am not out to break the bank,” Dye, who is in the last year of a contract that will pay him $5 million, said Wednesday. “I just want to be fair and whatsoever market value is. Of course, to be here, I will probably have to take less money.”

Dye, who finished the 2005 season as the World Series MVP and hit .315 with 44 home runs and 120 RBIs last year, could be one of the most sought-after free agents when his contract expires.

“Those being here,” Dye said Wednesday, “Chicago is a great place to play and the fans are great, my teammates are awesome. The last two years have been awesome to me (and) hopefully they will react one more here and being me back.”

Whatever happens, it’s not likely to play out until the end of the season. White Sox General Manager Ken Williams said earlier this week that the club won’t renew potential free agent contracts for Dye, second baseman Tadahito Iguchi or starting pitcher Mark Buehrle until after the 2007 season.

“Based on his second-half numbers from last season, he will break the record,” Dye said Wednesday. “It sounds like he just might be willing to take a smaller paycheck than he’d get elsewhere to continue doing so.”

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“I will look at whatever possibilities there are out there.”

“For Barry and all the constant scrutiny. Then I think his legacy is already tarnished. Watching last season, he will break the record. And I think he is going to do it because it’s his last chance. The man is getting old and this is the last thing he is going to win. I celebrate it when he gets there even though I’m not a huge Bonds fan. The man has done a heck of a lot of things in baseball, for better or worse.”

“Based on his second-half numbers from last season, he will break the record,” Dye said Wednesday. “It sounds like he just might be willing to take a smaller paycheck than he’d get elsewhere to continue doing so.”

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Outfielder Jermaine Dye likes playing for the White Sox and sounds like he just might be willing to take a smaller paycheck than he’d get elsewhere to continue doing so.

“I have always told (the White Sox) I am not out to break the bank,” Dye, who is in the last year of a contract that will pay him $5 million, said Wednesday. “I just want to be fair and whatsoever market value is. Of course, to be here, I will probably have to take less money.”

Dye, who finished the 2005 season as the World Series MVP and hit .315 with 44 home runs and 120 RBIs last year, could be one of the most sought-after free agents when his contract expires.

“Those being here,” Dye said Wednesday, “Chicago is a great place to play and the fans are great, my teammates are awesome. The last two years have been awesome to me (and) hopefully they will react one more here and being me back.”

 Whatever happens, it’s not likely to play out until the end of the season. White Sox General Manager Ken Williams said earlier this week that the club won’t renew potential free agent contracts for Dye, second baseman Tadahito Iguchi or starting pitcher Mark Buehrle until after the 2007 season.

Dye had said he wanted to sign a new deal during this offseason but is resigned to<br>...
**Men’s Basketball**

### Championship clinched

SIU secures regular season title with win over Sycamores

Jim Nelson  
**Daily Egyptian**

They kept their composure. After earning their highest ranking in school history, the thirteenth-ranked Salukis had to claw their way back into the game at Indiana State Wednesday.

SIU senior guard Tony Young stepped up to get the Salukis going in the second half, hitting two three-pointers midway through.

The rest of the Salukis then picked up their intensity, coming from behind to beat the Sycamores 58-50 to clinch the Missouri Valley Conference regular season championship.

Saluki coach Chris lowery described his team’s offensive effort in the first half as “non-challant” during a halftime television interview.

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### Lowery earns second MVC title in three years

Scott Mieszala  
**Daily Egyptian**

Saluki coach Chris Lowery has said all season that the SIU men’s basketball team was focusing on winning the Missouri Valley Conference championship in 2007.

The Salukis did just that Wednesday with their 58-50 win at Indiana State. This marks the fifth time in SIU history the Salukis have won the Valley in the regular season and the second time in Lowery’s three seasons as head coach at SIU.

Lowery said a number of Salukis were stingy, namely senior guards Jamal Latum and Tony Young.

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**Baseball**

### Welcome home

SIU hosts series against Central Michigan

Matt Hartwig  
**Daily Egyptian**

The Salukis are glad to be home.

The SIU baseball team (3-3) will begin the first of a three-game series Friday at 2 p.m. against Central Michigan (2-1) at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis swept the Chippewas in 2006, outscoring them 32-18 in four games.

SIU defeated Northwestern State 3-2 at the Coca-Cola Southern Mississippi Baseball Classic Feb. 17 after trailing 2-1 early in the game.

SIU then needed extra innings and a pair of two-out hits the next day to beat Louisville and win its second game in a row.

Saluki coach Dan Callahan doesn’t expect the win to have too much of an impact on this weekend’s series against Central Michigan.

“That was a very big win for us, but it was five days ago, Callahan said. “We have to block that game out of our minds because that game won’t mean that much anymore.”

The Chippewas are coming into Carbondale with two straight wins against Alabama-Birmingham.

For the first time this season, the Salukis will be playing in front of their home crowd, which could have an impact on the three game set.

Senior outfielder Kevin Koskie said it’s good to be home and have the crowd in their favor.

“It’s always important to set the tone no matter if it’s the first game of the year or the first home series,” Koskie said. “We’ve always played well at home and we want to get off to a good start here.”

Koskie, a Schaumburg native, went 2-for-6 against the Cardinals Sunday. He hit .300 in 2006 and is currently on the Brooks Wallace Award (College Player of the Year) Watch List for the second straight season.

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Ian Reinhart pitches during practice Wednesday afternoon at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis host Central Michigan at 2 p.m. Friday.