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Students mourn NIU tragedy

More than 100 gather for vigil in memory of shooting victims

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

When a gunman fired 54 shots into a Northern Illinois University classroom Thursday, Nyki Braese lost a friend.

Braese was one of more than 100 students, faculty and community members who gathered at the steps of Shryock Auditorium Tuesday afternoon for a vigil in remembrance of the victims of the NIU shooting. The vigil was organized by Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate and Professional Student Council.

Braese said she went to high school with Ryanne Mace, one of the five students killed in the shooting. Braese, a sophomore from Carpentersville studying cinema and photography, said she appreciated the chance to mourn at the vigil because she could not attend Mace’s funeral.

“Jen Jacino said he went to the vigil because he is from DeKalb,” Braese said. “They were all close friends.”

Sophomore Nyki Braese is consoled by Rosemary Simmons, director of the Counseling Center. Braese is a sophomore from Carpentersville studying cinema and photography, and went to high school with NIU shooting victim Ryanne Mace.

Lawmakers push to reduce voting age

A lawmaker of more than 20 years said young-voter turnout is higher than ever, which should prompt for a lower state voting age.

State Rep. Lou Lang, D-Skokie, said he is sponsoring an amendment to the Illinois Constitution allowing 17-year-olds to vote in state elections.

Since it was assigned to the House Elections and Campaign Reform Committee, the amendment has caused a number of different reactions from Lang’s fellow lawmakers and voters close to the age group. Two state representatives have become co-sponsors, but legislators, such as State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Carbondale, a member of the elections committee, have said they would not support the amendment for a number of reasons.

Lang said the committee plans to meet this week as representatives return to Springfield for session.

“We want to do, of course, is include more and more people in the process,” he said. “We have found that the voting turnout patterns have been dismal ... because we haven’t involved them in the process.”

Bost said the amendment would not allow 17-year-olds to vote for elected positions in the federal government, such as the president, congressman and U.S. senators. The minimum voting age for such offices is 18 and regulated on the federal level. Bost said approving Lang’s amendment would cost the state more money to print separate ballots for 17-year-olds, and create a “nightmare” for county clerks who would have to make sure each voter gets the proper ballot.

Lang said Bost’s concerns of separate ballots are not a worry during the “computer age.”

“I’ve never not wanted everyone to vote,” Bost said, who encouraged sup-porters of the amendment to lobby the federal government to lower its voting age instead.

John Jackson, a visiting professor from the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and former SIUC intern-ship coordinator, said students near the age of 20 in his political science classes have been skeptical of such an amend-ment. Jackson said he has had the discussion in class during the past four semesters, and each time students have been more against the age limit because it would add more

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In-state tuition may be offered to out-of-state students

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tuition costs may be going down for people from counties bordering Illinois looking to study at SIU.

Faculty Senate President Peggy Stockdale announced Tuesday that the senate’s budget committee will be looking at costs of offering in-state tuition for bordering counties in neighboring states.

Stockdale said there has been discussion at the offices of the president and the chancellor.

Don Rice, interim provost said both the SIU president and vice-president are in favor of offering lower tuition rates, but not to everyone. Rice said both are interested in defining eligibility for students from out of state receiving the in-state tuition rates.

Stockdale said other universities already offer this type of program to bordering counties.

“The thinking is they’re taking students that potentially would come here and so this is like taking students back,” Stockdale said.

For the program to be profitable, Stockdale said SIUC would need to gain an overall increase of 400 students from out of state. The senate budget committee is going to be studying the possibility of offering it, Stockdale said, and maybe come up with some suggestions.

“Maybe (try)ing some ideas like a trial period or offering it in one or two counties to see how it goes,” Stockdale said.

The faculty senate is also looking to put together funds to upgrade and replace broken-down technical equipment in classrooms. Rice said many members of the faculty have complained about equipment not working properly in rooms that were re-done within the last few years.

“We just can’t have these rooms available and not functioning properly,” Rice said.

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Gov. Blagojevich to give annual address today

Gov. Rod Blagojevich will join Illinois lawmakers in the trip to Springfield today to deliver his State of the State address.

Several speculations are surrounding the speech, and what the governor plans to specifically address. State Rep. Lou Lang, D-Skokie, who expects the house to be skeptical of Blagojevich’s new ways to allocate state funds. He said the speech will not improve the number of stalemates between the state House and Senate.

The governor is scheduled to begin speaking in the Illinois House of Representatives Chamber inside the State Capitol at noon. Delivering the speech for the sixth time as governor, Blagojevich will be speaking to a House Chamber that has calcified him multiple times for overstepping his executive privileges. Probably the most criticism came last August when he redid $500 million from state spending to health care.

Blagojevich is still battling House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, in civil actions court. Blagojevich sued Madigan for changing times of a special session of the legislature. Generally, the house speaker sits close to the governor while the speech is in progress.

The speech is similar to the State of the Union delivered annually by the president, but focuses on the Illinois spending plan instead of the federal budget.

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Police say NIU gunman took steps to ‘thwart any investigation’

DEKALB (AP) — Authorities still lack a theory as to why Steven Kazmierczak gunned down five students at Northern Illinois University — in part because the gunman took steps to keep his plans secret, according to the campus police chief.

“He didn’t tell people what he was going to do,” NIU Police Chief Donald Grady told the Chicago Tribune in a story published on its Web site Tuesday. “And he took steps to thwart any investigation.”

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GPSC talks about safety, counseling

Student organization addresses concerns after NIU tragedy

Allison Petty

Graduate and Professional Student Council members were uncharacteristically quiet Tuesday night.

Though the organization’s hour-long meeting featured multiple guest speakers and topics of discussion, members observed a minute of silence before any other agenda items.

GPSC President Steven Middleton asked for the gesture in remembrance of the victims of Thursday’s shooting at Northern Illinois University.

Middleton said he had asked campus police and counselors to attend the meeting.

"I don’t know if it was necessarily concern about safety, but there have been questions," Middleton said. "It is obviously a very hot topic right now."

Rosemary Simmons, director of the Counseling Center, presented at the meeting and said she wanted to address negative stigmas about the center. About one in every 12 SIUC students saw an on-campus counselor during the 2006-07 school year, she said.

Simmons added that the university had recently implemented new Counseling Center policies.

"Our biggest frustration (was when) a concerned faculty or staff member would call saying someone overdosed or wanted to commit suicide, and … the student could say no thanks (to counseling)," she said.

However, new university rules mandate students who threaten or attempt to commit suicide must attend three counseling sessions, Simmons said. She added that suicidal students were more likely to be reported by faculty members in English or communications classes, because feelings of depression could become apparent in creative writing assignments.

Simmons said the chancellor signed another policy Thursday. The rule requires students to attend three counseling sessions if they are found passed out drunk on the sidewalk or show up to class inebriated and belligerent, Simmons said. Students who refuse mandated counseling would be reported to Student Judicial Affairs, she said.

She said students could reach counseling personnel after office hours by calling the Department of Public Safety at 453-3771.

Todd Sigler, director of the SIUC Police Department, spoke to the organization for about half an hour regarding campus safety.

Sigler said he hoped students would be able to sign up for a new emergency text messaging system next week. The system would alert students to on-campus violence and severe weather situations, such as tornado warnings.

"It's really about respect, about how you treat people," Sigler said. "That's something we all need to really work at and do as good a job as we possibly can."

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HAVANA — Now that Fidel Castro has retired, many Cubans are looking to his brother to let more people open businesses, own homes and even travel abroad. But it will probably fall to a new generation of leaders to ultimately fulfill or frustrate their dreams of prosperity.

During his 15 years as acting president, 76-year-old Raúl Castro has hinted at reform but made few concrete changes. And he has many see as a sign of respect for his beloved, more doctrinaire older brother, who was still considered the real leader.

And while hoping that Raúl and his likely No. 2, Carlos Lage, will advocate for change, they wonder how that will fly with Fidel, who stepped down but isn’t going away.

“There has to be some change, more freedom with Raúl,” said Andres, 63, who like many Cubans wouldn’t give his last name for fear of reprisals when talking about the Castro brothers. “The other one always nipped that off at the bud.”

The resignation, announced Tuesday, should give Raúl Castro the automatic nod as the government’s caretaker since Fidel was sidelined by intestinal surgery in July 2006. The younger Castro raised expectations of openings in the state-controlled economy with his reported fascination with Chinese-style capitalism, calls for unspecified “structural changes,” and acknowledgment that government wages are unsustainable for a bit longer, certainly for at least a couple of months after July.

Many Cubans want to hear more such talks from their new leader. Inspired by Raúl, some leading Cuban cultural figures have recently called for dropping onerous visa requirements and other limits on their freedoms, a message that resonates with high food prices.

“This is what we needed, I hope to God people have more freedom,” said Lydis Pere, a prominent writer.

And while military analysts have suggested Cuba open a few arms and critical debates, as long as they remain, they argue that final decisions will be made by the Communist Party.

Rafael, 47, talking about big decisions, he told student leaders in December.

“Why do we need to do things we never did before. I don’t want to stay quiet if he sees his revolution going astray.”

Fidel Castro, however, insisted in his resignation letter Tuesday that the political standing as never before.

Cuban exile Santiago Portal celebrates Fidel Castro’s resignation early Thursday. Saying he was no longer healthy enough to hold office, Cuban leader Castro announced in a letter published in Cuba’s newspapers Tuesday that he will not seek re-election after 49 years in power and nearly 19 months sidelined by illness.

Supreme Court rejects domestic spying lawsuit

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court dealt a setback Tuesday to civil rights and privacy advocates who oppose the Bush administration’s warrantless wiretapping program.

The justices, without comment, turned down an appeal from the American Civil Liberties Union to prove their communications had been monitored and thus could not have been harmed by the program.

The government has refused to turn over information about the closely guarded program that could reveal who has been targeted.

A federal judge in Detroit large agreed, but the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed the suit, saying the plaintiffs couldn’t prove their communications had been monitored and thus could not have been harmed by the program.

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In that case, the charity alleged the National Security Agency illegally listened to its calls. The charity had wanted to introduce as evidence a top-secret call log it received mistimed from the Treasury Department.

The economy, and trade in par-

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WASHINGTON

Possible suspension of troop cuts won’t affect plans to shorten tours

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soldiers heading to Iraq later this month could see their tours shortened from 15 months to 12 months, even if troop cuts are suspended in July, as expected, the Army’s top general said Tuesday.

Gen. George Casey said while his force will remain at about 140,000 through at least the summer, the high street brigades, for us, is sustainable for a bit longer, cer-

Military may attempt to shoot down spy satellite as soon as Wednesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — An attempt to shoot down a U.S. spy satellite out of the sky using a Navy heart-seeking missile — possibly on Wednesday night — would be the first real-world use of this piece of the Pentagon’s missile defense network, as some see it was intended.

The attempted shootdown, already approved by President Bush, is seen as so bluntly the lines between military and an weapon like a long-range missile and target.

The three-stage Navy missile, designated the SM-3, has chalked up a high rate of success in a series of tests since 2002 — including a case targeting a short-or medium-range ballistic missile, never a satellite.

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Election setback for Pakistan’s Musharraf

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Larry Weller says he sometimes drives past his childhood home on Elizabeth Street to remember his time growing up in Carbondale.

But his old neighborhood will be virtually unrecognizable soon. Weller grew up in the house at 1010 S. Elizabeth Street, one of 13 buildings on the northwest side of campus the university recently said it would tear down. The demolition is part of the campus’s long-term Land Use Plan, which calls for rerouting Lincoln Drive so it runs behind the Communications Building where the houses now stand.

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The residents of Carbondale are at a higher risk than those in New Bedford. All too often it takes a tragedy, like this incident in New Bedford, to illustrate how easily the system can be bypassed. Too many cracks, loopholes and openings let snakes slither through undetected and bite unsuspecting heels. In New Bedford, the man arrested for the rape being classified as high-risk because of an appeal. He appealed his classification and lost, but moved to New Bedford a week later. When he registered as a sex offender, he was not flagged as high-risk because the appeal had not been completely resolved.

Krajcir reentered the society without setting off any flags as well. Although attending college, as part of Krajcir’s parole, it seems that someone who committed a crime as serious as rape should be watched more carefully. His decision to apply for parole is almost incredible. Justice seems like it should have caught someone’s eye. Unfortunately it didn’t, and many people have suffered from the negligence of how Krajcir’s release was handled.

It’s terrible that society has degenerated to the point where we can no longer trust each other. But when the safety of children is involved, it is necessary to question others.

The mayor of New Bedford wants to take small steps to keep his city’s children safe. He talked about making patrons use an ID or a guest pass to get into libraries. It’s not full proof, but it would be better than letting anyone walk through the door.

Similar steps seem like they could be easily implemented in any city library. An ID card machine would instantly notify librarians of a risk, or allow them to reject sex offenders during the application process.

The steps may seem like an inconvenience to some, but to parents and children, libraries are portals to other worlds and endless knowledge. Closing the portal to some is better than completely destroying the lives of others.

Wenger is a senior studying Spanish and journalism.
I believe I am a true-blooded American. Despite how I feel about our current president, I am a supporter of international business practices and general ethnocentric attitudes, it pains me to say that sometimes, but like every true American, I could not survive without my car.

This is my friend Ben standing next to my piece of junk, “La Cucaracha.” It blew a tire in the middle of nowhere. It was the fourth tire I changed this year alone. During constant trips down country roads, I have noticed that nothing makes me happier than driving with the windows down and the music turned up. Despite the four tire changes, the new brakes and the new windshield that was shattered by a deer’s face, I continue to drive my roach. My addiction to oil is harder to kick than my addiction to nicotine. The fact that I got to drive all over this world is one of the things I treasure most about being a photo-journalist.

As much as we need it, I am not entirely sure that America is ever going to give up the open road. If that were the case, I wonder whether we would be desperately searching for fuel alternatives as opposed to a great mass transit system like Europe?

I guess we Americans do not like being told where to go. I know it pains me to mention that the fourth tire of my car was shattered by a deer’s face, I know the thought of being constrained by rails or bus routes seems like a strike against my freedoms. Until that next great innovation, I will keep driving my roach.

Brian Peach
2003 SIU alumnus

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Slippery administrative decisions

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to SIU President Glenn Poshard, Chancellor Fernando M. Torrico, Public Safety Director Todd String and anyone else who makes decisions regarding student and faculty safety. I am a 2003 SIU alumnus who lived on campus all four years of my time at Southern. I’m now the editor of a newspaper in Hong Kong. I can thank my SIU education, in part, for opening doors that got me there.

I wasn’t the best student, but I cared about my education, so I got up every day and walked to class. And, like thousands of my classmates, I was subjected to whatever Mother Nature decided to throw at me.

Occasionally, we had to brave the winter snow and snow. I killed a few times, arriving at class wet and breaded. I recall my frustration that more wasn’t being done to assure students got to class safely. Most students pay good money to attend SIU, and with that comes certain expectations. A safe on-campus commute to class is just one of them. Nonetheless, I found myself doing a balancing act on university-maintained sidewalks after snow and ice storms.

I was disappointed last week to hear the problems hasn’t gotten any better, and students still suffer unnecessarily because SIU administrators weren’t spending more on snow/ice removal, or better yet, immediately cancel all classes when the weather gets as bad as it was. Don’t think over for a day in hopes the ice will melt despite sub-freezing temperatures.

It’s only a matter of time before a dedicated student slips on the ice and doesn’t get up. Think of the bad publicity that will receive, and how some parents will tell their children, “We’re not sending you to a school that doesn’t put safety first.”

That safety, for students and facility, shouldn’t be callously brushed aside with comments such as SIU spokesmen Rod Sievers’, “We’re not sending students to a university-maintained sidewalks after snow and ice storms.”

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Musicians entertain crowd of children

Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra presents Music for Young Listeners concert

Madeleine Leroux

After watching the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra, Joelle Keener said she wants to learn to play every instrument.

The orchestra presented a Music for Young Listeners concert at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Shryock Auditorium. Attending the concert were children from five elementary schools in the area, from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade.

Keener, an eighth grade student at Ewing Elementary School, said the concert was amazing. Keener already plays three instruments, including clarinet, and said her favorite part was the clarinet solo, performed by Paul Vincent Petrucci.

“I dragged myself out of bed for this,” Keener said.

Edward Benyas, music director of the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra, said the free concert was open to all elementary schools in the area, but was especially geared toward children ages 3 to 6.

The musical performance began as soon as the children entered Shryock, where a brass quintet was playing in the lobby. The performance also included an introduction to the orchestra with Benyas naming the sections of an orchestra and short demonstrations of different instruments.

Edith Koine, an aid at Parrish Elementary School, said the school often attends open concerts at Shryock.

“Sometimes I think people forget that classical music, and opera, of course, is meant to be entertainment,” Koine said.

Parrish Elementary School kindergarteners Vanessa Bravo, left, and Isabella Chevalier cover their ears at the high pitched tones of Emily Fons, a graduate student from Milwaukee studying opera and music theater, in the Shryock Auditorium Tuesday morning.
27th Annual Engineering Day shows major’s fun side

Jakina Hill
DAILY EGYPTIAN

All wings of the Engineering Building and its courtyards were invaded by high school students in search of points that could earn them a mystery prize at the end of the 27th Annual Engineering Day.

Thirteen engineering organizations each sponsored a game for the SIU engineering mind games event. Organizations such as National Association of Industrial Technology and Tau Beta Pi chose a student to show high school students how much fun engineering can be with projects from various competitions.

Precision pacing, the egg drop and the robotic challenge were some of the more popular events in past Engineering Days at SIU.

Giggles that could no longer be held in erupted as one student crashed a manipulated RC car into a vent. Tyler Madding, a junior from Decatur studying industrial technology, laughed along and assured one of many students having trouble navigating the little truck they were doing fine.

About an hour after the events began, Madding said he had already given points to at least 100 students.

“The crowd slows down then really picks up,” Madding said. “I’m having a blast.”

Carbondale Community High School juniors Kara Gilbert, Kirsten Kennedy and Margaret Rendleman hurried in from the cold after launching a rocket—an empty two-liter bottle filled with water.

“It’s interesting to see the campus and interact with people that go here,” Kennedy said. However, all the girls agreed that because they are from Carbondale they would rather go to school outside of their hometown.

“If my parents moved away I’d probably stay,” Gilbert said.

More than 400 students from 16 schools participated in the events.

Associate Engineering Dean John Nicklow said it is National Engineering Week across the country and this is the only celebration in the southern part of the state.

Engineering Day at SIU aims to introduce high school students throughout Illinois not just to the engineering programs, but to SIU as a whole.

“It’s our opportunity to reach out to them and have them participate in some fun games and see how engineering can be fun for them,” Nicklow said.

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A little bit of medi-rock-ity

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Jack Johnson evokes soothing ‘Sleep’

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Lust’ spooky, sweet pop-noir

Ravenettes latest stark, sound, repetitive

Jack Johnson
‘Sleep Through The Static’
Release date: Feb. 5, 2008

British Sea Power
‘Do You Like Rock Music?’
Release date: Feb. 12

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In the world of music, there is something called medi-rock.

It is a type of rock and roll that is unchallenging, unadventurous, inoffensive and yet by all means catchy.

In short, it’s music you can listen to with your room. CoCoTop, Matchbox Twenty and U2 are just a few of the bands comprising today’s rock pantheon, and with “Do You Like Rock Music?” British Sea Power seems to be joining them.

Every song on ‘Rock Music’ sticks to a very standard and palatable guitar-base-and-drums approach, overblown with an arena rock level of production. It sounds big, but its sound is commonplace with its lieslessness.

“All in It” kicks things off, starting with a repeating and drab chord, which gains size and momentum as steadily drumbeats, organ chords and distorted guitar effects move in to build a sense of grandeur and anticipation for the next track, “Lights On For Darker Skies.” Unfortunately, a cathartic moment will be found there — or anywhere else on the album.

Each song tries to build up to something, but that something is never quite reached. “Waving Flags,” the album’s opening track, is another perfect example: Echoing vocals, a backing chorus and crescending guitar will tease the listener into believing there will be some justification for all of the tracks remaining at the end of the song, but there is nothing to be found except a fade to silence.

It would always this way.

British Sea Power is not mediocre; it is just that mediocre is all it is aspiring to be on this album. After all, the band’s 2003 debut, “The Decline of British Sea Power,” was an interesting first album with the hint of creating potential. Five years later, however, the band seems to have run out of ideas. And is it just a question of time before the whole thing is even Hayes is truly supposed to be a hit. Though his music might be a little boring, Johnson’s lyrics and singing are golden, as always. He’s never afraid to sing from the heart, though, sometimes it feels like a heart is no place to be singing from all at, he emotes on “All As Once,” the opening track. Just like describes on “Eeny, it seems some melancholy tone is haunting Johnson, and it’s obvious on this often glossy album.

There are new sounds thrown in here and there: a banjo on the title track, an accordion on “They Do, They Don’t” as a jazzy organ. “Sleep Through The Static,” Johnson’s fifth full-length release, doesn’t have quite the same pop appeal as his other releases.

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Johnson is enjoyable on ‘Sleepy.’

The music on this album has a tendency to have the same eye-closing effect as painted in the title though a listener will have a lasting smile during the nap.

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The Ravenettes win as many
dark and steady drum bass and

For a duet, which experimentation

Along with the opening scratchy guitar and

Take a look at the opening track, “Ally, Wake Up Me,” is the latest album from the Danish duo is anything but lackluster and monotonous.

Mixing simple, oldies-pop melodies with a dirty, dis- tensioned guitar, “Lucy Lust Last Lust” coherently matched to go along with the rest of what’s happening instrumentally.

“Blitzed” comes straight out of”

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University Chancellor Fernando Terenzio, who presided at the event, said members of the SIUC community should reach out to.

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Senior guard Jared Josten adds 10.3 points while sophomore center Jordan Egelston records 10.1 points per game for the Panthers who are coming off a 65-55 loss to No. 16 Drake on Saturday.

The last time the two teams met was on Feb. 2 in a 68-63 Saluki loss in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Finals got the Salukis in trouble throughout most of the game, as the Panthers shot 40 free throws in the 40 minutes of play.

This time around, however, Mullins said the Salukis need to pressure the Panthers’ guards and be more productive on offense. Lowery said the Panthers didn’t play hard enough in the first meeting and being at home will help that tonight.

“We did foul a lot of those teams, Lowery said. “But some of them you are obviously going to question, but when we play hard it doesn’t matter what the referees do.”

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Bench

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Boyle said he understands the tendencies of Faw, Green and Bone from playing with them so much and that it helps in game situations.

“From the bench you can see how the game is being played and what the refs are calling,” Boyle said. “Then mainly just come in and go harder than the starters and pick them up.”

Fay said the opportunity to observe from the bench has helped him progress. Though he usually puts in only 10 minutes per game, Fay said he has become more comfortable with his role on the team.

“Going in there at the same time as Tony and Tyrone it helps out a lot,” Fay said. “Just knowing they’re coming out with me and I’m not going in by myself makes it comfortable.”

Carlton Fay freshman forward

DE: Who is the loudest? BM: (Senior guard) Dion Coopwood

BM: Who eats the most? DE: Probably (sophomore forward) Jordan Armstrong.

BM: Who is the hardest working? DE: You live with sophomore Jordan Armstrong and Christian Cornelius... tell us what that is like?

BM: It’s funny. They’re always cracking jokes. They play college basketball non-stop on PlayStation so I get to hear about all the different teams when I’m around the apartment.

DE: Many of your teammates say you’re the hardest working. Do you think so?

BM: Yeah, you know I definitely take pride in getting into the gym every single night and showing my teammates how hard I work.

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Thrower on ice after season-best

Riley rests after throwing 79 feet

Luis C. Medina
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After a season-high throw, Brittany Riley said she is happy to have some time off.

Riley and the SIU track and field team are coming off strong performances at the Iowa State Classic, a meet that included more than 200 athletes and 90 teams. Head coach Connie Price-Smith said the Iowa State meet provided her team with the opportunity to compete against highly rated competition.

“It was really encouraging for them to see it and be part of it, and know they are not that far behind top schools or schools that are perceived to be so much better,” Smith said.

Riley, a senior from Flossmoor, was the weight throw event with a season-best throw that measured 79 feet 6.75 inches, more than 11 feet farther than second place finisher Sarah Stevens of Arizona State.

Riley said she was shaken up after hitting a bystander with a practice throw, but said her arm was 88-foot throw in practice and knows what she needs to do to duplicate that distance in competition.

“I have to step concentrating on not fouling so I can go aggressively on every throw,” Riley said.

Junior Bianca Stuart followed her season-high, 21-foot long jump at the McDonald’s Invitational with another victory in the long jump with a leap measuring more than 20 feet. Price-Smith said she was happy with the consistency Stuart has shown, and expects her to make another big jump in her next meet.

SIU placed several runners in the top-20. Megan Hoelscher and Emily Pfister placed second in the women’s 3,000-meter run, Stephanie McDonald placed sixth in the 5,000-meter run, Jeff Schirmer finished 12th in the 3,000-meter run and Brandon Deloney finished 18th in the 300-meter dash.

SIU returns to action in Charleston for a one-day meet Friday night. The meet includes schools such as Indiana State, SIU-Edwardsville and host Eastern Illinois. Price-Smith said she would treat the “Friday Night Special” meet as a tune-up, giving several of the Salukis’ top performers rest before the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, where she expects a better outing.

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Jeff Engelshardt

“Of course NFL players take steroids, but it is not a problem because it is the NFL. MLB has the problem because it’s America’s pastime and the U.S. Congress does not like their country’s game tainted. Steinbrenner is just trying to take the heat off baseball, but the NFL will be fine with slipping a couple positive tests slip through the cracks because they have bigger athletes anyway.”

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“Boss Jr. makes a great point. You don’t see Congressional hearings on Shaq Menimanni or Rodney Harrisons use of performance enhancing drugs, and those guys are All-Pro caliber players who were suspend for a handful of games. But I think the NFL has bigger problems with the legal issues of guys like Pac-Man Jones and Michael Vick.”

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Role reversals

Changes to bench spark team

Jeff Engelhardt

When Tyrone Green and Josh Bone stepped roles, the Salukis fortunes changed with them.

The Saluki bench has been vital in the recent success as the team dives for a top seed in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. In SIU’s last game, the sophomore Bone, junior Tony Boyle and freshman Carlton Fay came off the pine to combine for 22 points in a 74-67 overtime victory against Wichita State.

Bone was especially efficient, going 4-for-8 from behind the arc and adding five assists. Coach Chris Lowery said he is excited about Bone’s move to the sixth man role and thinks it will help down the stretch.

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15 MINUTES with ...

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Junior guard Bryan Mullins has been a spark for the SIU men’s basketball team this year as he has averaged 11 points per game and is second in the Missouri Valley Conference in both assists (5.1) and steals (2.9).

The Daily Egyptian recently sat down with Mullins to talk about his least favorite place to play and the most creative thing he has seen from the Dawg Pound.

DE: The Dawg Pound is notorious for being one of the best student sections in the nation. What’s one of the craziest things you’ve heard from them during a game?

BM: They’ve made some good signs and stuff I’ve seen. When we played Indiana they had a bunch of signs for Verizon Wireless with Kevin Sampson and I thought that was pretty creative.

DE: What is your favorite sports movie?

BM: I have a bunch, but right now I’ll go with Rudy.

DE: What one song do you listen to when you want to relax?

BM: I don’t really listen to songs to relax.

DE: You grew up in the Chicago suburbs and have spent time in the St. Louis area … so tell us who has better pizza?

BM: Chicago. No doubt. There’s nothing like it.

DE: Finish this sentence: If I’m not playing basketball, I like to …

BM: Watch movies and relax.

DE: What is the latest question you’ve been asked in an interview?

BM: You guys think you’re going to win the conference?

DE: Would you rather make the game-winning shot or dish the ball to the open man who hits the game-winning shot?

BM: As long as we win, but Ed probably rather has the game-winning shot.

DE: Let’s talk about your teammates. Who has the weirdest pre-game ritual?

BM: None of the guys on our team really have any weird pre-game rituals.

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