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Barbara Bush, former first lady of the United States, takes in the laughter from the audience at Shryock Auditorium on Friday after mentioning that "one out of every eight Americans is now governed by Bush." Bush, along with Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White and Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute, hosted a literacy program sponsored by the SIU Public Policy Institute on Friday and Saturday at SIUC.

Barbara Bush and company declare war against illiteracy

SARA BEAN
POLITICAL EDITOR

Former First Lady Barbara Bush would risk her life for literacy.

To a literacy advocate, Bush travels the country speaking to groups from all backgrounds about the importance of literacy. Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, for example, returned from a visit with a bit of insight. The group might seem a bit unusual, like the group of plastic surgeons Bush spoke to last year. "I thought there'd be all these old men staring, trying to get their hands on me," Bush said jokingly. "But I'd risk my life for literacy."

"I'm speaking to plastic surgeons, bankers, and insurance executives or a crowd of more than 800 people in Shryock Auditorium, Bush has one prevailing message: "Read, read, read to your children."

Bush visited the SIUC campus Friday to deliver a message of support and encouragement for literacy efforts as part of a literacy forum sponsored by the SIU Public Policy Institute.

The forum, which ran Friday and Saturday, brought together a full roster of policy makers and literacy advocates to discuss more effective solutions to combat the problem of adult illiteracy.

Paul Simon, chancellor of the Public Policy Institute, has long been a champion of literacy. Since his initial encounters with illiteracy when he was serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, Simon sponsored the first hearings in the history of Congress to address the problem of illiteracy.

On July 25, 1991, President George Bush signed into law the National Literacy Act, which Simon sponsored in the U.S. Senate. The immediate result of the act was the creation of the National Institute for Literacy.

Simon's ultimate goal with the act was to eliminate illiteracy in the United States by the year 2000. Eight years later, there

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Long-awaited underpass construction faces budget delays

THE CHAMBERLAIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The long-awaited Mill Street underpass project may be delayed even further because the lone bid received by the city was above the projected budget.

According to City Manager Jeff Doherty, city staff is currently considering rebidding the project to reduce the costs. If it is decided to rebid, construction on the underpass may be delayed until midsummer.

E.T. Simmons Construction Company, 1500 N. Oakland, submitted the lone bid for the project at an estimated cost of $7.7 million. The original cost estimate made by the city several months ago was near $6.5

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Graduate school dean hunt scrapped

JAYNIE BOWDEN
MANAGING EDITOR

Chancellor Jo Ann Argenbright canceled the search for a graduate school dean last week after the search had been narrowed to two finalists, apparently leaving University officials at squint one in their quest to fill the position.

Richard Falvo, acting dean of the Graduate School, and David Neisler, associate dean of the Graduate School at Galena Medical School in Texas, were the two candidates for the position.

Falvo and Neisler were selected from a field of finalists in October.

Argenbright canceled the search based on a recommendation by interim provost designate Thomas Guernsey. It is unclear when a new search will begin.

Additionally, officials will appoint a committee to replace Falvo as acting dean by July 1. Falvo has been acting dean since July 1, 1997, when it was decided to replace dean John Yopp.

Falvo would not comment on the search of the replacement dean.

Guernsey said he made a recommendation to Argenbright not to hire either of the two...
Corrections

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POLICE BLOTTER

CARBONDALE

• A vehicle parked in lot 13 was struck by another vehicle between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday. University Police and Damage, in its incident report for an amount of less than $100.

• A vehicle parked in lot 40 was damaged between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday. Loss is estimated at $75. In an incident involving a bicycle, there was no property damage reported.

• Thomas F. Power, 18, of Carbondale was arrested at his residence around 1 p.m. Friday on a Jackson County warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of public intoxication. He posted bond and was released.

• A woman, age 58, of Belleville was arrested near Schneider Hall after an officer observed her striking a pedestrian in a 21-year-old, Friday. She was given a ticket for disorderly conduct and released.

A woman told University Police that her residence in the 300 block of Stevenson Ave. was burglarized between 10 a.m. and 11:50 a.m. Thursday. The officer was notified of an open door when entering an unknown residence, where a compact disc player and radio cassette player were stolen. A loss estimate for the incident was unavailable.

Calendar

TODAY

• Library Affairs Board meets, 9-10 a.m., Morris Library Room 1030, undergraduate levels, 453-2818.

• SIU Student Senate meets, 6:30 p.m., Activity A Student Center, Morris 536-3525.

• SIU Band May Festival, 7 p.m., Activity A Student Center, Morris 536-3525.

• SIU Nexus Group meets, every Mon., 6-8 a.m., Activity A Student Center, Morris 536-3525.

• Final Exam Information Association, meeting, 6 p.m., SIU Student Center, Morris 536-3525.

• SIU General Student Association, meeting, every Mon., 6-8 p.m., Activity A Student Center, Morris 536-3525.

• Minority Groups Computer Conference, meeting, 7-8 p.m., SIU Student Center, Morris 536-3525.

• Universal Peace Session Computer Conference, meeting, 7:30 p.m., SIU Student Center, Morris 536-3525.

• Outdoor Adventure Club: every Mon., 4-6 p.m., Activity A Student Center, Morris 536-3525.

• Outdoor Adventure Club: every Mon., 3-5 p.m., Activity A Student Center, Morris 536-3525.

UPCOMING

• Berea Student Ministries meets, 7 p.m., Berea Student Ministry, Berea, Kentucky.

• SIU Math Club meeting, 5-7 p.m., O'Leary Library, 10300, Building D, 453-2628.

• SIU Winter Break, no classes.

• SIU Film Fawlik 2.0, all day, Student Center East, 457-2897.

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Almanac

THIS WEEK IN 1970:

• A six-pack of Bud was 99 cents.

• Pornographic film playing in Carbondale were "Babe's Gone Hunting," "The Sex of Angels," and "The Highway Honeymooners." A student underaged operation was initiated by a petition from Carbondale College. The petition was signed by a group of students living on South Ferry Street, who had been unable to obtain a city transfer form for three weeks due to the city's inactivity in enforcing the laws.

• The student who died in the car was a 21-year-old, John Russin. His body was turned over to the police by the student's roommate.

In Recognition and Appreciation of Volunteer Service to the 21st Illinois Junior Science and Humanities Program

General Manager: Robert James Johnson, President and Chief Executive Officer: John G. S. Johnson, Jr., 301 Shreveport, Carbondale, Illinois.

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The melting pot of sports

BAGGATAWAY: Game combines hockey, basketball and football, requiring peak athletic performance.

RHNODA SCARRA, DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Stephen Tellez was an American Eagle t-shirt with words defining an important aspect of his life Friday. Under the words "AE lacrosse," the shirt was "playtime" as the players use web "rackets" on long handles and catch and carry a ball.

Today, Tellez was busies defining a weekend of defending SIUC's lacrosse team's goal in the "Quicksick Invitationals" tournament — the start of the spring lacrosse season. Tellez, president of the lacrosse sports club and the team's goalie, said this weekend's tournament marked the first time a lacrosse game has been played on campus in two years.

He said playing in the tournament was the ideal start for the beginning of a big season. "This is pretty much the central spot for the Midwest to start their season because it's warmer here than in other areas of the region," Tellez said. "It's a nice environment for everyone to come together and start the spring season off right."

Schools that played in the tournament included Truman State University, the University of Iowa, Western Illinois University, Illinois Wesleyan University, Illinois State University, SIUC, Wabash College, the University of Missouri and Augustana College.

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"Lacrosse is a full-contact sport," Tellez said. "You can hit them with your body, but there are constraints — you have to hit the opponent in a certain way."

Xavier Dixon, a senior in computer science from Addison and captain of the team, said his knowledge of aquaculture will be the primary asset he brings to the committee. "I bring a specialized viewpoint," Heidinger said in referring to his aquaculture expertise. "Taylor's extensive knowledge of Midwest fruit crops earned Drt's respect while both served on the Illinois' Grape and Wine Resources Council, but Taylor said he also has "a general interest in agriculture as a whole."

That interest was cultivated as a young boy raised in rural Kansas. "I grew up on a farm, and it was a good experience for me," Taylor said. "I hope it's possible for children of many generations to come."

The other members of the committee include local farmers and members of the Jackson, Union and Perry County farm bureaus.

NEW

Committee formed to seek solutions for agricultural problems

JAY SCHWEB, DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Two SIUC professors will strive to uncover solutions for thorny agriculture problems affecting the area when a new committee, organized by Illinois State Representative Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, meets for the first time tonight.

Roy Heidinger, who directs fisheries research at SIUC, and Associate Professor of Plant and Soil Science Brad Taylor will represent the University on the 12-person advisory group.

In a statement Tuesday explaining the committee's purpose, Bost emphasized the former's strong link to Southern Illinois. "Agriculture is a very important part of this district and a very critical industry in our state," Bost said. "We need to protect family farms. I hope this committee's focus will include property tax relief, the formation of new task forces for Illinois' agri-products, efforts to help alternative agriculture and continued ethanol incentives."

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So, why aren't you advertising in the Egyptian?
Group discusses issue of world-wide women's rights

INJUSTICES: Panel covers topics about ending gender-based violence globally.

NICOLE A. CASHAW
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Female genital mutilation, a ritual in which all of the parts of the external genitalia are removed or destroyed, can lead to death or infertility. Although this occurs mainly in Eastern and Western Africa, it has sparked debate worldwide.

"Recent studies estimate that anywhere from 15 to 111 million girls and women have undergone female genital mutilation," said Anna Jackson, a lecturer for the department of English.

Expressing the injustices among women and children and suggesting solutions to abolish these prevalent issues was the goal of five distinguished women Thursday.

Olga Weidner, president of the United Nations Association-USA Southern Illinois Chapter, Erica Sanders, attorney, Jackson, Martha Ellen, coordinator of the University Women's Professional Advancement, and Beverly Stitt, director of Women's Studies, joined together in a panel discussion to discuss the U.S. Ratification of U.N. Convention to End All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

CEDAW was adopted Dec. 18, 1979 by the United Nations. Until the U.S. General Assembly adopted the Women's Convention, there was no council addressing women's rights within political, cultural, social, economic and family life.

Weidner, Stitt, Ellert, Jackson and Sanders presented a discussion to about 16 people on women's and children's rights, gender-based violence, women's culture and conditional practices and statutes of women in Afghanistan.

Ellert said that according to the World Health Organization, young women living in Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada and Papua New Guinea suffer mutilation at very high rates.

"To many parts of the world women suffer physical and psychological damage," she said. "CEDAW provides a working forum for process to eradicating gender-based violence.

Jackson adamantly expressed that all harmful practices done to women and children, no matter how deeply they are embedded in people's cultures, must stop.

"In most industrialized, as well as developing countries, women and girls suffer the effect of harmful and sometimes life-threatening physical practices," she said.

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Edith Spees, a retired licensed clinical psychologist, said she knows students who have faced situations discussed in the lecture.

"There was nothing here that was exaggerated," Spees said. "All of these things I have known from students. For example, know students who have those issues when they go back home or they are afraid to go go back home because of these issues."

Spees mentioned the circumstances pertaining to the Muslim women and ones she has encountered.

"People know in Carbondale who are Muslim say this is not the way to interpret Muslim religion, but these women are still being absolutely put in prison in their own homes, not allowed to have jobs or to have medicine or to have education," Spees said.

"If you take away jobs, medicine and education, you take away everything."

Jennifer Robinet, a first-year graduate student in physical education from Iowa, said she found the discussion insightful and thought-provoking.

"There were some things I was aware of and some things I was not aware of at all," Robinet said. "I think that it was very interesting, and I agree with a lot of what they said where there are things that do need to be done, even if it's something small like writing a letter. It is something we can do and should do, and it does make a difference."

Robinet said a discussion about such life-threatening issues should include many more people than were present.

"Even though we did have a good number of people here, there should be more people involved — more people that need to be aware of these issues," Robinet said.

"I think the more people that are knowledgeable and aware of it, the more that can be done."

Robinet presented a discussion of the situation of women in Afghanistan and how they are beaten and killed for not covering the entire body from head to toe and leaving their homes without a male relative escort.

These women are also unable to be treated by male doctors, and they are not allowed to be doctors themselves. Because of this, many die from illnesses that go undetected.

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SIU Board of Trustees honors professors with service award

KELLY HERTLEIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Commemorating a successful season while embracing new friendships, sixth grade basketball coach John Foster scans the bright eyes Foster tw just concluded, the grami that if people are going to be teaching about us, it is good if they have some firsthand experience," he said. "The thing they all have in common is that they have never been here before, and we allow them that experience."

Aside from organizing soccer teams and sports, Pericak-Spector dedicates her time in aiding school children in mathematics and science. She has made several contributions to the creation of the Carbondale Soccer Center, worked to obtain the traveling Science Consultants, is the director for the region's yearly school science fair and organized a new "Science in the South Conference."

Jackson said Foster and Pericak-Spector have greatly contributed to society and through their work many may learn to commit themselves to helping others.

"Both are excellent nominees for considerable distinguished awards," Jackson said. "They have both given a tremendous amount of time and support of young people. Kathleen is a role model in every respect for the faculty service, and John has committed himself endlessly."

Pericak-Spector said the most important element to her volunteer efforts is to teach her children and young members in Carbondale to be proud of their accomplishments and strive for their highest goals.

"It is through your example that your children see you involved and interested in what you are doing," Pericak-Spector said. "They see the things which are important - school and sports. And through your example they see it is important to you, and they try to excel and exceed their best abilities."

For the 2013 season, Foster has donated endless evening and weekend hours to coach basketball for those youths involved in the Carbondale Junior Sports program - an after school, non-profit organization designed to assist young adults competing in basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, flag football and wrestling. "I think coaching basketball is a very important sport for me," Foster,' an associate professor in political science, "In basketball it is easier to find people to volunteer and coach because many of the kids are of a minority and have the same range of social problems as those in big cities."

"I think the organized sports program helps and has taught me very valuable things."

Foster has been honored for his extreme volunteer efforts. In February, the SIU Board of Trustees bestowed the Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award to Foster and Kathleen Pericak-Spector, associate professor of mathematics.

The yearly award is in honor of the late Lindell W. Sturgis, a member of the State Teachers College Board and the SIU Board of Trustees. The Sturgis award is the only honor the board presents to faculty members.

John Jackson, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and provost, said Foster's and Pericak-Spector's dedication to the program is an honorable task and should be viewed in high regard.

"This is the most prestigious award the Board can give," Jackson said. "John Foster works endlessly and makes good citizens. A lot of people know John through his work with Carbondale youths. People should emulate the hard work he puts into the youth."

"Foster has just completed the basketball season with a winning record of 10-2. His continuing success, a record of only 10 losses within four years, gives him the ability to place his best efforts into the teams and his members," Foster, an associate professor in political science. "In basketball it is easier to find people to volunteer and coach because many of the kids are of a minority and have the same range of social problems as those in big cities."

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Shining his love of coaching with his son Matt, John Foster received the Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Service Award for his exceptional volunteer efforts. Foster, who received the award in February, has spent 13 years coaching basketball for the Junior Sports program.
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finalists for the dean's position but declined to say why he made the recommendation.

He made a recommendation to the chancellor that we not hire any of the finalists and therefore appoint an ad hoc committee to consider the position and any changes that might be appropriate in the position, but we are not going to search again," Guymere said.

Agerstengerg could not be reached for comment.

Guymere said he could not discuss the reasons for his recommendation because it was unfair to the individuals involved and to the Board of Trustees, which approves all dean appointments.

"I can't discuss about individuals because the whole search idea involves individuals," Guymere said. "I just really feel that when people participate in a search like that, it's unfair to make comments in public.

Guymere said he does not know ant ordnances originally proposed by study leaders to a vote on the board.

Responding to criticism regarding the timing of his stand on the search, Guymere said he brought the recommendation to the board at this time because it is before we need to get this passed, so new is the time to go forward with it.

"The timing made sense," Guymere said. "I think we have the support from the board and we need to get this passed, so now is the time to go forward with it.

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BOWLING FOR BUCKS: A benefit for children with AIDS was conducted in the Bowling and Billiards Room in the Student Center Thursday with the proceeds going to Camp Hondo, a Minnesota organization that assists children with AIDS. The benefit was sponsored by the MU Alumni Association.

LITERACY

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is still much to do to achieve that goal. "We are making progress," Simon said. "But we need to make much more progress."

In addition to Bush's address, the forum featured several open discussions. A panel discussion titled "Why Literacy Matters" at the Hirum Lescar Law Building, featured four adults sharing their experiences with learning to read and write in life.

Secretary of State Jesse White moderated a second panel discussion titled "Where Are We Now: The State of Literacy in America."

In conjunction with the forum, a special group of experts including U.S. Rep. Tom Sawyer, D-Ohio, who sponsored the National Literacy Act of 1991 in the House of Representatives met twice at Giant City State Park Lodge to develop a list of recommendations.

Bush said the realization that the state of literacy in America's much better today than it was 20 years ago when she first learned of the problem but still has a long way to go.

Bush said things have improved since the time "when I was just learning how serious our national literacy problems were - and what needed to be done to help."

"Back then, the answer was 'everything,'" Bush said. "Today unfortunately, the 'to-do' list is still very long."

Yet Bush reassured the crowd not to despair. "Like me, I'm sure you've noticed a new energy around the country when it comes to literacy, and to education in general," Bush said.

That energy and enthusiasm is something Bush said she will work to keep alive - likening herself to a cheerleader or a coach for the literacy team.

And her pop talk to the team Friday reminded the audience of what an important task the fight for literacy is. "Just keep in mind that each of you has a special gift to give - the gift of reading," Bush said. "Few gifts are more precious."

"No other gift strengthens the mind and nourishes the soul like reading does. No other gift gives rise to our dreams like literacy."

Before sending the team back out on the field, Bush wished them luck and reminded them she would be cheering them on.

"I wish you continued success in this very important work," Bush said. "If you listen closely, I hope you'll hear my voice cheering you on from the sidelines."

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Dobbyt said the decision on whether or not to rebid the project will be made within the next couple of weeks. "We are looking at some of the issues in the bridge design," he said. Some of the issues being examined for this project include the possibility of removing existing rail ties instead of purchasing new ones and some changes in the bridge design to reduce cost. When the project does get underway, there are enough working days scheduled for three years of work, according to Miles. However, he hopes to be able to begin work on the underpass this summer and possibly have the project completed by the fall of 2004. Traffic congestion is expected because the construction will be taking place in a relatively high traffic area, Miles said that traffic flow will be interrupted as little as possible. This will be through the order in which the project is staged and by putting in some temporary lanes. "We're trying to maximize the number of lanes that we are keeping open," Miles said. The project will take Mill Street underneath the railroad tracks and through Washington Street to connect with Freeman Street. Work also will take place on parts of University Avenue and Illinois Avenue, causing the streets to be reduced to one lane each.

"Cost evaluations between the city and IDOT are unknown to us," Simonds said. "It's just part of the normal bid process."

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"We have been successful," Brechtlebsauber said after an 8-0 defeat of both St. Louis University and Northern Iowa Friday. "I was pleased with the fundamentals today as a part of our overall play."

"Our defense was shoddy," Brechtlebsauber said after her team gave up five unearned runs and walking nine while picking up two wins. "I was the only bright spot Saturday for the Saluki pitching staff. When we carried our 10th career strikeout in the second inning of the OMSO game to become the first SIUC-pitcher to reach that plateau, but she was overshadowed by the disappointing day." "When you score four runs when she's pitching, normally you win, but the defense wasn't sharp," Brechtlebsauber said. "She just wasn't very sharp today. That's all I can say, she wasn't very Curta.

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**BASKETBALL**

Saluki’s top recruit named Ms. Basketball

Already loaded with all-stars, as Illinois Ms. Basketball and a couple of high school state champions, the SIU women’s basketball team’s future point guard, Molly McDowell, continues to add to its talent pool.

McDowell, who was named the 1999 Ms. Basketball of Illinois Sunday for her 19-point, 12-rebound performance in her state championship game, continued her award-winning season with a couple of high school state championships.

Molly McDowell edged runner-up Olga Gvozdevic of Loyola Academy and the Chicago Bulls’ Rivas for the award, presented by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association and the Chicago Tribune, is voted on by coaches, writers and broadcasters.

**GOLF**

Men finish sixth in Invitational

The SIUC men’s golf team finished sixth in the weekend at the Eastern Kentucky Spring Invitational this weekend in Richmond, Ky.

The Salukis were led by Kory Neisen, who shot 77, 73 and 73 to finish in sixth place in the 102-local field.

Youngstown State University finished first in the tournament with a total score of 509. Again, the team was highlighted with the Salukis’ strong play and solid pitching to carry them Sunday.

Senior pitcher Jason Frasor (4-0), after starting the game off slowly, quickly regained and went on the attack. He limited the Panthers to seven hits in seven innings.

"It was one of those things where I was aware of not getting a lot of pressure, and didn’t start my own attack, but how I started the game off," Ruggeri said. "But I’m not sure if we’re going to be a little bit better next year, and good things have happened.

In game two, the Salukis proved to be too much for the Panthers, coming out victors 9-3 in front of 514 spectators.

Frasor hit a solo homer in the third inning, and Boyd finished the afternoon with three hits and four RBIs.

Freshman reliever Pat Hien, who was picked in his last two outings, pitched 3 2/3 innings, allowing no runs and striking out three.

For the afternoon, junior second baseman Steven Rieffler batted .434 with two doubles and four runs.

Ruggeri welcomed the hitting attack after a sub-par start for his team.

"I feel like I was helping this team as far as offensively, I just don’t know if I was doing everything I could, not being concerned," Ruggeri said. "But now I know what’s going on and if I’m doing it.

For the veteran Salukis like Frasor, Piazza and Schley, this 20-4 start is a welcome sight.

"We’ve got a lot of new guys, and it really doesn’t matter to them," Frasor said. "We’re cruising right now. We feel we can cruise all the way through. We feel really good right now, and every aspect of our team is playing really well.

**What’s it like getting $150 a month cash from the DCI Plasma Center?**

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**A:** About one to one-and-a-half hours.

**Q:** Where is the DCI Plasma Center?

**A:** It’s only a few blocks from SIU.

**Q:** What is the DCI Plasma Center like?

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**NUMBERS AT SOUTHWEST•

**Back to ‘The Hill’**

Usually, records are used as a barometer of a team’s success, but even with a successful season, the Saluki baseball team has only now started to reap the benefits.

Lately, not many people have taken the time to watch the Salukis play at Abe Martin Field. With key injuries plaguing the team this season, SIUC hasn’t been able to put its best team on the field as they would have liked.

This year all the pieces of the puzzle have come together for the Salukis, as the team has won 20 of its first 24 ballgames—a mark last seen in the 1990s. The team’s success, but even with a .500 record, has brought in fans to the games.

In case the Salukis do not crack a .600 record this season, the team will still have a successful season. The team has won its share of games, and the best is yet to come.

**Key MVC victory highlights weekend**

Women’s tennis events first conference win to 1-1

PAUL WEINBERGER

The MVC women’s tennis team had just enough gas in its tank to get past its most critical opponent of this weekend in St. Louis—Missouri Valley Conference foe Illinois State University.

The Salukis cruised into the weekend with a 7-2 win over Saint Louis University on Saturday before splitting a four-game match with Illinois State in St. Louis on Sunday. The Salukis won (6-4, 6-1) its third straight MVC Invitational title based on the least number of runs allowed. Junior hurler Carip Winters (7-4) allowed a two-out RBI single in the bottom of the seventh to send the Salukis home.

Junior hurler Carip Winters (7-4) allowed a two-out RBI single in the seventh inning to give the Salukis the win. The Salukis have lost six games in a row, but they say they will continue to fight for the MVC title.

The Salukis took four of the six MVC singles matches to take a 42-2 lead entering doubles play. Junior Monica Petrella (6-1, 6-2), junior Emily Erekson (6-5, 6-3) and Monica Villarreal (6-0, 6-0) all picked up wins.

The Salukis needed just one win in doubles play to claim the title. Instead, they took all three to claim the 7-2 victory.

The Salukis continued the momentum into action with Illinois State University. The Salukis earned victories in all three doubles flights but gave up the last three flights to enter doubles played knot 3-3.

*Once again, the Salukis and the Redbirds split wins in the No. 1 and No. 2 flights leading to a decisive No. 3 doubles match.*

Sophomores Kerri Crandall and freshman Monica Villarreal fell behind early trailing 7-7. They retaliated with five straight points, tying the match at 7-7. Crandall and Villarreal closed out the win with an 8-6 tiebreaker.

“We were really charged up to beat Illinois State,” Auld said. “It was a really good win for us, but it drained us. That’s where the youth was coming through as we still had to play the next match just as hard the previous match.”

Physically and emotionally drained, the players complained of fatigue. It showed as the Salukis followed the emotional win with a loss to Wyoming.