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Lasers
SIU researchers are working toward a device that will replace DVD's.

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Board is under scrutiny for members missing meetings over the past few years.

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Meeting
Carbondale City Council will meet tonight at 7 at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave.

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Getting past the interim image

Students, past and present, speak out about SIU's image

Through their Eyes

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series examining the image of SIUC from the perspective of students, student leaders, SIU administrators, and Illinois business and political leaders.

Today's story focuses on the image of the University in the eyes of campus leaders, SIUC graduates, and current SIUC students after a year of administrative shake-ups in the SIU system.

Tuesday's story will look at how SIUC administrators, faculty and incoming administrators perceive the University, in light of the events of the last year.

TERRY L. DEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC prides itself as being the heart and soul of the Southern Illinois region, but now has to deal with questions concerning its image because of changes within the administra-

tion during the past year.

SIUC's label as a party school, stemming from a 1970 Playboy story where the University was pegged as one of the top party schools in the nation, still lingers.

After almost a year of a revolving door of chancellors and interims, coupled with the January resignation of SIU President Ted Sanders, the University finds itself amid an image battle.

Three of the University's top ranking positions — president, chancellor, and provost — are currently occupied by an interim, in addition to athletic director, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement and dean of the Graduate School.

Dean of Student Affairs Jean Paratore is vice chancellor for Student Affairs as interim until Larry Dietz, hired last month, takes the helm in April.

Some on campus wonder whether the constant turnover with administrators, beginning with the June 5, 1999 firing of former Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger, has seriously damaged SIU's image with prospective students.

"I think it has hurt [the University's] image," said Jakobi Williams, a senior in history

from Chicago. "Besides the party-school atmosphere, I think it has added onto the negative image of the University."

Williams' minor is Black American studies, and he works to promote Black Studies in academic departments. Williams fears his efforts will become more difficult in the University's current state.

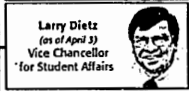
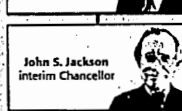
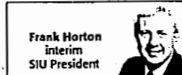
"If the foundation here is shaky, as it is, it might hurt the chances of programs such as Black American Studies to get attention," he said.

Undergraduate Student Government President Sean Henry said the lack of continuity with administration has been difficult for USG because some programs initiated by an interim might be abandoned by a new chancellor.

"If we're working with the chancellor, and we come to find out later that someone else will be coming into that position, that would be a problem," he said.

SIU's image problem is not just limited to the campus. People in the community with close ties to the University are also concerned.

Jeff Hartford is a 1995 SIUC graduate. Hartford said he received a good education at



**Southern Illinois University
Organizational
Structure**

JASON ADAMS — DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC. He also said the University's image has been tarnished, and he wonders about the future.

"It's a concern," he said. "I don't know how bad it is, but it can't be all that good."

Hartford teaches government

at Carbondale Community High School. Some of his students have expressed apprehension about coming here once they graduate, he said.

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BOB JACOBINI — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Louiese Miller, control board operator at the Southern Illinois Radio Information Service on the SIUC campus, stores tapes played on the radio the previous day. "We record and play daily newspapers every day. But these, (tapes of books and magazine articles) we'll play them again next month," Miller said.

Hearing a vision

SIRIS helps paint a picture for disabled and blind people who can not read it

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Since 1984, the Southern Illinois Radio Information Service has been serving as the eyes and hands for the blind and disabled people of Southern Illinois.

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Police search for man in connection with Gatsby's incident

Woman who was beat up at bar leaves Carbondale

DAVID FERRARA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Carbondale police expect an arrest later this week in connection with an incident that left an SIUC woman with a broken jaw after two men allegedly beat her up inside a Carbondale bar last week.

The victim is going home today and will try and finish the school year at home, her mother said Monday.

Lindsay Fasano said she was with the victim, who is her roommate, when the victim was beat up inside Gatsby's II, 610 S. Illinois Ave., early Thursday morning

because they would not dance with two men.

The men told Fasano and the victim, "If you're not going to dance with us, then you're not going to dance at all," Fasano said Monday.

When the victim asked the men to stop, they punched her.

"We were having a good time," Fasano said. "All of the sudden, I felt these hands groping me, viciously — it wasn't just a pat on the butt."

The suspects continued to rub against the women, she said.

Frustrated, the women asked the men again to stop. One of them poured beer on the victim's head.

The victim tried to push the men away, Fasano said. "Then [one of the men] punched her in the face."

The man being sought by police, Fasano said, later punched the victim in the face three or four times and threw a beer bottle at her while she was hunched over with her face in her hands.

Police said the suspects kicked the victim when she was on the floor.

During that time in the crowded bar, Fasano lost contact with her roommate.

Eventually, she located the victim, bleeding and hunched over with a towel on her face.

"Her whole bottom jaw was shifted," Fasano said. "And she was gushing blood."

Then Fasano went outside and saw the suspects. She tried to confront them about the incident.

"You better shut your mouth, you're going to get hit, too," Fasano recalled one

of the men saying before another punched her in the face. On Monday, Fasano said she felt sore, but did not require medical attention last week.

Community relations officer Don Elliott said police have received tips on the whereabouts of the suspect who is described as a 6-foot tall black man about 21 years of age and who goes by the name "David."

Jason E. Thornton, 22, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with aggravated battery and resisting arrest in relation to the incident. He was taken to the Jackson County Jail and later released pending a March 15 preliminary hearing.

As one man remains at large and the

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TODAY

- **Library Affairs** digital imaging for the web, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 19, 453-2818.
- **Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center** is offering free lunch for internationals, every Tues., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Student Center on the corner of Mill and Forrest St., Judy 457-2898.
- **Japanese Table**, every Tues., noon to 1 p.m., Student Center Cambria Room, bring your lunch, Dawn 536-8380.
- **College of Liberal Arts** celebrating teaching and learning, 1 to 4 p.m., Kaskaskia/Missouri Rooms, Mary Jane 453-2466.
- **University Career Services** resume/cover letter workshop, 5 p.m., Lawson 121, Vickie 453-2391.
- **SPC Films** meeting to select films for student entertainment, every Tues., 5 p.m., basement of Student Center, Amanda 536-3393.
- **Anthropology Club** lecture by Dr. Terrace Martin, 6 to 7 p.m., Faner Museum Auditorium, Robert 687-4853.
- **Saluki Rainbow Network** graduate caucus meeting, 6 p.m., Iroquois Room Student Center, Lynanne 529-5218.
- **Women's Services** meeting on financial planning across the woman's life span, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, 453-3655.
- **Ballroom Dance Club** meeting, dance lessons and practice session, every Tues., 8 to 9:30 p.m., Davies Gym second floor small gym, \$15 student members, Bryan 351-8855.
- **Saluki Volunteer Corps** needs assistance with children to do age appropriate activities, Unity Point School, 453-5704.
- **Premedical Professions Association** living with HIV, 7 p.m., Student Center Auditorium, Brian 529-3180.
- **Alpha Phi Alpha** Panorama informational, 8 p.m., Video Lounge Student Center, Robert 351-6559.

UPCOMING

- **Apostolic Life Campus Ministry** prayer meeting, every Wed., 8 to 9 a.m., Sagamon Room Student Center, Abbie 329-8164.
- **Library Affairs** Java Script, Feb. 23, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.
- **Association of Childhood Education** International meeting, Feb. 23, 4 p.m., Quigley Room 128.
- **College Republicans** meeting, Feb. 23, 5 p.m., Mississippi Room, Ryan 549-7894.
- **Saluki Rainbow Network** meeting, Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m., Longbranch, Prideline 453-5151.
- **Instructional Program** healing energy session to learn how to take a more natural way to healing by using the energy of the body, Feb. 23, 6 to 8 p.m., Conference Room, Michelle 453-1263.
- **AnimeKam** presents Japanese animation films with English subtitles, every Wed., 6 to 8 p.m., Faner 1125 Language Media Center, Jason 536-6365.
- **Pi Sigma Epsilon** meeting, every Wed., 6 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Amanda 351-8198.
- **Zoology Club** meeting, Feb. 23, 6 p.m., Life Science II Room 367, Suma 549-0239.
- **Egyptian Dive Club** meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, Amy 549-0840.
- **Cornerstone Christian Fellowship** bible study in the books of Hebrews, Feb. 23, Iroquois Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.
- **Chi Alpha Campus Ministries** African-American bible study, every Wed. and Thurs., 7 p.m., Ohio River Room Student Center, Karleton 549-8496.
- **Organization of Sport and Exercise** Science meeting, Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m., Davies Gym Faculty Lounge, Mark 457-5092.
- **Student Programming Council** marketing committee meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Aisha 536-3393.
- **College of Liberal Arts** Student Learning Assistance, now through May 11, Mon. and Thurs. 5 to 9 p.m.,

Wed. 1 to 5 p.m., Faner 1229, Mary Jane 453-2466.

• **Pre-Law Association** seminar, Feb. 24, 5 p.m., Mississippi Room, Torree 549-7106.

• **SIUC Kendo Club** meeting, every Thurs., 6 to 9 p.m., Davies Gym, Todd 353-4002.

• **Gamma Beta Phi** Society meeting, Feb. 24, 6 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, Harry hariddle@siu.edu.

• **SIUC Swing Club** for dancers of all levels, every Thurs., 8 to 10 p.m., Small Gym second floor Davies Gym, \$15 students \$20 non-students, Kerl 536-7627.

• **SIU Sailing Club** meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room contact Shell 529-0993.

• **Christian Apologetics Club** answering life's questions from God's word, Feb. 25, noon, Corinth Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.

• **Spanish Table** meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange, 453-5425.

• **French Club** meeting, Feb. 18, 5 to 7 p.m., Booby's, Courtney 457-8847.

• **Christian Unlimited** meeting, Feb. 25, 7 p.m., Erin 684-4792.

• **Fifth Annual Adoption Journey Seminar**, Feb. 26, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., John Logan College, if you are interested in adoption call 988-1330.

• **Habitat for Humanity** help build, paint, and refurbish houses, Feb. 26, 8 a.m., meet at Student Center for transportation to site, Bridget 529-3311.

• **Instructional Programs** women's self defense workshop, Feb. 26, 1 to 5 p.m., SIC Assembly Room East, Michelle 453-1263.

• **The Cast Your Cares Crusade Choir** is holding auditions for vocalists that are interested in carrying out God's word, every Sat., 3 to 5 p.m., Wesley Foundation, Tjuan 457-0921.

• **The Cast Your Cares Crusade Choir** will be sponsoring a trip to Memphis, Feb. 27, \$25 per seat, Tjuan 457-0921.

CORRECTIONS

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, extension 228 or 229.

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

- **Bradley C. Medlen**, 21, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after being stopped for disobeying a traffic control symbol at the corner of Grand Avenue and Wall Street around 2 a.m. Saturday. Medlen was released after posting the required cash bond.
- **Solomon T. Thornton**, 47, and **Samuel R. Thornton**, 32, of Carbondale were arrested and charged with illegal transportation of alcohol after being stopped for improper lane usage on the corner of South Wall Street and Pleasant Hill Road around midnight Saturday. Samuel Thornton was released after posting his driver's license, and Solomon Thornton was released on recognizance bond.
- **Francisco J. Flores**, 19, **Michael S. Williams**, 19, **Austin J. Brinkman**, 18, **Adam T. Cena**, 19, **David K. Martinek**, 20, and **Ryan M. Miller**, all of Carbondale were arrested and charged with fighting by agreement at 3:39 a.m. Saturday near Bailey Hall. All men were released on a Carbondale pay-by-mail citation.
- **Eleganter Lee Nelson**, 28, of Carbondale was arrested Sunday morning on a Perry County warrant on an original charge of contempt of court. Nelson was unable to post bond and taken to Jackson County Jail.
- **Kayolanie Nelson**, 19, of Carbondale was arrested early Sunday morning on a Williamson County warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of deceptive practice. Nelson was released after posting a cash bond and assigned a March 9 court date.
- **Dion L. Jones**, 20, of Carrier Mills was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after he was stopped in the 700 block of East Walnut Street Sunday morning for speeding and improper lane usage. Dion was released after posting a cash bond.
- **University Police** discovered three cars damaged in Lot 59 around 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Police said the rear windows on each car were damaged. Two of the owners have not been contacted by police and it was unknown Monday if anything was taken from the cars.
- **A 20-year-old Boomer III** resident told University police Sunday someone entered his room between 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday and stole his wallet. Police have no suspects in the incident. Loss in the incident was estimated at less than \$300.
- **A rear window** was broken out of a car late Sunday while the car was parked in Lot 59. There was no estimate of damage and there are no suspects in this incident.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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Meeting helps women learn how to plan finances

Women's Services and the Financial Management Association are sponsoring "Financial Planning Across the Woman's Lifespan," from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Thebes Room of the Student Center. The meeting will teach women how to increase their money by saving and investing.

For more information or to register, call Women's Health Services at 453-3655.

Visitation for Jeanne Hurley Simon today

Visitation for Jeanne Hurley Simon will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 303 S. Poplar St. Simon, wife of former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, passed away Sunday in the couple's Makanda home from complications of a malignant brain tumor.

Simon, former Illinois State Representative, worked as an Adjunct professor for library affairs at SIUC and was well-known nationwide.

The Simon family is asking that donations be made to the Jeanne Hurley Simon Library Fund, in lieu of flowers, in her memory. The fund will benefit Morris Library which was one of her greatest interests.

Checks should be made out to the "Jeanne Hurley Simon Library Fund" and can be mailed to Morris Library, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale Ill, 62901.

No charges issued in prank bomb threat

An out-of-town man who left a prank bomb threat on a friend's answering machine on campus will not be charged, University police said Monday.

Around 3:38 p.m. Friday, police responded to Mac Smith Hall to investigate the incident. Police concluded that the man was a friend of the students and a group of friends had played similar jokes on each other in the past.

"Apparently it's something these kids do a lot among themselves — to run these kinds of practical jokes," Lt. Todd Sigler said. The voice on the machine was "muffled," and initially hard to trace, police said. But when the man was identified, no one wanted to press charges.

Technology Expo to exhibit newest advances for library

The Morris Library Technology Expo exhibits new technology at the Recreation Center today from 4 to 7 p.m. The exposition showcases the library's latest technology and demonstrates how it is used.

Interactive exhibits, including digital portraits, will be available along with refreshments.

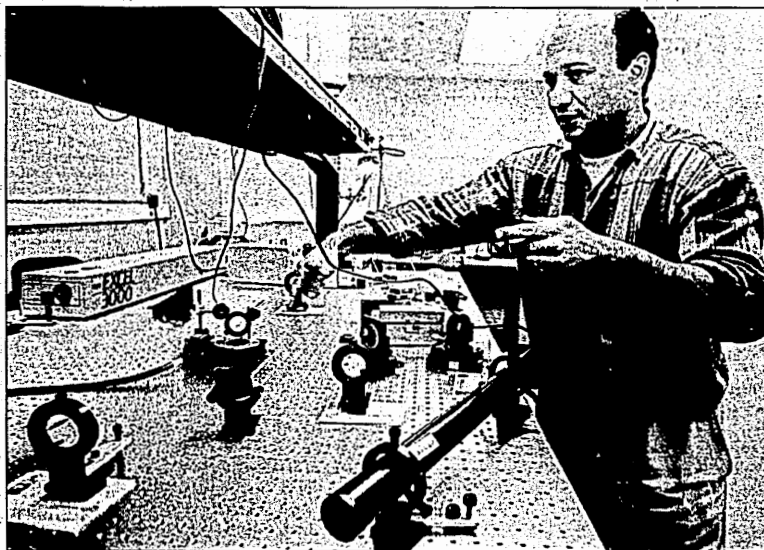
There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. for the 10 new Ethernet connections in the Recreation Center, which will be available for student use after the exposition.

GPSC to discuss Athletic Department's spending

The Graduate and Professional Student Council will meet at 7 tonight in the Mississippi Room of the Student Center to discuss a resolution concerning Intercollegiate Athletic Department spending policies.

GPSC contends that the Athletic Department is overspending their allotted budget.

Also a final decision on Fiscal Year 2002 fee proposals will be made. The Athletic Department is seeking a 6-percent increase in fees from 2001. Also seeking fee increases are the Student Center, Student Health Services and Student Recreation.



Mohammad Sayeh, electrical engineering SIUC associate professor, shows the research he is conducting on higher capacity storage devices that will make DVDs obsolete.

KERRY MALONEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Researchers work to replace DVD

Mohammad Sayeh leads research on a device 20 times more powerful than DVD

CODELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

There is a possibility video cassettes will perish thanks to the better picture, sound and quality available with digital video disks (DVD). However, research at SIUC is already underway to make the DVD obsolete as well.

Mohammad Sayeh, electrical engi-

neering SIUC associate professor, is conducting research to make a product that can store more data in a lot less space than the DVD.

"Our goal is basically to replace the DVD," Sayeh said. "We're working on storing information on a disk about the size of a quarter, with 20 times the storage capacity of a DVD. It also has higher density and faster access time."

Those who have already bought a DVD player need not worry about having a machine that is already obsolete. The new disk probably will not hit the market for another 10 years.

The research uses lasers that bounce through different lenses and mirrors where they ultimately hit a crystal called

lithium niobate and store the information.

Sayeh said the research on this project has been going on for 14 years and helps the prominence of SIUC. He said working on this project helps them compete with universities like Stanford University, the University of Colorado, the University of California and California Tech.

Right now, the price for one of these disks is around \$200. However, when they hit the market, Sayeh said they should be a lot cheaper thanks to the ability to store up to 20 times the information

Gus Bode



Gus Evil says: Is this "laser" going to go on the moon?

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Lack of BOT attendance become debate

Trustees Stiehl, Wilkins and Rowe miss several meetings over five-year period

KATE MCCANN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

In light of repeated absences by a few trustees, attendance at SIUC Board of Trustee meetings has become an issue of debate surrounding the quality of trustees.

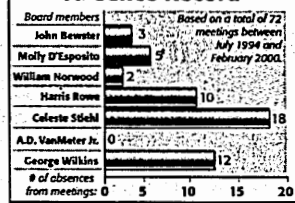
According to minutes of board meetings

taken since July 1994, three of the seven trustees have been absent from at least 10 meetings, meaning they did not participate in person or by telephone.

Trustee Celeste Stiehl, of Belleville, has the most absences of any residing trustee, totaling 18 since July 1994. Stiehl has not been employed anywhere else since her board term began in 1993, but has served on other committees.

Last fall Stiehl missed three meetings after a debilitating fall, resulting in a leg injury.

"I know my attendance record last fall was

Board of Trustees
Absence Record

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People with HIV speak out about life with the virus

Four males open up to promote education and awareness of the disease

RHONDA SCIARRA
STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

More than 23,000 residents of Illinois have reported contracting the HIV virus since 1981. Recent SIUC graduate James Lucas is one of them.

Lucas and three other HIV-positive males will speak about living with the virus at 7 tonight at the Student Center Auditorium.

HIV kills and impairs cells of the human immune system and progressively destroys the body's ability to fend off infections and cancers.

According to the National Institute of Health, more than 600,000 AIDS cases have been reported in the United States since 1991, and as many as 900,000 people may be infected with HIV.

Lucas contracted the virus from a casual sex partner at the age of 32. He was living and working in Chicago at the time. He received the devastating news in December 1991 after being tested for HIV. Now after being afflicted with pneumonia and thrush in 1996, Lucas has full-blown AIDS.

"For several years, I had almost been almost always safe, with a stress on the almost always," he said. "You forget once, and that is all it takes. That is one of the things we will be stressing, either abstain or be safe."

Tonight's talk was organized by student members of SIUC's Pre-Medical Professions Association, and coordinated through the Jackson County Health Department.

"Our main goal is to promote education and awareness about AIDS, as well as, knock down some of the stereotypes about the disease," said Suzy Kitten, a senior in physiology from Teutopolis, who helped plan the event.

Gail Robinson, College of Science academic adviser and PPA faculty adviser, said the speakers' accounts can teach future health care workers empathy.

"Pre-med students that are wanting to

FORUM

"LIVING WITH HIV," AN OPEN FORUM WHERE HIV POSITIVE MALES WILL SPEAK TO THE SIUC COMMUNITY, WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7 TONIGHT IN THE STUDENT CENTER AUDITORIUM. THE EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

some doctors don't realize that they will be working with very sick and very ill patients, like AIDS patients," Robinson said. "They need to realize that some of their work as medical doctors is ugly."

Jeremy Cook, a senior in biological sciences from Lodi, Calif., and other PPA members are glad to see their preparation and work come together for a common purpose.

"Our main hope is that people walk away with a better understanding of the disease and that this will alleviate some of the myths and confusion," Cook said.

From another stand point, Lucas said, tonight's event can demonstrate that no one is completely safe from AIDS, and that contracting HIV can happen easily.

"It is kind of hard to tell someone, 'Don't have sex,'" Lucas said. "I enjoyed it and I had a lot of fun with it, but I am going to die from it."



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OUR WORD

First impressions

The DAILY EGYPTIAN Editorial Board sits down with interim President Frank Horton to hear his plans first hand

He has a big smile in his newspaper photographs, and he's paid a lot. He knows former SIU President Ted Sanders and he was an administrator at SIUC many years ago. These are the few scraps of information most people know about interim President Frank Horton. The DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial board invited Horton to meet with us and tell us more. Before giving a campus tour to Sen. Fitzgerald and lobbying for SIU funds in Springfield, he joined us for over an hour and answered tough questions about his past and his future with SIUC.

The search for his replacement

Horton said he plans to take a leading role in the search for SIU's next president. He cited his 20 years of experience as a president at a public university, saying he knows many people across the country in top administrative positions. Horton seemed excited about who would want to come to this University. He dismissed the idea that the many temporary administrators at SIUC would deter good, qualified candidates. His positive outlook for SIU's leadership was very convincing. Even if some of his projections seemed too good to be true (Horton said it is very possible SIU will have its president in six months), we welcome the confidence. As the tour guide for potential candidates, his optimism may be his best qualification in recruiting good leaders who will to guide SIUC back to its place at the top of the Illinois higher education pyramid.

Talking to the people

With regard to past strife between previous University administrators and various groups on campus, we asked Horton how accessible or visible he thought his position required him to be. He responded by saying, "in order to learn things, you have to talk to real people," but that he has to watch himself to be sure he doesn't step on the chancellor's toes. Horton expressed his willingness to meet with groups on campus, but he must be invited. We encourage student and faculty groups to take advantage of this opportunity and meet with him in

person. In our experience so far, he is as straightforward as they come. He answered every question, and when he didn't know the answer, he told us who else to ask. Don't let this quality go to waste. Find out where he stands on the issues important to the groups you identify with.

His view of SIU

Horton said, in his years apart from SIU, friends updated him on big events, but as far as staying current on a day-to-day basis, he "wasn't immersed in it." While we would like our leaders to know everything there is to know about the University, we found there is a benefit to his absence. He can start from a clean slate in areas where, Sanders for example, may have become jaded. Horton is not frustrated with any one group; he isn't tired of a particular issue. Horton has an opportunity to bring a fresh perspective, untainted by personal conflicts or past headaches. Still, he was able to identify our strengths as a strong research facility and a diverse student body. He is determined to recruit more international students, saying the University has "stumbled" in that area and it is time to "work like hell to get them back."

When asked what he perceived to be his greatest challenge at SIU, Horton responded, "having my wife in Tucson." His wife will not be joining him in Carbondale, although they will keep in touch through visits. Initially, Horton appears to be what many have asked for in that his priorities ultimately lie in people, not agendas or titles. His confidence and directness are refreshing, and we will be watching closely to see how it plays out in his policy-making. The DAILY EGYPTIAN has received several letters expressing outrage or suspicion toward the \$20,000-plus-benefits per month Horton will receive for his time at SIUC. Interim Chancellor John Jackson said Horton's salary is simply competitive in comparison with similar positions throughout the country. When Horton was asked what he thought, he answered without hesitation.

"I'm not embarrassed by it," he said. "I'm bringing 20 years of experience to this University."

Adequate parking and other oxy-morons

For The Rest Of Us

RUDY SAN MIGUEL



For The Rest Of Us appears Tuesdays. Rudy is a sophomore in cinema production. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

the farthest corners of the campus. In order to get anywhere from them requires the use of public transportation. Another boon for SIU is the price of parking. A student pays \$30 or \$35 for a year's worth of parking. At Illinois, students pay \$180, and faculty and staff pay about \$300, all for the privilege of getting on a bus or taking a really long walk. In addition to the relatively low cost, your SIUC parking sticker allows you to park in many lots all across campus. At Illinois, especially for faculty and staff, if you want to park in more than one lot, it's gonna cost you. (That is, if there isn't a 10-year waiting list for the particular lot you'd like to park in.)

Here are some ways in which the system doesn't work. First and most importantly, is the space. There need to be more parking spaces. I realize there are money issues as well as space issues, but I'm begging you, parking personnel, look into more parking! I generally spend ten minutes fighting

with other angry students for a single parking space in the morning. And when I find that space, it is roughly two miles from the building I need to be at. On one of my hikes to class, I noticed a sizable chunk of grassy land north of the Communications Building. This lot, which separates two sections of the large parking lot, sits empty. I'm not sure whether it has some historical relevance or if some endangered species migrates there, but I think it would be an ideal place to add parking.

Another problem is parking meters. At that bigger university, students are allowed to park at any one of the more than 1,500 parking meters around the school (and that doesn't include the ample city meters strewn about the campus.) I noticed that not only are students, faculty and staff not permitted to park at SIUC meters, but they will be fined \$50 for doing so. This seems extreme. At that other place, the only way to get a ticket at a meter is if you don't pay it. Even then it is only a \$5 ticket. That university saves its high-priced tickets for the real criminals — able-bodied individuals parking illegally in spaces marked for disabled people.

I have not spoken with the parking division here at SIUC, and I am in no way an expert on its procedures. I am simply an observer who, when lucky enough to find a parking space, doesn't enjoy parking the length of two football fields away from his class.

MAILBOX

Hospitality does exist on the SIUC campus

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in regard to Willie Marie Holmes' disgraceful letter dealing with hospitality on the SIUC campus. Willie Marie Holmes, I am sorry that you have such a negative opinion of hospitality at SIUC. I don't know where your negativity stems from, but hospitality is one of SIUC's most admirable and attractive traits. When I hear students discussing what they like and dislike about this University, hospitality and friendliness around campus is almost always mentioned as a positive point. Diversity and hospitality among students is what attracts many new students to this campus each year.

I am sorry that you do not realize this and that you have brought your race and ethnicity into the issue. I suggest you visit other campuses throughout Illinois to prove to you how abundant hospitality is on this campus. If your opinion remains negative, instead of dishonoring this fine University, find a place you want!

Jodi Golden
junior, speed communication

Greeks shouldn't get mad, just fix the problem

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm a recent graduate from SIUC's journalism program and I am currently an employed journalist covering events in Washington D.C. I enjoy reading the online edition whenever I get a chance and was recently struck by a Feb. 16 DAILY EGYPTIAN letter to the editor complaining about biased, anti-greek coverage.

When a reporter writes a story detailing the failings or mistakes of an organization, particularly an organization that charges fees to members and has an effect on the larger institution (as greek clubs do at SIUC and other universities), that's a story that is worthy of reporting to readers affected by those failings. When such a story is based on facts and balanced anecdotes from the people involved, that's called good journalism.

In the case of greeks, their actions, good or bad, influence the way people view SIUC and the way fellow Salukis feel about their University. I've read the stories about greeks and their problems, successes and failures associated with Select 2000 and now the Millennium Initiative.

These stories reporting the failings of SIUC's greek system have never deterred the DAILY EGYPTIAN from also reporting the bright moments of greek life such as community service, enrichment programs and academic successes.

This being an undeniable fact, if greeks are frustrated by coverage of rule breaking, they should stop breaking rules. In this case, these were rules just recently formulated and agreed upon by greek members. They fought tooth and nail with the cooperation of the administration for this new initiative so it's no wonder greeks are frustrated by this latest possible violation coming so soon after implementation. However, the blame doesn't lie with the DAILY EGYPTIAN but in greek action. If they are innocent, then I'm sure the DAILY EGYPTIAN will report that (and probably receive no gratitude from the greek system). If not, then greeks should look in the mirror for resolution, not in the news stories of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Jim Fuller
Alumnus 1999

OVERHEARD

"I was on edge all day. I was trying to block it out and I've done a good job of it all year, but it came back today. They're a really special group of young ladies and I'm going to miss them a whole lot."

MARK KLUENNER
SIU women's swimming head coach remarking on the MVC championships and his retirement from coaching

"The faculty is responsible to spend half their time in the laboratory or library doing research and the other half teaching. So, really, teaching is a part time job. That means many of them are sort of amateurs when it comes to learning how to teach. We don't talk about it very much on campus, but opportunities like this give us a chance to do just that."

JAMES ALLEN
director of University Core Curriculum on the series of faculty workshops being conducted by COLA

Horse program is alive and bucking

*Enrollment is up
in equine science*

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

For Marcy Christiansen, SIUC's equine science program is a gateway to a prosperous career in farm or horse management.

Statistics show Christiansen is not the only student who finds horse studies at SIUC appealing. In the past two years, enrollment in SIUC's equine science program has increased by 40 percent, said Sheryl King, director of the program at SIUC.

A strong \$15 billion industry in the United States, horse programs are sprouting up at universities across the country. Animal science programs, which traditionally focus on livestock, like cows and pigs, are beginning to focus on the horse as more than a recreational animal.

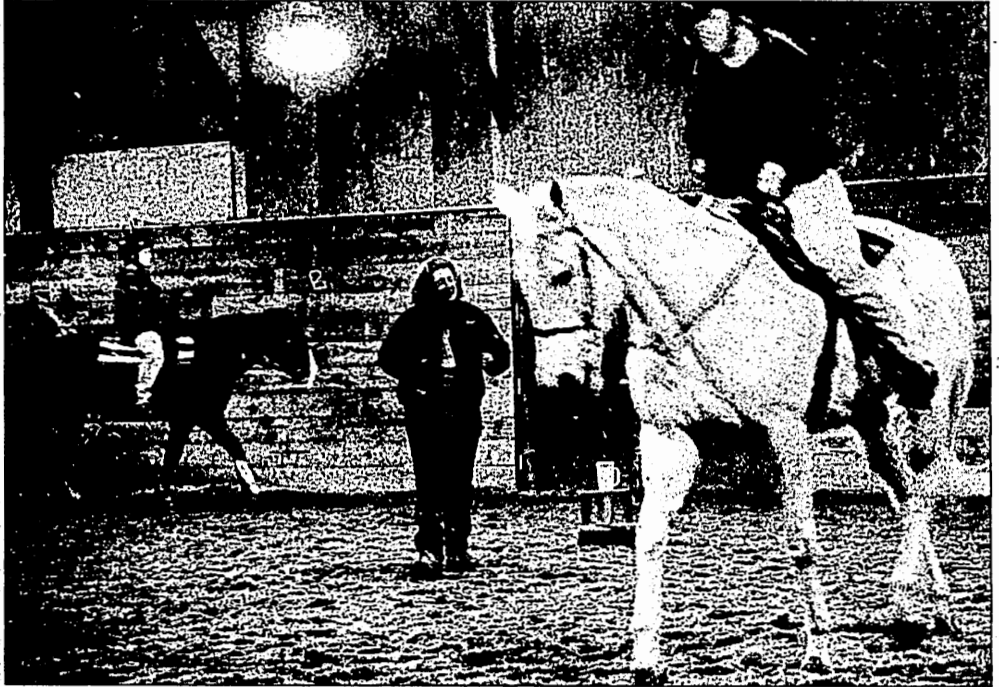
According to a recent survey in the *Journal of Animal Science*, students in animal science are becoming more interested in horses and companion animals, like dogs and cats, than in traditional livestock.

Viewing horseback riding as more than a pastime is nothing new at SIUC. Not only does SIUC have the only four-year horse program in Illinois, but it has been here since the mid-'80s.

King said SIUC's horse program is different from other schools because it is very scientifically oriented and uses an applied, hands-on approach.

"It's more than just sit on a horse and ride it around," King said. "It's how your body physically interacts with the horse's body and how to make the two of them most efficient at allowing the horse to excel as an athlete."

Riding classes are offered at different levels, from beginning to advanced, at the SIUC Horse



Stephanie Speiser, herder foreman, calls out instructions to students riding in a circle around her at the Horse Center located two miles southwest of the SIUC campus. Students pictured are in Animal Science 312.

Center on Union Hill Road. The center, which is about two miles from campus, covers about 100 acres of land for riding. The majority of the 48 horses at the center have been donated to the school.

Courses in horse management are offered with the riding classes. By taking both kinds of courses, students who do not plan to have careers in riding will still be able to communicate with others in related

fields, King said.

Because the program focuses more on professional aspects and less on recreation, King said it is known as a high-caliber program. Graduates of the horse program have about a 95-percent placement rate in equine fields.

"I have a lot of employers call me and specifically want the SIU students," King said.

Christiansen transferred to SIUC

from Blackhawk College as an undergraduate. Having experienced equine programs at both schools, Christiansen said the program at SIUC is less textbook-oriented.

Christiansen, a graduate student in animal science from Alexis, said by simply learning with actual horses, students gain more knowledge of the horses in general. For example, they learn how to properly use restraints, positioning, and how the

horses react to things.

"Anybody can read it in a book, but it's something special to let you do it hands-on and try it yourself," she said.

Students at SIUC have a real advantage because the horse center is so close to campus, Christiansen said. Students are able to spend more time with the horses and friendships are often made.

"It builds a unique bond between horse and student," Christiansen said.

Betas fight cancer with basketballs

*Fraternity raises
money for
Coaches vs. Cancer*

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Small children eagerly line up to pay \$1 to take three shots at the "Hoops Shoot" during a Saluki basketball game. As the children aim a basketball at the net, they are oblivious to the larger goal of fighting cancer.

"It's basically [those] dollars going to the cancer effort," said Mike Trude, director of promotions and marketing for SIU athletics. "I'm not sure they totally understand where the money is going, but in the long run, it's a very nice thing that they're doing."

The Beta Theta Pi fraternity chapter is participating in the national Coaches vs. Cancer program for a second year, raising money for the American Cancer Society.

The "Hoops Shoot," which raises \$250 to \$300 each game, allows children to pay \$1 for three attempts to make a basket in a hoop in the upper level of the SIU Arena. If they make all three shots, they win a small white plastic basketball, donated by Saluki Athletics.

In addition to the "Hoops

Shoot," the fraternity solicits donations for three-point shots at men's and women's basketball games. People may pledge a nickel or more per shot and at the end of the season, the money is collected for the American Cancer Society. Last year the program raised about \$1,000. This season they already have raised almost \$2,000.

Ryan King, vice president of the fraternity, said this program will help improve the greek image. King was surprised at the program's success, but excited at the support it has received.

"I didn't think it would go over as much as it did," said King, a junior in mathematics from Colona. "The guys just have a lot of fun with it, and the kids have fun, and we make money for the ACS at the same time."

SIU men's basketball coach Bruce Weber sponsored a Coaches vs. Cancer luncheon during Thanksgiving break raising more than \$1,200. More than 100 people attended the luncheon, many of them pledging up to \$4 per three-point shot.

Trude is pleased the fraternity continued the program this year. He thinks the program will reach \$4,000 before the end of the season.

"I'm just very happy with the progress," Trude said. "The Betas have worked their tails off with

CONTACT

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this program this year. It's a positive thing for the fraternity."

Trude said they will certainly continue the program next year, hopefully with the aid of a corporate sponsor, which may double this year's earnings.

Coaches vs. Cancer was created by Norm Stewart, a cancer survivor, and former coach at the University of Missouri. Stewart, a Beta Theta Pi alumnus, founded the program in 1993 after his mother died of the disease. It is now sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Since its birth, it has raised more than \$10.6 million nationwide for cancer research. Schools across the country participate in the program.

Dan Schmidt, president of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity chapter, said his favorite part of the program is working with the children.

"The money goes to Coaches vs. Cancer, the kids have fun and it's community service," Schmidt said. "Hopefully each year it will get bigger. It's good for everyone."

A University face-lift

*Outside firm hired to
improve University's
appearance*

GEOFFREY RITTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A campus committee is looking into making vast improvements to the University's crippling physical appearance. In doing so, it has hired an outside consulting group to analyze just how to approach the issue.

The Committee Concerning the Campus Environment, led by Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard, was given new energy last October after SIUC interim Chancellor John Jackson asked Poshard to fill the recently vacated seat.

The committee, which consists of about 25 administrators, faculty members and students, is aiming to dramatically improve the University's physical appearance.

"It's a part of [Jackson's] long-range plan for the University," Poshard said. "All of this will greatly improve SIUC's image."

The first phase of the project involves an outside consulting group, Civitas, to analyze the problems on campus and focusing upon possible ways to approach them.

Representatives from the Denver-based firm spent two days on campus last week, meeting with administra-

tors and constituency groups, as well as spending time discussing ideas with the committee.

In addition, Civitas' officials toured several University facilities, including those which house athletics. Representatives are slated to return to campus next month to further discuss the issue.

"Initially, they had a series of meetings with administrators just trying to identify the problems," said Al Woolf, director of Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory. "They were hired to help develop a vision."

Among the issues being examined are future parking lots, managing traffic, creating a well-defined entrance to the campus, and various grounds improvements that Poshard called "greenifying the campus."

Officials are also concerned with evaluating how to best utilize the University's land, taking into account future parking lots, possible buildings and preservation of the natural features of campus, such as Thompson Woods and Campus Lake.

"Thompson Woods and Campus Lake are two of our major objectives," Poshard said. "We want to make [the campus] as aesthetically pleasing as possible."

Woolf, who serves on the committee, agreed that preserving the natural elements of the campus is important.

"I think [the nature] is one of the

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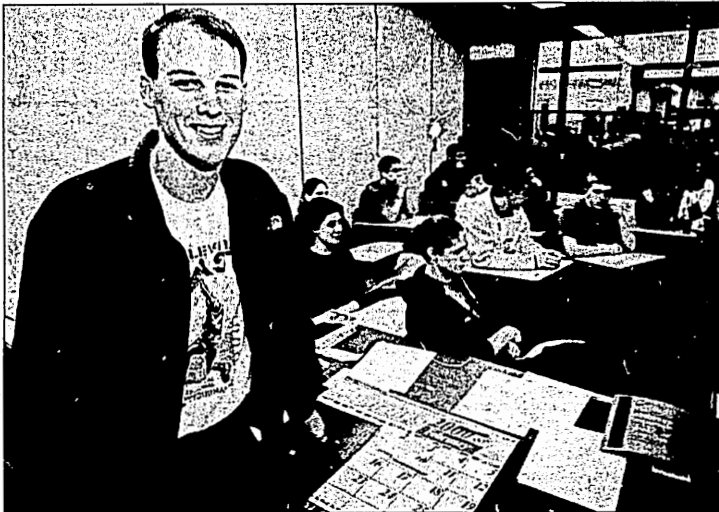


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Jeff Hartford, an SIU graduate and government teacher at Carbondale Community High School, has noticed some apprehension in his graduating seniors about attending SIU. The unstable image of SIU is a factor in many students decision to enroll at SIU.

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"They have asked how stable the environment of the school is," Hartford said. "For parents and kids, the situation with the University is something to think about."

The Argersinger matter was a sign of things starting to fall apart, he said. Hartford, an Argersinger supporter, said the controversy slowly eroded campus unity.

"Accusations were flying back and forth, and it was difficult to understand," said Hartford, who graduated before Argersinger took over in 1998. "I'm not sure what to think about it. It was kind of a he-said, she-said situation."

The firing of Chancellor Argersinger last June set off a chain of events. A week after her removal, Argersinger's lawyers filed a lawsuit against the SIU Board of Trustees charging that she was removed without due process.

Southern Illinois HOPE, an organization of Argersinger supporters, formed in protest shortly after her removal and began demanding changes within the administration.

Students for Excellence in Education also questioned the termi-

nation of Argersinger and the structure of University leadership.

Three days before she was officially removed, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution June 2, expressing no confidence in President Ted Sanders.

After six months of controversy and almost five years as SIU president, Sanders announced he would leave the University in February for a position in a Denver-based educational policy group.

In December, interim Chancellor John Jackson, who served as vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and provost, remained undecided whether he wants to stay as chancellor permanently.

Thomas Guernsey, who replaced Jackson, served as interim provost before announcing that he would step down in January.

While there is a concern about the leadership vacancies, some within SIUC's student body are mixed about whether or not the University has found its footing.

Brienne Cichella, president of the Inter-Greek Council, said she is optimistic that new leaders will put the University back on track.

"I think the students have put a lot of trust into the people who fill these positions," she said. "It doesn't really matter if it's an interim position, or if

it's permanent. Either way, a leader has to have a certain type of vision that they need to prove to others."

The prevailing view on campus is that SIUC's image will improve once a new administrative team is in place.

"With all of the interim positions and so many positions not filled, I think that might be hurting the University more than anything else," USG Student Sean Henry said.

Ben Syfert, SIUC student representative to the Board of Trustee, thinks a dialogue among students, faculty and administrators will do a lot to address the University's image, but said it will not be easy.

"There needs to be some open and very frank discussion as to who we are and what we're about," he said. "I think that open communication is something that needs to happen."

Syfert said the University can weather the storm once the campus community begins focusing on the selection of a new president and chancellor.

"I think there are some valid concerns as far as having those positions filled," he said. "I think that many of those groups would find that by sticking to the issue, we'll hopefully get some resolve with those situations."

SIRIS
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who qualify.

The idea of SIRIS actually began in 1980 after Richard and Valerie Parrish of Carbondale returned from a disability conference. Richard Parrish was nearly blind and Valerie Parrish's hands were crippled. The couple found a need for a reading station in Carbondale, and their idea became a reality four years later with 35 receivers distributed.

Grover Smith of Murphysboro is one of many people who have found this radio service to be useful. Smith is completely blind and has been using the receiver for more than a year.

"I get the Carbondale news in the evening and sometimes they have programs I like," Smith said. "I also like it because it helps me go to sleep in the evening."

Since the opening of the station in 1984, it has distributed 400 receivers, which can be found in residents' homes and in nursing home institu-

tions, said Bill Gilmore, director of SIRIS.

Gilmore began volunteering at SIRIS in 1991 and became director in 1993. He was not reluctant to help with the station.

"I was kind of fascinated with it," Gilmore said. "Once I took the job, I fell in love with it."

As director, Gilmore does a lot of public speaking to organizations for financial support. SIRIS, a non-profit organization, is funded by SIUC, United Way Agencies, the Illinois Public Library system and private donations.

Gilmore said the station covers news articles from 11 different newspapers, mostly from the Southern Illinois region. SIRIS also offers readings of magazine publications like Time, Fortune, National Geographic and Ebony, as well as Social Security and disability publications.

"It's another means of getting news out to the disabled," Gilmore said. "Without having to have author's approval, we can read anything we want to on the radio, and we try to direct a lot of our public ser-

vice announcements to those who are disabled."

With the exception of weekly tapes provided by Chicago Radio Reading Services, SIRIS prepares its own programs.

The station airs these publications from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. seven days a week. The news is on daily from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

The readings that air on SIRIS are all done by a diverse group of volunteers. The station has about 17 regular volunteers, Gilmore said. These individuals include court ordered people who have to do community service, radio-television students, members of the Beta Alpha Psi accounting honor society and volunteer community members.

Rod Gowler, a Carbondale resident, has been a SIRIS volunteer since 1993. Gowler said he goes to the station and reads whenever he has time.

"I feel really good about it," Gowler said. "This is a wonderful thing to do, so the blind can get their information."

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BILL GILMORE
Director of SIRIS

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"As you like it," circa 1970?

Director of upcoming play seeks ex-hippies to advise her cast

TRAVIS MORSE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

To Rebecca Fischel Bright, the gap between Shakespeare's time and the antiestablishment era of 1970 is a small one.

She said Shakespeare's romantic comedy, "As You Like It," in particular, has many similarities to the Vietnam War period in the United States.

"The play 'As You Like It' was written 400 years ago when England was at its peak," Bright said. "The play is about young people running away from a world they don't like. It fits perfectly with what was going on in the late '60s and early '70s."

Bright, who is directing the upcoming McLeod Theater production of "As You Like It," is look-

ing for people involved in the '60s movement to help her cast get into their characters.

She said the "technical advisers" can be anyone from that era on either side of the war debate. Hippies, people who supported the war and people who were just passive observers of that turbulent time are all invited to help lend accuracy to Bright's adaptation.

"I had the idea of asking people like me who lived through that time," Bright said. "We are looking for anyone who lived through that time and can elaborate on their experiences."

Adam Meyer, a freshman theater major from Aurora, is playing the roles of William and the Court Lord in the play. He said the advisers could greatly help the cast.

"If we have a variety of viewpoints represented, it will definitely help the play," Meyer said.

Michael Gonzalez, publicity director for the SIUC Theater Department, said the theater is also looking for '60s memorabilia to put on display in the lobby while the play is running.

"If you have any merchandise, beads, jewelry, anything from that era, we'd love to use it for a lobby display," Gonzalez said. "We will go through every effort to make sure

nothing happens to the materials."

Bright said she picked this play for a variety of reasons.

"I picked it because it's Shakespeare's most fun play," Bright said. "Also, I think it has great roles for women."

In the end, Bright said her ambitions are much more than just doing yet another updated version of a Shakespeare play.

"My mission is to prove to my students that Shakespeare does still have relevance today," Bright said.

AS YOU LIKE IT

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FACE-LIFT

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more attractive elements of the campus," Woolf said. "It's something the students and faculty and alumni always remember."

When Civitas representatives return next month, they will further examine the campus's resources. This time, getting students and other members of the University involved with the project.

"They're going to come back and talk to some other folks," said Harry

Wirth, director of the Physical Plant, who has been involved with the committee for about eight years. "They're looking for a lot of student involvement."

Wirth said a final report from Civitas is expected by June 30, then the committee will move ahead based on the firm's recommendations.

Poshard said the project, which is estimated to take about 25 years to complete, does not have a fixed cost because of its size and complexity.

In the end, officials involved with the project are optimistic about their

mission and think they are laying the foundation to beautify the University in the coming years.

"This is a project that can help to bring the University community together," Woolf said.

"I view this as a positive and constructive thing on campus," Woolf said. "[The future] has to be shared and with collective vision. I would think, as this process unfolds, it's important for everyone to get involved so everyone can participate in creating this vision."

ATTENDANCE

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poor and that co.'ldn't be helped," Stiehl said.

Southern Illinois HOPE co-coordinator the Rev. B.R. Hollins thinks excessive absences by trustees signifies a lack of dedication to the University.

"At the HOPE organization, we strongly believe that those persons the governor appointed must be committed, which shall reflect in attendance at meetings," Hollins said.

Yet, Stiehl could not give specific reasons for her attendance record prior to her injury.

"I haven't had time to look at past attendance records," Stiehl said. "But my absences did not change the outcome of any votes."

The board has no attendance policy, meaning trustees can miss repeated meetings and have no disciplinary action taken against them. Absentee trustees retain no ability to vote on legislation at meetings if they are not present.

When a board member cannot attend a meeting, a phone connection can be established and board mem-

bers are able to participate and vote via the telephone and still be marked present.

However, Stiehl contends she participated actively in the board, despite what attendance records reflect.

"All of the times I could not be there, I was in communication with the board," Stiehl said. "I was able to express my opinions because I already had the information [on current board legislation]."

Board Secretary George Wilkins has the second poorest attendance record of the trustees.

Wilkins has come under fire during the past year after he was accused by HOPE members, and some Illinois representatives, of falsely constructing the idea he lived in Illinois, despite his Indiana residency.

Under the by-laws of the officers of the board, it states, "The secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board and shall keep a full and accurate records of all votes and acts of the board." Under no other officer of the board is attendance stressed but the office of secretary.

Wilkins has missed 12 regular meetings since 1994. When contacted

by the DAILY EGYPTIAN, he immediately deferred all questions to board chairman A.D. VanMeter.

VanMeter is out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Trustee Harris Rowe, of Jacksonville, has the third highest amount of missed meetings. Rowe missed 10 regular meetings since July 1994.

Rowe, who serves on the board's executive committee with VanMeter and Wilkins, did not return phone messages left by the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson and Media Coordinator for the Office of the President Scott Kaiser refused to comment on failed attendance affecting board meetings.

VanMeter, who is also the chairman emeritus of the First of America Bank in Springfield, has been present at every regular meeting since July 1994.

Regular board meetings occur at every three months, but additional meetings can be scheduled. Written notice of all regular meetings are given to board members no less than 10 days prior to each meeting.

record numbers to sign a petition to keep the lanes in tact. In the month since the announcement, 4,000 of the university's 25,000 students have signed a petition to keep the 40-year-old alley as is.

"What do those petitions really mean, when students aren't voting with their dollars?" asked David Mucci, the union's director.

School officials said the plans would draw more than five times as many students to the union as the bowling alley does. These days, an average of 550 people visit the Jaybowl each week (outside of bowling classes), compared with the 5,300 who visit a computer lab Mucci wants put in the alley's place.

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REBECCA FISCHEL BRIGHT
director of McLeod Theater's upcoming production of "As You Like It"


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Plans called for destroying the alley, used by students and the university's nationally ranked bowling team, and filling the space with a coffee bar and small stage as well as a computer lab, game room, student lounge, copy shop, and convenience store.

Despite the modern amenities, students rolled out in

SPC Director Positions at a glance

- Executive Director
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- Finance
- Marketing
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- SPC-TV
- Traditions
- Travel
- Visual Arts

For more information on each director's duties or to apply, contact SPC at 536-3393

Student Programming Council looking for new leaders

SPC is taking applications for directors for the 2000-2001 school year

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The only thing stopping Mechelle Phillips from reapplying as the director of Administration for the Student Programming Council is her graduation in May.

"I love this job," said Phillips, a senior in office system specialties and information technologies from Carbondale.

The real-life experience is one of the big rewards for SPC directors. They are given responsibilities and resources, and are expected to produce programming for the entire SIUC student body.

That experience is the top reason given why someone should seek a position on the SPC, according to current SPC leaders.

Phillips' job is one of the leadership positions at SPC. As a result, she has seen a little of how the positions work. She often works one-on-one with the other directors, and acts as a go-between between the directors and the front desk.

"The position is largely similar to an office manager," Phillips said.

Aisha Cool, a graduate student in media management from Country Club Hills, serves

as the director of marketing. Cool took the position at the beginning of the spring semester after the previous director graduated. She plans to reapply for her position for next year.

"I think you build valuable skills as far as working with a team in an employment-type atmosphere," Cool said.

As director of marketing, Cool is responsible for marketing every SPC event, as well as marketing the SPC as a whole. Marketing includes giveaways such as pens, key chains and ID holders, as well as flyers and posters.

All 14 Student Programming Council director's positions are open to any SIUC student for the next school year. The positions include director of administration, advertising, campus events, comedy, concerts, films, finance, marketing, news and views, traditions, SPC-TV, visual arts and the executive director.

Students interested in applying for one of the directorships must be enrolled as a full-time student, have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher, and be in good disciplinary standing at the University. Current directors may reapply for their positions, but must go through the same selection process as new applicants.

Experience weighs heavily in the selection process, said Don Castle, University

APPLICATIONS

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Programming Coordinator, but that experience can come from a variety of sources.

"It could be experience in student government or experience in the Inter-Greek Council, or it could be experience in the residence halls," Castle said.

Those selected to directorships are trained in their position, but the committee is looking for someone who can get the job done, Castle said.

The selection committee is made up from representatives of SPC, Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Council.

Castle said directorships can be demanding as directors must keep 10 office hours each week. There is also an SPC weekly meeting, as well as individual committee meetings. Castle said the time commitment can vary from committee to committee, and how many hours are required is hard to define.

"There's nothing unreasonable, but it is a sizable commitment," he said.

"I think you build valuable skills as far as working with a team in an employment-type atmosphere."

AISHA COOL
graduate student in media management

La Nina to bring thunderstorms to SIUC soon

Weather system in Pacific Ocean brings strange weather to Carbondale

JASON COKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

As residents in the Southern Illinois region have experienced a recent fall drought and are feeling February temperatures ping-pong between winter and spring norms, a SIUC meteorologist has predicted that some of the strangest weather is yet to come.

Doc Horsley, an American Meteorological Society meteorologist and SIUC professor with the Geography Department, said thunderstorms are expected to sweep in over Carbondale in the next month. Some thunderstorms have already happened, but it is likely the storms will intensify soon.

Horsley forecasts rain for Wednesday night and Thursday morning. He uses the Automated Weather Station atop Faner Hall to keep track of local weather patterns. There are 18 weather stations in Southern Illinois.

The drought during last fall and this winter was primarily because of La Nina, a weather sys-

tem in the Pacific Ocean, several thousand miles to the west of Carbondale. As springtime temperatures get warmer, it is expected to both snow and rain more, according to Horsley.

Horsley said he thinks people should pay close attention to the latest weather updates to know when thunderstorms are approaching.

"This is the severe weather season," said Horsley. "[People] need to be alert for them."

Some weather extremes have not happened yet. For example, February and March often have deep snow and cold temperatures. In December and January, 11 days were colder than 10 degrees Fahrenheit, said Horsley. There should have been at least 20 days, yet this winter is only 2 degrees warmer than usual and not as warm as last year.

Thunderstorms most often develop along cold fronts. Colder air pushes under warmer air, causing warm air to rise, storms to form and rain to fall.

"We can't pinpoint the exact site of severe weather," said Horsley. "We can generalize that someone in Southern Illinois may see a thunderstorm."

Horsley said there are three basic sources of weather, in the Midwest, including cold fronts from the Northwest, warm fronts from the Gulf of Mexico and the air over the Pacific Ocean. The air over the Atlantic Ocean does not affect Southern Illinois because weather is a west-to-

east phenomenon.

Meteorological winter begins Dec. 1 and lasts through March 1, creating the 92 coldest days of the year. Despite popular opinion, winter does not begin and end on the winter and spring solstices. Weather seasons are determined based on temperatures.

La Nina, Spanish for the girl, and El Nino, Spanish for the boy, are the Pacific's two basic weather patterns. It is the current pattern, La Nina, that is affecting us.

Conditions are being affected by La Nina, a pattern of Pacific Ocean currents that are cold and dry. El Nino is the name of the currents when they are warm and wet.

Traditionally, February has a lot of variability. Over the course of the next few weeks, more warm fronts will move north from the Gulf. When they hit the colder air over Southern Illinois, precipitation will form.

Last week, SIUC saw downpours followed by hot humidity and over the next month, this trend will continue. As spring approaches and brings warmer temperatures, more fronts will clash and some will likely cause late winter snow. But, because of the higher temperatures the snow will melt quickly.

In 1979, Carbondale had 36 inches of snow on Feb. 25, which shows that anything can happen this month.

LASER

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as the DVD.

"This will reduce the cost of storage and is more compact," Sayeh said. "They will probably cost \$20 to \$30."

Sayeh said this project will help further technology while making a good name for SIUC. It will also help students train for a future job market and help to build strong resumes. He will be working with three or four students.

The funding for this project has come from the SIUC's College of Engineering. So far, the department has spent about \$500,000 on mostly equipment. However, Sayeh plans to try for grants to help pay for the project.

Another advantage to the crystals Sayeh is working on is they are re-writable. The devices can be erased by simply heating them up.

SIUC and other colleges are not the only organizations working to surpass DVD technology. Sayeh said a company based in Israel is researching a similar product using fluorescent light, which it claims is compatible with DVDs. This company and many others are trying to create something better than the DVD, which has only been out for a short while.

"It is a very-hot area right now," Sayeh said.

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Salukis take two of three in busy weekend

Exhausting Saturday schedule catches up with Salukis in close loss

JAVIER J. SERNA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Playing seven hours of non-stop tennis took its toll on the SIU men's tennis team this weekend.
The Salukis played three matches in a competition in Clarksville, Tenn., where they had no trouble defeating Division II Carson-

Newman College 7-0, but could not take care of business against a tougher Western Kentucky University team that edged the Salukis 4-3. On Sunday, the Salukis rebounded from the loss with an impressive 6-1 victory against Austin Peay State University.
While the game against Carson-Newman could have served as a good primer for the battle against Western Kentucky, it turned out to backfire on the worn-out team. Despite the tune up, the Salukis lost a close match later Saturday against Western Kentucky. SIU then bounced back on Sunday with a 6-1 victory over Austin Peay.
Junior Valentin Epure was a definite bright spot for the Salukis at the competition. He

went undefeated for the Salukis in singles and doubles competition, but does not take full credit for SIU's success, calling it a team effort.
Unfortunately for the Salukis, playing two games within seven hours caught up with them against Western Kentucky.
"We were tired," Epure said. "We played seven hours in a row that day."
The match could have easily gone the other way, as the Salukis lost the tie breaker in one match by 9-8.
The same doubles point that was the difference against the Hilltoppers had the opposite effect on the Salukis when they won a critical tie breaker on Sunday against Austin

Peay.
"When we won the doubles point against [Austin Peay], it set the stage like we can beat this team," SIU head coach Brad Ifner said. "I think everyone played well against [Austin Peay]," Ifner said.
The Salukis went on to lose only one singles match that day — a nice comeback from the disappointing loss a day earlier.
Despite the Salukis being .500 after four games this season, Ifner likes the way his team has performed so far.
"I think going 2-1 was good," Ifner said. "Not perfect, but good."

-Christine Bolin contributed to this story.

GATSBY'S

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other awaits a court appearance, it has given the victim and her roommate reason to question living in Carbondale.
The victim's mother, who was visiting her daughter here Monday, told the Daily Egyptian she used to think Carbondale was a safe place. But now the family is deciding on whether the victim will return to SIUC.
As for Fasano, she will finish the semester at SIUC, but is undecided about whether to return in the fall. In the wake of the incident, Fasano thinks the bar scene in Carbondale is unsafe.
"I don't even want to go out," Fasano said. "I'm scared. She's scared. I just don't feel safe right now. We both don't feel safe. They're both out there."

STORRS, CONN.

Notre Dame Coach Apologizes For Student Behavior During UConn Game

Notre Dame men's basketball coach Matt Doherty sent a letter of apology for the insults Irish fans hurled at UConn pointguard Khalid El-Amin during Notre Dame's 68-66 victory on Saturday.
Fans in the student section at the game in Southend, Ind., chanted, "bastard children, bastard children," during the first half — a shortened taunt stemming from the question, "What does Allah think of bastard children?" that one Irish supporter shouted as El-Amin entered the court. The Notre Dame fans also made reference to Allah and El-Amin's Islamic faith.
El-Amin is married and has two children, one of whom was born out of wedlock.
The Notre Dame fans' taunts outraged UConn coach Jim Calhoun, who also faulted Doherty for not putting an immediate stop to them.
"There's no place for (that) in sport," Calhoun told the Hartford (Conn.) Courant. "You can say a guy stinks, but when you start getting ... If I went out there and said, 'Jesus something,' everybody here would ... it'd be blasphemy. Allah? You've got to be kidding me. There's just no place for that."
"El-Amin, who played one of his worst games of the season, said he tried to tune out the Irish fans' comments. The "bastard children" chants stopped when Calhoun glared at the student section during a timeout. Brian Kessler, sports editor of Notre Dame's student newspaper, "The Observer," stated in a column that he never heard any students make reference to Allah. He also said Calhoun should be more concerned with his own players' thuggery than about Notre Dame fans.
"It's much ado about nothing," Kessler wrote. "It wasn't about El-Amin's religious beliefs."

—Tribune Media Services

BASEBALL

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SIU baseball head coach Dan Callahan said Nelson's triple was an example of his hitters going with an outside pitch, rather than trying to pull it.
"[Nelson] did a good job of just going with probably a decent pitch, and that ended up being the difference," Callahan said.
In the second game of the doubleheader, SIU scored in each of the middle three innings to take a 6-2 lead after trailing 2-0 early. The Salukis chased Skyhawk starter Billy Holt from the mound after four and one-third innings, then touched relief pitcher Heath Doyle for four runs in two innings of work.
Senior Joe Meeks, after sitting out the first game, turned in a stellar performance, notching four hits to go with two runs scored and an RBI.
Josh Latimer came in the win for SIU, scattering 10 hits in six and two-thirds innings before being yanked after Skyhawk right fielder Troy Crawford belted a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh to cut SIU's lead to 7-5. The Saluki bullpen was able to preserve the win.
Latimer, along with relievers Victor Hockett and Luke Nelson, exhibited fantastic control. The three Saluki hurlers did not walk any Skyhawks all game.
"When you see me walks in nine innings, that's impressive," Callahan said. "They came in and threw strikes, and that was important."

The sweep of UT-Martin

gives SIU its third-straight win and moves the Salukis over the .500 mark for the first time this season. SIU took Monday off, but begins preparation today for its first home series of the season against Western Illinois University this weekend.
Although playing in Carbondale could make for a chilly weekend, Callahan will be pleased for his team to play in the familiar environs of Abe Martin Field.
"There comes a certain point and time where playing on the road gets old," Callahan said. "It'll be nice to play at home."

Saluki baseball note: SIU received a major blow when it learned that sophomore right-handed starting pitcher Jason Westemeir will likely miss the remainder of the season because of looseness in his shoulder capsule.
Westemeir, a native of Valencia, Calif., and a transfer from Cal-State Fullerton, impressed the coaching staff in fall workouts and was expected to be one of SIU's top couple starters this season. He had a history of health problems prior to his arrival at SIU.
"You lose a guy with that kind of ability and that kind of capability, it puts a damper on things," Callahan said. "But that's why you've got 13-14 pitchers. You recruit knowing there's always a chance somebody could go down. Somebody else is going to have step in and pick it up in his absence."
If his shoulder heals quicker than expected, Westemeir could return this season, but Callahan labeled that scenario "an outside chance."



Saluki Baseball Recap

Game 1, Sunday

SIU 3
Tennessee-Martín 0

Winning Pitcher Jake Alley (1-0)
Losing Pitcher Josh Carter (0-2)

Highlights

- Shortstop Luke Nelson goes 2-4, driving in all three SIU runs.
- Starting pitcher Jake Alley pitched a complete game, striking out six while allowing just three hits and two bases on balls.
- The Saluki defense plays a flawless game, committing no errors while outfielder Scott Boyd made a great diving catch in left-center field that sparked a double play.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SIU	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
UT-Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Game 2, Sunday

SIU 9
Tennessee-Martín 5

Winning Pitcher Josh Latimer (1-0)
Losing Pitcher Billy Holt (0-2)

Highlights

- In contrast to the first game, this was a slugfest. The two teams combined for 30 hits, with SIU recording 17 and UT-Martin 13.
- Senior shortstop Joe Meeks went 4-5, scoring two runs and driving in one.
- Freshman outfielder Jason Rainey came off the bench in a pinch-hitting role and earned his first collegiate hit and RBI.
- Victor Hockett and Luke Nelson came on in relief of starter Josh Latimer and gave up no runs over the final 2 1/3 innings to preserve the win.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SIU	0	0	1	2	3	1	1	1	9
UT-Martin	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	5

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Fluke play leads Salukis to .500 finish

A costly error and lack of key hits overshadow no-bitter in Saluki softball team's season opening tournament

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A fluke error by customarily sure-handed SIU softball center fielder Marta Viefhaus proved so damaging to overcome in the Salukis' first round of championship play at the Mardi Gras Classic in Monroe, La., this weekend.

Viefhaus, a junior, dropped a routine fly ball to center against Syracuse University that allowed the game-winning run to score in a 1-0 Syracuse victory that dropped the Salukis into the tournament's consolation bracket.

It was only the sixth error. Viefhaus has committed in three years at SIU.

"If (Marta) had a million balls hit to her like that again, she wouldn't drop them," said Saluki head coach Kerri Blaylock.

The error overshadowed a dominating performance by junior hurler Erin Stremsterfer, who no-hit Syracuse, but still suffered the loss on the unearned run.

It was an error by junior first baseman Nerty Hallahan that put the winning runner on base for the Orangewomen, a team that is in their first year as a program and are coached by former SIU standout Mary Jo Firnbach (1988-1991), a close friend of Blaylock's.

The Salukis finished 3-3 in the Classic after dropping their final game in the consolation

championship against the University of Texas-Arlington, 1-0, Sunday. The Salukis had defeated Texas-Arlington 5-0 Saturday in pool play.

The two errors against Syracuse were only two of the three committed all weekend by the Salukis. Blaylock was extremely pleased with her team's defense, other than the two costly errors.

The Salukis opened the Classic on a promising note, defeating Sam Houston State University 6-0 on a wet Friday evening. After a two hour and 15 minute rain delay, Stremsterfer (1-1), who allowed only two hits in the game, completed the shutout of the Bearkats in the chilly night air.

"(Erin) only threw fastballs from the fifth inning on because her fingers were so cold she couldn't throw a change," Blaylock said.

Senior second baseman Lori Greiner was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and junior third baseman Julie Meier went 1-for-3 with two RBIs against the Bearkats.

The Salukis rounded out pool play Saturday with a 5-0 loss to the No. 5 team in the nation, the University of Southern Mississippi, and the victory over Texas-Arlington.

Southern Mississippi pitcher Courtney Blades pitched a gem against Saluki ace hurler Carisa Winters (0-2).

Blades, who led the nation in strikeouts last year as a junior, out-duelled the Saluki southpaw Blades struck out 16, including the first nine batters she faced, while only allowing just one hit in the shutout.

"That kid is one of the best pitchers in the nation," Blaylock said. "By the end of her four years, she will be the career leader in strikeouts all-time in the nation."

SALUKI SOFTBALL

* THE SALUKIS RETURN TO ACTION MARCH 4 WHEN THEY HOST THE SOUTHERN CLASSIC IN CARBONDALE.

SIU thinks it has a pretty good young pitcher in the making as well. Freshman Katie Kloess earned her first collegiate victory in her Saluki debut against Texas-Arlington. The Belleville native allowed only five hits, while striking out six in the complete-game shutout.

"She had a lot of poise for her first collegiate game," Blaylock said. "Sometimes people think, 'Oh you play in the fall.' The fall isn't anything like the spring. There's no pressure, it's kind of just a stepping stone to getting you to the spring."

Hallahan, who was named to the all-tournament team, homered in the Saluki win, her first home run as a Saluki. Hallahan (.333) and Viefhaus (.353) were the only Salukis to hit above .300 for the weekend, while junior utility player Amanda Rexroat hit right at the .300 mark.

Although Blaylock said she would have liked to finish the Classic 4-2, she was pleased with her team's effort, especially on the defensive side.

"I told them if we suffer a few setbacks early, I would much rather do that and learn and get better and I think that's what we did," Blaylock said.

Saluki Softball note:

Sophomore catcher Andrea Harris underwent minor shoulder surgery Monday to remove scar tissue in her shoulder. Blaylock said Harris should be back for the Southern Classic March 4.

Saluki Softball

Mardi Gras Classic in Monroe, LA

Pool Play

2/18 SIU 6
Sam Houston 0
Winning Pitcher - Erin Stremsterfer (1-0)
Losing Pitcher - Amy Platzer (1-1)

2/19 SIU 0
Southern Mississippi 5
Winning Pitcher - Courtney Blades (5-3)
Losing Pitcher - Carisa Winters (0-1)

2/19 SIU 5
Texas-Arlington 0
Winning Pitcher - Katie Kloess (1-0)
Losing Pitcher - Cassie Brand (4-4)
Home-run SIU-Hallahan 1

Championship Play

2/20 SIU 0
Syracuse 1
Winning Pitcher - Missy Bieman (1-0)
Losing Pitcher - Erin Stremsterfer (1-1)

2/20 SIU 1
Sam Houston 0
Winning Pitcher - Tracy Rempecher (1-0)
Losing Pitcher - Heather Steichen ---
Save - Carisa Winters (1)

2/20 SIU 0
Texas-Arlington 1
Winning Pitcher - Amanda Kirk (2-5)
Losing Pitcher - Carisa Winters (0-2)

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clear message to Indiana State: Beware of the Dawgs.

While Thunell, Abel Schrader and Kent Williams were the primary catalysts, all eight Salukis that saw action made significant contributions in the second half and remained poised in a noisy Civic Auditorium. The win leaves SIU hovering in the mid-fifties in the RPI rankings and within reach of serious post-season consideration. Even an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament isn't out of the question

— that is, if SIU can keep the good times rolling Wednesday night.

But regardless of what happens Wednesday, SIU fans can be mighty proud of their Salukis. Without being blessed with a ton of raw ability, SIU has thrived on playing hard-nosed basketball within Weber's team concept. As a result, the Dawgs are knocking on the door of a championship in the always competitive MVC.

"I think it just proves that if you play hard, play with heart and play as a team, you're going to win ballgames, no matter if you're athletic or not," Thunell said.

With three games remaining in the regular

season, SIU has hustled its way into the championship hunt. A win against Indiana State doesn't guarantee the league title, but it would put the Salukis in excellent shape and in control of their own destiny.

Thunell, who arrived at practice extra-early Monday afternoon to work on his shot, is raring to go. He is counting on an Arena jam-packed with rowdy students to greet the Sycamores.

"Our team's very thankful for the students who come out," Thunell said. "We by far have the best student crowd in the Valley. Our crowd's awesome and the students are great. Hopefully Wednesday they can make it real

loud and kind of disrupt [Indiana State's] flow."

Not only does a big crowd intimidate the opponent, but it can also keep the home team from becoming discouraged. Williams and the rest of the Salukis may need the boost against a savvy Indiana State squad.

"A game like this, if we're in here and we see the biggest crowd of the year, that would get us fired up a little extra," Williams said. "It helps you get through hard times during the game. We're hoping for big fan support, and hopefully they can help us out."

That's a reasonable expectation. After the way SIU has played in recent weeks, they've earned it.



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(From left) Brad Korn, Jason Ward, and Derrick Tilmon celebrate a play in their favor as a win against Wichita State was becoming eminent during a recent home game. The Salukis are looking for a win Wednesday night against Indiana State to push them into first place in the conference.

DOUG LARSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Big night on tap for Dawggs



Jay Schwab

Sports Editor

The SIU men's basketball team has created a monster.

After recording a most impressive 92-83 win at Creighton Saturday night, the stage has been set for a good old-fashioned showdown at the SIU Arena Wednesday night against first-place Indiana State University. The game has vast implications on SIU's post-season outlook and should draw one of the largest and most energized crowds the Arena has hosted in several years.

A win Wednesday, and the Salukis move into a tie for first in the Missouri Valley Conference. Indiana State (19-7, 12-3) is currently in first-place. SIU (17-9, 11-4)

is the league's No. 2 team. That would change if the Salukis can avenge a humiliating 35-point defeat suffered Jan. 19 at Indiana State.

Senior forward Chris Thunell remembers the embarrassing loss to the Sycamores. He doesn't expect it to happen again.

"We didn't come out and play that game," Thunell said. "We know we can play with them and that shouldn't happen. We want to come out and prove that we should be at the top of the league. Guys are pumped up about this game."

Saluki fans on campus and around Southern Illinois are too.

SIU has won five games in a row for the first time under head coach Bruce Weber. Four of those wins were against the Salukis were "supposed" to win. The Creighton game was not, and that win has ignited a notion in Southern Illinois that these Dawggs might just be the group to return SIU to post-season play.

Against Creighton, SIU was on the road against a very talented team, with the Bluejays coming off a momentum-building win against Indiana State. It was a gut check game for the Salukis, a chance to show what they can do under big-game pressure.

As it turns out, SIU can do a lot. Thunell offered invaluable senior leadership, scoring 26 points on the night and helping the Salukis weather the Creighton storm in the first half. It was tied 36-36 at halftime, turning the game into a 20 minute war that would determine whether SIU's championship aspirations were more than a pleasant dream.

Instead of feeling satisfied with being tied against a talented team on the road, the Salukis exited the locker room oozing with resolve to steal the road win. What ensued was a 56-point second-half outburst that sent a

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Salukis win with pitching, then bats

SIU sweeps pair of games from Tennessee-Martin by winning a pitchers duel and a slugfest

JAY SCHWAB
SPORTS EDITOR

Rain was the only thing capable of slowing down the SIU baseball team last weekend.

And that only lasted for one afternoon. After a soggy Saturday, the skies in Tennessee cleared up, enabling the Salukis to grab a pair of non-conference victories in two

very different ballgames.

SIU (3-2) ended up playing a doubleheader Sunday against the University of Tennessee-Martin after wet conditions at Skyhawk Field prevented the clubs from taking the field Saturday afternoon. SIU produced only five hits in the first game of the doubleheader, but used a great pitching performance from sophomore Jake Alley to win the low-scoring affair 3-0.

It was a whole new ballgame in the second game of the doubleheader, as SIU and UT-Martin (2-4) combined to belt out 30 hits. The end result, though, was the same, as the Salukis knocked off the Skyhawks 9-5 to complete the sweep.

The first game was won on pitching and defense. Alley, working with catcher Kyle Kohlberg, was in charge

from start to finish. Alley pitched all seven innings, limiting UT-Martin to just three hits and recording six strikeouts. Alley has done a solid job as the No. 1 pitcher in SIU's rotation so far, but realizes there's a long way to go.

"I'm happy with my performance so far," Alley said. "But we'll see a lot better teams than what they were."

The Salukis scored twice in the top of the third and added another run in the fifth, which proved to be more than enough offense for Alley. Luke Nelson drove in all three runs for the Salukis, including a two-run triple down the right-field line in the third inning.

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