Simon, Wissmann lead primaries

Carbondale election brings 11 percent of voters to polls

Sara Hooker
Daily Egyptian

"There is usually little interest in city council races, unfortunately."

- Larry Reinhardt,
city clerk

Mayor Sheila Simon, the only candidate in the two-year primary, received 1,154 votes. Tom Taylor, who placed second in Simon's two-year term, received 1,067 votes.

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City Council candidates absent for final tally

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Two of the 21 candidates for Carbondale City Council showed up to the Murphysboro Courthouse Tuesday evening to claim the second-highest number of votes in the primary election. Fritzler, who received the second-highest number of votes, in the primary election, will face off for the single two-year term with the next election, April 1.

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In Monday’s issue of the Daily Examiner, in the page 5 article, “Wearing a veil” Mila Mandelsohn’s name was misspelled.

The Daily Examiner regrets these errors.

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California's National Day of Protest

Four dead in shooting in Ala., gunman surrenders

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — A man looking for work opened fire at a temp agency's offices Tuesday, killing four people before surrendering to police, authorities said.

The gunman later surrendered after a standoff at his apartment, where police tracked him down using the address he put on his job applications. Authorities turned off the building's electricity while the suspect was near the perimeter. Police said the man shot at officers early in the standoff.

The suspect, whose identity was not immediately released, turned himself in to Huntsville Police Department and surrendered to authorities.

The suspect, a 32-year-old man, had been fired from the job days earlier and was looking for work at a nearby church, authorities said.

Four people were dead at the scene and a fourth died during surgery. Police said the wounded man was in critical condition.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Powell: S. Korea accepts U.S. plan for talks with N. Korea

U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Richard Holbrooke said Tuesday that South Korea has agreed to hold talks with North Korea to discuss reunification.

In October, when that country admitted it was pursuing a nuclear weapons program, which violated a 1994 agreement with the United States. This prompted the United States to pull fuel shipments to North Korea. Since then, North Korea has relocated to North Korea and pulled out of an international nuclear inspection.

Powell said Tuesday that the North has not yet restored a reactor and reprocessing facility, which was a “critical choice if it's going to be a peaceful reactor and reprocessing facility.”

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JOHN M. RIVET

POLICE REPORTS

University

Two men reported they were batters at 10:35 p.m. Monday at their residence in Schneider Hall. The men told police the battery occurred when they were confronted by four to five males. There were no reported injuries and police said suspects have been identified.

William James, 18, Girard, was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol and violating a peace officer at 12:12 a.m. Saturday at the overnight parking lot of University Park. James was released.

A chopsock, cellular phone, digital camera and memory sticks were reported stolen between 7 p.m. Thursday and 9:30 p.m. Saturday from a vehicle parked in a parking lot of the Communications Building. Police said force was not used in the theft.

A 19-year-old woman reported she was sexually assaulted between 12:30 and 1:45 a.m. Monday at Schneider Hall. A suspect has been arrested.

Carbondale

Confederate Uniforms: The South is Not Ashamed

Brenner L. Ortenstein, 21, 1428 H Pierce St., was arrested and charged with possession of ammunition, driving while intoxicated and violation of a 1:45 p.m. arrest warrant for driving while intoxicated and a 450 block of North Pierce Street. Officers attempted to stop a vehicle at the intersection of North Main Street and East Chestnut Street for listed front window when it was driven to the 400 block of North Pierce Street. Officer allegedly abandoned the vehicle and ran, but was caught after a foot pursuit. He was released on $300 bond.

THE DAILY EAGLE, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
Because of the numerous snowstorms in southern Illinois this winter and the freezing and thawing that accompany them, potholes have been popping up all over Carbondale streets and causing a nuisance for motorists. City maintenance crews have been kept busy filling potholes all around town like the ones at the intersections of South Wall and East Walnut streets as well as along Mill Street.

Snow, ice leave behind nuisances

Maintenance team works through harsh conditions

Burke Waston  Daily Egyptian

The abundance of winter storms in Carbondale this season has weakened road travel a nuisance, even after the snow and ice has melted. The streets of Carbondale are littered with more potholes than in past winters because of an unusually high 11 snowfalls.

"The potholes are bad this year, especially on Mill Street," graduate student Rex Pilet said. "This is the worst I've seen them in the 5 years I've been here. All the freezing and thawing has really hurt the roads."

"We hit quite a few," graduate student Kelly Drew said. "They don't hurt my drive time too badly, but I don't imagine they're too good for my tires."

Carbondale Street Superintendent Wayne Wheeler said the winter has been a "team effort." The teams put together the team's job harder this winter.

The added burden of potholes has given the town's street maintenance team another hurdle to jump.

"The freeze and thaw cycle work together with water holding on to the pavements," Wheeler said. "When cars drive over snow and ice, it freezes water down into the weakened pavement."

The winter weather, especially the melting of snow and ice, results in wet pavement. That means more potholes.

Carbondale's street maintenance team has worked hard to repair the roads. Unfortunately, the recurring winter storms have added more potholes and kept workers from making all necessary repairs. Wheeler said that snow and ice removal is the team's first priority. With more snow on the forecast for today and Thursday, street maintenance workers may have their hands full once the ice has melted.

"If another snow comes, we'll remove the snow first," Wheeler said. "That's our first priority."

Wheeler said that repairing the numerous potholes in town is a job that comes after the snow and ice have been cleared from the streets.

"What we do is after the snow falls, we attempt to identify pot-holes," Wheeler said. "We try to get to the worst ones first. We remove all the loose material and de-water the hole. Then, we put the best material we can to fill the hole. We spend a couple of days with one or two men on the job."

The street maintenance crew surveys Carbondale's potholes, starting with high-traffic areas.

"We use marked snow routes," Wheeler said. "$10 each carry a higher amount of traffic, to check for potholes first," Wheeler said. "Then we reach out to the neighborhoods. We send people to survey other areas, too."

Although the survey team are hard at work looking for potholes to repair, Wheeler said phone calls from drivers who notice problems are very helpful.

"Motorist complaints always give a good target where the worst potholes are," Wheeler said. "If a pothole is too bad, they can call us.

Any driver who notices potholes in need of repair can call Carbondale's Street Maintenance & Environmental Services at 457-3275.

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Regional news

Artists teach watercolors at Cedarhurst Art Center

Professional artist Joy Moon will teach a three-week watercolor class, beginning May 25 and 26 and at Cedarhurst Art Center in the Illinois Avenue Building.

Moon received her degree from the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh and has sponsored watercolor workshops throughout the United States and in Italy and France.

The fee for the class is $175. Pre-registration is required by April 1. Call the gallery at 618-244-4316.

Cedarhurst accepts entry forms being accepted for exhibit

Entry forms for the Cedarhurst annual contest at Gallery H.S.S. "New Photography" will be accepted through March 30. The Cedarhurst Art Center is located at 415 North 26 and Old Union Road in Mt. Vernon.

Eligible media include painting, drawing, printing, clay, glass, metal, wood and photography in color or black and white. Media is categorized in both youth and adult divisions. The exhibition will be held May 1 through April 18.

For more information, call 618-242-1236 or 618-244-0130.

Administrators unsure about future of two positions

Ben Botkin  Daily Egyptian

The SIUC administration is keeping possibilities open and the state's limited resources in mind while preparing for the departure of two administrators who earn six-figure salaries.

Associate Provost Kyle Perkins is leaving SIUC Wednesday for a new position at Florida International University in Miami. Chancellor Wick Ponder, the chancellor for administration, is planning to retire in July.

Both of these positions will not be automatically filled, Chancellor Wick Ponder said.

He asked Ponder and John Dunn, provost and vice chancellor, to review their departments and submit suggestions to him. Ponder said the reports are due in yet, with options still open, which include restructuring the departments or refilling the positions after conducting national searches.

Ponder's salary is $162,928 and his officer's personnel budget for the current fiscal year is $69,928. Perkins has a salary of $103,440, and the provost's personnel budget is $90,936 for this year.

With state officials predicting a budget deficit of about $4.8 billion, Wendler has asked all departments to submit proposals for cuts that range from 5 percent to 10 percent. A budget task force, which Dunn oversees, is still reviewing the proposals, and Wendler said the administration is also included in the equation.

"It would be foolish to say we shouldn't ask this of ourselves in this process," Wendler said.

The budget task force, which meets every week, is expected to submit campus-wide proposals for possible cuts that the chancellor can review. Members of the budget task force include 21 people who represent faculty, students and other campus employees. The exact cut is unknown because state legislators are still in the early stages of planning funding for the next fiscal year.

Wendler said he is still working on his report and uncertain what the outcome will be.

Ponder said he will submit his report to Wendler, who will determine the next step. He said SIU department will also work closely with the budget task force in planning for possible cuts.

"We're basically going to give him input," Ponder said. "We'll give him a set of options and he'll make the final decision."

Reporter Ben Botkin can be reached at bbotkin@dailyEgyptian.com

Administrators planning the future of 2 positions

SIUC administrators are reviewing their options in anticipation of two administrative posts that will become vacant this year. Chancellor Walter Wendler says both of these departments will review options in anticipation of two positions.

Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Pothard's

Duties: Oversees maintenance of campus, land use planning, employee relations and public safety. He will retire July 31.

Salary: $162,928.08

Fiscal year 2002-2003 personnel budget for his office: $605,604.95

Associate Provost Kyle Perkins

Duties: Assists Provost & Vice Chancellor John Dunn with budget planning and handles requests for information. He will leave Wednesday for a position at Florida International University.

Salary: $103,440.08

Fiscal year 2002-2003 personnel budget for Provost's office: $90,936.39
Live Free sponsors non-smokers’ night

Smoke-free air comes to Carbondale nightclub for one fresh night

Jessie L. Nelson Daily Egyptian

Most people who start smoking while in college do so shortly after arriving on campus, according to Alphonse Ley, the director for SIUC’s Live Free Project.

“Something in their environment is changing,” Ley said. “Students hang out in bars with people who smoke, and that’s the feeling they get about smoking, that they can smoke.”

But Wednesday night, non-smokers will be given a needed break as Carbondale nightclub sponsor Carboz’s first ever Smoke-Free Club Night.

“The same study said that workers need a break,” Ley said. “We’re trying to do the same thing. If they don’t have a place to smoke, people will still come.”

Brian Callahan, general manager of Carboz said he supports the Smoke-Free Club Night, which is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. and end at 2 a.m.

DAILY EGYPTIAN wins 26 awards in ICPA contest

Staff captures 10 first-place awards to outpace state competition

Moustafa Ayad Daily Egyptian

The DAILY EGYPTIAN earned six awards Saturday in the annual Illinois College Press Association Editorial and Advertising Competition.

The Daily Egyptian placed first in overall general excellence and the DAILY EGYPTIAN placed second.

SIUC’s student-run newspaper, which is a 1963 publication, had, according to Callahan, breathing oxygen from a tank puts more oxygen in a person’s blood stream, giving them increased energy.

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Doctors rally against rise in malpractice premiums

Medical practitioners leave offices today to protest rates

Jackie Keane Daily Egyptian

Althosa Ryan, a general surgeon from Carbondale, said he no longer performs arteriovenous surgery because it is too expensive to insure.

“Doctors will have to decide what amount of money they want to leave their offices to rally in Springfield at noon,” Dr. Ryan said. “It’s time for Illinois to recognize that our state and public legislature are being impacted by the skyrocketing malpractice premiums.”

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"Ever since I've been here it's always been to get a chance to sit down and talk with them," Bonk said. "The closeness we've been able to get has made it a really fun experience."

Black, known for her 1989 award-winning expose on the exploitation of workers in the Florida sugarcane industry, H-2 Worker, is taking time away from the promotion schedule of her current film to participate, Bonk said. "She is currently busy premiering her film Life and Debt all over the world, but she has still managed to make time for us," Bonk said. Black, who is also a journalist and photographer, first garnered attention for his 1992 documentary about the Debelt Ward murder trial, Brother's Keeper.

The film earned him a Director's Guild award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in a documentary and the Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival. Bonk will be presenting Brother's Keeper 7 p.m. Friday at the Student Center. Bonk was also behind the lens of the 1996 made-for-TV documentary Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills, based on the events surrounding a pre-same triple murder in West Memphis, Arkansas.

Bonk's most recent film was the 2000 follow up to the 1999 box-office smash The Blair Witch Project, Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2. Bonk's next project is the works a U.S. remake of the classic 1973 British horror film The Wicker Man. Bonk said he is excited to have all three jurors involved with the festival and plans to benefit from all three.

"I haven't gotten a chance to get to know the judges from our brief phone conversations, but I'm really hoping to learn something from them," Bonk said.

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Wednesday, Feb. 26
1 p.m. — Experimental Showcase 2, Student Center (13)
4 p.m. — John Michael spinach Showcase, Interfaith Center (fee)
7 p.m. — Narrative Showcase, Gallery H 134
9 p.m. — Narrative Showcase 3, Maloney (free)
9 p.m. — Documentary Showcase 3, Interfaith Center (free)

Thursday, Feb. 27
2 p.m. — Judges Panel Discussion, Life Science Hall (free)
5 p.m. — Competition Showcase 4, Student Center (13)
7 p.m. — Judges Presentation (Jim Traigle), Student Center (free)
9 p.m. — Competition Showcase 5, Longbranch (free)
9 p.m. — Documentary Feature 5, Mango Jerey's (free)

Friday, Feb. 28
3 p.m. — competition Showcase 6, Student Center (13)
4 p.m. — Competition Showcase 7, Gallery H 134
7 p.m. — Judges Presentation (Stephanie Black), Student Center (free)
8:30 p.m. — Gigaton: A Tale of Two Johns, Student Center (14)

Saturday, March 1
10 a.m. — Judges Presentation (Stephanie Black), Valley Theatre
1 p.m. — Directors: The Airshow, Student Center (14)
5 p.m. — Gigaton: A Tale of Two Johns, Student Center (14)
7 p.m. — Shorts Showcase, Huffman Cafeteria

Sunday, March 2
7 p.m. — Best of the Fest, Student Center (14)
Schedule subject to change without notice.

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The festival, which runs until March 2, received about 250 entries from all over the United States and abroad, of which 50 will be screened.

Stephanie Black, a renowned documentary filmmaker and award-winning music video director, Jim Traigle, an animated filmmaker, and Joe Belfinger, an award-winning documentary filmmaker, will serve as judges.

In addition to putting together Sunday night's "Best of the Fest," featuring the films deemed to be the finest examples of filmmaking throughout the festival, the filmmakers will also be presenting one of the films that helped make each famous.

Chris Bank, a senior in cinema and photography and co-president of film alternatives, said Black and Belfinger are expected to arrive in Carbondale today, with Tragile to follow on Thursday.

Bank said in the past the festival has benefited from the jurors' interaction with the crowd and he said he expects the same this year.

"Ever since I've been here it's always been great to get a chance to sit down and talk with them," Bank said. "The closeness we've been able to get has made it a really fun experience."
THEIR WORD
Combine efforts to combat AIDS

Following a global AIDS workshop at Harvard University last weekend that aimed to involve businesses in the fight against the disease, the company VaxGen announced on Monday the results of the first large AIDS vaccine test. While the test showed the vaccine did not prevent infection overall, it did provide interesting results by reducing infection rates in non-Hispanic minorities. With this news coming so soon after the forum, it only substantiates the simple opportunities the corporation has to fund and help efforts to reduce AIDS and HIV infections.

As the first of four forums, the Harvard conference should continue to push this important issue into the spotlight. President Bush highlighted his AIDS proposal in his State of the Union address last month. While it did not find a panacea for prevention, the study does provide hope because it's effectiveness with reducing minority infections. Businesses, scientists and governments should continue to inject funding into promising leads like this to continue working toward prevention. Businesses can also provide much-needed money to increase the already works for prevention. AIDS Education. Especially in other countries, education helps people understand what behaviors increase the risk of infection and why condoms can drastically reduce the risk. Simple tactics can have a surprisingly substantial effect on this massive problem.

However, more complicated and expensive methods are necessary from the medical standpoint. Research on finding a possible vaccine and more effective drugs must continue, while efforts also need to find ways to bring the costs of current medications down, especially in Africa and Asia. Just dumping pills into these poorer regions will not effectively combat the AIDS epidemic, but efforts to make them easier to use, more affordable and more available will help. Regardless of exactly how businesses and governments work together in the fight, last weekend's signs of cooperation are promising. Ideally, partnerships will start small and then expand. Making sure AIDS and HIV continue to receive attention and funding benefits everyone.

- from the Daily Free Press, Boston University

GUEST COLUMNIST
The joys of being a girl

Amy Schill
The Observer

'SOUTH BEND, Ind. (U-WIRE) — The Virgin Monologues. The Gil Club Hosts this weekend in time to try out for your own senses. It's not just for the fries from chuẩn, a direct shot on the Mother of God, as a result of being a Catholic woman by the wall. That is, I can't see the way to have babies without having sex (all, the perfect woman), or I have to have several husbands and satisfy a few men on the side. I can be a virgin in a whore.

Indeed, this binary opposition is very much a play in our community, through an old way. When Notre Dame girls aren't being called ugly (you're glad we're here, right), we're being called prudes. In other words, if we actually try to live up to the standard Mary: we are judged regularly by men, and if we don't, we are judged as sluts by both men and women. Anyone the opposite?

That's right, men and my Church make it very difficult to be a girl, but women don't help much either. Why are they always "the Virgin Mary," which are in the bottom of the hierarchy and blaming women (don't get me wrong, I was looked, more successful in selling genitalia products then Arian subscriptions! Part women, too, to judge women too.

It's a sad fact that for whatever reason, many girls like believing other girls as much as they like complaining about how guys behave them, I don't remember the last time I was in the dining hall without hearing such comments from women as, "What a girl wearing. How sassy." "Look at her — she's a sorority." "Too much makeup. Where does she think she is?" "I wonder if our fellow classmates, even the least of our work is a refection of our own insecurities stemming from internalized unrealistic expectations imposed by a male-dominated society..."

Okay. I wish I had heard that last one. The point is, girls, with the help of some sense modern norms and a prevailing fear of what women could become in a world that people have painted themselves and their ideals into a right corner.

Here's my disclaimer. It's freezing outside, and I want to go to a dancing hall. I want dress comfortably in sweat pants and be judged by maleDonors (all in sweat pants) as a typical girl, definitely not going to put on our little Notre Dame prude (and I just want to stab a stick). Or I could perform the feminine, face the cold and wear a skirt, only to be judged by my boyfriend, from the pants clad sisters (and I just wanted to look nice). And, honestly, saying "I have played girls as much as they like" is the deal with that? I don't pretend to know how to be a girl that such a good Catholic woman should be. According to Notre Dame's, the perfect woman, or I have to do it.

So yeah, it's hard being a girl. My Church makes it difficult, girls make it difficult, and all it trusting makes it difficult (I honestly, what is the deal with that?). I don't pretend to know how to solve this problem, but I'm hoping in the future we can all open to dialogue, to expressions of womanhood that are more attainable and desired than the options currently available. I think I would be really cool if I could walk around campus without being the object of a condensery gaze male, if I could just be who I wanted to be, wear what I wanted to wear, write what I wanted to write. For now though, I gonna go. Who has time to write when there are new to be shared?

These views are not necessarily reflective those of the Daily Egyptian

QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Let not the sands of time get in your lunch".

-Winston Churchill

WORDS OVERHEARD
"It's kind of a rock-in-a-hard-place situation, I want to support my team, but I have a political science class."
Married by America divorced by Monday

BY GRACE PADDY
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leap or horror on their backs, either. So how bad can their single lives be? I don’t know. Maybe the one thing exhilarating about taking legal vows to now is that all I had to do was show up. And that’s where the band played, and that’s why I almost tripped on my way home. Excuse me, but this happened in Rhode Island, but my mother was left for words. So I turned cousin and phoned through. Well if he did, he must of gotten confused because down to two rhinos. Someone I know went to the arena to escape, but whichever way you cut it, it’s the worst thing I could imagine how desperate these strangers. Wasn’t that part of some fanatic cult scheme a few years ago? All I know is that from the handful of blind dates I’ve been on in my life, I can’t imagine letting my sister or the small match-up. Actually, I would feel more sorry for the guy who got stuck in my lap and his one true love than for me. I would hate those humpbacks are like. How? I just made that up and it wouldn’t go tack with one of the real losers. But if I do have a collection of three different edits of black TV cuts from across the world. Guess, you have a cute butt. Hack! Duh.

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Writing Center celebrates 100 years of learning

Jessica Yorana Daily Egyptian

Students and staff at two Writing Center locations will exchange their pens, pencils and papers today to enjoy pizza and prizes provided in honor of its anniversary.

The celebration will take place from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in Truelove and Leron Dining Halls, the location of the two writing centers celebrating their fifth anniversary. During this time, staff will be available to field questions and offer handouts while staff have refreshments and watch videos providing information on the centers. They will also have the opportunity to win door prizes.

Since 1965, the Writing Center, formerly known as the Writing Clinic, has provided SICC students with advice and free, user-friendly sessions to improve their writing skills.

Throughout its almost 40 years in existence, the center has done a great deal of expanding. The staff of the center has grown from a number of staff and attendance as their space allotted for the center to provide services.

"Writing is an important part of anyone's schooling," said director Jane Cogge, "and regardless of what stage you're at, anyone can benefit from a writing class." The center has had several homes, including the Old Main building, the barracks and Franklin Hall. In 1990, the center moved locations for its satellite centers in the Learning Resource Center and South Hall before relocating to Truelove and Lerman Dining Halls.

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(Right) Greg Bennett hands his ballot to an election judge Tuesday afternoon at the Carbondale Middle School polling booths. The school was the polling place for residents in precinct No. 2. The voter turnout for the primaries was low.

(Below) Phyllis Tow deposits another vote into the ballot box at the Senior Adult Services Center during Tuesday’s primaries for Carbondale City Council. Tow, along with four other volunteers, helped process votes for the No. 6 precinct from 5:30 a.m. until the polls closed at 7 p.m.

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Trees surrounding with water along the banks of the Big Muddy River in Murphysboro and Plantfield appear to have grown out of the middle of the river thanks to the above-average snowfall in southern Illinois this year.

The melting snow from Monday night's storm caused the National Weather Service to issue a flood warning for the nearby area, setting off the Big Muddy River flow of 3,159 cubic feet per second. The river is at 21.5 feet today, and the crest will be minor flooding. This means farmers will probably see the most impact.

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CANDIDATES

Waiting near the entrance of the Daily Egyptian office Wednesday afternoon, Michael Noll, who has run multiple times for the Carbondale City Council, said he has been running for eight years.

"I still have a lot to offer," Noll said. "I'm not running to be mayor, but I'm running to be a voice.""
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Charlie Hofmann of Ina launches his Jon boat at Crab Orchard Lake last week in weather that most of us would consider far too frigid to go fishing. Hofmann said that he was going fishing for crappie and would stay out on the lake until it gets dark. The love of fishing outweighs the hardships and it seems like a great time for fisherman who do not mind the cold evenings.
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504 S. Ash #2
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506 S. Ash
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514 S. Ash #3
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
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Daily Horoscope
By Linda C. Black
Today (Feb. 16) - You'll get insight and support from your best friends, both old and new. Other things may come and go, but friendships are forever. The real test now comes. You'll find out whether or not you're real.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 6 is the most challenging.

Mars (March 25-April 19) - Today is a 6 - The most important lesson you can learn is self-discipline. You've got to practice now or obey somebody else - cheerfully, if possible.

Saturn (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Instead of traveling to seek friends, have them come to you. They'll go for that idea, because your hospitality is well-renowned.

Cancer (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Romantic talk's nice, of course, but that's not what love really is. Actions speak louder than words, and they might even be more trustworthy.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Although you've needed new ideas on the job, they'll look to you for advice. You're the one who believes it can happen. Now, show that you can.

Vigo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - Find some time for personal pleasures in your busy day. Schedule a date with the one you love or go out with friends.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - New responsibilities are a problem, but if you stick to your friends, those fringe benefits are nice, because it'll be a while before any money comes in.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - Encourage them from a loved one, and you may see some real growth.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - There's a thing you've been thinking about, or a special vacation trip. Put money down on a gift for yourself, for being such a good kid.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Your part of the action should be obvious, especially regarding money, to increase your future bounty. Invest in a safe and inflation-proof way.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - It should be obvious who has exactly what you want. You may have to pay, but that's OK if this helps you generate wealth.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Accept the congratulations of family and friends. You've made it past the difficult part, take time for a celebration.

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1. Inescapable
2. Deadpan
3. Million
4. Jazz age
5. African nation
6. Dna
7. Company
8. Species
9. Relative family member
10. Hair color
11. Woman's name
12. Statue
13. Schedule
14. Bevel
15. Divining card
16. Parallel
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50. Collation
54. White mail
55. Like same
57. Books
58. Wooden spoon
59. Goodnight girl
60. Thud
61. Astonish
d2. Copper/ant
63. Sandwich side

SOLUTIONS

1. Man's war
2. Pieces
3. Gemini location
4. Concentrations
5. Going my
6. Dona
7. Computer
8. Species
9. Relative family member
10. Hair color
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Down
1. "What's up"
2. Likes
3. Cereal
4. Possessions
5. General location
6. Solution
7. Computer
8. Species
9. Relative family member
10. Hair color
11. Woman's name
12. Statue
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up-tempo professional style of ball to SIU. Galliant hurled for the Universe, even driving him to Dayton to pick up his paycheck for summer jobs.

Hoff said Galliant and Vaughn were well suited on the court. The other, he explained, were the former New York Knicks produced a high number of stats, and Vaughn was happy than to take his chance with Galliant led Vaughn and the rest of the Saluki three straight conference championships including an undefeated league season in 1961.

Vaughn scored more in his career, which was shorted by academic troubles. He played only 81 games.

Current Saluki and second all-time scorer Kent Williams played in 233 games, Williams has 1,908 points and had played in 252 games.

"I love to think about it sometimes," Vaughn said. "Rebounds are overvalued. A record should be broken after 40-some years and I didn't play but 81 games."

Vaughn reached the 20-point plateau 26 of 29 games Vaughn played in 1961.

Vaughn mixed up his junior season, and most of his senior campaign, but he blames only himself for his academic troubles.

"It was my fault because I wasn't going to class," Vaughn said. "Vaughn's competitive nature was something that impressed Harrelson remembers.

"It didn't matter if he was playing

**SPORTS**

**EVANSVILLE**

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going back to the Jerry Sloan era.

"It's got a great fan support. That's loves basketball."

Evansville routinely packs over 5,000 fans into Roberts Stadium, which is 1.4 miles from the 75-acre campus. Merfeld said because of All-Americans, a strong conference and the school's academic prominence, he has a pretty good shot at recruiting talents from large schools like Dallas.

"We've got an extremely strong academic school that's recognized not only regionally but also across the United States," Merfeld said.

"When you combine that with the great conference that we play in the Missouri Valley, it's a big-time college atmosphere."

Evansville boasts a 90-percent placement rate, a teacher-to-student ratio of 1:11.7 in his first term, its faculty have doctorate degrees. But not all athletes consider a school's academic when attempting to play for a "big-time school," and academic emphasis usually borders rather than helps an athletic department.

Evansville's academic facilities will be used by the university's athletic director at Northwestern - a school known as the Harvard of midwest academic and an institution that has historically struggled athletically.

"It's definitely more difficult because the academic standards are anything," Merfeld said. "Certainly, that's the way Northwestern," he said. "We only bad 7,000 graduates, it's a lot less to choose from."

Merfeld admitted he had much less to choose from, but refused to say his program was handicapped by the school's size. He is confident that the program can and always will compete in the MVC.

"It's got a great relative field like anybody else. We have 13 full rolls to deal with. That's what Texas A&M has, it's what Duke has and that's what Michigan has."

Report to Ethan Kendrick for sports@dailyEgyptian.com

**SPORTS FLASH**

Korn, Brooks and Hairston earn awards

Junior Brad Korn was named to the American team Sunday.

The 6-foot-9 forward leads SIU in bench scoring, averaging nearly six points per game.

Sophomore guards Derick Brooks and Darion Hairston were named to the Most-Improved team. Both exceeded their scoring averages by 12 points per game.

Brooks achieved his career high of 25 at Wichita State last month.

Hairston has his last 11 three-pointers and leads the team in assists.

Wichita State's Aaron Hugg was named to the conference's all-tournament team. Tobias Brandt of Esvansville and

McDowell and Berwanger honored

SIU women's basketball senior guard Mike McDowell and junior forward Kevin Berwanger were named to the Missouri Valley Conference scholar-athlete. McDowell received second team honors with a 3.5 grade point average in recreation.

Berwanger has a 3.8 GPA in visual communication, noting her honorable mention.
Dawg Pound: use your force

BY ZACK CREGLOW

Our athletic rooms, all of them, deserve our full and undivided support for what they bring to the University. Our football team, our basketball team is a thrill to watch, is thrilling at times, but special else to say this. I don't like to see parts of the fan base, the fans that made such a huge pa. . .

A look behind the scenes

BY DAVID CARNEY

We players have noticed a few things about Coach Turner and Tony Young ran a lot of this extra mass off since, "Opie" and "Giraffe", this team great. Something that came out of oblivion to tip home the greater respect: The man's voice is just as odd as coach Weber's: He has more nicknames than the Michelin man from the tin: com-

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BY ZACK CREGLOW

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Chancellor W. Wendler

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F. M. Duren · team jokester. He opened himself up for jokes through by doing this. . .

and so on. In the blink of an eye. . . That is why all fans in the Dawg Pound need in some tough games this SC:1SOn at some rowdy And of course, "Kuck F(;;er!" signs.- . .

I don't like to see parts of the fan base, the fans that made such a huge pa. . .

When the student are here, and they are firing up from the start, it is a big-time atmosphere. It fees loud. It gets intimating. Not only is the home team feed off of it, it frees the oppponent. The fans will play a huge part in the [C]hicago game. . .

Zack Creiglow is a freshman in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EDITION.
Blood, sweat, tears

In his fifth year at SIU, Bruce Weber is enjoying the fruits of his labor as he approaches 100 wins with the program he built from scratch.

Story by Michael Brenner

It was May of 1999. Bruce Weber drove from West Lafayette, Ind., where he had been an assistant coach at Purdue University for four years, to Carbondale — where he would take his first head coaching position at SIU.

He had visions of a team with a strong tradition that he could rebuild. He dreamed of coaching an arena that drew some of the largest crowds in mid-major basketball. And he envisioned taking the Salukis to the Sweet 16 for the first time he had done with the Boilermakers the year before.

But when he arrived he noticed something — the program, as it was being handed over to him, was a disaster.

The problem was not the administration, fund support or facilities. Weber did not have a team.

Rick Herrin’s departure had left him with only two returning players and even fewer returning fans that desperately wanted to win more than four games.

He needed to turn matters worse, four of them were seniors, and we had to be replaced the next year.

Weber said he had no idea how to restructure the program.

But from the rubble, Weber slowly built a program that has become a mid-major powerhouse. SIU is 98-52 since Weber took the helm under his guidance, the entire nation found a part in his rise.

He has built the program around a defense-first attitude, constant recruiting and a work ethic that the athletic department — from the administration to the assistants to the players — believes is second to none.

“I think he’s done a phenomenal job at this in his first five years,” Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said. “He deserves all the credit he’s getting, his staff is integral to building a winning program.”

Kowalczyk said an example of Weber’s work ethic and the reason for the success of the program was evident last weekend.

The Salukis had just defeated their alma mater, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, in one of the most important wins in mid-major basketball. And Weber’s generosity, which he said was integral to building a winning program, epitomizes Weber’s work ethic.

Bruce Weber gives his team a pep talk in preparation for tonight’s game. Weber, who is in his fifth year at SIU, is two wins away from 100 career wins at SIU.

Weber immediately began making calls at a furious pace with the help of assistant coaches Rodney Watson, who was the only assistant retained from the former staff, and Travis Ford.

Weber and Watson never left the office before 2 a.m. and never came in later than 7 a.m. Weber knew he would never see his staff, and children, as they say in West Lafayette.

“We are working everybody that we know,” Weber said. “Anybody that might be sitting out, we’re working them.”

Watson, through a hard worker himself, could not help his starved at the way the new coach was able to assist himself in his job.

“It’s amazing, his work ethic,” Watson said, adding that restructuring the program could have a long-term effect.

“Weber’s ability to put attention to all his players, yet still worry about recruiting and all the other complications that come with running the program, stems from his uncanny ability to multitask.”

Watson said he often marvels at the way his boss is able to concentrate on so many things at once — a figure Watson said is not an exaggeration.

“He’s thinking about every kid’s schedule,” Watson said. “It’s thinking about his own kids, his own family, and games that are coming up. He’s thinking about campus, he’s thinking about recruiting, his wheels are turning all the time.”

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Weber starts his labor with his assistants, but he also shares the credit. He said a main part of his program’s success has been the retention of his assistants.

He extends the same credit to his players because he knows a coach is nothing without talent around him. Weber said his best recruiting season was 2000-2001, when the Salukis stereotyped to a 16-4 record, not last year’s sweet 16 run.

Weber credits his team and his assistant coaches for last season, not himself.

According to Watson, statements such as that epitomize Weber’s generosity, which he said is integral to building a winning program and gaining the respect of players and assistants.

Watson said SIU needs basketball as many schools know it would not exist without Weber’s share to the wealth. It is his key motivating factor.

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But Weber also built the program around making them competitive at the collegiate level. All of that takes time, and it takes up the schedules of assistant coaches as well.

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Charles 'Chico' Vaughn has long since retired from the game of basketball, but he still faces many challenges in his current career. Vaughn, SIU's all-time leading scorer and former NBA and ABA player, now counsels students and does security work at Meridian High School near Mounds.

SIU's all-time leading scorer Charles Vaughn has found happiness off the court in the halls of Meridian High School.
**Evansville hanging around in Valley**

Michael Brenner  
Daily Egyptian

Even after being rejected by Illinois State, junior forward Brad Cuffie never considered Evansville an option.

Cuffie ended up at high school, SIU assistant coach Matt Plessen visited Evansville and wanted no part of it.

It had nothing to do with facilities, educational quality or the competency of the coaches, but it had everything to do with what they considered to be one glaring deficiency — enrollment.

Evansville's official enrollment for the 2002-2003 academic year is a mere 2,400 students, which is far lower than the Missouri Valley Conference, Evansville finds itself in fifth place. With a win over SIU tonight, the Aces would knock off their third MVC pinnate team of the season. They have already defeated Creighton, one of the Valley's esteemed small, private schools.

Merfeld said the key to Evansville's success lies in the community. Even though Evansville is a small school, it is in a huge market.

Enrollment:
- Southern Illinois: 23,516
- Mississippi State: 20,000
- Missouri State: 18,000
- Northern Iowa: 18,000
- Creighton: 5,297
- Wichita: 4,051
- Drake: 3,700
- Evansville: 2,400

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**Evansville sports**

Grant Fuhr  
former NHL goallender

**Beware the Aces**

Salukis won't look past Evansville; hope to set up first-place matchup against Creighton

Jens Deju  
Daily Egyptian

While most of the eyes of the Salukis will be focused on Saluki's showdown against No. 17 Creighton, something else remains in the air.

Something dangerous.

The Purple Aces of Evansville, who face the Salukis tonight at 7:00 at the SIU Arena, stand between the Salukis and tournament play.

While Evansville sits just 6-8 in Missouri Valley Conference play and 10-14 overall, it has something the Salukis desperately need — a victory over Evansville.

The Purple Aces beat the Bluejays 74-66 back on Jan. 23, in Evansville. Creighton won the earlier game between the two in Omaha, Neb.

But senior guard Ben Merfeld said that while all eyes might be on Aronhalt and Creighton, if Evansville can knock the Salukis, the Bluejays game will mean little more than bragging rights.

"This game makes the Creighton game that much more important," Williams said. "We have to win this game to have a chance. Creighton game mean something!"

Saluki head coach Bruce Weber has emphasized cause mid-week practices for the past month and said he hopes that constant reminder will enable his players to focus and not get caught up in the game.

According to Weber, that is something that falls on the shoulders of his upperclassmen.

"This is when it comes down to the seniors and the guys that are leaders," Weber said. "For us to have the maturity, they've been through it, they know how important it is and hopefully they don't have to play."

The Salukis (19-5, 13-2 MVC) won their earlier game at Evansville, but had to claw, scratch and overcome in a hard-fought 74-66 victory.

The Aces have beaten tough MVC teams such as Wichita State and Bradley — in addition to Creighton.

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