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SIUC accused of civil rights violations

Partially blind woman claims the University was inaccessible to her needs and she was treated like a child. Complaints like these prompted a governmental investigation.

Muhammad strains to read the bold face notes given to her by her professor. The notetaker assigned to her by the University rarely showed up forcing her to ask for special notes from her teachers. Muhammad then has to walk across campus alone to have her notes enlarged. Muhammad's requested her textbooks on tape before school started but didn't receive them untill far into the semester putting her behind her classmates.

MARLEEN TROUTI DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ruqayyah Muhammad, a single mother who is partially blind and wears a leg brace, does not appear to be very menacing. But the sound of her name is enough to cause an instant case of "no comment" from some University officials.

Muhammad said goodbye to the University in August, but not before filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Educations Office of Civil Rights. She is also pursuing reimburse-ment from the University for medical injuries sustained from allegedly falling at her Southern Hills apartment last April.

This spartment tast April. The Education Department is currently investigating the University and is awaiting data requested to substantiate Muhammad's allega-tions that she was denied services and accessible bons that she was denied services and accessible housing, violating the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. University officials said they could not com-ment on the case because the investigation is

Muhammad says her stay at SIUC was nothing less than a nightmare, where rather than meet her needs as an individual who is disabled, she was treated like a child. She said what ablect, she was treated like a child. She said what makes it worse is that her story, wrought with one battle after another, is not uncommon for SIUC students with visual impairments. After incurring a debt with SIUC from a previous attendance in 1997, Muhammad re-

enrolled so that current financial aid would wipe out the previous debt. She said she had so many problems with services and adaptation that she never wanted to return. But she agreed to come back for one semester, summer 2001, so she could move on to another university. Muhammad said she called weekly to ensure

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Student struck by car on campus

BURKE SPEAKER AND MOLLY PARKER DAILY EGYPTIAN

A male student was injured Wednesday evening after being struck by a car while riding his bike through a crosswalk near the Engincering Building, mark-ing the third such incident in months

SIUC Police officers at the scene said the unnamed man was not seriously injured, though he was transported to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. Witnesses said it appeared he had a scrape on his head and was complaining . of a pain in his arm.

Three students who saw the accident said the driver of the car, and the man on the bike both paused, each seemingly thinking the other would go first. The driver, Ronda Clark, said the pouring rain at the time of the accident made it difficult to see the approaching biker.

Clark, a senior in psychology, said the biker "came out of nowhere" and she was unable to avoid the collision. At press time, it was unclear if Clark would be issued a cita-

"The police said that he was alert and was talking, so I'm just glad he's all right," Clark said.

The accident is the third time in two months that a student have been hit while either walking or biking across campus crosswalks. SIUC student Anne F. SIUC student Anne F. Coleman was killed Sept. 21 after being struck by a car as she was biking through a crosswalk between the SIU Arena and the College of Applied Science and Arts Building. In October, a female student was hit as she was walking through a crosswalk on Lincoln Drive.

In response to the latter neident, SIUC Police and University officials announced

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University lean on minority faculty

Weak numbers similar in other state schools

SARAH ROBERTS DAILY EGYPTIAN

Long recognized as a University with a commendable commitment to diversity, SIUC has fallen behind in terms of minority faculty. But a lack of ethnicity is a problem that plagues not only this school but peer institutions as

SIUC's 2000 figures show that minorities make up about 11.5 percent of full and part-time faculty positions. That statistic includes all minorities — Asians, blacks, Hispanics, etc. The number seems alarmingly low, particularly when compared to the 18.78 percent minority undergraduate stu-dent population recorded for the same year. But a look at other state

institutions shows that most Illinois universities are in the same boat. Western

Focus On Diversity

EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS IS THE THIRD IN A FOUR-DAY SERIES THAT WILL TAKE A LOOK AT ISSUES INVOLVING THE DIVERSITY OF THE SIUC CAMPUS AND IN CARBONDALE.

Eastern Illinois Universities' minority faculty numbers are at 12 percent and 11 percent, respectively. Northern Illinois University is slightly higher at

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SIU minority student enrollment strong against most peers. PAGE 6

about 13 percent. Officials from those schools say that minority faculty numbers increase slightly each year, but that the recruitment and retention process can be a difficult one

Cathy Couza, an affirmative action coordinator at WIU, said that while universities recognize the benefits of an ethni-cally diverse teaching staff, they face very real national concerns

when hiring. One major obsta-cle in recruiting minority facul-ty is the "pipeline problem," or the small number of available minority instructors.

Couza recalled one year when Western had a vacancy in

its math department. Around that time, the Chronicle of Higher Education featured the year's black doctoral recipients mathematics on its cover.

There were five. "People think, 'Oh, just hire more," Couza said. "But we have to be realistic about our expectations. There is a lot of competition for a few number of people. We just can't compete with some institutions."

But Seymour Bryson, SIUC's associate chancellor for Diversity, said SIU and similar schools can make considerable

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University aiming to strengthen diversity on campus, disabled students

THURSDAY

How SIU fares in terms of minority faculty and students compared to other schools

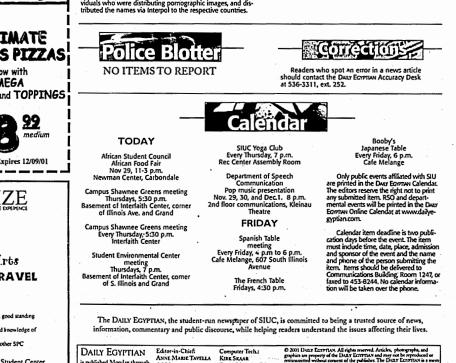
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Minorities and the police, the self-segregation on campus by different races and a profile on Tommy Curry, a controversial campus voice

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News

expects to fill three

positions by next fall

GINNY SKALSKI

DAILY EGYPTIAN

The University inched a step clos-

The Onlyter administrative posts were finalized for all three positions. Chancellor Walter V. Wendier

released 54 names of the members of the Provost and Vice Chancellor,

School of Medicine Dean and Vice

Chancellor for Research Screening Committees Wednesday:

ble for reviewing the job descriptions, legal issues and advertising for the

positions. It will also determine what

type of candidates it wants and ana-

ze the applicants for each of the

The committees will be responsi-

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earch committees finalized

NEWS IN BRIEF CARBONDALE

Key West approved for expanded bar liquor license

Key West, 1108 W. Main St., will open a restaurant in a few days, having expanded into the adjacent area formerly known as The Mustard Seed, 100 N. Bleyer Drive.

The building was approved for an expanded bar liquor license at Tuesday's Liquor Control Commission meeting, one of the final steps before opening its doors as an eatery. The new Key West vall seat an additional 50 people and serve lunch, dinner and carryout seven days a week. The menu will include appetizers, soup, salad, sandwiches, steak and seafood.

Co-owner Don Vollrath said he and his partner have years of experience in the food ndustry, and wish to expand to a restaurant to "offer sumething more" to the residents of Carbondale. Key West will celebrate its twoyear anniversary in January, and Vollrath is optimistic about the expansion.

"There is a marketing for something like that in this location," he said.

Vollrath expects the business to open in the next few days, possibility with a limited menu at first.

Herrin resident wins citizenship award

Shirley A. Cooper of Herrin was awarded the AARP/Illinois 2001 Crtizenship Award during a presentation Wednesday at the State Capitol. The award is given to a senior citizen who is employed or active in the community. Cooper was nominated by Sen. Larry D. Woolard (D-Carterville) because she fits both categories.

Cooper has been employed as a secretary in Sen. Woolard's district office for about 10 years. She has participated in the HerrinFesta Italiana and the Mayor Quagiia Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner.

Shawnee roads close to motor vehicles

Starting Dec. 3, all dirt or grass surfaced roads will be closed in the Shawnee National Forest

The closure will be lifted May 9 of next year. The roads are closed to prevent them from being damaged during the winter. The freezing and thawing that occurs during the winter makes the road beds soft which could cause motorized vehicles to leave ruts. The closure includes all-terrain vehicles.

motorcycles, cars and trucks. A closure notice will be posted in visible locations around the forest. Any drivers that violate the closure will be issued a violation notice

Voices of Inspiration to perform Saturday

Voices of Inspiration will perform their fall 2001 concert entitled, "Hold On, Don't Let Go," Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Student Center Ballroom C and D.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Ten percent of all proceeds will support AIDS Awareness Week.

For more information, contact Marlon Kelly, sident of Voices of inspiration, at 203-7393.

Murder suspect arrested for domestic disturbance

A Carbondale man was arrested at his home Nov. 21 and charged with obstructing a police officer and possession of cannabis.

Nolan Gault Gant, 40, was taken into custody at 6 p.m. by Jackson County Sheriff's Deputies, who responded to a 911 domestic disturbance call made near his home, 518 Warren Rd.

Gant allegedly threatened members of his family and a Jackson County Deputy Sheriff during the incident. When arrested, police also found two beggies of cannabis in Gant's parts. He was taken to the Jackson County Jail

and was released Wednesday. Gant has been named by Carbondale

Police as a suspect in the June 16, 1996, blud-geoning death of Carbondale woman Connie geoning Cole-Ho mes Cole-Holmes was beaten to death inside her home, 402 Walker St.

Chancellor Wendler administrative positions. Each com-mittee will meet for the first time during the week of Dec. 10 to discuss preliminary ideas surrounding the selection process. The committees are dominated by

faculty members from a variety of departments, as well as civil service staff, administrators and both gradu-ate and undergraduate students. Wendler said the broad range of faculty leaders on campus are strongly represented because the positions are academically oriented.

"These three positions are the core of academic and research missions of the University," Wendler said. "We'll get a good representation of the cam-pus community."

Wendler said selecting the committees took longer than he anticipat-ed because he strived to find the best match for each of the committees and there were so many people and schedules to consider.

research missions of the University.' Walter V. Wendler SILC

Wendler plans on having all of the finalists visit campus by early May. He wants to have all three administrators in place by the beginning of the fall semester.

the fall semester. Sharon Shrock, chairwoman of the Graduate Council and Curiculum and Instruction profes-sor, will serve as chair of the vice chancellor for Research screening committee and has pushed for the implementation of the position with the council. Although the position is new, Shrock said the committee should have no difficulties assessing should have no difficulties assessing the role of the new administrator or who should fill it.

"This person is going to function very much like the dean of the

'These three positions are the core of academic and

Graduate School," she said. "So it's not like we won't have any experience in dealing with those responsibilities." The vice chancellor for Research

position is a new post within the administration that will combine the role of the Graduate School dean with the vice chancellor title. The vice chancellor for Research will give University researchers a greater voice in the administration and create more funding connections for them.

Shrock said one of the biggest challenges the committee will face is selecting someone who is compatible with the new provost because the two

SEE COMMITTEE PAGE 10

Golfer kidnapped for the second time in two years BRIAN PEACH DAILY EGYPTIAN "Lil' Golf Guy" sat atop a window ledge in

'dollnappers'

Mike Jarvis's office in Lentz Dining Hall. He sat there and looked on as the world went by. He sat not knowing what the future would hold. It was a golfer's life. Gus Bode

Gus says:

happened. said It all started on a You'd a thunk

warm Spring morning in May 1999 when Jarvis, they'd take him to Pebble Beach

Graduate assistants

push for unionization

BEN BOTKIN

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Issues surrounding a labor strike among University of Illinois graduate student employees may influence

Graduate student employees at

the U of I went on strike Wednesday,

in an effort to gamer formal recogni-tion of the Graduate Employees

Union from the university's adminis-tration, which would give them the

SIUC graduate students.

er of Lentz Dining Hall, received the first of many letters concerning his missing golf buddy, who demonst due to the

Lil'Golf Guy had been kidnapped, and the som demands soon followed.

"I didn't notice he was gone right away ... then the pictures started coming in," Jarvis said.

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Mike Jarvis, of Carbondale, owns the "Lil Golf Guy" who was kidnapped and taken to New York City, Mexico, and Minnesota from where he sent home pictures to Jarvis, Sharing expe-

not met, weeks passed before the first of many pictures containing Lil' Golf Guy came to Jarvis in the mail.

In the first arrivals, Lil' Golf Guy appeared to

Over the next two years, the photos got more were document-

The golfer's first stop was the Big Apple, where the abductors made their rounds through

U of I strike may effect SIUC grad students

power to negotiate labor contracts.

SIUC graduate students are watching the events unfold in the dis-

pute, which may influence labor

issues for all graduate student workers at public universities in Illinois.

GEO members began a temporary two-day strike at 8 a.m. Wednesday

that will continue through Thursday in

an effort to receive recognition from

Although graduate student employees at SIUC are not consider-ing a labor strike, students at Illinois

may influence labor issues locally

because GEO is also involved in a

court case that will determine how

the university.

A jart session with world relawing cells Vo-Yo Ma wrapped up the New York trip. Ma held Lil' Golf Guy for one of the photos. He is currently a suspect in the kidnapping. Weeks later, Lil' Golf Guy was again taken to New York City and more photos were sent docu-

menting it.

In the following months, the abductee was taken to Walt Disney World. It is suspected that he may have had fun.

After visiting Florida, the culprits took Lil' Golf Guy to Mexico. He appeared to have all the

U of I students more bargaining power to push for larger stipends and increased benefits. The ruling will extend beyond U of I students and become applicable to all students in Illinois public uni-versities, said Scott Henne, president of the Genute and Perfertional

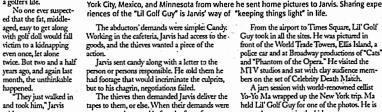
of the Graduate and Professional Student Council at SIUC.

"The court case will define gradu-ate students, which the state of

Although a favorable court ruling could 'give students the right to

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Illinois has yet to do," he said.



graduate student workers at all Illinois

rublic universities are defined — as either employees of a university or as

students working for their school. The case is in the Illinois

Appellate Court and part of GEO's efforts for formal recognition from the U of I, said Michael Stewart, a

spokesman for the organization. If the court rules in favor of GEO,

graduate student workers will be

viewed as employees of the university

with the power to negotiate contracts through the union, Stewart said. He

expects the court to rule on the case

A favorable ruling would also give

sometime next semester.

be lounging around an unknown house. It was a quaint little scene. The doll seemed safe.

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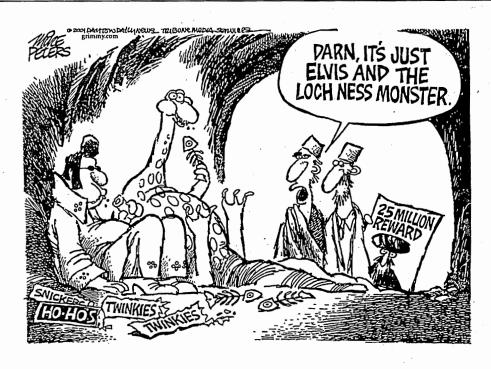
out the city; photographing the doll everywhere.

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Thursday, November 29, 2001



<u>Our Word</u>

Appreciate the good teachers

We all have at least one teacher that impacted the direction of our lives in a enormous way. Perhaps they introduced a new area of interest or assisted in honing a skill or even made a subject, originally thought dull, fun and interesting.

Whoever that person was, they are appreciated. And it seems to be a teacher's goal to be that one important teacher that seems their students in a

that reaches their students in a special way. If even There are good and bad teach-success

ers. We should appreciate those good teachers who make such a massive difference on their students and reward them when we have the chance.

Recently, the SIUC Core Curriculum Executive Council awarded Mary McGuire as the Outstanding Facalty Member Teaching in the University Core Curriculum for the 2001-2002 school year. Known for her enthusiasm and interactive style of teaching, McGuire serves as a fine example of an outstanding instructor. We congratulate her, as well as Jack Young and Janet Handy who were awarded as Outstanding Graduate Assistants in the Core Curriculum.

There are plenty of excellent teachers at SIU. Those teachers who will stay long after class with a student, listen and go out of their way to help should be appreciated.

Students should let those teachers who make an effort day in and day out know how grateful they are of them. In addi-

If everyone has a teacher to thank for their success in life, then that means there are a lot of good teachers out there. They are awarded more by witnessing their students succeed and follow their dreams by any plaque.

terustrist who make an error day teful they are of them. In addition, students should take seriously those somewhat annoying, seemingly endless teacher evaluation sheets they are served up at the end of every semester. Fill those sheets out and detail the great aspects of those teachers or a solid foundation of learning

great aspects of those teachers who have aided in constructing a solid foundation of learning at SIU.

If everyone has a teacher to thank for their success in life, then that means there are a lot of good teachers out there. They are rewarded more by witnessing their students succeed and follow their dreams than by any plaque. But we should always be willing to tell them just how much they are appreciated.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.'

- Will Durant

COLUMNISTS What you talkin' about Willis?

So, I'm on my bike heading toward work. I'm on my 6-year-old, \$100 piece of a bike, wearing my bright red work shirt and hat head-ing toward work. In my peripheral I notice lights. Red, white, and blue lights — a lot of them. I was on my way past the glove factory and saw so many lights that I thought they were getting raided. I mean, you know those artists all do drugs, right?

Anyway, I think I'm holding them up so I try to get out of the way. Only, no matter where I go, it seems I'm in the way. By then, I notice there are three police cruisers and they ve all stopped. I'm think-ing, man something big went down here, sucks to be that guy. Then I notice the doors . pening on the cars. So I, being the brilliant individual that I am, start looking around. I look behind me, beside me, under me, nothin'. Then I notice two of the cops walking toward me. I'm still looking aro nund. Cop No. 1 says to me, and I'm para-phrasing,, 'you know, umm, you're riding your bicycle at night without a light."

a light." So I did what anybody in this

So I did what anybody in this situation would have done ... I laughed, I mean, I had to, you would have. So I ary, "sorry." Cop No. 2 asks me for my ID. I ary, "you're kidding, right?" Cop No. 1 asks me what I'm doing. I tell him I'm going to work. "Where do you work," he asks. This cop, this same cop who partols the bar where I work and who I see werk in and werk out it, a sking me week in and week out is asking me, where I work. I thought of some smart things to say ... and some not so smart. In the end, I point to the big bold black letters emblazoned on my back. See, I was hoping he would be able to make out the lever little symbols we call letters, even though his detective skills weren't so hot. While he is strug-gling with the task at hand, I look over him to notice the other four

police officers combing the grass with their hands, feet, and flash-lights. "WAIT A SECOND," I say to myself. "These guys are looking for DRUGS." So I ask, what are

you guys looking for?" To this cop No. 1, or two says to me, "one of the officers dropped something when he got out of the car." So I say, "I just passed at least two white kids going the opposite way without lights, are they being pulled over?'

"If we see them, yeah," they said. Apparently, the black man, on the black bike, in the black night, in the black neighborhood, was more noticeable than the white kid, on the bright silver, double suspension \$1,000 bike. I told them I knew what they were looking for and that they weren't going to find anything. They kept looking though. After a few well placed strategic comments that some may cell serious bitching, I got the cop to admit to me that they received reports on a new mode of delivery for drugs: on bicycles. So there it all made sense, black man, on a bike, must be a drug dealer.

Damn man, I didn't even have any rims on my bike, what self-respecting drug dealer would roll on a bike with no rims. And no bumpa bike with no nms. And no bump-ing sound system, what were they thinking? So the police chief wants to tell us that there is no racial pro-filing? Weil, I don't know, you tell me? It seems to me that it's time for the set of the set in a set of the set in a set of the set of the set in a set of the set in a set of the set of the set in a set of the set in a set of the set of the set in a set of the set in a set of the set of the set in a set of the set in a set of the set of the set in a set of the set of the set in a set of the set of the set in a set of the set some 12 stepping for the police force. It's time for Big Brother SIUC and Daddy Carbondale City Council to have an intervention. 'Cause the police force has been a bad, bad boy. Will it happen though? Nope, because everyone knows the first step in solving a problem is admitting you have one.

DON'T GET ME WRONG appears every other Thursday. Marsden is a senior in University Studies. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



Don't Get Me Wrong

BY MARS BIGBY thered planet@hotmail.com

Super-human or simply humiliating?

Maybe it was the time spent partying with high school friends over Thanksgiving or the static set-tings of the hometown bars that brought on a barrage of once packed away memories. For what-ever reason, all the idiotic episodes of high school life came back to me and intermingled with my college experiences. When looking at the social set-

ting of both, one aspect of similari-ty became apparent. That of the super-human drunk.

I'm sure that most everyone can identify with the spectacle of which I will speak. Most have wit-nessed the sort, or even fallen vic-tim to the role themselves.

tim to the role themselves. The super-human drunk is the type of personality that gets a few drinks flowing through their sys-tem and suddenly they are trans-formed; morphed into completely different beings from what you see walking the streets or sitting in wur clastrooms day to day. your classrooms day to day.

One or two drinks to them is the equivalent to the classic phone booth of Clark Kenr, and they always come out of the folding door a new person.

Take your average wallflower for example. All the peer pressure in the universe couldn't get him or her to step onto the dance floor. Oh no, they adamantly refuse, say ing that they can't dance and they don't want to embarrass them-selves. Blah, blah, blah. But give them something to drink and sud-denly their entire outlook concerning the dance floor relaxes. Yes, I've seen this form of super-human drunkenness happens far more times than I'd like to visually remember. The wallflower is not simply busting a move on the simply busting a move on the dance floor, but most likely advanced to dancing upon tables, chairs, or any type of make-shift stage in which they can show the world the moves they've kept inside all this time. Suddenly,

they're N'Sync performing at the MTV Video Music Awards or Britney Spears live in concert. It's incredible how alcohol can alter the personality of some so

after the personality of some so drastically. Shy, less talkative people become chatterboxes and 98-pound guys start to pick fights. All this, thanks to the super-human drunk phenomenon to which so many fall prey. Admittedly, if you are not the individual auffering from the condi-tion, then watching others experi-

ence it can be quite amusing. It only takes one Thursday night at Mugsy's karaoke to vit-ness the taste of alcohol loosening up more than a few sets of vocal cords that should have otherwise

Last year, one of my friends got the enlightened idea to bring a video camera to Mugsy's and catch the druiken karaoke performers in action. Watching that footage --some of the select cuts --- can be more gut-busting than the old

rcruns of SNL that Comedy Central always has playing. Amusing? Yes. But healthy for

Amusing? Yes. But healthy for the participant of this condition? I don't know. Although it can be entertaining, is the dramatic per-sonality transformations that one can undergo while influenced by barbiturates appropriate? Are these bouts of character morphing a healthy part of human experience? Or do they resemble that of a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde phenomenon?

phenomenon?

After all, there are most likely reasons as to why some people are less talkative and smaller men normally cling to pacifistic ideals. And maybe, just maybe, these reasons should be wisely left undiscovered.

OB-LA-DI, OB-LA-DA appears every other Thursday. Allison is a sophomore in theater and English. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



BY ALLISON CAMPBELL alcamp5@hotmaiLcom

Bar Scene not 'black and white'

DEAR EDITCR: I undentand and appreciate your Focus on Diversity four-day series. I was a bit disturbed by your Nov. 28 section of the Carbondale nightlife. Carbondale bars are not aimed to be predominantly white. I am sorty if certain minority groups do not fed welcomed into the bars but they are not discrim-intory. The majority of students in Carbondale are white, therefore it would reflect on the bar scene. There was a compact on minorities conference of define

white, therefore it would reflect on the bar scene. There was a comment on minorities not feeling welcomed when they walk into a bar in Carbondale. Most of the people in a bar are too caught up in a conversation or bury drinking to watch who comes into the bars. I do not know a single person that has a problem with minorities in the bars. As for the music and the bands, the bar owners are going to show and play what makes the most profit. They are a business, not a sensitivity group.

LETTERS

Minorities should not be flocking to one place to be exclusive. If they started to gather more in bars around Carbondale, they may feel more welcomed. Certainly, excluding themselves from the community is not a solution. The bars are for everyone and they would exclude the bars are for everyone and they should not be broken up by race. There should not be black bars or white bars but rather bars we all can enjoy.

Andy Gramza

Curry critics should think about the larger issues

DEAR EDITOR: Each day I pick up the DAILY ECIVITIAN, just as most others do, trying to get a picture of the past days and how our college community is faring. Lately: I have found myself rushing to get a paper,

turning directly to the editorial page to find what Tommy Curry has to say now. He intrigues me and many others, black and white. Sure, sometimes he can be too much, but he somehow forces you to pull your head out of your backside and use it for someyour head out of your backside and use it for some-thing better, to contemplate our surroundings and why we ast the way we do. I don't fully agree with Tommy Curry, but I do commend him for speaking up and helping us think about life, rather than stum-ble our way through it. Having lived in many places across the United States, I'd agree that there is naism in our country and our University, but I won't agree that either are overrun with raism. Those that don't believe racism exists, I asy "pull your head out" and open your mind. I believe that is all Tommy Curry is asking.

Joshua Magill #7 V

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INVESTIGATION

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there would be no problems this time. Muhammad said she was informed that the apartment was ready in March, so she took her daughter out of school so that she didn't lose her ng to another applicant. She said she arrived on March 5 to find that her housing wasn't available, because asbestos needed to be removed. She said she was offered no alternative place to lodge.

"I said, 'I don't know where I'm going to go. I've got a cab outside with my kid and my boxes," Muhammad said. "The cab driver offered to take me to the Women's Center where I lived as a homeless person for the next 30 days.

Muhammad provided the DAILY EGYPTIAN with documentation of services from the Women's nter during the time she alleges she stayed there.

Elizabeth Scally, a spokesperson for University Housing, says that Muhammad was not offered a housing contract until April 1, allowing her to move in five days later.

"If I hadn't made the preliminary arrangements, I wouldn't have got the housing. Nobody walks in there and gets an apartment in five days," Muhammad said.

Muhammad said the University made gooxi on its housing promise April 1, but the lodging they offered her, apartment 136-8 at Southern Hills, was not accessible. Braille markers for her thermostat and laundry room were never added to the second-floor apartr ment

On April 6, 2001, she was moving furnishings into the apartment while managing the stairs with into the apartment while managing the stairs with the cone she uses to navigate. She says she fe'll down the first set of stairs, and that she grabbed for the railing, but there want one. She asked her daugh-ter what had happened. "Moon, the stairs are coming apart," her daugh-ter told her. Her daughter later peeled off a comer of one of the steps, and handed it to her mother to explain the situation by touch. The coverage is call daughter at a situation by touch.

The concrete is still chipped on all eight steps and there is no railing where Muhammad allegedly fell.

Kathleen Plesko, director of Disability Support Services, wrote a response, dated July 16, stating that she had requested documentation of Muhammad's injury in order to explore other options but did not receive it.

"I do not know that your leg was severely injured in the fall," Plesko wrote. "Student Health Programs has issued you Transit Service tickets. Evidently one of the doctors there has decided that you did, in fact, have some kind of mobility impairnent and is assisting you in this manner

In Muhammad's written response, dated July 23, she confirms a re-diagnosis that indicates her knee suffered torn ligaments and cartilage. She eventually underwent surgery and is still in physi-

Cal therapy: Now Muhammad is locked in litigation in an attempt to collect payment from the University on the n edical bills incurred as a result of her tu Brandon Vaughn, of the Beard Law Firm, said he is currently in negotiations with SIUC and expects the bills to be paid through a settlement with the

University's insurance company: The civil rights complaint made to the Department of Education alleges that Muhammad was unnecessarily refused access to taped textbooks, a student notetaker and rides through Handicapped Van Services after her fall, in order to punish her for voicing prior complaints.

Muhammad has an explanation of why she was denied basic services. This is what they do to blind students when

we raise ruckus about something," Muhammad said. "It's always like we're little kids that they could say, 'Oh, you're on a time out.'

Plesko addressed the van complaint in an interview with the DAILY EGYPTIAN. She said the transit tickets were offered in lieu of the van for Muhammed's comfort, noting that the transit service offers better seating and increased flexibility in scheduling and routes. The letter from Plesko also addresses the acces-

sibility complaints Muhammad had made concerning her new lodging. "The provision of tactile markers for ther-

mostats, hot water heaters and stoves for students with visual impairments is is unite at SIUC," Plesko wrote. "We were certainly ready to provide these accommodations but were unsure as to where.

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Sam holds her mother's hand during her first physical therapy session after her fall. Muhammad is currently waiting to undergo surgery for the tom ligaments. (above left) Muhammad stands on the stairs at Southem Hills where she fell. The metal bars that Muhammad uses to feel for the end of the step have mostly fallen off and there is no hand railing.

you would be living."

When Plesko was asked why these accommo dations weren't made during the month Muhammad was homeless, Plesko responded: "That's a very good question, but I cannot talk specifically about this case."

Kathe Klare, special counsel to the University, is preparing the documentation requested. "We will correct whatever issues need to be cor-

rected if there is a problem. Since I've been here. there have been no findings by [Office of Civil Rights] that we have discriminated against disabled students," said Klare, who added that in her five ears here there have been three such complaints

field with the agency that she can recall. Rodger Murphey, spokesperson for the Education Department, said that none of the allegations have been substantiated, but he explained what would happen if they were. "We tell them in writing, and they are required

to submit a compliance agreement or they could lose every federal dollar," Murphey said.

Other Blind Students Speak Out

In August of this year, shortly before Muhammad's complaint had been filed through the Education Department, current SIUC dents Jean Eliacin and stu-

Rob Hobson, who are visually impaired, had received word that a similar complaint they filed a year before had been resolved.

Their complaint alleged that the computer labs on campus were not accessible and their class-

were suffering because of it.

Eliacin, an undecided sophomore from Haiti. spiraled from a lifelong B average to academ bation in his first semester at SIUC in fall 20 ster at SIUC in fall 2000. He said he decided on SIUC because of a brochure sent to his high school counselor that highlighted computer accessibility for the blind and a great rep-

utation for disabled services. "Before oming to SIU, I told them what I need: a large print book, my books on table, special computers, having a person show me around cam-pus. I came and nothing was ready. I was very frus-trated because I could not read my books," Eliacin

Eliz cin soon discovered that none of f the co Linear soon discovered that note of the com-puter labs on campus were accessible. When they did have blind screen reading programs (12th as JAWS, the program was outdated, rendering it incompatible with the Windows version installed on the craputers.

I had to suffer for six weeks without doing my homework. I wrote a letter complaining (to Seymour Bryson, associate chancellor for diversity) saying 'I'm surely going to fail my semester. I've never failed any classes in my life and I'm going to fail because of lack of assistance they prom ised me. Eliacin said he was hoping Bryson would recti-

to a sub-it was noping bryon would recti-fy the matter before filing a complaint with the Education Department, but the problem did not go away. He joined Hobson, who was having sim-ilar problems, in filing the complaint in Ownheit problems, in filing the complaint in October 2000

Bryson, also SIUC's American with Disabilities Act compliance coordinator, said he understood students' frustration in wanting problems solved immediately. But he added that it often takes time to rectify a complaint.

We went through a period of time w' .re technology was not immediately available, but once we identified the problem we solved it," Bryson said. We found we needed to be a little more knowledgeable about students' technology and that's what we're trying to do."

Two months after classes began, the computers were finally adapted and textbooks were provided. But it was too late to save Eliacin from failing

English 101. It not only killed me academically, it killed me emotionally," Eliacin said. "I was so depressed my emotionally," Luacu sets first year I even took counseling." The conditions of the

resolution included providing the necessary computer equipment and software and letting Fliadin retake the English course. It also mandater, that training be provided to curren and newly ad and newly hired Information Technology Morris Library and Faner Hall. The

staff at University still must document to the Department of Education that these mandates were implented by February 2002.

Mary Piccerello, a undeclared graduate student orn Ohio who is blind, said in the first few weeks of class this semester, before her own computer arrived from home, she shared Hobson's and Eliacin's experience a year after their complaint was ma

"Everything in the Library wasn't working and they had to get it fixed," Piccerello said. "I was so happy when my own computer came. The lib: uy has always been the worst place for a blind persor When you have to do research, you have to break

somebody's arm practically." Muhammad also flunked a class, she said, because the outdated Braille encycloredias in Monis Library (1962-1968) were the only refer-ence materials at her disposal. At this time she said she had been refused taped

textbooks that were promised to her by DSS. She said she pleaded with the Achieve Program, which generally serves students with learning disabilities.

In the aforementioned letter to Muharamad, Plesko says she addressed this matter with Sally Dedeker, a project coordinator for the Achieve

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Program. "Dr. Dedeker and I have explored the option of trading adapted format texts but have not finalized any arrangement to do so, and she is certainly under no obligation to give you taped material," Plesko wrote.

sko wrote. "She did generously, in response to a 'desperate' one call from someone named 'Ricky' phone call from someone named "Ricky" (Muhammad's nickname), facilitate the copying and delivering of the taped music book to you."

Dave Benney; a radio-television freshman from Chicago who is blind, was assigned someone to help him get around the University in the first few weeks as he became oriented. After being stood up for the third time by his helper on his way home from class, he wandered the campus lost.

n class, he wandered the campus loss. Their excuse was, 'well our guy overslept.' I t in there and snapped on them and that got went in there and snapped on them and that got them in gear," Benney said. "That's what you got to do."

Benney, Piccerello, Eliacin and Hobson may Sandra Samples, coordinator of blind and deal services at DSS. These blind students say that DSS always tried its best to help them, but for some reason their hands seemed tied.

Eliacin and Hobson blame a lack of organization within the University, and feel that because there are few blind students, they are not a priority. Piccerello and Benney say despite rough starts, they are on the road to success with disability services helping them or, that path. But Muhammad says the actions of so many

involved border on the unexplanable. Two never seen anything like this, said Muhammad, who is happily attending a university out of state.

Out of state. Plesko is the first to admit that this is "a less-than-perfect University." But she suid her office's vigilance to help students and rectify problems comes across to students.

"I want this to be the best campas in this counand I try to make it that," Plesko said. "I can't tell you I haven't missed some. But most students have a very strong sense that people are working hard for them, not only that, but that we really do have the ear of the administration. We don't have 500 students with disabilities for nothing."

Though Muhammad left SIU behind, she said she is willing to face the embarrassment of having from University members who are angered by neg-

"I can move ou," she said. "However, there are people that still live there."

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"This is what they do to blind students when we raise ruckus about something. It's always like we're little kids that they could . say, 'Oh, you're on a time out.' " Ruqayyah Muhammad

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SIUC looks to improve minority enrollment

CODELL RODRIGUEZ DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC has one of the largest black student percentages in the state of Illinois but Brian Morris says it's nothing to brag about.

Morris, chairman for campus and community affairs of Black Affairs Council, said even though the percentage is one of the higher ones, it doesn't necessarily mean it's anything special. There are currently 2,675 black students at SIUC, making up 12.4 percent of the student population. I don't think it's something to

boast," said Morris, a senior in boast, said Morris, a senior in psy-chology from Chicago. I would just see it as something they're supposed to do as administrators.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said having higher percentages is a reason to be proud. "Our minority enrollment has

always been a source of pride in that it's been higher than other universities of our size, Dietz said.

The percentage of black students at SIUC has indeed usually been higher than other Illinois universities. Last year, SIUC's percentage of 12.4 beat out most of the other universities in Illinois. Illinois State University trailed far behind with 5.9 percent and Eastern Illinois University had 6.2 percent. Chicago State University leads all Illinois universities with nearly a 90 percent black enrollment, according to US News.

norities more visible on campus

and lauded recent advances. For the

first time in nearly two decades, there is a black faculty member in

the accounting department of the School of Business. And the

College of Liberal Arts was able to

lure another black instructor from

"I think we recognize that it's essential that we continue our

efforts to recruit minority faculty, Bryson said.

As diversity pushes its way to the forefront of academic discourse

and debate in colleges across the

nation, more and more prestigious universities are dangling lucrative offers in front of the handful of

In an effort to make sure state schools don't get left behind when it comes to diversity, Gov. George

Rvan filed an executive order in th spring charging the Illinois Board of Higher Education to create a strate-

gy to attract more minority faculty. And SIUC has made a conscious

effort to diversify its campus, regardless of roadblocks. The administration delegated \$500,000 to minority recruitment, and search committees throughout the University are encouraged to hire minorities whenever possible. If a

committee does not choose a

minority for a position, it is required to submit a written explanation. This practice is also in place at WIU, where each academic depart-

ment is required to devise a specific hiring plan geared toward filling vacancies with minorities. Many

departments target their job adver-

tisements to relevant minority orga-nizations and publications, in addi-tion to general national advertising. Cynthia Nichols, director of the

available minorities.

the University of Nebraska.

e University has had good history with black students in the past with more black graduates than ny other integrated university in the nat

While the University has a decent black student population compared to the other Illinois schools, it lacks in Asian and Hispanic populations. SIUC had 355 Asian students last year and 340 this year making up about 1.6 percent of the student population. The University of Illinois dwarfed SIUC's number with 4,108 in 2000 and 4,126

this year. SIUC had 598 Hispanic students last year and 586 students this year about 2.7 percent. Schools making up about 2.7 percent. Schools like the U of I and Northern Illinois University also crushed SIUC's num-ber in that department. The U of I had 1,880 students this year and NIU has 1.186.

Rey Diaz, SIUC admissions counselor in Chicago, said SIUC's location and elements of Hispanic culture add to the obstacles students of the her-

itage have to overcome. "It's very difficult for most Latino kids to go to college," Diaz said. Diaz said that due to culture, it's more difficult for Hispanic students to live far away from their families. He said the same could also be said for

Asian students. Bob Burk, director of admissions at NIU, attributes the drastic difference in numbers of Asian and Hispanic students to location.

"Most of the population [of Asian and Hispanic students] is in this part

of the state," Burk said. "They also tend to stay closer to home." While the SIUC numbers in the

category are low, Dietz said he has been looking to increase the amount of all minority students at SIUC. . Diversity is one of the values that

s been recognized by our division, Dietz said.

At the beginning of every spring semester, Student Affairs has an open ouse specifically for students of color. Dietz said everybody can come to the event and white students often do.

To get in touch with Hispanic stu-dents, Dietz attended a conference in Chicago with U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Chicago, last year to recruit students and plans to do it again this year. Dietz is confident that locale and

ulture will make less of a difference if the product is attractive enough.

"Students will go anywhere to get good service," Dietz said. To make sure all students get a chance to see the school, SIUC keeps three recruiters in northern, central and southern Illinois.

"Believe it or not, we try to cover the entire state of Illinois," Diaz said.

Recruiters will be working harder this year to find minorities an d anv other students with the enrollment drop of 954 students. SIUC's minority numbers' actually fell with the enrollment drop. However, the percentages remained practically unchanged with the exception of the black student population, which fell by 0.6 percent.

Burk said NIU's recruiters try to

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agree that having a diverse faculty enhances the quality of the academ-ic experience that students receive," Nichols said. Couza said one way WIU mea-sures its progress in creating a more strides with effort and commitment. He referred to the University's reputation for trying to make

diverse staff is by examining its most recent hiring activities. This year, the university hired 70 new instructional employees and about 20 per-cent were minorities. But she said what numbers and statistics often don't reflect are offers of employment

"If we can't convince someone to come, that's different than not mak-ing offers," Couza said.

Part of attracting a wider range of faculty is location, and Couza and others agree that it's difficult to be a melting pot in a rural setting. Urban areas offer more alternatives for housing, spousal employment and recreational activities. While a bustling metropolis is not a requirement for attracting minority faculty, Couza said it can become a real issue when ethnic minorities find themselves in a predominantly white institution or city.

"It's difficult bringing people into a department where they're the only one' and the issues associated with that, Couza said. And even if SIUC and similar

schools are lucky enough to attract minority faculty members, keeping them can be challenging. That responsibility, according to Bryson, does not rest solely on the adminis-tration's shoulders. He said in order for SIUC to create a more diverse campus, there must be a uniform nmitment for change. "Students' themselves have to

encourage and support efforts, and there has to be a recognition that all benefit when there is diversity ong staff," Bryson said.

And it is the benefits for students that should be paramount. It is pos-sible for some SIUC students to go through their entire college careers whou ever encountering a innor-ity professor. Minority faculty bring a needed viewpoint and valuable representation of minority popula-tions, and they provide positive examples and mentor for minority Office of Civil Rights and Diversity y p at EIU, ends requests to the IBHE repre each year, asking for additional funds with the specific purpose of attracting a more diverse staff. "I think most students and staff

dents on campus. The latter is particularly crucial

in the development of additional minority faculty. A major concern is that if minority students aren't exposed to minority faculty in their fields during college, they them-selves will be reluctant to venture into those fields.

educational experience for all stu-dents, and it's also one of those important social things that helps address the problem we face in the pipeline," Couza said.

the need for more minority instruc-tors. A survey of WIU's campus last

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"I think minority recruitment is a priority," Burk said. "I think we're ing a pretty good job." Dietz said in addition to having big priority," Burk s

American students of every back-American students of every back-ground, SIUC puts heavy attention of finding international students as well. This year, SIUC's international popu-

lation increased by 297 students. Dietz said he wants SIUC to have

year found that virtually every student, regardless of race, considered the lack of minority faculty a pressing issue. University officials realize that changing times require intensi-fied efforts. And while they recognize the difficulties, they remain

"I think we'll continue to add a more diverse faculty and staff, but I think it's a long-term process, Nichols said.

Bryson admits most of the responsibility for placing minorities in faculty positions lies with the administration, but students can set the tone as well.

"The more we can get students interested in trying to ensure that

as many people from different culture and nations as possible to make stu-dent experience as educational as possible

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Diversity is important for the majority of the population," Dietz said. "The majority students have a homogeneous experience unless they're surrounded by people of differ-ent cultures."

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	NIU	15.4%

we have a diversified faculty in terms of gender and minority, I think that provides leverage," Bryson said.

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"It [diversity] adds value to the

When you have som one who

looks like you teaching you, it really makes a difference," Bryson said.

Feedback from students confirms

optimistic about the future.





ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE



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HEAR 'EM PLAY

Hear the Egyptian Combo from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. a Mugsy McGuire's on Saturday.



Live DJ Copper Dragon Mike & Joe

in Andy's Coffeehouse Christopher Williams

Mugsy McGuire's Live Piano w/ Cynthia Fligel Interfaith Center ernational Coffee Hour Stiv Live DJ show Key West By request DJ show Planet XIII Planet CIL SI Bowl Cosmic Bowling llow Moon (Cobden) Blue Afternoon Green Moon Party PK's **Triple Dose** University Teletrack Off-Track Betting Gataby's Live DJ show Hangar 9 Non Stop Reggae Hot Spot Dance Mix ago Jerry's Fat Cat Cafe Euphony (starts @ 8:30) arion Klineau Theater SIU Comm. Bldg. Pon Life . Logan Community College Christmas Show

Saturday December 1 Club Traz Live DJ Carbox Live DJ dance music

Connections Karaoke Gatshy's Live DJ show Copper Dragon Broken Grass Sextet Dowtown Carbondale Lights Fantastic Parade Hangar 9 Pepperland (Beetles Review) Fred's Dance Barn Chris Blair Band

The Hot Spot Dance Mix Mugay McGuire's

live piano music with Cynthia Fligel/ Egyptian Combo Melange Brent Stewart and Nathan Clark George Jackson County Stage Company Rehearsal for Murder (live theater)

> Stix Live DI show SI Bowl Cosmic Bowl

Tres Hombres Motown/Funk Revue DJ Show University Teletrack **Off-Track Betting**

Mungo Jerry's Fat Cat Cafe Lyric Tiger (Stars @ 8:30) Marion Klineau Theater SIU Comm. Bldg. Pop Life

> Yellow Moon (Cobden) Mary's Birthday Bash -Several Musicians-

Old Baptist Foundation Recital **п.**н Egyptian Suzuki School presents Wiggles 'n' Tunes (matinee)

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Club Traz Live Show Hangar 9

Benefit for September 11th Victims Featuring: Loose Gravel, Norris Thompson, Interval, & Clean Ray Hot Spot College Night Pinch Penny Pub Mercy (Jazz)

> Mugsy McGuire's game room Yellow Moon (Cobden) Classical Guitar University Teletrack Off-track Betting



Nostalgic band comes to play in Carbondale

Story by Mike Pettit

Loyd Rainey and Rick Linton remem-ber when making music meant travel-ing through sweltering heat by heli-copter to please America's troops in foreign lands.

Linton and Rainey were not only Vietnam War draftees 33 years ago, but members of the Egyptian Combo, a popular rock and roll band from Southern Illinois.

A helicopter flew the band, the equip-ment and a generator around Vietnam to supply America's troops with entertainment when they werent fighting the war. "We were carrying lead and instru-ments," said Linton, bassist and trumpet

player for the band. The current quartet, composed of Rainey, Linton, Linton's younger brother Doug, and Chris Thornton, will be armed

only with instruments Saturday as it makes its appearance at Mugsy McGuire's to play old and new songs for their crowd. The band formed in Southern Illinois in

1961 after Lloyd Raincy and a neighbor-hood friend discovered their joy of making music could escalate to getting a band They scouted a number of musicians at talent shows and events in Herrin, Johnson

City and Christopher, trying to find the sounds that would fit. After Rainey put the pieces together, the Egyptian Combo formed.

The pack began as an instrumental group of six, playing horn-oriented rock and roll and soul, and after a few years of voice/ess play, the group incorporated vocals into their

By 1964, the band hit Southern Illinois stardom, playing nightclubs, youth centers and regional events as the one of a few rock and roll bands in the area at the time.



band peaked with the hit single "Gale Winds," listed as a regional "breakout" by Billboard Magazine that rose to the national Top 40. The song reached the top five on radio stations in St. Louis and Chicago. Success kept the high school band plug-

ging away, playing just about every home-coming and prom from Mount Vernon down to Cairo, Rainey said. "If we didn't have that record out, I

doubt we'd still be together," said Doug

Linton, hitting keyboards and vocals. After the national matters divided the up overseas for a year, the band continued to play after returning to the states. The name remained the same while bandmates moved on and faces changed. Rainey, owner of DigiGrafx in Marior

and the Linton brothers - Rick president of Imagery Advertising in St. Louis, and Doug, manager of Elite Auto Sales in Herrin - are the original members, with new addition Chris Thornton, a music major at Murray State playing the saxo-

The band is now tackling its 40th year as a music maker, but normally on a more pri-vate level. Playing an average of two shows a month at functions, weddings and conwentions, the Egyptian Combo hasn't played a bar gig in four to five years. "It'll be exciting to see and talk to people we used to play for," Rainey said.

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The original members of the band will be playing in Carbondale on Saturday.

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they would look into options that would aim to reduce accidents. Chancellor Walter Wendler recommended a campus speed limit reduc-tion from 25 mph to 20 mph.

When interviewed by the Daily Egyptian Wednesday, Wendler said the new signs that officially reduce

campus speed have been ordered, but he does not know when they will come in. He attributed the suddenly high number of traffic-pedestrian accidents to a possible increase in traf-fic, and stressed an important traffic rule that is often overlooked.

"I know it's inconvenient, but we must walk across the crosswalks, especially at dusk or in the rain," he sai The new signs will state 20 mph

on one side and on the other there will be a written reminder to bicyclists to walk their bikes through crosswalks. Wendler said he has notified the police to be more strict about the walking bikes through crosswalks

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ouncil proposes tax break

JENNIFER WI DAILY EGYPTIAN

The City of Carbondale is work ing to fund the library's annual bud-get, but without increasing property

And it seems it may be able to pull off this magic, decreasing prop-erty taxes next year in the process.

The Municipal Property Tax Levy is an annual determination made by the city, required by state law. Most of the money is used for city and library funds. The library's budget for fiscal year 2003 increased by about 5.4 percent, according to Ernie Tessoney, the city's financial

During Tuesday's City Council meeting, members discussed three possible options, approving the first one, which will take about \$90,000 from the city's general fund, instead

of increasing taxes. The library's portion is about \$25,000; the rest will go toward police and fire pension funds and street lighting. The levy, about \$1.5 million, will remain the same as it was last year.

Another year with the identical tax levy could mean lower tax rates for the library and city. Here's how it works: to compute the tax change, the total of the tax levy is divided by the overall taxable value of Carbondale property. Because prop-erty values typically increase, next wer than this year's. City Council members will vote year's

n whether to accept the tax levy at its Dec. 18 meeting.

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Award-winning poet to read tonight

WILLIAM ALONSO DAILY EOYPTIAN

To poet Ruth Ellen Kocher, the carving out or a place to call one's own is akin to discovering a future.

s asin to discovering a future. I continually come back to the ideas of being lost of being found, of leaving something, of something being found. That idea of the physical wan-dering in the second book [of poetry] public the idea of minipal unclear. parallels the idea of spiritual wander-ing," Kocher said. "Losing a place is sometimes like losing a past and find-ing a place is like finding a future.

Kocher, an assistant professor in English at SIU-Edwardsville, will be reading selections of poetry from her latest volume, "When the Moon knows You're Wandering," at 8 tonight in the Student Center Auditorium. Her visit a part of the SIUC's English

Department's Visiting Writers Series. Along with selections from her cur-rent book, Kocher will also read poems from her first book, "Desdemona's Fire." She said the two books differ in

the way they address poetry. The first collection meditates on ideas of identity. I sometimes use myths and history and art as vehicles for monologues," Kocher said. "In the secmonologues, Nocher sau. In the sec-ond book, the idea of playing with myths falls away to a certain extent in favor of a voice that is really searching and looking for a place."

Kocher's first book won the 1999 Naomi Long Madgett Poetry award and she has also been awarded the 2001 Green Rose Prize. Her poems have eared in such journals as Prairie pooner, The Gettysburg Review and the Missouri Review

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Beckian Fritz Goldberg, an associe professor in English at Arizona State University, wrote in a review of her new book and said it has the ability to take our most private moment and connect them with the most distant and public. "If we are all sometimes lost, as

these haunting poems recognize, the gift is that we are lost in this world, a world Kocher's compelling and often searingly tender voice speaks from," she said. "When the Moon Knows You're Wandering,' is, in short, a very wise, beautiful and moving book." Kocher said she is looking forward

to participating in the community of poets at the University as well as read-ing for students. She taid students are more apt to question what poets do with their poetry. "As a student listening to poets, I learned I had my own voice," Kocher

raid. I am hoping students walk away from my reading with that notion that, whether or not they found that voice yet, they each have one."

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Department. The position has since

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searches will be going on simultaneous-ly. She said she will be looking for someone who has demonstrated they're a team player at their current position. Vice Chancellor for Institutional

Advancement Rickey McCurry hopes binging stability to the provost posi-tion and developing a vice chancellor for Research will help in the University's efforts to raise funds as part of its capital campaign. He said the new vice chancellor position may encourage corporations to offer financial support because in turn the University will have more funds to offer student researchers and therefore turnout stronger graduates to later work at these companies. McCurry will be serving on the provost search

The University has been lacking a permanent provost since July 1999, when former interim Chancellor John pem Jackson stepped down from the position to return to the Political Sc

booze he could drink in one of the pho-

tos. With beer and a half empty bottle of Jose Cuervo to his left and right, he

The last stop on Lil' Golf Guy's world tour was Minnesota. The doll was

taken shopping at the Mall of America, where the eight-inch doll looked right at

home in the Lego capital of the world. After visiting the Vikings' football stadium, Lil' Golf Guy's kin appers

decided enough was enough, and the doll was sent home to Jarvis, who is now focd production manager at Trueblooi Dining Hall.

Lil' Golf Guy retired atop an antique dresser until homecoming

with several alumni, the lackadaisical

weekend last month. At an SIUC homecomi

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been filled temporarily by Thomas Guernsey, dean of the SIU Law School, and by current interim Provost Margaret Wi ters. The School of Medicine Dean

search committee is filled with 19 peo-ple, mostly from the School of Medicine in Springfield. Carl J. Getto, former dean and provost of the School of Medicine, left the post Nov. 16 to accept two positions at the University accept two positions at the University of Wisconsin. J. Kevin Dorsey was appointed as Getto's temporary replacement at the October SIU Board

replacements and of Trustees meeting. Once the University fits applicants control of the primary administo the positions, the primary adminis-trative positions will all be filled with permanent leadership. Because all three searches will occur simultaneously, Wendler said it will be a fairly energetic

"It's been a juggling act," Wendler d. "We're undertaking a massive said effort here."

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Jarvis said the last he heard was that his buddy was on a plane to Austria. He still has no idea who may be behind Lil Golf Guy's disappearance, but suspects ne of his colleagues know. Sarah Maddalozio is one of the some of his colle

many not talking, and said she thinks the whole thing is funry.

"Tve known who it is for the past two months now," said Maridalozzo, a senior

Jarvis is not upset that the doll is gone and said he thinks it's better that he doesn't know where he is because it's all in good fun. Nonetheless, he keeps a "hum of all the places his friend has visited, which instantly puts a smile on the faces of all who see it

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Mullins can see underwater DE: What are your plans for life after SIU?

AM: My major's elementary education so I

definitely want to start teaching as soon as possible. I'll be with kids all the time so that's

what I'll be doing straight after college is teaching and being with kids.



Amber Mullins is a junior on the SIU women's swimming and diving team. She recently took some time off from the team's preparation for its meet Dec. 8 against-the University of Missouri to speak to Jens Deju of the Daily Egyptian.

Daily Egyptian: What got you started in

Amber Mullins: I couldn't do anything else. Finite Atlantist Couldn't do anything este-fim not good with ball sports and I'm not a runner. I started swimming when I was like seven and I started competing in swimming when I was nine, and that's pretty much all I was good at so that's what kept me in it.

DE: What's been your best memory of swimming?

AM: My best memory of swimming is at my state, not my high school state, but my state swimming meet for all ages. I was not seeded very good [in the 800-yard freestyle]. but I was seeded and we were at the University of Texas, which is huge. The whole stadium was filled, every seat was filled and for some reason, I just went out for it I kept going and kept going and ly the went during swimming my last lap and I saw a standing ovation, everybody got up as I was swim-ming. The officials were standing there clap-ing, everyone was standing up and I hit the wall and I had broken the Texas record for the S00 freestyle, so that was my best memory ever of swimming. It was awesome.

DE: What about a worst memory?

AM: It had to be last year. Last year was the worst experience because I just did not have a good season. Every meet was a struggle was not a good year for me. Not like it was that long a memory, but that's the worst I DE: How do you get yourself ready for a race?

Mullins

DE: What's going through your mind dur-ing the actual race?

AM: Catch that person, catch that person, catch that person, win. That's all that goes through my mind. Some people say they think of songs, some people say they do this, they do that, but nothing goes through my mind except get that person, get this person, do your best time, kick hard, swim. Just everything that has to go through your mind when you're swimming.

DE: Can you actually hear your teammate when they're yelling at you while you're in the water

AM: Yes, definitely. Sometimes that's the only thing that'll get me through a race is seeing my team cheering for me, cheering for the rest of my team, seeing my other

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unionize, Henne did not speculate if a union would form at SIUC and emphasized that the graduate governing body does not have a stance on the unionization of graduate student employees. "GPSC is neutral on the issue of

whether or not to unionize," he stid. "If a choice was made to unionize, that would come directly from students, not GPSC

But regardless of whether the court favors graduate students or universities, Henne said GPSC can continue to discuss issues of stipends and benefits with the administration, things that some SIUC graduate students believe could be

better.

While GEO expects the court to rule in favor of the university administration,

Stewart said the organization will continue to push for formal recognition by appealing the ruling if necessary and ossibly coordinating strikes in the future. Stewart said GEO members believed

they were left with few alternatives when the decision to go on strike was made.

"The university's stonewalled us at every point," Stewart said. "Our memel there is little else we can do."

Although Stewart declined to say how many graduate students are mem-bers of GEO, he said the walkout has affected about 10,000 undergraduate students at Illinois who depend on the services of graduate students in five

teammates swimming against me. Some people say that they don't really see you when you're cheering, but I want people to cheer for me. If I see people cheering for our team, that can get me pumped up more than anything.

DE: How much confidence do you guys get from the fact that you've pretty much owned the conference the last couple of years?

AM: Oh man, you see Evansville come in and they try to stand up to us and it's like we have so much confidence that we just kind of blow them off sometimes. Right now this is our best year, we're seeded one, two, three, four in almost everything. Just seeing our stats for how we're seeded, it just boosts our egos, which is probably not good, but just to know that we dominate the conference it's awesome to think about that.

DE: Word Association ... Coach Goelz?

AM: Motivator.

DE: SIU swimming?

AM: Awesome.

DE: Evansville?

AM: Oh my God, I don't have just one word for them. I can't say the words I want to say. I really, really, really dislike Evansville.

DE: MVC Championships?

AM: We're going to get it.

DE: New logo?

AM: Sock puppet. I don't like it, but it's all right.

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buildings of the campus. Stewart said the strikers believe the two-day strike is going well, with fewer undergraduate students attending classes in the Quad, the area of the campus where the striking graduate students normally work as teaching assistants and

support staff. One English professor canceled class to show support for GEO, and another discussed the issue with the students,

- SALUKI SPORTS NOTES -

Salukis named to all-Gateway team

Three SIU football players have been named to the 2001 Gateway all-conference team. Junior running back Tom Koutsos, senior defensive lineman Bryan Archibald and senior nebacker Bart Scott were selected by coaches, sports infor-mation directors and a media panel to be named to the first

SIU also received a handful of honorable mentions in offensive linemen Chad Graefen and Mike Fritzler and safety Jon Pendergrass

Roberts named Valley Player of the Week

The Missouri Valley Conference has named SIU senior center Rolan Roberts the league's player of the week. Roberts earned the honor after a strong showing in the Las Vegas toumament last week. He scored 50 points in three days, going 22 for 33 from the field, while blocking seven shots and grabbing 17 rebounds.

Men's swimming rockets to top of poll

The SIU men's swimming and diving team is ranked No. 1 in the latest Division I Mid-Major Collegeswimming.com noll conducts the poll and is the leading source of information for college swimming and diving teams across the country.

Saluki hoops makes signings official

The SIU men's basketball team announced official Wednesday that it has signe officially the three recruits who verbally committed to the Salukis this fall High school seniors Blake

Schoen (6-5, 200) and Ryan Walker (6-3, 190) signed with SIU, as did 6-foot-1-inch junior college point guard Bryan Turner. Schoen averaged 23.5 Schoen averaged 23.5 points, 7.0 rebounds and 4.5

assists as a junior at Benton Central High School in Oxford, Ind. Schoen, also a talented foot-ball player, picked SIU over Miami (Fla.), Central Florida, Butler, Bowling Green, Evansville and Eastern Illinois 'He'll bring a competitive,

physical nature to our team." SIU head coach Bruce Weber said in a statement. I see him as a combo-forward. He can score points near the basket but also has the skills to go outside." Walker is currently a senior at Galesburg High School, where

he averaged 17 points a game as a junior after moving from North Carolina. "He moves well without the ball and is a good offensive threat," Weber said. "He can

slash to the hoop as well as shoot the three. We thought we got a little bit of a sleeper in Ryan because he moved to Galesburg last year, from North Carolina and didn't get a lot of exposure

Turner averaged five assists a game as a freshman at Mineral Area Junior College in Missouri, and is the all-time leading scorer at Beaumont High School (Mo.). Turner selected SIU over Long Beach State, and will compete to replace Marcus Belcher at the point guard position next seaśon

SIU has one remaining scholarship to use and will attempt to sign a post player in the spring.

Baseball adds five players

Three infielders and two southpaw pitchers were added to the SIU baseball team for the 2002-03 season during the early signing period. Saluki head coach Dan

Callahan announced the signing of infielders Erik Alvarez, Nathan Emrick and Brendan Lutz as well as left-handed pitchers Tyler Nomick and Adam Snyder.

Avarez will join SIU from Coral Gables High School in Florida. Alvarez, a 6-1, 200 pound third baseman, hit five home runs and drove in 48 RBIs

Emrick is a middle-infielder from Griggsville who hit .474 as a junior at Griggsville Perry High School

Lutz, a 6-1, 195 pound catcher, will come from ingleside and Grant High school. As a junior, Lutz finished with two home runs and 30 RBIs.

Nomick, a 6-3, 170 pound left-handed pitcher, posted a 7-1 record with an 0.74 ERA for Festus High School.

Snyder, a 6-4, 170 pound left-handed pitcher from Pittsburgh, Pa, finished his junior year at Lebanon High School with a 2.59 ERA and two shutouts

who decided not to have class. "The Quad is much more empty than it normally is," Stewart said. "We think it's going very well." The Daily Illini contributed to this report. Reporter Ben Botkin can be reached at benjaminbotkin@hotmail.com







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but I try not to think about it too

much, but enough to get me pumped up.

SIU hopes to rebound against UT-Martin

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The SIU women's basketball team has outscored its opponents 112-90 in its first three games of the sea-son. Unfortunately for the Salukis, those numbers only represent the second half.

Conversely, the Salukis have been outscored by a whopping 60 points (132-72) in the first half of those gu

The squad hopes to stop that trend as it takes on the University of Tennessee-Martin (1-4) tonight at 5:30 in Martin, Tenn.

In their last game Saturday against Southeast Missouri State, the Salukis (1-2) fell behind by 24 points at halftime. Although they stormed back in the second half, the lead was insurmountable and SIU lost 81-70.

Assistant coach Alex Wellmaker said the squad played rather well in the sec-ond half of Saturday's game, but it can't fall behind by so

much, so early. "If we don't get off the bus ready to play 40 minutes of basketball, it could be a

long night," Wellmaker said. Senior forward Geshla Woodard said the Salukis came out flat against SEMO, and their shots

weren't falling. "I guess we've got to find

a better way to get ready for the game, "Woodard said. In three games this sea-son, the Salukis have shot 30.7 percent from the field in the first half. They shot a season-low 24.2 percent against SEMO.

Senior guard Holly Teague said the team's defense has been lacking in

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One concern about having a tailgate party in the winter is the weath-er. But the temperature on Saturday is expected to hover around a rela-tively moderate 50 degrees, and

TAIL GATE

the first half as well "When your offense isn't really working, you just have to pick up everything else," Teague said, "and I think we

had a big problem doing that [against SEMO]." SIU had struggled with holding onto the ball in its first two games of the season but showed a definite against vement SEMO.

The Salukis had turned the ball over 65 times against Nebraska and Saint ouis but only committed 21 turnovers on Saturday. Although the team was pleased with the improvement, it still has more work ahead.

"I think, with the youthfulness of this team, they've still got to learn how to win, and we're not there yet," Wellmaker said. "You're not going to win a whole heck of a lot of ballgames with 21 tumovers

The Salukis did have veral other positives in the SEMO game, including Molly McDowell's perfor-mance and the team's near comeback in the final min-utes. McDowell scored a season-high 16 points Saturday as she played all 40 minutes for the first time

this year. McDowell missed the first game of the season due to a concussion and played only 20 minutes against Saint Louis because of foul trouble

"I like to go out and play much as I can," she said. as much as I can," she said. "I was hitting my shots in the second half, and there wasn't really a good time for me to get a break. If coach ne to play all 40 minneeds utes, then I'm happy to play all 40 minutes." McDowell, along with

on said.

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Jackson used the Chicago Bears fans

as an example of successful tailgating in chilly conditions.

"It's cold as hell in Chicago and they still come out in droves,"

Jackson anticipates a nice crowd

and a fun atmosphere for the first Saluki Pregame Jam.



Junior guard Moliy McDowell has averaged 13.5 points in the games this season. Salukis take on UT-Martin at 5:30 tonight in Martin, Tenn,

Teague, helped the Salukis turn a once 31-point deficit into a five-point margin. "I think it shows a lot for

our team, that we can be down by 31 and come back within five," Teague said. "I think that's a big positive for us this year, we don't give up, and we're just getting better

with each game." Wellmaker said that if the team is firing on all cylinders, it can knock off some big teams. He also mentioned the team's youthfulness and increased intensity this season as compared to last year. "I think with the team

we had last year, being down 24, we would packed up the bags and headed for the bus," Wellmaker said. "This teams not got that mentality. We fought and fought our way back into the game.

Saluki notes ... SIU has taken six out of 11 against the Skyhawks dating back to 1973 ... SIU has won six of the last seven contests between the two teams, including a 74-67 victory last season.

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"We'r: expecting right around two or three thousand," Jackson said. But due to the recent tear that our basketball team has been on here, realistically there could be five or six thousand.

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good if a fifth-grader sees that and he jerks someone's helmet off and starts beating the hell out of ebody.

However, a key difference between what Turley did com-pared to Butler and Robinson was the intention.

Turley's intention was to help a team-mate, and do whatever it took, regard-less of what fine or suspension awaited him. Butler and Robinson committed violent acts with no good intent in mind.

Years ago, retired NBA player Charles Barkley began his committed violent first day of practice for the Phoenix Suns. Barkley's acts with no good greeting to his team was a bit unusual, as

he nailed popular Suns guard Kevin Johnson hard to the floor as the unsuspecting Johnson tried

as the unsuspecting joints of the to complete a lay-up. Obviously, Barkley's actions created quite a stir. No, Barkley was not angry with Johnson, but he wanted to see how Johnson's

teammates would respond to their fallen teammate.

Barkley knew that a good team consists of guys who are willing to go to battle for one another. In football, especially, where violence is a part of the game, it would serve you well to have people around you who will defend you.

Turley is a true team player. Yes, I think he took the incident too far. He let his emotions get the best of him, but he reacted without hesitation to his screaming quarter-back whose head was on the verge of becoming a rotating police siren.

Turley's actions could wrongfully influence children, but after all, it is the duty of parents and coaches to explain to their kids the differences between right

and wrong. If Turley even paused for one more second, thinking about the personal consequences of his actions, Brooks may not still be here today.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Hoops plan to stay hot against Flames

Undefeated UIC invades SIU Arena tonight

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The SIU men's basketball team's appetite for success seems to have expanded this sea-

Winning four of the first five games of the season is an encouraging beginning, but the Salukis are hungry for more success and will have the opportunity to taste some tonight against Illinois-Chicago at 7:05 at the SIU

against Illinois-Chicago at 7:05 at the SIU Arena. "No team gets in the [NCAA] tournament by winning four games," sophomore forward Sylvester Willis said. "There's a 30-plus game season, so every game's got to be an important game for us."

SIUs latest outing was a 75-72 loss to No. 2 ranked Illinois, an extraordinarily intense game. That game, coupled with an attractive matchup with Indiana set for Saturday afternoon, has generated a tremendous amount of attention this week.

But SIU head coach Bruce Weber said his players will be "serry cats" if they don't come to the Arena mentally prepared for a UIC team that is unbeaten, with two of its three wins coming against MVC schools Evansville and Indiana State.

Indiana State. "It's not going to be an easy game, especial-ly sandwiched between the Illinois and Indiana games," Weber said. "We'll see what kind of maturity our kids have." SIU guard Kent Williams said the Flames'

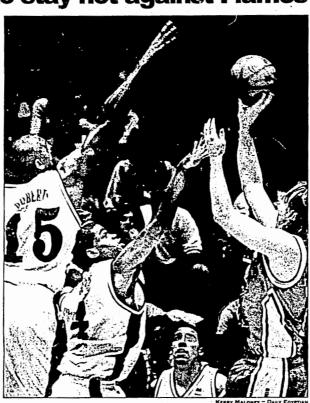
speed could cause some problems for the Salukis, as it did in last year's 88-79 UIC win in Chicago. The Flames' roster has been bolstered this season with the addition of exciting Chicago products Cedrick Banks and Martell Bailey.

They have a lot of quickness and that's something they hurt us with last year and a litthe bit the year before — penetration and kick-ing out and hitting some open shots, Williams said.

Williams said. However, this will be UIC's first game of the year away from the Windy City. All of their games have been at home and now they're going on the road, so hopefully that'll be a new experience for them and we can get after them that way. Saluki guard Marcus Belcher said. Marcus Belcher said.

SIU's post game has been clicking of late, as Rolan Roberts excelled in the Las Vegas Notain Roberts Executed in the Las vegation and Invitational and Jermanine Dearman and Sylvester Willis give the Salukis additional inside punch. SIU should have a substantial advantage over UIC in the paint, especially with the recent loss of UIC forward Joe Scott for the une due to jointy

for the year due to injury: The Flames will have some extra insight into the Salukis because Lynn Mitchem, for-mer SIU assistant coach, is in his first year on the Flames staff. But SIU has made it evident through the first five games that the Salukis are a vastly more disciplined team than they were a year ago, which should allow them to



Rolan Roberts reaches over Tyrese Buie to block a shot earlier this season at the Arena. The Salukis take on UIC tonight at 7:05.

put thoughts of the Indiana game on the back-burner until after UIC leaves town.

"The game Saturday's going to be exciting, but we've got to take care of business first and then look forward to the Indiana game," Saluki focusing on right now." The Salukis know that this two-game

homestand can either solidify the successful start to the season, or if they don't play well, dampen the excitement they have created. Williams said the team is grounded despite the acclaim it earned from its second-place finish at the Las Vegas Invitational and ready to keep

"I think the fans and everybody else has built it up more than we have," Williams said. "I think we're ready to get going for another game.'

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Jan. ASKETS: ASKETS: ASKETS: (-00) Solution: Flarmer: ASKETS: ASKETS BASKETBALL PREVIEW √ (4·1) Salukis

Tailgating returns for the winter season

Heated tent brings back pregame parties for basketball fans

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The football season has ended and the last miniature grill from the tailgate parties has been put back into storage, but don't feel down, Saluki fans,

Tailgating is back, and this time directly before the highly anticipat-

ed Saluki basketball game against Indiana that begins at 3:05 p.m. Saturday at the SIU Arena. For the first time ever, the

Public Relations Student Society of America-Pyramid Promotions will sponsor the Saluki Pregame Jam, which begins Saturday at 11 a.m. and runs until 2:30 p.m. inside the heated tent in the lower parking lot of the Arena.

Joel Jackson, sports accounts tnanger for Pyramid Promotions, hopes that the first ever winter tail-gate party will be the beginning of ane

"Depending on how well this

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one does, we want to do it in both the spring and the fall, Jackson said. "Homecoming for football is huge, and we would like to do

huge, and we would like to do something along the same lines." The pregame jam will include catered food from Chartwells Vending Company and music will be provided by 95.1 FM. Beverages will also be provided, but because of the location and family environ-ment algobal will not be served ment, alcohol will not be served.

Mike Trude, marketing director, for SIU athletics, views this event as similar to the football tailgate parties, with the intent of crea a fun atmosphere before the bas-

ketball gaine.

"It's going to kind of get the atmosphere started a little bit like the football tailgate," Trude said. "But obviously a much more scaled-down version."

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Besides the tood and beverages, fans will have the opportunity to win prizes from the free raffles. "We have lots of things to do for kids and grown-ups," Jackson said. "Raffles and food, plus 95.1 FM is going to be there. It's going to hopefully be a major event."

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Is he a team player or a team problem?

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James the "Harlem Hainmer" Butler was not suppose to lose his box-ing match with Richard Grant last Friday. In fact, Butler's career was just

beginning to take off when Grant squeaked out a decision win on Friday.

After the fight, an excited Grant went over to shake Butler's hand, and the now gloveless, defeated Butler clocked him in the jaw, as Grant's hand was extended. Grant was knocked out and had to be rushed to the hospital, and now Butler faces a lifetime ban from the sport.

Easy answer there. I mean this guy should not

only be banned from boxing, but he should banned from society. He was shocked and embarrassed about losing, but his reaction which



seemed almost calculated DAILY EGYPTIAN was psychotic.

In the NFL on Nov. 4th, New Orleans Saints offensive tackle Kyle Turley witnessed a sight he could not have been prepared for. The Saints were driving when quar-terback Aaron Brooks tried to sneak up

the middle and get into the end zone, but was met by New York Jets safety Damien Robinson.

Robinson tried a new tactic to stop a guy from moving forward. He grabbed Brooks' face mask and began to twist Brooks' head back behind him. Brooks, who now was looking at his rear side, let out a horrific scream, according to Turley, who ran to his QB's aid.

Turley grabbed Robinson by the face mask, and pulled until all he had left was the Jets helmet of Robinson. He then proceeded to throw the helmet and let out an obscene gesture in a fit of

rage. The two incidents mentioned above feature three guys who committed vio-lent actions, but I believe one of those guys, Turley, should not have been pun-ished and vilified, but rather praised for being a true team player. Saluki football head coach Jerry Kill

was quick to say if he ever encountered a player who committed a violent act, regardless of the circumstance, that player would become a former player real quick.

Kill does commend Turley for defending his teammate, but felt Turley took it way too far, and went from helping a teammate out to padding his own

ing a teammate out to padding his own ego in the heat of the moment. "He basically put on a show for him-self in my opinion," Kill said. Kill's main problem with Turley's action was the influence that it will have

on younger people. "The NFL is suppose to set exam-ples for how we should play the game," Kill said. "Turley wouldn't feel very