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SIMON REMEMBERED: A group of mourners console each other on the steps of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 303 S. Poplar St, during the visitation for Jeanne Hurley Simon Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services for Simon will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Simon, who was nationally known for her work with libraries and literacy, passed away in her Makanda home Sunday because of complications from a malignant brain tumor. Simon, wife of former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, was an adjunct professor for Library Affairs at SIUC and a former Illinois State Representative. Many dignitaries will be in attendance because of the love Simon and her husband have done in the state, as well as the nation. Dignitaries include Gov. George Ryan and his wife Lura Lynn; former Gov. Jim Thompson; Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White; U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin; U.S. Sen. Howard Metzenbaum; Dawn Clark Netsch; Adlai and Nancy Stevenson, Alphonse and Zoe Milka, Interim President Frank Horton and interim Chancellor John Jackson. Memorials can be given to the "Jeanne Hurley Simon Library Fund" to support SIUC's Morris Library. The burial will be private.

The administration strikes back

SIUC's current leaders admit image is affected, though not seriously damaged

Terry L. Dean
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC administrators admit the University's problems in retaining permanent leaders have been difficult and concede that it has affected on-campus morale.

The University has been under fire from some students and campus constituency groups about the number of leadership positions that remain permanently unfilled.

"I think it's taken a toll on some people," interim Chancellor John Jackson said. "It's been in the news, and it has a certain negative connotation to it, so I think there is some downside to it."

At the end of last year, the University struggled to find stability within administrative ranks. As the year 2000 began, SIUC is attempting to address its image problem involving the six administrative positions occupied by interim leaders.

The University has tried to stabilize leadership by bringing in Frank Horton as interim president. Horton took over in February and is expected to stay for six months.

"It's important for the University to have a permanent president and I'll be here until they choose one," said Horton, who could remain longer if a permanent president is not found within the allotted time frame.

Horton does not think the number of interim leaders will scare off prospective students because he said they are more concerned with the quality of programs here.

"I think that's the last thing on their minds," Horton said. "The continuity of an institution resides with the faculty and not the administration."

In addition to the hiring of Horton, Larry Dietz last month as vice chancellor for Student Affairs and enrollment management, Margaret Wittenberg was brought on board as interim vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and provost.

Dietz will play a major role in recruitment and retention, one of his areas of expertise as vice chancellor for Student Affairs and enrollment management at the University.
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CARBONDALE

• An SIUC student told Carbondale police someone broke into his car while it was parked in the old Mark of the Mill St. between Friday and Saturday. The student said a rear driver’s side window and a compact disc were missing. There have been no suspects in the incident.

TODAY

• Apostolic Life Campus Ministry Prayer meeting, 7 p.m. -3 a.m., Room Student Center, Abbie 529-0166.

UPCOMING

• Library Affairs intermediaive web resources, Feb. 27, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Room Library 1030, presented by staff, Room 5 Student Center, Abbie 536-3393.

• Organization of Psychology Students meeting, 5 p.m., Room Library 1030.

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• Spring Program Committee marketing committee meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Room 5 Student Center, Abbie 536-3393.

• College Republicans meeting, 5 p.m., Mississippi Room, Ron 340-2499.

• Bible Study in the books of Hebrews, Iroquois Room Student Center.

• Bible Reading out loud, Wayne 529-4043.

• Spanish Bible study, 4 to 6 p.m., Cath McManis, 453-5425.

• Greek Club meeting, Feb. 7, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Room Student Center, Abbie 529-0166.

• Hispanic Student Council meeting, 7 p.m., La Bamba’s Restaurant, Amanda 526-1723.

• Campus shipping center meeting, 5 p.m., Room Library 1010.

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• College of Liberal Arts Student Senate finals review, after 5 p.m., every Tues. and Thurs. from May 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Room Library 1010.

• Pre-Law Association seminar, Feb. 24, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., McKeeve Room, Three 549-7106.

• SIUC Kendo Club meeting, every Thurs., 6 to 8 p.m., Kirner Gym.

• Gamma Beta Phi society meeting, Feb. 24, 6 p.m., Thomas Student Center, Mary 549-0086.

• SIUC Swing Club for dancers of all levels, every Thurs., 8 to 10 p.m., Small Cesarino Center space, open to all students $20 non-students $30.

• SIUC Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Office.

• Christian Apologetics Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Cath McManis, 453-5425.

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• Green Club meeting, Feb. 7, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Bobby’s Country 457-0847.

• German Club meeting, Feb. 21, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Room Student Center, Abbie 529-0166.

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

• Science Fiction and Fantasy Society watch and discuss movies, Feb. 15, 7 p.m., Room Student Center Video Library, Marie 529-2474.

• InterVarsity Christian Fellowship- SIUC, 11, 7 p.m., Ag. Building Room 204, Pam 692-4294.

• THS Annual Adoption Journey Seminar, Feb. 26, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., SIUC Campus Center, Mary 529-2341.

• Intercollegiate Programs women’s self-defense workshop, Feb. 26, 10 to 3 p.m., Assembly Room 1st, Michelle 453-1303.

• Habitat for Humanity build, paint, and workshop hours, Feb. 26, 8 a.m., meet at Student Center for transportation to site, Bridge 529-3311.

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• The Cast Your Cares Crusade Choir is holding auditions for vocalists that are interested in carrying out God’s will be sponsoring a one of a kind trip to Memphis. The choir mission, Feb. 27 through Mar. 1, 7 p.m.

• The NCAA College Decision officials had withdrawn their invitation they extended to Southern last week.

• SIUC’s hopes of playing in a postseason basketball tournament rested entirely upon the National Invitation Tournament officials. Athletic Director Doris N. Boydston announced after the Evansville game that the NCAA College Decision officials had withdrawn their invitation they extended to Southern last week.

• Shelby P. Nickel, 35, of Magnolia, Ark., was arrested and charged with resisting upon the invitation to the center of South Illinois Avenue and Custer Drive at 5:56 a.m. Monday. Nickell posted a $100 release.

• Fifth Annual Adoption Journey Seminar, Feb. 26, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., SIUC Campus Center, Mary 529-2341.

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A daughter’s quest for her mother’s heritage

International festival a life-long tradition for SIUC family

Terry L. Dean
Daily Egyptian reporter

Elif Fehmi-Sullivan carried her mother’s native country’s flag with pride.

Wearing a red and gold native garment, she carried the Turkish flag — bright red with a crescent moon and star — during Tuesday’s march marking the beginning of SIUC’s 26th International Festival. About 35 international students marched from the Old Main Mall to the Student Center displaying their country’s flag.

Fehmi-Sullivan, 21, says sharing her heritage is an important part of her life. The junior in zoology from Carbondale has attended SIUC for three years and has participated in the festival almost all her life. “As soon as I could walk, my mother had me (out here),” Fehmi-Sullivan said.

She comes from a multicultural family; her mother is Turkish and her father is American. But her family background has not prevented her from a strong identity. “I consider myself like a bridge between two cultures,” she said, “I can’t say I’m completely American or completely Turkish. I just like representing where my mother is from and my family as well.”

Fehmi-Sullivan, president of the Turkish Student Association two years ago, is secretary of the International Student Council. She works with Turkish and other international students and has close ties to the organization.

In my opinion EI is the home of students representing more than a dozen different countries, many dressed in their native clothing and displaying their national flags, marched from the flag pole on the Old Main Mall to the Student Center to kick off the annual International Festival at SIUC Tuesday morning.

Communication — key to success for president search

Consulting firm to be hired in two weeks

Andy Query
Daily Egyptian reporter

The SIU presidential search committee will select and task major input from a consulting firm to enhance the search for the university’s top administrator, despite the recent dismissal of a consultant.

A consulting firm will be hired before March 7 to help recruit a broader and more professional array of candidates, interim President Frank Horton said.

Shayn Habs, presidential search committee chairwoman and dean of Liberal Arts at SIUE, confirmed that applications for the president’s position are being received regularly. She said about 30 applications have been reviewed.

In searching for a permanent president, former President Ted Sanders had hired consultant David McCarthy to evaluate the candidate backgrounds. McCarthy, who is no longer working with the University, was also participated in the present presidential search.

Since Schebinger, professor of chemistry

USG to implement new attendance policy

USG fills eight vacant seats

Ginny Skalski
Daily Egyptian reporter

Despite higher attendance at the last two Undergraduate Student Government meetings, the Interest Affairs Committee is working on forming a formal attendance policy.

The committee will look into an attendance system at its meeting, less than a month after USG senators could not even reach quorum to have the first senate meeting of the spring semester.

Only five of about 30 senators were absent from each of the last two senate meetings and an additional eight have been elected to fill vacant seats left at the end of last semester.

To be elected to the USG senate, mid-semester candidates must gather 30 signatures from undergraduate students from the district they hope to represent and then receive consent from the senate.

To attend, students must bring their student ID cards and they must log in to the attendance program. If students fail to log in, they will be marked absent.

Learn to heal with natural energy

Learn how to use the energy of the body to heal, today from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The Student Health Programs, Administration, Health Service Clinic, Student Emergency Dental Service, Immunizations, Business and Student Development, Quality Assurance, and Wellness Center will be closed from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2000. The Counseling Center and Pharmacy will remain open. If you have an urgent medical need, please contact one of the following:

Carbondale

Chief to announce new positions today

Carbondale Police Chief R.T. Finney will announce the first-ever deputy chiefs to the department today at 8:30 a.m.

Finney removed the first two positions, Deputy Chief of Operations and Deputy Chief of Administration, by enacting at the department earlier this year and receives approval from the city manager to create the positions.

Finney will present the new positions in room 103 of the Carbondale Civic Center.

Informal lecture explores women’s spirituality

Women may attend an informal lecture from 12 to 1 p.m. today at room 306A in Woody Hall. The event is sponsored by the group Anti-Racist Action and co-sponsored by various other organizations.

The rally is intended to bring together students who are opposed to racism at SIUC. The event is expected to draw many supporters in light of recent issues involving the Confederate flag and SIUC graduate Matt Hale.

University Housing costs slated to rise

University Housing officials are developing a proposal that would raise housing rates by about 6 percent for the 2000-2001 school year to help with deferred maintenance costs and other similar projects.

Ed Jesse, director of University Housing, said the issue is being discussed by Housing officials and no solid information on the details of the proposal will be available for several weeks. The proposal will be presented to various student groups next month and will be discussed by the Board of Trustees in March or April.

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Carbondale Clinic

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2601 West Main

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549-0721
A little push goes a long way for SIU

It is amazing how the simplest of things can have a significant impact on students and their experiences. At SIU, the Daily Egyptian has been advocating for the inclusion of women's swimming and diving teams, and their efforts have been paying off. According to the Daily Egyptian, the SIU women's swimming and diving teams have been slowly gaining recognition and support on campus.

However, there is still more work to be done. The Daily Egyptian highlights that the SIU swimming and diving teams need to be seen as a priority within the university. This would involve providing the teams with the same level of support and resources as men's teams, including access to high-quality facilities and coaching staff.

The Daily Egyptian notes that the SIU women's swimming and diving teams have been working hard to improve their performance and attract more students to the program. They have been successful in recruiting new athletes and improving their facilities. However, the team needs more recognition and support from the university to continue their success.

The Daily Egyptian encourages students and faculty to support the SIU swimming and diving teams. This could involve attending games, donating to the teams, or simply spreading awareness about the program. The university needs to recognize the value of the swimming and diving programs and provide them with the necessary resources to compete at a high level.

Overall, the Daily Egyptian's article highlights the importance of supporting and advocating for any program that is underfunded or underappreciated. By coming together, the university community can help ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate in the programs that they love.
Turkish Student Association, said Carla Coppi, director of International Students and Scholars. "I know how important it is to [Eli] with her mother's involvement with the association."

"She has done a lot for the Turkish students here."

Fehm-Sullivan's mother, Saide Sullivan, was one of the founders of the Turkish Student Association at SIUC almost 20 years ago shortly after she came to America. Fehm-Sullivan said that makes her involvement with the festival even more personal.

"It was kind of like a lifelong dream I had, and I wanted to do the best job that I could to make sure that she didn't do it for nothing," Fehm-Sullivan said.

Saide married James Sullivan, a professor of art and design at SIUC, in 1985. James Sullivan said his wife's work with TSA through the years has been tireless.

"She's been a mentor to many students in the association," James Sullivan said. "She has helped keep the association as a vital group among all of the other international organizations at SIUC."

After James retired, Saide Sullivan said they both plan to move to Canada, where she first stepped foot on North American soil in 1978 at 18. Saide Sullivan said she will have memories of SIUC.

"When we started there were very few Turkish students to form the association," Saide said. "Each year it's changed with the amount of students coming in, so I think they've been doing a really good job."

Fehm-Sullivan said her mother has been a mother-figure to other Turkish students as well. Fehm-Sullivan has fond memories of past festival's in which she participated with her mother and sister.

"I remember being in our little costumes, and we'd go out and stand with her and do our little dances. I always enjoyed that," Fehm-Sullivan said.

The only festival she and her family did not attend was in 1993. Her sister, Saba, died of cancer that year, two days before her 13th birthday. Fehm-Sullivan said she wants to honor her sister's memory as well as her mother's heritage through her work.

"I want to do it for her, me and my mother," she said. "That's why I'm working really hard."
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Attendance

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The search has the opportunity to question candidates before deciding whether to reject them. At each of the last two senate meetings the main question was whether or not the candidates were available to follow the night of USG meetings.

According to the USG constitution, senators are only allowed to miss two senate meetings per semester. Despite the policy, the topic has not been strictly enforced in the last two semesters.

Internal Affairs Committee Chairman Chuck Miller said because some senators have unusual circumstances that excuse for their absences, it is not fair to impeach senators in particular situations or ask them to resign Miller cited a recent example of a senator who had to miss a meeting because of surgery. Late sessions, several senators missed USG meetings because of events in their fraternities or sororities, and other less serious reasons.

The Internal Affairs Committee hopes to establish some guidelines to deem what an acceptable absence is but what is not in order to curtail impeaching a senator who could not feasibly attend a meeting.

“We have tentatively decided to follow the constitution,” Miller said. “However, we are working on some kind of attendance policy.”

USG President Sean Henry has not taken any formal action to get senators to attend meetings this semester other than reminding them.

Communication

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McCarthy began working with the current president’s search committee and it was a “joint agreement” to establish a firm that has the capability to conduct a full-blown search.

“We need a more aggressive approach, a more aggressive network,” McCarthy said.

McCarthy had been with Spencer Stewart, one of several consulting firms dealing with national searches. 

Horton anticipates a close relationship with the counseling firm, no matter who it might be. 

Both of our goals are one and the same,” Hahs said. “I think our input will be valuable to them and they will consider it very, very seriously.”

Scheines said he will encourage the new consulting firm to recruit administrators from other universities who have not yet applied for the position and try to persuade them to come to SIUC. He said the more active recruitment the consulting firm does, the better the chances of attracting candidates.

“Let’s throw a hoot out without any bias,” Schietes said.

Hortons has four or five major search firms that are solid qualifiers to conduct a search and he is surprised the consulting firms dealing with national searches.

University’s external fundraising and capital campaigns was a point of contact to the North Central Accreditation Committee when it visited the campus in May 1999.

Goldman hopes the selected administrator will be able to adhere to the job responsibilities for the position. 

“Think people will be pleasantly surprised when they get to campus,” Goldman said.

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The candidates were available the candidates that remain in contention. But Goldman said he is more impressed with the qualifications of the Boston-based consulting firm Freeman and Miller brought SIUC.

“The consulting firm has been able to locate a number of high-caliber candi-

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McSorley gets whacked by NHL

By Jason Le Clay
The Washington Star

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McSorley's suspension comes three months after the League Commissioner denied a liquor license for the sale of beer and wine at another general merchandise store.

In November, Discover Den, 191 S. Illinois Ave., was denied a packaged liquor license because of the products that were sold in the store. Discover Den also was denied the license because of its location. It is in close proximity to a religious facility, a day care cen- ter, a teen hangout, and across the street from the University.

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Meanwhile, the Sycamores have been atop the Valley for nearly six weeks, and while everybody has patiently waited for the Trees to fall, it's safe to say they are standing tall and strong. The Salukis found out the hard way via a thickening 91-76 loss Jan. 19 in Terre Haute, Ind.

"They came out right off the bat and shot the ball well last time, so you have to give them their credit," said SIU's catalyst, senior guard Ricky Callison. "Sometimes there's going to be games like that. We had an off night and we were embarrassed by our effort. That's not going to happen again."

Since the setback, the Salukis have been the hottest team in the Valley, going 8-1 since losing the conference standings to set up the first-place showdown.

"To have this opportunity, we had to win," Saluki head coach Bruce Weber said. "Our kids have done a good job of staying focused and taking care of business."

The latest Saluki victory, a 52-50 road win at Creighton Saturday, was SIU's most impressive victory to date. Now, each game from here on out will be the most important game of the season in determining the post-season outlook.

Tonight's battle for first place should be a balanced matchup as each squad plays solid team defense and is unafraid of the offensive end. Both also possess veteran leadership and share a mutual respect for one another's play this year.

"For other people to judge our team, I would consider it a compliment if they said we played similar to Southern Illinois," Waltman said.
Women’s rugby team in search of new additions

Joining SIU rugby team is a great way to get in shape and meet new friends

Javier Behna
Daily Egyptian reporter

A group of SIU women have found an unconventional way to stay in great shape, meet new friends and experience the thrill of competition.

Rugby

The SIU women’s rugby team is always looking for new members to join their club that plays in both the spring and fall semesters.

Rugby is a great way to tone up because the game is 80 minutes long with just a 10 minute intermission at the half.

"Like I say, I’m not the type of person who just wants to go to the gym every day on my own. I’d rather be working out with someone," said club president Adrienne Cortes. "It’s really rigorous. We work on being the first hall of the week in conditioning. We focus the last couple of days on technique.

The game of rugby calls for players of all sizes, so don’t worry if you’re too big or too small to contribute to the team.

Women’s rugby coach named

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Women’s rugby + If you're interested in joining the team, call club president Adrienne Cortes at $4000.

"We look for people of all ages and all physical conditions, because there are so many positions that need a different type of person," said SIU women’s rugby social chair Tea Crawford.

Crawford said many avoid the sport because of its physical demands, but wishes that they wouldn’t be intimidated by the aggressive reputation of the sport.

"So a lot of smaller girls don’t come out because they think they’re too small, but we need smaller girls to play some of our running positions that are our wing positions," Crawford said.

Crawford said that the sport has a misrepresented reputation of being labeled a rugged sport.

"So a lot of people who don’t know anything about rugby think that it focuses on being a rough sport, but it’s actually more of a running sport," Cortes said.

Though they compete at the club level, the team still travels to other states to play games, which offers great opportunities to make friends and bond with teammates.

"The type of girls that join are usually really friendly and outgoing, and join to meet new friends," Cortes said.

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Showdown in Southern Illinois

SIU, Indiana State meet with Valley's first place at stake

Jay Schwab
Sports Editor

Big, bigger, biggest.

Each game for the surging SIU men's basketball team seems to carry mounting importance. The latest crescendo comes in tonight's battle for first place in the Missouri Valley Conference against struggling Indiana State University at the SIU Arena at 7:05.

SIU (17-9, 11-4) has won a season-high five straight games, and has crept within one game of Indiana State for first place with three regular season games remaining. Tonight's showdown was set up by a 72-63 Sycamore victory over Creighton Sunday night.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber has told his players every game from here on out will be their biggest game of the year. But tonight's game is an extra-special twist, with the Valley's top two teams butting heads. Indiana State head coach Royce Waltman said there's no denying the scope of tonight's game.

"During the course of the year, we've really tried to downplay the importance of a single individual game because it's such a long season," Waltman said. "But this particular game, if we want to make sure not to say it's important."

Indiana State (15-7, 12-3) is determined to have the last word in the teams' first meeting Jan. 19 in Terre Haute, Ind. Since then, though, SIU has gone 8-1. Do not expect the Sycamores to have it easy tonight.

"When you get in a game like this, you're just looking for a win," Weber said. "I don't want to go in with the idea of it being in our head. It's our team, it's our lives. We're going to go out there and just play our game."

Both teams also have post-season aspirations, but Indiana State head coach Royce Waltman said he is not thinking about the post-season, despite the game's importance.

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SIU forward Jermaine Deanman and other taller Salukis will be key if they are to take advantage of Indiana State's shorter lineup during tonight's 7:05 p.m. game at SIU Arena.

February's madness just as sweet as March's

Brandon Miles
Daily Egyptian Reporter

The months until game-time are already ticking away. Anticipation is building. The team is buzzing throughout the SIU campus — and it's still February.

However, tonight's matchup between the SIU men's basketball team and Missouri Valley Conference leader Indiana State University has a post-season aura one typically finds in the month of March, the best time of year for college basketball junkies.

But there is still unfinished business to attend to in the regular season. The Salukis (17-9, 11-4) trail the first-place Sycamores by only one game in the conference standings with three games remaining. A win tonight would seal at least a share of the regular season title for the Sycamores (19-9, 12-3), while a Saluki victory would constitute things, creating a deadlock at the top of the Valley.

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"I said after that game we can either give it up right now and feel sorry for ourselves, or we could come back, play hard, and win this game. I believe in everybody that we're better than this," Waltman said.

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