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From Havana to the Heartland

After a three-day Cuban expedition, Paul Simon is initiating plans to bring Fidel Castro to SIUC. With a 40-year embargo against communist Cuba, is it time to put the past behind us?

STORY BY
MOLLY PARKER

MATT BAUGHMAN - SPECIAL TO THE DAILY EGYPTIAN

Less than 48 hours after his return from Cuba, Paul Simon mailed a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell to request a visa that could bring Cuban President Fidel Castro to SIUC.

"I wrote to let him know I will be calling him to talk about that as well as the Cuban situation," said Simon, who wrote the letter on Friday.

Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute, said he would like to bring Castro to Carbondale for a possible symposium on the Caribbean. At present, there is no set date for a Castro visit.

Simon attempted to bring former President Bill Clinton and Castro together last year at Giant City Lodge, but the plan failed because of Clinton's distractions with the conflicts in the Middle East and the Florida election problems.

A 30-member delegation of SIUC and state education officials returned from Cuba on Wednesday with the pos-

"For SIUC to become an even greater University it must not ask only 'How can we profit from something?', it must also ask, 'How can we serve?'"

— Former Sen. Paul Simon, on any criticism about SIUC's trip to Cuba

ibility of student and teacher exchanges and different attitudes toward Castro's Cuba.

Simon and SIUC President James Walker met with Castro for lunch before leaving Wednesday afternoon, which turned into a six-hour engagement that sent the delegation home with hopes for better relations, which SIUC can be instrumental in achieving.

They discussed United States legislation and the problems the four-decades-old U.S. embargo is causing Cubans economically, as well as the possibility of student and teacher

exchanges. Despite what Simon believes is harsh U.S. government policy against Cuba, he believes the trip may have achieved an open relationship between SIUC and Cuban educational institutions.

Vying for the dismissal of the embargo, Simon believes it is time the United States moves away from negative Cuban relations.

For the former senator, an embargo doesn't make sense because shutting off a market-place country is harming economic benefits for Cubans and Americans. For instance, when he observed the streets of Cuba he saw new cars and buses, most sporting European emblems — not a single American-made car.

"We are just losing business needlessly; American business, American

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Woman to be first Cuban citizen enrolled at SIUC

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Only 90 miles off the coast of Florida, Loides Albo is ready to set a new precedent and become the first Cuban citizen to enroll at the University.

Before she can study on SIUC's campus, Albo must get approval of the Ministry of Education in Cuba and the U.S. State Department.

SIUC is attempting to bridge the gap created by United States policy toward Cuba. Interim Chancellor John Jackson met with Albo, who currently teaches English in one of the medical facilities in Cuba.

If she receives approval, she plans to enroll as a graduate student in English as a second language and curriculum and instruction.

Although teacher and student exchanges was among top priority for the SIUC delegation that returned from Cuba Thursday, it is still unclear

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Fidel Castro extends SIUC President Walker an invitation back.

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Ryan's veto nixes SIUC's chance to research hemp



Gov. Ryan
hemp not worth
the trouble

BURKE SPEAKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Gov. George Ryan vetoed legislation on Friday that would have given SIUC and the University of Illinois the green light to research industrial hemp as an alternative crop in Illinois.

Ryan said concerns about the effect of a burgeoning hemp crop on law enforcement and traces of the mind-altering drug THC in hemp outweighs the projected demand for products derived from hemp, marijuana's genetic relative.

"I will not ignore the unified concern of drug treatment and prevention groups that the ultimate commercial cultivation and availability of a product that contains a mind-altering substance would leave open the prospect of substance abuse," Ryan said in a statement.

The governor added that the study should have included ways to develop a hemp plant free of THC. Hemp contains about 1 percent THC levels, as opposed to 20 percent found in marijuana.

Both universities would have studied the use of hemp to make cloth, paper, oils, food products and building materials at a

projected cost of about \$1 million. But some SIUC officials were concerned with how much money the government would provide, and the amount incurred by the University.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said this was one reason he voted against the bill when it emerged in the Illinois House.

"Many of the concerns I had were ones voiced by the governor, and there was also the concern SIUC had about the cost," Bost said. "We didn't know the cost of implementation, what the government would require for security and guards."

A major part of the cost would have

included federal regulations requiring security in the form of surveillance and fencing around the hemp crops. Hemp is illegal to grow in Illinois.

Bost added that SIUC has other important areas to concentrate on, such as wine and soybean research, and that in terms of finding alternative uses for hemp the "reality is that you can find other products cheaper and stronger."

The Illinois House passed the bill 67-47 on Jan. 9, reintroduced after originally failing in November. The Industrial Hemp Act overwhelmingly passed the Senate 49-9 last spring.

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STUDENT

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how long it will be before an SIU student is sent to study abroad in Cuba.

But Jackson is supportive of considering the measure.

"If you want to study Spanish, for example, it's a perfect setting, you need to be in the Spanish setting to really perfect the language," he said.

Jackson advocates precaution in considering sending students to study in Cuba. He worries about any students who study abroad in foreign countries because there are instances when American students have been attacked in Latin American and Central American countries.

"So, I see no reason not to, except that any student from the United States has to be somewhat careful. I mean you don't do stupid things in a big city, and I always worry about students in international settings to the extent that anything can happen, but that being said it appeared to be a very safe environment to me," Jackson said.

American students are already participating in two-week intensive trips and semester and year-long studies in Cuba. Sending students to study in Cuba will place SIU among schools such as Harvard and the University of Texas, which already have students studying in Cuba.

"I think our students could greatly benefit from experiences there," Jackson said.

Returning from Cuba, Keith Sanders, executive director for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, said the best way to achieve exchanges of students, faculty and staff between Illinois and Cuba is to estab-

lish trust and clear lines of communication.

"Paul Simon and James Walker and several others of us meet with top officials in government, education and medicine and that is a good step," Sanders said.

To make the process successful, Sanders said the faculty and staff need to move from the bottom up. That is they need to be in touch with Cubans who are doing interesting things at Cuban universities around which exchanges might proceed, he said.

SIU Trustee Molly D'Esposito said she gathered from the trip that both countries had the same conclusion about education — that it is of paramount importance.

"They have consistently funded education, as Illinois has consistently funded education; we just have come about it through different means," D'Esposito said.

The fastest growing demographic in Illinois is Hispanics. Therefore, Illinois has a growing need for teachers of Spanish and English as a second language.

SIU President James Walker would like to see future exchanges with Cuba that he believes will be mutually beneficial to both American and Cuban students.

"We are hoping that through Southern Illinois University we will have an opportunity for faculty exchange, student exchange, as well as we will have a chance to be involved in some joint research projects," Walker said.

With 15 people still in Santiago, expecting to return Tuesday, Walker said he believes SIU will remain visible in Cuba, involved in research, faculty and student exchanges and other activities in the years to come.

CUBA

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labor, the American farmer could benefit from modified policies," Simon said.

But there are Cuban-Americans living in Southern Illinois who believe the embargo should not be lifted. Armando Aguilar and his wife, Isabel, came to the United States in 1963 to escape the dictatorship of Castro because they didn't like the Communist system initiated by Castro.

"I didn't want to live in a country that didn't have freedom," said Aguilar, a resident of Salem.

He said he did not believe Castro should come to SIU and he did not think Castro would be granted a visa.

"He is a dictator. He has been there for 40 years. I think the people there are worse off than ever. I don't agree, 100 percent," Aguilar said.

Despite some public disagreement, Simon continues to wait for government action to normalize relations with Cuba and the returned delegation is striving to change public opinion. Already, the University is working on the possibility of bringing a Cuban student to SIU's graduate program.

Part of modifying the policies is having exchanges and creating a new understanding of Cuba. Simon said this must be accomplished through exchanges and open tourism — things that are not allowed under the current situation. But he is pleased to say that SIU is a forerunner for increasing understanding.

The trip to Cuba only increased Simon's resolve that the Cuban embargo no longer has a place in United States policy. He pointed out that the United States restored diplomatic relations with China and North Korea by opening up immigration and free trade, and Cuba has the best record and possesses the least chance for a security threat.

"In Cuba, people were very free to praise Castro or criticize Castro or agree

with Socialism or not agree with Socialism," Simon said.

"He conceded that since the people lived under Communism, there were some situations that would be stopped by government interference.

"On the other hand, if they wanted to form an anti-Castro organization they would probably be in trouble," he said.

Although Simon was almost successful uniting Clinton and Castro to discuss the relations between the neighboring countries, he doubts the possibility of bringing President Bush to the same place — at least not at this point, with his brother, Gov. Jeb Bush up for re-election in Florida, where anti-Castro sentiment is very high.

But he hopes the Bush administration and the American community will learn to dismiss the idea that Castro can be controlled, and look toward more realistic ideas of restoring normal relations with Cuba. Castro has been the Cuban leader for 42 years, and the United States has spanned nine presidents unsuccessful in bringing him down from power.

For those who believe the SIU trip to Cuba will not make any difference, Simon said history serves as evidence that it can change public policy.

"The answer is, no one can guarantee that it will make a difference, but those same people said the same thing about trade and exchanges with the Soviet Union. But the Berlin Wall is down; the Soviet Union doesn't exist anymore," Simon said.

And for those who believe SIU does not have any business in Cuba, Simon answers with an article about inner-city churches: The inner city churches that strive to survive often do not survive; the inner city churches that strive to serve are the ones that survive.

"For SIU to become an even greater University it must not ask only 'How can we profit from something'; it must also ask, 'How can we serve?'" Simon said.

WEATHER

TODAY: Partly Cloudy
 High: 51
 Low: 32

TUESDAY: Showers
 High: 48
 Low: 27

POLICE BLOTTER

CARBONDALE

• At 4:30 a.m. Saturday a felony damage to property occurred when a man jumped on top of a vehicle hood in the 900 block of East Grand Street, according to witnesses. The witness yelled at the suspect, who then fled the area. Police continue to investigate the incident.

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 Texas Toast

Wednesday, February 28
 *Szechwan Chicken
 Pork Potstickers
 Fried Rice • Vegetarian Egg Rolls
 Fresh Grilled Vegetables w/Water Chestnuts
 Fortune Cookies

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 Honey Baby Carrots
 Cheesy Mashed Potatoes

Friday, March 2
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 Green Bean Almandine
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*cared or demonstration cooking

Facing the truth



Lecture reflects upon history's shameful past

EMILY OSTENDORF
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A lifeless body suspended from a tree is the focal point of the crowd which has gathered. The head is cocked to one side, yanked by the rope from which it hangs.

This is just one moment recorded in history's scarred past — a past that will be examined tonight at a Black History Month meditation about lynching in Student Center Ballroom B.

The lecture will center around photographs featured in a collection by James Allen, author of "Without Sanctuary." The book is a visual legacy of souvenir postcard photographs of lynched bodies. The photos were on exhibit this summer in New York City. Images from "Without Sanctuary" will be presented by Joseph Brown, director of Black American Studies.

"They're as bad as what we saw in the Holocaust," Brown said. "It's the American equivalent."

Spiritual songs including "Give Me Jesus" and "Were You There" will act as enhancements to the projections," said Clarence Carter, associate professor of music.

"I don't want to just show people pictures out of this book and make them sick," Brown said, noting the sensitive content of the photographs.

The slide show will be carefully presented with poetry, commentary, prayer and old spiritual songs.

Carter will sing and professor of music Wilfred Delphin will provide piano accompaniment.

The evening is expected to be an emotional experience, but Brown said that it will be "thoughtful in nature."

The impact ... will be both contemplative and powerful," Delphin said. "It's contemplating the incomprehensible [past]. Contemplating that people go on ... considering the horrendous past with a hope for resolution."

Brown introduced his students to this upsetting past and their response was that of consistent disbelief.

"The truth sets you free, we've always been told. We need to see the pictures."

The meditation is an opportunity to sort through a past that is often pushed aside.

"Come with an open heart," Carter said, "and an open mind. Take from it what you can."

Joseph Brown, director, Black American Studies

THE TRUTH SETS YOU FREE, WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOLD. WE NEED TO SEE THE PICTURES.

COME WITH AN OPEN HEART, CARTER SAID, "AND AN OPEN MIND. TAKE FROM IT WHAT YOU CAN."

WHERE YOU THERE? A MEDITATION ON LYNCHING WILL BE AT 8 P.M. TONIGHT IN STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM B. READ MORE ABOUT "WITHOUT SANCTUARY" AT WWW.JOURNALE.COM/WITHOUTSANCTUARY

Reading time:

SIUC Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard animates the story of Peter Pan for local children during a special story-time reading Saturday at Carbondale's Barnes & Noble. An advocate for abused children, Poshard's reading was to promote the Broadway musical Peter Pan that will be appearing at Shryock Auditorium March 7.

JESSICA KOLB
DAILY EGYPTIAN



NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

No stress about midterms

The Wellness Center will host a Text Anxiety Workshop from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Sports Medicine Office at the Recreation Center to prepare students for midterm exams. The workshop will help students learn how to handle feelings in high-pressure situations.

For more information contact Michelle McLemon at Wellness Center at 453-5227.

Pressure to be thin

Students can "Explore the Pressure to be Thin" at a Body Myth workshop from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center Missouri Room. The workshop, put on by the Wellness Center, will emphasize the social pressures experienced by both men and women regarding body image.

For more information contact Michelle McLemon at the Wellness Center at 453-5227.

Hackers attack Law School website

The SIUC School of Law website was apparently hacked into during the weekend and replaced with an anarchist message. On Sunday, the web address www.law.siu.edu displayed a picture of a skull and the message: "What law gives man total freedom? NOT ONE! In which society there is total freedom and respect? In an anarchistic one!"

At the bottom of the page there was a small credit that read "Defaced by thek." A profane statement surrounded the picture of the skull.

Thomas Guemsey, dean of the Law School, was unaware of the website's altered appearance when contacted by the Daily Egyptian on Sunday.

Bill to increase penalties on the drug ecstasy

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ravers and partiers who enjoy enhancing their experiences with the popular "club drug" ecstasy may soon face stiffer penalties if found selling or in possession of the drug.

The Illinois House passes a bill Thursday to raise the penalties of the sale and possession of methylenedioxymethamphetamine, or MDMA, the active ingredient in ecstasy.

If enacted the bill will change possession of 15 grams of MDMA to a Class X felony, which requires at least six to 30 years of imprisonment, without the option of probation.

Currently, a person convicted of possessing or selling MDMA faces two to five years of imprisonment, with the option of probation.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said MDMA is a serious drug and the penalties need to reflect that.

"It's led to many deaths," Bost said. Bost, who co-sponsored the bill, said ecstasy is being considered a "safe" drug to experiment with because the legal penalties are less severe than for

other drugs, such as cocaine and heroin.

"That was a selling point for the dealers," Bost said.

The bill is also known as "Kelley's Law," named after Kelley McEnery Baker of Rolling Meadows, who died after taking ecstasy. The bill also amends the drug-induced homicide and infliction of great bodily harm laws to allow authorities to specifically charge dealers who cause deaths or serious injuries through the sale of drugs.

MDMA produces a relaxed euphoric state with increased sense of touch and empathy. The drug increases heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature and without fluids can cause dehydration. It can also cause muscle breakdown and kidney and cardiovascular system failure, leading to heart attacks, strokes and seizures in some users.

The bill also increases the penalties for paraphetamphetamine, or PMA, a similar drug that is often sold as ecstasy, but is more lethal.

PMA is classified as a hallucinogen and increases pulse, blood pressure and body temperature. It induces severe dehydration, without fluids it can "cook" a person from the inside out.

Michael Irwin, director of the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, said one of the problems of the law is the penalties are based on weight. The bill changes the weight from possession of 200 grams, the current felony amount, to 15 grams.

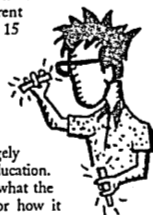
"Individual tablets of MDMA don't weigh very much," Irwin said.

He said the popularity of ecstasy is largely because of lack of education. People do not realize what the drug does to them, or how it affects the serotonin levels in their brains.

Chronic use of ecstasy can produce long term damage to serotonin-containing neurons, affecting emotion, memory, sleep and pain.

"You get the instant high, but in the long run the effects are pretty detrimental," Irwin said.

Gus Bode



Gus says: Do you think they'll let me take my glow sticks to prison?

Castro extends new friendship, asks Walker to return

United States students will soon learn medicine in Cuba

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Cuban President Fidel Castro will pay for 500 American high school seniors to get a medical degree and invited SIUC President James Walker to return to Cuba in two weeks to help them make the adjustment to life on the island nation.

"He has asked that I will return within the next few weeks to provide assistance to him in terms of the way they are going to acclimate some American students into that American school," Walker said.

Cuba recently opened a Latin American Medical School and Castro has extended 500 scholarships for U.S. students who want to pursue a medical degree. The scholarships, which will provide full expenses for six years were given to

250 black students, Walker said. The other 250 were awarded to other minority students, including Hispanics and Native Americans.

"And this is not just 500 students one year, this is 500 students every year," Walker said.

Although Walker did not say if he will make the venture to Cuba again in two weeks, he said repeatedly during the tour he would like to return as a tourist to lay on the beach and enjoy the 75-degree weather.

"But this trip doesn't seem very much like a tourist trip, it seems very much like the trip we just ended," Walker said.

Walker said even more important is ensuring that at the end of their six-year medical training, the students will be able to practice medicine in the United States. The medical students involved in the program are required, upon returning to the United States, to pass a rigorous medical exam.

"Maybe the School of Medicine will assist in making sure they can get areas in the United States after returning from Cuba," he said.

Although the majority of the scholarships offered by Castro were given to minority students, Paul

Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute, said it became clear in his conversation with Castro that low-income white students are also eligible for the scholarships.

"There are a lot of students who can't get into our medical schools, you know, who miss it by two or three points on their medical admissions test — people who would become fine doctors," Simon said.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson was supportive of giving minority students the opportunity to learn for free in medical schools in Cuba. The emphasis on minority students will hopefully lead to those who will practice in underserved areas in the United States, he said.

"Certainly there are places of need in central cities and rural areas in the United States where doctors are still not able to serve the population," he said.



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Festival has been a showcase for independent filmmakers from across the country and around the world. It is an SIU event, a Carbondale event and a Southern Illinois event, one that everyone can take part in and be proud of.

The festival began Friday, and will run throughout the week. There is something for everyone, as 50 different movies from the United States and abroad will be screened at locations on campus, Carbondale, Murphysboro, Cobden and Paducah.

These aren't someone's home movies, either. Only a fraction of the hundreds of entries received pass the pre-screening

committee and are then entered into competition. The judges who hand out the more than \$3,000 in prize money are established artists in the industry. One of this year's judges is Barbara Schock, who won an Academy Award last March.

We applaud the Department of Cinema and Photography and the Registered Student Organization Film Alternatives for their hard work throughout the year to produce this festival. It is a testament to the continued support of the department and the dedication of the students that the Big Muddy Film Festival has grown each year, not just in size, but in stature as well.

COLUMNIST

The bright side of global Armageddon



Edge
 of the
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BY GEOFFREY RITTER
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There's an old saying that goes, "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade." This is the kind of uplifting advice that makes you want to take a person by the shoulder, look them in the eye, and then proceed to punch, kick and strangle them, in no particular order.

If I've learned one thing from life, there's no such thing as a good day — they just come in several shades of crappy, some more tolerable than others. Of course, there are good things in life: a decent cup of coffee, a date with a marginally attractive person, a decent movie on television. But all in all, those are pretty much the high points. The rest of life is going to class, going to work and paying the bills. In all honesty, though, a little optimism can't hurt. For example, I try to tell myself on bad days, "think how much worse things could be — at least your dog didn't die." I find this thought surprisingly comforting since, technically, I don't own a dog.

But it's hard to stretch this optimism to certain situations. Pretend, for example, that you're a dinosaur. You're having a fairly productive day doing whatever dinosaurs do, including eating other dinosaurs, when suddenly a giant rock from outer space slams into the earth, effectively turning you into wallpaper paste in the span of about three seconds. It is like several really bad days combined into about two seconds, with mass extinction added in for effect.

I read an article last week about scientists who now believe this was the second time this happened, the first having been almost 85 million years before. This earlier incident involved a diverse race of cockroaches, known as trilobites, which got slammed with an asteroid that, at about six miles across, was the equivalent of a million megatons of TNT, or 3.8 billion gallons of Raid. This came after what, for cockroaches, had been fairly decent days. Being the supreme species on the planet, they were free to crawl around in most kitchen cabinets without fear of being squashed into bug pulp. With 15,000 species to choose from, finding a date with marginally attractive pupillary glands was never that hard. And they had just recently gotten the hang of being carbon-based life forms, which many regarded as a serious social landmark.

These same scientists say that, indeed, this will happen again. Oh yes, my friend, things can always get worse. Not only is your dog now dead, he has likely been welded to most of your living room furniture, which in turn has been welded to integral parts of your head. But despite the fact that everything around you has been reduced to jelly, there is still an upside. You're probably not expected to report to work today, bill collectors aren't after you anymore, and insurance will probably cash in well, considering that most your worldly possessions can only be recovered through archaeological excavation.

And in the end, I guess that really is all you can do. Just take each day on its own merits and hope that another one doesn't fall from the sky tomorrow. Even in the most extreme cases, I suppose that same advice rings true: When life gives you steaming piles of jelly, there's only one thing to do. Make marmalade.

Safe sex for your beloved pet

A walk through an animal shelter can be a depressing one. Row upon row of steel cages are filled with lovable furry puppies and kittens. Some still wag their tails excitedly and bark when a person walks by, others lay huddled in the corner of their cage.

The sad reality is that the number of these unwanted and unloved animals grow exponentially every year. According to the American Humane Society, eight to 12 million dogs, cats, puppies and kittens are in animal shelters, costing communities thousands of dollars. This isn't factoring in the thousands of dogs and cats homeless and roving on the streets all over the country.

What's worse is that four

to six million animals will be euthanized every year, often dozens in one day. It's a problem here too — just last year, more than 5,000 animals were euthanized at the Murphysboro Humane Society.

Obviously, something needs to be done about pet overpopulation. Too often, pets are adopted on a whim, with little thought about what having a pet entails. But a responsible pet owner needs to realize that their dog or cat needs to be spayed or neutered to stop the unchecked waste of lives that goes on every day.

In honor of Spay Day USA, we urge anyone who currently owns a pet to strongly consider spaying or neutering their pet immedi-

ately. And for those considering adopting a pet, it's important to consider your responsibilities first.

Please don't justify your inaction by thinking your pet won't contribute to the problem.

In six short years, it is estimated that one female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 puppies. Similarly, one cat and her young can produce 420,000 kittens in seven years.

Spaying and neutering doesn't just help alleviate the larger problem of pet overpopulation. It will also make it a better, more controllable and affectionate pet. Spayed and neutered pets are less likely to bite, spray or mark territory, or to roam and fight.

Of course, for cash-strapped college students, pay-

ing for the surgery can be a problem. While struggling to pay bills, tuition, etc., spaying or neutering your pet can be the last thing on the list. If that is the case, this week is the perfect time to solve the problem. In recognition of Spay Day USA, the Central Hospital for Animals, 100 N. Glenview Drive, is offering a 20 percent off coupon for spays and neuters, good only from today through Friday. Also, the Humane Shelter in Murphysboro offers \$35 vouchers for the Low Cost spay/neuter program.

Take advantage of the discounts this week and be a responsible pet owner. By doing so, you will help ensure that more pets receive the care, companionship and love they deserve.

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EDGE OF THE KNOWN WORLD appears on Monday. Geoffrey is a junior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

MAILBOX

Drivers strike back

DEAR EDITOR:

So SIU is going to start protecting students using crosswalks from dangerous drivers, huh? That's good, there are some dangerous drivers out there. On the other hand, I was wondering if SIU's police department is going to start cracking down on dangerous students who cross the street without looking both ways.

I don't know how many times a day I see these morons dart out in front of traffic without looking and expect a four thousand pound automobile to stop within inches. I was taught that you look both ways and wait for a lull in traffic before you cross the street, not jump out in front of a car and expect them to stop for you so you can get to class a few seconds faster.

Just because their parents told them to go play in traffic when they were young doesn't give them a right to endanger themselves and others.

Are these people brain dead? Last time I checked, getting hit by a car wasn't that fun. I am really surprised that more pedestrians aren't injured on this campus. I think part of freshman orientation should be a refresher class on how to cross the road. Get a brain, people.

Ryan Getz
junior-forestry

Why doesn't the DAILY EGYPTIAN remember Earnhardt?

DEAR EDITOR:

I am curious as to why I have seen no mention of the death of Dale Earnhardt other than a letter from a reader. Dale was a legend of the sport, a hero to all. In essence, Dale Earnhardt was NASCAR. Therein lies my disappointment that the DAILY EGYPTIAN makes no mention of the loss of an American champion.

In a sport that has continued to grow in popularity over the past decade, one driver lead the way in winning over fans. That driver was Dale Earnhardt, The Intimidator. Who could forget the number 3 Goodwrench Service Plus Chevrolet, possibly the most recognizable car in the world. Together, Dale and his Chevy won seven Winston Cup championships, tying him with Richard Petty for the record. And yet the DE makes no mention of his name.

I have to believe that if Michael Jordan were killed in a plane crash, or if Tiger Woods dies in a car accident, these stories would be plastered all over the sports page of the DE. Heroes need to be remembered. Their stories must be told. Dale Earnhardt was the Michael Jordan of auto racing. Few people on this campus would not recognize his name, and many are mourning his death. He was a hero to many, and an inspiration to NASCAR fans everywhere.

Thank you for the memories Dale. We'll miss you.

Kevin Sargent
junior, geology

Bost fights for students

DEAR EDITOR:

In today's society, where most students feel that the government is working against them, it is nice to see that someone is actually doing the opposite. That someone is Rep. Mike Bost. Bost is co-sponsoring a bill that will remove the state's sales tax on college textbooks. This not only will save students money, making college a little more affordable, but it gives them a sense of security knowing that someone is fighting for our wants and interests in Springfield. Keep up the good work, Bost!

Adam Plawer
junior, administration of justice

Bring back Argersinger

DEAR EDITOR:

It's no surprise that only 25 people came to the Thursday forum of the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee. How many of us truly believe, given SIUC's recent administrative history, that a talented new chancellor can be located, recruited, hired and given the freedom necessary to be an effective leader?

But here's something I would attend: a forum

called by A.D. VanMeter, where he would announce: "We, the SIU Board of Trustees, made an unconscionable decision in June 1999. We have sincerely apologized to Jo Ann Argersinger for firing her after less than a year, and we are immediately reinstating her as chancellor."

"We are humbled. We recognize that Dr. Argersinger has all those attributes that we want in a chancellor: credentials, experience, creativity, energy and the ability to enthuse and motivate students, faculty, unions, donors and the community."

"Furthermore, we trustees are sick of dealing with the Old Boys, their entrenchment, and their cronies. We know Dr. Argersinger will recruit their talented women and eventually have a gender sharing of power and responsibilities."

VanMeter shuffles a few papers. "As a bonus, Vice President Elaine Hyden has calculated that by reinstating Dr. Argersinger we'll save a zillion dollars, more or less, on yet another costly search."

VanMeter takes a deep breath. "And now, true to my convictions about how the University should be run, I hereby resign. Governor Ryan has promised to appoint someone who loves and understands higher education, has the charm to lobby persuasively for more funding, and is interested enough not to wait for an invitation to visit a classroom."

Laraine Wright
retired publications director, SIUC

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MTSU library named after Walker

SIU President James Walker sees improvements for Morris Library

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during his 10 years as president. "He was very much personally interested in achieving funding for the library," said Duane Stucky, the vice president for finance and administration at MTSU.

Because of the funding Walker was able to get from state appropriations for the building, the board unanimously voted to name the library the James E. Walker Library.

"I am very honored. It's something I didn't expect," Walker said. "I think they were amazed I was able to put together finances to fund the building of a new library," he said.

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JAMES WALKER
president, SIU

A new library at Middle Tennessee State University will be named after SIU President James Walker to honor his contributions to the university.

Walker initiated the building of the new 250,000-square foot library in Murfreesboro, Tenn., which opened in

January 1999. The university originally planned to make additions to the old library; but Walker had a different idea.

"He was primarily responsible for getting the new library on campus, so it's very appropriate that it be named after him," said Don Craig, dean of the library at MTSU.

The \$32.7 million library was named from suggestions taken by a building naming committee, consisting of 12 faculty, students and members of university support groups. The board members voted to name the library after Walker because of his leadership and the new visions he brought to MTSU

libraries at SIU by improving Morris Library. The state recently allocated \$1.9 million for renovation and expansion of Morris Library and Walker said he is working to receive more money for improvements.

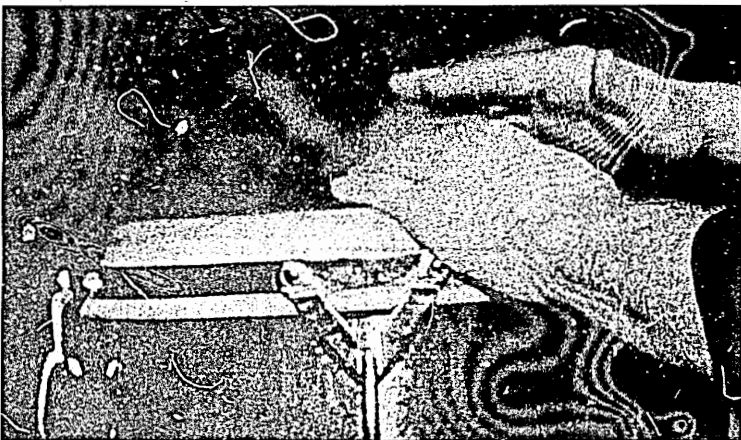
"I think we're in very good shape for Morris Library, but like anything else it will take a lot of work," Walker said.

A ceremony to officially name the MTSU building will take place in the fall.



MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Drumroll please: (Above) Students practice their stuff in the Student Center Friday at noon. The drumming demo was a warm up for Saturday's Celebration of African Drumming, Song, and Dance, sponsored by the School of Music; Multicultural Programs and Services. (Below) At the Student Center on Friday, the crowd was excited and the drummers and dancers could feel the excitement in the air as Paschell Younge and Zelma Badu wrapped up their week long residency at SIUC with the Celebration of African Drumming, Song, and Dance.



SENIOR DAY

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"It's like I've said all year, they need to get run over by a car to wake up," Saluki head coach Bruce Weber said. "If we win that game, I'm not sure we deserve it."

SIU had its chances, as sophomore Kent Williams missed a three-ball that would have tied the game with 35 seconds remaining. After the miss, however, SIU seemed confused on who to foul and allowed Evansville to run 22 seconds off the clock before fouling.

With only 13 seconds left, Evansville forward Kyle Runyan converted two free throws to put the game out of reach.

"They should know from the stats who we want to foul, even though the crowd's on them and they can't hear it," said Weber. "We let them run off way too much time in that stretch."

Evansville deserves credit for their gutsy play, just two days after being creamed by Indiana State 78-42 in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Purple Aces shot 60 percent from the field, including a 7-of-11 mark in the first half from beyond the arc. Guard Mark Allaria, who had hit just seven threes all season, knocked down three in the first half for his nine points in the game. Forward Craig Snow also hit three first-half threes, and finished with a team-high 17-point effort.

Along with Schradler's effort, Cross made a solid showing in his final performance at the SIU Arena, finishing with 14 points and nine rebounds in only 21 minutes of action because of foul trouble.

Sophomore Jermaine Dearman scored 15, while Williams was limited to 11 on just 2-of-10 shooting.

Evansville head

coach Jim Crews used the three-man rotation of Stanton, guard Adam Seitz and Runyan on Williams, and was especially pleased with how they contained the man who banked in the game-winning 35-footer that beat them in Evansville.

It also marked the first time Evansville has defeated SIU in six tries.

"We really worry about the wars instead of the battles, but Southern has always been a longtime rival, and it's good [to get the win]," Crews said.

Now SIU has to regroup for the regular-season finale at Indiana State tonight. Cross said they have to put Saturday's misfortunes behind them.

"Like my parents taught me, you can't just dwell on [one] game. You've got to go on with life, you've got to go on living," Cross said. "Smile, suck it up, do what you've got to do, but we have to go on living after [Saturday]."

Both Cross and Schradler played admirably in their final home showing, and Weber felt bad that the duo couldn't walk off the Arena floor winners. But they are not finished by any means, as tonight's contest and the MVC Tournament should provide ample opportunity to finish their collegiate careers on a positive note.

"[Abel] kept saying, 'I don't want to go out as a losing senior,'" Weber said. "I don't think he will."

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EVANSVILLE VS SIU					
	FG-CA	FT-FTA	REB	PTS	MIN
Joshua Cross	4-8	5-6	9	14	20
Abel Schradler	7-12	0-2	2	22	20
Sylvester Willis	2-2	1-1	2	5	5
Marcus Belcher	0-2	2-2	1	2	2
Kez Williams	2-10	7-8	1	11	11
Brandon Meigs	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Tyrese Bute	1-7	5-6	1	7	7
Jermaine Dearman	5-11	5-6	1	15	15
Toshay Harvey	0-2	0-2	4	0	0
SIU - 3-point field goals	8-21	(Cross 1, Belcher 0, Schradler 6, Dearman 0-1, Harvey 0-2)			
Williams 0-3, Bute 1-3					
Scoring:					
Evansville	45	34	79		
SIU	35	39	74		

Fraternity raises donation for charity

Alpha Tau Omega sponsored swim-a-thon for Make-A-Wish Foundation

STACEY ROBINSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

a charitable organization that grants wishes to terminally ill children.

Another member of Alpha Tau Omega, Mike McGrath, a freshman in physical therapy from Lisle, said that they chose the Make-A-Wish Foundation because of its impact and importance on children.

The men of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity are making wishes come true.

The fraternity sponsored its first-ever swim-a-thon to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The event took place Saturday at the Recreation Center, where several members of the fraternity swam 40 plus laps each for 30 minutes straight.

Kyle Zake, a junior in business administration from Hinsdale and president of Alpha Tau Omega, said the initial idea came from several members who thought it would be a fun and easy way to get people to donate to a charitable organization that helps children fulfill their wishes.

"It's exciting, these kids are actually getting their wishes granted," Zake said. "Who wouldn't want to help kids?"

The Make-A-Wish foundation is

Other members were content with the effort but wanted to reach further.

"We did decent, but imagine what it would have been like if we tried harder [and had more people]. It could be \$20,000 even," Zake said.

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It's exciting, these kids are actually getting their wishes granted.

KYLE ZAKE
president, Alpha Tau Omega

"It's an important foundation," McGrath said. "The kids need help and it seemed like a really good thing to do."

The fraternity made its money by persuading sponsors to agree to a flat rate or donate money per laps swam by the fraternity members. Total, they made \$5,000 in two hours. Many of the members believed the organization did well for its first swim-a-thon.

"I didn't think it would be a big turnout," McGrath said. "I knew it would work but not to the extent that it did."

Matthew Smith, a senior in hotel, restaurant and travel administration from Champaign, said they hope to continue sponsoring the swim-a-thon annually.

In total twenty-five of the 75 members of Alpha Tau Omega swam laps at the Recreation Center, while others contacted sponsors, counted laps and extended support.

"We will do it annually, maybe in the springtime since there aren't enough things going during the spring," Smith said. "This will get people motivated for the rest of the semester."

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1 BDRM, W/D, d/w, carport, \$525/mo + 1st. last mo & security dep, agent owned, 684-5399.

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STARTING FALL - AUGUST 2001

6-305, 306 W College, 106 S Forest, 3101 W Cherry, 324, 406 W Walnut

5 Bed: 505 S Ash, 501 S Hays, 321, 406, 802 W Walnut

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2 Bed: 305 W College 406, 324, 3241, W Walnut

1 Bed: 3101, W Cherry, 405 S Walnut, 1061 S Forest, 207 W Oak

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2 BDRM, LARGE living room & kitchen, 1315 S Wall, \$400/mo, avail Aug 15, no pets, 549-2401.

2, 3, 4 & 5 bdrm, w/d hookup, a/c, pets ok, extra security, avail Aug 1, call 983-8155.

3 BDRM, C/A, w/d, full basement, 1305 S Wall, \$750/mo, avail June 1, no pets, 549-2401.

3 BDRM, ON SIU bus route, c/a, \$600/mo, avail May 15, no pets, 549-2401.

3 BDRM, W/D, C/A, fireplace, garage, nice & quiet area, 1 mile S of town, no dogs, avail Aug, 549-0081.

3, 4, & 5 BDRM HOUSES, RENTING now for Fall, see Carbondale-housing.com, Call 457-7782 for apt

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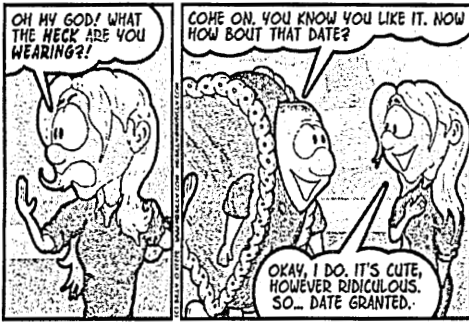
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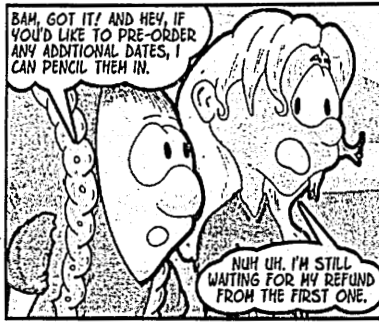
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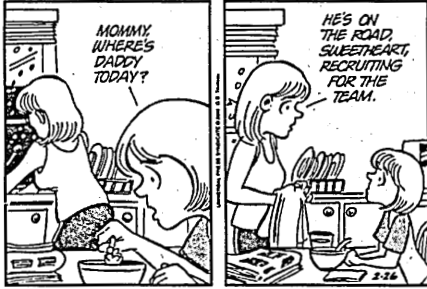


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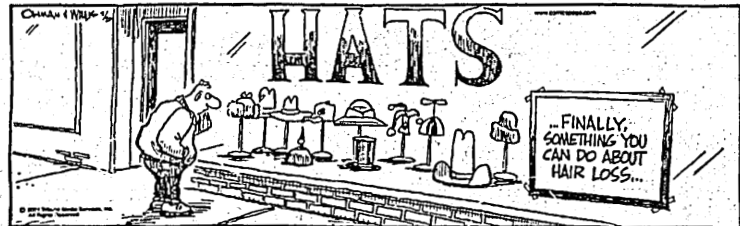
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Saluki women keep hope alive by the skin of their teeth

JAVIER SERNA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The odds were against the SIU women's basketball team. They needed to win at least one of their final two road games to keep postseason hope alive this weekend.

In a year in which they've won only five games and never won back-to-back games, the Salukis did pull off the victory they needed to keep a glimmer of tournament hope alive.

After falling to Indiana State University Thursday night, it was do-or-die Sunday afternoon at Redbird Arena. And the Salukis responded by handing the Redbirds a 58-47 loss, although it still looks all but impossible for SIU to slide into the eighth and final berth in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

The future looked grim Thursday night at the Hulman Center in Terre Haute, Ind., when Indiana State University (9-16, 6-10) handed SIU a 84-71 loss. The Salukis grabbed more rebounds, gave up fewer turnovers and had four players in double figures. But even so, the Sycamores were still too much.

Terica Hathaway led the Salukis with 18 points and nine rebounds. Angela Tolbert had 12 points, Geshla Woodard had 11 points and 10 rebounds and Kristine Abramowski scored 10 points.

SIU as a team shot 35.5 percent from the field while making 13-of-17 from the charity stripe. The Sycamores also had four players in double figures and led 33-28 at halftime. They went to the free throw line almost twice as many times as SIU, putting up a 23-of-33 performance.

Kiwani Battle led the Sycamores with 22 points. And with the postseason on the line, SIU came out ready to play on Sunday afternoon at Redbird Arena. The Salukis jumped to a 9-0 lead in the first four minutes of the

game and carried the lead well into the first half. But with five minutes left in the half, the Redbirds (5-19, 3-13) surged to inch within a point of the Salukis at the midway point with the score 24-23.

Molly McDowell started out the second half with a three-pointer but the Redbirds kept the game close, and a free throw by ISU's Kristi Larson tied the game with 8:05 left. The score see-sawed until Tiffany Crutcher hit two free-throws with 5:17 left at which point SIU took control. The Salukis went 7-for-8 from the free throw line in that span and stretched the lead to 11 for the win.

Four Salukis scored in double figures, including Holly Teague and McDowell, who both scored 11 and Crutcher and Danielle Lawary, who both had 10. Abramowski scored only two points, but dominated on the boards, grabbing 13 rebounds.

Nadia Peruch led the Redbirds with 18 points.

The win sets up a mess of possibilities for the three teams at the bottom of the MVC standings — Bradley University, Illinois State and SIU. If SIU ties with Bradley, the tie-breaker would go to the team with the more conference points this season because the teams split their two games. SIU leads in points right now with an average of 66.2 to Bradley's average of 62.9.

But Bradley can clinch by winning either of their two remaining home games versus Indiana State and Illinois State. Illinois State will have to win both of their two remaining games to beat-out SIU for the last spot after SIU won both contests.

What it comes down to is SIU beating the University of Evansville at SIU Arena on Saturday and a recipe of Illinois State and Bradley losses — a long shot, but possible. Elimination would mark the first time the Salukis have been dealt those cards since they joined the Missouri Valley Conference in the 1991-92 season.

SALUKI SPORTS NOTES

SIU baseball grabs two wins

The SIU baseball team enjoyed a successful weekend as they took two of three games in the Northwestern (La.) State Tournament to bring their record to 4-5.

SIU's 4-2 win Friday against Oral Roberts University brought their winning streak to three games. Picking up the win for the Salukis was Josh Latimer (2-0).

Saturday was a different story, as the Salukis fell to Northwestern (La.) State University 4-0. Taking the loss for SIU was Billy Hardin (0-3).

SIU's run finished Sunday with a 10-2 victory against Centenary College of Louisiana. The winning pitcher for SIU was freshman Bill Clayton (1-0), who earned his first-ever victory as a Saluki.

SIU softball returns from Troy Cox Invitational

After dropping its first three games against some top-notch competition at the Troy Cox Invitational in Las Cruces, N.M., the SIU softball team regrouped to win its final two games on Saturday and Sunday.

In their first game of the Invitational, the Salukis (3-4)

were defeated by No. 20 University of Oregon 4-1 on Friday. Taking the loss for SIU was senior pitcher Erin Stremster (1-1).

In their second game on Friday, SIU lost again, this time to Baylor University, 6-3. The losing pitcher for SIU was sophomore Katie Kloess.

Things didn't get better the next morning as the Salukis suffered their fourth straight loss of the year, this time to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi by a score of 4-2. Taking her second loss of the season was freshman Mary Jaszczak (0-2).

Saturday afternoon's game against New Mexico State finally got the Salukis back in the win column thanks to Stremster's third career no-hitter. SIU won an eight-inning game by a 1-0 score.

The Salukis closed out the Invitational with a 3-2 come-from-behind win against Iowa State University.

Iowa State committed three errors in the bottom of the seventh, giving SIU two runs for the dramatic win. Kloess picked up the win to improve to 2-1 on the year.

Stremster, and freshman Haley Viehhaus were named to the Troy Cox Invitational all-tournament team.

"Everyone gave their best," Beiter said. "This is a key meet and people were not giving up."

Latrice Gray won the high jump with a career best 5'7 3/4" jump.

"I plan on winning," said Gray. "So, I went into the competition thinking that I was going to win."

Other excellent performances were provided by Caryn Polquin, who threw the shot put 45', 10 1/2" for third place and the 4x400-meter relay team, which finished third (3:53.59).

SIU Associate Athletic Director Kathy Jones was on hand to help get out awards and praised SIU on its effort.

"I think some people stepped up and did what they needed to do to get the job done," Jones said. "We're real proud of them." Wright lauded his assistant coaches for their great efforts throughout the indoor season.

"Our assistant coaches have worked hard all year long," said Wright. "This is a team effort all around."

Sprinter Zwade Haynes said that putting behind all that was said about the team influenced them to try hard.

"Forget all of the statistics, forget all the times you have to overcome that and do your best," said Haynes. "We plan to do even better in the outdoor season."

the [MVC] Championship last year. I thought they would maybe be the team to beat when Creighton was struggling early."

Renn leads the Sycamores at 16.5 points per game, while Block is good for 14.4 a game and Menser is putting up 13 per contest, to go along with his impressive assist-to-turnover ratio.

The Sycamores have won just two games all February, and still have to be upset about the fashion in which they lost to SIU in Carbondale on Jan. 20 when sophomore forward Jemaine Deerman heaved in a three-pointer as time expired for the Salukis win.

"They're going to get us, because we got them here, so they're going to be looking for us," Cross said. "We've got to be on our game on Monday."

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE RECAPS

Creighton 78, Drake 70

Creighton University's 78-70 come-from-behind win against Drake University Saturday night in Des Moines, Iowa, gave the Bluejays their first regular-season Missouri Valley Conference Championship since 1991.

Creighton (22-6, 13-4) utilized a 16-1 run in the closing minutes of the game to seal the win after being down by as many as eight points in the second half to the Bulldogs (12-14, 8-9).

Terrell Taylor and Ben Walker led the Bluejays with 18 points each, while Luke McDonald and Greg Danielson scored 15 each for Drake.

McDonald connected on three 3-pointers, giving him 78 for the season, passing the previous freshman record in the MVC, 75, set by former Tulsa guard Shea Seals.

Creighton closes out the regular season at home tonight against Southwest Missouri State University. The Bluejays haven't lost at home all year. Drake travels to Peoria to finish its regular season against second-place Bradley University tonight.

Illinois State 69, Northern Iowa 66

Illinois State University won a 69-66 road decision at the University of Northern Iowa Saturday to move back into a tie for second place in the Valley with Bradley.

Tarise Bryson led the Redbirds (19-7, 11-6) with 20 points and Shawn Jeppson scored 16 to overcome Panther guard Martin Coon's 22-point effort.

Northern Iowa (6-21, 3-13) drops into last-place in the MVC following Wichita State University's win on Saturday.

Illinois State closes out the regular season against Wichita State tonight in Normal, while Northern Iowa goes to the University of Evansville tonight.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS	CONFERENCE GAMES			ALL GAMES		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Creighton	12	4	.755	22	6	.780
Illinois State	11	6	.643	19	7	.731
Bradley	11	6	.547	16	10	.615
Indiana State	10	7	.588	18	10	.643
Southern Illinois	9	8	.529	15	12	.556
Evansville	8	9	.471	13	15	.464
Drake	8	9	.471	12	14	.462
Southwest Mo. State	8	9	.471	12	14	.462
Wichita State	4	13	.235	9	17	.346
Northern Iowa	3	14	.176	6	21	.214

Indiana State 64, Southwest Missouri State 69

Southwest Missouri State's 69-64 win against

Indiana State University in Springfield, Mo., Saturday night knocked SMS head coach Barry Hinson out cold — literally.

When one of Hinson's players was celebrating the win in the latter moments of the ballgame, his elbow accidentally struck Hinson in the temple, knocking him unconscious. The game was stopped momentarily and once Hinson regained consciousness, he watched the remainder of the game from the bench.

SMS (12-14, 8-9) forward Mike Wallace scored 12 points and grabbed a game-high 18 rebounds, while Kelyn Block led Indiana State (18-10, 10-7) with 22 points.

Indiana State plays host to SIU tonight, while SMS travels to regular-season MVC champion Creighton tonight.

Bradley 55, Wichita State 69

Wichita State moved out of last place in the MVC with its 69-55 win against second-place Bradley Saturday in Wichita, Kan.

OJ Robison scored 15 points and recorded 10 rebounds, while Terrell Bennett added 14 points for the Shockers (9-17, 4-13), who move one game ahead of Northern Iowa with the win.

Bradley, which endured an eight-minute scoring drought in the second half, shot just 30 percent. Jerome Robinson led Bradley (16-10, 11-6) with 19 points. With the loss, Bradley falls into a tie for second in the MVC with Illinois State.

The Braves close out the regular season tonight with Drake coming to Carver Arena, while Wichita State battles Illinois State in Normal tonight.

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Hill placed second in the high jump with a 6 foot, 9 3/4 inch jump that niled up the crowd, Harrell tied for third with a career-best 15 foot pole vault and the 4x400-meter relay team finished third with the time of three minutes and 24.59 seconds. On the women's side, Indiana State won with 119 points, finishing above Illinois State (91) and pre-meet favorite Southwest Missouri State (90). SIU finished fourth with 81 points, above Wichita State (71), Northern Iowa (38), Drake (6) and Bradley (0).

"I'm disappointed only in the respect that our team didn't finish higher, but in respect to the way they participated, the way they fought the battle, I can't say enough about that," said women's head coach Don DeNoon.

Freshman Noa Beiter continued to impress, becoming a conference champion by winning the mile with a personal best 4:52.84 time (3rd on the SIU all-time list) and contributed to the distance medley relay, which ran a school record time of 11:44.48.

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season finale with a struggling Indiana State ballclub. After an 8-2 start to the Valley season, which was good for first place, the Sycamores have dropped five of their past seven games, and fallen to fourth place. This has surprised most Valley followers because the Sycamores are a veteran ballclub.

Led by seniors Michael Menser and Matt Renn, along with the steady play of juniors Kelyn Block and Djibril Kante, Indiana State looked as if it was going to run away with the MVC crown at one point.

"Indiana State's been a little bit of a question mark, like Evansville, maybe like us," Weber said. "Indiana State won

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Abel Schrader never envisioned it would end like this.

The individual performance was there, but he would have traded it in a heartbeat for a "W."

Despite a career-high 20-point showing, stemming from a 6-of-10 mark from downtown, Schrader finished his career at home on the losing side of a 79-74 University of Evansville triumph Saturday on Senior Night at the SIU Arena.

It marked the last home game for Schrader and fellow senior forward Josh Cross, and also put SIU's seeding for the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in limbo.

SIU could have secured a No. 5 seed with the win, and would have actually been tied with fourth-place Indiana State University, but unfortunately for Schrader and the Salukis, it didn't happen that way.

"Every time I score a lot of points we end up losing, so I'd just rather score two or three and

win, but it didn't happen like that," said Schrader, who will return next season as a student-assistant for the Saluki coaching staff.

Schrader connected on four of his five second half three-point field goals in the opening six and a half minutes of the second half to swing a 45-35 halftime deficit into a deadlock at 54.

But Evansville (13-15, 9-8) answered, as it did all night, with a 7-0 run to push the lead back in its favor.

The Salukis (15-13, 9-8) battled into the closing minutes and actually took a one-point lead on Schrader's last three-pointer with just more than two minutes remaining. But a Chuck Hedde hook-shot and Jeremy Stanton jumper on the ensuing possessions gave Evansville control of the game again.

Saturday's outcome was nothing new for SIU. Inconsistent play and an inability to finish teams off were a problem weeks ago, and going into the final week of the regular season, it's the same old dilemma.

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Salukis battle Sycamores with MVC seeding on the line

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Here's the scenario: If SIU wins at Indiana State University tonight, they are the No. 4 seed — no questions asked, no scoreboard watching, no uncertainty.

However, should the Salukis lose, there are three other possibilities for their seeding at the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in St. Louis this weekend, pending the outcome of three other MVC contests tonight.

SIU (15-13, 9-8) is currently in fifth place, one game ahead of the University of Evansville, Southwest Missouri State University and Drake University. SIU only owns a tie-breaker with Drake, though, so the Salukis need regular-season MVC champion Creighton University to beat Southwest

Missouri, which is not too much of a stretch, considering Creighton has not lost a home game all season.

Here's the tricky part, though. The Salukis could use last-place Northern Iowa to upset Evansville in Evansville, Ind., tonight. If Evansville wins and SIU loses, Evansville will be granted the fifth seed, while SIU would take the sixth spot.

Should Evansville win, SMS somehow upset Creighton and SIU lose, the Salukis would drop to the seventh seed, and have to play a Friday night play-in game.

All of this speculation can be crumpled up and tossed in the trash though if SIU takes care of business at Indiana State (18-10, 10-7) tonight at 6:05 in the Hulman Center in Terre Haute, Ind.

Saluki senior forward Josh Cross is not concerned about the threat of a Friday night play-in game, although he would prefer to start MVC play



JUSTIN JONES - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior forward Abel Schrader fights for a rebound against Evansville's Kyle Runyan during Saturday's 79-74 loss at the SIU Arena. Schrader posted a career-high 20 points during his last home game in a Saluki jersey, including a late three-pointer that gave SIU a brief one-point lead.

on Saturday.

"We're not worried, and I can say that with all honesty because no matter where we are, we can play on Friday or Saturday, but we have to play up to our ability and do what we need to do to win the game," Cross said.

Cross' coach doesn't share his same mode of thought.

"You can't win the tournament if you have to

play on Friday, I think it's physically impossible," said SIU head coach Bruce Weber. "I know Saint Louis [University] did it last year in the [Conference] USA, but I think the odds are a lot against you."

But the first order of business is tonight's regular

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Saluki men overcome last-place prediction, finish fourth

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Picked to finish dead-last in the pre-championship poll, the SIU men's track and field team utilized key performances from shot-putter David Readle, vaulter Dan Harrell and runner Ryan Hauser to secure fourth place at the biggest indoor meet of the season.

While the cold rain fell outside the Recreation Center, blazing action heated it up inside, as SIU played host to the Missouri Valley Conference Track and Field Indoor Championships this weekend.

Both the men's and women's track and field teams finished in fourth place, exceeding their predicted finish in a pre-championship poll, as the men placed above Wichita State University, Southwest Missouri State University and Drake University.

"These guys have wowed me out all year round and under-achieved all year long, but [Friday] and [Saturday] we did what we were capable of doing," said men's head coach Cameron Wright. "They competed like warriors. I'm pleased with this fourth-place finish."

The men used motivation from the coach's poll that predicted them to finish last.

"I took it personally, my assistant coaches took it personally and our

team took it personally," Wright said.

Northern Iowa took first place with 130 points, above Indiana State's 94 points. Tempers arose between the two squads toward the end of Saturday's events, when athletes from both teams had to be separated after a minor scuffle. Illinois State achieved third place with 88 points above the Salukis, who finished with 57 points. Wichita State (43), Southwest Missouri State (42) and Drake (36) rounded out the men's field.

Readle won the shot put with a career-best 58 foot, 1/2 inch toss. Joe

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