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# Weber: 'I took the job'

## Saluki coach leaves for U of I

Michael Brenner  
 Daily Egyptian

Bruce Weber said Tuesday night that he will accept the job as head coach at the University of Illinois.

Weber's confirmation ends about a week and a half of speculation that he was among several top contenders for the position.

"I took the job," Weber said from his front doorstep at about 11 p.m.

Weber will travel to Champaign today to

officially accept the position.

"I've got to get up and leave at 5:30 in the morning," he said.

Illinois will have a press conference some time today to announce the hiring of Weber.

Weber may also have a press conference Friday at SIU, sources said.

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk could not be reached and neither could the players.

Weber was seen leaving the SIU Arena about 9 p.m. and sources confirmed he just had a meeting with the team to let them know of his intentions.

He also made calls to recruits. While the current players couldn't be reached, the recruits expressed their disappointment in the news Weber was leaving Carbondale.



Weber

"I don't know what to say. I am shocked," said recruit Randal Walker. "I have mixed emotions. I am happy for him, but I am sort of mad. I don't really have anger because I know what he is doing. I can't blame him for taking that sort of raise."

Recruit Jamal

Tatum said he was contacted by Weber late Tuesday night. Weber told Tatum, among other things, that he is rooting for assistant coach Matt Painter to take over the job at SIU.

"I said good luck and told him he'd do good," Tatum said. "I am going to rethink my letter of intent. I am going to have to wait to see who the new coach will be. He said Painter might take over. He is trying to pull for him. "I never really expected this."

As recent as two days ago, Weber was considered to no longer be a candidate for the position as favor seemed to sway toward Creighton head coach Dana Altman.

Painter met with Kowalczyk at the Arena very late Tuesday night.

Reporters Zack Gregorio, Brian Peach, Steve Jabnke & Molly Parker contributed to this story.

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DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Shortly after being struck by a car while riding through the intersection of Lincoln Drive and Chautauqua St., Christopher M. Hathfield, 37 of Carbondale, uses his cell phone to alert someone of the accident which occurred Tuesday afternoon. Hathfield was taken to Carbondale Memorial Hospital and later released after treatment of minor injuries. The SIU Police Department is currently investigating the incident.

## Biker, car collide on campus

Brian Peach  
 Daily Egyptian

Police have to work with conflicting stories in their investigation of an on-campus car and bicycle accident that occurred shortly after 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Two witnesses on the scene gave almost exact statements to the police of what allegedly happened during the incident, and their accounts matched that of Jatuphol Charoontoy, a graduate student in business administration and the driver of the gray Toyota Camry involved in the accident.

The cyclist, who police identified as SIU student Christopher Hathfield, 37, was wearing a helmet and was taken to the hospital for examination. He had some clear cuts and bruises, and SIU Police Sgt. Harold Tucker said he was released after being treated for minor injuries.

"He wasn't in bad shape," Tucker said. "He did tell us he was a little sore though."

Witnesses reported to police that

after colliding with the back right side of the Camry at the intersection of Lincoln Drive and Chautauqua Street by the north end of the Communications Building, Hathfield got up, ran over to the car, grabbed Charoontoy while he was still in the vehicle and threatened him before walking back to his bicycle.

A small dent on the right side of the Camry matched the witnesses' descriptions.

Once at his bicycle, which was about 60 feet from where Charoontoy pulled his car over to the curb, Hathfield sat down while talking on his cell phone.

He did not move from the spot until the ambulance arrived and took him away, but he removed one of his shoes.

After the accident, police were walking back and forth between the cyclist and witnesses trying to clarify both sides' stories.

Police asked the witnesses if they were "absolutely sure" Hathfield was riding south and not north.

Tucker said the police will release

more information after their investigation is complete.

Patricia Davis, a sophomore in radiology from St. Louis, was standing by her car about 50 feet from the accident.

She gave her statement to the police, but was not asked to go with them to the station because another witness with an identical account went instead.

"You're supposed to walk your bike through the crosswalks," Davis said, referring to all the signs posted at crosswalks throughout campus.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler had the signs put up in Spring 2002 after a number of accidents involving pedestrians and automobiles occurred on campus, including one in Fall 2001 that took the life of SIUC student Anne Coleman.

Reporter Burke Wasson contributed to this story.

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## SIUC Athletics receives \$4.5 million donation from alumnus

### Wittmann gives record-setting donation

Michael Brenner  
 Daily Egyptian

He did not want to be noticed and sat shyly with his hands together in his lap as an A-list of SIUC administrators lavished him with praise.

Thomas P. "Pete" Wittmann, a former SIU football player and an early investor in EXCEL Communications, tried to keep a low profile while visiting Carbondale Tuesday — but there's something about a \$4.5 million donation that tends to attract attention.

Wittmann was surrounded by nearly every coach and administrator in the Athletic Department, along with the Chancellor Walter Wendler, at Tuesday's press conference announcing Wittmann's record-setting \$4.5 million donation to the Athletic Department.

The donation exceeded the school's previous record donation by \$1.5 million.

"I kind of wanted to keep this a little low key but..." Wittmann said, looking at more than 100 people around him in the conference room on the fourth floor of the Student Center, including about 20 SIUC football players.

Wittmann's donation will help fund the Trout-Wittmann Athletic and Training Center, which is scheduled to begin construction in 2004.

Trout is Wittmann's best friend and was his first roommate at SIU, and the modest

Wittmann insisted he be given second-billing on the naming rights.

The center will be built into the north end of the SIU Arena and will house a weight room three times the size of the current one on the first floor, and an academic center for student-athletes on the second.

It will be constructed where the old weight room, a few coaches' offices and the SIU media services offices now stand.

SIU quarterback Joel Sambursky, who attended the press conference, was a little lost for words when trying to express his appreciation for what the Athletic Department said will be a top-notch facility.



Gus Bode



Gus says:

Why don't we give the \$4.5 million to Weber to keep him here.

"It's huge," Sambursky said. "My high school weight room was much bigger than the weight room here."

"What's going on right now, it's just huge."

The rest of Wittmann's donation, estimated to be one to one-and-a-half million after construction of the center, will go toward general expenses of the Athletic Department such as scholarships.

"This is a very exciting day, not only for the athletics program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, but for the entire University," said SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk, though he cautioned that this one gift would not wipe out the Athletic Department's debt or instantly solve all its financial problems.

Wittmann said he wanted to help the University through the Athletic Department because nothing gets more exposure for a university than athletics.

But he also had other motives for giving the money to SIU athletics

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush pushes \$15 billion global AIDS initiative

WASHINGTON — President Bush asked Congress Tuesday to quickly pass a \$15 billion initiative to combat AIDS in the Caribbean and Africa, saying swift action is needed against a disease that is "leaving graves and orphans across a continent."

Bush spoke as lawmakers dug into the divisive details of a bill whose broad goals enjoy widespread support. Congress is likely to vote next month on an AIDS bill, but has run into disputes over sexual abstinence language.

The president said little about those disagreements Tuesday, instead pointing to the sweeping goals of the bill. His initiative would prevent 7 million new HIV infections and treat at least 2 million people in the next decade, Bush said, according to the Associated Press. He hoped to sign the legislation by Memorial Day.

Since he proposed the fund in January, Bush said, an estimated 760,000 people have died of AIDS and 1.2 million have been infected with HIV, he said.

A House committee passed legislation earlier this month that closely reflects what Bush wants. That bill, by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., would set aside \$15 billion over

five years to expand AIDS treatment worldwide through low-cost drugs.

Boy found in Illinois could be missing N. Carolina boy

EVANSTON, Ill. — Almost three months after a dirty, bedraggled boy showed up at a suburban hospital, authorities say he may be a child who disappeared in North Carolina more than two years ago.

Relatives of Tristen "Buddy" Myers are optimistic that authorities have found the boy, who was 4 when they last saw him in October 2000.

"It sure looks like him," the boy's great-aunt, Donna Myers, said Tuesday. "The picture they sent up from Chicago matched up with Tristen's and everything looked alike."

It is expected to take four to six weeks for DNA tests to confirm whether a boy who says his name is Eli Quick is actually Tristen, who would be 6 now.

"I think it's him," Tristen's mother, Raven Myers, told WVVD-TV in Durham, N.C. "Just looking at the facial features; they say he's got a lip, I've got a lip. It's just weird."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Libya admits 'civil responsibility' for Pan Am bombing

TRIPOLI, Libya — Libya is willing to pay close to \$3 billion to the families of victims of Pan Am Flight 103 after accepting "civil responsibility" for the 1988 explosion over Lockerbie, Scotland, the foreign minister said Tuesday.

The payout was agreed to during negotiations last month between lawyers representing the families and Libya, and is conditional on the lifting of sanctions, Foreign Minister Abdel-Rahman Shalgam told The Associated Press.

The family of each of the 270 victims will receive \$10 million in three installments, he said.

After a first payment of \$4 million, U.N. sanctions

on Libya would be lifted, and after a second \$4 million payment, U.S. sanctions would go, he said. After the final installment, Washington would have to remove Libya from its list of states sponsoring terrorism, Shalgam said in a telephone interview.

In London, the British foreign office said it had received no confirmation from Libya about a final agreement on paying the Lockerbie victims. There was no immediate comment from Washington.

But the figures match those lawyers for the families said Libya had agreed to pay in March, after the last meeting with British, U.S. and Libyan officials. Relatives of victims said then they were told by a State Department official that an agreement was near on Libyan acknowledgment of responsibility.

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High 79 Low 52	Thursday Rain Showers 78/56	Average high: 65
	Friday Partly Cloudy 72/43	Average low: 42
	Saturday Partly Cloudy 65/45	Tuesday's prep: 0"
Partly cloudy most of the day. Highs in the upper 70s, low 80s. Winds at 24 mph.	Sunday Partly Cloudy 68/55	Tuesday's hi/low: 78/52
	Monday Thunderstorms 72/56	

POLICE REPORTS

- University**
- A basketball, clothing and cash were reported stolen between 1 and 4:58 p.m. Monday at the Recreation Center. Police have no suspects and the loss is estimated at \$185.
- CDs, and a cellular phone charger were reported stolen between 11:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Monday from a vehicle in the overnight parking lot east of University Park. Police have no suspects.

CALENDAR

- Today**
- SIU Skydiving Club membership meeting Student Center, Salfine Room 6 p.m.
- Upcoming Events**
- French Table Cafe Melange 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Friday

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• In Tuesday's issue of the the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the front page story "Islamic Center defaced," read that Hindi is the language generally related with those who practice Hinduism. In clarification, Hindi is not necessarily the spoken language of all who practice Hinduism and not everyone who speaks Hindi practices Hinduism.

• In Friday's issue of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the page 1B article, "A day in the life of the Viehhausen," the caption reading that the teacher was nearly 15 minutes late was incorrect.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets these errors.

Readers who spot an error should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

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For further information regarding the off-campus insurance coverage, please refer to the "2002-2003" Extended Medical Benefit Plan" brochure or visit the SHP web page at [www.siu.edu/~shp](http://www.siu.edu/~shp). For information regarding the Optional Primary Care Plan, contact the Student Medical Benefit Office. The Student Medical Benefit Office is located in Room 118, Kessner Hall and can be reached by phone at 453-4413.

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# Mistrial declared at student's murder trial

## Defense to motion for change of venue

Greg Cima  
Daily Egyptian

A mistrial was declared Monday in the murder trial of a former student after a Jackson County jury was deadlocked just after 10 p.m.

Judge E. Dan Kimmel declared a mistrial in the case of Taffia Cunningham, 25, who still faces charges of murder, armed violence and home invasion in connection with an alleged armed robbery attempt that led to her brother's death.

Cunningham's brother Tyree was shot and killed by Prentice Washington upon entering Washington's Murphysboro home while armed with a shotgun. Cunningham allegedly planned the robbery with Jalmeria Singletary, also a former student, Tyree, Karen Smith, and Donald Druid.

The jury went into deliberations at 12:47 p.m. and returned with a guilty verdict at about 6:30 p.m. The jury was sent back into deliberations after they were polled and one juror said she felt pressured to reach a guilty verdict. The 11 other members of the jury agreed with guilty verdicts on all three counts.

The dissenting juror, an adjunct professor at SIUC, said she was exhausted by the trial process and did not want to talk about her decision Tuesday.

Kimmel was given a note indicating the jury was deadlocked just before 9 p.m. and a second

just after 10 p.m. that indicated they could not reach a unanimous verdict. A new trial date has not been set.

Dave Condon, a fellow juror and doctoral student in higher education and administration at SIUC, said he was not surprised by the woman's statement, but said he felt she made her decision based on emotion instead of the law.

"If we were going by the law, she should have been found guilty," Condon said.

Condon said police testimony that there was no record of Cunningham's claim she called 911 for help for her brother in any local 911 logs was especially convincing.

"From that point on, you couldn't believe her testimony, period," Condon said.

Condon said the deliberation room was silent for 15 to 20 minutes after the woman said she felt pressured, but it became heated after that.

"People were tired, they were frustrated," Condon said. "All 14 of us had put our lives on hold six days, including the weekend."

Condon said he was not able to go to classes last week or complete office hours for his assistantship, and has to make up a final exam and push another one back.

Defense attorney Paul Christenson said he intends to change the focus of his case before the next trial. He said he also has some new ideas based on witnesses' testimony.

"We need to advance the lack of participation of my client in the whole thing," Christenson said. "We didn't really use that as an offensive idea, but you know, truthfully, lack of her participation, minimal involvement and her attempt to stop it will be the thrust of the

next trial."

Christenson declined comment on whether he would make changes to the state's case.

Christenson said he is filing for a change of venue because he said Wepsiec contaminated the jury pool by announcing the 11 to 1 decision in a TV appearance.

"He's gone on public television and suggested that he should have won except for the stupidity of the one hold-out juror, and that doesn't sit well with me," Christenson said. "I'm going to be moving for a change in venue on the basis that no jury pool could be prejudiced in this county after his television statements."

Wepsiec said he has been involved with other trials that have had hung juries and was able to find 12 people who had not heard about the case.

"[Christenson] and I were involved in another case that had the longest jury in recent memory, 23 hours," Wepsiec said. "It was an 11 to 1-type of verdict as well, and we were able to find 12 people in Jackson County who hadn't heard about the case. I don't anticipate any problems."

Christenson said a conviction for Cunningham would be followed by an appeal based on what he called "tremendous prosecutorial discretion" by Wepsiec and police.

"My client, who is least guilty, got the worst charges," Christenson said. "And they let a bunch of real criminal thugs involved in the cocaine business and concealing the body, they just let them off."

Wepsiec only said "good luck" if Christenson wants to raise that issue.

Christenson said Cunningham was on her way back to North Carolina Tuesday.

In exchange for his testimony, Donald Druid, her alleged co-conspirator, was sentenced to six years in prison for home invasion with a firearm. Karen Smith has also negotiated a plea agreement for 30 months probation for burglary and has been allowed to return to North Carolina in exchange for her testimony.

Tolulope Adegboro, a former student convicted of dumping Tyree's body, has been convicted of concealment of a homicidal death and obstruction of justice in connection with Tyree's death and was given 30 days in jail and 30 months probation in exchange for his testimony. Stanley McCullum, also a former student who was convicted of helping conceal the body, pleaded guilty to concealment of a homicidal death and was given 2 1/2 years probation and 100 hours of community service in exchange for his testimony.

Blair Tibbs, who was allegedly cut out of the robbery by Singletary and Cunningham, is serving an unrelated four-year prison sentence for residential burglary and a 168-month sentence for the distribution of crack cocaine. Singletary pleaded guilty to unrelated charges of conspiracy to distribute narcotics Monday and is awaiting sentencing. She faces between five and 40 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$2 million, and up to four years supervised release. She is still charged with murder, armed violence and home invasion while armed with a firearm. Washington also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and is awaiting sentencing.

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# SIUC budget cuts to be discussed Friday

## Meeting open to community

Ben Botkin  
Daily Egyptian

Illinois lawmakers will make a stop Friday at SIUC, where they want to answer questions and hear from community members about the uncertainties resulting from proposed cuts to state funding.



Luetchefeld

Sen. David Luetchefeld, R-Okaville, said the meeting is aimed at learning about how budget reductions will affect the University. The event will take place at 11 a.m. Friday in the Fourth Floor Video Lounge of the Student Center.

The Senate Republican Higher Education Task Force, on which Luetchefeld serves,

has been meeting with universities statewide about Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposed cuts to higher education. Other members of the task force should be at the event as well, Luetchefeld said.

SIUC received a 2.7 percent cut in funding for the remainder of this fiscal year, and Blagojevich has proposed cuts of 8.2 percent for FY '04. The recent 2.7 percent cut reduced SIUC's budget by \$4.4 million. If the 8.2 percent cut is implemented next year, the SIUC system would be hit with a reduction of \$19.3 million.

Because Blagojevich has stressed the importance of not sacrificing the educational quality, Luetchefeld said it's important to hear feedback from the SIUC community.

"We hope to kind of find out from the different groups of the University how this will affect students," he said.

Students, administrators, faculty and other employees are invited to attend the event with questions and comments. Luetchefeld said the meeting is geared toward those from both the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said he is pleased with the efforts to discuss the budget situation.

"I really do think people understand what a pinch we're in," he said Tuesday.

Wendler said he will attend the meeting, where he expects to both answer and ask questions.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said he will try to attend the meeting and if he can't make it, he'll get information about the feedback and comments. He said it's a top priority to fight for all the funding he can garner for the University.

"We're going to try to work with SIU and get what we can," he said.

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Sen. David Luetchefeld, R-Okaville, will have an open meeting about the effect of budget cuts at 11 a.m. Friday in the fourth floor video lounge of the Student Center.

## NEWS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE

### Spring Yard Sale Friday

There will be a Spring Yard Sale from noon to 6 p.m. Friday at 1003 S. Oakland Ave. It is an annual fund-raiser for the Southern Illinois Radio Information Service, WSIU's non-profit reading service for the blind, visually-impaired and print disabled. To donate items or for more information, call 453-4354.

### Choral Union to perform Thursday

The SIUC Choral Union and Orchestra will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Shryock Auditorium. Cost is \$3 for the general public and \$2 for students, children and senior citizens. To charge by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express, call 453-ARTIS from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

### WILCO to play at Spring Thing Friday

Spring Thing 2003 is scheduled for 2 to 6 p.m. at the SIUC Arena Parking Lot 16. The free outdoor concert features WILCO. Gates open at 2 p.m. and the concert starts at 3 p.m. The concert may not be suitable for all audiences. Safety rules include: no alcohol, no pets, no glass, no cans, no tailgating and no coolers.

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# Local grade school fights for survival

## De Soto speaks out about bill to change consolidation criteria

Sara Hooker  
Daily Egyptian

Pastel Mexican paper cuttings flutter on the long, long corridor, and the mighty Ranger emblem is proudly displayed throughout the school.

A group of pre-kindergartners stand in a line in the gymnasium listening to Buster the Bus teach them bus etiquette while repeating his instructions.

Two teachers watch over them, smiling as they diligently mimic his words.

A superintendent peeks his head through the double doors of the gym entrance and chuckles at their delight in learning.

But a bill currently under review in the Illinois Senate could close the doors of De Soto Consolidated Elementary School District 86 and send nearly 300 children by a life-size school bus 10 miles one way to Carbondale schools.

The De Soto School Board recently unanimously passed a resolution declaring its opposition to Amendment 2 of Senate Bill 0368, which would require mandatory consolidation of any elementary school within its high school district upon a majority vote.

Amendment 2 is completely different from the first amendment that would allow any school district that did not wish to participate in consolidation to remain a separate school district and still feed into the high school. Currently, if school consolidation is proposed and one school votes it down then the proposal is killed.

De Soto is one of four feeder schools, along with Giant City Consolidated School Dist. 130, Unity Point Community Consolidated School Dist. 140 and Carbondale Elementary School Dist. 95, which send their children to Carbondale Community High School Dist. 165.

Robert Koehn, superintendent of the De Soto Grade School, does not approve of such legislation because he said it takes control from the local people and said legislators are not looking at the best interest of the students.

As Amendment 2 outlines, voters in each of the school districts involved would vote on the consolidation with a majority victory. Koehn said even if the De Soto district voted 100 percent no, the other districts' voters could still override it.

### Money over education?

"I think the perception is that unit districts are more efficient money-wise," Koehn said. "And to me right now, I feel that has a higher priority of importance than necessarily what's best academically."

Koehn equated consolidation to a decision he had to make recently. He had 29 students enrolled in one kindergarten course with one teacher. He could split the class and spend the extra money on another teacher, which would benefit the children's education or he

could try to save a few dollars and keep them as one class.

"If you make the wrong decision those kids will live with that wrong decision, it will negatively impact them for a number of years at that's a fact," Koehn said.

Only with consolidation it's not 29 kids, it's about 2,700, Koehn said. He decided to split the class.

"It's rarely, if ever, just money. And if it is just money, you better become very suspicious about your solution because it shouldn't be just money — not in education," Koehn said.

Lee Milner, State Board of Education spokesman, said the students' interest should always be first and foremost in consolidation.

"Certainly one of the reasons schools have consolidated in the past is to save money," Milner said. "Although in many instances money has been the motivation, the bottom line should be what is best for the students."

Sue Smith, a De Soto resident for 25 years and De Soto teacher for nine, said the impact of the children should be the main factor when determining a consolidation.

"If it's all dollars and cents then there is another side to look at and that other side is how can we best educate these boys and girls," Smith said.

Bill Rogers, superintendent of Giant City Consolidated School District 130, said Giant City is definitely not interested in consolidation and that the board is currently looking into adopting a resolution similar to De Soto.

"I think we're doing an excellent job right now educating children," Rogers said. "There are situations that consolidation does streamline and save money. If you look at what Giant City is doing, I don't think it would be cost-saving to anyone."

### The cost of consolidation

The first step in consolidation would be electing a new school board, which would then hire a superintendent to oversee the new district. The board would be in charge of making major decisions such as closing a school or reorganizing its grade make-up.

Koehn said among other things he is concerned about the initial cost of consolidation.

"There are some inefficiencies. Costs are going to outweigh the savings initially," Koehn said. "Without the state incentives I think at the beginning it would be a pretty expensive decision."

In his budget address in early April, Gov. Rod Blagojevich noted consolidation incentives in his effort to hoist the state out of a \$5 billion deficit. The incentives were designed to eliminate debt and pay teachers equal wages as that of their new co-workers after a consolidation.

During Koehn's six years as superintendent about \$3 million has gone into school renovations and the construction of a new gymnasium. He said Carbondale elementary schools have about 1,400 students and the other feeder districts have about 1,300, but said what do you do with 2,700 students if they decide to consolidate to one location?

"Building a new building costs money,"

Koehn said. "Do you just walk away from the money invested in the [De Soto] building?"

Milner said a new tax rate would also have to be determined in a consolidation. He said a committee would have to take a look at what tax rate would be needed to support the system, whether it be higher or lower than the current tax rate, and then it would be part of the vote to consolidate.

"I think a consolidation, at least in the short run, would cause an increased expense," Koehn said.

Koehn said if the school was in academic and financial trouble then there would be a more justified reason for consolidation.

"We're on reasonably solid ground," Koehn said. "If it's not broke why fix or change it?"

### Benefits of consolidation

Financial difficulties were the reason Glendale Community Consolidate School Dist. 160 annexed into the Carbondale Elementary system in 1987, according to former Glendale Superintendent John Williams.

Glendale, a K-8 school composed of children residing north of the industrial park to the southern De Soto district line, east to Williamson county and west to Southern Illinois Airport, was located at the current SIU Head Start Building on north U.S. 51.

The process of annexation differs from consolidation in that if it is approved by both the school board and the Regional Board of Education then a majority vote by the community is not necessary.

Williams, who is currently the financial assistant superintendent of Carbondale Elementary Schools, said in Glendale's situation annexation benefited everyone involved.

"That particular experience was very positive. It was a win-win situation as far as Carbondale and Glendale were concerned," Williams said.

He said Glendale, a smaller school of about 120 students, was unable to provide programs competitive, especially at the junior high level, to the larger Carbondale program. And he said Carbondale was looking to increase enrollment.

The students were split up and sent to two different schools, a change Williams said resulted in a relatively smooth transition.

"I think the kids did very well with it. I think it may have been easier on the students than the adults sometimes," Williams said.

The transition was made even smoother by the state consolidation incentives offered at the time. At the time, Glendale's budget balanced while Carbondale was about half a million in the hole. Williams said annexation and subsequent incentives eliminated the debt. It also covered the difference Glendale teachers, who were all assimilated into the Carbondale schools, to receive the same increased pay as the other teachers for three years.

Williams said in the long term, annexation or consolidation can lead to cost savings by primarily eliminating duplication of services, but the initial costs can be considerable.

### Losing a community sense of pride

Koehn said a school serves as more than just an institution of learning in many small



LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN  
Robert Koehn, superintendent of De Soto Grade School, works at his desk with the possibility of a school consolidation. Koehn does not believe that the consolidation legislature is in the best interest of the students.

towns across America — it's a source of pride, identity and belonging.

He said organizations such as churches and clubs serve a similar function, but there is a particular pride, an esprit de corps, or an intense feeling of loyalty, which goes into being affiliated with a certain school.

"It's been my experience that a school adds a lot to a town — to a community — in a lot of ways," Koehn said. "It's a gathering point, a focus point of the community."

Koehn said consolidation requires a change in these types of intangibles that isn't an easy process and is why small communities put up such big fights for their schools.

He said there is a transition period in a new district that takes a generation or maybe more for the students to fit in and identify with the new school completely.

Conflicts of turf and a sense of injustice are just a couple of the problems that can arise from consolidation.

"I think we have a community pride in the grade school. I think the community would definitely see it as a loss.

Carol Tindall, a secretary at the school who has lived in Desoto for 21 years and worked at the school since 89, has two kids who both went through the De Soto school and then Carbondale High School.

She said people always say, "If you lose your school you lose your town." She said people who are looking to move to a town want their kids to go to school in that town.

As a De Soto teacher and resident, Smith said losing the school would be a huge blow to the town.

"It also creates pride in the students that they can go to school in the town that they live," Smith said. "I think that's an important thing to have pride in your home."

"It affects so many people. Not just teachers. Not just communities. Every one of these children their lives will be changed, whether it be good or bad," Smith said.

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# Gov. Blagojevich keeps moratorium on executions

## Blagojevich will not budge until system error proof

Jackie Keane  
Daily Egyptian

Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced last week that he will not lift the moratorium on the death penalty, even if reform packages from legislators pass this spring.

Blagojevich, who was once a Cook County prosecutor, entered the governor's office as a strong supporter of the death penalty. But he said that since there is reform to be made that can ensure no mistakes in the Illinois capital punishment system, he will keep the moratorium

imposed by former Gov. George Ryan.

Ryan commuted sentences for 167 inmates on death row just days before leaving office. Consequently, death row was empty when Blagojevich took office.

"The reality is if no one is on death row and there are six appeals to go through to get the death penalty, then what have you done," said Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro.

Despite the moratorium, capital cases have continued. But before an inmate is placed on death row, they are allowed three state appeals and five federal appeals.

Unless Blagojevich was elected to another term, he would probably not even have the opportunity to make a decision regarding a capital case.

"In a four-year term, it is almost

surely unlikely, in an eight-year term it is possible," said SIU professor of law, Bill Schroeder.

According to Schroeder, the minimum time an inmate spends on death row is five years, though seven is closer to average.

Ryan, like Blagojevich, entered office as a supporter of the death penalty. But because of the errors that were found in the system, Ryan issued a moratorium on the death penalty and appointed a commission to study the death penalty in Illinois.

"Gov. Ryan, who also supported the death penalty in his life, did a complete turnaround, so we hope the same for Blagojevich," said Elsie Speck, a southern Illinois representative for Illinois Coalition against the Death Penalty.

Blagojevich said, while he does not want to get rid of the death penalty, that the system needs several reforms.

"The decision for me on an issue like lifting the moratorium won't be driven by what happens in the state Senate or the House," Blagojevich told the Chicago Tribune. "It will be driven by whether or not the system in Illinois has been reformed in such a way where we can have no doubt that we're (not) going to make any mistakes. And it begs the question of whether we can ever get to a point in Illinois that we can feel comfortable with that."

Bost labeled the Blagojevich's announcement as a "good press move."

Not everyone thinks the same as Bost. Speck said that the coalition

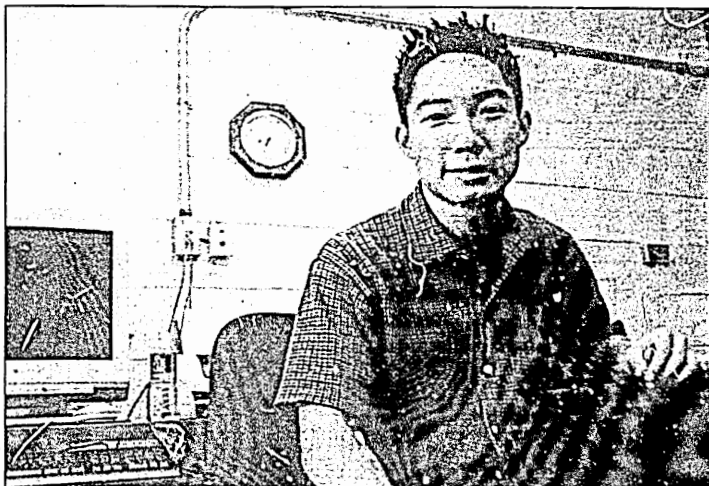
hopes to show Blagojevich that the death penalty is not the answer in Illinois. The coalition plans to send letters to Blagojevich, complimenting him on his efforts.

"[The death penalty] is a violent reaction to some other violence that has been committed," Speck said. "It just perpetuates violence."

Both the House and Senate are working and revising separate reform packages.

"The modifications need to be put in place just to ensure innocent people are not put to death," Bost said. Bost, a supporter of the death penalty, said once reforms are in place it should be enough for the death penalty to resume.

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John Li, senior in anthropology, was awarded the Best Student Employee of the Year. Li is a student worker in the International Programs and Services Department. His work usually consists of clerical duties.

# International SUPERSTAR

*Li first international student in 14 years to win Best Student Employee of the Year*

**Samantha Robinson**  
Daily Egyptian

John Li is on call 24 hours a day as a contact source for international students at SIUC.

As a contact for these students, one of his duties is to meet them at the airport, train station or bus station and help them get settled into temporary housing before orientation begins.

"Being the first contact, I try to impress on them the great values of getting an American education," Li said. "They will see me as a representative of the University at all times."

Li, a senior in anthropology from Singapore, received the student employee of the year award this year out of a pool of 24 nominees.

It is the first time in 14 years that the award has been given to an international student.

Li, who is in the United States only to attend school, began working at the office of International Programs and Services six months ago — his only on-campus job since being at SIUC.

"Besides having extra cash and variety, this is just a chance to apply myself and make myself useful," Li said.

He said he has been involved with international services since his sophomore year as a volunteer, but said it was time for him to do more.

Li's supervisor, associate director of SIUC in Niigata, Kathy Swindell nominated him because she said he is dedicated to helping others.

"Through his everyday efforts,

John strives to make the world a better place," Swindell said. "He is concerned about the welfare of others and he puts their needs before his own."

A typical workday for Li involves standard clerical position duties, but he says Swindell challenges him to do more. He said she sees what he is doing and what he is capable of doing, and from that gives him room to grow and handle more responsibilities.

"This is not simply a student worker job," Li said. "I don't feel like a student worker, I feel like a part of a team."

Li, who is the second of three boys, said he always wanted an American education because he believes in the ideals of how Americans treasure education. He said the interaction and learning in the United States versus his home played a big role in his coming to America.

He chose SIUC because he wanted to start school as soon as possible and it is one of few that have rolling admission.

Being the first international student to receive the honor is a great feeling for Li. He said it is great publicity for international students.

"Hopefully me winning this will help people recognize that even though most of us don't speak English as a first language, we are capable of doing great things," Li said. "It sometimes masks our capabilities and I hope people will be able to look beyond the language barrier."

Working in the international

office, Li said he gets to meet people from all around the world and the satisfaction of helping them settle in and get into the groove of things.

"Knowing they are enjoying their student life is rewarding for me," Li said.

When Li is not working or in class he tries to spend time with his friends. He said he values friendship so it doesn't matter what they do, just as long as they are spending time together.

After Li graduates he hopes to go to graduate school in Florida and work toward a masters of science in human factors and systems.

With that degree he plans to work in the space industry designing spacecrafts that are easier for man to use.

Li said he would not be at this point in his life if not for Kathy, because she allows him to continue to improve not only in school, but also in life in general.

"The one thing I will keep with me is that it doesn't matter where you are or who you work with, but as long as you are willing to apply yourself and make a difference is all that matters," Li said. "And Kathy sees that in me."

Swindell said it is a pleasure working with Li and she is glad that he works in the department.

"John is a gentleman of impeccable integrity and I am proud and blessed that he is a part of our extraordinary team of student employees at SIUC."

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## OUR WORD

# Archer needs to lose graciously

Just leave it.

Bill Archer and Ed Ford ran against each other for the position of Student Trustee. Ed Ford won by more than 60 votes, but on the night of the election, Archer filed six grievances, later dismissed by the election commission. He has now filed 16 more.

Enough is enough.

His original problems were with Ford's validity as a student with the correct grade point average to serve as a trustee. True, Ford had not given proof before the election, but he did so after thus making Archer's claim invalid. The other grievances were about Ford abiding by other rules, also dismissed. Now, Archer has filed 16 more with the way the election was run.

Now what?

Seriously, Archer may have some valid concerns, such as fliers for a specific party sitting on the voting table during elections, which is against the rules. But does it require filing 16 grievances and making a big stink about everything?

Archer said it wouldn't be a big deal, but because he feels he is the best candidate, he must take this course of action. However, comments against Ford insulting his age and validity as a candidate are immature and lead us to wonder if Archer is really doing this for the welfare of the student trustee position or for himself.

Especially when one considers Archer's record. After serving as president of the Undergraduate Student Government for one year, Archer failed to be re-elected, and filed six grievances with the commission.

Sound familiar?

Last year he ran for student trustee, but was not elected.

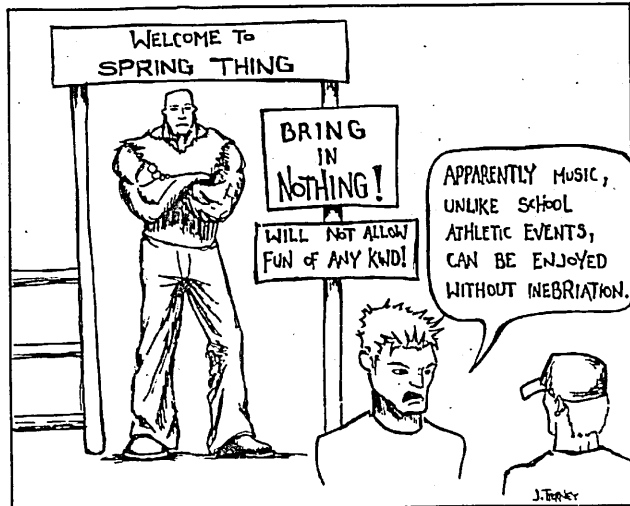
If he thinks everything is so unfair, why is he so concerned about the fairness surrounding his own loss and not the fairness of the process in the future? If he lost last year, how is it not possible that he did this year?

According to the trustee guidelines, the commission has the final say. Archer claims Dietz gets to make the call, but he is out of town right now. Either way, we suggest someone look into all 16 of the complaints and make sure that things run the way they are supposed to. If everything is in order, dismiss the complaints, and let's hope Archer disappears with them.

It's too late for Archer to be a gracious loser, but to re-file 16 complaints after the first six were dismissed?

It calls us to question his comments about being the best candidate. Worse yet, it calls us to question our endorsement.

Comments against Ford insulting his age are immature and lead us to wonder if Archer is really doing this for the welfare of the student trustee position.



J. Tierney  
JAMES TIERNEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

## GUEST COLUMNIST

# White media dictate black culture

Cecia Thompson  
Daily Orange (Syracuse U.)

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (U-WIRE) — White people are the dictators of our cultural experience due to their overwhelming control of the monetary economy. During his visit to Syracuse University earlier this month, I Haile Gerima posed that point among several others.

"White people in positions of power determine the cultural diet of the world," said writer, director and producer of the powerful black film "Sankofa."

And he is right.

Filmic and other artistic productions cost money, which is spread too thinly in black communities. As a result, we have less of a voice in the cultural development of our nation.

Much of today's art, especially musical, is the offspring of what Europeans took part in. The shape of that art became molded by powerful white hands. Blacks and others in a secondary position are merely puppets in the white man's show.

Gerima also said "television is a white supremacist culture by language and aesthetics. Black people are the primary consumers of television." Nowhere is that point better substantiated than with BET, a white-run Viacom-owned channel capturing millions of black eyes by broadcasting demeaning and stereotypical content under the cloak of "black entertainment."

The channel marginalizes and Americanizes blacks. "Happy Kwanzaa" advertisements in December are the only time the channel remotely revisits Africa. If this were truly Black Entertainment Television, the channel would acknowledge blacks did not originate in America.

In his article "Framing Blackness," Ed Guerrero speaks in unison with Gerima. "The movie industry routinely ignores black filmic aspiration; and marginalized black box office power until it can be called on, as a sort of reserve audience, to make up sinking profit margins at any given moment of economic crisis," he wrote.

Only until Hollywood needs black dollars does it cater to blacks. But even then, as Gerima said, the films made for black audiences are constructed under a white-guided premise.

Money supposedly equals power — and in most cases, it does. But wealthy whites successfully formulated a way to manipulate black people into parting with their money under the guise of supporting and bettering other blacks.

We allow whites to define entertainment and culture, yet they are unconcerned with preserving our heritage. Nor do they care about accurate representations.

But they do care about money. At the end of the day, even if that money touched the tips of black fingers, it is stillled hued green.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The visionary lies to himself; the liar only to others.”

Friedrich Nietzsche

## WORDS OVERHEARD

“Places like mosques, churches, synagogues, are places of worship. They are sanctuaries. It is hard to understand why someone would degrade a place of worship.”

Rizwan Iqbal  
Pakistan native

on the vandalism of the Islamic Center of Carbondale

COLUMNISTS

# There was this one time in Carbondale back in '03...

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. It was a paragon of knowledge and wisdom; it was the party house in front of a trailer park. Either way, we'll miss it.

My roommates are graduating this May, and with their departure comes a strange realization. Soon, our house won't be home anymore. And as I stare at the living room, I wonder what ridiculous college stories I'll tell my annoyed grandkids when I'm old and senile.

Ah, I can see it now. I'll sit there in my jetpack and rocket boots, my seven-course dinner before me in tiny futuristic pill form, and set my Expression-O-Matic to "withered smile" as I begin my dull narrative of a time long-forgotten when Michael Jackson was still part human and people still carried things called checkbooks. "There were no droids," I'll start rambling. "Humans did their own laundry. Why, I remember once when our dryer broke down. My roommate Kevin decided to fix it and taught us all a thing or two about electrical shock and treating minor burns..."

My kids will roll their eyes and beg me to stop before the younger generation sets their toy laser guns to "stun." Of course, that won't stop me. "Let me see that thing," I'll beg them. "Believe it or not, your grandma used to be a crack-shot with these when I was your age. Of course, ours shot paintballs and didn't have these fancy heat sensors on them. Yep, we had the good ol' roughhouse variety... Did I ever tell you about the house where I lived back in '03? We used to take down the Christmas decorations with a pellet gun..."

Ah, the great family events I'll ruin. It'll be fabulous. My poor offspring are going to be so sick of hearing about this house, they'll actually ask Grandpa political questions just to shut me up. Of course, meanwhile, I've got a little more time left here with the boys around. I



## Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY  
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look at the walls we've leaned against for so long, but somehow they look unfamiliar now. Perhaps it's the missing Chevy posters. Or how fresh the air will seem soon without the smell of barbecue and beer wafting in from the back porch. Whatever it is, I don't like it. It doesn't feel like home anymore.

So how do I preserve our fond memories now that the party is finally ending?

I decided to start anew with a shiny, clean house to perk me up, but somehow tears well up in my eyes even as I scrub my roommates' toilet.

I decided to start anew with a shiny, clean house to perk me up, but somehow tears well up in my eyes even as I scrub my roommates' toilet. Maybe it's the bleach and ammonia fumes mixing in the air. Or maybe it's because I know I'll never find

the remote control left in here again. Whatever it is, I wipe a tear from my cheek, look down at a paintball-smeared cabinet door, and start to laugh.

The memories aren't going away, at least not as long as these stains are here. But life's a trade-off, I realize as I fearlessly scrub at the scrapbook-quality remains of a New Year's party still splattered against the wall. It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. We may not be losing any of these memories, but we all have to admit there's one thing getting left behind:

There's no way in hell we're ever going to see our security deposit again.

*Not Just Another Priddy Face appears Wednesdays. Grace is a senior in architecture. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.*

# Having my Say one last time this semester



## Having my Say

BY LENIE ADOLPHSON  
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It is hard to believe that this is the last column of the semester. Before I begin my column I would like to thank the editors of the DAILY EGYPTIAN for allowing me this forum to express my views without ever attempting to censor or modify my comments. I would also like to thank all the readers who read and responded to my columns. To those who vehemently disagreed I appreciated your comments, many of them were constructive.

Self-criticisms. There are always issues that, for a lack of time and space, I wasn't able to cover in a semester of writing. So in this last column of the spring semester I have decided to have say on a few things. First, the drug war is a lost cause. Marijuana needs to be decriminalized — it is a travesty that a drug such as alcohol is legal, which causes extreme devastation but marijuana is illegal. Either make them both illegal or legalize them both. It's a double standard.

Second, to those who say they trust the government and President Bush I say why? Trust has to be earned. Why do you trust someone you have never met? Many of us don't even trust people we know like our neighbors, yet, you trust this man who you have never met. Moreover, to those who believe in the government, study your history and you will find they have lied repeatedly. You don't have to believe me, a mere history student, just do the research.

Third, Chicago is not Illinois. Fourth, the American people will have to analyze the motivations for anti-American sentiments. It is not sufficient to say it's due to jealousy. Unfortunately, if there isn't any serious fence-mending, we will see more attacks. The hatred of America is global and it isn't getting better.

Next, some of the war protesters were more anti-Bush than anti-war. This may not be politically correct to say but it is true. I will be the first to admit that I was opposed to the war, but, I am also deeply opposed to President Bush because of his policies.

Next, the gun lobby in the United States is dangerous. They support lifting the ban on dangerous assault weapons and they are opposed to any restrictions at all on any weapons. Some in the NRA even fought background checks. They use the second amendment like my grandmother's nightgown to cover everything. We all

know when the second amendment was written the writers could never have imagined the massive gun violence that is extremely prevalent in America.

Also, if the United States does not find the weapons of mass destruction in Iraq the entire invasion is going to be seen as an imperialistic endeavor. By the way, has anyone considered asking if Iraq had these weapons of mass destruction why they didn't utilize these weapons during the war? I think that if someone was invading your home you would use all means and measures to extricate them. Why didn't the Iraqis? Could it be because they didn't have them?

Another issue I want to address in this last column is for those who are critical thinkers and not sheep. Why has our government stated publicly that we will not stand for rogue governments having weapons of mass destruction when North Korea boldly stated they have a nuclear weapon and that they are making more? We fought a country in which we haven't even found weapons of mass destruction. Notwithstanding, we are advocating diplomacy for a country that has weapons of mass destruction. As my kids say "What's up with that?" On a domestic agenda, states are facing a budget crisis of unbelievable proportions and the response they are getting from the White House is "Don't look to us for help." Yet, we fought a war in Iraq that is costing billions of dollars and our own state governments are in deep trouble.

Finally, I am deeply troubled by the fact that while we went to Iraq to get rid of a brutal dictatorship now we seem to want to control the country. Good Luck on finals and have a great summer.

*Having my Say appears Wednesdays. Lenie is a junior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.*

## Vandalism of Islamic Center disturbing, shocking

DEAR EDITOR:

Hinduva in Carbondale!  
Mustafa Ayad's story (DE 4/29) about the Islamic Center being vandalized horrified me. As a Hindu from India, I felt anger at those opportunists who have threatened our Muslim community's freedom to worship by this shameful act. I grew up in a tolerant home which encouraged the value of diversity of cultures and have many Muslim, Christian, Sikh and other friends and family members. My heart goes out to the Muslim community and my apologies for the cowardly act of some people in this town.

Hinduva is the resurgent ideology, which arro-

gates to itself the idea that Hinduism is superior to other religions and that India belongs only to the dominant Hindu community. Various political parties in India have come together to assert this on the nation, which was founded on the principles of secularism, socialism, and democracy. This coalition of political parties with fascist tendencies has organized pogroms against minorities and attacked their homes, churches, synagogues, and mosques. Last year several thousand Muslim people were killed and many more were rendered homeless in western India in such organized violence. I am saddened to see that intolerance lurks in the shadows of the Hindu community in Carbondale. We not only need to feel the shame and sorrow for that but stand by our Muslim brothers and sisters in this hour of need.

Manjunath Pendakar  
Professor and Dean, College of Mass  
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## Depleted Uranium column informative, insightful

DEAR EDITOR:

Mark Torney's column about General Dynamics producing Depleted Uranium weapons in southern Illinois was excellent and important. The United States' cynical use of these barbaric weapons while accusing other countries of human rights violations is shameful. And the fact they are made right here in southern Illinois — at a wildlife refuge — is something everyone around here should be aware of.

Uranium weapons were heavily used by the U.S. in Afghanistan. A recent study by the Uranium Medical Research Centre in Toronto found "a significant portion" of Afghans in heavily American bombed areas have symptoms "consistent with internal contamination by uranium." The study also reports high numbers of Afghan civilians with blood and uranium levels four to 21 times higher

than normal.

The field researchers were "shocked by the breadth of public health impacts coincident with the bombing. Without exception, at every bomb site, people are ill." You can see the study for yourself by visiting [www.umrc.net](http://www.umrc.net)

Karen Frailey  
Carbondale resident

## Long live Grace Priddy, Star Wars

DEAR EDITOR:

Keep Grace Priddy alive. I love "Just Another Priddy Face." I love how she keeps up with current trends, and keeps it real with all Star Wars geeks like me. Long live the queen of the columns.

Peter Varland  
Carbondale resident

## LETTERS

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# Iran Hostage Crisis prisoner, ambassador shares his experience

Lindsey J. Mastis  
Daily Egyptian

As a U.S. Ambassador, Bruce Laingen is best known for the time he spent in captivity during the 444-day Iran Hostage Crisis from 1979 to 1981. But that time is what Laingen modestly calls his 15 minutes of fame.

He instead prefers to encourage students to become involved with foreign or public service. On Monday, at the SIU Law School Auditorium, Laingen did just that.

As part of the Public Policy Institute's "What I Have Learned" lecture series, Laingen presented his realizations about diplomacy and public service. Although he rarely mentioned the Iran Hostage Crisis, Laingen shared his thoughts, experiences and his discoveries.

"Diplomacy," he said, "is the first line of defense."

Laingen is the president of the American Academy of Diplomacy in Washington, D.C., and said that intelligence and military forces are elements of diplomacy.

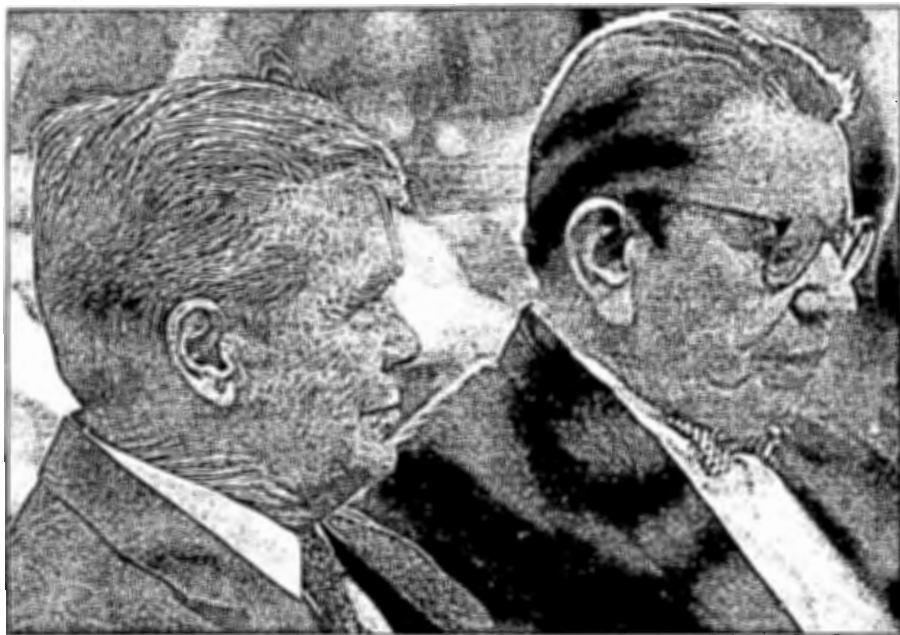
Peace keeping needs to include intelligence and willing parties to negotiate, but the threat and capability of military force is important to enforce and ensure negotiations.

"The U.S. is destined to lead," he said. "We set a powerful example to the rest of the world after World War II."

He grew up on a farm in Minnesota, but found that his calling was public service. Even during the Iran Hostage Crisis, Laingen said he never regretted his decision. He served in the Navy during World War II and was pleased when two of his sons followed in his footsteps.

"The best years of my life are in the foreign service," he said.

Because of his position as an ambassador, he has had experience with other forms of government. He uses his experience to form opinions about the current situation in Afghanistan and Iraq. He believes that the decision for the U.S. to become involved



Ambassador Bruce Laingen sits next to former Sen. Paul Simon at the Lesar Law auditorium Monday night prior to Laingen speaking to a crowd of about 200. Laingen was a hostage during the Iran Hostage Crisis and served 38 years in Foreign Service.

in reforming hostile and oppressive nations after 9/11 is the right decision.

"I've seen theocracy up close and I don't like it," he said.

His opinions are backed with experience. To fully fulfill the Iraq mission, Laingen said the United States not only needs to win over

the people in Iraq, but also work with allies. Although he does not agree with every action the U.S. government has taken, he said that his experience in Iran has caused him to understand the position of U.S. leadership.

"A pessimist is an optimist with experience," he said

The reason Laingen encourages involvement foreign and public service is because his experience has been positive and rewarding.

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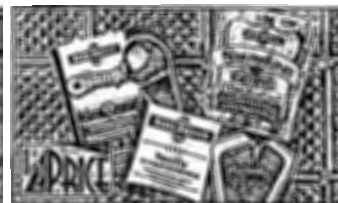
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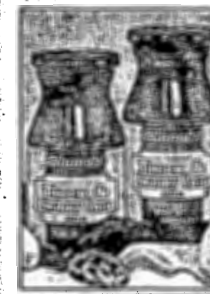
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# Town hall meeting speculates on government's motives

Much of debate centers on report of U.S. military preeminence

Jane Huh  
Daily Egyptian

U.S. officials welcomed the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, according to some at Monday's town hall meeting: The War on Terror and the Struggle for World Authority, sponsored by the Consciousness Evolution Advancement Group.

The group who gathered at The Unitarian Fellowship Church, 301 W. Elm St., discussed the U.S. government's influence as a world superpower engaged participants in a lively discussion for more than two hours.

A reference panel was on hand adding opinions and knowledge to aid the dialogue. Panel members were composed of Tom Castellano, an SIU associate professor in administration of justice; Loisie Harrison, sister of the Beate's George Harrison and Leland Stauber, an SIU professor emeritus of political science.

The meeting raised speculations about whether the U.S. government



From left: Colleen McLaughlin and Anda Jines, vice president of the Consciousness Advancement Evolution Group, wait their turn to contribute their opinions to the discussion during Monday's town hall meeting titled, 'The War on Terror and the Struggle for World Authority' at the Unitarian Fellowship Church in Carbondale. The participants spent most of the time focusing on a 2000 report that laid out criteria for U.S. global leadership.

welcomed the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in order to fulfill an agenda.

Chuck Jines, CEAG's director, introduced a September 2000 report for The Project for the

New American Century titled "Rebuilding America's Defenses." The Project for the New American Century is a non-profit organization working to promote America's advancement as a global leader.

In the 76-page report, which was written or assisted by professors and government officials such as Paul Wolfowitz, listed requirements to be met to further promote U.S. global leadership. Some of the criteria were strengthening the military and "Control of space and cyberspace. Much as control of the high seas—and the protection of international commerce—defined global powers in the past, so will control of the new international commons."

"What this basically says is that since the fall of the Soviet Union, that we have passed up on a golden opportunity to take over the whole world space and cyberspace," he said. "This blasts Clinton from page to page for cutting all the defense spending. This is a radical shift in consciousness."

After reading some of the excerpts from the report, some participants raised more questions about the possibility of the government's complicity in the terrorizing its own citizens.

Castellano made a cautionary comment to the group stating that getting caught up in conspiratorial notions ought not to be relied upon too much.

"If you can explain something by incompetence, it's probably your better explanation than explaining it by maliciousness," he said.

Still, Jines remained convinced

that the government was more than simply incompetent in preventing the attacks.

"I don't like to get off on conspiracy theories, but when I read that and those people at the Pentagon wrote it, that to me was pretty incriminating," Jines said.

The meeting diverged into other related topics such as the unparalleled media portrayal of world events from the United States versus the international community as well as the Bush administration's military invasion into Iraq without any formal support from the United Nations.

Matt Sronkoski, an academic adviser for the College of Liberal Arts, commented that talking to our neighbors should be a priority just as getting along with other countries and cultures are.

"If you're not living that democracy, then talking about democracy in terms of the United Nations—that seems so far away," he said. "We need to be democratic thinkers right down to the core."

At the end of the discussions, Harrison had the last word,

"Imagine all the people living life in peace."

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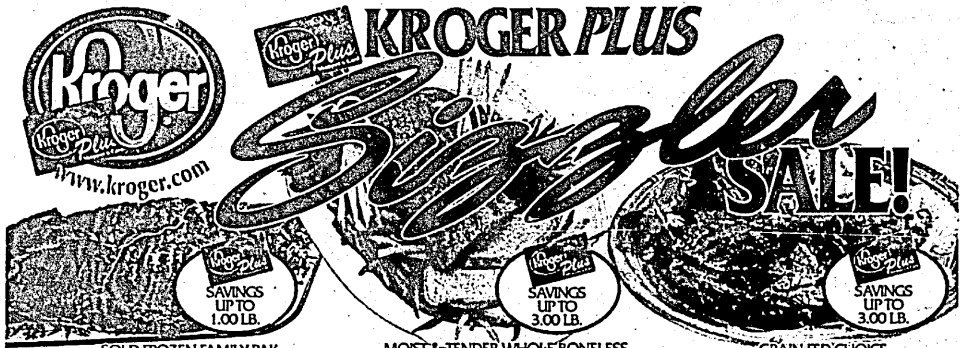
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# Weak WSIU signal due to digital conversion

SIU receives \$84,451 U.S. grant for digital transmission

Lindsey J. Mastis  
Daily Egyptian

In comparison to the picture quality of commercial television stations, WSIU-TV Channel 8 is pretty fuzzy ... but not for long.

Both Carbondale and Edwardsville campus television stations are going through a federally mandated digital conversion. Digital stations will have the ability to multicast, transmit numerous programs on one channel, broadcast in hi-definition and broadcast data.

Candis Isberner, general manager and acting director for SIUC Broadcasting Services, said that the federal government is helping with the \$204,000 cost to ensure that the station is meeting the Federal Communications Commission's digital transmission standards. U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte, announced Monday that SIUC was awarded an \$84,451 Public Telecommunications Facilities Program grant through the United States Department of Commerce.

"This grant furthers the mission of Southern Illinois University," he said. "Over 1.2 million viewers receive this programming, which improves the quality of life of people in the region."

Manjunath Pendakur, dean of the College of Mass Communication

and Media Arts, said WSIU-TV provides needed educational programs that commercial broadcasters do not.

"Every bit of help we can get from the U.S. government and the public sustains our existing programs and helps us move closer to that digital communications frontier," Pendakur said.

Unlike commercial television stations that had to broadcast in digital by May 1, 2002, public broadcasting stations were given an extra year and are approaching their May 1 deadline.

Because of the difficulty in finding contractors to install digital towers, WSIU and WUSI stations have requested a six-month extension. Jack L. Hammer, chief engineer for WSIU-TV, said that both stations would be broadcasting digital signals before the Nov. 1 extended deadline.

"We do need the six-month extension in order to complete the project," he said. "[It was] difficult to find a contractor to do the work because of the last few years especially because all of the tower companies have been busy installing antennas not only for public television but also for commercial TV stations."

Hammer said the reason both WSIU and WUSI pictures are of poor quality is because their signals are being transmitted through smaller antennae at 20 percent of the usual power. The lower transmission signal is better for those working on the towers because of the threat of radiation, he said.

Until the new towers are operating, WSIU will still have poor picture quality, Isberner said. Although both towers are nearing the finishing

point, the conversion will not be done until after May 1.

"The low power is dramatically impacting our viewership and the lack of signal is not only noted by individual viewers but also cable companies and underwriters," Isberner said.

Along with new antennae, WSIU-TV has a new AgileVision master control station. The new technology will allow programs to be converted from analog to digital as well as storing on a server instead of a tape, Isberner said.

Beginning Wednesday engineers, traffic operators and people from the Programming Department will be able to train on the new system, Hammer said.

"Digital will be an added benefit to SIU students enrolled in the college," he said. "They will benefit from hands-on experience by working with the equipment."

Along with the federally mandated digital conversion, WSIU-TV has the option of terminating the analog signal in 2006 at the earliest or when 85 percent of its audience can receive the signal. Hammer said that digital receivers are not included in most televisions, including the new HDTVs.

"I don't know when we'll reach the 85 percent because we just don't know the cost to pick up our digital signal," he said.

Hammer said that WSIU-TV should be broadcasting in digital mid summer and WUSI-TV will broadcast digital in late summer or early fall.

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# USA Today editor: Bush can't rely on war in 2004

Samantha Nelson  
Daily Northwestern  
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EVANSTON (U-WIRE) — On the day of the 2000 presidential election, Susan Page, USA Today's Washington bureau chief, wrote two stories: "How Bush Won" and "How Gore Won." Neither ran.

Three years later, President Bush — the sixth president she has covered — continues to surprise her, Page told a crowd of about 60 community members at Monday's Crain lecture series at Northwestern University. The address was sponsored by the Medill School of Journalism.

"We thought he'd be cautious in his policies and conciliatory in his politics," said Page, Medill '73 and former editor in chief of The Daily. Speaking at the McCormick

Tribune Center Forum, Page looked at the president's chances of re-election in 2004. She cited the most recent USA Today poll, which was evenly split with 46 percent of respondents believing that Bush will be re-elected and 46 percent believing he will be defeated.

"This Bush has not gotten the same boost [from war] that his father did," Page said. "I think this reflects the fact that the country was divided before the war started and has remained divided."

Page said she feels Bush will have to return to domestic affairs as the economy, not foreign policy or terrorism, will be the most important issue in 2004.

"People vote on: 'Is their income going up or down? Can they get a job? Can their kids get a job when they get out of college? What's the price of

gas?'" Page said. "We've lost 2 million jobs since Bush took office. If you want to look at one number that could affect the outcome of the election, that's it."

But the president still has many advantages, Page said. She characterizes Bush as an intelligent politician and mentioned it is unlikely he will face any real opposition in the Republican primary, unlike his father who ran against Pat Buchanan in 1992. She also described the Democrats as disorganized, with nine potential candidates and no clear front-runner.

In addition to the upcoming election, Page discussed Bush's relationship with the media.

"One of the advantages Bush had in the 2000 campaign was that the press always liked him," Page said. "But as a president he's run the White House that is most closed of any presidency I've covered."

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Lowell Adams, better known as 'Bob', sits with his hand over his heart during the playing of the National Anthem during an awards ceremony at the VA Medical Center nursing home in Marion. Adams is a veteran of both the Army and Marine Corps, serving during three wars and under five presidents. Adams lost his legs from diabetes but that doesn't stop him from going all over the hospital and visiting other veterans and members of the staff. Adams is 76 years old and is from Creole Springs. Adams helps at the nursing home to get other veterans citations that were not awarded to them during service.



Dr. Harvinder Singh talks with Ray Whitaker, a veteran from Owensboro, hematology and internal medicine. He is also a clinical assistant professor at SIU with his wife Gunpreet Singh, who is a pediatrician in Anna, and their two daughters of the Sikh tradition.



(Above) Virginia Case, 84, was in the Navy during World War II and served in Pakistan. Case is currently living at the Marion VA nursing home. Case is one of only two woman veterans living at the VA nursing home.



S.J. Waters from Mayfield, Ky., gets blood drawn from Debra Russell, a medical laboratory technician. Waters has been coming to the VA for about 6 to 7 months and is here today for his annual checkup. Russell has been working at the hospital for 3 years. The lab has just implemented a new procedure for electronic check in allowing for quicker processing of patients.

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(Right) Henry Malawy and Franklin Allison (left) sit in the courtyard of the Veterans facility located in Marion. Malawy and Allison are responsible for the flowers in the courtyard. They have planted assorted flowers including rose bushes. Malawy is a veteran of WWII, served in the army, was captured at Angio Beach, and was a prisoner of war for 16 months. Malawy was shot in the leg and awarded the Purple Heart. Allison served in the Korean War from 1942-43 and was in the Army.





nsboro, Ky., about his red blood cells. Singh is board certified in medical oncology, r at SIU School of Medicine. Singh is originally from India and now resides in Carbondale o daughters Keerat and Bonnie. Singh wears his turban each day, which is an integral part



Harold Eugene Emory, better known as 'hap' is a volunteer at the VA medical facility in Marion. Emory is a veteran of the Navy and was at Pearl Harbor. 83 years young he volunteers two days a week helping other veterans get around the hospital. The hospital has many volunteers like "hap" who want to help veterans.



Lona Griswold from Cave in Rock conducts a pre-examination of patients before they actually see the doctor. Griswold has been working at the VA for 3 years.

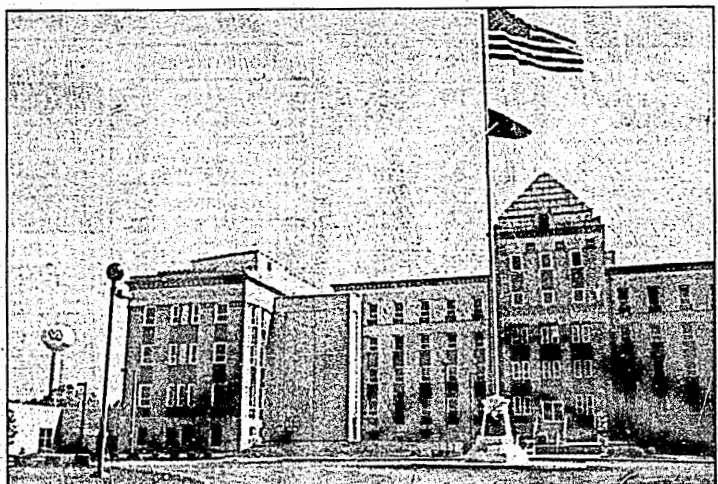
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Veterans come from all over the heartland to receive medical care at the VA Medical Center located in Marion

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Ray Whitaker, 69, a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War, is examined by Dr. Harvinder Singh at the VA Medical Center in Marion. Whitaker traveled from his home in Owensboro, Ky., to get additional treatment for a blood disorder that Dr. Singh specializes in. Singh is on his second stint with the VA and enjoys serving the many veterans he treats at the center.



One of 165 VA Medical Centers in the Country, the Marion VA treated 36,123 patients in 2002. The VA uses a state of the art electronic records system, which allows doctors to access patient's medical records no matter what state they are from. The VA also offers a mail-order prescription drug service, which allows patients to refill their prescriptions from home.



From left: SIUC sophomore quarterback Joel Sambursky gives a huge thanks to Thomas P. 'Pete' Wittmann, which was during a press conference Tuesday afternoon in the Student Center Fourth Floor View Lounge, for donating \$4.5 million to the athletic department.

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and not the school as a whole. When asked why he gave the money to the Athletic Department, Wittmann said he was not very happy with the teachers when they threatened to strike, saying that was not a positive thing for the University.

*"This is a very exciting day, not only for the athletics program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, but for the entire University."*

— Paul Kowalczyk  
athletic director, SIU

But he also has sentimental attachments to SIU athletics, which he was a part in the 1960s when Wittmann was, as he said it, a redshirt that hung around for four years. He said he understands what stu-

dent-athletes go through, and that was one other reason he gave the money to SIU athletics.

"I was a student-athlete, and athletes have a much tougher road to travel than the average student," said Wittmann, who hinted he might have another donation up his sleeve in the future.

"Some of the athletes have to work, some of them are on scholarship, but the athletics part takes up more time than anybody trying to work a full-time job."

His donation will likely help more than just the current athletes — it could bring in a ton more players who would have otherwise not attended SIU.

SIU head football head coach Jerry Kill said the first thing recruits always ask to see is the weight room, and the first thing their parents want to see is the academic environment.

For Kill, the center can be a great first impression to make on athletes.

"I don't think there's any question, speaking for all athletics and not just football, it will be a tremendous asset," Kill said.

Kill said the impact will be immediate.

According to Kill, the certainty the center will be built is almost as effective as if it were already constructed.

He even offered to start the project.

"I'll go out there and put a shovel in the ground to let them know we're making progress," Kill said.

"I think as soon as we get a shovel in the ground, it helps."

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**Family given asylum**

Sumana Chatterjee  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — An Iraqi who led rescuers to American POW Jessica Lynch and his family are on their way to becoming U.S. citizens.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced Tuesday that Mohammed Odeh al Rehaief, his wife, Iman, 32, a former nurse at Saddam Hospital, and 5-year-old daughter Abir had been granted asylum and are living in the United States.

"We went into Iraq to liberate the people. One of their citizens, at great risk to themselves, helped liberate one of our soldiers," Ridge explained.

His department's Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services granted al Rehaief's family asylum on Monday, Ridge said, to show "the gratitude and the affection of a grateful country." They needed no visas because immigration officers allowed them to enter under "humanitarian parole," a proviso normally reserved for medical emergencies.

Officials feared that the family might face persecution in Iraq, so "There was urgency in getting him to safety in the United States," said Bill Strassberger, spokesman for the bureau.

The incident that transformed the al Rehaief's lives began March 28 when the 33-year-old Iraqi lawyer visited his wife at Saddam Hospital in Nasiriyah. According to al Rehaief, a friend said a female American was being held there. Peeking through a window, he said, he saw a black-clad Saddam Hussein loyalist snap the captive twice, and that's when he decided to help.

He walked six miles to the nearest U.S. Marine outpost to report the hostage, who turned out to be Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, 19, of Palestine, W.Va. She'd been captured March 23 when her convoy took a wrong turn.

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**Reporters**

- Report and write stories for daily paper; responsible for covering assigned specific beat.
- Knowledge of journalistic writing style preferred; strong spelling, grammar skills required.
- Average 20 hours a week.
- Daytime 3-4 hour time block required.
- Writing and editing exam required of all applicants.

**Photographers**

- Shoot news and feature photos for daily paper.
- Must possess own camera equipment.
- Must be able to shoot and process 35mm black-and-white film. Knowledge of photojournalism and digital processing preferred.
- Flexible 3-4 hour daily time block, including weekends
- Photocopies of 5-10 photos that you have taken should accompany your application. Portfolios are welcome, but we cannot guarantee that they will be returned.

**Copy Editors/Page Designers**

- Responsible for page design and layout of daily paper, including headline writing.
- Monday-Thursday evening work block during the summer. Sunday-Thursday evening work block required for fall.
- Must be detail-oriented and able to work quickly and efficiently under deadline pressure.
- Strong knowledge of spelling, grammar and word usage required. Knowledge of journalistic writing preferred.
- Desktop publishing with Pagemaker, QuarkXPress or InDesign preferred.

**Newsroom Graphic Designer**

- Produce illustrations, charts, graphs and other graphics for DE stories and special sections.
- 20 hours a week, late afternoon-evening work schedule, other times as needed.
- Knowledge of graphics software, such as Adobe Illustrator, preferable.
- Photocopies of about 5 examples of your work should accompany your application.

**Columnists**

- Write one general-interest column per week for the DE. Human interest-type column relating to student life and student interests preferred.
- Schedule flexible but must be able to meet a deadline.
- At least two sample columns should accompany your application.

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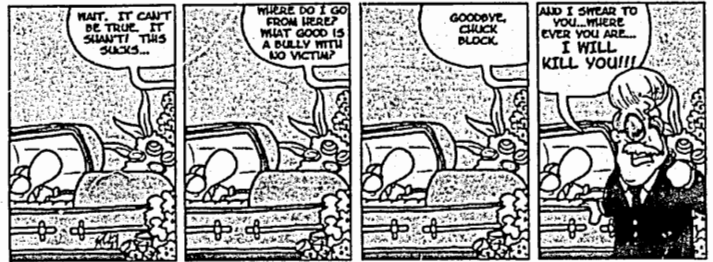
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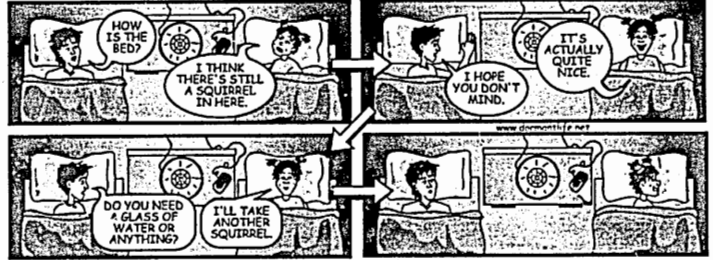
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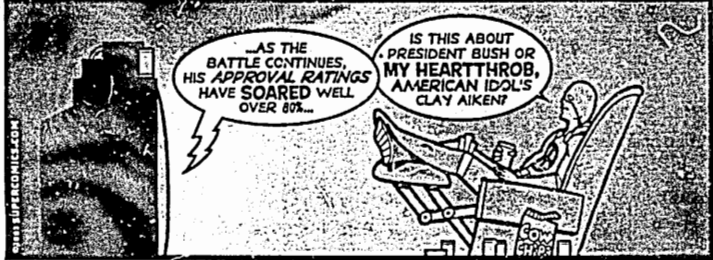
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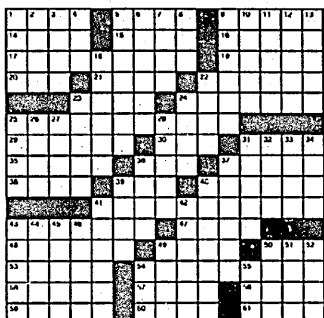
**By Linda C. Black**  
**Today's Birthday (April 30).** The pressure you've been under should soon begin to ease. You'll find that your experience has grown. Something that used to be upsetting has become routine and has actually made you stronger. Start taking on new challenges.  
 To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.  
**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 7 - You'd rather do innovative financial planning than spend all day counting beans. Unfortunately, the latter is required first. Count those beans now.  
**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 7 - Finish the tasks you've been worried about. Get them out of the way, and do a good job on them. There's a test coming tomorrow.  
**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 6 - Review your travel plans again. The more potential problems you can negotiate now, the more fun you'll have this weekend.  
**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is an 8 - Once you have your routine down, the job gets a lot easier. Establish your basic structure now, with input from wise friends.  
**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 6 - Next week it starts getting easier for you to be in control. Meanwhile, renew old alliances, and don't argue with the boss.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 7 - Don't squander your money, even if you feel flush. The more you save now, the more you'll have to spend this weekend on fun and games.  
**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is a 5 - If you can stand to be frugal just a little while longer, you'll be glad you did. If you must buy a treat for yourself or a loved one, take time to find the best deal.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 7 - You may have to rely on a partner to get your meaning across. By now, you and that other person should be on the same wavelength. If not, make adjustments.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 7 - Play by the rules and get the job done. Offer encouragement to those who are stuck. Be patient. Victory may not come until next week.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is an 8 - Did you know that Capricorn is the sign of going from rags to riches? Hardships make you stronger, and you eventually succeed. So take heart, no matter where you are within the process.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 6 - You've made your move, you've taken your stand, and now you can settle down. Work out the kinks in your new routine. Make yourself comfortable.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 7 - You're pretty good at "putting up with," but fixing the problem is better. It's time to hit the books again. And this time, be more patient.

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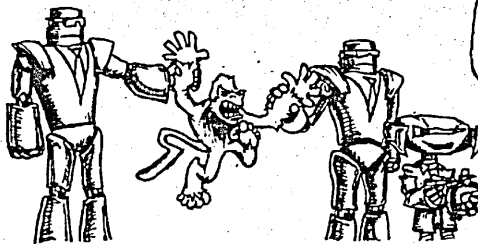


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 27 Black, in poetry  
 28 Silvered entree  
 31 Aka  
 32 Raise  
 33 Vegas gambling game  
 34 Bridge  
 35 Celebrant robes  
 37 Champers  
 39 "The Seven Little" \*  
 40 Tremendously  
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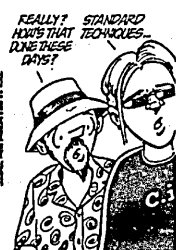
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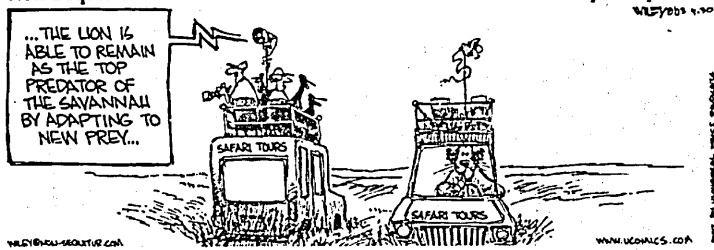
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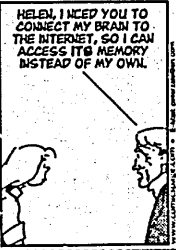
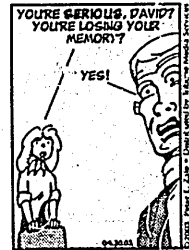
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# Just call Miami First Round U

**Dan Le Batard**  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) MIAMI — His game is all fireworks, but bashful Andre Johnson speaks through whispers, and you'd usually need a couple of crowbars to pry a smile out of him. He is polite and kind but has no use for the microphones and TV lights, which is why he never uttered one interesting public word during his entire University of Miami career.

That scoreboard would have to speak on his behalf, and it would do so often, and eloquently.

Johnson is so very unlike the gunslingers who preceded him at his diva position, staring at the ground a lot while Michael Irvin, Lamar Thomas and Randal Hill were more likely to be shouting at the sky.

Johnson has been hardened by the sport and the street, but there was this moment early Saturday, in front of all those cameras, when he revealed more of himself to us than he ever has.

The phone call came from the Houston Texans, the NFL's commissioner announced Johnson's name on national television, a Mayfair Hotel ballroom erupted in

cheers, and Johnson was suddenly like so many of the poor defenders who have tried to cover him — which is to say, overwhelmed.

He turned to his mother, the woman who had him so young that people still mistake her for his girlfriend or sister, and he held her for more than a minute, camera flashes and applause bursting all around them.

Isn't that the best part of reaching the mountaintop?

Having someone with you who understands the climb and can share the view?

There was so much the oldest boy wanted to tell his mother during that embrace. I love you. Thank you.

I owe you everything. But nothing would come out.

So Andre just buried his face in his mother's shoulder, held her a little tighter and wouldn't let go.

The big house he was going to buy her. The way he wanted her to retire from that job as a letter carrier.

All the words and plans kept getting caught in Johnson's throat, stuck behind the pride and joy and relief.

Johnson, so very stoic, had dissolved. Afterward, neither he nor

his mother could remember the last time he had cried at all, never mind like that. Asked how it felt, Andre said, "It's something I can't really explain, but it was the best feeling in the world."

That explains it just fine, actually. Draft day had just confirmed what the likes of even Santana Moss and Lamar Thomas had admitted all along — that Johnson is the most talented receiver UM has ever had.

It has been more than a decade since a Hurricane had gone this high (third overall) and no receiver ever had.

Keep in mind, too, that the sculpted Johnson, who is already muscles atop muscles, is going to get better. The Texans learned in physicals, for example, that Johnson has been abusing defensive backs this way even though his eyesight is so bad he should have been playing with glasses all along. He should really be something when he can actually see what he's up against, huh?

But isn't that where the Miami program is today?

So staggering it can beat you with its eyes closed?

The Hurricanes had another four first-rounders Saturday, giv-

ing them an absurd 13 in the past three years.

Consider this — Traditional football powers such as Texas, UCLA and Oklahoma haven't had that many first-rounders in the past two decades. The draft has been conducted since 1936, and schools such as Brigham Young, Oklahoma State, Georgia Tech and Arizona still haven't had 13 first-rounders.

Football's popularity has muscled all other sports aside in a way that has even the boring and interminable selection of its players overshadowing basketball's and hockey's playoffs, and draft day has belonged to Miami for the past three years.

UM must no longer settle for merely being Quarterback U or Wide Receiver U or Linebacker U. First Round U will do.

It isn't just that even Miami's broken running back, Willis McGahee, is taken ahead of all the other healthy running backs in the world.

It's that the UM factory line keeps spitting out talent in a way that has one first-rounder (Bubba Franks) replaced by another (Jeremy Shockey) replaced by another (Kellen Winslow Jr.) until

you forget that, hey, since when did tight end become a position that teams fill in the next draft?

And Miami's next draft class, headed by Winslow and Vince Wilfork, will be just as strong.

Another thing, too: Miami's players are so gifted, they don't even have to stick around for full physical maturity.

McGahee is a sophomore, Johnson a junior. When Edgerrin James went pro early (and led the NFL in rushing his first two seasons), he was replaced by Clinton Portis. When Portis went pro early (and set all of Denver's rookie rushing records), he was replaced by McGahee. And now that McGahee is going pro early, UM's running backs coach, Don Soldinger, says the replacement, Frank Gore, is better. Is there another school where Walter Payton's kid can't get on the field?

"I'm so proud that there are no words to express how I feel," Johnson's mother, Kathy, said Saturday, her lip still quivering. "I was just one big shock when his name was called. I couldn't really speak."

That's where Miami is today. With so much talent it leaves you speechless.

# Most teams deserve a 'C' for draft selections

**Vinny DiRani**  
The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

(KRT) HACKENSACK, N.J. — Trades continued deep into the second day. Few team lists really jump out at you as jobs well done.

Conversely, few lists make you wonder what those teams were thinking.

It all adds up to one thing: The 2003 NFL draft was more than usual an "eyes-of-the-beholder" session.

Certain clubs targeted certain players, and made every effort to get those players.

"There really were a lot of trades, especially in the later rounds," said Giants' general manager Eric Acorsi. "It seemed like every other pick someone was trading."

The whole draft took its cue from the jumbled first round, when teams were climbing over one another to secure their selections. Acorsi's Giants were one of the few clubs that did not participate in all the dealing, standing pat with their 11 picks. A perusal of the

Giants' list is like looking over any team's list from this draft: some interesting selections, but nothing special.

If you're grading, you almost can put one big, fat "C" over most of the 32 clubs.

Now for the exceptions. The Baltimore Ravens had an excellent first round, although the same will not be said next year.

The Ravens had to deal their top pick in 2004 to jump back into Saturday's first round after their dimwitted attempt to trade with the procedurally challenged Minnesota Vikings early-on. Maybe they were trying to get quarterback Byron Leftwich before Jacksonville grabbed him; maybe they were just trying to make sure they would nail Arizona State pass rusher Terrell Suggs.

The Ravens should know better than to try to include the bumbling Vikings in their plans.

Despite the embarrassing mishandling of that proposed deal, the Ravens came away with Suggs, who they will shift from defensive end to outside linebacker. They

grabbed quarterback Kyle Boller after dealing next year's No. 1 and a No. 2 to New England.

Then they added a backup for running back Jamal Lewis in Georgia's Musa Smith, and a guy to block for them in fullback Ovie Mughelli.

Alabama's Jarrett Johnson will add depth to the defensive line, and Tony Pashos could become a mauling tight tackle. Almost every one of Baltimore's 11 picks is a bona fide prospect.

Normally, multiple picks in the first round assure a successful draft.

Not so if you are the Arizona Cardinals. After trading the No. 6 pick to New Orleans for Nos. 17 and 18, the Cards turned those two picks into a good but not great wideout in Bryant Johnson and a speedy but raw pass rusher in Calvin Pace.

Heads were shaking around the league after those selections. Their later choices included a wide receiver who can't run in Antwan Bolden in the second round and some tackle from Clarion named

Reggie Wells in Round 6. That's why they always will be the Cardinals.

On the other hand, the Cincinnati Bengals showed signs they might not always be the Bengals.

In fact, if wide receiver Kelley Washington's fused neck and quick fuses don't become problems, Cincinnati may have nailed three first-round talents with its first three picks after taking Carson Palmer with the first selection and Iowa guard Eric Steinbach atop the second round.

And if cornerback Dennis Weathersby recovers from his recent gunshot wound, the Bengals may have gotten a second-round-er in the fourth.

Dallas didn't obtain the defensive tackle Bill Parcells desired but got quality from cornerback Terence Newman down through the sixth round, where kick returner Zuriel Smith was added. New England as always did a nice job of manipulating its picks, leaving itself with two No. 1s again next year while adding immediate

help in defensive tackle Ty Warren and cornerback Eugene Wilson.

On the flip side, the Washington Offer-sheets had just three picks and spent one on a quarterback most teams did not consider a prospect, Indiana's Gibran Hamdan.

Miami, without a first-round choice, came up with nine lackluster selections later on.

Cleveland took some physical question marks in running back Lee Suggs and defensive end Antonio Garay, and isn't good enough to spend a fifth-round choice on a long-snapper (Ryan Pontbriand).

The other teams all fall into that middle range. That includes the Giants, who solved their most pressing need in the first round with defensive tackle William Joseph but added several projects from smaller schools after that.

And ditto the Jets, who may have hit it big in first-round tackle Dewayne Robertson but did not address their quest to improve defensive team speed with linebacker Victor Hobson or safety Derek Pagel.

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## So long Weber: Saluki fans react to coach's departure

• David Barrett, Shawnee, Ks., Saluki fan since birth:  
 "My reaction is part disbelief and part resignation. Bruce Weber is an excellent coach, and I'm not surprised that he is moving up, so to speak. However, I'm still disappointed for the Southern program.  
 "I think we have a strong enough program that we'll still be competitive, however I think we're losing an invaluable resource."  
 • Chris Todd, junior in history from Murphysboro:  
 "I think it's bad for SIU, but any team that ends up getting him is going to be getting a great coach. I more expected him to take the Purdue job when it finally did open up. I didn't really expect Illinois to even think about Weber."  
 • Keith Cameron, senior in administration of justice from Ashley:  
 "I'm a little disappointed, but I think it's a

smart move for him. If I was him, I'd do the same thing."  
 • Kyle Burnside, freshman in radio/television from Downers Grove:  
 "I'm pretty disappointed about that. I don't think he should leave because all of his fans here are really loyal to him, and he knows that. He's been doing such a good job here that I don't know why he would want to leave for Illinois. We thought that he was going to go to Purdue once Keady left."  
 • Dianna Reusch, conference coordinator at the Division of Continuing Education:  
 "He's brought a resurgence of fan support for our basketball program, and hopefully that support can continue under a new coach.  
 "We also coordinate the summer basketball camps as part of my job. I think our camps will still be held, but I know that coach Weber is a big draw."

### GUEST COMMENTARY

## A final plea to no avail

Jeffrey Nichols  
 Saluki fan

Ok, so I probably have more Saluki Basketball experience than 99 percent of the students on campus. I have been attending home games since 1988, and right now I'm only 20 years old.  
 Yup, been through the Rich Herin Days — those were fun until the end. Went to the MVC tournaments with my father when they were in Normal, IL, and the old St. Louis Arena (yuck) and Kiel Auditorium. So now you know that I'm not a bandwagon basketball fanatic.  
 So the rumors are still out that Coach Weber might be leaving. Well, let me take some of you students back to the last time when there was a search for a coach. Several big names popped up like Steve Fischer, and even Saluki-great Mike Glenn.  
 Ex-Centralia H.S. coach Rick Moss applied for the job, and I vowed to quit going to games if he got it (due to the fact that I'm a Murphysboro Alum, and yeah we just don't get along).  
 So this Bruce Weber guy gets hired, and I was like "who the hell is this guy?". I never followed Purdue basketball, so I had no clue. Little did I know at the time that he would be one of the best coaches in school history despite his short tenure here.  
 For the love of God Bruce, don't go to Illinois. Gee, they never want to play us for fear of getting beat.  
 If you went to a school that wasn't Illinois,

then it might be alright. But many of us students have friends that go to Illinois. My friends from Illinois and my friends here at SIU constantly argue about who is better.  
 All the smart people in this state know that SIU is better! So don't go to one of our rivals, even though we never get to play them, we don't like them.  
 If you stay here for a while longer, we will all call you the "Dean" of MVC coaches. We all don't like Dana Altman or any of those weird looking Creighton players. Give us at least another year of arguing with the Creighton students about who is a better team, and who has the better coach.  
 Let me tell you guys, there is nothing better than being one of three SIU students in a Creighton-laden bar in St. Louis, and still arguing about who is better despite being completely outnumbered.  
 The Dawgpound was awesome when I was a kid attending the games with my father, and I always wanted to be a part of it. There could not have been a better time for my four years in college (yes just four years) for me to be a devoted member of the Dawgpound, and Coach Weber gave it all to us.  
 So on behalf of the Dawgpound, stay here for a little bit longer. I mean, it's not that bad living in southern Illinois, is it? Ok maybe it is. But I'll bet it sucks living in Champaign.  
 Besides Bruce, us in the Dawgpound would take down the Orange Crush anyday...guaranteed! So stay with the best!

### LETTERS

#### Painter would make a fine replacement

DEAR SPORTS EDITOR:  
 If men's basketball head coach Bruce Weber does take over at U of I, I think two things should happen.  
 First SIU should look in its own back yard at Assistant Coach Matt Painter for the next head coach. I don't know how many times I've seen players talk about how Painter has helped them.  
 Sure, he doesn't have any Division I head coaching experience, but he has been in college coaching in some form for about 10 years now. That's as long as Missouri's Quin Snyder and more experience than Creighton's Dana Altman (7 years), new Western Kentucky coach Darrin Horn (8 years) and new

Kansas coach Bill Self (6 years).  
 Plus there would be a lot less of an adjustment for the current Salukis. I'm not saying that SIU should definitely hire him. I'm just saying I'd rather see Painter yelling at refs in the SIU Arena than some over-hyped, over-paid reject from some other school.  
 Also, SIU should try to convince Weber to commit to a deal similar to the one Western Kentucky had with former head coach Dennis Felton. When Felton left he agreed to implement a four-year home-and-home series between Western Kentucky and his new team, Georgia.  
 As big of a loss as it would be to lose Weber, the national exposure of playing the Fighting Illini four straight years could be a huge boost to the program.  
 Kyle Herschelmann  
 senior, hospitality and tourism

## Best of luck in Champaign, coach



Final thoughts from ...

BRIAN PEACH  
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The petting and rubbing of all me lucky charms during the past week was for not.  
 Weber's going to be an Illini, and there's nothing I can do about it. I actually wrote a column last night talking about how much I hated waiting for the news, but then it came pouring in like a flash flood just before 9 p.m.  
 Weber goes, Altman stays at Creighton and Saluki fans like myself are sad. But at least we're not playing the waiting game anymore. That was the most painful. Now that it's all done and we know Weber's future, I can get on with business as usual. The inner turmoil within me has stopped brewing. It was just adding to mental anguish anyway, as I found myself, as of late, sitting through class and trying to learn a semester's worth of material I missed because I was too busy waiting in line for basketball tickets.  
 My hope is that one of the assistant coaches gets the job, but no matter who is named head honcho, I'm sure the Saluki community will embrace them by next season's start.  
 In my heart I know it was in Weber's best interest to take the job and the mouth-watering pay raise that comes with it. Hell, I'd do the same, but that doesn't mean I'm not crushed. Weber defined what it means to be a Saluki. I watched his hard work and determination carry the team during my four years here, and I'm more upset to see him go than I am to be leaving this University myself. I know what he meant to this school, and it's unfortunate he has to leave.  
 Sure, it would have been great if Creighton's Dana Altman took the job. The Bluejays would have been out an All-American in Kyle Korver next year along with their GQ-esque coach who has won almost twice as many games as he's lost in nine years. And though the rivalry with Creighton has been fun, I really wanted to see Weber's Salukis run through the season as easily as possible next year. Wichita State already scares me enough.  
 But since SIU is only able to pay Weber \$250,000 a year, money was probably more

of a factor for family-man Bruce than it was for Altman, who's reported salary is between \$400,000 and \$600,000. Though former Illinois coach Bill Self made \$900,000 in the job, it's unlikely the Illini offered that kind of dough to Weber, who has yet to prove to them he can succeed as their coach.  
 I know the money issue may be difficult for some people to comprehend when it is thrown into the mix with loyalty and dedication, but imagine having kids, if you don't already, and being able to give them everything from complete financial security to an education at just about any college of their choice.  
 Being a student who has paid for most of his education, I would love to be able to pay my children's way through college someday. And now, Weber will probably be able to send his three girls to Harvard, Southern Illinois, Yale, or any college of their choosing.  
 I hope the SIU faithful do not hold Weber's decision against him. Instead, show support for your former coach by attending an Illini basketball game with a shirt on that reads "I'm here for Bruce."  
 Gloat to all your friends at U of I that they need to dish out tons of cash to get a decent coach. Then add that they haven't heard the last of the Salukis, as Weber will probably schedule a game against SIU at some point, and the Dawgs can show their former mentor they can still ball with the best of 'em.  
 Yes, we lost a coach, but his legacy will live on. And hopefully some of that SIU pride he undoubtedly carries with him will rub off on a few northern Illini folks.  
 And at least now I can stop rubbing all the hair off my poor rabbit's foot.



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## Round 'n' round they go

### ① Matt Doherty

• Resigns UNC after 53-43 record in three years

### ③ Bill Self

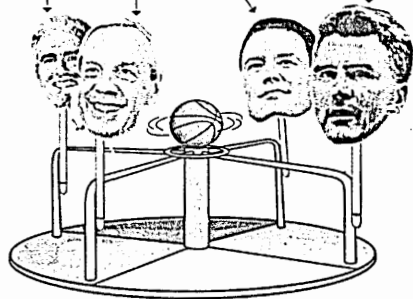
• Left Illinois to fill Williams' former spot at Kansas after three years

### ② Roy Williams

• Left Kansas for job at North Carolina

### ④ Bruce Weber

• Reports indicate the Saluki coach of five years has taken the Illinois job (STORY, PAGE 1)



A whirlwind of rumors is spinning about the candidates to fill the vacancies created by the 40 coaching changes in D-I men's basketball. The schools with coaching changes this season are listed at right.

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Saluki head basketball coach Bruce Weber flashes his trademark glare in a game earlier this season. Weber, once considered to be out of the running for the Illinois basketball head coaching position, is once again being mentioned as the front-runner for the position.

## The waiting game

Recruits wait out final say on the vacated Illinois coaching position, but remain excited about their future at SIU no matter the outcome

story by ZACH CREGLOW

Editor's note: The story was written before news broke that Bruce Weber accepted the head coaching position at the University of Illinois

Cornell Sudduth, a close friend of SIU recruit Jamal Tatum, stopped by his house and started telling the guard that his future coach was bolting for another job.

Tatum, the prized recruit of SIU's 2002-2003 recruiting class, thought they were trying to take him for a fool, but then his brother Derek called him and said that SIU head coach Bruce Weber's face was being plastered on ESPN as a likely candidate for the vacated Illinois head coach position.

"I thought they were trying to double team me on that. They are always trying to joke with me," Tatum said. "But then I saw it, and I was shocked. Coach Weber is a real hot commodity right now. I knew from the very beginning that he was a hot item, but I took that chance."

Bill Self's recent spurning of Illinois to take the helm at Kansas is causing rumors to swirl about the potential coaches including Weber.

Reports from many publications are pointing out that Weber is among the Illinois athletic director Ron Guenther's top three candidates for the vacated post. The other two are Northern Illinois and former Illinois assistant Rob Judson, and Xavier's Thad Matta, who is an Illinois native.

WSCR 670, better known as the Score, in Chicago reports today that Weber could even be named as early tomorrow afternoon. Nothing has been confirmed as of now. Due to the hefty amount of requests of interviews, Weber was unable to be contacted.

"[Weber] is the majority of the reason I committed to SIU," said Tatum, who was also being recruited by North Carolina, Utah and Creighton, among others. "If it wasn't because of coach [Weber], I don't know if I'd be going here. That is part of the reason I am going here, not just the school."

But his worries were eased for the moment when Weber dropped by Tatum's Jefferson City, Mo., home on April 22 to talk to him about the rumors.

Weber called Tatum and said that he was in nearby town and was planning to visit. During the meeting, Weber told Tatum "he was staying at SIU for now."

He did not go into detail with the guard about whether that was for five years or 10 days, but sources here said that Weber was not a legitimate candidate for the Illinois job then, and an opportunity to coach Illinois may have not seemed realistic to him then.

Tatum, though, appreciated the gesture and said that for the most part Weber was upfront with him. It was the driving reason Tatum's immediate family felt SIU was the best choice.

"I have a lot of respect for coach Weber," James Tatum, Tatum's father, said. "It was one of the reasons that we wanted Jamal to go to SIU."

Randal Falke, a forward recruit in Tatum's class, said he recently called SIU assistant coach Chris Lowery to find out any details about the rumors of Weber leaving.

He said he is trying to keep his mind off the matter and focus on his homework since there is not much he can do about the matter. Both recruits said that if Weber accepted the Illinois job, they would honor their letter of intent to SIU.

If any of the recruiting class that is rounded out with forwards Jamaal Foster and Lamar Owen wanted to break their letter of intent, SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said he would have to review their situation. He said he would also urge a recruit to be patient and see who the heir apparent would be.

"I think they can get out of their letter of intent," Kowalczyk said. "I would tell them to hold tight. We don't want them to be irrational. I would be doing what is standard practice."

The rumor mill could also affect later classes that could be peering in the newspapers and reading the rumors that might influence their future decisions.

Tatum said that when other schools recruited him, some used the fact Weber has been linked to other future jobs such as Purdue to try and lure him away from SIU's grasp.

With this recent rumor, it is not ameliorating SIU's pitch to any future recruits. Kowalczyk confirmed that Weber was on the road in Houston at Amateur Athletic Union, or AAU, tournament in Houston last week.

"I don't think it helps any, but I don't think it is a detriment," Kowalczyk said. "You can always make up lost time, though. He was traveling around to recruit last weekend and he does not slow down too much. That is where we are. He is a hard-working man."

There is also fact that SIU is linked to such a high-profile job search is good publicity for the school in some instances.

"I don't think there is any question that this can help," former SIU Media Relations Director Fred Huff said. "[Recruits] probably live with the sports section and see Bruce's name

mentioned, whether he gets the Illinois job or not, it is good exposure."

Kowalczyk also added that with the \$4.5 million donation by Thomas P. Whittman on Tuesday to the Athletic Department, the school will be able break ground on a new high-tech training facility. Kowalczyk thinks improved facilities could help "woo" recruits as well.

As for the recruits who signed the dotted line to dedicate their basketball skills to SIU, this is just part of the cycle that comes with being a successful mid-major program.

"This is not the first time that coaches have been asked about jobs," James Tatum said. "Just have to wait through it like everyone else. It does not seem unfair."

If Weber becomes Illinois' top choice as head coach and accepts the position, neither Tatum nor Falke would be angered by the decision and understands that Weber has to be what is best for his family. Illinois would potentially offer Weber a \$650,000 raise.

"This has not soured anything," Jamal Tatum said of the situation. "Sometimes you have to take chances. If he takes it, then I am happy for him."

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the underdogs" SIU senior catcher Toby Barnett said. "We definitely wanted to take it to them and come out with the 'W,' but they got the jump early and we just didn't finish up."

Callahan was even upset with the team during the first delay. The Salukis split into two squads and started throwing baseballs at each other.

If someone flinched, they were out. Once that game was over, they played again.

This time, the ball was thrown at teammates who had their backs to the ball. They were having a lot of fun.

"It's kind of comical to watch," Callahan said. "The thing that bothered me was I'm talking to Coach [Illinois head baseball coach] Jones and I'm talking to the umpires about what is going on and there was a heck of a lot more excitement going on right here than there was in our

dugout or on the field.

"Guys were more intrigued with the fact that they were playing competitive dodgeball. I wish I could have seen kind of excitement in the dugout and on the field or I wish that guys on the field could create that kind of excitement so the guys in the dugout got something to get excited about."

He said the team looked dead in the dugout.

At this time there is little chance of rescheduling the game, but the Salukis are trying to reschedule a game with Martin or Murray.

Both were rained out earlier this season.

The Diamond Dawgs will now have until Friday to prepare for Missouri Valley Conference rivals Creighton.

The Salukis will travel to Omaha, Neb., for a four game series this weekend.

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previous weeks, it just means more to be more than just on the "also receiving votes" list.

"It just means a lot more to be in the actual Top 25 because everyone always talks about Top 25 and they don't really mention the top 30," Adie Viefhaus said. "To be in the actual list: read it and not to just have a number of votes next to us, it's fun. It's a little bit better and a little bit more exciting."

While the players were excited about the ranking, junior third baseman Haley Viefhaus said Blaylock was even more excited.

She said Blaylock was frustrated because she was attempting to get a hold of her team to

share the good news and kept coming up empty.

"Kerri was trying to call us all and none of us were home and she was so mad," Haley Viefhaus said with a laugh. "She was like 'where are you guys?'"

Blaylock said she simply wanted her players to know about the rankings as soon as possible and not have to wait until the next day to find out when they read it in the newspaper.

"I think what a neat feeling it would be back when I was a player to be in the top 25," Blaylock said. "As a coach right now all I want to do is try not to screw them up too bad. I don't want to get in their way."

"I need to just let them play."

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## Abernethy signs with Ole Miss

Staff Reports  
Daily Mississippian (U.Mississippi)

OXFORD, Miss. (U-WIRE) — Todd Abernethy, a 6-foot-1, 190-pound guard from Carmel, Ind., has signed a national letter of intent to attend Ole Miss beginning in the fall 2003, Rebel head coach Rod Barnes announced Monday.

Abernethy is the third signee for the Rebels in the late signing period, which began April 16 and runs through May 15. Abernethy joins Byron Burnett, Bam Doyno, Ed Glass and Marvin Moore as members of Ole Miss' 2003 signing class.

Burnett and Doyno signed with the Rebels during the early signing period in November, while Glass and Moore inked with Ole Miss in the spring

signing period.

"Todd is such a great Christian kid, and he has grown up in a basketball home," said head coach Rod Barnes. "Todd will bring immediate help to our point guard position. He is a player who is well respected throughout the state of Indiana, and we are fortunate to have gone into Indiana and signed not only an outstanding student-athlete, but also a tremendous individual."

"To land a player of Todd's caliber at this time in the signing period is a big plus for our program. Everything that Todd brings to our program is a positive. He brings a lot of maturity to the floor, having been taught the game by his high school coach, Cary Chandler, and his father, Tom. Todd's future is bright, and we're excited he decided to come to Ole Miss."

Abernethy averaged 28.1 points, 7.2 rebounds and 5.7 assists during his senior year (2002-03) at Heritage Christian High School in Indianapolis. He earned Associated Press All-State second team and Coaches All-State first team honors in his senior season.

Abernethy also was named the city's co-Player of the Year in Indianapolis this past year. An Indianapolis Star Super Team pick, Abernethy was selected to the North-South and City-County All-Star squads. His high school team finished 2002-03 with a 14-8 record.

As a junior in 2001-02, Abernethy averaged 28.3 points per game. His scoring averages (28.1 as a senior, 28.3 as a junior) were among the top five in the state of Indiana the last two seasons.

## Iowa St. coach parties at Mizzou, apologizes

Zach Ewing  
The Maneater (U. Missouri)

COLUMBIA, Mo. (U-WIRE) — Accepting oral sex, especially when it's not offered, doesn't seem like a good way to represent a university, but that is exactly what junior Blake Overly said Iowa State men's basketball coach Larry Eustachy did at a late January party in Overly's apartment.

"A girl asked if he wanted a beer, and he said, 'Yeah, I'll take a blowjob,'" Overly said.

The party was held after bars closed in downtown Columbia, Mo., on the night of Jan. 21, after Iowa St. had lost 64-59 to MU at the Hearnes Center earlier.

Witnesses say Eustachy, 47, was intoxicated when he showed up at the party at the same time as MU basketball player Josh Kroenke, and acted inappropriately throughout the early morning hours.

"Larry came up here and started partying and at first it was cool," junior Sean Devereaux said. "But you can only handle it for so long. A belligerent old

guy gets annoying."

Devereaux, who lives in the apartment and took pictures of Eustachy drinking and kissing women, said the coach showed up at about 2 a.m. and didn't leave until a taxi was called for him at about 5 a.m.

He also said Kroenke stayed for only about 10 minutes.

Eustachy also nearly got in a fight with another man, Devereaux said, who was upset because Eustachy was holding his girlfriend's waist.

"My friend was like, 'Take your wedding-ring hand off my girlfriend's ass,' and Larry got in his face and started pointing at him and said he wanted to take him outside," Devereaux said.

Iowa State Athletic Director Bruce Van de Velde said in a statement he was disappointed with Eustachy's behavior and "errors in judgment."

"We made sure he understands his accountability and obligations as men's basketball coach and as a representative of Iowa State University," Van de Velde said.

Eustachy also expressed remorse in a statement.

"I have talked with [Iowa State President (Gregory) Geoffroy and Bruce Van de Velde this week about a variety of issues," he said.

"It's important to represent ISU in a manner that sheds a positive light on the university and the Cyclone men's basketball program."

The night of the party, after the Iowa State loss, Eustachy said he was upset.

"I'm as disappointed as I've been in a long time," he said at the time. "I don't think we played well."

Eustachy also criticized his team at the party:

"I told him, 'You guys played a good game tonight,' Overly said. "He said that, 'No, we played like [crap].'"

Overly said Eustachy was so drunk he had to be walked to a taxi waiting outside the apartment.

Devereaux mentioned several other specifics about Eustachy's behavior, including whispering to and trying to lick women and asking women if he could go home with them.

"He was being a real big creep," Devereaux said.

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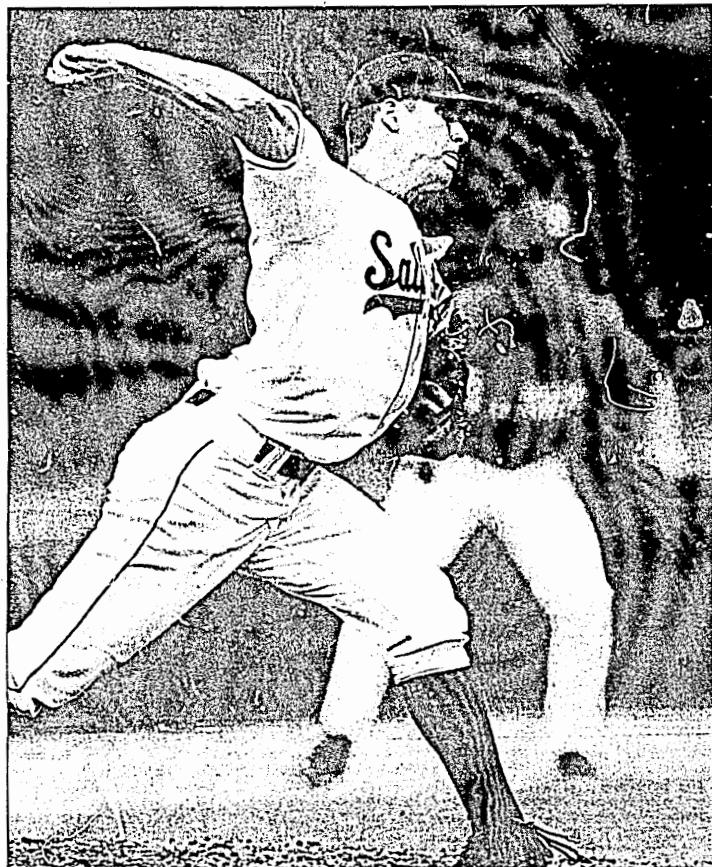
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SIU sophomore pitcher P.J. Finigan fires in a pitch against Illinois Tuesday afternoon at Abe Martin Field. The Illini rocked Finigan early, but the game was halted in the fifth inning before it was official due to a threat of lightning in the area.

## Lightning cancels baseball game

Callahan upset with team, self

**Christopher Morrill**  
 Daily Egyptian

SIU head baseball coach Dan Callahan was not a happy man.

After the second lightning delay in an inning, Callahan had to put a stop to the game against the University of Illinois Tuesday at Abe Martin Field.

He was not happy about ending it, he was not happy about the score and he was not happy with his team.

He especially did not want to end the game with Illinois in the lead and a half inning remaining before the game was official.

"That is the last thing I want to do is be labeled as a bush leaguer," Callahan said.

"I guess there was no reason we deserved to win this game. If anything, we deserve to lose this game if there is such a thing. Your No. 1 concern becomes safety and that became the issue at the end, because after the last lightning strike, they said we had to wait another 30 minutes again."

Lightning was nearing Abe Martin Field with vertical flashes and rumbles as loud as the music played over the speakers before the first delay.

It lasted more than an hour and a half, most of which seemed like fairly tame weather.

The teams had even taken the field and began warming up before being called back in because of

another lightning strike.

When the game did get back under way, the Salukis' half of the fourth inning was completed and so was the Illini's half of the fifth. It was so dark that coaches and players told the umpires they could not see the ball.

The sky had remained dark and threatening and the thunder and lightning began again.

Reports of severe thunderstorms in Jackson County were coming in and the game was delayed once more.

At this point, the Salukis were down 7-1 and the Illini would have needed just three more outs to make the game official. With the team on a six-game losing streak, it looked like they were about to break out of it.

It was not to be. The game had to be called.

"There's no bright spot in any of this other than we don't get a lose, but that pales in comparison to the safety issue, No. 1 and No. 2 the fact we played so pathetically for five innings," Callahan said as the lightning got closer and the thunder got louder.

Callahan said he was embarrassed at the way the team played. He said there were guys who would rather umpire than play, and said he felt demoralized as if they had lost.

Sophomore P.J. Finigan, the usual shortstop and closer, got the start for the Salukis. In the first inning, every Illini hitter came to the plate and the team scored four runs on two hits.

"Southern Illinois is definitely

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## Men's golf ends disappointing MVCs

**Ethan Erickson**  
 Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's golf team picked the worst possible time to play poorly — the Missouri Valley Conference Championships.

The Salukis shot a 315 in the second round Monday, the second worst round of any team in the three-round tournament, resulting in a disappointing seventh-place finish, two spots lower than the Salukis were picked to finish.

"It kind of sucked, I guess," said junior Grant Goltz, who finished 33rd. "We were picked to finish fifth, and we thought we were a little underrated going into it. Once again, we all picked the same time to play bad."

In the second round, no Saluki shot better than 78. In the third round, SIU shot a decent 300, with Dustin Stewart and senior Josh Wheeler firing 71s.

Head coach Leroy Newton said the

performance didn't represent the true quality of his team.

"We're better than that," Newton said. "We're better than seventh in the conference. If we play our golf, we should have been third or fourth."

Pre-tournament No. 1 pick Wichita State came back from six strokes down on the final day to defeat Illinois State. The Shockers also took the individual win. Ty Kline's 212 was one shot better than Northern Iowa's Mike Lewis.

On the trip home, the Salukis weren't dwelling on their underachievement.

"I don't feel too good about it," Wheeler said. "I know we can do a lot better, but the tournament's over with. The first round coming off a 296, we had our mind set on really playing well that second round and then the weather got bad. I don't know. I think we kind of let our guard down a little bit."

Stewart and senior Tim Hoss tied for 20th to lead the Salukis. Wheeler tied for

25th, and Roger Welch tied for 38th.

Wheeler said his strong third-round score let him go out on a good note.

"I wanted to do my best, but at the same time, if things didn't go all that well, you can't be upset with it," Wheeler. "I played bad the first two rounds, but today I shot a 71. I finished the tournament on a good note. My last college round was good. I'm happy with that."

Despite the loss of Hoss and Wheeler, Goltz said SIU has a bright future. Three of the five golfers that competed in the MVC Championships will be returning.

"We got a couple big time recruits coming on, and the sky's the limit for next year," Goltz said. "I'm sure this will always be in the back of our minds, but it will be really as conference time rolls around next year."

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## Softball cracks top 25

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Mark the date.

Tuesday, April 29, 2003.

This day is the first time the SIU softball team has ever broken into the top 25.

The Dawgs were tabbed No. 25 in the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division I Top 25 poll.

SIU head coach Kerri Blylock said she was ecstatic when she learned of the rankings and immediately thought of how proud she was of her squad.

"I screamed in the clubhouse by myself when I saw it," Blylock said. "It's like that magical number to get into that 25, so it feels really good, and I'm just proud of the kids

because I think they've worked real hard all year and they deserve it."

Back in the early 1990s, SIU also received national recognition, but hovered in the 30s and never broke into the top 25.

This season the Salukis have been in the polls for a school-record 11 consecutive weeks, but had yet to break into the top 25.

For the past couple of weeks, SIU has been right on the cusp, sitting at the No. 26 spot despite continually adding to its win total. In Tuesday's new poll, the 34-9 Salukis finally had enough votes to move up.

Junior catcher Adie Viehhaus said even though the team is only one number higher than

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