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Daily Egyptian Staff
Main Street offers surveys as recommendation

Polls provide large range of opinions

Kendra Sweezy and Shonda Robinson struggle every day to be accepted.

When Kendra Sweezy searches a Valentine's Day card for her girlfriend, she hunts diligently to get one without a pronoun. That may entail a trip to a specialty shop in St. Louis.

And each time Sweezy introduces herself or her girlfriend, she wonders how people are going to react.

"When I meet people, I try to think of a way not to shock them," Sweezy said. "Will they be accepting of it?"

The first step of living in this heterosexual society is understanding the fact that not everyone will accept Sweezy said.

Acceptance.

"I've learned to accept that we live in a straight society," said Sweezy. "I've learned to accept that information system from Edwardsville. "If you look it magazines or movies, unless it is specifically for individuals, it is always a straight couple."

Sweezy, 21, is the co-director of the Saluki Rainbow Network, the campus group for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and friends. Although Sweezy said the straight society is not accepting her girlfriend, Shonda Robinson, said it is changing, adding "people are more accepting."

Sweezy, who is involved in the group, "It's more common to see a gay couple walking around holding hands."

"I think we're going forward, but I don't know if we'll get to the point where no one will look twice."

While some people may think homosexuals have a choice in the lifestyle they choose, Sweezy says she wonders why people feel that way.

"I think that the only choice is the choice of accepting it," Sweezy said. "I didn't have a choice, that I was a lesbian, but I had the choice of accepting it."

Tim Rice, 38, initially had problems accepting his sexuality.

For 20 years he hid his homosexuality with a girlfriend and marriage plans.

"I had a realization that this is not right; this is not what I want," said Rice, a junior in social work from Cobden. "My life may be screwed up, but I'm not going to screw up somebody else's. So I was at that point that I made a decision to face the music and have to deal with what I was feeling."

Sweezy considers herself lucky because her family has accepted her sexuality and relations.

"I think that the lesbian community is fortunate because only one family member is unaware of her lifestyle."

"Technically, I guess I'm still in the closet because my room, doesn't know, but everybody else know," Robinson said. "They know my life is a lie and that I am who I am, so it wasn't a big deal for them."

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The issue of what the city should do for Halloween 2000 will go before the City Council on March 7, Doherty said.

Doherty's original recommendation was to close bars and liquor stores, and ban the sale of alcohol at restaurants in the South Illinois Avenue area and ban the sale and possession of kegs in the entire city for the weekend.

The second recommendation was to create a task force with equal representation of University and city officials and community members.

After receiving feedback from the Liquor Advisory Board and Downtown Steering Committees, Doherty changed his recommendations to exclude restaurants from the alcohol ban.

According to the surveys, 16 people were for both recommendations, 16 did not support either recommendations, 14 supported the first recommendation, and 12 supported only the second recommendation.

Doherty said he was not supplied by the variety of opinions that were given in the survey.

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SIU Women’s Rugby interest meeting will be held on February 29th at 7 p.m. Student Center Video Lounge, Room 209, Patrick 536-8380.

The Cast Your Cares Crusade Choir will be sponsoring a trip to Memphis, Feb. 27, 235 per person. Mission 4078521.

For students who are interested in the University of Illinois at Springfield, the Ballroom Dance Club is holding a meeting on Feb. 26th at 8 p.m. Davies Gym, 468-5745.

The University of Illinois at Springfield is offering a ballet class for all levels, every Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m. Davies Gym, 468-5745.

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Financial burden of filling city and county requirements too much

KAREN BLITTER

Kmart withdraws its application for a packaged liquor license to sell beer and wine because of the financial burden that would put on the company.

The Big K store manager Mike Potts said the Kmart Company did not want to spend the money required to train employees to Carbondale and Jackson County standards.

"There were too many red lines," he said.

"There was too much financial and red tape," Kmart applied for the Class C packaged liquor license this month for its Carbondale location, 1250 E. Main St.

A Class C package liquor license allows for the sale of liquor for off-premises consumption.

Two licenses are available under a city-wide cap of eight licenses.

Under city and county ordinances, Kmart would have been required to train at least 51 percent of its employees with Training of Industry Professionals Procedures, or TIPS training.

The training is a program through Jackson County Health Department that teaches servers how to deal with customers who have consumed too much alcohol.

Potts said it costs about $30 per person to be trained in the program, and Kmart did not want to make that kind of financial commitment.

Potts also said the store would have to relocate the proposed liquor department and other departments in the store to fulfill government requirements.

"It was going to be more of a hassle then it was going to be worth," he said.

Kmart wanted to make the changes to the Carbondale location in order make it like other K stores that offer a variety of merchandise, including an extra food and drug selection.

In June 1997, two liquor licenses became available when Times Square Liquors, 1702 W. Main St., closed and Walgreens Drug Store moved out of the building.

"I'm sad to see them," said Brown, director of the Black American Studies program at SIUC, and former student and department chair.

"The resources needed to keep the program running was also hard to come by during the years.

"The monies will be used to make an endowed scholarship to renovate the law school's moot courtroom, to create a group of officers for students and alumni.

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RHA, Housing discussing candle policy

In the Chronicle of a fact that left a Schweizer Hall room crowded earlier this month, the Residence Hall Association and University Housing are working together to find a solution.

The women saying the 6th & 6th have been asked to delete reporting the presence of candles and use them in the residence halls.

Brown thanked the anonymous donor for making a difference in student life last year, with RHA members asking what the future of the wrists should be.

RHA President Cambria Givens said a meeting will be held to discuss the creation of a Resident Assistant to help in situations like this.

SIUC graduate leaves $480,000 to School of Law

Frank Bietman, a SIUC graduate who lost his life last June in a plane crash in Texas.

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Corrections

• Thursday's story "SIUC Alumni group encourages students to buy." The story should have stated that the president's office offered about $200,000 to $220,000 in incentives and mortgages.

• Wednesday's Daily Egyptian story, "Gas prices on the rise," should have stated that the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve holds $60 million barrels of oil.

The Daily Egyptian regrets these omissions.
**World Famous Stallions NOT HORSEING AROUND**
Nationally known horse act comes to SIU Arena

Travis Moray
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

The "World Famous" Lipizzaners have performed at the SIU Arena for more than 30 years. The Stallions have performed in 65 countries, danced in 35 super bowl halftime shows, and performed in 21 Olympic summer games. The Stallions are known for their classic "stampede" where the horses kick up the rear and dance with the music. The Stallions are also known for their "trotting" where the horses move in unison with the music. The Stallions are also known for their "trotting" where the horses move in unison with the music.

**PERFORMANCE**

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Hemp study bill makes it through Illinois Senate

Study of hemp at SIU a future possibility

JAYETTE BEILMEIER Daily Egyptian

Industrial hemp may be a key to Illinois' agricultural economy. Legislation allowing SIU to research the crop may pass the state Senate in the next few weeks.

The Illinois Senate passed a bill Thursday that will allow SIU the opportunity to test the viability of industrial hemp production in Illinois. The bill now awaits House approval.

Hemp production has been prohibited in the United States since the 1950s. Proponents of industrial hemp production believe the cash crop has potential as an alternative to other failing agricultural industries.

Others argue, however, that growing hemp is unlikely to have the economic impact proponents claim.

"It's just too happening that she's female," Sweezy added.

Past vs. Future

Jocelyn McCurry, a social policy analyst for the Illinois Department of Agriculture, said the bill will help the university conduct research into the uses of hemp.

"I think we have a long way to go," McCurry said. "We are starting to see some development in all groups." McCurry said she is not involved with the drafting of the bill.

"This is what's dangerous. We get this false sense of security that it's better," McCurry said. "We need to be on guard." McCurry said she is concerned about the potential of marijuana.

Angie Robinson, a professor in the Agriculture and Food Policy Department, said the bill will help SIU study hemp.

"It has reached a point where it's going to force itself to be decided," Rice said. "There are many advances for the gay and lesbian communities and I think it's going to continue." Rice said the bill is a way of showing people that there are normal people with normal lives.

Rice said although Illinois civil laws are stricter than many states for homosexuals, he believes he can improve the lives of people in the future with this predicament.

"This is my home, I don't intend to run out of it," Rice said. "It takes people to stay here to fight for the people who are coming up. We, who have been through the process and have gained a little strength, can make it a better world." Rice said that people in another obstacle to overcome for single homosexuals, especially college students in Carbondale.

"You can't go to a party and say 'how are you doing? unless you know that a person is gay," Rice said. "You have to ask first, if you want to be bold enough. Otherwise you give them the bar, Club Trax (213 E. Main St.), Texas," Sweezy added. "We've heard people say, 'I've never met one of them before.' I just laugh like 'you've never met me before?' You probably have and didn't know it." Sweezy and Robinson agree that acceptance of differences would change many things for homosexuals.

"There's a homosexual quake," Sweezy said. "It's meant for heterosexuals to think, to open their minds. It asks, 'When did you first realize you were heterosexual?' The question is questions we've asked all the time, and it kind of makes people think maybe we're not so unusual." Sweezy and Robinson agree that acceptance of differences would change many things for homosexuals.

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Mind Games 2000 provide a fun, educational experience

College of Engineering celebrate National Engineering Week

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Michael Obilade walks away in defeat with a small smile on his face holding a crumpled mass of plastic tape.

Obilade, an eighth grader from Unity Point School in Carbondale, was one of many students participating in Bridge Over No Man's Gorge, one of seven events in Mind Games 2000. Mind Games 2000, which has been an annual event since 1981, is in conjunction with National Engineering Week.

"It's a great way for students to learn about Engineering," said Dan Walker, president of engineering students.

Walker, a senior in mechanical engineering from East Moline, sat at the main desk at the Bridge Over No Man's Gorge. Walker was met with a plethora of competitors hoping to defeat with a small smile on his face.

A multitude of participants could be seen dropping eggs onto the tape, one by one. The games started at 9 a.m. and ended at 2 p.m. Welcomed were students from Carbondale, Cobden, Benton and many other local towns.

The students on the benefits of obtaining alumni network 50 we are showing them the value of the alma. Jones said. "And we hope to recruit new alumni and turn them to a good day on behalf of the students."
International students say keep your mandate to yourself

A proposed fee on international students has some within the University concerned

Terry L. Dean
Daily Egyptian Reporter

The response from some on campus concerning a proposed federally-funded fee for international students is a mound, no thank you.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is planning to impose a $25 fee on international students in order to track their educational and residential status while in the United States.

The fee would be assessed through every student transaction including changes in majors, new majors requiring schools or a charge in their expected graduation date. The money would be used to maintain the Coordinated Interagency Partnership Regulating International Students, an INS system that would enforce the fee.

University officials will be expected to monitor students using the CIPRIS system. Under INS regulations, the fee would be retrospective, acquiring students who entered the United States before August 4, 1999 to pay the fee.

"I don't know why they want more money," said Carla Coppi, a junior international studies minor from Japan.

Jackson, director for International Students and Scholars, said she is not sure what the government hopes to accomplish with the fee, "I don't understand it..." Coppi, assistant director for International Students and Scholars, said it would help International Students and Scholars, "I think it's a bad idea because it doesn't fully understand it."

Lindberg thinks INS should first find an infrastructure in place to run the system before any talk of imposing a fee could begin.

"We're going to start collecting the fees now to pay for a system that hasn't even been tested yet," he said. "We have no idea what technology we're going to use or how it will work in order to maintain the CIPRIS system.

Coppi, assistant director for International Students and Scholars, said there is no way they will be able to monitor the status of international students through the new system, and will do their job in maintaining the system. She feels the law will undermine the relationship between the office and the students.

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Greek variety show brings Broadway to SIUC

Annual Theta Xi show presents musical numbers

Jennifer Wos
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Six Alpha Tau Omega fraternity members present themselves onstage at Shryock Auditorium Wednesday evening for the 28th annual Theta Xi fraternity variety show. The show is known as "Les Miserbables." The group had taxation by the Champaign-Urbana Visitors Bureau.

This year, the show, a Broadway musical, has four fraternities singing, dancing and directing to "Les Miserbables," "Bye Bye Birdie," "South Pacific" and "Guys and Dolls." There will also be a step show presented by the Phi Tau Theta fraternity.

The group began organizing the show in September, and practiced beginning last week to perform Wednesday night.

Jenn Lynn, senior recruiter for the Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Tau Omega teams, said they have put tremendous effort into the show this year.

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**Yoga Fest**

**March 12 - 10**

Your Spring Break is a great time to explore nature and your inner self. Every day will be activities involving relaxation, music, dance, yoga, and meditation. Outdoor activities are abundant and the evenings are filled with singing, universal dances, drama and inspiring stories. Workshops focus on meditation practices, diet, philosophy and health practices (vegetarian meals are complemented by food preparation classes).

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**Spring 2000 Immunization Clinic Schedule**

Sunday, February 20, 2000

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Room 109. 800-870-5348 for appointments or more information.

**Buck OUTLINE FROM PAGE 3**

administrative structure changed, and Buck was asked to serve as the director of the Counseling Center, a post he would hold for less than a semester. At the time, Student Services was one of the most significant changes Buck has seen in SHP.

With health care costs rising significantly during the early ’90s, SHP’s insurance costs were escalating by double-digit numbers, which increased student fees from semester to semester. The decision for the program to be converted was made by the administration, as Buck said the costs were not justified.

When we had been seeing very rapid increases in the insurance fee the students paid, Buck said, when the system became self-funded, we have not had a fee increase for health insurancen since the change in 1995.
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Struggling cagers cannot catch a break

Lavary’s nagging back injury may hurt SIU women’s basketball team’s chances

CHRISTINE BOLIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

After a season of on-and-off, pestering back problems, SIU freshman forward Danielle Lavary stepped on the court Saturday against Creighton University and showed no signs of her malady.

In only nine minutes of action, the 5-foot-10-inch forward from Belleville scored 14 points in the Saluki’s 70-68 win over the Bluejays.

Pretty good for a player who has only seen two minutes of action the entire season.

“I was ready,” Lavary said. “Coach asked me if I could go in (the game) and do a good job, and I was like, yes, ma’am. I knew what I could do.”

SIU head coach Julie Beck said the reason Lavary’s minutes have been so limited this season was because of her back. Unfortunately, Lavary’s injury has reappeared in time for the Salukis (7-17, 4-11) to open MVC action against the University of Evansville, which SIU battles Saturday afternoon at 4:30 in Evansville, Ind.

“I don’t think Creighton was prepared for Lavary,” Beck said. “We knew what she could do, but she has not been up to the task to do it. Conditioning is something that has pulled her back. We can’t afford another injury.”

Lavary (5.3 ppg) will be sidelined, the underclassman will join junior forward Courtney Smith (sickled) and sophomore guard Kim Holloway (fractured right wrist) on the injured list.

However, the Salukis have 10 healthy players determined for a win against the Lady Aces (19-5, 11-4), especially freshman guard Molly McDowell. She thinks the Salukis can continue their winning ways at Evansville because of the way SIU pulled together to win the Creighton game.

“Knowing that we can actually pull out and win a tough game at the end, gets our confidence up,” McDowell said. “We have lost a lot of close games, and since we beat Creighton, we have a lot of confidence going into the Evansville game. I think it is going to be a real good game.”

The Lady Aces are going to be a challenge for the Salukis, partially due to the versatile efforts of their star player, junior forward Shyla McKibbon. McKibbon scored 24 points during a Jan. 29 close Saluki loss to the Lady Aces, something Beck was mindful of when drawing up her gameplan.

“We are going to try to stop (McKibbon) tonight,” Beck said. “She probably has the best handles of any post-player I can think of in the conference. We have got to take care of her transition game and try to do a better job of two-defensing her.”

McKibbon led Evansville in scoring with 18 points and 8.9 rebounds per game over the Bluejays. The Salukis can continue their winning ways if SIU battles the versatile efforts of their star player, junior forward Shyla McKibbon. McKibbon scored 24 points during a Jan. 29 close Saluki loss to the Lady Aces, something Beck was mindful of when drawing up her gameplan.

Women’s Golf starts season today

The SIU women’s golf team begins its season April 8-10 at the university of Kansas City Invitational. The tournament will be held at Dear Bear Creek and is hosted by Northwestern University. The 15-team field includes six ranked teams in the nation’s top 25. Those include Texas Christian University (No. 24), Northwestern (No. 25), the University of Nebraska (No. 29), the University of Wisconsin (No. 37), the University of Missouri (No. 42) and Michigan State University (No. 53).

Rick Walker inducted into Indian River Hall of Fame

SIU men’s swim coach Rick Walker was inducted into the Indiana River Community College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997-98 as he set five national community college records, led the team to the junior college national championship and earned the honor of NJCAA National Swimmer of the Year.

Walker has also enjoyed success at SIU, with his team winning five straight MVC championships before finishing second this year.

SALUKIS SWIMMERS ATTEMPT TO BETTER THEIR TIMES AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY THIS WEEKEND

Four Saluki men’s swimmers will travel to Auburn University to compete in the Short Course Invitational.

Herzan Louw, Joe Tidwell, Korn Preneky and Martin Martin-Towers will all try to better their times for a possible NCAA Tournament appearance.

Saluki women’s swimmers Brooke Radostiak and Jenna Meckler will also compete in hopes of qualifying for the U.S. Olympic trials this summer.
Selig's arm of rule coming down again, but how strong will it be this time?

**Title Run**

Dye and his fellow Brats seniors and there is no question he will go out with a bang.

Sakis head coach Bruce Weber is confident senior Chris Thuril, Derek Tillman and Collum will make sure SUI does not allow a late-season let-down to ruin their shot at the Valley title.

"They've been very good these last three weeks of getting re-focused," Weber said. "Hopefully, they see how important this last stretch is.

Each game carries significant four-season implications and a win in Carver Arena would be a great help to our RPI rating, which moved us to No. 24 following Wednesday night's win.

Sakis has two last three games of the regular season — the Indiana State victory, the Bradley game and Monday night's matchup with third-place Southern Missouri State University (18-9, 11-5) — as a mini-tournament prior to the real one March 3-5 in St. Louis.

"We're playing three of the toughest teams in the Valley," Weber said. "Hopefully this isn't it, I hope they're not satisfied. I want to see what happens Saturday and then Monday if we can keep coming back.

The Salukis have won nine of their last 10 to fight their way to a first-place tie with Indiana State. Although they are playing the best ball in the Valley right now, SUI does not want to give up conference.

"Nothing's given," Collum said. "We can't think that we are good, we can't go big a head. We won't that good, we don't have it locked up yet, so we've just got be humble about it.

The Salukis senior remember the sick feeling after last season's first-round loss to Bradley in the MVC tournament that probably cost them an National Invitation Tournament berth. They experienced a disappointment last year. Now, their aim is to win a championship title to match their championship character.

"I want to go to the (NCAA) tournament I want to have all the good things," Collum said. "Don't want to end our careers saying all the things we should have done and could have done.
**Road to MVC title runs through Carver Arena**

SIU men's basketball coach Bruce Weber is hopeful his team is not satisfied by reaching a first-place tie in the Missouri Valley Conference. He wants his team to maintain its focus for the season finale against Bradley at the Carver Arena. Weber believes the Salukis' 12-4 MVC record and regular-season title will have to do what no other Valley team has done this season — win in Carver Arena.

**Saluki Baseball Preview**

SIU vs. South Florida
- Game 1: Saturday, April 30th, 6 p.m.
- Game 2: Sunday, May 1st, 1 p.m.
- Game 3: Monday, May 2nd, 1 p.m.

**Women's Hoops**

Saluki travel to Evansville Saturday for MVC showdown

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**Hey Students! Let's pack the "Dawg House" Monday Night**

**A pleasant dilemma in home-opener**

Kristine Abramowski

SIU baseball coach Callahan finding some way to play both quality short-stops

**Jay Schwab**

Joe Meeks or Luke Nelson? SIU baseball coach Dan Callahan has a pleasant dilemma in finding sufficient playing time for his two talented shortstops.

Callahan will have to determine the best way to juggle his skilled infielders again this weekend when SIU (0-2) hosts Western Illinois University at Abe Martin Field for a Saturday doubleheader starting at noon and a 1 p.m. game Sunday.

Meeks, a senior, leads SIU with a .538 batting average. He raised some eyebrows last weekend against South Florida, and he's going to hit .362 with 18 hits in 49 at-bats. Nelson, who is also arguably one of SIU's top pitchers, is hitting .311 and has driven in four runs. He is regarded as one of SIU's most consistent hitters.

One possible solution for the situation is sliding Nelson over and playing another position, which he is capable of, and allowing Meeks to see more time at shortstop. Meeks said it is kind of frustrating to be in such tough competition for playing time, but is pleased with the way he is hitting the ball.

"You don't even think about hitting when you're hitting good," Meeks said. "The ball just looks like a big volleyball or a big beach ball out there."

Callahan said the pair's flexibility may allow both of their potential bats to be in the lineup simultaneously.

"It might be a situation where (Meeks) might just need to be in there whether it's at shortstop or at second base," Callahan said. "Jeff Houston and Anthony Jones need to pick up the offensive at first base. Luke Nelson has proven in the past that he's athletic enough and versatile enough to play first base, and he's going to hit it."

Callahan added that Nelson would pick up a trio of slumping infielders find their stride. Jeff Stannek (110), Houston (80) and Jones, who is hitless, are a combined 3-for-36 so far.

On the positive side, the Salukis have been sharp defensively so far, committing just five errors through their first five games.

The Salukis should relish playing at home this weekend, after beginning the season with five road games. SIU ends its three-game series against the Western Illinois last weekend and owns a 28-10 all-time series lead against the Leathernecks, who are 1-2 so far this year.

SIU dropped its first two games of the season against the University of South Florida, but has since won three straight games, including a non-conference victory against UT-Martin last weekend.

Sophomore Saluki starter Jake Alley has been tough on opposing hitters so far and will start the first game of Saturday's twin bill.

While Alley has anchored the starting staff, the relief pitchers have also been solid. After stumbling in the first couple games against South Florida, SIU's bullpen has settled down nicely.

Senior Justin Hiscovitz, who owns a 2.14 ERA after 17 innings, leads the team in saves with five. Despite allowing seven earned runs in the Salukis' 6-1 loss to the Gators on Wednesday, Alley is 2-0 with a 1.69 ERA during the last three games.