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SIUC Police step up crosswalk enforcement

Student's bicycle collides with vehicle in crosswalk, ticket unlikely

Betsy Nauman

SIUC Police continue to closely monitor University and city crosswalks for the second straight week, making sure pedestrians can safely cross the streets of Carbondale.

One student found out how unsafe the crosswalks can be when her bicycle collided with a car Tuesday morning in front of the Agriculture Building.

Laura E. Dersch, a senior in biology from Mt. Carmel, was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. She was treated and released for facial injuries. SIUC Police issued a traffic citation.

"The student will be given a written warning for speeding through crosswalks," Lt. Todd Sigler said. "If she gets caught doing it again, she will be issued a citation as well."

Dersch said the collision was nobody's fault and "everyone was just trying to have a good day."

"There were no tickets. She was released," Sigler said.

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Bill Archer

McDaniel, Flanagan dominate City Council primary

Flowers, Briggs round out candidates for April 3 election

Maggie Flanagan, Larry Briggs, Correne McDaniel and Carl Flowers advanced to the April 3 election after Tuesday's Carbondale City Council primary while SIUC students Bill Archer and Rob Taylor fell less than 100 votes short.

Jeffrey T. Shepard and Kevin Kuzdawski also were eliminated from the April ballot. In the student districts, Briggs, Archer and Taylor received a majority of the votes, but a lack of votes in other districts held them back from the top three winners.

"The low voter turnout in student-dominated precincts helped," McDaniel and Flanagan to lead the field with 666 and 521 votes respectively.

Total voter turnout in Carbondale's precincts was 1,322, or 7.5 percent of the total registered voters.

The winning candidates will move to the April 3 election, where two will be elected to four-year terms on the Carbondale City Council.

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Flowers and McDaniels ran unsuccess- fully for City Council in 1999. Although they advasted to the general
election, they were defeated by first
place Councilman Mike Neil and sec-
cond place Councilman Brad Cole.
Flowers lost to Cole by 74 votes and
McDaniels fell short of Cole by 201
votes.

McDaniels said despite this early vic-
tory, she will not take anything for
granted and will continue to work hard.
"I am excited I won and motivated to
go go the next level," McDaniels said.
Flowers said he is elated that he will
advance to the April 3 election.

"The race is only beginning. I will
continue to work hard to let the citizens
of Carbondale know what I represent," he said.

**VOTER TURNOUT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

hose, we'd be pretty close to our expecta-
tions." But not all students remained silent
by turning out to vote. Victor
Sebastian, a senior in advertising, said he
felt he had heard in Carbondale long
enough and figured he had to get
involved.

Jennie Edwards, a recent graduate in
visual communication, said she'd like
to see students become more involved.

Not everyone I talked to when I was
trying to get them to come out and vote
are not registered to vote down here," Edwards said. "There should be more
involvement from residents and students
in finding out who the candidates are."

Although some precincts found
the turnout disappointing, not all precincts
were reporting low numbers throughout
the day.

During the same time other polls
were reporting voter turnout in the mid-
teens, precinct 14 inside Epiphany
Lutheran Church was reporting 58 votes
cast, while precinct 13 — located in the
same building — was reporting 87 votes
cast.

Mindy Flowers, a precinct 14 election
judge, said precincts on the northwest
side of town have been
reporting voter turnout in the mid-
teens, while precincts on the southwest
side of town have been
reporting 58 votes
graphic areas, each with its
own independent

**EXHAUST FREE • DAY ENDS**

Maggie Flanagan celebrates success in advancing to the April 3 Council
election with her husband Ray Lenz.

The first referendum asks if citizens
wish to split Carbondale into four geo-
graphic areas, each with its own representa-
tive, as well as two council members
elected at large.

As is stands now, all members of the
council, as well as the mayor, are elected
to represent specific districts to
council members to represent them.

The second referendum asks if citizens

"In the election today, this is not
only the question," said Thomas Hayes,
precinct five election judge. "But there is
a lot of talk over here in the northeast
about it. We are looking forward to the
April election."
**Students thief from Lakeside Deli**

*Breit Neumann  Daily Egyptian*

The Lakeside Deli has been involved in more than sending food to students in SUCI Housing. Some students have been stealing themselves by using a side door to steal Twinkies, Fritos and Little Debbie cakes during the semester.

Lakeside Deli Student Manager Beth Ruot said workers have fixed four attempts of theft during the spring semester. She said people have been stealing in through the side entrance of the facility and walking into the back room where food is kept. All of the student workers are stationed in the front of the deli serving students.

Lakeside Deli is located in the basement of Lentz Hall. Students can go there and get a variety of chips, candy, sandwiches and snack cakes. Every time a student uses their ID, a meal is subtracted from their weekly budget.

**Morris Library benefits from government's budget**

*Carly Henphill  Daily Egyptian*

Gov. George Ryan proposed last week that SUCI receive full funding to help plans for the expansion and renovation of Morris Library, and architecture plans will begin by March.

Although funding for Morris Library was originally 12th on the Illinois Board of Higher Education's list of renovation recommendations, Ryan moved Morris Library up to number eight on his proposed list during his budget address.

An architectural firm will be hired to contract the budget so that the renovation will be completed by March.

**Renovation, addition plans in progress**

A majority of the renovation funds will go toward the infrastructure of the building, helping to improve the heating, air conditioning and ventilation. The plan for the $30,000 square foot expansion includes using it for 24-hour materials, such as computers and large study spaces.

The Senate was forced to extend the end of May to July 1 to pass the budget. The government's budget of $7.3 million alloted for the School of Music will still be needed to expand and renovate Morris Library, in addition to the $14.5 million allocated for the School of Medicine's cancer center. Ryan also included $1 million for SIU-Edwardsville.

The Venture/TECH section of the budget allotment lists six technology initiatives in the state for 2001. Venture/TECH, a five-year state project, will help technology to grow in Illinois.

"This budget takes care of our major studies that are essential to the university," said John A. Logan, president of the university.

"We're really in the game for being able to provide for our students," Whitney said. "We're turning out books everyday."

Bob Hobson, an undecided sophomore from Channahon who has had books converted to Braille and enlarged material for John A. Logan College and Herrin Hospital, went through a process of scanning the book, cleaning up the pages, making corrections and producing the final product. Whitney said the turn-around rate is about two days.

**Women's studies scholarship offered**

Undergraduate female students with at least a sophomore standing and 2.75 GPA who demonstrate financial need are eligible for the Donna M. Summerfield Women's Studies Undergraduate Scholarship.

Applicants must submit a letter of application, an essay and two letters of recommendation. The deadline for this award is March 30. For more information, call 452-5141.

Seminar to enlighten students about jazz

A seminar on jazz education will be presented every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. During the spring semester, the seminar takes place at noon each Tuesday in the O'Neill Room on the second floor of the Student Center.

**"Ten Little Indians"** at John A. Logan

John A. Logan will present Agatha Christie's mystery novel, "Ten Little Indians," on Thursday and Saturday in O'Neill Auditorium.

Tickets are $5 for general public and $4 for student. For more information contact the College Box Office, 549-7335 ext. 6416 or on the Internet at http://wlww.jalc.illinois.edu
Last week, SIU President Jimmie Wheeler along with Paul Simon and a group of 29 others, journeyed to Cuba with plans to discuss topics ranging from education to agriculture. This week, they ventured back with hopes that exchange programs for students and faculty, as well as joint research projects, will materialize in the future.

These types of exchanges would be a certainty if the country in question was nearly any other than Cuba, where Fidel Castro is still in power. But that doesn't mean there isn't something to be learned from the Cubans, or that we aren't in a position to help them. As the delegation was able to witness the rare opportunity, Cuba has made a large investment in scientific research, particularly in the area of agriculture. To ignore their progress and resist a program that could result in real benefits to Illinois farmers and great strides in research programs here at SIUC would be an opportunity sadly wasted.

And it isn't just agriculture that can benefit from an exchange program between Cuba and SIUC. Hispanics are the fastest growing demographic in Illinois, a fact that brings with it an increased need for Spanish teachers as well as English as a Second Language teachers. Keith Sanders, executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, has been a vocal proponent of teacher exchanges with Cuba, and to us it seems only logical to try and bring native speakers of Spanish here to teach, and send English teachers there.

It does seem, however, that agriculture would be one of the main beneficiaries of an SIU-Cuba exchange. David Shoup, Dean of the College of Agriculture and member of the SIU delegation, pointed out several areas where scientists in Cuba would benefit from research here at SIUC, with eventual applications in Illinois agriculture.

SIUC was involved in several projects. The field with the most potential for Illinois is genetic engineering of crops. Scientists in both places are working on developing crops that are resistant to insects, which would be an obvious boon to farmers here in Southern Illinois.

Any discussion of cooperation between the United States and Cuba must include the embargo that has been in place since 1961. An embargo can only be successful if a group of countries support it. The fact that Cuba has bilateral trade agreements with other countries to undermine any effectiveness a U.S. embargo would have on Cuba. Furthermore, sanctions against Cuba are tougher than those against North Korea and China, which have deplorable human rights records and are far greater military threats to the United States. Add to that the more than $650 million lost in exports at a time when Illinois industries in need of finding new export markets, and the wisdom of a 40-year-old failed policy becomes unclear at best.

While reasonable people can disagree about the merits of a trade embargo, based on personal histories and political beliefs, the idea of exchanging information and scientific research that can benefit both parties is something everyone can and should support.

Our Word

Can SIU take the first step in smoothing relations with Communist Cuba?
Many people ask me why I call my people Africans in America, instead of African-Americans. The answer is quite simple, it is because I do not think that there is an idea of America that is compatible with our understanding of being an African. America built itself on the blood of our ancestors Africans in America, instead of African-Americans. American? How are we apart of something that has no connection with our understanding of being African.

The question, "Are we American?

If we are, why do we suffer at the hands of those who are supposed to share this mystical heritage of being an American? How are we apart of something that kills us, disfranchises us, and confines us to economic deprivation because of America's racial caste system? All provocative questions, huh. America is rooted in the genocide of most of the "Nde" nations, and the War of Independence was solely based on an idea of liberation for Europeans that essentially meant the institutionalization of enslavement for Africans, not to mention the fact that different groups were subjected to this genocidal tendency of the European American at different stages. Finally, we need a common history that all people in America can celebrate. It is because of this that WE HAVE TO ASK THE QUESTIONS

African Americans have never been in the position to abuse any people to the extent that the European and European Americans have, and I will be damned if you implicate me or my people in a history forced upon us, a legacy of greatness hidden from us and a make us accomplices in the murder and destruction of civilizations and peoples greater than America and its forefathers, themselves. America does not have a culture, it has a history of practices that we must decide whether or not we should participate in.

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Ash Wednesday observed by students

Christians prepare for the Lenten season

EMILY OSTERDORF
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Today some students might be walking around campus with a mysterious black smudge on their foreheads.

It is a symbol that some Christians will put on today for Ash Wednesday, the first day of a religious period known as Lent.

Lent is a 40-day period from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. Known as a holy season to Catholics and many Protestants, the 40-day duration is symbolic of Christ's 40-day fast and temptation in the desert.

The placing of ashes on one's forehead is a symbol that the sinner repents of sins during the abstaining from, according to we understand why we do it," he and mental preparation before the Methodist Student Center Wesley Jones suggested that Christians are dust and to dust you shall return is related to reminded the recipient how brief life is. "It's kind of a tradition," said Clint Hendrix, a senior in communication from Ashwaubenon, Wis., who attends the Newman Catholic Student Center, "but it's a nice way to start off this reflective time of the church year."

The Rev. Greg Jones of the Newman Catholic Student Center said Lent is "a time for people to get in touch with how God has blessed them and if they're using their blessings well. If not, it is a time to repent and see how to use these blessings."

Lent is also viewed as a time of self-sacrifice and self-purification in preparation for Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

Some people reminded themselves of Christ's sacrifice at the crucifixion by giving up something they are known for. The intent is that those who make small sacrifices will focus on God instead of the items they are abstaining from, according to, Frank Disney, pastor of the United Methodist Student Center Wesley Foundation.

Jones said that sometimes this intent is forgotten. "I really don't think that giving up something really does anything," he said. "Instead, I try to do for others and not go out to eat and instead of buying something I save on it and go to the church and charities."

Abstaining from all meat except fish on Fridays is also sometimes part of the Lenten sacrifice for Catholics. Hendrix is calling "the imposition of others and not because I see students in the back room, because cafeteria workers from upstairs frequently come downstairs to use the locker rooms, where they keep their break and use the bathroom. She suggests they go into the back room and take the occasional snack.

BRAILLE

whole program is just set up around what the individual needs.

Beyer said Whitney's willingness to accommodate each student has helped him save time and allowed him to keep up with his classes. However, he said professors at SIUC don't work close enough with disabled students to understand disabled students' needs.

"Here's a perfect example," Roust said holding up a box of Little Debbie Honey Buns missing one snack packet. "We never take just one snack out of a snack packet. We never take just one snack out of a snack packet." Roust said she is paranoid this semester because costs go up. I have to work. "What are they doing?"

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Have lunch with an SIUC author

Food for thought

Lunchen discunons allow students to meet with SIUC

Marji Morgan met with students and community members Tuesday to enjoy a light lunch and discuss her recently published book.

University Christian Ministries is sponsoring the Food for Thought Luncheon Discussions to allow students, community members and faculty to have lunch with an author.

The lunchen series, features authors from many disciplines of SIUC. Professors from psychology, medical biochemistry, speech communication and mathematics have participated in the luncheon since it started Feb. 13.

The History Department hosted three faculty members who are recently published authors and are participating in the luncheon series.


"Liberman was trying to figure out why peace activists were looking at as being subversive or being associated with communism during that particular time," Morgan said.

The luncheon was a lot of fun and it was a good mixture of people from different community and students who were very interested and responsive," Liberman said.

The lunchen discussion will continue to take place until March 8, and will include more authors from University Press, the School of Law and the English Department.

Lunchen invitations are provided at the discussion, and a question and answer session follows.

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DIARY OF AN EGYPTIAN
From pizza ransoms to booty calls — doing drive-by deliveries with the pie patrol.

**Riding shotgun with the Pizza Posse**

*Story by Codell Rodriguez • Photos by Eulalie Frye*

At about 6:45 p.m., Aaron Queensbury hastily looks around the red, white and blue boxes waiting for someone to take them to their hungry owners. Working since 11 a.m., Queensbury quickly grabs a couple and tosses them into a heat-wave bag. He dashes out to his red 1990 Toyota Corolla, yelling, “Driver out!” He tosses the bag in the passenger seat, turns on the ignition and drives off into the night.

Queensbury has worked as a Domino’s Pizza delivery driver since 1993. He has seen four different owners and two different locations. He has worked through all kinds of weather and all kinds of situations, including several Halloween riots. But Queensbury loves his job and does not look for promotions.

“I just come in, do my job and go home,” Queensbury says as he navigates his car down the twisting and turning country roads. Queensbury stops at his destination, brings out the order and rings the doorbell. He greets the family with a friendly “Hello” and his ever-present smile. He delivers the pizza, climbs in the car and heads for his next destination.

“Most of the folks out here tip a couple of bucks,” Queensbury says as he calculates the tip. “They don’t have to tip anything if they don’t want to.”

And some don’t. Later in the night, Queensbury delivered a pizza only to be paid in exact change. He did not get upset, he just said, “now it balances out.”

As he heads back to base to pick up a few more pizzas, Queensbury recalls some of the stranger incidents he has experienced while making deliveries. Once, when he delivered a pizza to Stevenson Arms, Queensbury dropped his delivery bag outside in the hustle and bustle of realizing the pizza and counting the change. When he returned to where he dropped the bag, it was gone.

Queensbury returned to base and said, “You’ll never believe what happened to me.” His boss then asked if he was going to look for promotions. Queensbury loves his job and does not look for promotions.

Queensbury is greeted warmly by a hungry Bishop family. The delivery took approximately 22 minutes, way under the average 34 minute delivery time.
Show them the money

USG to address funding allocations for RSOs

By Jackie Heagerty, Daily Egyptian

The Undergraduate Student Government is conducting an informational meeting for Registered Student Organizations to explain funding guidelines and address concerns from students and leaders.

Tonight’s meeting is one installment of the monthly leadership series programs created by Student Development Coordinator Pauline Curkin.

Curkin, a 14-year adviser to the Rainbow Network, has witnessed frustration from leaders by the questionable budgetary form that USG uses.

She said the form’s excessive length and numerous requirements make expensive Controversy about USG’s budgetary form do with personal interests and uncontrollable for most RSO leaders.

“Year to year, some students can apply for more funding than they do well with it. Others take out less at the 20-page form and turn up their noses,” Curkin said.

USG President Bill Archer, however, has decided to keep the original form after reviewing proposals by the finance committee and believing the form is vital for the accountability and transparency of the organization.

“We can’t tell the donors how to spend the money, so they don’t need to know how to correctly fill it out. No matter what we do, people are going to be disappointed,” Archer said.

“If we switch, people will say the forms are too short without enough room for ideas and suggestions. But people complain now that the forms are too long,” Archer said.

Instead, Archer will focus on the meeting on explaining how to properly fill out the existing funding requests and assisting organizations in obtaining their necessary funds, topics Curkin deemed important.

“Funding varies over the course of the year, and it makes you wonder if it doesn’t have something to do with personal interests and involvement. That’s just human nature,” Curkin said.

Curkin said Controversy about USG’s funding form stems from 1999 when then-USG President Bill Hennes was suspected of disbursing money to organizations in which he had a personal interest.

Since then USG has struggled to take the stance of playing their funds. “We’ve decided it’s probably better to keep the 20-page funding forms, and now we’re just trying to figure out how to allocate [money] better,” Archer said.

Curkin said it is vital for organization leaders to gather any insight into how funds are distributed and show them how to take advantage of opportunity to learn the nuts and bolts of the application process.

“This is probably one of the most important things that occurs in the course of the RSO experience, when the application for funding is made,” Curkin said. “It will make a difference for the whole year.”

Archer has slightly different goals for those attending.

“I hope that RSO leaders and students develop understanding of the funding guidelines for registered student organizations and feel comfortable to ask questions,” Archer said.

“The nice part,” says Missourian’s volunteer coordinator, is “you are safe with your money, they should show up.”

U. Florida law students assist Holocaust survivors receive amends, reparations

By Kristen Horchken

University of Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-Wire) - University of Florida law students have been helping Holocaust survivors attend Friday night dinner portions of $6.25 million from the January 26, 2001

As the University of Florida Law School’s Holocaust Survivors’ Resource Center in America, the center is dedicated to helping survivors receive the amends they deserve.

The center is currently working with the American Bar Association and the American Bar Association to provide legal representation for survivors.

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Bryson leads MVC post-season honors

SIU's Kent Williams named to second team All-MVC

For his effort in leading the most prolific one-year turnaround in the Missouri Valley Conference this season, Terri Bryson was decorated as the league as the MVC Player of the Year Tuesday.

Bryson, a senior guard for second-place Illinois State University (20-6, 12-4), edged out Bradley University guard Jerome Robinson for the award.

Sophomore guard Kent Williams was the lone SIU postseason notable, garnering second-team All-MVC honors with his 17.8 point per game average, second in the Valley behind Bryson.

"It's something that I really worked hard in getting," said Bryson, who averaged 22.4 points per game this year. "I have to give credit to my coaches and teammates. My coaches prepared me for the defenses I would be facing this year. My teammates worked hard in getting me open and getting me the ball."

With the help of a strong supporting cast, Bryson, the Valley's active career scoring leader with 1,649 points, played an integral role in overcoming last season's 10-20 overall mark and a shaky 5-13 standing in the MVC.

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Texas eager to romp over Missouri

TEXAS RICHARDS DAILY TEAS--(6-8, T-C EMPRIN)

AUSTIN, TEXAS (U-WIRE) Roughly 46 hours had passed since Texas put the finishing touches on a 16-point dismantlement of Iowa State on Sunday, but it was Oregon's loss to the Ducks in the Big 12 Conference tournament that had received the most attention.

In the first 10 minutes of play against the Tigers, Texas made 12 of 17 shots to build a 20-10 lead, forcing Missouri head coach Quin Snyder to call his second timeout in three minutes.

Missouri must have done a lot bollering at his team — his voice was virtually gone after the game, but his instructions could not do much in No. 24 Texas (22-7, 11-4 Big 12), who coasted to an easy 76-63 win at home. "It's obvious we were playing with a lot of confidence, and the old Texas basketball and Texas basketball now," Texas coach Rick Barnes said.

"Everywhere is doing what they do best, and no one is playing out of character," Kelly said. "It took us a while to find our chemistry, but we are doing it at the right time."

Texas led 43-26 at halftime, and built its lead to as large as 24 late in the second half. Missouri scored the game's last nine points to close the deficit, but it was too little, too late.

"We were manhandled by a team that is playing as well as anyone right now," Snyder said. "You had to make too or three good plays in a row just to get off a shot against them."

"The Tigers' struggles can be attributed to Owens, who blocked four shots, bringing his season total to 78, the fourth-best single-season total in Texas history.

Texas concludes its regular season Saturday with a road trip to Texas Tech, which the Horns beat 73-68 on Feb. 13 to begin their current win streak. A win would give Texas its third reg- leregular-season victories, the most since they went 24-1 in the 1964-67 regular season.
Peter the Great

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Down with the cynical sports writers

To be a sportswriter in 21st century America, there seem certain things you must know.

- Team owners are insatiable, Scrooge-like old men who only want more money.
- Athletes are egotistical, low-earning drug abusers who only want more money.
- The NFL is absurd and must be killed.
- Professional wrestling is not a sport.
- Golf is a sport, but just barely.
- Michael Jordan is great.
- Tiger Woods is OK.
- My type is ... don’t ask.
- The entire world of sports is sinking at a Titanic pace in a pool of yucky, green sewage and (Oh, the humanity!) if there were only some miraculous way we could save it all.

But in all, there are more significant things in the world to worry about than the current condition of sports in general. There are children starving all over the world. Racism, sexism and homophobia still exist and we have a president who more likely than not has both Proctor and Chamberlain’s footprint on his speed-dial.

But I understand the American sportswriters don’t get a paycheck every two weeks to worry about issues such as those. The sportswriter gets paid to write about sports, in particular parts of the world of sports that Joe Reader would want to take the time to chew. That’s where thatraham buckfist known as cynicism comes in. She’s a hardcore agnostic and she spreads faster than the Ebola virus.

Every four years or so a Leon Armstrong will come about and rudge her back into the dark caverns from which she emerged, but for every Lance Armstrong, there’s a Ted Leonsis who, of John Rocker’s and Rae Carrube’s writing to find things.

Even worse, sportswriters sweep in and feed on the cynicism like ravaging vultures denying justice. They poof it up and highlight it and point it across the back pages of newspapers across the country. They ignore inspirational stories and the immense worth of praise, instead choosing to write about Alex Rodriguez’s rap lyrics, Shaq’s relationship problems, Mike Tyson’s appetite issues, Tiger Woods’ ungodly hubris, and the list goes on. For all their moaning about The Great Decline, what do they do? They continue to feed into it and wonder why things are getting worse. They lose sight of the fairness of sports. They forget what it’s like to eat a hot dog and peanuts with their fathers on a sunny afternoon at Wrigley Field. They forget the excitement you feel when your team actually wins that big game and how it feels to cope with the losses. They ignore motivation stories and what that means.

So what can we do to change all of this? It’s simple. People across the nation begin to recognize the good people, the good causes, the good coaches, the good companies, the good OK. A-Rod makes too much money, Mark Cuban is goofy, Vince McMahon is the Anti-Christ.

We Can’t Stop writing! Sportswriters write on and on and they are the world of sports is making more money and being consumed by more people than any time in the history of the world. More saddles and football blacktops than we recognized are being built in inner-city and small-town youth sports America.

Basketball hoops are thrusting outward from cement slabs like wild weeds. High school football will blossom widespread handshakes throughout the state of Texas. New sports are being created everyday. New kids for children, too. Through the phenomenum of sports, men are starting to feel like they are two in 15 years of basketball goes but, at the same time, I know it’s for me, to me on move and find something, that for me to enjoy.

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—Tina Hashaway,

For the Last Time

Women’s basketball seniors reflect on their four years at SIU

STORY BY JAVIER SERNA

Even though Maria Ntiglihure and Courtney Smith have set out most of this season’s games because of injuries, they will join their fellow senior teammates, Terisa Hashaway and Krsteine Abramowski, on the court Saturday in the final game of the regular season.

"We get permission from the doctor," head coach Lori Opp said. "They’ll all get that last opportunity to play and before a home crowd."

Senior day in Carbondale will be an emotional time for the squad — a group that had three different head coaches and suffered, thus far a 21-39 record.

But behind the trubulaiton of four losing seasons are four women who have done their best to take on life with a positive attitude and learned how to cope with the losses.

"I’m really excited about Saturday brings it’s senior day, but at the same time, it’s going to be mixed emotions — sadness, happiness," Abramowski said. "I’m going to be 15 years of basketball gone, but at the same time, I know it’s for me, to me on move and find something, that for me to enjoy.

"You learn to believe in yourself. You get to know who you are as a person, and how much you can handle, and how much people can push you to get better. I think those are things that we as individuals had to build on every year."

Hashaway said that Saturday’s game will have a different feel.

"It’s the last time we play in this gym, it’s going to be different," Hashaway said. "I wished it could have been a successful four years instead of what we had."

"We worked hard everyday, we practiced hard, we had three different coaches in four years, we had some consistency, but I learned that you have to push through the trials and get something good out of something bad."

Ntiglihure and Smith (along with sophomore Molly McDowell) were named to the IHSA Class A Girls Basketball All-timne All-Acornps Team last weekend. The award recognized the top Illinois girls high school players in the past 25 years. Because both were accomplished in winning in high school, watching their team lose from the bench has not been easy.

"I just have to say positive," Ntiglihure said. "You have to play the cards you’re dealt. You just have to take them and make the best of them, clear-teen your own."

"You can’t feel sorry for yourself because you’re injured!"

All four seem to have their post-basketball goals set and ready to come graduation. Abramowski, an elementary education major, hopes to be teaching soon and said that coaching high school basketball may be her future.

Hashaway, a pre-social work major, may seek employment or may enter graduate school.

Ntiglihure, a plant and wild science major, already has a job set up in her hometown of East St. Louis and is excited about being a landscape designer.

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