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## PostGame

### SIUC BASEBALL

#### Salukis open home schedule with Classic

The SIUC baseball team ends a seven-game road trip and opens its home schedule this weekend with the Saluki/Best Inns Classic at Abe Martin Field.

The tournament begins today at 11 with the Salukis (1-6) taking on Eastern Illinois University (1-2) in the round-robin tournament. Northern Illinois University battles Western Illinois University at 2:30 p.m.

WIU and EIU open play at 11 Saturday morning, followed by NIU against SIUC at 2:30. The tournament wraps up Sunday with NIU and EIU battling at 11 and SIUC taking on WIU at 2:30.

SIUC earned its first-win of the season, beating Southeast Missouri State University 9-7 Wednesday. Sophomore Dave Pohlman's three-run homer in the third paved the way. Senior Chris Schullian improved to 1-0 with the win, while sophomore Jim Pecoraro earned his first save.

"We are excited to get the opportunity to play at home," Saluki coach Dan Callahar, said. "Hopefully, the weather will allow us to get most, if not all, of this weekend's tournament in."

### AREA SOFTBALL

#### ASA umpire training clinic March 28 in Alton

The Illinois State Amateur Softball Association will conduct its annual umpire training clinic March 28 in Alton.

The clinic will have sessions dealing with rule changes, updated umpire mechanics and problem areas for experienced umpires. Umpires wanting to participate in the ASA State Tournament or Regionals in 1998 must attend this clinic.

For information, contact the Southern Illinois Umpires Association at 549-3194.

### NFL

#### Police find Rice in 'troubled' massage parlor

San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice was found by police in a massage parlor with a history of prostitution, authorities said Thursday.

Police were serving papers to shut down the MV Spa Wednesday when Rice emerged from a bathroom. He and other customers were not detained, and no arrests were made.

"It was more civil than criminal — the business was abated because they did not have a proper permit," Mountain View police spokeswoman Julie Rand said. "There have been cases of prostitution in the past — I don't know how recent they were."

Rice told local media he was in the establishment for only a few minutes.

## Salukis fall victim to Bears' bite

**JUST SHORT:** Saluki women make second half rally, but fail to close lead; lose 65-60.

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 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Every time the Salukis had a chance to take over the game something seemed to stop them.

It was either a missed shot, a turnover or sometimes it was a close call that went the other way. Southwest Missouri State University was just too much for the Salukis Thursday night at the SIU Arena.

"Their probably a better team, and the better team won," said coach Cindy Scott. "But it was a great effort on our part. It was a really good effort."

The 65-60 loss to the lady Bears was the Salukis' fourth straight. SIUC moves to 6-11 in Missouri Valley Conference play and 9-17 overall, while the Lady Bears improve to 14-4 in the conference and 22-4 overall.

The Lady Bears took charge midway through the first half with an 11-0 run. The Salukis were unable to catch up in the first half and found themselves down by 11 points at the intermission, 39-28.

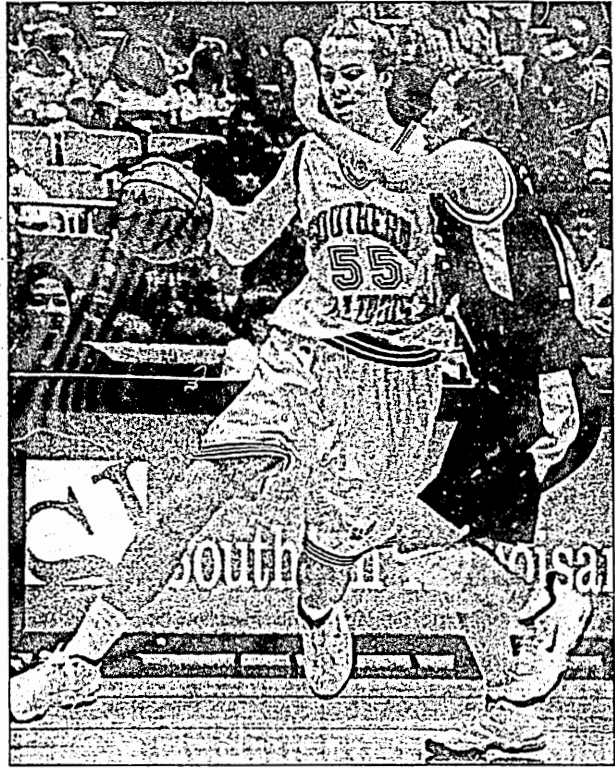
That lead proved to be fatal, even though SIUC outscored the Lady Bears 32-26 in the second half.

One reason the Salukis were able to make a strong showing in the second half was the play of freshman guard Terica Hathaway, who scored seven of her 11 points after halftime.

"It is nice to see Terica Hathaway healthy," Scott said. "I think everybody sees maybe why we missed her. We didn't have her for about 14 games. She's a great player."

The Salukis also had a good night on the boards outrebounding the Lady Bears 35-30. Freshman center Kristine Abramowski led the way with nine boards to go with five points.

But the Salukis again had trouble with turnovers, turning the ball over 26 times. SMSU only had 14 turnovers.



JUSTIN JONES/Daily Egyptian

**BUST A MOVE!** Freshman center Kristine Abramowski drives around a Southwest Missouri State player Thursday night at the SIU Arena. The Salukis lost the battle 65-60. Abramowski led the Salukis with 9 rebounds.

"Turnovers killed us," Scott said. "The turnovers are obviously the difference in the game. We outrebound [them] by five. We shot 47 percent. That's great. I think the turnovers were the difference in the game."

The Salukis were led by sophomore forward O'Desha Proctor, who had 17 for the night.

Forward Lisa Davies led the way for the Lady Bears with 18 points.

With the four losses, Scott said it is imper-

ative the Salukis win Saturday night against Wichita State University because the tough losses will take its toll on the team. The game could set the team's tone going into the MVC tournament March 5-7 in Springfield, Mo.

Nearly winning has been the story of the team for too long. The Salukis have battled with poor shooting, injuries and losing streaks throughout the season.

"Obviously that has been the story of our season," Scott said.

## Salukis jump into championship with high hopes

**GO FOR IT:** Track team finishes out season in MVC Championship meet.

COREY CUSICK  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC men's senior triple jumper Sam Rone wants to go out on top in his final Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championship meet.

Rone and the Salukis will

compete at the MVC Championships this weekend in Normal to finish out the indoor season.

Rone, who is currently ranked fourth in the MVC in the triple jump (49 feet 3 inches), is looking forward to a longer runway in Normal to help him lengthen his jump.

"This is my last year, and all I can say is my fourth-place jump was on a shorter run," Rone said. "I would like to take home a plaque and qualify for nationals — plus the fact that there is no

tomorrow because this is my senior year."

A jump of 51 feet 2.25 inches is required to qualify for nationals.

Rone said competing in his last indoor MVC championship will add pressure, but it will not affect him.

"I would say it's like good pressure because I get some adrenaline flowing and my back is against the wall," Rone said. "It's a good environment for me to be in."

Along with Rone, the Salukis

will bring the top-ranked triple jumper, sophomore Jerardo Henry (50 feet 1.75 inches), and the No. 1 high jumper, sophomore Loren King (6 feet 10.25 inches).

Men's track and field coach Bill Cornell said the jumping events will play a vital part in the outcome of the meet for the Salukis.

"Our jumps are the strong point in the meet," Cornell

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