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MONDAY DAILY EGYPTIAN

COLUMN, PAGE 6: Gus Bode says too bad the name 'Black Death' is already taken.



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Officials prepare for more state cuts

Poshard: University won't undergo layoffs in fiscal year 2009

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU will avoid layoffs that have occurred at other state universities after institutions were told not to spend 2.5 percent of their budgets for this fiscal year, but whether it will be able to continue that way with expected cuts next year remains to be seen, SIU President Glenn Poshard said Sunday.

Poshard said the university was

prepared for an e-mail Wednesday from the Illinois Board of Higher Education that called on members to reserve the 2.5 percent of their budgets, which equals \$5.8 million for the SIU System and \$4 million for the SIUC campus. Administrators already had a contingency plan in place for 3 percent of the budget, which helped soften the blow, he said.

"Laying people off is a last result, and so far we've avoided that and we

will avoid that even with the 2.5 percent cutback," Poshard said.

But the repercussions of what is likely the worst financial situation the university has ever had could potentially lead to a hiring freeze, layoffs and double-digit percent increases to tuition for future students, Poshard said.

University of Illinois President Joe White announced last month he would cut 200 jobs at the university's Chicago-based medical center. Poshard said SIU officials were prepared to cut 51 jobs at SIU School of Medicine if an 8 percent education budget cut proposed by Gov. Rod

Blagojevich was enacted.

According to the Wednesday letter from Illinois Board of Higher Education Executive Director Judy Erwin, the management and budget office for the governor requested the 2.5 percent reserve for the fiscal year 2009 budget, which began July 1, 2008 and ends June 30, 2009.

This means that, after receiving a 2.8 percent budget increase — its first increase in six years from the state — SIU will basically have to give back nearly all of that money, Poshard said.

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Schirmer earns all-American status

Saluki runner first to receive honor since 1984

Stile T. Smith
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU cross country runner Jeff Schirmer cemented his place as one of the 25 best runners in the nation at last week's NCAA Championships, making him the first SIU cross country runner to become an all-American since 1984.



Jeff Schirmer

Schirmer finished the 10K Terre Haute, Ind., course with a time of 30 minutes, 0.8 seconds Monday to secure his status, which had been a goal of his all season.

"It feels pretty awesome," Schirmer said. "It's a really good feeling and I'm really excited. It's what I wanted all year."

The last Saluki runner to achieve all-American status was Chris Bunyon, who finished the 1984 race in 21st place.

Head coach Matt Sparks said Schirmer's achievement should do wonders for the entire cross country program.

"I think this sets the tone for the entire program," Sparks said. "It gives our cross country program and our entire track program confidence to know that we can not only compete with the schools in the MVC, but also across the country."

Sparks said Schirmer pushed himself to finish the race in the top 25 after keeping pace in the mid-30s throughout the race.

"He was between 30th and 35th throughout the race," Sparks said. "The top 25 get recognized after the race, so I think he had that in the back of his mind and went for it at the end."

Schirmer's all-American honor wraps up a season in which the junior finished with three first-place finishes and Missouri Valley Conference runner-of-the-year honors.

Schirmer's time fell one minute shy of Oregon's Galen Rupp, who finished first in the meet.

Schirmer said not running with the rest of the SIU men's team, which failed to qualify for the race, was difficult.

"I think the hardest part was not having them warm up with me," Schirmer said. "But a few of my teammates did make the trip there and one of them even warmed up with me."

Schirmer said he is looking forward to next season and has already set goals, which include helping the entire team to qualify for nationals and personally finish in the top five at the NCAA Championships.

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Recreation Center patrons look to lose holiday pounds



Paul Adams, 25, of Mount Vernon, makes a dunk Sunday at the Recreation Center as friend Matt Tate, 26, of Mount Vernon, waits for the rebound. Both agreed that it would take more than one afternoon of exercise to work off their Thanksgiving meals.

EMILY SUNBLADE
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Genna Ord
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Retail stores across the country overcome with crowds of holiday shoppers are not the only facilities filled to the brim this time of year.

The Recreation Center generally sees a pickup in membership around this time of year, said Gary Tisdale, marketing director for the center. Tisdale did not immediately have specific figures but said patronage traditionally increases beginning at the start of daylight saving time and continues throughout the new year.

Debbie Thomas, a resident of Carbondale, is one exerciser increasing her normal workout. She said the holidays do have an effect on her exercise schedule.

"I overeat, and I have things I

don't normally eat, like pie," she said.

The average American consumes 3,000 calories during Thanksgiving dinner, according to the American Council on Exercise.

Thomas said she increases her workouts by exercising more days in a week.

"I usually run two miles and use the Nautilus equipment regularly three times a week, but I've been here four times this week," she said.

Thomas said she plans to keep the ante up on her workout schedule throughout the holiday season and the end of the year.

Nyssa Midden, a junior at Carbondale Community High School, said she also would try to exercise more through Jan. 1. She said the holiday season is an

encouragement people to work out more.

"I'm trying to do a little more since I took a break over the last week," she said. "I try to run a little more and stay a little longer."

Midden said she comes to the Recreation Center almost every day after school and hopes to continue doing so through the holiday season.

Despite many individuals' intent to exercise more to keep off holiday weight, Tom Heller said that he is skeptical of their success.

Heller, a senior from Petersburg studying mechanical engineering, said the eating he did over Thanksgiving does not make him want to work out more. He said he thinks there will be an increase of people who use the Recreation

Center, but it does not mean they will be successful in keeping off the weight.

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FOOD	CAL.	FAT
Egg nog (2 cups)	684	36
Dark turkey meat (3.5 oz)	187	7.2
Sweet potatoes (1 cup)	286	7.8
Green bean (1 cup)	366	26
Cranberry sauce (1 slice)	86	0
Mashed potatoes (1 cup)	222	9
Gravy 1/4 cup	30	2
Dinner rolls (1 roll)	340	8
Corn bread stuffing (1 cup)	180	9
Pumpkin pie (1 slice)	316	14
Pecan pie (1 slice)	502	27
Wine 5 oz	100	0

Grand Total: 3,299 and 146 grams of fat

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'Green' fee delayed en route to becoming reality

Students, administrators disagree about how fee should be spent

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The "green" fee proposal supported by an overwhelming majority of students during spring student elections remains delayed in the process to becoming reality, with some students and administrators disagreeing about how the money should be spent.

The main subject of contention is the salary of a "sustainability coordinator" who would take responsibility for projects funded by the fee.

Undergraduate Student Government will voice its opinion on the "green" fee proposal Wednesday. The organization was scheduled to vote on the proposal at its Nov. 19 meeting but delayed because of concern about where money for the proposed \$10 fee could be headed.

Jon Dyer, co-coordinator of Project Eco-Dawgs, said a sustainability coordinator is essential to supervise projects funded by the roughly \$300,000 to \$350,000 the fee is expected to generate. While the fee was not meant to fund that position, Dyer said all options must be considered.

Dyer said he is not sure why USG senators continue to be skeptical of the fee, even after it received 996 out of 1,368 total votes during USG elections in April. Though USG approval is not necessary for the fee to pass, Dyer said he would like to have the senators' support.

"If students are interested in the fee, then they shouldn't throw the baby out with the bathwater over this staffing issue."

— Larry Dietz
vice chancellor for student affairs

That support might not come without a clear definition of how the money will be spent, senators said at the organization's last meeting.

Dave Loftus, a senator representing the south side of Carbondale, said much of the senators' apprehension centered around the sustainability coordinator position.

"I think Project Eco-Dawgs have great ideas and the 'green' fee is one of those, but it has to be used properly," Loftus said. "I think the USG will pass the fee but with a resolution that money only be used for green initiatives."

But the administrator in charge of the task force to develop the fee said the sustainability coordinator position should not be a sticking point.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, said administrators would be much more likely to support the "green" fee proposal if money from the student fee, rather than university funds, paid that administrator's salary.

"If students are interested in the fee, then they shouldn't throw the baby out with the bathwater over this staffing issue," Dietz said. "The coordinator would not be full time and would not eat up a big chunk of that fee."

Dietz said administrators and students are still discussing the options on how to pay the position.

"Someone needs to coordinate all of this, and it would only take a modest amount of this fee to staff the effort," Dietz said. "The person would have a campus-wide reach on issues related to the 'green' fee, which in my estimation, would more than compensate for any money spent on the position."

Dyer said he would be at Wednesday's meeting to present information on the "green" fee and hopes for a large student turnout.

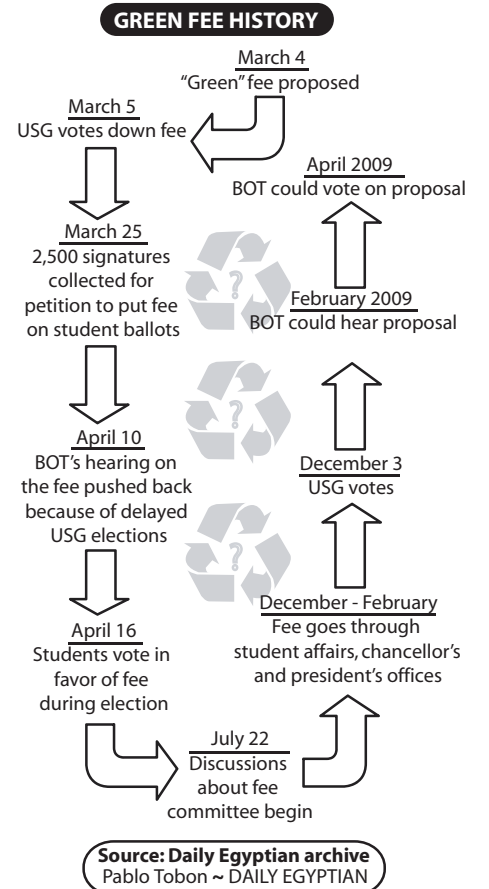
But he said some of the questions asked by Loftus and other senators might remain unanswered.

"If all they want is to know whether some of the fee will go to the coordinator, then I still won't be able to tell them because we are still talking with administrators," Dyer said.

Loftus said the student-supported referendum said nothing about the fee paying for an administrative position. He promised the senate would fight to make a resolution protecting the students' money.

After the proposal passes through USG, Dietz said the it would be reviewed by his office, interim Chancellor Sam Goldman and SIU President Glenn Poshard. Dyer said he hopes the Board of Trustees can hear the proposal in its February meeting and vote on it during its April meeting.

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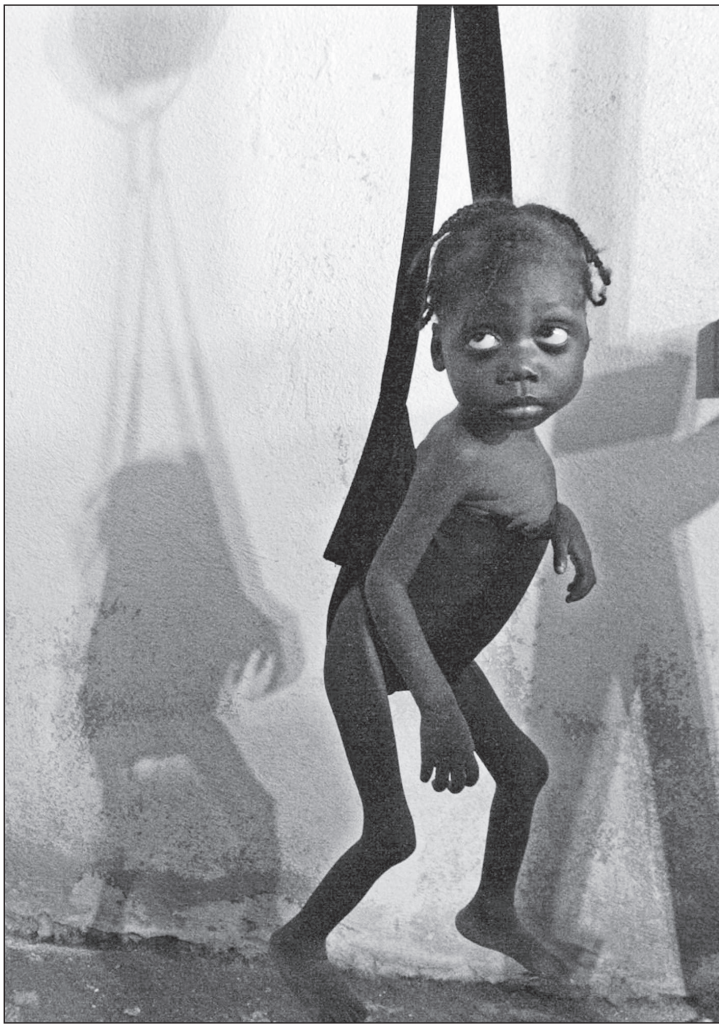
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Children in Haiti malnourished, aides say

In this clinic run by Doctors Without Borders just outside Port au Prince, medical staff treats several cases of malnutrition, including 4-year-old Venecia Lonis, whose weight is being tracked.

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MIAMI — With arms and legs so skinny they look like twigs, 2-year-old Davidson Pierre has to struggle just to sit. So he remains sprawled on his back and stares listlessly at the ceiling. He doesn't smile. He doesn't cry.

For more than a week, the boy has been on a high caloric diet of enriched milk and doctors say his fragile body is responding.

Davidson, like the others at the makeshift Martissant children's malnutrition clinic run by Doctors Without Borders, shows all of the telltale signs of extreme malnourishment: stunted growth, brittle orange hair, skinny arms and legs, and bloated bellies.

"When we found them, they were nearly ready to die," Max Cosci, the head of a Belgian contingent of Doctors Without Borders, said surveying the room of acutely malnourished children and their worried mothers. "Now

they are doing much better."

With UNICEF estimating that 300,000 children were affected by the string of storms that battered Haiti this summer, destroying crops and livestock at a time of already high food prices, international relief workers are worried that already vulnerable Haitian children are even more at risk of dying.

The concerns come as aid workers finally gain access to sparsely populated hilly villages in regions like Baie d'Orange in southeast Haiti, where 26 children died in the past month, reportedly because of severe malnutrition.

Fednel Zidor, government delegate for the southeast region of Haiti, said Saturday that 46 children were hospitalized in recent weeks for severe cases of malnutrition from the Baie d'Orange area. Others are being treated at home.

"Forty-five to 50 percent of the population in the Baie d'Orange region is being affected," he said. "We can say we have a famine situation in that region."

Muslims condemn Mumbai attacks, worry about reputation

Karin Laub
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Muslims from the Middle East to Britain and Austria condemned Sunday the Mumbai shooting rampage by suspected Islamic militants as senseless terrorism but also found themselves on the defensive once again about bloodshed linked to their religion.

Intellectuals and community leaders called for greater efforts to combat religious fanaticism.

Indian police said Sunday that the only surviving gunman told them he belongs to the Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba. The group is seen as a creation of Pakistani intelligence to help fight India in the disputed Kashmir region. Another group, Jaish-e-Mohammed, has also operated in Kashmir. Both are reported to be linked to al-Qaida.

Ten gunmen attacked 10 targets in the three-day assault including a Jewish community center and luxury hotels in India's commercial hub. More than 170 people were killed.

Many Muslims said they are worried such carnage is besmirching their religion.

"The occupation of the synagogue and killing people in hotels tarnishes the Muslim faith," said Kazim al-Muqdad, a political science lecturer at Baghdad University. "Anyone who slaughters people and screams 'Allahu Akbar' (God is Great) is sick and ignorant."

In Britain, home to nearly 2 million

Muslims, a spokesman for the Muslim Council of Britain, Inayat Bunglawala, said that "a handful of terrorists like this bring the entire faith into disrepute."

A previously unknown Muslim group, Deccan Mujahideen, claimed responsibility for the attacks. The name suggests origins in India.

Pakistan has denied involvement and is demanding that India provide proof. In Pakistan, Jamaat-ud Dawa, an Islamist group believed to have ties to Lashkar-e-Taiba, denounced the killing of civilians.

In Islamic extremist Web forums, some praised the Mumbai attacks, including the targeting of Jews.

A man identified as Sheik Youssef al-Ayeri said the killings are in line with Islam.

"It's all right for Muslims to set the infidels' castles on fire, drown them with water and take some of them as prisoners, whether young or old, women or men, because it is one of many ways to beat them," he wrote in the al-Fallujah forum.

In the Gaza Strip, the territory's Islamic militant Hamas rulers declined comment. Hamas has carried out scores of suicide attacks in Israel, killing hundreds of civilians in recent years. However, Hamas has said it does not want to get involved in conflicts elsewhere.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad referred to the attacks as terrorism, but added that the violence is rooted in "unjust policies" aimed at destabilizing the region. He did not elaborate.

Mumbai terror ends

The three day terrorist attack on India's financial capital ended Saturday with the remaining gunmen killed by commandos.

Casualties*

• Nearly 200 killed and almost 300 wounded

Assailants

• Nine killed, one taken into custody

*Casualties as of Nov. 29; casualties include 20 soldiers and police killed

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Plea deal offered to 8-year-old murder suspect

Bob Christie
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Prosecutors have offered a plea deal to an 8-year-old boy charged with murder in the shooting deaths of his father and another man in their eastern Arizona home, court records show.

Complete details of the offer weren't spelled out in a court filing posted Saturday on the Apache County Superior Court's Web site.

But County Attorney Criss Candelaria wrote that he has "tendered a plea offer to the juvenile's attorneys that would resolve all the charges in the juvenile court contingent on the

results of the mental health evaluations."

Candelaria was responding to a defense motion seeking to block him from dropping one of two first-degree murder charges the boy faces in the deaths of his father, Vincent Romero, 29, and Timothy Romans, 39, earlier this month.

Defense attorney Benjamin Brewer argued in a filing Tuesday that prosecutors wanted the charge dismissed so they could refile it when the boy was older and pursue case in adult court.

Brewer said Saturday that the deal would resolve the case without it being transferred to adult court, but he declined to provide additional details. Although he is consider-

ing the offer, Brewer said he is unsure of his client's ability to understand the proceedings. At least two mental health evaluations are yet to be completed.

The prosecutor explained in his response to Brewer's opposition filing that he wasn't trying to obtain an unfair advantage, but he pressed for the dismissal because the judicial system isn't equipped to deal with an 8-year-old charged with murder.

"It is done to ensure that the juvenile and the two murder victims in this case do not fall through the cracks in the system that might occur if both charges remain in the pending delinquency petition," Candelaria wrote.

Candelaria explained that the boy could be found incompetent to stand trial, and if that happened, the court's options would be limited.

The court would be required to order efforts to restore the boy to competency, but if that couldn't be done within about eight months, the judge would be required by law to dismiss the criminal case and bar it from being refiled.

The court would then be required to initiate civil commitment proceedings, Candelaria wrote. If the boy is found incompetent because of his age, he wouldn't fit the definition of a mentally disordered person and no treatment would be available.

UNITED STATES

Obama's picks: Longtime advisers, political foes to fill top positions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama plans Monday to announce six experienced hands to fill top administration posts, moving at record speed to name the leadership team that will guide his presidency through a time of war and recession.

His selections include longtime advisers and political foes alike, most notably Democratic primary rival Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state and President Bush's defense secretary, Robert Gates, staying in his current post. The two were among six who Obama planned to announce at a news conference in Chicago, Democratic officials said.

ENGLAND

Major international hotels draw foreign visitors, threats

LONDON (AP) — Consider how a city looks to a terrorist seeking targets. There's the airport — inviting, but heavily secured. There's the U.S. Embassy, perimeter guarded by crack local forces and Marines. And there's the plush international hotel, open to anyone with a decent outfit and money for a cup of coffee.

Across the world, the finest hotels draw foreign businessmen, droves of tourists, and local movers and shakers who crowd the restaurants and bars to see and be seen. There are society weddings, banquets and even "Sweet Sixteen" birthday parties for the daughters of the well-to-do.

CALIFORNIA

Space shuttle Endeavour lands in California

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour and its seven astronauts safely returned to Earth Sunday, taking a detour to sunny California after storms hit the main landing strip in Florida.

Endeavour wrapped up a 16-day trip that left the international space station freshly remodeled and capable of housing bigger crews. The shuttle dropped off all kinds of home improvement equipment, including a new bathroom, kitchenette, exercise machine, two sleeping quarters and a recycling system designed to convert astronauts' urine and sweat into drinking water.

NEW YORK

Nationwide survey finds high levels of cheating by high school students

NEW YORK (AP) — In the past year, 30 percent of U.S. high school students have stolen from a store and 64 percent have cheated on a test, according to a new survey suggesting that Americans are too apathetic about ethical standards.

Educators questioned suggestion that today's young people are less honest than previous generations, but several agreed that intensified pressures are prompting many students to cut corners.

"The competition is greater, the pressures on kids have increased dramatically," said Mel Riddle of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.



JOE REHANA ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

After a day of traffic and inclement weather, Lauren Bartnick and her brother Joseph, both students of Marshall, returned to Schneider Hall Sunday prepared for the final two weeks of the semester.

Indian students react to terrorist attacks

Barton Lorimor
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The peace of Sagnik Dey and Shri Pendakur's Thanksgiving break was interrupted Thursday when a terrorist group killed hundreds of people in the students' native India.

Dey, a freshman from Kolkata, India, studying mechanical engineering, said Sunday he still feels anger for the violent acts that took place.

Ten terrorists stormed the Indian city of Mumbai, the financial capital along the country's western coastline, and killed more than 170 people in a series of explosions and gunfire — most of which took place at the Taj Mahal Hotel. The group, suspected to have ties with a Pakistani

terrorist organization, held hostages under siege for roughly three days. Witnesses told The Associated Press the terrorists were searching for Americans and Britons before opening fire on the crowd.

Pendakur, a senior from Bangalore, India, studying advertising, said two of the deceased were regular patients of his father.

Dey and Pendakur said they stayed at the hotel in years past, which made watching news coverage of the attacks surreal.

Pendakur said he has been disappointed in the Western media's coverage of terrorist attacks in India. He said a July terrorist attack, which had 24 terrorist-planted bombs that detonated in two days, did not receive as much media coverage as last week's siege in Mumbai. That might be

because Westerners were not killed in the July attacks but were among the victims this time, he said.

Otherwise, the Western world, especially President George Bush and President-elect Barack Obama, has been supportive of India since the attack, Pendakur said, which should be interpreted as a sign of change coming to India.

"I hope this is something (the Indian government) will learn from," Pendakur said.

Pendakur said he does not like talking unfavorably about his home country during turbulent times but feels the Indian government could have prevented the attacks if it created a counterterrorism center and better secured the Indian-Pakistani border.

Other Indians have expressed

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senior from Bangalore, India

their frustration as well. Two Asian television news stations broadcast images of Indians posting banners outside memorial services for last week's victims that said, "Enough is Enough."

Though Pendakur said he fears nuclear war between India and Pakistan could break out, he said the relationship has improved during the last nine years.

Dey said Indians should not blame all Pakistanis for what happened last week. He said his genera-

tion would be less likely to lead their countries to war unlike the current leaders.

"As time goes on, education improves," Dey said. "You can teach that you can't kill someone just because they have a different religion. Everyone is coming together, and I like to see that."

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Still hope for the holidays

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The absurdity of American holiday consumerism raised its twisted head over the weekend when a Wal-Mart worker was trampled to death by a pack of frothing customers.

At 5 a.m., shoppers who had stood in line for many hours broke down the doors of the Wal-Mart in Long Island. A 34-year-old worker was knocked down in the violent influx and never made it back up.

As if one death weren't bad enough, Black Friday saw two more people die while shopping on the West Coast. This case was slightly different. There was a shoot-out between two men at a Toys "R" Us in Palm Desert, Calif. Statements from authorities in the area said the incident was not shopping-related, but the mere fact that it happened on Black Friday, a day known for bringing out the most outrageous and barbaric in consumers, doesn't help the matter at all.

The three deaths seem to accentuate the point that America, despite the bucket load of holiday movies that suggest otherwise, has almost entirely lost the sense of what the holidays are supposed to mean. People bare fangs and shout, "Gimmie! Gimmie! Gimmie!" instead of smiling and offering gifts or well wishes.

Economic turmoil isn't doing much to help the situation. People are scared they won't have a Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice celebration or any other festivity because they can't afford it. Thus, bargain hunting has become more feral as shoppers claw at what little they can grab.

Luckily, not all Americans have forgotten what the end of the year holidays are supposed to mean. In particular, the Spungen family of Waukegan, Ill., is a resounding example of how we should be acting in these festive, if not troubled, holidays.

The Spungens' owned a ball bearings manufacturing company called Peer Bearing Co. and after a successful year the company was bought out. It would have been easy to take the cash and never look back, but the Spungens had a better idea.

The family came up with a bonus formula that determined the amount each of the 230 employees would get. What resulted were hand signed cards of thanks from the family owners and five-figure checks for the employees.

That's right. Instead of giving into greed, the family split \$6.6 million 230 ways, and some employees received as much as \$35,000 for their year-end bonus. Now, a small handful

of hardworking employees can breathe a little easier during the holidays and the rough-looking economy. Now, obviously we don't all have \$6.6 million to throw around, but we all have something we can share or spare. As bad off as we might be, we can always help other people, and if we think hard enough, we can probably come up with a few names of friends worse off than ourselves. No time of year is more designed for that than now.

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FEAR & LOATHING IN CARBONDALE

Life in the trenches

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About a year and a half ago, I wrote a column appropriately titled "The Dynamic Duo" about my two roommates, whom I'll call The Rev. and E-Mo. Needless to say, those two are still at it, although both are close to completing their remarkable journey toward graduation.

The three of us are going on our third year of being roommates, but this year we decided to make it interesting and live with thirteen other people in a house over by the Strip. The mix of personalities under that roof is a twisted combination of MTV's "The Real World," "Survivor" and "Man vs. Wild" with Bear Grylls.

To try to summarize the situation in one column is a near impossible feat but I will try my best to illustrate what life is like in the trenches. It's only fitting that I start with an update on the Dynamic Duo before introducing a few other infamous characters. Just like the show "Dragnet," names have been changed to protect the innocent.

The Rev. – Since the last column, Rev. actually became an ordained monk at some monastery in Washington state. Apparently it's legitimate; they sent him a card for his wallet and a certificate which now hangs proudly on his wall.

Somehow, the house Nintendo 64 found its way up to his and E-Mo's room and is now the source of epic Mario-Kart battles for household chores or self-dignity. The Rev. is nowhere near finished with his now 4.5 year project, an American flag made completely out of Budweiser, Bud Light and Miller Lite beer caps. He's made some progress, but sadly, it looks like the project won't be completed until 2012 at its current rate of production.

How E-Mo, a mild-mannered weather major has dealt with Rev. over the past few years we'll never know. He is one of those people I term a conversational yeller. To an outsider it might seem as if he is yelling and upset about something, but I've come to find that he just yells every now and then.

Gordo – Imagine having a constant IV drip of caffeine and then maybe, just maybe, you might reach his level. He is a one-man rave party, as his downstairs roommates can attest to Wednesday through Sunday night.

Esteban – This guy actually shaved a necktie into his chest hair one night, but it took some convincing. After an undisclosed sum was agreed on, Esteban became outfitted with a striped, full-length necktie complete with a half Windsor knot. The proud owner not only kept the tie but also wore it to a meeting on campus later that week.

Ole Ray Jay – He's the guy who lives at the house but doesn't really live at the house.

Four of them seem to be nocturnal. I'm actually not sure when their sleep cycle begins, let alone if they have one at all. They are awake when I go to bed at night and right where I left them. They are still at it when I wake up in the morning.

There's another conversational yeller who works at the Teletrack. There's a longhaired, rollerblading, guitar playing engineering major. There's a 5-foot tall Wildman who tries unsuccessfully to suplex anyone within striking distance.

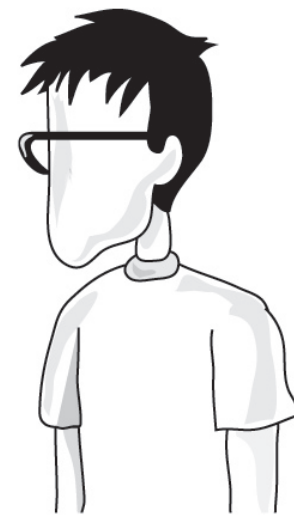
We also have an in-house computer/Internet guy, a nutritionist who also dabbles in skepticism, and a long-winded psych TA, the old man who serves as the house moral officer.

Combined, they are an odd assortment of characters, but an endless source of entertainment. I guess that is what is needed to survive life in the trenches.

Fruth is a graduate student in curriculum and instruction.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“What I’m seeing in stores today is the hit-and-run shopper.”

Britt Beemer
retail analyst and chairman of American’s Research Group, referring to Black Friday shoppers who “know exactly what they want, where to shop for it and who has the best deals.”

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Children should be disciplined appropriately

Garreisha Watkins

GUEST COLUMN

There are many misconceptions about what is legally acceptable when it comes to disciplining a child. Some parents are unsure of how to discipline their child at all.

There are certain standards set by the Department of Children and Family Services that limit the types of discipline a parent can use. Some parents are not aware of these standards and can sometimes be placed in bad situations, but with the right guidance and information, your discipline practices can be more effective and legal.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children has some productive discipline tips that will help parents understand the development of the child and his or her behavior. Understanding a child’s behavior is the key

to good discipline because using ineffective discipline methods can discourage a child and the parent. According to DCFS standards, there are some unacceptable discipline methods parents might not fully understand.

The first is that discipline should be appropriate to the age of the child, related to the child’s act and in proportion to the particular inappropriate behavior; discipline should be handled without prolonged delay. Disciplining a child when he or she comes back from an outing is particularly ineffective.

Another DCFS regulation is that no child shall be deprived of a meal or part of a meal as punishment. When

parents send their child to bed and the child did not eat earlier, the child should not be deprived of a meal, even if the child had the opportunity and chose not to eat.

DCFS does advocate some acceptable discipline methods. Special or additional chores may be assigned, privileges may be temporarily removed as a disciplinary measure, and a child may be restricted to an unlocked bedroom for a reasonable period of time. While restricted, the child must have full access to sanitary facilities.

Parents should also know that spanking with the hand on the behind is the only acceptable physical discipline. There are alternative, more effective, discipline

methods outside the DCFS guidelines. These methods include learning the different causes of the behavior. If the child is in a crowded or noisy area — for example, a store — then try to distract the child, and if the behavior is unacceptable then give a firm “no.” Sometimes you should physically move your child when he is misbehaving, especially if he didn’t respond to your firm “no.”

Another effective method that more parents should use is time-out. Use time-out to remove positive reinforcement or attention when he misbehaves. Time-out should not be used for infants and toddlers and should not be longer than what it takes to calm a child down.

I hope the tips of this article will help parents with better discipline practices.

Watkins is a sophomore studying early education and special education.

Understanding a child’s behavior is the key to good discipline because using ineffective discipline methods can discourage a child and the parent.

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Pre-Christmas cliffhangers

Stuffing stockings with unanswered TV questions

Luke McCormick
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dreams of sugarplums, PS3s and Tickle Me Elmos dancing around children's heads have been replaced with some burning questions. What will happen in their favorite television shows? Here is a quick guide to what is going down on some boob tube favorites as they adjourn for the winter break.

"24"

Two weeks ago, "24" returned for one night with a two-hour television movie. The movie served as a precursor to the show's seventh season, which premieres Jan. 11. The movie finds super agent Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) hiding out in the fictional country of Sengala. Bauer is wanted in the United States because he is being blamed for the troubles his secret

agency endured in the sixth season.

In Sengala, Bauer is helping out at a school for boys to whom he quickly becomes attached. When the country's rebel army comes to kidnap the children and turn them into soldiers, Jack springs into action. He has to push through a revolution in the country to get the boys to the U.S. embassy. Upon his arrival, Jack has to turn himself in as an exchange for the boys' safety. This leads up to the seventh season premiere with Jack presumably in jail, which leaves the burning question: How can Bauer save the country single handedly every week from the confines of a cell?



"Grey's Anatomy"

In the hospital drama's fifth season, Izzie (Katherine Heigl) is living with her dead husband. This ongoing afterlife love affair is complete with ghost fornication. Not since Dan Akroyd's quick love entanglement with a ghost in the first "Ghostbusters" has the public been witness to such things.

In the industry, this is affectionately

known as "jumping the shark." It is yet to be seen if the show's writers are actually running with this story as a viable plot point or using it as a way to write Heigl off the show.

"Gossip Girl"

The second season of this CW drama has found its privileged Upper East Side teens in just as much hot water as its first. Nate Archibald (Chace Crawford) has turned his father in to the proper authorities after he was wanted for shady business dealings. Jenny Humphrey (Taylor Momsen) ran away from home, only to come back to smiling family faces.

As the show wraps up its second season, questions are left on the table about how Nate's dad's arrest will affect the family's fortune and if Jenny can remain content with the rest of the Humphrey family.

"CSI"

One of television's most popular shows is heading for a major cast shake-up. Main character Gil Grissom (William Petersen) is leaving the show



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after this season's 10th episode. It has not been revealed how he will leave, but Laurence Fishburne will be stepping in to pick up the slack.

With only three original cast members remaining on the show, it is going to be interesting for fans

to see how Petersen's departure will affect the show's dynamic. Replacing one fine actor with another is most likely a step in the right direction.

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PULSE CHATTERBOX

The Caped Crusader has fallen. In the most recent issue of DC Comic Books' "Batman," the utility-belt-wearing crime fighter was killed. With the "death" of Batman, is there another superhero you would rather see bite the dust?

Luke McCormick

Batman has always been my favorite superhero, so it is sad to see him go. If I had to pick another superhero to get gone, it would probably be Superman. I have had just about enough of this mild-mannered hero. The gritty realism of the Batman universe is so much more appealing than Superman's unstoppable (save kryptonite) persona.

Audra Ord

I say it's time to write off Wonder Woman. Who does she think she is, running around in that little outfit with her gaudy gold cuffs and headband? And those super-tall, candy apple red go-go boots? Totally impractical. We need someone who is more superhero and less superhussy.

Barton Lorimor

Holy hell, Batman! Bruce Wayne/Batman is immortal! First off all, bad form on DC's part for doing away with the Dark Knight. If you are going to kill one of the caped crusaders, I say go for Robin ... again. The last I checked, Batman was up to his third frightfully annoying, rainbow-suited crime fighter. Although it would kill me to see Batman cry over the loss of his sidekick, I would not grieve to be rid of the boy wonder with a serious inferiority complex.

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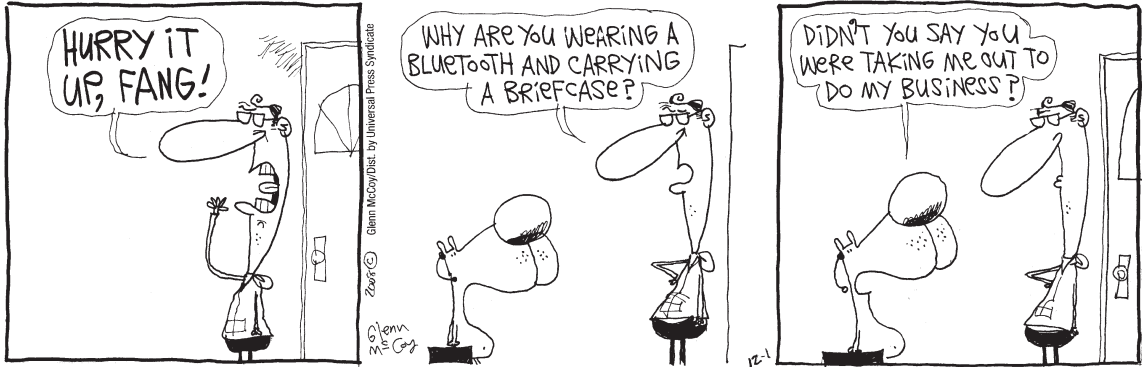
Girls and Sports

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The Duplex

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ACROSS
1 A little night music?
5 Smudge
10 Church area
14 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
15 State gambling game
16 Tap trouble
17 July 4 noisemaker
19 Rattan piece
20 Stories in installments
21 Dieter and Lou
23 Handyman's letters
24 Clue collector
26 Jazz vocalist Mercer
29 Beauty parlor do
32 Bradley or Sharif
33 Lassie's breed
34 Set of parts
35 "Peter ___"
36 Ziegfeld show
37 Cassowary cousin
38 Hagen of the stage
39 Military forces
40 Sesame, for one
41 Forest fauna
43 Perfect or past
44 Determine a tax

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By Stanley B. Whitten
Madison, WI 12/1/08

45 Writer Hentoff
46 Six-shooter
48 Pirate ship
52 Brainchild
53 Nonsense!
56 Checked garment
57 Add up
58 Branding rod

59 Der ___ (Adenauer)
60 Tests
61 Come down to earth

DOWN
1 Muscle twinges
2 Massage target

3 British nobleman
4 "The Lord of the Rings" character
5 In a cunning manner
6 Unruly groups
7 Zone for DDE

Solution to 11/21/08 puzzle

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8 24-hr. banker
9 Thefts
10 "Jo's Boys" author
11 Neat-o!
12 Went under
13 ___ out (barely manages)
18 Horizontal barrier
22 Subterfuges
24 Witty quips
25 ___ of the Field"
26 Tidy any loose ends
27 Treasured violin
28 Bicyclist's perch
29 Doyle's sleuth

30 Margarita garnishes
31 Musical study
33 One of a pair
36 Butterball
40 Leave port
42 Heir's concern
43 Old sailors
45 Yuletide songs
46 12-point type
47 Pedestal topper
48 Chowder morsel
49 Ambiance
50 Clickable image
51 Rip apart
54 Chicken ___
55 Mom-and-pop grp.

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — You can make a lot of money this year, doing something that's fun. You're exceptionally lucky concerning finances now. You can do very well, even in hard times.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You are surrounded by love, and exceptionally lucky, too. But you may not be in the mood to do much racing around. Make commitments and promises in the privacy of your own home.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Your home's an interesting place. It's full of fun projects. The trick is to keep them separated, so they don't get all tangled up. You could have a real mess on your hands.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Work you've already done is starting to bring in rewards. It's not as much as you'd like to have, but you can make it stretch. If imagination fails, ask a creative child.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Conditions are good for making a profit. You're going to get similar messages all month. You'll have to do something to help make this happen, so don't just sit there.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — You are exceptionally cute and powerful this month, and getting even more so. Clean up old business and get ready for action. You're about to get really busy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You're very busy, but you can make time to meet with friends for a while. It'll do you good to laugh with them. They may even have an idea that helps with your work.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Meetings and social activities go very well today. People are in the mood to get along with each other. Even some who have quarreled before may finally kiss and make up.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — If you're stuck in a corner, pass the ball to a teammate who's in the clear. Looks like you can't get out, but someone you know can, or already has.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Face your losses squarely and make a few adaptations. Do this early, so you'll have time for an outing later. If all goes as expected, you'll be able to afford it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Expect a lively debate about allocating household finances. Be sure to make your opinions known or your favorite treats could get cut. You may have to offer to do the dishes too.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You've been busy and you'll be busy for several weeks longer. Don't complain; enjoy yourself. You're doing it all for your family, and they'll love you for it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — You may temporarily feel overwhelmed by how long your lists have grown. Others believe you can do it all, so give it your best effort. You'll exceed your own expectations.

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Solution to 11/21/08 puzzle

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UMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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Answer: "Robes" all mixed up can be — SOBER

Saluki Insider

After being away from campus for Thanksgiving break, what was your favorite sports highlight of the past week?



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I'll go ahead and say Plaxico Burress, who accidentally shot himself in the leg Friday. How you "accidentally" shoot yourself in the leg is beyond me, but how dumb do you have to be? Furthermore, why does he have a gun? Or why does he need a gun? Plax continues to confuse me with his antics. He's like a mini-version of the Pacman.

The highlight of my vacation was watching Tony Romo, Jason Witten, Chris Johnson and LenDale White pile on fantasy points as I piled on a second helping of deep fried turkey. Romo, Witten, Johnson and White combined to score 88 points in my Yahoo! League. And who said it was a bad idea for the Lions to play Thanksgiving Day?

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I would have to say all the news on Stephon Marbury. I don't think I listened to one thing they said about him on TV; I was too busy laughing at the horrible tattoo the man has on his head. Who does he think he is, Mike Tyson? That has to be the second-worst tattoo I've ever seen in my life, just behind the bald guy who tattooed the New England Patriots logo on the side of his head.

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FOOTBALL

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The first-half deficit marked just the second time SIU had trailed entering the second half, the other coming in SIU's 33-7 loss to Northwestern Sept. 13.

SIU scored on a pair of early field goals by Dougherty from 47 and 30 yards out and later connected on a 1-yard touchdown run by quarterback Chris Dieker.

The Wildcats, though, responded

each time with scores of their own on ensuing drives.

McDonnell said one of the keys to the Wildcats' victory was their ability to shut down Payton Award candidate Larry Warner, who rushed for 93 yards but no scores.

Warner, who averaged 6.1 yards per rush this season, averaged 4.4 yards per carry and was frequently stopped at the line of scrimmage or shortly thereafter.

"I know they came in expecting to run the football on us and I thought

we did a great job of containing Warner," McDonnell. "We got them out of rhythm. They were throwing on first down and a couple things. I thought they were out of kilter a little bit."

New Hampshire advances to face Northern Iowa on Saturday at the UNI Dome at a time to be announced.

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VOLLEYBALL

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The Salukis will also return juniors Kelsie Laughlin and Marina Medic and sophomores Sydney Clark and Jasmine Conner, all of whom received significant playing time this season.

The Salukis also received a number of postseason awards.

Berwanger was named to the first team all-conference and Scholar-Athlete first teams.

"I was really excited and surprised," Berwanger said. "I didn't really know what to say about it. I wasn't really expecting it. It was really awesome that Brooklyn

made second team too."

Senior libero Kristy Elswick was also named to the Scholar-Athlete team as an honorable mention, while senior setter Brooklyn Robbins was named second team all-conference.

Setters Erika Bartruff and Robbins, Elswick and right side hitter Kristie Berwanger are the four seniors who will not return next season. Winkler will have the challenge of finding a new starting setter and libero with the losses of Robbins and Elswick.

Juniors Cailin Dugger and Mandy Stamper and freshman Lauren Blumhorst are expected to battle for the starting libero position next sea-

son, while freshman Amanda Arnold will handle the starting setter duties during the spring until competing with Saluki signee Rachael Brown for the starting position next fall.

Jennifer Berwanger said not making the MVC Tournament this season makes her want it that much more next season.

"I'm very determined," Berwanger said. "We're losing some good players, but we're hoping to get in some good freshmen and the rest of us are hoping to get a lot better. Hopefully we'll come back and be ready to play."

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FOOTBALL

SIU exits playoffs with loss to Wildcats

Salukis outscored 13-3 in second half

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Another second-half letdown by the SIU football team and five field goals by New Hampshire kicker Tom Bishop led to a first-round exit for the Salukis in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs Saturday at McAndrew Stadium.

The Salukis failed to convert on several key opportunities in the second half, including two mid-range field goals by SIU kicker Kyle Dougherty, and the Wildcats outscored SIU 13-3 en route their opening-round victory.

SIU gained just 29 yards of offense in the third quarter on its five possessions. Its last possession of the quarter resulted in a blocked punt that New Hampshire safety John Clements returned for a touchdown to give the Wildcats a 26-13 lead with 34 seconds remaining in the quarter.

Clements' return was one of a handful of instances where New Hampshire's special teams made a significant impact. On top of the return, the Wildcats' kickoff return gave New Hampshire solid field position throughout the game.

"That was probably the difference in the game," SIU head coach Dale Lennon said. "The points that resulted directly from the kickoff returns enabled them to get some field goals."

Bishop's five field goals tied an FCS playoff record for most field goals in a game by a kicker. The senior kicker connected on attempts from 27, 35, 28, 33 and 32 yards and scored more than half of New Hampshire's 29 points.

New Hampshire head coach Sean McDonnell said Bishop's reliable right leg proved to be a major factor in New Hampshire's first playoff win since 2006.

"Not only did (Bishop) have a hell of a game kicking field goals but he punted the heck out of the football for us," McDonnell said, "I can't say enough about how our special teams



STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman quarterback Bobby Brenneisen consoles senior running back Larry Warner following SIU's 29-20 playoff loss to New Hampshire Saturday.

played today."

The Salukis struggled offensively and punted or turned the ball over on eight of their nine drives in the second half.

An SIU offense that scored at will at times this season was held in check by a stifling New Hampshire defense.

"It was just one of those days where things weren't clicking at all times," Lennon said. "We hung in there and did everything in our power to make something happen at the end of the game but we came up short and it didn't

"We hung in there and did everything in our power to make something happen at the end of the game but we came up short and it didn't come through for us"

— Dale Lennon
SIU head coach

come through for us."

The Salukis trailed 16-13 after the first half on the heels of an 80-yard drive that resulted in a New Hampshire touchdown to give the Wildcats the three-point lead.

Lennon said the score teamed with Clements' blocked punt return were the two key plays that led to SIU's demise.

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WHILE YOU WERE EATING ...

A Saluki sports recap

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While you were eating turkey, mashed potatoes and stuffing, SIU athletics continued its efforts on the field and on the courts.

Here is what you might have missed.

Men's basketball sustains third straight loss.

The SIU men's basketball team suffered its third straight loss, a 79-70 defeat against Western Kentucky on Thanksgiving Eve.

In the team's first true road game, four Salukis scored in double figures, led by freshman guard Ryan Hare's 16 points off the bench. Sophomore forward Carlton Fay (12 points), senior guard Bryan Mullins (11 points) and freshman guard Kevin Dillard (10 points) also joined Hare with double-digit scoring performances of their own.

But SIU's efforts were not enough for the Salukis (2-3) to avoid the loss. The Hilltoppers (2-2) were led by career-best 20-point performances by forwards Steffphon Pettigrew and Sergio Kerusch. The Salukis rallied from a 17-point deficit to put the game within five points with 9:02 remaining in the game but were unable to contain Western Kentucky's top scorers when the team needed defensive stops.

Nick Evans out 4-6 weeks

If losing to national powerhouses Duke and UCLA in New York was not enough, the SIU men's basketball team lost a key member off its bench in the process.

Redshirt freshman center Nick Evans will miss 4-6 weeks after suffering a broken left wrist in the loss against the Bruins. Evans was averaging 6.3 points and 2.8 rebounds per game and was one of the Salukis' top reserves this season.

Freshman Anthony Booker and junior Christian Cornelius could pick up Evans' minutes to give forwards Carlton Fay and Tony Boyle a break. Head coach Chris Lowery said he might use a four-guard lineup if the matchups are favorable.

Women's basketball drops two in the Bahamas

The SIU women's basketball team lost a pair of close games in the Junkanoo Jam Tournament.

The Salukis were defeated by the University of Florida, 67-56, in their first round match. Senior forward Jasmine Gibson led the team with 16 points to go along with six rebounds. Gibson was joined by teammates Erica Smith and Alex Hart, who chipped in with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

SIU also lost to Hofstra in its second tournament game, 71-67. Again, Gibson and Smith sparked the Saluki offensive attack as each scored a team-high 18 points. Smith also provided eight rebounds, three assists and four steals.

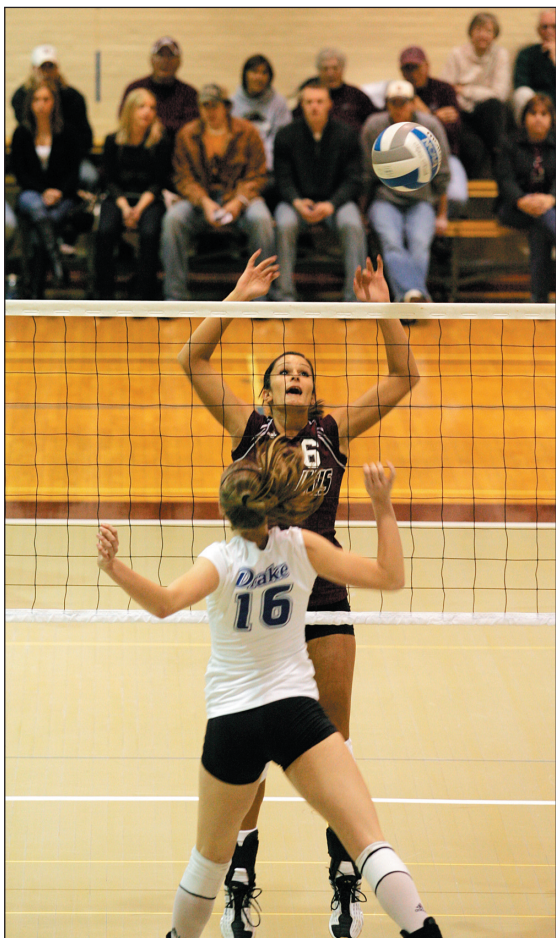
Despite the strong showing from its seniors, SIU's record dropped to 2-2.

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VOLLEYBALL

Marina Medic defends the line against Drake Saturday, assisting in defeating the Bulldogs in three straight sets to finish the team's season at home.

JOE REHANA
DAILY EGYPTIAN



Salukis finish on the outside looking in

Winkeler records most wins as coach

Stile T. Smith
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After splitting its last two regular season matches, the SIU volleyball team finished the regular season one spot shy of a postseason berth.

The Salukis finished the regular season Nov. 21 with a 7-11 Missouri Valley Conference record, which put them in seventh place, one spot short of the MVC Tournament. The tournament hosts the top six teams in the Valley.

The Salukis bettered their record of 15-16 from a season ago to 17-12, the team's first winning season since 2002. SIU was eliminated from postseason play when they lost to Illinois State Nov. 21.

"I thought it was a very productive season," said SIU head coach Brenda Winkeler. "We were 17-12, so we had a winning season."

Winkeler recorded the most wins in her four-year stint with the Salukis while the team won the most matches since 2002, when they went 23-10.

Winkeler said it was tough to see the seniors finish the season without a postseason berth.

"It was very emotional for a lot of the seniors and the girls who have been with the program since I've been here," Winkeler said.

But the Salukis have plenty to look forward to, returning All-MVC outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger as well as junior middle blocker Chandra Roberson, who ranked fourth in the conference with 1.07 blocks per set.

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