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Health center advocates AIDS awareness

SARAH SCHNEIDER
 Daily Egyptian

Scaring the health out of people isn't working, says Christy Hamilton.

Hamilton, coordinator of sexual health, relationship violence and sexual assault programs at the Student Health Center, says people need to know the facts about Human Immunodeficiency Virus, but giving people the straight facts hasn't helped detect the virus early or prevent them from contracting of the disease.

Hamilton said the Student Health Center is hosting a three-day long HIV/AIDS Awareness Week from Tuesday to Thursday that incorporates events such as a "Sex In The Dark" open forum where student can anonymously ask a "Sex Wizard" from the Wellness Center and Jackson County Health Department sexual health questions, receive free anonymous testing and participate in a panel discussion today for the yearly World AIDS Day.

"The number of new HIV cases has not really dropped in the last five years, and that is problematic because we should be seeing drops because we have wide access to testing and barrier protection and so forth," she said.

The theme of this year's HIV/AIDS Awareness Week is to show the SIUC community that the virus is preventable and treatable, and to teach people how to communicate with their partners in order to prevent the spread of the virus, Hamilton said.

"When people are younger, they typically do not know how to have conversations with their partners in regards



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Steven St. Julian, coordinator for the HIV prevention, outreach and adherence program for the Southern Illinois HIV group, prepares to give a student test results Tuesday at the Student

Center. Anonymous HIV testing will continue to be offered at the Student Center from 1 to 5 p.m. through Thursday as part of three-day long HIV/AIDS Awareness Week.

to when they are ready to have sex, and when they are, how do they talk about it?" Hamilton said. "Many times with partners, many people find that it is easier to be intimate, but there are different levels of intimacy, and they find themselves in the heat of the moment

before they can talk about anything." Hamilton said this is the first year the Student Health Center has sponsored the awareness week. It was previously sponsored by the Student Center, she said.

Susan Coriasco, deputy director of

marketing and graphics, special programs and center events at the Student Center, said the center sponsored the program for more than 10 years because it is an important issue that needs to be addressed for both the students and the community.

"Whether people believe it or not, it can happen to anyone," she said. "The best way to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS is education."

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No legislative gifts for higher education in December

RYAN VOYLES
 Daily Egyptian

Universities should not expect any gifts from the Legislature this December, as SIU President Glenn Poshard said no piece of legislation would immediately affect higher education.

Poshard said the General Assem-

blly has spent most of its fall session focused on several pieces of legislation, including the civil union and marijuana bill, that would not bring any relief to Illinois universities.

"None of these bills pertain to us in higher education," he said.

The House narrowly approved civil unions by a vote of 61-52 Tuesday, according to the Associated

Press. The measure, which would offer gay couples legal recognition and some benefits of marriage, now goes to the state Senate.

The General Assembly is nearing the end of its fall veto session, which includes six meetings in November and December. It will have its last two meetings today and Thursday before session starts

again in January.

The SIU system is still owed \$5 million from the last fiscal year, Poshard said. He said the university is also owed around \$120 million for the fiscal year.

Though he has received assurance from the state comptroller that the university will receive the \$5 million before the end of the year,

Poshard said SIU and other universities would have to wait for other institutes to receive their money first.

"There are billions of dollars of Medicaid and other things that the state has to pay first before it could consider higher education," he said.

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College of Ag students, professors increase recruitment drive

LAUREN LEONE
 Daily Egyptian

Todd Winters says budget cuts and enrollment slumps could only enhance the College of Agricultural Science's recruitment efforts.

Winters, interim dean of the college, said enrollment decreased 5 percent from 881 to 837



undergraduate students for the fall semester, but he's optimistic

for the college's future.

"I'm confident we'll get that back on track," he said. "Numbers are looking pretty good for the spring semester."

Enrollment had decreased within the college until 2004 when Gary Minish began as dean. Winters said.

In the last three years of Min-

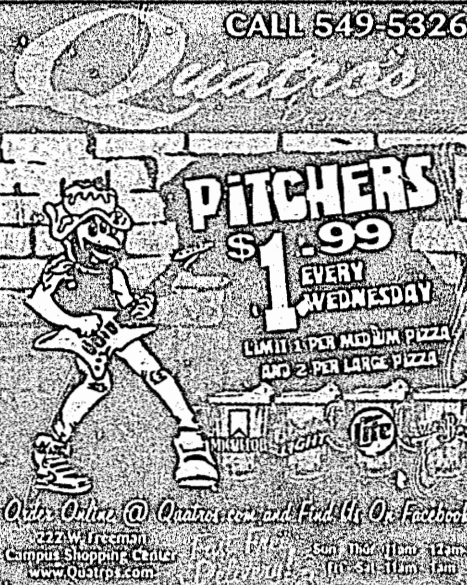
ish's tenure, enrollment increased by 21 percent, according to the 2009-2010 SIUC Factbook. Minish, who initially retired in December 2009, will take over as provost and senior vice chancellor for the university Dec. 15, pending ratification by the SIU Board of Trustees.

"Because of Minish, the col-

lege has actually been proactive," he said. "I think that's the biggest difference. Dr. Minish really was the one who developed a recruiting system. ... We didn't have a recruitment coordinator before he came here."

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High schools, colleges feel pressure of No Child Left Behind

ISAAC SMITH
Daily Egyptian

To accommodate increasing pressure from the state and federal government, Murphysboro High School has been forced to restructure curriculum.

This semester, the high school moved from a block class schedule — where students had four one-and-a-half-hour periods each day — to a traditional seven-class, 50 minute period system.

This was to accommodate standards imposed on the school system by the No Child Left Behind Act, which evaluates a school's performance in teaching based on its students' Prairie State Achievement Examination results.

Educators say, however, that these standards are becoming increasingly difficult to meet as the number of students who must meet or exceed expectations increases each year.

Chris Grode, superintendent of Murphysboro schools, said while the block system was good for classes the students wanted to take, the new schedule emphasizes the areas the schools need to improve upon in regards to PSAE results.

"As the block is good for electives and really broadening the student's education base, our test scores showed we needed to get back harder on the three R's," Grode said, on referring to reading, writing and arithmetic skills.

Although Grode said he does not agree with all the tenets of the No Child Left Behind Act, he said he does believe schools should be held accountable.

"NCLB started the process of really figuring out a way to judge our education," Grode said. "I don't always agree with everything about the program, but I do agree with the premise, and that is every child should be given the right to the best education."

However, Grode said he does not agree with the notion that schools are failing students.

"Schools do more today with less and deal with tougher issues that are brought upon by societal changes," he said.

Jeff White, media specialist and chair of the Curriculum Council at Murphysboro High School, said last year was the first year the school met the required goal for testing, which was to have 77.5 percent of students meet or exceed the given standards, an achievement he credits to the restructured curriculum and schedule.

"Right now we are focusing a lot more on our non-fiction reading. ... We have a 30-minute block every day where students read non-fiction and get tutoring in non-fiction," White said.

He said the change was necessary because the majority of its courses focused on fiction.

While facing similar issues, Carterville High School has made

less drastic changes, said Principal Keith Liddell.

The school began a program designed to target students' specific learning needs, he said.

"One thing we have implemented here is a 20-minute enrichment period. ... We have identified those students and we are able to focus on those students' specific learning difficulties, and hopefully, throughout the course of the year, we will be able to catch them back up to their peers," Liddell said.

He said the school did not start the program simply because of pressures from NCLB.

Liddell, like Grode, said he agrees with certain portions of NCLB, but is unsure of the accuracy of its methods of assessment, which he said are unrealistic.

"I am not one of those people who says 'No Child Left Behind is the worst thing that's ever happened to public schools in the history of mankind' because I think there are certain aspects of No Child Left Behind that have made us a better school," he said.

Liddell said he agrees with the push toward standardizing education, which NCLB has brought to ensure that students across the country receive an equal education.

In July 2009, the Obama administration introduced Race to the Top, a program designed to reward states that show the most progress in reforming their schools, which makes schools compete for grants.

The \$4.35 billion program works in conjunction with the Bush administration's No Child Left Behind Act.

Despite the positive aspects of the act, some students said they face a disservice by No Child Left Behind.

"I always thought high school was a way to explore fields of work — and if they are just focusing on the four subjects — math, reading, English, science — that they are focusing on the ACT, that's not going to be a way to explore everyone's potential," said Neal Coelho, a senior at Murphysboro High School.

Coelho said he believes the new focus that schools have does not prepare students adequately for college.

"College is much more than the four subjects on the ACT. ... You need to have a bigger foundation," he said.

The mandates and incentives of No Child Left Behind, as well as those of Race to the Top, have an affect on incoming freshmen at the university level as well. According to Mark Amos, the interim director of Saluki First Year and an associate professor of English, the changes that high schools make affect how students approach and cope with the real world.

"I think that if education becomes reduced to just teaching to the test, we are not really going to have an educated populous; we are going to have students who can take tests," Amos said. "Life, while filled

with many tests, is not a multiple choice test. I think we lose the holistic view of the student when we teach just toward a particular test."

He said student performance should be based more on a standardization of goals for students in his or her own group as opposed to a test-based evaluation.

Amos said standards should be based on what educators want students to be able to do, whether it's answering questions on a multiple choice exam or writing a coherent paragraph.

"I think we as a nation need to figure out what it is we would like them to know, but then we have to figure out more complicated algorithms to figure out how to judge how well schools are doing," he said.

The Saluki First Year Program was launched in 2009 to boost retention of first-year students and to aid them in a successful transition into college. Amos said while the issues that were the catalyst for the Saluki First Year Program predate No Child Left Behind, he said its effects will not help the success of the program.

"It could be that if, indeed, schools are focusing so heavily on a particular test, there are lots of things that are being left untaught," he said. "So the students would be, in general, less prepared."

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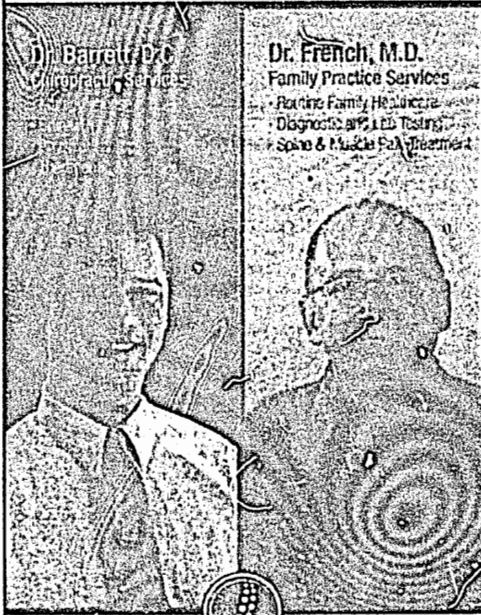
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Steven St. Julian, coordinator for the HIV prevention, outreach and adherence program for the Southern Illinois HIV group, a Jackson County-based effort that serves the southernmost 19 counties in Illinois, and one of the "Sex Wizards," said early-detection is key for treating AIDS/HIV.

A common misconception that people die from AIDS exists, but they actually die from other diseases that attack the immune system, St. Julian said.

He said any time something goes wrong in one's body, T cells either repair it in the case of an injury, or kill it if it's an infection.

"When you are little and you fall down and scrape your knee, while you are crying your brain detects something is wrong and stimulates the T cells to go wherever in your body the injury is and to fix it," St. Julian said. "Same thing happens with HIV; once it gets in you and the brain detects it, T cells go there to kill it, but instead the virus will take over and transform the cell into more HIV."

He said the virus is no longer considered a terminal illness and is completely treatable.

St. Julian said his goal for the week is to normalize the test, making it part of a standard health routine and yearly doctor checkups.

"We have made such medical advances that once someone is tested positive, they really never

have to get a bit sicker than they already are," he said. "Our species is a sexual species; sex is a natural part of life and there should be no shame factor in it."

Hamilton said World AIDS Day and the awareness week will not focus on the gloom and doom of the virus, but "the positive fact that some of the stigmas can be erased, while also trying to get to the heart of why people are not protecting themselves."

"World AIDS Day is the world-wide acknowledgment and remembrance that HIV has not gone away, and to note the devastation it has caused in our world," she said.

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OUR WORD

Education tests fail students, schools

If several narrowly focused exams determine the money provided to schools, which determines curriculum by extension, then universities, employers and communities should expect degrees and diplomas to hold little or no value.

President Barack Obama's Race to the Top initiative failed Murphyboro students already, providing no money at all. It was designed to work in conjunction with No Child Left Behind, which failed countless students before it. Still, and sadly, lawmakers continue to focus on standardized test scores and continue the self-defeating, class-gap-widening cycle of public education.

As SIUC struggles with recruitment and retention, it cannot afford to turn away those students who test with mediocre success, and therefore it accepts those who are woefully uneducated.

This will include Murphyboro High School students who no longer have access to such classes as pre-algebra, 20th Century fiction, poetry and debate. Consequently, the university's standards must be pitifully low to allow its uneducated students to graduate. The curriculum ensures that students may also consistently neglect attendance and studying, and not only pass, but make the dean's list.

This university is not alone in having lowered its standards; a majority of universities' degrees offer graduates no more of a promise of success than that promised to high school graduates 50 years ago. Undergraduate degrees hold little value, not only because they have become so common, but because students can easily graduate with a bachelor's degree and little to no practical knowledge in their fields.

Public education holds so little value now that students who cannot be privately educated simply fall on the poor and struggling side of the rapidly widening class divide. This is especially true of special needs and gifted students placed into the same classrooms as average students. The first two might have thrived in learning environments better suited to their needs, but public schools simply cannot afford to truly educate them anymore. Doing more with less for those schools often means doing less for struggling students.

Nor can anyone say the average student is adequately served by neglected language, music and arts programming. When those programs, as well as sports and other extracurricular programs, are cut or changed to after school activities that must be funded by parents, students lose out. Hardest

hit are low-income students who may never discover those passions, develop to their full potential or enjoy school enough to retain information and use it in the real world.

Grade, middle and high school teachers instruct students on how to best guess ACT, Prairie State Achievement Exam and Illinois Standards Achievement Test answers because they cannot afford to take the time to truly teach concepts. Few of those students, however, become fluent in languages, successfully play instruments or even graduate high school with comprehensive learning abilities.

Revamping the tests to focus more on writing, comprehension, information retention and well-rounded skills would cost the government, testing agencies and schools tremendously. However, the cost to society of allowing

this failed system to continue failing is far worse.

Americans often struggle to look to the long-term future. They are short-sighted, expecting politicians to miraculously cure major issues in one or two four-year terms. They fear taxation, even when it means their doctors will be more competent, their health care more comprehensive or their children better educated. Taxpayers without children often hesitate to want to pay for their neighbors' children's education. The best short-term answer to paying for the education of society as a whole is to raise taxes and put the money into the hands of educators without the pressure of poorly developed standardized tests. In the long term, an overall reevaluation and restructuring of education funding as a whole would be ideal, but we're being idealistic.

GUEST COLUMN

Marijuana criminalization irrational, inhumane

James Anderson graduate in mass communication and media arts

Musician Willie Nelson was arrested Friday at a border checkpoint in Texas after an officer found six ounces of marijuana in his tour bus.

For one, an outraged, sure, pot prohibition has put an inordinate number of people behind bars, helping the United States achieve the highest incarceration rate in the world. Granted, cannabis criminalization has contributed to violence in Mexico where drug cartels still reap massive profits from pot sales and militarization of the drug war results in thousands of deaths a year. Admittedly, drug laws are an ongoing example of institutionalized racism, corroborated by a recent report commissioned by the Drug Policy Alliance revealing blacks and Latinos in California's largest cities were disproportionately charged with possession

offenses even though they use marijuana at lower rates than whites. And yes, it's hard to dispute the insane double standard demonstrated by scientific evidence showing marijuana use poses far fewer health risks than alcohol.

All of that may be true, but when a country music icon is jailed for going "On the road again" with a drug, I'm willing to bet, he rarely leaves home without, enough is enough.

Nelson was released on \$2,500 bail. But, he never should have been arrested to begin with. In the same vein, people shouldn't be imprisoned en masse for marijuana-related offenses. It is cruel irony that a drug known for inhibiting aggression perpetuates violence because of its criminalized status. We should not have draconian drug laws diametrically opposed to all scientific findings that exacerbate a host of societal problems.

Recently, the Regulate, Control and Tax Cannabis Act, Proposition 19, on

the last statewide California ballot, was defeated. Incidentally, the Medical Marijuana Initiative, Proposition 203, was approved and has Arizona poised to become the latest state to legalize the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

The former speaks in part to the strong social taboo that still persists regarding pot use. The latter is illustrative of the difficult-to-suppress human spirit who desire a free and open society.

I've often wondered whether there is some sort of connection between the present, perverse social conditions and the illegality of relatively benign plants. The interpenetration of the global capitalist system in all aspects of our lives has made unjust social relations and mass consumption of highly processed commodities seem normal. That naturalization of the unnatural and denaturalization of the natural is contingent upon popular acceptance of the prevailing order. People have to

be conditioned to subscribe to those conventional modes of thought — to only think within the narrow range of what is permissible — despite frequent recognition that contradictions abound and alternate natives exist.

When folks inevitably begin imagining a world beyond the dominant paradigm, they are usually greeted with a slew of ideologically loaded pieties that do wonders to limit human expression and preserve injustices, but little to encourage positive social transformation.

Now, I don't wish to equate smoking weed with increased creativity or enhanced poetic drive. Nor do I want to minimize the potential adverse effects smoking anything — herb or otherwise — can have. Moreover, parents should probably not start rolling doubles to pack alongside fruit snacks in their kids' lunch boxes.

But, kids should not be force-fed misinformation either. We should tell kids the truth about marijuana, and we

should encourage them to critically examine the world without insisting they accept the current state of affairs as an immutable, eternal truth.

We might not need a Timothy Leary-style psychedelic revolution to expand our collective conscious, but we sure could use a critical awakening that might empower us to make society a little more rational and humane. Those sentiments are present, just waiting to bubble up. People can't help but realize the nonsensical characteristics of common sense, even with rampant misconceptions and mating of dissent; hence, the mainstream coverage of Prop 19 and the passage of Prop 203.

The trend is promising. It represents a widespread desire to move beyond repressive orthodoxes. Legalizing marijuana would not instantly make society more egalitarian, but it would go a long way to redressing the aforementioned issues. Oh, and it would allow one notable singer-songwriter to tour in peace.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

O'Reilly not bigoted

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to Tara Kulash's column Nov. 12:

The same people who scream the loudest about Bill O'Reilly's comments being bigoted appear to be among those people who have never watched Bill O'Reilly on Fox News.

When I watch O'Reilly's program, I never hear a bigoted comment from him. Could it be that some people just don't like the fact that he is one of the most popular commentators on cable?

Dennis Radek
Carbondale resident

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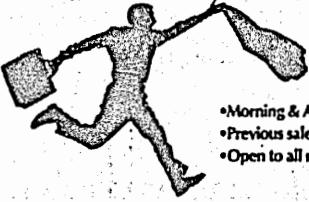
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LEGISLATION
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SIU spokesman Dave Gross said pieces of legislation are still being discussed in the General Assembly that could help higher education, such as the expansion of gambling and an income tax increase.

He said the gambling bill is being discussed in the senate, but not enough support has been garnered for it to pass. The money from new gambling outlets could help bring in extra money for education, he said.

"The latest proposal envisions the money being split between the education systems fund and the capital projects fund," Gross said.

He said discussions about a tax increase have happened, especially with Gov. Pat Quinn, but nothing solid has come up yet.

But both Poshard and Gross said higher education has a new supporter atop the Illinois government.

Sheila Simon, former assistant clinical professor at the SIU Law School, is Illinois' lieutenant governor-elect as she and Quinn won the state's gubernatorial election earlier this month. Simon said she would use her new position to push for higher education.

"I think I can take some of those same skills and work on the budget of Illinois and get people to pay attention, help out and be a part of it," Simon said.

Poshard said having someone like Simon would only help higher education.

"I think she'll have a lot of impact," Poshard said. "She'll be able to mediate any differences between the state and the higher (education) community. She's well-versed in the issues that are

facing us right now and I expect her to be a... advocate for us."

Simon has several tools that Gross said could help universities, including her past at SIUC and her family legacy.

"She knows what it is like to have to deal with a budget cut," Gross said. "And the Simon name still carries a lot of cache in state government. She has a good relationship with Quinn and she will have some significant sway when Quinn starts preparing the state budget, no question about it."

While there won't be much going on this year, Gross said January will be a different story.

"That January session is going to be special," he said. "I get the sense that people know it is the time to do something about this state budget, so I do get the sense there will be a movement towards an income tax increase. Stay tuned."

RECRUITMENT
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Winters said a program called Ag-bassadors is a student recruitment organization with 10 students who serve as speakers at high schools and community colleges. The program gives students \$500 of scholarship money, split up into two semesters, to recruit, he said.

Sarah Claytor, a senior from Staunton studying animal science, said she is in her third semester as an Ag-bassador. She said the group of students help the college set up various events during the fall and spring semesters, meet with prospective students, help with guided tours and visit high schools to recruit.

"I'm a pre-vet major, so if students

have any questions about that, I can help them out," she said.

When Claytor gives presentations on the college and the university at high schools, she said she stresses that college is attainable for anyone.

"A lot of students at that age aren't set on going or not going (to college) yet, so I don't try to sell them SIU," she said. "I just try to be there to help them understand what college life is all about."

Benjamin Arteman, a sophomore from Bellflower studying plant and soil science and Ag-bassador, said he is scheduled to visit a few high schools in his hometown during winter break to jumpstart his recruitment efforts for the spring.

"This year we're stepping it up a bit and just picking a whole bunch of high schools and doing as many as

we can," he said.

Winters said the college has 27 Registered Student Organizations and multiple intercollegiate teams that provide a strong peer support group for agricultural students.

"We have a sense of family in these clubs, and I think that's why we have such a high retention rate," he said.

Part of a faculty member's job in the College of Agriculture is to advise students as both mentors and career advisers, which Winters said helps connect students with professors.

"Faculty are down in the trenches with the students," he said. "They know the fields. They advise students and take a personal interest in them. Faculty members have an open door policy... If their door is open, a student can come in whether it's office hours or not."

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Illinois House approves civil unions for gay couples

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois House has narrowly approved civil unions, which would offer gay couples legal recognition and some of the benefits of marriage.

The measure passed 61-52 Tuesday — just one vote more than the minimum for passage. It now goes to the Senate, where supporters expect more support.

Opponents say civil unions amount to same-sex marriage by another name. They argue approving them could lead to the courts ordering the state to give homosexual couples full marriage rights.

Supporters say civil unions are not the same as gay marriage, but they would provide some important benefits, such as the right to make medical decisions for a dying partner.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Wary first meeting for capital's new order: Obama, GOP leaders seek to resolve tax differences

WASHINGTON — Heralding a new era of divided government, President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans pledged warily to seek common ground on tax cuts and reduced spending Tuesday in their first meeting since November's mid-term elections.

Obama also made a strong plea to Senate Republicans to permit ratification of a new arms control treaty with Russia by year's end, raising the issue first in a session in the White House's Roosevelt Room and then in a follow-up meeting without aides present, officials said.

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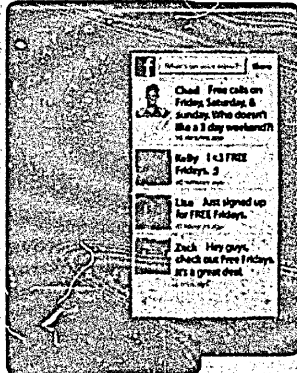
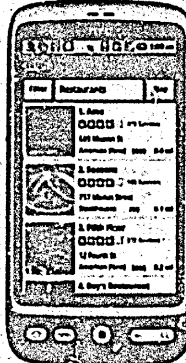
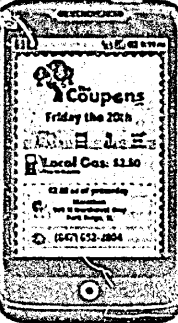
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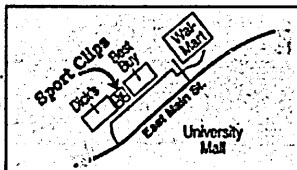
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirlon and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Tuesday's Answers | Jumbles: FATAL AIDED ALPACA SOIREE
Answer: What he did when he was offered a chance to skydive — "LEAPED" AT IT

Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's birthday — Family or household matters cause substantial adjustments for you this year. Use your talents to develop several alternatives before you make major decisions. Choices exist if you take the time to find them. Enthusiasm generates its own kind of luck.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) — Today is an 8 — Your dreams are stirring up your desire for change. Put together a well thought out plan for what you envision. Small steps make big progress.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) — Today is an 8 — Social activities cement relationships, as you meet unusual individuals. Don't try to imitate their glamorous style. Instead, invent your own.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) — Today is a 6 — Use all the facts at your disposal, as you create a plan for change. Maintain workflow at the same time. Decide how much time to spend on each task.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) — Today is a 6 — Great ideas flow between you and key associates. You agree that a persuasive message is needed, and have a variety of ways to make that happen.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Financial questions cause you to question a basic premise. Can you afford the renovations you'd planned? It's more attainable if you break it into manageable stages.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Concentrate your energy on practical, creative ways to solve a household issue. Family members may disagree at first but respond to the logic.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Your practical thinking makes life run smoothly now. Challenges at work become opportunities when viewed anew. Personal responsibilities benefit from logic.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — Take time for personal attire and appearance today. Visit your neighborhood salon and try something new and different. Take a calculated risk.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — From the perspective of another, you see a way to re-think their problem. You'll need to slow down to accommodate the situation. Create a game plan early.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — A new person on the scene asks key questions. To answer them, think about it well. Take time to consider creative options. Then present choices to the team.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You're on familiar ground with group activities now. Consider the needs of individuals and coworkers as you challenge old concepts. You'll know just what to say.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) — Today is a 6 — Changes depend on advice received from an older person with a sterling creative track record. Use what you need now and store the rest for future reference.

The Duplex



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TUESDAY'S ANSWERS

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BASKETBALL

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Last season, New Mexico (4-1) won 30 games and entered the NCAA tournament as a No. 3 seed. Although they lost their best player, guard Darington Hobson, to the NBA, the Lobos have quality players remaining on their squad including guard Dairese Gary, who leads the Lobos with 12.6 points per game.

Lowery said Lobos coach Steve Allford, who is 76-26 during his three seasons at New Mexico, has a team skilled on both sides of the ball.

"It's a Bobby Knight-type of deal," Lowery said. "He's going to guard you and run good offense at the same time as well. They're well-coached and are going to do things

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— Chris Lowery coach

defensively to take Gene (Teague) away and some of our other driving options away."

Sophomore center Gene Teague has been the main focal point for opposing defenses all season because of his numbers, which include his second double-double of the season during SIU's game against Wright State University in which he scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Senior forward Carlton Fay said the Salukis' defense has to

stay disciplined and stick to its principles against the Lobos. He said the defense has played well the last couple of games and must remain at the same level.

"Our rotations are improving every day. When there is a breakdown, guys are getting to the shooter instead of sitting there and watching," Fay said.

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Sophomore center Gene Teague finishes a dunk Nov. 6 in the Salukis' 65-58 exhibition win against Indiana State. SIU will play the New Mexico Lobos at 7:05 p.m. today in the SIU Arena.

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At this point in the fantasy football season, injuries are influencing team rosters in major ways. Which player injury has inflicted the biggest burn?



Personally my biggest burn has been Vincent Jackson on the San Diego Chargers. What do I do? Drop him and pick up Steven Jackson from the Buffalo Bills.

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Adrian Peterson twisted the hearts of many when he twisted his ankle Sunday. His fantasy owners will need their own bags of ice in the coming weeks.

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SWIM

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Junior Matt Parsons said the team is excited with how strong it came out in the first half of the season and expects the second half to be even better. He said the season for swimming is long and the team has to stay focused even with other obligations that come about outside of the pool.

"I think a big deal for a lot of people over finals and Christmas break will be staying in the water. It is important to stay focused in the pool because in the past people have not swam during finals and break, and that really hurts the team," Parsons said.

Junior Jill Weckbach said many members on the team have set personal best times already. She said the team has been successful at eliminating time off the clock, and as long as the team keeps working hard, good things will happen in the second half of the season.

BREHM

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"Leadership is valuable, it's more important than talent," Lee said. "When you're trying to win a ball game or you're trying to build a cohesive unit there has to be someone that's the catalyst for us offensively and defensively."

Every player on the team displays heart and will commit to each other on the court in every game, Barron said.

"Emmanuel (Ochenje) and the rest of their points count a lot, but the rebounds, the blocked shots and the defense count more than that," Barron said. "My goal as a point guard is to lead the team. I don't do too much scoring unless I have to."

Barron said his character is his defining trait and what helps him lead his team to the next tier of competition.

"When your best player is your hardest working player, it makes some of the things you want to do as a program a lot easier," Lee said.

Lee said Barron brings toughness to the team vocally and by example on the court.

"(Barron) can do anything on the court," Brewer said. "I turn to Bruce any time for advice; I follow up behind him with what he does."

Games against junior colleges such as Southeastern Illinois and Southwestern Illinois help better prepare Brehm's players for games against other prep schools such as St. John's Christian Academy, Findlay Prep of Henderson, Nev., and Clarkview Academy of Memphis, Tenn., Barron said.

Ochenje said his team gave him encouragement throughout his slump on the court because they know his abilities and how capable he is at dominating the post.

"They don't give up on me. When the time comes down (to it), I will be ready to come back to the basketball court," Ochenje said.

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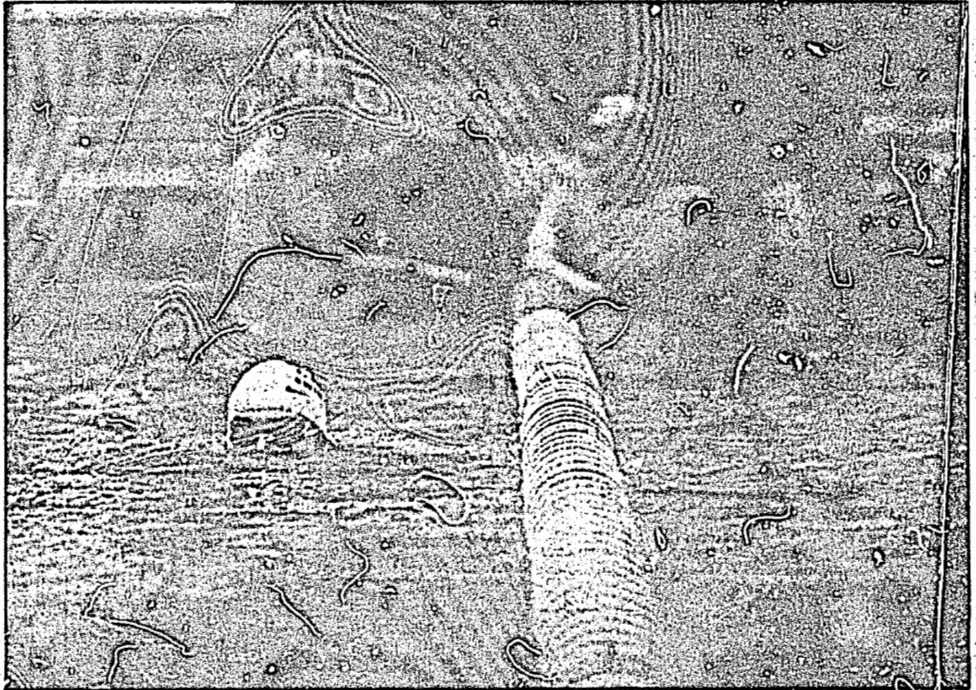
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Aaron Lee, Brehm Preparatory School boys basketball coach, says his team depth allowed the Bears to win four of their last five games, though his star center Emmanuel Ochenje is banged up with a knee injury.

“What’s important for our team is when one kid gets injured or can’t play, we have other kids that will step up,” Lee said.

Ochenje, the 6-foot-10 center who’s ranked No. 20 in the 2011 NCAA recruiting class and has

committed to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, will add flexibility in the power forward and center position when he is healthy again, Lee said.

Ochenje said he chose UTC because of his confidence in its coaching staff and the sense of security the small city provides.

“I really want to go to a city where I won’t be scared to go out at night,” Ochenje said.

He said he thinks pressure exists for him to perform right away, but the coaches at Chattanooga would not have signed him if they didn’t have faith in his abilities.

“I need to prepare myself in order for them to use me start,” Ochenje said. “I need to work hard because the coaches are going to want more out of me.”

Brehm senior guard/forward Kris Brewer said the Bears will look forward to having Ochenje’s inside presence once he returns to the lineup.

“The last two games we went a five-guard set because he was hurt,” Brewer said. “That hurt us against Findlay (Prep).”

Ochenje said the pain in his knee started Nov. 17 against Southeastern Illinois College.

“Since the last two weeks my game’s been slowing down because of my knee,” Ochenje said. “I couldn’t run down the court. I couldn’t do much of what the coaches asked me to.”

Ochenje said he has iced and stretched his knee since his injury to get himself back to 100 percent.

Players such as senior point guard Bruce Barron, who signed to play for the University of Oregon in 2011, and Brewer are two players who can cause mismatch problems for their opponents, Lee said.

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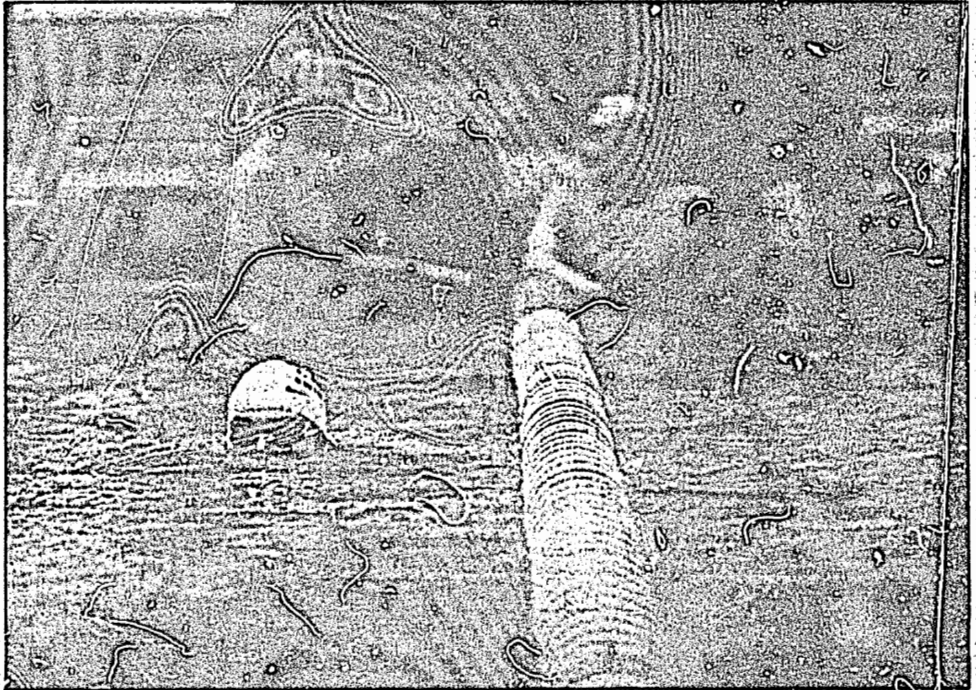
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Aaron Lee, Brehm Preparatory School boys basketball coach, says his team depth allowed the Bears to win four of their last five games, though his star center Emmanuel Ochenje is banged up with a knee injury.

“What's important for our team is when one kid gets injured or can't play, we have other kids that will step up,” Lee said.

Ochenje, the 6-foot-10 center who's ranked No. 20 in the 2011 NCAA recruiting class and has

committed to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, will add flexibility in the power forward and center position when he is healthy again, Lee said.

Ochenje said he chose UTC because of his confidence in its coaching staff and the sense of security the small city provides.

“I really want to go to a city where I won't be scared to go out at night,” Ochenje said.

He said he thinks pressure exists for him to perform right away, but the coaches at Chattanooga would not have signed him if they didn't have faith in his abilities.

“I need to prepare myself in order for them to use me start,” Ochenje said. “I need to work hard because the coaches are going to want more out of me.”

Brehm senior guard/forward Kris Brewer said the Bears will look forward to having Ochenje's inside presence once he returns to the lineup.

“The last two games we went a five-guard set because he was hurt,” Brewer said. “That hurt us against Findlay (Prep).”

Ochenje said the pain in his knee started Nov. 17 against Southeastern Illinois College.

“Since the last two weeks my game's been slowing down because of my knee,” Ochenje said. “I couldn't run down the court. I couldn't do much of what the coaches asked me to.”

Ochenje said he hasiced and stretched his knee since his injury to get himself back to 100 percent.

Players such as senior point guard Bruce Barron, who signed to play for the University of Oregon in 2011, and Brewer are two players who can cause mismatch problems for their opponents, Lee said.

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