Protestors picket to close prison

Although heads turned and horns honked, some drivers gave protesters a thumbs down at Friday’s protest put on by the Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois.

Weekly gatherings have taken place at the Carbondale town square every Saturday since 2003 in efforts to end the war in Iraq.

Aside from protesting for an end of the war in Iraq and demanding the return of troops, the protest held on Friday was to ask for the detention center at Guantanamo Bay to close.

After the protest, members and supporters of the peace coalition marched to the federal building in Carbondale to deliver a statement calling for Congress to appoint a prosecutor to investigate instances of U.S. torture at Guantanamo Bay.

According to a statement given by Anthony Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, the first prisoners of the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay arrived on Jan. 11, 2002.

“The people that are there are people we picked up on the battlefield, primarily in Afghanistan,” Vice President Dick Cheney said in 2005 according to the Witness Against Torture Web site.

However, the president of the Belgian Senate said out of the 450 to 500 prisoners at Guantanamo, there are only 30 to 40 cases in which the victims could actually be proven guilty if given a fair trial, according to the Witness Against Torture Web site.

Celeste Williams, peace coalition member,.

Members of the Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois surround Kari Maple, staff assistant to the Senator Paul Simon Federal Building, as Georgeann Hartzog discusses the coalition’s concerns and hands Maple their statement Friday afternoon in Carbondale.

Rec Center gets bright lights for late nights

After the addition of new and brighter lighting, Recreation Center administrators are ready to keep their doors open longer.

The Recreation Center will extend its hours to stay open until 11:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday each week, beginning today. It will continue to be open from 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Willie Ehling, director of recreational sports and services, said a large number of students expressed a desire for later hours.

However, Ehling said he did not want to extend hours until additional lighting made the facility safer.

Money from the facility’s internal funds paid for about $60,000 worth of lighting around the building, Ehling said.

“The intent is to make it bright enough that somebody can’t be around the building in a dark area where you can’t see him,” Ehling said.

Ehling said “You can get from the building to your car safely.”

Additionally, $25,000 from the Traffic and Parking Committee paid for new lights in the north parking lot behind the facility.

Those lights, which were installed last week, are high-pressure sodium vapor lights, said Todd Sigler, director of the Department of Public Safety and fiscal officer of the committee.

Sodium vapor lights are brighter and more energy-efficient than mercury halide lights, which can still be seen in many areas on campus, Sigler said. He said the difference is visible because sodium vapor lights give off a more orange light, while mercury halide lights appear whiter.

Sigler said the committee, which accumulates funds from parking decals, traffic tickets and citations, would soon focus on adding similar lights to parking facilities on the north side of Morris Library.

Ehling said the new schedule would cost about $33,000, but all of that money would be generated from parking decals, traffic tickets and citations.

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SIU left behind in CTA bailout

Mass transit and school funds leave Capital Construction empty

The Illinois General Assembly’s first sessions of 2008 have supported mass-transit systems in Chicago, but support for state infrastructure projects, which would potentially benefit SIU with $145 million, still needs a decision.

A group of Chicagoans and downstate Democrats pushed a sales and real estate tax increase for Chicago-area residents to refinance mass-transit systems through the House and Senate Thursday. Within the next 24 hours, Gov. Rod Blagojevich said he would approve the bill if senior citizens and people with disabilities were able to ride Illinois public transportation for free. The amendment will require legislative approval.

State Rep. John Bradley, D-Morton, was one of the downstate Democrats who voiced support for the transit bailout. Before the holidays, legislators such as neighboring State
POLICE REPORTS

Julas T. Hope, 24, a SUIC student from Cabernet, was arrested and charged with theft over $300 (textbooks) from Neckers, employee. The student was transported to Jackson County Jail on Jan 2 and was later released.

A series of thefts occurred at J & W Storage Facility in Campbell Hall that was discovered on Jan 1. Locks were cut off nine storage units with items taken from inside.

Several residents reported mailboxes intensely ran over by a vehicle or pulled out of the ground and taken last weekend. The suspects are investigating the scenes.

Police photographers were hoisted in a crane to take photos of the roof of the Lamkin Building to discover if any damage was done.

A one-time employee of the Newsroom, said of her countrymen in Holland, “They think it’s a very criminal city,” with the phrase “thieves” becoming so much a part of the city’s image that foreigners “constantly feel afraid” when walking the streets.

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Carbondale businesses breathe fresh air in '08

Statewide smoking ban changes bars and restaurants

David Lopez

Though Carbondale patrons who smoke may have felt slightly colder during the past two weeks, most have not become less law-abiding.

As of Friday, only one ticket had been issued in the city for a violation of the Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act, according to the Jackson County Health Department and Carbondale Police. The law prohibits smoking in and within 15 feet of entrances to bars and restaurants throughout the state.

The law, which was met with a variety of resistance and praise when first passed, already has many establishments and patrons adjusting their habits.

Paul Stokes, owner of The Cellar, added an outdoor smoking section to his bar in anticipation of the law. Despite the addition, Stokes said his business has suffered slightly as a result of the smoking ban.

“I’m down 25 percent since the first of the year,” Stokes said. “It’s not as bad as I thought it would be. I don’t know, I guess I was too pessimistic the whole time.”

Being a non-smoker himself, Stokes said the new law would do well for his health, but from a business standpoint, is doing more harm than good.

Despite some of his “no smoking” signs being stolen or damaged by customers, Stokes said there have only been minor violations in his bar. Those who have lit up inside have immediately been told to go outside, he said.

Megan Lundberg, a senior from Kansas City, Kan., studying marketing and Spanish, tends the bar at Stix on the Strip. She said people have tried to secretly smoke cigarettes in crowded corners of the bar since the law came into effect, but they are quickly told to go outside.

“We try as much as we can to make people go outside, but people still smoke if it gets really busy,” Lundberg said. “People still try to get away with it or act like they don’t know about it.”

The law requires any violations to be reported by witnesses to the Illinois Department of Public Health via the Web site www.smoke-free.illinois.gov, or by calling 1-866-973-4646.

Angie Bailey, director of Health Education at the Jackson County Health Department, said that once complaints are filed, they are entered into a database, which can be viewed by local health departments and law enforcement.

Bailey said the law requires a police officer or health department employee to see the violation take place before a ticket can be given.

Tickets range from $100 to $250 for persons caught violating the ordinance, and no less than $250 for the first violation of businesses. $500 for the second within a year and $2,500 for each subsequent violation within a year.

Lundberg said they have had some complaints from the Jackson County Health Department due to people reporting violations, and wishes that people would talk to a bouncer or bartender about a violation before deciding to report it.

“I haven’t had anyone come up to me, but we still get complaints from the health department,” Lundberg said. “Some people are a little too uptight about it.”

Bailey said many of the businesses have done a good job of enforcing the law within, with the help of concerned patrons.

“We have thousands of businesses in Jackson County, but since the law went into effect we’ve only received six complaints,” Bailey said.

Max Robinson, left, a freshman from Rockford studying architecture, smokes with Ben Collette, a freshman from Springfield studying music, Saturday night outside Mae Smith. The state of Illinois became smoke-free as of Jan. 1.

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The $25.00 fee will appear on a future Barcard statement during the spring semester, 2008.
Chatgoers still discussing a GOP candidate

Mike Baker
The Associated Press

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The threat of closing the university’s on-campus greek housing is four years away, but many at Greek Row are planning for the future.

Andy Morgan, coordinator of Greek Life, said the goal is to have an electronic survey put together by late February for each greek student to fill out. What students want and need from on-campus greek housing, and if they even want it, Morgan said, is the focus of their research.

“We want to gather different points of view,” Morgan said.

Kali Hofer, a senior from Buckley studying marketing and public relations, said SIUC should offer greek housing in the future.

“It’s really hard to tell what’s going to happen and what the university wants to do,” Hofer said.

Hofer said individual chapters are looking into possible solutions with their national chapters, as well as looking at their national required housing standards.

“Living in a house is an important part of the experience,” Hofer said.

Meg Quinn, a sophomore from Brookfield studying special education, is in her first year living on Greek Row in the Delta Zeta house.

“I love it,” Quinn said. “It brings us all together.”

Quinn said Delta Zeta has been on Greek Row for over thirty years and she thinks its presence is necessary to keep the individual chapter strong.

But funding for the possible new housing is still a question.

“I hope it’s up to SIU, but I’m not really sure,” Quinn said about where the money would come from.

Hofer said chapters are hoping for an offer from their national counterparts to pay at least a portion of the final bill. According to Morgan, plans for building funds are a long way away.

“We’re not there yet,” Morgan said.

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Smoke be gone

The dizzying debate is over: As of Jan. 1, 2008, Illinois is smoke-free. The recent statewide smoking ban has united several local laws. For example, smoking was outlawed in restaurants, bars and public places in Springfield a year ago. Smokers said they wouldn’t come back. Business owners fussed over the possibility of losing customers.

Twelve months later, the bars and restaurants are as full as ever.

The Daily Egyptian not only supports the smoking ban, but agrees Carbondale will likewise take this change in stride. For one, a majority of the bars in town have either a patio or a beer garden to accommodate smokers outside. Businesses like Gatsby’s, which is entirely indoor, might have a tougher time transitioning. Patrons will likely not stop coming, though. Smokers and non-smokers alike will benefit from cleaner-smelling clothes and air sans smog.

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Businesses might actually stand to gain customers who were before turned off by the side effects of sitting in a bar or restaurant. Restaurants’ attempts to divide their dining rooms with an invisible line usually did nothing to stop the cloud of smoke from drifting over to the non-smoking section. Patrons annoyed by this might return — and stay longer.

The health benefits of this ban are obvious, too. According to the American Cancer Society, spending eight hours in a cloudy bar or restaurant is equivalent to smoking 16 cigarettes. That’s 16 cigarettes non-smoking workers and patrons ingest to earn or spend their money.

In all fairness, one shouldn’t have to practically become a smoker by going out. Being a smoker is a personal choice, and the Daily Egyptian does not want to judge anyone for being one. In light of the secondhand effects, though, it’s only fair that non-smokers don’t pay the price.

Students asked the Recreational Center to stay open later and they were listened to. See what happens when students speak up?

Andy Fruth

Talk to the thumb

Over break I was reading my hometown newspaper, the Freeport Journal Standard, and saw that every once in a while in its opinion section they rate things going on in the community with a thumbs up or a thumbs down.

I figured with so much going on in Carbondale and in the world of pop culture over break I’d explore the idea and see how it works in the DE. Here’s the first installment of what might become a regular theme in my Monday columns.

Thumbs Up to Jerry Kill for taking the head coaching position at NU. At first I was disappointed he left but after thinking about it for a while, I think he made the right decision. Football is No. 1 at NU and coach Kill will receive more support (and more money) in DeKalb than he ever would have playing second fiddle to basketball.

We should all be happy for coach Kill and hopefully in the next few years we’ll see him on the sidelines coaching in a bowl game on TV in late December.

Thumbs Down to athletics hiring North Dakota football coach Dale Lennon to replace Jerry Kill. The numbers don’t lie. Ninety wins over the past 10 seasons, seven playoff appearances, five conference championships and one Division II national championship.

By the way, he also knows how to beat new Gateway Conference members North Dakota State and Southern Dakota State, compiling an 8-2 mark against those schools since 1999. He also beat No. 3 ranked Northern Iowa in that wretched dome in 2006; something no SIU coach has done since 1983.

He’s the right guy for the job.

Thumbs Down to everyone who was down and out over Tila Tequila for giving Bobby a shot at love instead of Dani. In the end, Tila Tequila needed a man’s touch over that of a woman’s. Chalk another one up in the win column for guys everywhere.

Thumbs Up to Illinois on the smoking ban. It’s amazing how much cleaner and clearer all the bars, restaurants and every other public place is now that the ban is in effect. Hopefully we’ll see a decrease in the amount of cigarette butts that find themselves strewn about campus, but I’m sure all the deviant smokers of SIU will still find a way to break the law and smoke in the 15-foot boundary of all buildings on campus.

And to think years ago they had ashtrays in desks and you could smoke in class.

The times are changing.

Thumbs Down to cigarette smokers who have been moaning and groaning since the ban went into effect. Get over it.

Thumbs Down to all the kids who party too much last semester and aren’t coming back to Carbondale. Congratulations, by not being able to hike it in school, you are now officially part of the reason why SIU continues to have a party school reputation.

Try convincing your parents that you came down to SIU to “study” and not party. The party’s over for you at least. Enjoy your time back at home.

Thumbs Up to the Recreational Center for extending its hours this semester. Sunday through Thursday, the Recreational Center will stay open until 11:30 p.m., giving all you “right guys” a chance to work out late into the night. Students asked the Recreational Center to stay open late and they listened.

See what happens when students speak up?

Thumbs Down to all the Britney Spears coverage. I know people are attracted by her wild behavior but maybe if pictures of her buying Midol at Walgreens weren’t worth $10,000 to some paparazzi, she wouldn’t be as crazy as she is today.

Thumbs Up to Terry Romo. Not because I like the Cowboys but because yoicle the guy who gets to take Jessica Simpson to Mexico on your day off. Even though sports radio, Dallas fans and Terry Bradshaw question your motives, I do not.

I’m no fool. I’ve seen the movie Dukes of Hazard. Go for it Romo, we’re all with you. At least if you stumble in the playoffs you’ll always have your romantic getaway in Mexico with Jessica Simpson.

Prath is a graduate student in curriculum & instruction.
**Hometown: Vencity**
Sarah Lohman
Editor in Chief

**Voices**
I've chosen to remain in the most challenging position at the DE. I've had yet, I don't know. Maybe it's my love for Chinese food, which I tend to order on week three every Friday night. I'm not a big fan of Chinese food, but it's the best thing I can find in a city. As I write this, I'm sitting in a small, dimly lit room, surrounded by stacks of paperwork and a few scattered notes on the wall. The DE is a place where I feel at home, and I'm always excited to come to work. I'm looking forward to the next semester, and I hope to continue improving the paper and making it even better.

**Hometown: Springfield**
Diana Solowin
Voice Editor

**Meet the Editorial Board**

**Hometown: Aurora**
Alicia Wade
Newsroom Rep.

Everyone knows opinions, like tastes, have a striking resemblance to an often-unseen part of the human anatomy. Everyone has them, and they usually aren't pretty.

I have tried to keep an open mind in the variety of issues I have covered as a reporter at this paper, and strive to do so in a shift to the middle section. My opinion is no more sacrosanct than that of anyone else, but I will attempt to be more informed than most about the topics discussed in these pages.

In my time at this paper, I have been given the privilege to witness great things I would have never seen otherwise. I have also seen less-inspiring things happen at this university and city.

It is my goal to be up-to-date in both categories to letter provide a sense of context for the opinions shared on these gray pages.

**Hometown: Mesa, Ariz.**
Alicia Wade
Newsroom Rep.

This is round two for me on the editorial board, sound three at the Daily Egyptian, and round 25 in the boot we call life.

In my extra years, I have others on the editorial board, I've accomplished things that help give a different outlook on life. I've been married now for more than two years and it (rules, all you commitment-phobe, college students) and I own my own house. I hope to use my position to voice issues that might not seem as important to college students, such as if the city were to raise property taxes.

Before coming to SIU, I cooked my eggs on the sidewalk in the triple-digit human oven that is Mesa, Ariz. I also lived for two years in Chile prior to college. This helps give me a slightly more encompassing perspective on life and the international effect of America.

I'm also probably taller than you, and I know, so go ahead and stop mentioning it.

**Hometown: Chatham**
Joe Crawford
Campus Editor

Zoning in on my last moments as a college student and Daily Egyptian employee, and anticipatory graduation in May like a cat who just heard the can opener, I can only say this townsfolk was good to me. I'm currently the Pulse editor at the paper, though I spent two semesters covering city news.

I started college rubbing elbows with the private school kids at Quincy University, then transferred home to save some cash and attend Lincoln Land Community College. I am now proud to be a Saluki.

I bring a different view to the editorial board having been around the college block at the ripe old age of 21, and I deal with the world (good, bad and never mediocre) all the time on Pulse.

"Juno" is great by the way. Go see it as soon as you finish reading the paper.

**Hometown: Teutopolis**
Danny Wenger
Asst. Voices Editor

It's that time of year again, when dreams of snowflakes and dancing in your head and students bringing out pristine notebooks, new-to-you textbooks and fresh ink pens. Most of last semester's notes and papers have been cleared out and schedules have fresh faces.

The Daily Egyptian has followed suit. As the new editor in chief, I've helped clean out the newsroom and added a few fresh faces to our staff. We have spent the last week training, and we're ready and ready to go. So we return to start the semester with an improved front page, and a more positive state of mind.

Our web site will undergo a facelift in a few weeks, and I'm pleased to announce the return of comments on the site.

But these comments come with responsibilities. Our newspaper was forced to remove comments from asiDE.com last semester because DE readers were writing things that were untrue.

This left readers with only one outlet for their opinions—these pages. And while the Voices page does its best to accommodate all viewpoints, there's only so much space to print your letters.

The web offers our readers a forum to foster discussion and debate. Healthy discussion alters thought and leads to changes in policy, action and the world.

This is the least we can do to make our voices heard.

I will re-enable comments but ask those of you with opinions to remember this list of advice: Opinions are only as good as the facts on which they're based. And we still reserve the right to remove comments that are found libelous.

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Interim engineering dean adjusting well

Jakina Hill

The College of Engineering will start the semester with a new dean, but the college will have to postpone the search for a permanent replacement for William Osborne until late spring, said interim dean Ramanarayanan Viswanathan.

Viswanathan, professor of electrical and computer engineering, temporarily took over after the past engineering dean retired on Jan. 4. Osborne held the position for two and a half years.

Tina Biggs, administrative assistant in the provost’s office, said the office organized the search for new deans. However, Biggs said they will postpone the search due to a accreditation committee’s visit to the college.

“At the chair’s request we agreed to put it off until late spring,” Biggs said.

“That’s when the position description will be designed.”

A accreditation committee will visit the school early next fall to review programs to make sure students are getting quality education. The Accreditation Board of Engineering Technology will review the civil, mechanical, mining and mineral and electrical and computer engineering programs.

Viswanathan said he will wait until the position description comes out before he expresses whether he is interested in applying.

In the meantime, he said he is enjoying the new position.

“It’s going good so far,” Viswanathan said. “I’ve only been a week.”

Associate Dean John Nicklow said there are specific qualities he wants to see in a new dean, such as an understanding of recruitment and retention as well as sound decision-making ability.

The position description will be sent to different journals such as the Chronicle of Higher Education and American Society of Engineering Education, Viswanathan said.

Biggs said she hopes there will be quite a few responses to the ads, and said the position should be filled by July 1.

A ‘normal’ killer

Authorities surprised by nine-time killer’s cooperation and behavior

Lydia Bargielski and Barton Lorimer

Aside from his serial killer ways, a Carbondale detective said Timothy W. Krajcir comes off as being a normal man.

Lt. Paul Echols said Krajcir has been cooperative and easy to talk to after confessing to the 1982 murder of former SIU student Deborah Sheppard, a marketing major from Olyphant, Pa.

Echols said he was surprised to know Krajcir had confessed to eight other murders.

Krajcir appeared in Williamson County court Wednesday and confessed to the 1978 murder of Virginia Witt of Marion. Upon the conclusion of Illinois proceedings, he will be transported to Missouri and face five counts of murder.

A psychological evaluation done in 1983 by Dr. Paul Gross said Krajcir had no mental dysfunction other than an unstable childhood and poor relationship with his mother.

However, Krajcir was considered sexually dangerous after rape charges when he was 18 years old.

John Clemmens, a former Jackson County state’s attorney, argued against Krajcir’s release from prison in 1983. He was imprisoned at the Big Muddy Correctional Center in 1979 for the rape of a 13-year-old girl. Echols said there were concerns about Krajcir’s history of sex-related crimes prior to 1979.

“The facts he knows no remorse for his crimes according to a 1983 mental status examination, Krajcir confessed to Sheppard’s murder for the sake of the family and to avoid execution,” Echols said.

“We talked at length at what he should do and it was certainly his choice what to do,” Echols said.

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Rep. Mike Bost, R-Carbondale, said they would not vote for mass-transit unless it became a part of the Capital Construction Plan.

The capital plan would allocate funds for infrastructure and state facility construction across Illinois. The SIU System would benefit $145 million to build new facilities in Edwardsville, Springfield and Carbondale. The Carbondale campus would also receive funds to finish the renovation of Morris Library — an active project for two years this January.

SIU President Glenn Poshard was in Springfield on Wednesday to lobby for the plan. The former U.S. congressman and Illinois gubernatorial candidate said he would continue his efforts to end the state’s five-year drought of funds for construction projects.

“We had certainly hoped all along that (the bills) could have moved together and be more acceptable, but we were not offered that choice,” Poshard said.

State Sen. Kirk Dillard, R-Westmont, said the Jan. 20 deadline for mass-transit forced him to vote in its favor instead of waiting for such a merger. His district, which also includes Naperville, is one of the areas that would see a sales tax increase.

Dillard said he would continue to support the capital plan because of his relationships with Poshard and Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole.

“The capital plan relies on a state gambling expansion by adding new Chicago casinos and increasing the number of slots in existing facilities. Such an expansion, Dillard said, would make Illinois more dependent on funds from gambling than any other state,” Bradley said. The capital funding is something nearly everyone wants to support, but many have problems with a gambling expansion. He said it would not be easy to pass off the casinos as a source of revenue, but it is the only option offered by the administration.

“I expect Chicago to support our capital needs, and will demand Chicago support our capital needs,” Bradley said.

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However, Homme said he did not see a need for additional outside lighting. Instead, he said he would prefer recreational funds be spent on improvements to the weight room.

“It could use some new equipment,” Homme said. “Instead of putting in new lights, maybe they could get some new barbells.”

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Children attend school online

Karen Ayres Smith
MCCOY TRIBUNE

Going to school now means going online for Victoria McClure Esqueda.

The Irving 8-year-old is one of hundreds of students across North Texas who have enrolled at the Texas Virtual Academy at Southwest, an online public school that opened to area students for the first time in 2007.

The students work at home and study a curriculum created by a contracted company, but they can earn the same credits as students who attend any other public school in the state.

For Victoria, online learning means studying some advanced fourth-grade coursework and, perhaps more important, not slacking off.

"She kind of just decided to zone out at school," said Jennifer McClure, Victoria's mother. "If she's at home, we know she won't be zoning out because she doesn't have that option."

The growing program puts Texas in the middle of a booming national experiment with online education.

Companies across the country have signed lucrative deals with state and local education agencies to offer curriculum and technology services in exchange for part of the money that typically goes to local school districts.

Advocates and scholars of online education say the technology lets students study at their own speeds, but monitoring student attendance and performance can be challenging when students don't see their teachers every day.

The Texas Education Agency has long allowed school districts to offer some online courses, but this program marks a major shift because the state is now paying a public charter school to educate students who never attend the school building.

The program looks a lot like home-schooling, but it carries far more requirements: Professional teachers monitor students' attendance and academic progress every day. The students must also pass the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills tests.

Until last month, TEA's distance-learning director, said TEA is closely monitoring the schools' test scores and other factors to see what works. The results could shape virtual education across the state for years to come.

"We knew as a state that (online learning) is something that can offer terrific opportunities to kids in different situations," Loughrey said. "We're conducting the program so we can learn what we need to learn as a state in order to support and enable quality online learning."

Victoria starts her day around 8 a.m. A precocious middle child, she hops in front of a computer squeezed next to a television in her family's Irving apartment. The school sent the computer and books of supplies at no cost when she enrolled last month.

First up is answering her teacher's question of the day — today, it's in math — designed to prepare her for the upcoming state TAKS tests that determine her promotion to the next grade.

Victoria pinpoint the location of the original 13 colonies. By sending her answer, she confirms to her virtual teacher that she is present for the day.

Her dad and at-home teacher, Joe Esqueda, lets her pick her next subject. The school lays out her schedule for the day, but she gets to choose the order. Her pick, as usual, is math.

She has already studied the introduction to dividing large numbers online, so she moves over to one of several workbook sections scattered across aoffee table. Much of her time is spent offline, reading books or doing experiments, for example. Victoria was a third-grader at Gilbert Elementary, but her placement test for virtual school showed she was ready for fourth grade in some subjects, including math.

"Her dad helps with a tough question," Jennifer McClure, Victoria's mother, said. "If she is stuck on it, we can go over it 300 times," McClure says.

Victoria must earn at least an 80 percent on this lesson's assessment to move to the next one. She asks her mom for help, but her parents won't assist when it comes to grades.

"It's a test; I can't touch it," McClure tells her daughter. "Victoria will soon get a break for lunch. By the end of the day, she'll have spent about six hours working on her lessons, even literature, which she could do without." Most days, she'll also have to run around a track for exercise and attend Girl Scout meetings or outings with other virtual school students to hang out with kids.

"It's fun," Victoria says of virtual school.

That's a big step for a girl who was so bored at school a few months ago that she didn't turn in completed assignments. Her dad found them under the couch.

Fishermen seek jackpot

Javier Serna and Mike Zlonicki
MCCOY TRIBUNE

The sun put a glare on the Atlantic about 13 miles out to sea and Buddy Harris' reel rippled, sing- ing a song for fishers to hear. The line peeled out into the cold waters.

Harris ripped the rod and reel from a holder and handed it to his mate, Joey Piner.

The men didn't speak. They could only hope.

Bobbing in the Atlantic, they were chasing a massive but elusive fish — the giant bluefin tuna — that were squeezed into large numbers off the coast of North Carolina.

But now, each year starting in mid-December and running through the first January, a lone-average bluefin will include Harris and Piner spread out from Morehead City, Southport and all along the North Carolina coast, hunting choppying waters and shifting schools in search of bluefin tuna.

It's not easy. The giant bluefin typically weigh more than 300 pounds and stretch 8 feet from nose to tail. Many are much larger.

Chris Zliper, 32, of Beaufort, is a professional bass angler and a saltwater fishing guide; but in the winter, he fishes for bluefin. Just before Christmas, he landed a giant weighing 478 pounds minus the head, guts and tail.

"It doesn't get any bigger, badder or stronger than that rascal. It's like walking an elephant on a leash," he said.

To land a bluefin is to hit a susha jackpot. Within hours of a catch, its prized red flesh will be rapidly shipped across the globe to be eaten in the restaurants and apartments of Tokyo and across Japan and Taiwan.

Even with middlemen skimming profits along the way, a lone-average bluefin will bring $2,500 or more for the men in North Carolina who catch it, enough to pay the bills. "It doesn't make enough to pay the bills."

The pursuit of the bluefin has created an angler's gold rush on the Outer Banks during what were once deserted winter days. Fishermen rent hotel rooms, buy supplies and pay for charters. How long it will last no one knows.

The migratory paths of the bluefin are not completely understood. The rules for catching them might change, the men said. Piner slid the massive fish into the boat's hold. "We're going to put him on ice, and Buddy will take him to Morehead City," he said.

With his line singing and singing late into the night, Piner slid the massive fish — the giant bluefin — back into the water. "We'll put him on ice, and Buddy will take him to Morehead City," he said.

Harris hooked up with a false albacore, a small, green cousin of the bluefin that weighed about 10 pounds. To him, it was essentially worthless.

"Albie," Piner cursed.

The giant bluefin is a legend of the water. Warm-blooded, sleek and powerful, it can cross the Atlantic in mere weeks. Its distinctive, bluish-bumped body with fins that look like swimming whales has graced art and Roman coins. The giant bluefin has been chased by top anglers for years.

"We've been chasing these things for years," Zliper said. "It's a true bluefin.

It's a fish for all its power and magnificence, the species is in peril, officially classified as overfished. By some counts, the bluefin tuna population has fallen 90 percent in the past three decades.
Researchers grow a beating heart in a jar

Doris Taylor

University of Minnesota researcher Doris Taylor talks about using decellularized swine hearts in her experiments to grow a new heart.

Bruce Burns
McClellan Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Researchers at the University of Minnesota have grown a beating heart in a jar.

“You can see a beating heart inside of a jar, a journal known for publishing cutting-edge science,” said Dr. Buddy Ratner, a University of Washington bio-engineer.

Researchers published online Sunday by Nature Medicine, a journal known for publishing cutting-edge science, said they had grown a beating human heart in a jar.

Researchers at the University of Minnesota have grown a beating heart in a jar at the University of Minnesota.

Researchers have had success with only a few types of human tissue — primarily bladders, skin, and blood vessels.

Though growing heart tissue holds the greatest therapeutic promise of all, it has also proven the most difficult.

The heart is a complex structure of valves, chambers, and thick muscle walls fed by an intricate system of blood vessels. And it doesn’t just contract, it twists, as if the muscle was wringing the blood out of the chambers and into the body.

Researchers have tried to grow cardiac patches in the lab to use repairing damaged hearts. But in order to work, tissue patches must be quite thin and researchers have not found a way to provide the growing tissue with enough oxygen.

Hearts are also three dimensional — the cells need a scaffold to grow on that allows the cells to contract and do the mechanical work of a heart.

“Scaffolding is the challenge where we are doing most of our work,” said Ratner, who is trying to build an artificial structure with the same kind of material used for contact lenses.

Taylor said that one of the rules in her laboratory is “to give nature the tools and get out of the way.”

That’s how she and her co-researchers came up with the idea of adopting a strategy that’s been used elsewhere for smaller parts of the body. They stripped a heart of its cells — or de-cellularized it — leaving behind what’s called the extracellular matrix.

“When you think about a steak, it’s the gristle,” she said. It provides both the blood vessel system to deliver oxygen and the three-dimensional structure. The researchers provided the right medium by placing it in a glass chamber and giving it oxygen, nutrients and fluids to pump.

“They know they are in a heart and that they should act like a heart,” she said.

She has done the same thing with a pig heart and believes it could also be done with kidneys, livers and lungs. She is looking into which kinds of cells — heart, bone marrow or embryonic stem cell — could be used.

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Horror finds a home

Devin Vaughn
DAILY EGYPTIAN

‘The Orphanage’ (El Orfanato)
Rated: R
Starring: Belén Rueda, Fernando Cayo, Roger Pensado
Directed by Juan Antonio Bayona
Runtime: 100 min

When given the right opportunity, children can be pretty creepy.

From ‘The Omen’ to ‘The Shining’ to ‘The Sixth Sense’, audiences have been routinely unnerved by preadolescents. ‘The Orphanage’ works this fear quite well, casting a world of mystery and dread in which a little kid wearing a mask becomes more frightening than any blade-wielding villain out there.

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What she finds on the other side is irrelevant.

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“The Orphanage” ends well enough, but its ending is far less haunting and confounding than the likes of “The Shining,” which leaves one's mind long after the movie ends.

“The Orphanage” is over, its over, and there is little to haunt one hours later before falling asleep.

Unless, of course, there are children nearby. Devin Vaughn can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 275 or devaught@siude.com.

A run to remember

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‘The Kite Runner’
Rated: PG-13
Starring: Khalid Abdalla, Shaun Toub, Atossa Leoni, Homayoun Ershadi
Directed by Marc Forster
Run time: 122 min.

“The Kite Runner” is an honest and dark portrayal of humanity in all aspects—sometimes cruel and merciless, yet scared, compassionate and willing to die for what is right.

With a complex but easy-to-follow storyline of a man trying to fix a shame of his childhood, the movie takes the audience through the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the flighting of refugees to Pakistan, and even the modern-day terrorism of the Taliban.

Based on a novel by Khalid Hosseini, “The Kite Runner” follows the life of Amir (Khalid Abdalla) and his father, Baba (Homayoun Ershadi), from Amir’s childhood to after he becomes an American author.

Beginning in Afghanistan, Amir and his childhood friend, Hassan, keep busy by flying and battling kites and sharing stories. One day after winning the kite-fighting competition in Kabul, Hassan goes to get the last kite at the request of Amir and run it through the town.

Hassan is caught and cornered by the three bullies. Their hate for him stems from believing he is the son of a servant. Amir witnesses the rape of Hassan by Asif, one of the bullies, and is unable to confess Hassan — or anyone else — about what happened. Instead, he tries to ignore what happened, even to the day Hassan and his father, Rahim Kahn (Shaun Toub) learn, running the twins friendship forever.

Years later, Amir is in America. After the publishing of his first book, he receives a phone call from Rahim, who is sick and needs Amir's help to care for him. Upon his return, he is asked to go to his hometown to rescue Hassani’s son, Sohrab, after he learns secrets about his own family, in hopes to give Sohrab a life his father — murdered by the Taliban — didn’t have.

The movie is subtitled in English, which may upset some viewers who would rather keep their eyes on the mint of the screen instead of reading, but without the native language, the movie would not be as authentic. The movie does have English in it, though, when Amir is in America.

“The Kite Runner” is easily the best film of 2007. There’s no mistaking that the movie makes a powerful statement about life in the Middle East and the devastating effects the Taliban has on human life. It is a movie that cannot be missed.

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The themes of honesty versus reality, betrayal and of course the title noun, “Atonement,” abound in the richly shot, gorgeously acted and magnificently acted film.

Unfortunately, the romantic epic set in England and France during World War II does not tell an engaging story worthy of the film’s other stellar components, and may leave some audience members begging for something to happen besides sweeping landscape shots.

“Atonement” follows Briony Tallis (Saorise Ronan), a 13-year-old girl who has a passion for writing matched by her boundless imagination. Briony’s sister Cecilia, played by the absolutely breathtaking Keira Knightley, finds herself being romantically pursued by their housekeeper’s son Robbie (James McAvoy) after years spent partially ignoring one another.

The two share a one-time, speedy tryst in the family’s library, only to be caught by Briony who is convinced Robbie is a sex maniac and does not seem to understand what she sees.

Later that night, a cousin visiting the Tallis home is sexually assaulted and Briony almost catches the perpetrator in the act, but only sees a flash of the man before he runs away. Briony confuses herself it was Robbie who performed the rape, and he is sent to prison. Robbie is not guilty of the rape; but only a moment together can spur a love story the scale “Atonement” deals with, the two do their best, even with a subtle hand touch, to convey their connection.

The score is also a jewel, with prev- alent percussion in the warbling tunes being played by a manic typewriter. It is easy to see why the film has garnered nominations in these categories at the Golden Globes.

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Coach Chris Lowry expressed his frustrations of not being able to successfully close out a game, especially with experienced veterans on the floor.

“We did everything to win this game and to lose this game,” Lowry said.

Even more disappointing was the effort on the night from senior forward Randel Falker.

The pre-season MVC Player of the Year was scoreless in the first half and ended the game with more rebounds than points, grabbing five rebounds and being held to four points.

Green

SIU coach Chris Lowry said the coaching staff has been trying to tell Green to attack the rim as opposed to settling for outside jumpers, which has led to Green’s recent efficiency.

“Greeny had a great week of practice and it showed in his game,” Lowry said after Tuesday’s 77-64 win over Bradley.

Lowry said he told him to quit shooting jumpers and get to the basket.

Green missed his first shot attempt of the game — a 12-foot jumper — but went 7-of-10 from the field and hit all four of his free throws.

After his first miss, Green stole the ball back and outran everyone down the floor for a fast-break layup. The next possession he ripped down an offensive board and converted on the put back.

Despite Green’s big game off the bench, he said he doesn’t know why the team is having a hard time coming away with wins.

“I really don’t know,” Green said.

“I can’t point at a finger at anybody. We played hard. We just came up short.”

Green’s biggest presence came on defense where he was able to shut down SIU guard Harry Marshall. Marshall finished 1-for-9 from the field and went 1-of-10 from the free throw line.

While guards Wesley Clemmons and Joshua Bone struggled to contain Marshall as both fouled out of the game, Green stood tall and committed only two fouls, forcing Marshall to take tough shots.

Green went into Saturday’s game after posting a career high in points in the victory over Bradley on Tuesday.

Both Green and freshman Carlton Fay finished with double-digit points off the bench in that game.

The last time two bench players scored in double-figures was on Feb. 2, 2005 when Tony Young and Randal Falker put up 16 and 10 points respectively.

After the Bradley game, senior Matt Shaw said the bench would be a big part of how the team will play, which proved to be true on Saturday.

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Men’s Basketball

DOUBLE OVERTIME DEFEAT

SIU drops sixth-straight road game

Megan Kramper
Daily Egyptian

The inability to close out games has proven costly for the SIU men’s basketball team once again.

The Salukis lost a 10-point lead late in the second half as Indiana State forced two overtimes to defeat the defending Missouri Valley Conference champions, 64-62. The loss held the train wireless on the road this season, many of which occurred in games when the team gave up a late lead.

Junior guard Bryan Mullins led the Salukis (7-9, 2-3 Missouri Valley) with 18 points and four assists while senior forward Matt Shaw chipped in with a double-double, recording 16 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks.

Senior guard Tyrone Green provided a spark from the bench lighting up the Sycamores for 14 points and nine rebounds — seven of which were offensive.

After ending regulation tied 47-47, the Salukis went up 52-47 but were held scoreless in the last three minutes and a half minutes of the first overtime to extend the game another five minutes.

With the Salukis up 62-61 with 12 seconds left, Indiana State forced sophomore guard Marco Stinson open on the 3-point line to seal the game for the Sycamores (9-6, 4-1).

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Green emerges as leader off the bench

Jeff Engelhardt
Daily Egyptian

Senior guard Tyrone Green was almost a hero.

After a missed shot with less than 15 seconds left in the second overtime against Indiana State, SIU seemed poised for a loss Saturday. But Green emerged from a pack of Sycamores with an offensive rebound he threw to senior guard Bryan Mullins as he crashed to the floor.

Mullins squared up and hit a 3-pointer to put the Salukis ahead by one. Unfortunately for Green and the Salukis, the Sycamores hit one last 3-pointer to clinch a last-second victory, 64-62.

Though Green’s seventh offensive rebound of the night didn’t lead to a win, his performance in the past two games was crucial in the Salukis’ ability to stay with their opponents.

Green came off the bench for the Salukis and finished with a career-high 14 points and nine rebounds. His ability to get to the loose ball on the offensive side led to 13 second-chance points for SIU (7-9, 2-3 Missouri Valley).

Green started the first six games of the season, but failed to provide a spark on the offensive end. He was consistently left unguarded for wide-open shots.

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Women’s Basketball

Salukis drop to .500 in conference play

Women can’t rebound after Gibson injury

Matt Hartwig
Daily Egyptian

The loss of junior forward Jasmine Gibson to injury is taking a toll on the SIU women’s basketball team in Missouri Valley Conference play.

The Salukis are 1-1 without Gibson in the lineup, but Saturday’s 77-67 loss at Missouri State spoke volumes about what she means to SIU’s offensive attack.

The Salukis (6-8, 2-2 MVC) took a 9-point lead into halftime but were outscored 43-26 in the second half as the Bears went on an 18-5 run late in the game to deliver the backbreaker.

SIU coach Dana Eikenberg said she blames the collapse on the lack of discipline and leadership.

“It’s been apparent in our last couple of games that the seniors need to step up and make things happen in the second half,” Eikenberg said.

“Jasmine is a big part of this offense and we miss more than her stats. Other teams have to guard Jasmine closely and it’s a bit different now. It makes it seem like 4-on-5 at times.”

Gibson, who leads the MVC in scoring with 17.3 points per game, will not practice next week and is out indefinitely.

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