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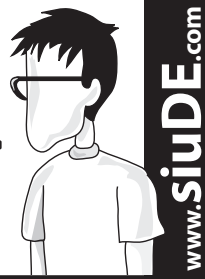
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Protesters picket to close prison

Cristian Stelle
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 2001 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 victim could actually be proven guilty if given a fair trial, according to the Witness Against Torture Web site.

Celeste Williams, peace coalition member,



DuVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

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.

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Rec Center gets bright lights for late nights

Allison Petty
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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

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. "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



RYAN RENDLEMAN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Cars litter the Recreation Center parking lot Friday evening under recently installed lights. Two university departments spent \$85,000 on lights surrounding the Recreation center. The lights have a longer life and burn brighter, which will help students safely access the facility during its new extended hours.

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

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SIU left behind in CTA bailout

Mass transit and school funds leave Capital Construction empty

Barton Lorimer
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 Chicago 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-Marion, was one of the downstate Democrats who voiced support for the transit bailout. Before the holidays, legislators such as neighboring State

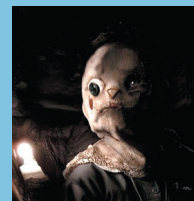
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 Serial killer described as surprisingly 'normal.' PAGE 8

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 Children feared after 'The Orphanage.' PAGE 16



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 Salukis stay winless on the road. PAGE 20

CALENDAR

New Student Welcome Reception

- 4-6 p.m. today at the International Lounge
- 6-8 p.m. today at the Bowling and Billiards Craft Shop
- Meet new students and campus representatives

American Association of University Women, Carbondale Branch Program

- 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the SIUC Law School Courtroom
- Mike Lawrence, director of Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, will present a program
- Free, open to public

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

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POLICE REPORTS

Julius T. Hope, 24, an SIUC student from Carbondale, was arrested and charged with theft over \$300 (textbooks) from Neckers, Engineering, Faner Hall and Life Sciences buildings 1 and 2. Hope was transported to Jackson County Jail Jan. 2 and was later released.

A series of thefts occurred at J & W Storage facility in Campbell Hill that was discovered Jan. 2. Locks were cut off nine storage units with items taken from some of the units. Deputies are investigating the scenes.

Several residents reported mailboxes intentionally run over by a vehicle or pulled out of the ground and taken last weekend between the Elkhaville and the Hallidayboro roads. Based on a vehicle part that was recovered at one of the scenes, deputies are looking for a late model Chevrolet Colorado or GMC Canyon pickup truck as a possible suspect vehicle involved.

A criminal trespass to state supported property was reported at 11:27 p.m. Monday, Jan 8 at McLafferty Storage. The suspect has not been identified at this time.

A 17-year-old student allegedly assaulted a staff member at a Tri-County Special Education McElvain School facility on the Ava Road Wednesday. The student was brought to the Jackson County Jail charged with aggravated battery to a school employee. The student was later released to a parent with the charges being filed in juvenile court.

Robert M. Fricke, 19, a non-SIUC student from Rockford, was arrested on an original warrant for alleged criminal damage to state property, obstructing justice and reckless conduct. Fricke was transported to the Jackson County Jail Wednesday at 2:42 p.m. and was later released.

A burglary occurred overnight Wednesday at Christian Lutheran School in rural Jacob. Forced entry was made to the school and money and other items were taken. Deputies are investigating the burglary.

Theft over \$300 (\$1,000 cash) occurred at the Recreation Center Thursday between 3:45 p.m. and 4 p.m. No suspects at this time.

NEWS BRIEFS

Krajcir uses confessions as bargaining chips

(AP) — Larry Broeking knows the chances are slim that Timothy Krajcir will ever emerge from prison on anything other than a gurney in a coroner's van. At age 63, Krajcir's public defender says the Illinois inmate is in frail health and is newly saddled with a 40-year prison sentence for strangling a college student decades ago. Krajcir also has been adjudged a sexually dangerous person, making it even more unlikely he will ever go free.

Still, Krajcir may have managed to save his life by cashing in what few bargaining chips he has left.

In agreeing to admit last month to the decades-old killings of nine women in Illinois, Missouri and two other states, the man with a long history of sex crimes got assurances that prosecutors would not seek to have him put to death, authorities have said.

And at least in Illinois, Broeking says Krajcir may be able to avoid harsher prison sentences for murder convictions under existing law and choose to be prosecuted under statutes on the books at the time of the decades-old killings to which he has confessed. "Odds are that he will die in prison anyway, regardless of what happens now," Broeking said as murder charges continue to mount against Krajcir from Missouri to Pennsylvania.

Krajcir last month pleaded guilty in Jackson County to the 1982 rape and murder of Southern Illinois University student Deborah Sheppard and was sentenced to 40 years in prison. Just hours later, prosecutors in Cape Girardeau, Mo., charged him with killing five women there in 1977 and 1982.

Since those charges, a prosecutor in Williamson County has charged Krajcir in the 1978 stabbing death of 51-year-old Virginia Lee Witte. A grand jury in Paducah, Ky., has indicted Krajcir on kidnapping and burglary counts in the case of 29-year-old Joyce Sharp, who authorities say was abducted from her home in 1979 and killed in southern Illinois before her body was brought back to Paducah. A Kentucky prosecutor says he won't charge Krajcir in that killing because it appeared to have taken place in Illinois.

And on Friday, prosecutors in Reading, Pa., — Krajcir's home state — charged him with the 1979 rape and slaying of 51-year-old Myrtle Rupp. Authorities say DNA evidence implicates Krajcir in many of the killings to which he has now confessed.

Chicago to change its perception for Olympics

CHICAGO (AP) — They came from Holland and Mexico, from Scotland and Italy. On a cold January day, tourists descended on Chicago's Millennium Park just as they do when it's warm and the crowded ice skating rink turns into a crowded restaurant.

As the city prepares to make public a detailed explanation of its bid for the 2016 Olympic Games on Tuesday, organizers say such scenes help illustrate that Chicago is a global city with the cachet to host the most global sporting event of all.

But those same tourists reveal something else: the stubborn perception that, long since the stockyards, steel mills and gangsters like Al Capone disappeared, Chicago remains a gritty city of belching smokestacks and dangerous streets.

"I thought it would be more industrial than it is," Carol Morrison, of Edinburgh, Scotland, said.

"They think it's a very criminal city," Teresa Speller said of her countrymen in Holland.

Those supporting Chicago's Olympic bid know that changing the city's image among outsiders — particularly among foreigners — is crucial if they are to convince the International Olympic Committee to pick Chicago.

"The great assets of Chicago have to be made known to the world," said Patrick Ryan, leader of the city's 2016 organizing committee.

He said most international travelers do not venture past the east or west coasts, so they're far more familiar with cities like New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Foreign visitors to Chicago say their friends back home simply don't think of the Lake Michigan city as a vacation destination.

What they know about Chicago often comes from movies and television shows. Some, like "The Untouchables," are outdated and others, like "The Fugitive" and "ER," often paint the city as a somewhat ominous if not downright violent place.

And more recent events that made international headlines — including the trial of aging mobsters and the videotaped beating of a bartender by an off-duty police officer — have only fueled the stereotypical image of Chicago.

"Al Capone, crime, grit," Nancy Caldwell, a teacher in Great Britain, said on a visit to Millennium Park this month. "Generally most Brits see it like that."

Lost in all this, say Ryan and others, is the natural beauty of a city on the shores of one of the nation's largest lakes, the gleaming skyscrapers, beautiful parks, museums and other cultural attractions.

"The gap between the reputation and the reality of Chicago today is the greatest for any major city in the world," said Marshall Bouton, president of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

Trial to begin for man accused of killing four

BELLEVILLE (AP) — Don Willyard wears his daughter's crucifix chain around his neck to remind him of the young mother. He doesn't need it, however, to remind him how she died. That haunts him plenty.

It's been more than two years since 19-year-old Nicole Willyard, her 2-month-old son and two of her acquaintances died in a hail of shotgun blasts in a Belleville apartment, not far from the family's home in Dupou.

On Monday, jury selection begins in the trial of Jason Smith, Nicole Willyard's one-time boyfriend who authorities accuse of carrying out the rampage Oct. 5, 2005, with numbing efficiency, allegedly managing to reload at one point and fleeing by the time police arrived just minutes later.

Prosecutors have called the slayings "outrageous and despicable," and they're seeking the death penalty.

Don Willyard agrees that Smith, 31, deserves to die, and that he has no room for forgiveness.

Prosecutors and Smith's defense attorneys have declined to discuss the case, saying they would lay it out for jurors.

Investigators and court records have not revealed a possible motive, other than one man's claims to police that Smith blamed one of the victims for souring his 2-year relationship with Nicole Willyard.

And while authorities have said Smith questioned whether he was the father of the slain baby, who also was named Jason Smith, Don Willyard insists Smith knew at least a month before the shootings the child wasn't his.

A judge has barred jurors from hearing statements Smith allegedly made to police after his arrest.

Investigators have said they suspect Smith stormed the basement apartment, using a shotgun to break out the window before shooting Nicole Willyard as she watched television in a living-room recliner. He then allegedly crawled through the shattered window and gunned down Mary Cawvey, 19, and Brandon Lovell, 23. The baby was found shot to death in an infant seat.

Smith is accused of firing at least eight blasts from the shotgun, suggesting he may have had to reload at least once in the time neighbors heard the first shot and called police to report a burglary in progress to the time police arrived two minutes later.

By that time, authorities say, the gunman already had fled, astounding the city's police chief.

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Carbondale businesses breathe fresh air in '08

Statewide smoking ban changes bars and restaurants

David Lopez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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.

Meagan 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 they 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 depart-



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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.

ments 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.

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POLITICS

Bush insists Iran is leading state sponsor of terrorism and keeps nuclear plans secret

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — President Bush gently nudged authoritarian Arab allies Sunday to satisfy frustrated desires for democracy in the Mideast and saved his harshest criticism for Iran, branding it “the world’s leading state-sponsor of terror.”

Speaking in this Persian Gulf country, about 150 miles from the shores of Iran, Bush said Tehran threatens nations everywhere and that the United States was “rallying friends around the world to confront this danger before it is too late.”

Clinton supporter criticizes Obama on race comments

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — One of Hillary Rodham Clinton’s most prominent black supporters said Sunday he was insulted by the characterization by rival Barack Obama’s presidential campaign of her remarks about the civil rights movement.

Bob Johnson, the nation’s first black billionaire and founder of the BET cable television network, said Obama’s campaign had acted dishonestly and had distorted Clinton’s remarks about Martin Luther King Jr.

DETROIT

Automakers putting forth green outlook with higher MPG

DETROIT (AP) — Hybrids, advanced diesels and green alternatives are pushing aside the traditional displays of speed and chrome at this week’s Detroit auto show, a nod to a new fuel-efficient reality for car makers.

Automakers, only weeks after Congress approved tougher fuel-efficiency requirements, are broadening their array of cars that get more on a gallon of gasoline, cutting carbon dioxide emissions and using alternative power sources.

Most of the vehicles and technologies have been in the pipeline for years, but the podiums at the North American International Auto Show should further signal a shifting direction for the industry after years of pushing more horsepower and speed.

HEALTH

Nurses give home, and their hearts, to bring health care and hope back to New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The sign on the gate in front of the pretty blue house announced the good news to a neighborhood that has had little since Hurricane Katrina: “There’s a doctor in the house. Make your appointment NOW!”

Earl Davis paused to take in the words, then headed up the ramp and through the door — destined for his first doctor visit since returning to the city five months earlier. The family practitioner who treated him as a boy, and then saw his own kids, left after the storm and isn’t coming back. Hundreds of other doctors have gone the same route.

STARS

Christina Aguilera gives birth to baby boy, named Max Liron Bratman

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Christina Aguilera has given birth to a boy, the pop singer announced on her Web site Sunday.

“Christina Aguilera and Jordan Bratman are proud to announce the birth of their son Max Liron Bratman,” the brief message said. “He is a beautiful, healthy baby boy.”

The baby was born Saturday night and weighs 6 pounds, 2 ounces. Aguilera, 27, was “resting and doing well,” according to the message on her Web site, <http://www.christinaaguilera.com/>.

Aguilera said that Saturday was “a very joyful and special day for Jordan and I.”

Churchgoers still searching for a GOP candidate

Seanna Adcox
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The faithful in South Carolina are still looking for the Republican presidential candidate who is the answer to their prayers.

Churchgoers on Sunday at the Redemption World Outreach Center in Greenville to those who attended services at the First Baptist Church in Columbia gave high marks to the four GOP candidates who have spent the most time in the state — Sen. John McCain of Arizona, Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee and Fred Thompson.

Huckabee, an ordained Baptist minister, would seem like a lock for South Carolina’s religious voters. The former Arkansas governor, who talks openly about his faith and its tenets, won the Iowa caucuses based on strong support from evangelicals — eight of 10 who described themselves as evangelical Christians backed Huckabee, according to an Associated Press entrance poll in Iowa.

In South Carolina, where the GOP votes on Jan. 19, white evangelicals account for 53 percent of the state’s likely Republican voters, according to the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Yet, churchgoers remain divided over their choices.

“This is a hard one. None of them are real statesmen,” Barbara Richey, 65, said after Sunday morning services at First Presbyterian Church.

“I’d be comfortable with four of the six of them,” said Steve Folks, 56. He considers former New York



YALONDA M. JAMES ~ MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee delivers a sermon, viewed on a large video screen, at the first morning service at First Baptist Church of North Spartanburg in Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday.

Mayor Rudy Giuliani too liberal on social issues and said he “just hasn’t connected with” former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who is a Mormon.

The latest poll showed McCain with a clear lead over Huckabee, who had been the front-runner in most of the surveys until McCain

won the New Hampshire primary.

Many churchgoers said they support Huckabee, in part because he seems likable. They also cited his willingness to talk about religion. Even those who said they didn’t plan to vote for him said they expect him to do well in South Carolina.

“Finally, there’s somebody who stands for family values we can trust. And he’s a Baptist,” said Amy Dillon, 60, as she headed into First Baptist Church, which seats about 4,000 people and broadcasts its services statewide. Huckabee is her first choice, but she said she likes McCain too.

Texas officials search for Marine

Mike Baker
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — The nationwide manhunt for a Marine wanted in the brutal slaying of a 20-year-old pregnant colleague who had accused him of rape focused Sunday on Louisiana and Texas, after he was spotted at a bus station.

Marine Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean was seen at a Shreveport, La., station Saturday night, Onslow County Sheriff Ed Brown said. The bus Laurean was riding was headed to Texas, but police don’t know if he continued on that route, he said.

“It will be a short trip — a short vacation — for Mr. Laurean,” Brown said. “His vacation may be short, his travel may be long, but I hope we’ll be there to help him return.”

On Saturday, authorities said they recovered what they believe to be the burned remains of Marine Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach and her unborn child from a fire pit in Laurean’s backyard, where they suspect he burned and buried her body.

Those remains have been sent to the state medical examiner’s office in Chapel Hill for a formal identification.

That same day, state authorities issued an arrest warrant on murder charges for Laurean, 21, of the Las Vegas area. They believe

he fled Jacksonville before dawn Friday after leaving behind a note in which he admitted burying her body but claimed Lauterbach cut her own throat in a suicide.

Brown has challenged Laurean’s assertion that Lauterbach killed herself, citing what he described as evidence of a violent confrontation inside Laurean’s home — blood spatters on the ceiling and a massive amount of blood on the wall.

Brown said Sunday that evidence in the case “leads us to believe that he would be a dangerous and violent person if put in a corner.”

“What I’ve seen and what we’ve discovered indicates he does have a real heinous behavior about him.”

— Ed Brown
Onslow County Sheriff

Brown has said Lauterbach purchased a bus ticket to El Paso, Texas, around the time of her disappearance, but said Sunday authorities are not in possession of the ticket. Shreveport is roughly 950 miles southwest of Jacksonville, and is about two dozen miles from the Texas state line and more than 800 miles east of El Paso.

Shreveport police Chief Henry Whitehorn Sr. told The Associated Press said his department is working with the U.S. Marshal’s Service and other law enforcement agencies to locate Laurean.

Joint Chiefs chairman: Close Guantanamo

Robert Burns
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — The chief of the U.S. military said Sunday he favors closing the prison here as soon as possible because he believes negative publicity worldwide about treatment of terrorist suspects has been “pretty damaging” to the image of the United States.

“I’d like to see it shut down,” Adm. Mike Mullen said in an interview with three reporters who toured the detention center with him on his first visit since becoming chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff last October.

His visit came two days after the sixth anniversary of the prison’s opening in January 2002. He stressed that a closure decision was not his to make and that he understands there are numerous complex legal questions the administration believes would have to be settled first, such as where to move prisoners.

The admiral also noted that some of Guantanamo Bay’s prisoners are deemed high security threats. During a tour of Camp Six, which is a high-security facility holding about 100 prisoners, Mullen got a firsthand look at some of the cells; one prisoner glared at Mullen through his narrow cell window as U.S. officers explained to the Joint Chiefs chairman how they maintain almost-constant watch over each prisoner.

Mullen, whose previous visit was in December 2005 as head of the U.S. Navy, noted that President Bush and Defense Secretary Robert Gates also have spoken publicly in favor of closing the prison. But Mullen said he is unaware of any active discussion

in the administration about how to do it.

“I’m not aware that there is any immediate consideration to closing Guantanamo Bay,” Mullen said.

Asked why he thinks Guantanamo Bay, commonly dubbed Gitmo, should be closed, and the prisoners perhaps moved to U.S. soil, Mullen said, “More than anything else it’s been the image — how Gitmo has become around the world, in terms of representing the United States.”

Critics have charged that detainees have been mistreated in some cases and that the legal conditions of their detentions are not consistent with the rule of law.

“I believe that from the standpoint of how it reflects on us that it’s been pretty damaging,” Mullen said, speaking in a small boat that ferried him to and from the detention facilities across a glistening bay.

He said he was encouraged to hear from U.S. officers here that the prison population has shrunk by about 100 over the past year, to 277. At one time the population exceeded 600. Hundreds have been returned to their home countries but U.S. officials say some are such serious security threats that they cannot be released for the foreseeable future. Only four are currently facing military trials after being formally charged with crimes.

Mullen’s predecessor, retired Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, is a defendant in a lawsuit by four British men who allege they were systematically tortured throughout their two years of detention at this remote outpost. On Friday a federal appeals court in Washington ruled against the four men.

Greeks search for a solution

Greek Row looks to keep on-campus housing

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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.

"Living in a house is an important part of the experience," 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.



Scott May, right, hands Erica May, a sophomore from Pekin studying English education, a box as she moves back into Greek Row Sunday afternoon. Greek Row will no longer house students after 2012.

RYAN RENDLEMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

“Living in a house is an important part of the experience.

— Kali Hofer
senior stuying marketing and public relations

"It's really hard to tell what's going to happen and what the university wants to do," 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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OUR WORD

Smoke be gone

The dizzying debate is over: As of Jan. 1, 2008, Illinois is smoke-free.

The recent statewide smoking ban has unified several local laws. For example, smoking was outlawed in restaurants, bars and public workplaces 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.

Businesses might actually stand to gain

customers who before were 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.

Smokers and non-smokers alike will benefit from cleaner-smelling clothes and air sans smog.

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.

STUDENT COLUMN

Talk to the thumb

ANDY FRUTH

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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 borrow 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 NIU. 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 NIU and coach Kill will receive more support (and more money) in DeKalb than he ever would here 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 Up to athletics on 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 South 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 obviously 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 within 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 partied too much last semester and aren't coming back to Carbondale. Congratulations, by not being able to hack 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.

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

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 "night owls" a chance to work out late into the night. Students asked the Recreational Center to stay open later and they listened.

See what happens when students speak up?

Thumbs Down to all the Britney Spears coverage. I know people are intrigued by her weird 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 Tony Romo. Not because I like the Cowboys but because you're 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 Hazzard. 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.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

“ We have to find an identity because we don't have one and hopefully games like this get us going. ”

Chris Lowery
SIU men's basketball head coach after defeating Bradley University for the team's first win of the 2008

Meet the Editorial Board



Sarah Lohman
Editor in Chief

Hometown: Venedy

This is my fifth semester as a DE staffer and third as a member of our editorial board. Though I probably wouldn't have predicted it two years ago, I currently find myself spending my last two days as a teenager a college junior and the editor in chief of the DAILY EGYPTIAN. I guess I like to challenge myself without meaning to.

I grew up on a farm in our very own southern Illinois, and know my life growing up – eating homegrown sweet corn and knowing every person I passed on the street – brings a unique perspective to the editorial board. I offer my perspective, but do so sans vote.

I'm really into healthcare and women's rights. I'm not afraid to cry, but that doesn't make me any less tough than a man. Girls shovel grain, too, you know.



Sean McGahan
Managing Editor

Hometown: Aurora

Everyone knows opinions, like excuses, bear a striking resemblance to an often-unseen part of the human anatomy. Everyone has them, and they usually aren't too 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 significant 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 better provide a sense of context for the opinions shared on these gray pages.



Diana Soliwon
Voices Editor

Hometown: Springfield

Why 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 an undisclosed number of times a week as I sit in the Voices office to meet our 5 p.m. writer's deadline and 8 p.m. design deadline. Maybe it's the letters that at one point convinced me I would have been better off never including the name Poshard in an editorial.

Or, as corny as it sounds, maybe it's the fact that last semester could have been better, and I am determined to take what I have learned to better understand you, the reader.

I'm opinionated. I tear up during puppy commercials. And if you've got something to say, I'll do my best to give you a place to say it. I hope we can be friends.



Danny Wenger
Asst. Voices Editor

Hometown: Mesa, Ariz.

This is round two for me on the editorial board, round three at the DAILY EGYPTIAN, and round 25 in the bout we call life.

In my extra years I have on 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-phobic 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 tax.

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.



Joe Crawford
Campus Editor

Hometown: Teutopolis

If all goes according to plan, this semester should be my last with the DAILY EGYPTIAN, Southern Illinois University and the city of Carbondale.

I am set to graduate with a journalism degree in May, after which I hope to toss my cares to the wind and chase lofty dreams into the sunset. That — or I'll get a job and a dog and start inching myself toward a midlife crisis.

This is my second semester on the editorial board and I admit the position is sometimes more challenging than I first anticipated. My goals for this part of the newspaper are not much different than those I seek to achieve in everyday conversation: Tell the truth as best I can and not take myself too seriously.

I am a terrible golfer.



Alicia Wade
Newsroom Rep.

Hometown: Chatham

Zeroing in on my last moments as a college student and DAILY EGYPTIAN employee, and anticipating graduation in May like a cat who just heard the can opener, I can only say this town's been 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 opinions (good, bad and never indifferent) all the time on Pulse.

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

FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

An office with a view

SARAH LOHMAN

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It's that time of year again, when dreams of sugarplums stop dancing in your head and students bring out pristine notebooks, new-to-you textbooks and fresh ink pens. Most of last semester's notes and papers have been cleaned 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 rearing and ready to go. So we return to start the semester with an improved front page and a renewed state of mind.

Our Web site will undergo a facelift in the next 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 siUDE.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 bit 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.

Being a student paper, change is

constant. And after four semesters on various newsroom desks, I find myself in the proverbial office with a view. While the view isn't a stunning cityscape or bright sunny beach, it is the view I prefer. Through the fingerprinted, nose-marked wall of glass, I can see the newsroom and all the life that happens in it.

The unique vantage point comes with many responsibilities, one of which is acting as a liaison between the paper and our readers. So every other week I'll be offering you, our readers, my view from the office with a view.

Lohman is a junior studying journalism.

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LEFT: Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois member Celeste Williams from Murphysboro rallies along Route 13 Friday afternoon. BELOW: Anton Kvernes, left, and Len Williams, both from Carbondale, lead the peace protest to the Senator Paul Simon Federal Building to deliver papers to close the detention center at Guantanamo Bay to Congressman Jerry Costello Friday afternoon in Carbondale.

DuVALE RILEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

PRISON

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Celeste Williams, a peace coalition member, and Lori Senteney, a director of the coalition, said the victims of this prison are tortured by water boarding, threatened with dogs, exposed to extreme temperatures and stripped naked.

Williams and Senteney both chose to participate in the protest because they said they believe torturing people to get information about terrorism is against American values.

The Rev. Bill Sasso of the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship Church was holding an American flag to display his belief that the United States should only give punishment in accordance with its laws.

"I do not support torture as an American value. I think we're called to be a good example to the rest of the world, and I don't think that torturing people and holding them outside our own legal system is a good example," Sasso said. "I think

it's a bad example."

Morris Williams and Willie Siggs witnessed the protest.

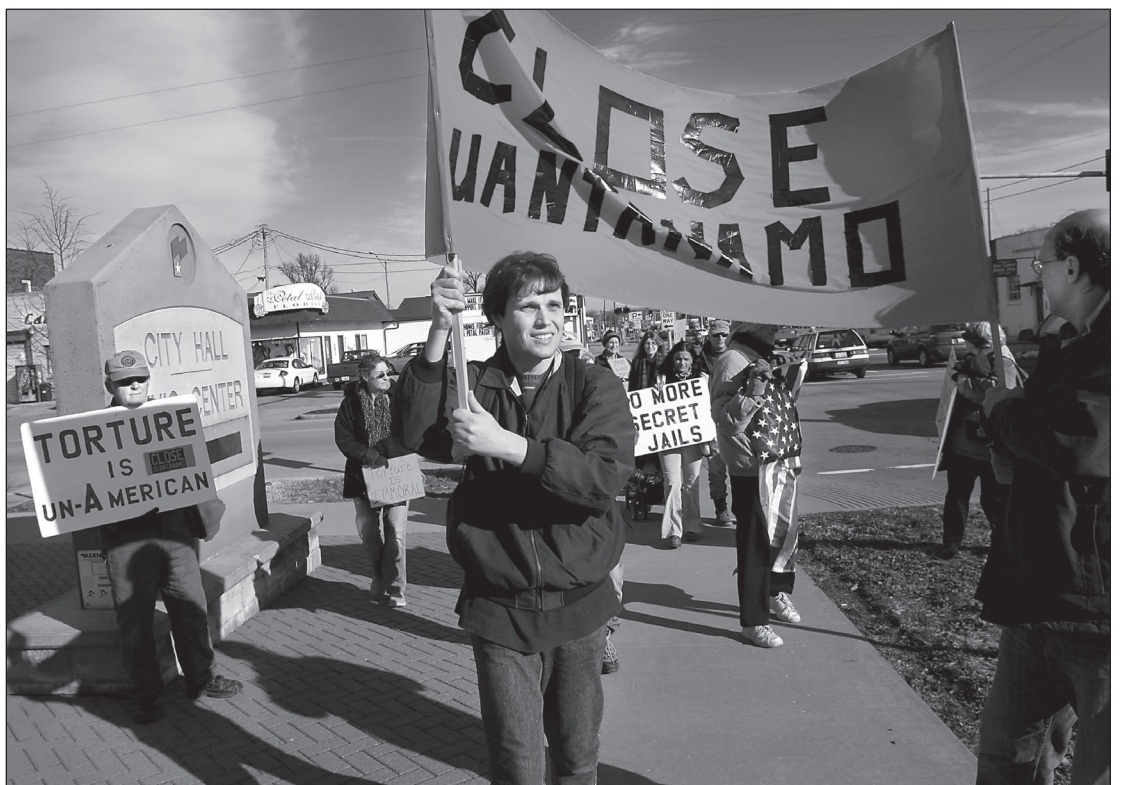
Both men said these protests take place to raise people's awareness regarding Guantanamo and to remind people that many Americans suffer with their loved ones serving overseas.

Margie Parker, a director and treasurer for the peace coalition, said public opinion has turned against the war now more than ever.

Parker said by having weekly gatherings along with other peace coalitions nationwide, the groups are raising consciousness about the torture happening in Guantanamo Bay.

Parker said in the past there have been counter-protests asking people to support the troops, but she said the peace coalition's goal is to support the troops by bringing them home.

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Interim engineering dean adjusting well

Jakina Hill
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 the post after Osborne 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 organizes the search for new deans. However, Biggs said they will postpone the search due to an 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."

Accreditation committees 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. "It's 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 abilities.

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**
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 Olympia Fields. Echols said he was surprised to know Krajcir had many close friends and seemed like an ordinary person.

"He's about as normal as you can get as far as his disposition and mannerisms," Echols said. "He is different than anyone I've ever come across."

The 63-year-old from Allentown, Pa., was arrested for

Sheppard's murder, which had been a cold case for 25 years. At his Dec. 10 court appearance in Jackson County, he entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Later that afternoon, detectives in Cape Girardeau, Mo., announced Krajcir had confessed to eight other murders in southeast Missouri, Kentucky and Pennsylvania to avoid the death penalty.

Krajcir appeared in Williamson County court on Wednesday and confessed to the 1978 murder of Virginia Witte 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 moth-

er. 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 1981. He had been 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.

Though he feels 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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Eligibility: Applicants must be full-time undergraduates with a GPA of 2.25 or better who are enrolled at least one semester during the 2008-09 academic year. Applicants must work closely with a faculty mentor in their area of research/creative interest to plan the project and prepare the application.

Guidelines: Application packets are available in your academic department, from ORDA (453-4540), or online at www.siu.edu/~reach/awards.html.

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CAPITAL

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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

"I expect Chicago to support our capital needs, and will demand Chicago support our capital needs"

— John Bradley
State Rep., D-Marion

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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LIGHTING

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pay student employees to work an extra 90 minutes, five days a week.

Jeffrey Homme, a senior from Hinsdale studying health care management, said he would definitely take advantage of the facility's later hours.

"I like to get my pump on. After I get off of work at seven, I go home and eat and then I can do my cardio later on at night," Homme said. "It's good to have more options."

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."

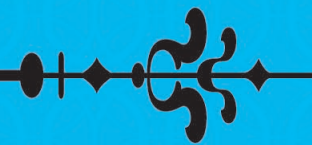
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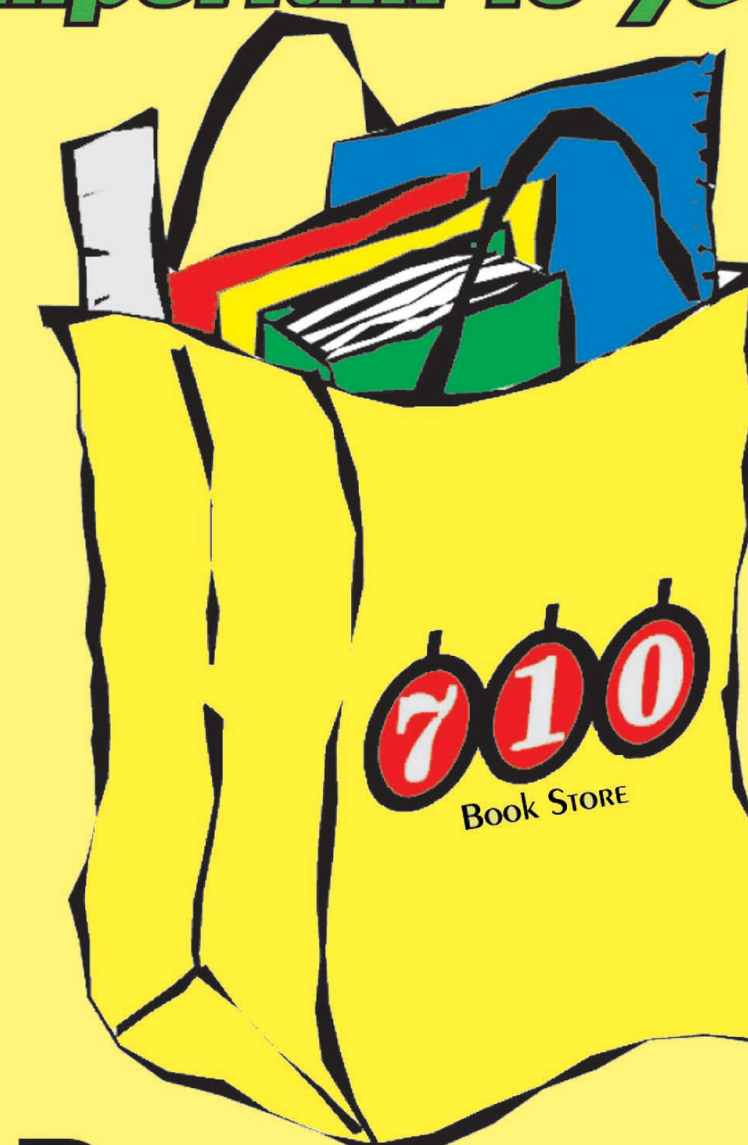
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Kitty Wilson, a sophomore studying mathematics, and Mike Swarbrick, a sophomore studying mortuary science, search for textbooks at the University Bookstore on Saturday. Carbondale businesses spent the weekend stocking shelves and preparing for the spring semester to begin.

Children attend school online

Karen Ayres Smith
McCLATCHY 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 courses and, perhaps more important, not slacking off.

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

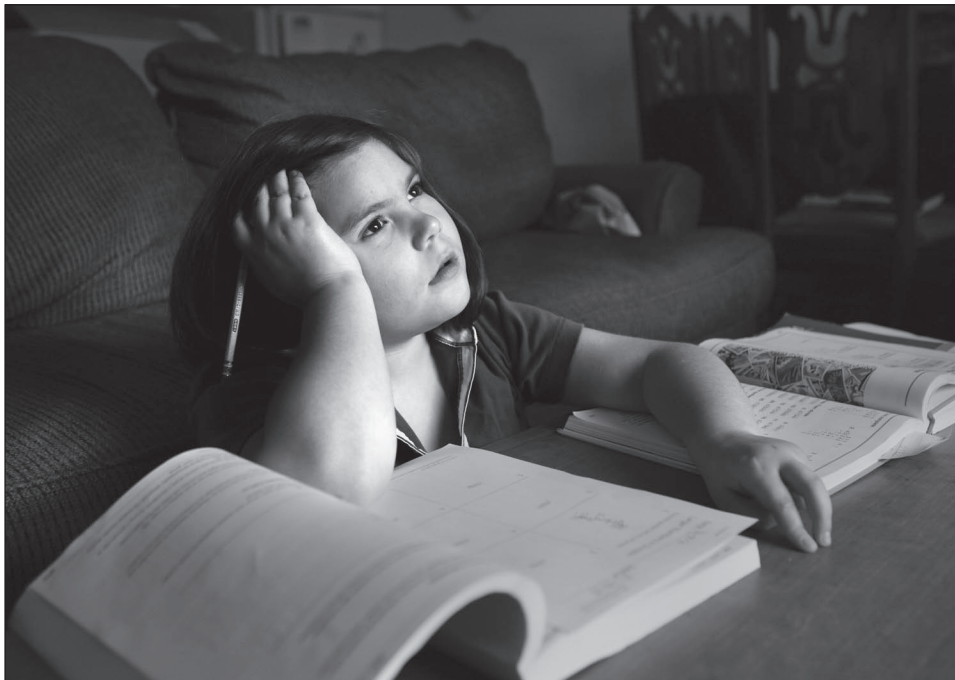
The growing program puts Texas in the middle of a booming national experiment with online education.

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 work 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



Victoria McClure-Esqueda, 8, ponders a math problem during a morning home school session on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, in Irving, Texas.
JIM MAHONEY
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the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills tests.

Kate Loughrey, TEA's distance-learning director, said TEA is closely monitoring the school's 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 plops in front of a computer squeezed next to a television in her family's Irving apartment. The school sent the computer and boxes 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

history — designed to prepare her for the upcoming state TAKS tests that all virtual students must take.

Victoria pinpoints 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 workbooks scattered across a coffee 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.

When they both need help, they e-mail her virtual teacher. Or Jenifer McClure fills in when she gets home from work.

"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 Zlotnicki**
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The sun put a glaze on the Atlantic about 13 miles out to sea and Buddy Harris' reel zipped, singing a song fishermen love 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 there in the Atlantic, they were chasing a massive but elusive fish — the giant bluefin tuna — that was found only in the past decade in large numbers off the coast of North Carolina.

But now, each year starting in mid-December and running through the end of January, fleets of fishermen that include Harris and Piner spread out from Morehead City, Southport and all along the North Carolina coast, braving choppy waters and shifting shoals in search of bluefin tuna.

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

Chris Elliott, 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 one 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 sushi 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.

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, or the fish might go elsewhere. These possibilities increase the drive in North Carolina to catch them now.

With his line singing and zinging late last month, Piner slid the massive fishing rod into the fighting chair. He started cranking in the reel. Harris kicked the boat's engine into idle.

It was a tuna, all right.

But not a bluefin.

The men had hooked up with a false albacore, a sleek, green cousin of the bluefin that weighed about 10 pounds. To them, 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, blimp-shaped body with fins shaped like boomerangs has graced art and Roman coins. Aristotle was fascinated by them. Armies of the middle ages were sustained on dried bluefin.

Yet 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

Josephine Marcotty
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

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

They used detergents to strip a rat heart of its own cells, leaving behind a white, three-dimensional scaffolding of connective tissue. They then infused it with living cardiac cells from newborn rats, which multiplied and grew into a fully functional heart — a first in the field of tissue engineering.

“We’ve figured out how to use nature’s own matrix — chambers, valves, blood vessels,” said Dr. Doris Taylor, the lead researcher and director of the university’s Center for Cardiovascular Repair. She said that the technique holds promise for growing human tissue to repair not only hearts, but many other parts of the body. It might be possible, she said, to grow whole organs for patients who need a transplant.

Other tissue engineering scientists around the country said there are enormous obstacles to using the technique for people, but described the work as exciting and a landmark.

“It’s gutsy. I am very impressed with her going right for the meat of it ... and showing remarkable results,” said Dr. Buddy Ratner, a University of Washington bio-engineer.

The research was published online Sunday by Nature Medicine, a journal known for publishing cutting edge science.

Growing human tissue outside the body has been a medical Holy Grail for decades. Progress accelerated in recent years with the use of



University of Minnesota researcher Doris Taylor talks about using decellularized swine hearts in her experiments to grow a new heart.
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stem cells, special cells in embryos and adults that can be manipulated to grow into many kinds of tissue. The National Institutes of Health has provided millions of dollars for tissue engineering, but so far 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 chambers, valves and thick muscled 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 thick 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.

“The cells 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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 22 Policeman
 26 Double-croser
 30 Thins out
 31 Vetoed
 32 Civil wrong
 33 Kentucky frontiersman of note
 34 Shooter missile
 35 What you'd expect
 39 Gabor sister
 41 Charged particle
 42 Carrot or beet, essentially
 45 Permit supplier
 47 Spanish sheep
 49 More violent
 50 Green garnish
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 52 Ungentlemanly fellows
 53 Been there, done that
 61 Land of sham-

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 3 Besmirch
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 5 Indulgent flings

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 12 Wife of Saturn

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 18 As soon as
 19 Speaks pompously
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 23 To's companion
 24 Incinerator
 25 Keen on
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 28 Be in debt
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By Linda C. Black

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

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — It's not a very good day to travel, but it's pretty good for business. Follow through and make deals over the phone, mail or e-mail instead. You could get used to this.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Friends come to your rescue, just in the nick of time. They can accomplish more in a minute than you have in many years, in their areas of expertise. Give them abundant thanks.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — A rather demanding older person has a new assignment for you. Don't be afraid, you can rise to the challenge. Push yourself past your old limits.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — OK, the coast is clear again. Everything is forgiven. Kiss and make up and promise to never do foolish things again. It's impossible, of course, but it's nice to hear. With practice, it gets easier.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Plans seem to be stymied by insufficient funds. Don't give up, if this is an important purchase. Save, scrimp, take on an extra job. Toys are not included in this authorization.

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — As you're looking for resources, don't forget to check your own closets. You may already have most of what you need.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Friends come to you with questions you can help them answer. Show them how to look up the facts, so they won't be too dependent. You have other things to do.

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Horror finds a home

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'The Orphanage' (El Orfanato)

Rated: R

Starring: Belén Rueda, Fernando Cayo, Roger Príncipe

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 prepubescents. "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 of the American horror movie pantheon.

The film is set almost entirely on the estate of a castle-like orphanage buried deeply within the Spanish countryside. Laura, the protagonist, spent her childhood at this orphanage, before being adopted. As an adult, she returns with her husband Carlos and her adopted son Simón to reopen the now musty facility.

All is well until Simón begins to make invisible friends, and, soon thereafter, disappears. In her quest to find her son, Laura uncovers the dark history of the orphanage and what happened to her childhood playmates once she left.

One of the strongest features of "The Orphanage" is its dedication to giving the audience enough time to imagine what is frightening, as opposed to simply showing it right away. After all, the fear of coming face to face with what is standing around the next dark corner is

often more terrifying than what is actually there. As Alfred Hitchcock succinctly put it, "There is no terror in the bang, only in the anticipation of it."

In one scene, Laura and Carlos consult a medium to discover what happened to Simón. After the medium is induced into a supernatural trance, she begins to wander around the dark corridors of the orphanage.

Laura, Carlos and the medium's assistants watch and listen through surveillance equipment. Soon the sounds of children screaming are heard. The medium creeps toward the room where the screams are originating and slowly begins to open the door.

What she finds on the other side is irrelevant. The great feeling of tension and suspense that comes from watching and waiting to see what will happen is the reason why audiences continually flock to scary movies, not to see what actually happens.

As a result, horror movies and thrillers have an inescapable flaw: they end. At some point, the story wraps itself up (or tries to), and the great feelings of suspense are lost, most often leaving audience members with a contrived twist or a happy ending to fill the void left by visceral fear.

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

When "The Orphanage" is over, it's over, and there is little to haunt one hours later, before falling asleep.

Unless, of course, there are children nearby.

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4.5 out of 5 stars

A run to remember

Julie Engler
DAILY EGYPTIAN

'The Kite Runner'

Rated PG-13

Starring: Khalid Abdalla, Shaun Toub, Atossa Leoni, Homayoun Ershadi
Directed by Marc Forster
Run time: 122 min.



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"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 fleeing of refugees to Pakistan, and even the modern-day terrorism of the Taliban.

Based on a novel by Khaled 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 Assef, one of the bullies, and is unable to confront 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) leave, ruining the two's friendship forever.

Years later, Amir is in America. After the publishing of his first book, he receives a phone call from Kahn, 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 Hassan'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 rest 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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'Atonement' needs tune-up

Alicia Wade
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'Atonement'
Rated R

Starring: James McAvoy, Keira Knightley, Saoirse Ronan, Romola Garai
Directed by Joe Wright
Runtime: 130 min.

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

Unfortunately, the romantic epic set in England and France during World War II does not have 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.



3 stars out of 5

"Atonement" follows Briony Tallis (Saoirse 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 convinces herself it was Robbie who performed the rape, and he is sent to prison. Robbie is not guilty of the rape, but Briony's confusion as well as jealousy of her sister and her newly found lover cause the mishap and tears her family apart.

Robbie joins the English army to leave prison and is sent to fight in World War II, all the while pining for Cecilia, though they were only romantically together for a moment. Meanwhile, Cecilia has become a nurse in London and has cut off all ties from her family who believed Briony's story.

Briony, as a way of punishing herself, abandons dreams of becoming a writer and attending a university to become a nurse like her sister, and soon recognizes the impact of what she has done on her sister's and Robbie's lives. As a 13-year-old, she thought implicating Robbie in the rape was an hon-

est act, but reality and time has shown her she was wrong.

Gorgeous shots characterize the film, from boundless views of the Tallis home with precisely manicured lawns, glittering streams and waves of white flowered fields, to an extraordinary long shot on Dunkirk beach in France, a grayed-out vision filled with wounded soldiers, destroyed army equipment and a feeling drenched with hopelessness.

Even simple moments of waves on the beach running over circular rocks, worn away from the water's pounding, are beautiful.

Knightley and McAvoy are wonderful as lovers, with chemistry oozing off of the screen during their few moments together. Though sometimes

it is hard to believe 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 prevalent 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.

But all too often "Atonement" is bogged down by self-important scenes that last far too long and would be better after some careful edits to the screenplay. In one scene Robbie treks across France, the only points being made are that he is wounded and is supposed to be headed home.

Instead, audiences are forced to endure hikes across terrain, that, though beautiful, are tiresome and pointless, devoid of any good conversation besides men wishing they were not in the war, which let's face it, is not a new concept.

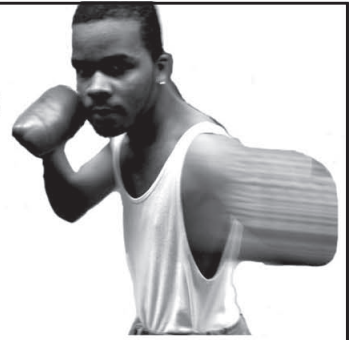
A movie that is a little more than two hours long seems to last four hours at times and does not seem focused. The story is told in a timeline that moves forward, but only after flashing back three or four times, so audience members could find themselves confused as to what has actually happened to other characters during the flashbacks.

Though the individual components of a wonderful movie are present in "Atonement," a faulty story cannot bring together the powerful romance and reparation tale it tries to be.

Enjoy the acting, cinematography and score, as the rest is just boring.

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Coach Chris Lowery 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," Lowery said.

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

Lowery said he has been looking for ways to motivate the veterans, especially Falker, and needs him to be more aggressive on the floor.

Shaw said the Salukis could have used a win as a big turning point within MVC play and again stated the little things hurt the team at the final buzzer.

"We've done big things to win games. We've hit big shots," Shaw said. "But then, when it comes down to closing the game out, we give up an offensive rebound, we turn the ball over, we do something stupid like that."

Stinson led all scorers for the Sycamores with 20 points and sopho-

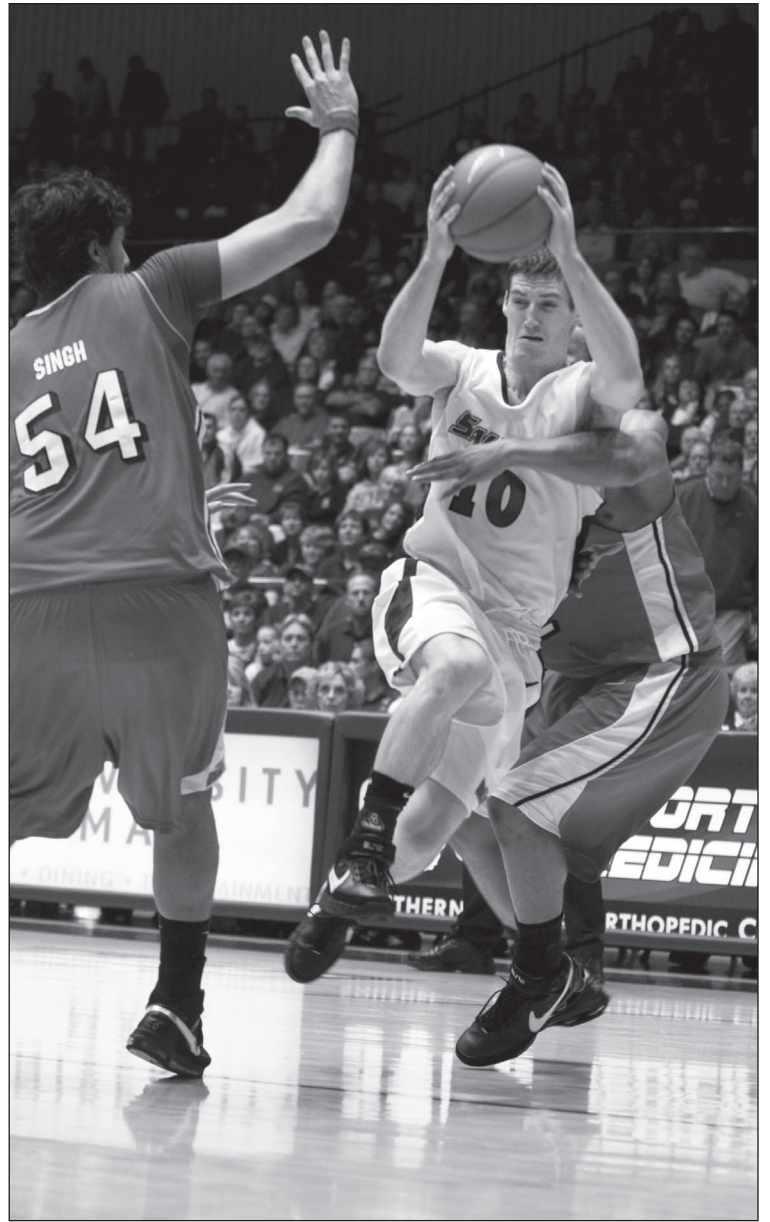
more guard Harry Marshall recorded 16 points — going 14-for-19 from the charity stripe.

Indiana State coach Kevin McKenna said he was impressed by the level of competitiveness and intensity that the Sycamores played with Saturday night.

"Anytime you can match the intensity that Southern plays with, it's impressive," McKenna said.

The Salukis will travel to Evansville, Ind., to take on the Purple Aces Tuesday night. Tip off is set for 7:05 p.m.

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EMILY SUNBLADE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bryan Mullins looks to get through a double team during the Jan. 8 game against Bradley. The Salukis won the game 77-64 but dropped below .500 in conference play with a loss to Indiana State Saturday.

GREEN

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SIU coach Chris Lowery 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," Lowery said after Tuesday's 77-64 win over Bradley. "He learned to listen. I told him to quit shooting jumpers and get to the rim."

Green missed his first shot attempt of the game — a 12-foot jumper — but went on to hit the rest of his attempts, which were all layups and put backs. Green finished the game 5-of-6 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 went right back up for another bucket.

Green finished with eight points in the first half to help SIU secure a

30-22 lead.

The second half is where Green made his most important plays.

SIU was in the midst of a scoring drought approaching nine minutes when Green rebounded a Mullins miss and converted on the put back.

The layup started a 6-point run for Green to build the SIU lead back to 42-39 with just more than five minutes to play.

Though Green had a 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 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 Sycamore guard Harry Marshall. Marshall went 1-for-9 from the field, but went 14-of-19 from the free throw line.

While guards Wesley Clemmons and Joshua Bone struggled to contain Marshall as both fouled out of the game, Green stuck with him 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 in 16 and 10 points respectively in a victory over Bradley.

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.

"Our bench has been real good of late," Shaw said. "Carlton, Tyrone, Tony Boyle have all been giving us great energy off the bench and scoring the ball a little bit too. It's just a huge boost for the team."

Green will look to help lead the Salukis to their first road victory of the season when they head to Evansville on Tuesday night.

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While you were out...

Stories covered by **siuDE.com** over winter break

One week after leading the SIU football team to the Football Championship Subdivision semifinals, head coach Jerry Kill took over as head coach at Northern Illinois University.



Jerry Kill

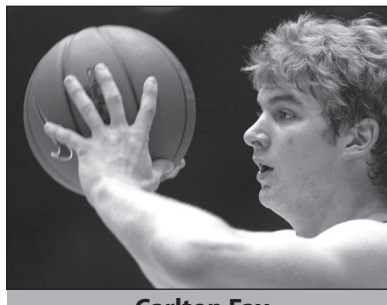
Kill, the 2007 FCS Coach of the Year, will bring eight members of his SIU staff with him to DeKalb, including offensive coordinator Matt Limegrover and defensive coordinator Tray Claeys. Kill replaces Joe Novak, who retired after 12 years at NIU.

Replacing Kill is former University of North Dakota head coach Dale Lennon. Lennon, a former Division II Coach of the year, produced a 90-24 record in his nine-year career at North Dakota, which includes a national championship and a victory over SIU's Gateway Conference rival Northern Iowa at the UNI Dome in 2006.

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Dale Lennon



Carlton Fay

Winter break wasn't all it was hoped to be for the SIU men's basketball team, which compiled a 4-6 record over the month-long holiday.

The Salukis opened up the break with a win over then-No. 24 St. Mary's at home on Dec. 18, but then dropped two non-conference games to Saint Louis and Western Michigan. After

a much needed win over Western Kentucky, the Salukis dropped a heart-breaker to then-No. 16 Butler on an A.J. Graves Hail Mary as time expired.

Trying to get over the loss, the Salukis began Missouri Valley Conference play but has proven to be a tougher than usual schedule going 2-4 with losses to Drake, Illinois State and Indiana State and wins over Missouri State and Bradley. For more in-depth information on these games, check out siuDE.com.

The SIU women's basketball team started its winter break with victories over Chicago State 70-49 and Tennessee Tech 87-69. Junior Jasmine Gibson led the team in the two victories, which earned her Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week honors.



Jayme Sweere

The Salukis signed mid-season transfer Alex Hart to the roster. The freshman guard is a two-time regional all-star from Crawford Academy in Ontario.

An 82-65 loss to Wisconsin-Green Bay capped off the Salukis' non-conference schedule.

The Salukis opened MVC play with a 95-76 victory over Indiana State on Jan. 2 in Carbondale. Illinois State handed SIU its first conference loss 82-78 after a second-half comeback but the Salukis responded with a 66-61 victory over Wichita State to move to 2-1 in conference play.

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After this weekend, only three teams — North Carolina, Memphis and Kansas — remain unbeaten in college basketball. Do you think any of these teams have a chance of completing a perfect season?



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"No. While North Carolina could possibly have an undefeated regular season it's almost a known fact that the ACC Tournament can prove to provide some surprising upsets. Memphis is one of those teams that is bound for an upset that will put a blunder on their flawless season and KU won't be much if Brandon Rush isn't producing big minutes."

"I think Memphis has a really good chance. Unlike past Tiger teams, this Memphis squad played a difficult non-conference schedule and came out with a perfect record. Memphis will have to get past Tennessee and Gonzaga but both of those games are at home. Kansas and North Carolina play in tough conferences so I don't see them winning out."

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"Memphis only has two real games remaining. The Tigers have yet to taken on a Gonzaga club that could give them a run for their money before a critical Feb. 23 matchup with in-state rival No. 9 Tennessee. Memphis is the best pick out of the three simply because its difficult remaining games are at home in the friendly FedEx Forum."

SALUKI TRACKER

Brandon Jacobs



Former SIU running back Brandon Jacobs rushed for 54 yards and one touchdown in the New York Giants 21-17 upset over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday. Jacobs has brought his playoff totals this season to 88 yards and two touchdowns on 27 attempts. Jacobs will look to keep pace with the NFL's No. 2 offense when the Giants visit the Green Bay Packers on Sunday night.

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Due to the loss of its primary post player, SIU was forced to take an increased number of outside shots.

Freshman guard Tanaeya Worden chipped in a career-high 18 points but did so on 7-of-25 shooting from the field and 4-of-14 from behind the arc.

Worden said she never felt as if she needed to force shots.

"Coming in as a freshman this year, they've all told me to be ready to play every day," Worden said. "We just need to have a good week of practice and work on getting prepared for the next game."

The Salukis shot 35 percent from the field and 27.6 percent from behind the 3-point line while the

“Coming in as a freshman this year, they’ve all told me to be ready to play every day. We just need to have a good week of practice and work on getting prepared for the next game.”

— Tanaeya Worden
 freshman guard

Bears (4-11, 2-2 MVC) shot 47.8 percent from the field.

SIU freshman guard Ellen Young continued to climb up the MVC scoring ranks with a 16-point performance and is currently ninth at 13.4 points per game.

Young said the Salukis didn't come out ready to play in the second half and shots weren't falling either.

"It can't just be one person out there trying to do everything," Young said. "We all have to step up

for Jasmine and pick up the slack. We're going to have to prepare quite a bit for a couple of really tough games coming up."

SIU will take on Drake at home Friday and return Sunday to the SIU Arena for a tilt with Creighton. Drake and Creighton are second and third in the MVC respectively.

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Undermanned Chargers stun Colts, will go on to face undefeated Patriots

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Gone — Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison, Adam Vinatieri and the rest of the Colts.

By stunning Indianapolis, the San Diego Chargers just knocked off New England's biggest road block to the Super Bowl.

Now San Diego must avoid a repeat of its last performance at New England.

That will be especially difficult without an injured LaDainian Tomlinson, who departed in the first half with a bruised left knee, and starting quarterback Philip Rivers, who went out in the third quarter with a damaged right knee in the Chargers' stunning 28-24 victory Sunday.

With Billy Volek at quarterback and Michael Turner as the main runner, San Diego went 78 yards on eight plays, with Volek sneaking in from the 1 with 4:50 remaining for the lead. The Chargers' big-play defense then held on downs at its 7, and stopped Indy again in the final moments to preserve their eighth straight win.

To make it nine in a row and advance to their second Super Bowl — the other was a loss to San Francisco after the 1994 season — the Chargers will need all the resourcefulness they showed at Indianapolis. Being undermanned against undefeated New England hardly is an enticing prospect.

Still, with All-Pro cornerback Antonio Cromartie getting an interception and fumble recovery, and linebackers Shawne Merriman and Shaun Phillips plaguing Manning, the Chargers showed they have the ability to throw off any offense. Maybe even the most prolific attack in NFL history.

The Chargers didn't come close against the Patriots in Week 2, falling 38-14. That was the beginning of a slide to 5-5 for San Diego, but the Chargers (13-5) are rolling now.

"A lot's happened since then," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "We'll definitely start all over on the preparations. It's like it's a new team."

It was a gutsy showing by Rivers, who threw for three scores — he banged his right knee on a 56-yard screen pass TD by Darren Sproles to end the third quarter. And Turner, who could be a starter elsewhere but usually sits behind league rushing leader Tomlinson, gave the offense the balance it desperately needed in the late stages of the upset, rushing for 71 yards.

The Chargers' opportunistic defense, which led the league in takeaways (48) and turnover margin (plus-24), grabbed two interceptions — both on tipped balls — and a fumble. While San Diego couldn't stop Manning's offense from steadily marching downfield most of the game, it could make the key plays that get you closer to the Super Bowl.

Still, if Tomlinson is limited or sidelined, how much chance do the Chargers have against the perfect Patriots? Not to mention perhaps missing Rivers or tight end Antonio Gates, who courageously played much of the day on a dislocated toe.

For the Colts (13-4), it was a bitterly quick elimination from the postseason.

A year ago, they won three playoff games, then beat Chicago in the Super Bowl. They couldn't recapture their touch on offense or defense this time, and a defense that allowed the fewest points during the season wore down against the equally physical Chargers.

Still, the Colts went in front 24-21 when Gonzalez slipped past Marlon McCree down the left sideline to complete a 55-yard scoring play with 10:07 to go. Chargers coach Norv Turner challenged that Gonzalez stepped out of bounds at about the 25, but the play stood.

So San Diego's backups then won it, helped by a 27-yard screen pass to rookie Legedu Naanee and a 15-yard face-mask penalty against Indianapolis cornerback Marlin Jackson.

Manning did throw for 402 yards, completing 33 of his 48 throws, but both interceptions killed deep scoring threats.

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DOUBLE OVERTIME DEFEAT

SIU drops sixth-straight road game

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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 team winless 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

ISU vs. SIU
final score 64-62

Points
 Stinson (ISU) - 20; Mullins (SIU) - 18

Rebounds
 Arnold (ISU) - 8; Shaw (SIU) - 14

Assists
 Moore (ISU) - 7; Mullins (SIU) - 4

were on the offensive glass.

After ending regulation tied 47-47, the Salukis went up 52-47 but were held scoreless in the last three 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 found sophomore guard Marico Stinson open on the 3-point line to seal the game for the Sycamores (9-6, 4-1).

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Senior guard Tyrone Green attempts a shot against Bradley during Tuesday's game at the SIU Arena. Green followed his performance against Bradley with a 14-point showing against Indiana State.

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 continuously left unguarded for wide-open looks and either passed up or missed most of the shots.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis drop to .500 in conference play

Women can't rebound after Gibson injury

Freshman guard Tanaeya Worden attempts to pass the ball against Christian Brothers Nov. 12. Despite a career- and team-high 18 points Saturday night against Missouri State, Worden and the Salukis could not hold on for the win.

BRANDON CHAPPLE
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Matt Hartwig
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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.

Missouri State vs. SIU
final score 77-67

Points
 Terwelp (Missouri State) - 19;
 Worden (SIU) - 18

Rebounds
 Terwelp (Missouri State) - 10;
 Smith (SIU) - 11

Assists
 Balerio (Missouri State) - 4; Pauk (SIU) - 6

"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 17.1 points per game, will not practice next week and is out indefinitely.

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