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WSIU to host Madigan-Birkett debate

Attorney General hopefuls square off live Thursday night
Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

Candidates in the most heavily contested attorney general race will debate on the WSIU campus, and students will run the show.

WSIU-TV and WUSI will be broadcasting a live debate between attorney general candidates Lisa Madigan, D-Chicago, and Joe Birkett, R-Chicago, Thursday night.

Director of production for the debate Robert Henderson said the production will be orchestrated by SIUC students.

"The crew on this production will be 95 percent students," Henderson said. "The camera and sound room will all be run by student crew so they get an opportunity for something on their resume."

The debate has been in the works early in the March Primary.

"We had been in contact with both candidates since the primary," said WSIU Producer Jak Tschere.

"They agreed to do a debate with us at that time — provided they won the primary."

Local media representatives will feed the debate, Jim Mair with the Southern Illinoisan, Jeff Markham with WICS radio, Shannon Woodward with the Marion Daily Republican and Molly Patrick of the Daily Egyptian will make up the panelists. This panel will ask candidate questions.

"They will ask questions that will show the voters that they want to set in their administration," Tschere said.

The debate will be up-linked to several other public broadcast stations in the state. The debate will be available in Urbana, Charleston, Springfield, Quincy and Marion.

"The impact of this will go beyond our local market," Tschere said.

"Henderson will be working out of the uptown link Thursday night.

"We have a history going back 25 years of producing debate with state-wide significance," Henderson said.

Candis Huber, general manager of WUSI-TV, said WUSI tries to supply viewers with as much news as possible.
Hurricane Lili could threaten Gulf

MIAMI, Fla. — Hurricane Lili lashed the Caribbean islands of Guam, Curaçao and Bonaire Monday, and a top forecaster warned it might erupt into a major force in the Gulf of Mexico before hitting land.

The fourth hurricane of the 2002 hurricane season could threaten the Louisiana coast by early Tuesday, said Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami. Landfall is likely to be between Galveston, Texas, and Mobile, Ala., possibly around the Charles L. Mayfield said, that would put it near where tropical storm Isidore made landfall a week ago.

Lili is moving from a tropical storm to a Category 1 hurricane and its maximum sustained winds have strengthened to 80 mph.

Lili is potentially more dangerous than Isidore, he said. "Isidore actually was a very powerful Category 5 hurricane, but then it moved over the Yucatan Channel and the Yucatan peninsula and it's actually set up land for several days," Mayfield said.

That really allowed it to weaken and it never did become back to a hurricane once it moved back out of the Gulf of Mexico.

NATIONAL NEWS

Torricelli drops out of N.J. race

TRENTON, N.J. — Dogged by scandal and trailing in the polls, Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., announced Monday he was dropping his bid for re-election — a move that could prove pivotal in Democratic efforts to maintain control of the Senate.

"I will not be responsible for the loss of the Democratic majority in the United States Senate," the embattled incumbent declared. "I will not abandon the citizens of New Jersey and New York who have put their trust in me to defend their interests in this Congress."

The withdrawal of the race from the last five weeks before the midterm elections complicates Democratic efforts to hold onto the Senate. Republicans need just one GOP senator to wrest control of the chamber from Democrats.

Torricelli's race had once been viewed as an easy win for his party, but Republicans have successfully made the incumbent's ethics troubles, stemming from illegal 1996 campaign donations and questionable gifts, a campaign issue this year.

Antarctic ozone hole splits in two

Like a giant, amoeba in the sky, the ozone hole above Antarctica has divided into two parts, which have spread away from the southernmost continent.

The phenomenon, which has surprised scientists of its kind since NASA and other U.S. agencies began monitoring the ozone hole, a seasonal vortex in the atmosphere, more than two decades ago, has expanded this year to nearly twice its normal size.

The creation of the polar cap was first announced Thursday, said Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

"It's been established that the boil was overlanded," Mayfield said. "We're now seeing a split pattern that we've never seen before that is just far off the radar in the polar region."}

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Senegal vows ferry tragedy probe

DAKAR, Senegal — Senegal has promised an investigation into one of Africa's worst ferry disasters, with President Abdoulaye Wade saying the vessel was overloaded when it sank and overturned, leaving 970 people missing or dead.

Only 54 people are known to have survived when the flat-bottomed MS Njela rolled sideways into the Atlantic Ocean in heavy winds four days ago, trapping hundreds of passengers below decks.

Officials had initially thought just over 700 people were dead or missing, but that number had risen to 970 when the government revealed on Sunday that 1,024 had been on board, rather than 1,010 as first announced.

"It's been established that the boil was overlanded," Wade told reporters late on Sunday. He blamed the sinking on "an accumulation of errors."

A security official said an investigation ordered by the president would conclude on Monday, providing a fuller account of the disaster.

Media reports say the boat was designed for no more than 600 people. It was flat-bottomed, giving it less protection against rising waves. Wade conceded earlier the ferry was not meant for voyages in the high seas.

Today

High 87
Low 62

Unreasonably warm with a partly cloudy sky.

Five-day Forecast

Sct. T-Storms 85/64

Thursday T-Storms 78/62

Friday T-Storms 79/65

Saturday T-Storms 75/59

Sunday Partly Sunny 72/54

Almanac

Average high: 78
Average low: 51

Monday's precip: 0.00 in

Monday's hi/low: 86/59

Corrections

Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3511 ext. 253.

Today's Calendar

Irish Studies

First meeting to discuss ideas

Student Center, Jaguar Java

4 p.m.

Today's Daily

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POLICE REPORTS

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Illinois unemployment drops in August

Kristina Herrndorfer
Daily Egyptian

The Illinois unemployment rates dropped sharply in August, but are still considerably above the national rate.

Unemployment dropped 0.7 percentage points, from 6.7 percent to 6.0 percent, according to monthly statistics issued by the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

Still, the three-month average unemployment rate, a more reliable indicator of the trend, was unchanged during the month at 6.4 percent.

"The drop in the state's unemployment level in August, while an encouraging sign, must be viewed cautiously," said IDES Director Gertrude Jordan, in a recent press release. "Payroll jobs, as measured by a monthly survey of Illinois businesses, remained down in all industries again last month, as compared to a year ago, reflecting the state's continuing struggle to restart job growth. A full economic recovery is dependent upon job expansion."

For the first time in six months, the number of Illinoisans employed rose by only 10,000, while the number of people unemployed in the state fell by 26,000, according to the Labor Department.

"What happens in a recession is that people drop out of the labor market," said Richard Grabowski, chairman of the economics department at SIUC. "They become discouraged and stop looking for jobs."

Grabowski said job searching can be costly and time consuming, causing people to stop looking for other things, like stay at home and take care of their children.

"Sometimes unemployment stops rising during a recession; it may even drop, more due to people who stop looking for work than good economic activity," Grabowski said.

In August, Jackson County's unemployment rate, 5.9 percent, was the lowest in Southern Illinois. The highest was Alexander County at 10.7 percent.

Le Roy Brandon, Executive Director of the Jackson County Business Development Cooperation, said Jackson County rates are considerably low for the sum because of the University.

"SIU is a huge factor," he said. "It is the economic engine for the county, if not Southern Illinois."

On the other hand, the surrounding counties are not so lucky.

"The first 26 counties have not done anything," said Glenn Poshard, vice president of Administration. He said he hopes the appetites will becookie in January, with a final decision possible by the end of June.

"If there's equivalent, it's possible we could go on with this," said Poshard.

So far, among the 26 counties that are being considered, only 10,800, or nearly one percent in August to 10.5, still more than triple that of Jackson County.

Brandon and Grabowski agree that Franklin County's economy has suffered greatly by the closure of local coal mines and a boat factory.

"When the coal mines closed, all those people first lost jobs, and then they have skills to move into another occupation, they are stuck," Grabowski said.

Unemployment rates are measured based on the amount of people who have a job or are looking for one divided by the fraction of the labor force that is without a job.

Problems with the measurement of unemployment include individuals who would like a full-time job, but, who can only find part-time work, and those who would like a job, but have given up looking for one, both of which are not included in the rate.

A person qualifies for unemployment benefits, including payment in the amount of just below 50 percent of the person's weekly wages, for a maximum of up to 26 weeks. The payment will continue for up to 39 weeks as long as the person meets certain qualifications. Including being completely involuntarily out of work, able and available to work, actively seeking work and willing to accept the minimum suitable job offer.

The U.S. government has recently intended the time limit to be cut by 13 extra weeks from 26 weeks. The first 26 weeks payments are funded through insurance that employees keep through their employer. The employer pays an insurance tax on the first $9,000 earned. The employee receives no contribution on their pay for this insurance.

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SIUC considering land swap at Crab Orchard Lake

Gus Bode

Gus says: I'll swap you my backyard for the strip.

Decision possible by the end of June

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

University officials are considering a land swap with Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge that they hope will boost tourism and further the development and fruition of the mission of SIUC.

SIUC is interested in nearly 500 acres of land along a 1.3-acre strip of land on the west end of Crab Orchard Lake.

Before the swap is approved, appraisers will review the properties to see if they are of equal value, said Glenn Poshard, vice-president of Administration. He said he hopes the appetites will becookie in January, with a final decision possible by the end of June.

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If the properties are of equal value, SIUC officials are exploring the refuge's property along the west end of Crab Orchard Lake to see what part includes Sunset Point, The Haven, and Crab Orchard Campground. If the land trade is deemed a valuable exchange, the Lookout Point acreage would be used by private vendors to provide additional tourism facilities, Poshard said.

And Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge would benefit from gaining two pieces of forested acreage that would be developed for recreation and conservation.

For the University, the property is east of Touch of Nature and the other portion lies south of Little Grassy Lake.

If the land is heavily wooded and not used by the University, it would be beneficial to trade this land for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Poshard said.

"We have not done anything with that land," he said. "It is not land we've kept up to any extent."

Additionally, the plan, if approved, will fall in line with goals outlined in SIUC Chancellor-Walter Wendt's strategic plan. Southern at 155, Poshard said, Southern at 55, a long-term goal for crab for when the University should be by 2019, calls for the University to reach out to the community by boosting economic development.

"As part of the University's mission, we approached the Fish and Wildlife Service to see if they were interested in a swap," Poshard said. Besides helping boost the economy, the project could also provide SIUC with tourism and hospitality students with internships, Poshard said.

And Richard Frietsche, manager of Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge, said he is interested in the land trade's potential, but stressed that it depends on the public is necessary in the months before a swap is finalized. The University's property, provided to the refuge, would be sold for tourism, he said.

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Recreation Center: 3 pm - 7 pm

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Badminton tournament date moved

The badminton tournament at the Recreation Center scheduled for Saturday has been moved to Thursday and Saturday, Oct. 13. Anyone interested can register by Oct. 10. For more information, call 453-1273.

Small Business Development Center offers free seminar today

SIUC’s Small Business Development Center is offering free seminars in October for small business owners and those thinking about starting or co-owning businesses. All seminars will be at the DuBois County Business Center in Eldorado.

The first of these sessions will be “How to start your own business.” It will cover the basics of choosing a business structure, legal structure, government requirements, funding options and business plan building. The first meeting of this group will be today from 9 to 11 a.m. This section will also meet on Oct. 15 and Oct. 29.

Dog lovers must enter contest by Wednesday

Anyone who would still like to enter the “Come-dog look-a-like contest” must submit his or her application to the Daily Egyptian Newsroom office in Communications Building 1249 by 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Please include a photograph of the owner and dog, both names and a contact number at which to reach the entrant. The grand prize winner will receive a gift certificate from a local pet store.

For more information, please call Samantha Edmondson at 536-5311 ext. 287 and submit all information to the mailboxes at Communications Building Room 1247.

Brownbag lecture for various audiences

The International Studies Council is holding a brown bag luncheon today for people to exchange ideas and information. The hour-long event will go from 12 to 12:30 p.m. in Ballroom A of the Student Center.

Doctoral student to present lecture on spirituality Tuesday

Carlos de la Hoz, a doctoral student and coordinator in University Housing, will present a lecture about spirituality in higher education from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Illinois Room in Student Development Multicultural Programs and Services at 453-5714.

City Council to meet on campus

The Carbondale City Council will meet tonight at 5:30 in Ballroom B in the SIUC Student Center. The council will discuss the new SIUC housing policy, scheduled to go into effect during the 2003-2004 academic year, and other issues.

Fire damages home across street from firehouse

An electrical fire damaged a residence across an intersection from a Carbondale fire station Saturday.

A resident at 820 W. Walnut St. said the fire started in her second-floor bedroom between 11 and 11:30 a.m. He had smoke and a cracking noise.

The Carbondale City Fire Department responded to the fire from their firehouse at 800 E. Main St., about one block south of the intersection of Oakland Avenue and Walnut Street.

The residents’ flowers was cut open and insulation, floorboards, and water were taken and thrown out the second floor window onto the roof and yard below. An attached residence received some smoke damage from the fire. No persons were injured in the fire.

TPEC sponsors Point Pride

Special events scheduled for Homecoming week in Thompson Point

Katie A. Davis

This year’s homecoming king and queen have competition—from another king and queen in Thompson Point.

Point Pride, a week of events sponsored by the Thompson Point Executive Council, begins today with a barbecue from 6 to 8 p.m. between Smith and Warren Halls. It is also the first day of voting for Thompson Point royalty.

Point Pride replaces Octoberfest, which was formerly sponsored in Thompson Point. TPEC vice president Vanessa Grainger said the council wanted to come up with a way to promote school spirit throughout Thompson Point. The group has never had an active part in homecoming activities, so TPEC members saw this as an opportunity for change.

“We’re trying to expand things here and do things on a larger scale,” she said.

Granger said the barbecue was a good starting point because it was a simple way to get residents out to vote for Thompson Point king and queen.

“It’s a great way for people to socialize, vote, grab something to eat and then go back to doing their homework or whatever,” she said.

The week’s events culminate with a block party throughout all of Thompson Point from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Various DJ’s from around Thompson Point, playing a variety of music, will be stationed throughout the area.

Ryan McPherson, TPEC president, said he expects the biggest turnout of the week during the block party, which features free music, food and games.

Each individual hall is responsible for supplying a game as well as food in hopes there will be a diverse range of activities available.

“We want to bring everyone together and get the halls involved in hall council so they can have a part in the homecoming events,” McPherson said.

King and queen of Thompson Point will also be announced during “So You Want To Be A Rock Star” co-sponsored by Digi Dang Records Friday night outside of Old Place cut-lease. The king and queen will ride on the homecoming float during the parade Saturday.

Thompson Point residents will also be able to participate in face painting and sign making before the game Saturday.

McPherson said Point Pride is an excellent opportunity for students to get together and have a good time while exhibiting Saluki spirit. He said TPEC is hoping for good participation in Point Pride’s initial year. He said the organization implemented the program to promote Saluki spirit throughout the Thompson Point area.

It’s going to be an excellent week,” he said. “Not only does it promote unity but it is great TPEC’s name out throughout SIU.”

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William A. Rice

Above: Firefighters from Pinckneyville battle a blaze that erupted in the kitchen at the Rabbit in the Square, Thompson Point Sunday. The store was open when the fire started, but there was no one injured. The store was completely lost, as well as an unoccupied apartment that was above the store.

Left: Mildred Rheinacker (left) and Felidtia Kellerman, both from Pinckneyville, watch firefighters try and put out a fire at the White Rabbit in Pinckneyville Sunday evening. The White Rabbit went up in flames late Saturday night.

"We wanted to bring everyone together and get the halls involved in hall council so they can have a part in the homecoming events," Lea Rholl, TPEC secretary, sophomore in microbiology, said.

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Grant to promote interest in agriculture

Project examines roles of food in everyday life

Brad Brondsema

A $25,000 grant will bring food into the SLUC classrooms, but it does mean students will be making more during lectures.

Professor at SLUC hopes inputs, texts and video clips of food will help students grasp topics in their classes, after the University received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The plan for the grants, which are in preliminary stages, call for the design of food-related reference materials, which include the creation of a website. The website will showcase the role of the food plays in a student's life.

About 27 family members are involved in the project.

Jennifer Allen, director of career services, said most students don’t realize what they learn in one class will be used in another. She said the program will incorporate a variety of perspectives on food relevant to the courses the students are taking.

Allen said topics that relate to food include everything from agriculture to political science, and the project is expected to be completed in three years.

“Food plays a role in every aspect of our lives,” she said.

William Turpin’s project in political science, said he looks forward to using the program in his curriculum.

“Food plays a role in the international community,” he said. “This will benefit the students who work in the field of food.

Allen said one of the goals is to help students and faculty involved in the College of Agricultural Sciences to utilize how important food and water is around the world.

One of the goals of the program is to provide new support groups for community members who are going through difficult transitions who have similar concerns to get support.

Women’s Services, will be open to parents who have a gay, lesbian or bisexual parent group.

Parents who have a gay or lesbian son or daughter will soon have the opportunity to share their challenges, concerns and joys with others in the same situation through a support group offered by Women’s Services. The gay and lesbian support group, as well as other support groups, will be open to students, staff, faculty and community members who are going through difficult transitions in life.

Other groups will cover issues such as grief and loss, self-esteem improvement, relationships and non-traditional students.

Jant Maxwell, the Women’s Services program and outreach program coordinator, said the groups are a way to provide people with a place to support and a way to get information about their concerns.

“We are here for support, not therapy,” Maxwell said.

The groups will begin when there are four to five participants and will end when the group is completed.

Maxwell said that she hopes the groups will be more informal and will lower the level of stress.

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The Faculty Association's request for a 21 percent compensation increase is a large demand, and we think it is deserved, but a little untimely and selfish.

The Physical Plant workers laid off last spring would probably rather have their jobs right now, students paying higher tuition would rather not and the state would probably rather have proper funding.

But we can’t all have our druthers.

During this drought of funds, when everyone is being hit in one way or another, the request for an increase of 21 percent is almost laughable.

We understand the 21 percent is an opening gambit, and it is in the nature of bargaining to request more than you actually expect. But doesn’t the thought of former SIU employees standing in this unemployment line waiting to pick up their new paycheck, one that barely covers the necessities, pull at your heartstrings? Or students, already strapped for cash, walking a thin line between quitting and hanging on for another semester?

This is a nationwide problem right now — colleges across America are raising tuition and looking for ways to cut costs. It’s not SIU shortchanging professors; it’s an epidemic. Anywhere you go, there’s bound to be salary disputes right now, and we think loyalty to this University should take precedence over a high salary increase.

Maybe faculty aren’t getting paid the standard set, but they receive a paycheck from this University that puts food on their plates and a roof over their head each month. That alone should instill some sort of loyalty, despite the budget plight.

Loyalty is not kicking the University when it is down.

It’s not a matter of being unappreciated. We recognize the faculty’s accomplishments and hard work, and understand that they have been operating under peer institutions’ pay scales, but poor timing and budget concerns make the request unfeasible.

We don’t deny that faculty deserve an increase, and the Physical Plant workers deserve their jobs back, students deserve to have tuition lowered and the state probably even deserves to have money in its pocket again, but the point is — the chances of any of this happening are unlikely.

Good luck to the faculty in their salary increase endeavors. But we respectfully disagree that they seek to take a claim on funds when everyone else is making sacrifices in the name of this University.

The American Dream

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According to figures released by the Census Bureau, American poverty rates rose in 2001 to 11.7 percent. This equates to 32.9 million Americans scraping by below the federal poverty level. That’s less than 8.5 percent are living comfortably above this lower class. This is America, after all, the land of the free, where anyone with some inspiration and a little bit of hard work can make something of themselves. So really, that 11.7 percent must be the dregs of society. These are people who are too lazy to take advantage of the American Dream, right?

The Census Bureau classifies 32.9 million Americans as poor. But what is even more astounding is the wage the Census Bureau separates the have from the have nots. Who is poor anyway? According to the Census Bureau, a single adult making less than $9,039 is impoverished. And they certainly are. That $9,038 is your only go so far. But is a person making more than the Census limit truly separated from an individual below the threshold?

Let’s take, for example, an individual making the national minimum wage. Assuming this individual can find a job and works full time, they would make $10,712 a year. Is this livable wage? Assuming 12 months rent at $250, utilities too late and food at $150 a month, your humble worker is already out $6,160, leaving $4,552 for transportation, clothing and maintaining the American Dream — visit, our worker was just injured and unfortunately, can’t afford health care. The point is that the Census Bureau has set the standard of poverty too low. Does a family of four, making a few thousand dollars more than the Census’ threshold of $18,220, truly manage to live simply because a few bureaucrats decide that they are not impoverished?

Let’s clear this up once and for all. How hard you work has nothing to do with how much you earn in this country. Don’t play the old song of hard work and diligence. Does a CEO making $100 million a year work that much harder than his employees, who make minimum wages? For that matter, is it right for the largest corporation in the world, Wal-Mart, to pay its workers minimum wage, when it has not sales of $217.8 billion in 2002?

The cold hard facts are these: 32.9 million people in the world’s richest country cannot afford the basic necessities of life. Millions upon millions more struggle to barely scrape by. Where is the wealth? Where is the prosperity? Corporations are making in larger and larger profits, people are buying more and the economy has gone global. And yet, it seems, the rich keep getting richer and the poor keep getting poorer. The system wherein the majority of the wealth and power is controlled by a minority of the population is deeply at fault here. Reform cannot be expected, as those in power only see in favor of those who already have wealth and power. In fact, they are one and the same. As we rest on the brink of war with an impoverished nation that sits upon a treasure trove of black gold, we have oil men in the White House. Cheney even dealt with Iraq in the same $32.9 million as the CEO of an American oil company, and the Bush family made much of their fortune from oil businesses. Both parties, Republicans and Democrats, are dominated by the wealthy, the business elite. How many times have we heard candidates say that they want to “run the country as a business.” Well, it’s too late; America is a business and has been so for years.

CEOs and their political allies are the ones that speak in behalf of the people who are out of work, the unemployed, the poor, the hungry, and the sick. How many times have we heard politicians promise to make the “country great again”? didn’t a guy named Reagan do that?

If the statistics released by the Census Bureau tell us anything, it is that something is deeply wrong. It is not acceptable that this many of our fellow Americans live in abject poverty. While the government spends billions of dollars to protect American economic interests overseas, real Americans are left out of pocket and without representation.

When the president says he must act to protect American interests, ask him what interests are more important than the 32.9 million citizens who desperately want to share in the American Dream?
The problem with relationships

Unity - N., Pl. - being united, one's)

2) a single, separate thing)

harmony (agreement)

3) an agreement of related parts

2) certainty of purpose

There is a problem among black people today, and it is a subject that cannot be ignored. That is the issue of black relationship, more importantly that of black males.

There is a difference between a man and a boy, and it should not be determined by the sexual endowment of the male, though many women make that mistake.

Many people seem to be under the impression that a lot of the black boys they see are black men. Physically, they appear to be mature enough to be a man. In fact, the appearance is so deceiving that even some of these black boys are walking around here and there, having done one thing within their lives to perpetuate some type of manhood, in any definition.

I am not saying that these types of situations are not present within other people, because they are and dark understandings for them. On the same token, I can only say that what is being discussed is the black relationship.

Her relationship is not one I am trying to tear down. Black males do defend their females, but not talking to a female after she got your gametime is not a way to consider a nasty act.

It almost even have been rebuked to animals. For the most part in the animal kingdom, the dominant male is the one who fends for the females he is with, but lack the gist of the relationship between the male and female.

It is the female that teaches you everything that you will need to know about survival; if this scenario sounds familiar to anybody's situation with their children or recognize of their own childhood, don't worry, you're not alone if you were not a part of a black mother's life. Among the white people, I'm sure we have all heard that black males aren't worth anything.

We have heard that why is it that the greatest possession of the earth (only second to a strong black woman) is speeded with.
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**Gamers Use The Sims to test behavior – or just to watch their bosses fry**

Patrick Kampaert

Chicago Tribune

(KRT) — When Jennifer Kersten was passed over for a job after a grueling interview, she went home and played "The Sims." The virtual life of the 35-year-old Web designer from Normal, Ill., showed her that she was capable of more than her interviewers suspected. When that didn't work, she went home and played "The Sims" again.

The Sims and its various expansion packs – Live in Large House Party, Hot Date, Vacation and the new University – have sold more than 5 million copies since its release.

But despite protests that would make a college student blush, Kersten, who makes The Sims such a cultural phenomenon is the psychology and sociology professor at Illinois State who leads a Sims player, says, "You can't just create the characters. You decide on their personality, their jobs, their clothes, their houses. You must feel your Sims, try to make them happy. Make them use the bathroom and the workplace. You give the citizens their jobs and the workplace. Yet the designers programmed a degree of 'free will' into the game so the citizens’ lives are unpredictable — and utterly compelling to millions of people, who find playing The Sims a little bit more than escapism that compensates for their time with watching television and other activities.

So what when The Sims come from? After the success of its 'City' game, Will Wright and his team of developers at SimCITY, which built the game in Oakland, Calif., work on a scaled-down game that would turn the attention to homes instead of the neighborhoods, neighborhoods instead of cities. To make it interesting, they've added a group of "virtual humans" that help their neighbors.

The Sims was born.

Crystal Lake, Ill., resident Kathy Geller uses The Sims as a distraction when she needs to relax. She said "The game is something that helps me relax. I have a child and a job and there's a lot of stress that goes along with that." She said the real-life aspect of the characters makes some of them difficult to use.

In some cases, Sufer said, people fall in love with a certain character because "they want them to do," she said. "You can tell them to do something and they'll change their minds."

But the occasionally finds the social interaction between characters serve a source of frustration. "The relationship is a kind of an annoyance," she said. 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TO MEMBERS OF THE SIUC COMMUNITY,

As a community dedicated to the pursuit of truth and the building of character, it is time to join our voices with those political leaders, ethicists, religious leaders, and people of peace throughout the world who strenuously oppose war against Iraq. It is time to stand up to say

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Economic sanctions against Iraq have already killed over a million people through impure drinking water, disease, and hunger. Most of them are young children and babies with weakened immune systems. The U.S., sad to say, has been the power behind the sanctions. And as if that’s not enough, we are now planning to bomb these hurting people.

In addition to compounding an existing atrocity, a preemptive unilateral attack by the U.S. will likely provoke retaliatory attacks in the Middle East against Israel, as well as terrorist attacks against U.S. citizens at home and throughout the world. A dangerous precedent will be set that other nations such as India and Pakistan may choose to follow. Respect for international law, the authority of the United Nations, and the right of self-determination of sovereign states will all be severely eroded.

We who want a peaceful, just, and safe world can no longer sit by as pretext after pretext is brought forward to attempt to justify a war in which thousands more Iraqis and many Americans will lose their lives. And for what? So that U.S. oil companies can control the flow and the price of oil for years to come? When will the thinking people of this country say what compromised politicians and even some “allies” refuse to say? Are we waiting for a child to step out from the crowd to say, “Look, the Emperor has no clothes!”?

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“No unilateral preemptive attack on Iraq” are words that must now be spoken with conviction, shouted from the rooftops, declared to professional and social groups, taught in schools and colleges, proclaimed from pulpits, and published in the media, even as many others rush to conform.

PLEASE BECOME AN ACTIVE PART OF THIS “NO.”

* Support Teach-Ins about Iraq and our militarized foreign policy.
* Register and vote for men and women with the moral backbone to confront the obscenity of this war.
* Join the Peace Coalition’s weekly vigil for nonviolent solutions, noon to 1, Saturdays, Main & Illinois.
* Write and call your congressman and senators demanding they not support a war resolution.
* Participate in the “Not in Our Name” peace pledge, 5 PM, Oct. 6, Labyrinth Peace Garden.
* Come to a training session in nonviolent civil disobedience, 7 PM, Oct. 7, at the Interfaith Center.
* Participate in the Peace Coalition’s Rally and March, beginning at 12:30 PM, Oct. 26, Town Square Pavilion.

“A military attack on Iraq is obviously criminal; completely inconsistent with urgent needs of the Peoples of the United Nations; unjustifiable on any legal or moral ground; irrational in light of the known facts; out of proportion to other existing threats of war and violence; and a dangerous adventure risking continuing conflict throughout the region and far beyond for years to come.”

Ramsey Clark to the UN, 9-20-2002

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The Daily Horoscope
By Linda C. Black

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Your dreams may still slightly exceed your means, but that's OK. There's work to be done, and you're in demand. These dreams are your motivation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - So many opportunities, so little time! You should finish the stuff you've already promised to take care of before you take on any more, but there's no time for that. Press on.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9 - You're a great listener, as everyone knows. That's why they feel compelled to tell you almost everything. You don't even have to ask.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Keep one of your desires secret, as you continue to develop a strong relationship. This one won't be revealing, actually. It could be quite liberating.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - There is much more than plenty. There is abundance. You can tap into it, too. You probably already know how, but if you don't, look around. It won't take you long to figure it out.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - It's been reluctant to test your own limits, but somebody else is already to do it for you. A professional may be able to sell your ideas better than you can.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) - Today is a 5 - You're in the doghouse, perhaps because you've taken on a tough assignment. Don't be shy. Just do your best. Success is assured.

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Iowa defense bent in upset of Nittany Lions

Hawkeyes bare down in red zone to topple Penn State defense
Ted Brummelkamp
The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

Associated Press poll for the first 42-35 overtime victory over No. 12 Todd Brommelkamp exactly the same thing after Iowa's in to this week's Penn State... thousands of Hawkeye fans from coast to coast were doing Parker's "bend but don't break" defense bent, bowed, and bent again, like a freshly planted sapling caught in the midst of a hurricane, but it never broke. The storm Iowa's defense 11 found itself in the eye of was Hurricane Zick, as in Penn State quarterback Zack Mills. Mills found his bearings in the game's final seven minutes, leading the Nittany Lions on three consecutive lightning-quick scoring drives to erase 35-12 Iowa lead and force overtime. That was about as much bending as the Hawkeyes could do, and after quarterback Brad Banks hit C.J. Jones on third and goal for a 6-yard touchdown strike, it was time for Iowa's suspect defense to stand tall. "Really once they got down there inside the 10-yard line, we called the same defense four times in a row," Parker said of Iowa's final stand. "It was just a red-zone defense." With Penn State stalling at fourth down and four from the Iowa five-yard line and threatening to force a second overtime period, defensive end Jonathan Babineaux broke loose from his defender to apply pressure on Mills. In what seemed like slow motion to the 108,247 fans inside Beaver Stadium, Mills threw a wobbly pass that struck his own center, Joe Iorio, in the helmet before floating harmlessly to the green turf. "I got no idea how he broke his receiver," Parker said. Neither did Babineaux, who recalled his thought process while getting a chance to turn it loose on the pass rush. "Give it all I've got, this is the last play, if we stop them, the game is over." Mills finished the day with 399 rushing yards — the most allowed by Iowa this season — including 202 in the fourth quarter and overtime. But take away his production in the game's final quarter, and one of the Big Ten's most versatile quarterbacks held down right average. Mills was just 7-of-15 for 89 yards at halftime, thanks largely to Iowa's defense shutting down Penn State's running game. The Nittany Lions netted just 54 total rushing yards against the Big Ten's best run defense, making the game one dimensional and allowing the Hawkeyes to focus on Mills and his receivers. "We turned it loose a little bit today," said Iowa's Jared Clauss. "We got a chance to turn it loose on the pass rush." Penn State's offense came to a grinding halt in the process, not scoring until there was 1:25 remaining in the first half. The pressure applied by defensive end Babineaux, Clauss, Collin Cole, and Howard Hodges did wonders for most of the game, accounting for three sacks, two interceptions, and numerous hurries and incompletions. "Those guys up there kept digging, fighting, and clawing," Ferentz said. "Those guys are working hard." Working hard to bend but not break. Five games in to the season, it appears as if Iowa's defense understands the biggest obstacle remaining to overcome is itself. "If we can stop making mistakes on our own, we'll be a tough team to beat," Clauss said.
Abdulquadir pushes to the head of the pack

Todd Merchant Daily Egyptian

In Saturday's 48-45 double overtime loss to Eastern Michigan, SIU junior running back Muhammad Abdulquadir rushed for 193 yards and three touchdowns, and, in the process, jumped into the nation's top 20 in several offensive categories nationally.

Abdulquadir, who was named Division I-AA's national offensive player of the week by The Sports Network, for his performance against the Eagles, leads all Division I football in three different categories.

The transfer from Coffeyville (Kan.) College's running attack the nation in rushing with 187.7 yards per game, and scoring with 17 points per game.

The 5-foot-11, 210-pounder also led with 26.69 rushes per game.

Abdulquadir is also ranked sixth in rushing yards in the nation in all-purpose yards with 291.5 yards per game. His Holy Cross-Arkansas football career has included Abdulquadir's five of six all-purpose yards per game.

Salukis putting up big numbers

Abdulquadir is the main contributor in an SIU offense that is ranked nationally in several offensive categories.

The Salukis have scored No. 2 in Division I-AA in scoring offense with 47.4 points per game, No. 5 in rushing offense with 256.6 yards per game, SIU's 4.6 yards of all-purpose offense per game ranks it 18th in the nation.

SIU is also one of the top return teams in the nation, ranking fifth in kickoff returns with an average of 26.69 yards per return. The Salukis also rank 11th in punt returns with 19.05 yards per return.

Rush hour in the Gateway

SIU is not the only Gateway Football Conference team with a running back putting up big numbers, including Abdulquadir, five of six all-purpose yards per game.

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Michigan's quarterback John Waller (128.25) is fourth in the nation and Youngstown State's Pete Majerczyk (116.50) is sixth. Western Illinois freshman Travis Clinic is ranked 14th with 108.25 yards per game, and Illinois State's John Washington is ranked 18th with 105.25 yards per game.

The four teams hold down the No. 1-4 spots in the Gateway standings.

Efficient passer

SIU redshirt sophomore quarterback Joel Sambursky completed five of six pass attempts for 325.6 yards and two touchdowns against the Salukis.

Sambursky also ranked 11th in the nation in passing offense, with 325.6 yards per game. Youngstown State's PJ. Mays also ranked the 17th in the country, passing offense.

The Salukis will return to play this weekend Oct. 4 through 6 at the Bradley Fall Classic.

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The only points Western has given up in the fourth quarter came on a safety against Northern Illinois.

Western has given up only 12 second-half points all season and 10 field goals to rank first in the conference.

News Briefs

Men's golf places 15th at Eastern Kentucky

The Saluki men's golf team clinched its second win of the season, finished 15th at the 54-hole Eastern Kentucky Colonials Classic in Richmond, Ky., this past weekend.

The tournament was scheduled for three rounds, but was stopped at 36 holes due to inclement weather.

The Salukis led for 18th after 18 holes led the Salukis with a total of 467 (74-74-155) among the Western Kentucky Colonials.

The Salukis return to action Oct. 7 at the Bradley Fall Classic.
A Field of Dreams

SIU student erects wiffleball field in neighbor's backyard, establishes Southern Illinois Wiffleball League

Story by Christopher Morrill
Photos by Amanda Whitlock

T he count was 0-0 as he stood there, gripping the bat so hard that his knuckles turned white. The pitcher looked in, his bat sliding off his eyes from the bright lights overhead. The ball was hit low. The batter swung for the fences but missed. The ball bounced and hit the backstop made out of construction fence.

"You're out," shouted Tim Reiman. The crestfallen player handed the ball to its rectangular and the game continued. This is wiffleball, said in this game, a swing and a miss is an automatic out. Wiffleball is a game that is played by people in the corner, and Reiman is no different. He loves the game so much that he builds a ballpark and even created a league.

A few years ago, Reiman, an SIU baseball player, gave permission from his neighbor to build a wiffle field on his property. It started out as just a couple of bases in the grass, but over the years Reiman kept adding to it. It now has bleachers, a fence, a score board, a concession stand and so much more. "I promise we’ve spent $25,000, said he. "(Saturday), we went there three times. It was probably nine games last week." The lights aren’t the only thing Reiman built for the field. The outfield is made of grass that is grown, and Reiman purchased two tons of dirt to fill in the field. He is looking for a landscape company to cut it by to make it look more like Wrigley Field.

Reiman placed an American flag in dead center field and a hand-painted, manual scoreboard in left. The foul poles are made out of PVC pipe and netting. The field took a lot of work as well. Reiman put in tons of gravel for a winding track and used old trick to keep the grass growing. "In the summer, we showed up from my house onto the field to get the grass by hand," said head groundskeeper Brad Henderson. "That was priceless."

The new batter swung and grounded a slugging performance for the jacks. A fiedler picked up the ball and threw the ball as hard as he could at the runner. It hit him.

Salukis just can’t close the door against Eastern Michigan

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Now the SIU baseball club and the Salukis up in Ypsilanti, Mich. Daily Egyptian

Josh Smith sends a ball flying during the inaugural game of the Southern Illinois Wiffleball League at SIU's temporary home in Ypsilanti, Mich.

"When you go on the road and you come to somebody else's place, it's not going to be easy," said Kill on the post-game radio show. "It's easy to go win the game and we just didn't go win the game. We didn't close the game." With a little more than two minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, Eastern had a fourth-and-10 from its own 12-yard line when quarterback Troy Wills connected on an 11-yard pass to Chris Teal for a crucial first down to keep the Eagles hopes alive.

Kill said that of all the blown opportunities, this is the one that the Salukis will regret the most. "That was the one I'd just stuck in your face, because the game's over if we stop them right there," Kill said. However, on a defensive play, the SIU head coach Jerry Kill said that Kill felt just as crucial when they failed to get a first down on the fourth quarter, which led to Eastern's game-tying drive.

With just 2:43 remaining, Kill was sure SIU would have been able to either stop this drive or get another score to put the game away if they had been able to get the first down and keep the game alive.

"When we didn't get a first down on the 40-yard line, that turned the game," said Kill on his television show. "If we get that, the game's over. They were tired and were just about to give in, and we just did not make the critical play." When it comes to the second half of the season, the SIU leader will not make the critical play.

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