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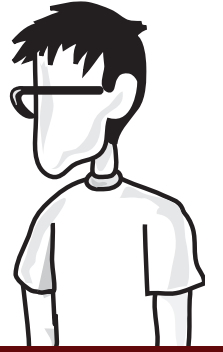
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Local club hopes to help with prom prices



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It's that time of year again — time to pick out a new dress, rent a tux and spend an evening dancing underneath paper maché stars, colored streamers and helium balloons.

For some high school students though, the excitement of prom is matched by anxiety over the expense.

In an effort to help offset some of those costs, the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale is conducting a prom dress drive through April 17.

The club, which has served the Carbondale community for the past four years, seeks to provide youth development programs and activities for children ages 6 to 18.

"There are all kinds of things that go on at the Boys and Girls Club. Our core areas are life skills, sports, fitness and recreation, character and leadership and arts," said Jazzika Matthews, program director for the club.

Matthews said club directors came up with the dress drive idea after

talking with some of their high school members who were planning on skipping prom because of the cost.

"When your parents don't have extra money, especially in these economic times, some girls may opt out of the prom," Matthews said.

Teresa Hubbs, owner of Mr. Tuxedo and Bridal in Carbondale, said prom dresses at her store range from \$180 to \$500 and, unlike tuxedos, are not available to rent.

Although Mr. Tuxedo does offer discounts on dresses, up to 30 percent, the cost remains a burden for some low-income families.

"We hear a lot of the girls talk about that they won't be going to prom because it costs too much. Dresses are the big-ticket item," said Shatara Layton, membership coordinator for the club.

The dresses collected in the drive will be made available to Boys and Girls Club members as well as non-members.

Those interested in contributing to the dress drive can bring dresses to the Boys and Girls Club, located at 250 N. Springer St. in Carbondale. For more information on the drive, or other efforts of the Boys and Girls Club, call 457-8877.

Trustees expected to ask university to limit tuition hike

Original 9.9 percent increase request likely to drop

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The SIU Board of Trustees is expected to ask the university to lower its proposed 9.9 percent tuition increase at today's meeting, following an executive session that lasted nearly four hours Wednesday.

Dave Gross, a university spokesman, said with the university's state appropriations still up in the air, the board will ask both SIU campuses to review and tighten their tuition increase proposals.

Gov. Pat Quinn released a budget proposal this month that would give the university \$236 million from the state, roughly \$2.3 million more than SIU received last year. However, that figure has yet to pass through the Illinois Legislature.

Gross said while Quinn's budget was optimistic for higher education, the board is preparing for the worst while hoping for the best.

"My sense is that the board will likely ask each campus to go back and see if there are additional savings that could be made that would allow the board to reduce that number," Gross said. "That (proposal) is not likely to go forward tomorrow."

SIUC spokesman Rod Sievers said last week he expected administrators to adjust the increase proposal to somewhere near a 4.5 percent hike.

Gross said the board members did not specify an exact number, but discussed deductions near Sievers' estimate.

"I know there was some remodeling done by the Office of the President," Gross said. "They looked at a 4.5 percent (tuition) increase and what it would raise in terms of revenue and applied it to our major expenditures."

A 9.9 percent increase would inflate tuition for incoming freshman to \$7,664 per year. A 4.5 percent increase would drop that number to \$7,288 per year.

State law requires a student's tuition be locked for four years, meaning only incoming freshmen will pay the raised rate.

USG adds more steps for groups to request funding

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Undergraduate Student Government will add another step to the process of Registered Student Organizations receiving student fee money.

If Student Development administrators approve a bill USG passed Wednesday, at least one member of each RSO interested in receiving funds from USG will have to attend a seminar to explain the needed paperwork and process of requesting money from USG.

USG Senator Priciliano Fabian proposed the bill at Wednesday's meeting and said it would clean up the process of funding for RSO's.



USG Vice President Vincent Hardy listens as USG Chief of Staff Steven Turner speaks during the USG meeting Wednesday at the Student Health Center.

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Tuition has increased every year since 1995, and has increased for first-year students every year since 2004, according to university records. Last year, incoming freshmen faced a 9.9 percent spike. The year before, incoming students faced a 9.3 percent increase.

If the board does settle on a 4.5 percent increase, it would be the lowest tuition increase since the 2001-02 academic year, when rates rose 3 percent.

The board will also consider a hike in 13 student fees, including

establishing a new student green fee that would help the university become more efficient with energy and resources.

Under the proposals, students would pay \$3,120 per semester, nearly triple the amount a student paid in 2000.

Among highest fee raises are the extended and primary medical fees, which could jump \$41 and \$30, respectively.

The extended and primary medical fees fund a comprehensive Student Health Program that includes emergency service and hospitalization; specialty, primary and emergency dental care; and prevention programs.

The board also heard a presentation from legal counsel Jerry Blakemore on a new university policy on conflict of interest concerning board members.

The presentation comes on the heels of rising speculation that three board members — chairman Roger Tedrick, secretary John Simmons and newly appointed member Bill Bonan II — may have been involved in pay-to-play transactions with former Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Gross said the policy is not directly connected with the accusations, but is an opportunity for the university to enact a strong, progressive policy on ethics.

USG

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"We have gotten all sorts of paperwork misplaced and not finished, so we haven't been able to give their request for funding," Fabian said. "It will just be able to help them out in order to get all the paperwork they need and not have to come again for another finance committee meeting."

Fabian said the seminars would begin in the fall, but the first one would not be mandatory because they want to make sure every RSO is aware of the new policy.

USG Vice President Vincent Hardy said the new process would help educate RSO's of what they can and cannot request.

"In the past, the only way they would be able to get that information was to go and make a mistake and be corrected," Hardy said. "This way, it's kind of making them come to get this information."

Hardy said he believes some RSO's won't be happy about being forced to attend the seminar, but it would make the process go faster.

"A lot of organizations will probably look at this as just another headache," Hardy said. "But, in the end, I think it will help."

USG Chief of Staff Steven Turner said this should be just the first step in making the process easier.

"I think there needs to be other changes to the funding request," Turner said. "We will clarify the process from both ends."

Fabian said if RSOs don't attend the seminar, then they would not be able to request funding until they attended the following seminar in the spring.

Fabian said they decided to make the fall 2009 seminar optional because many students leave Carbondale in summer and some RSO members might not be able to be reached.

"After that one it will be mandatory to show up for the funding seminar," Fabian said. "We hope to pass out flyers, go down to the (Student Center) and inform people and we will e-mail each RSO that they need to attend this funding seminar to request funding."

Fabian said he did not know who would head the seminar, but it could be the USG chief of staff, the finance chair or the president.

Calendar

Brown Bag Scholarship Series

- Noon- 1 p.m. today at Wham Education Building, room 219
- Presentation of research findings about democratic education and the challenge of globalization
- Free admission

Premedical Minority Enrichment Development Meeting

- 6-7 p.m. today at the Student Center, Iroquois room
- Will discuss the future of the organization as well as ideas for Relay for Life event

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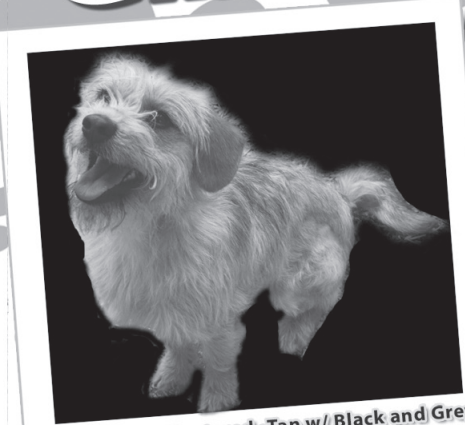
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Aspiring City Council candidate focuses on environment, the Strip

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Editor's note: This is the sixth story in a seven-part series profiling the seven candidates for Carbondale City Council. The candidates are vying for three seats, which will be up for election April 7.

City Council candidate Pawel Sawicki said he wants to see his hometown flourish under a better recycling program and a revitalization of the Strip.

Sawicki, a sophomore from Carbondale studying natural resources and conservation at John A. Logan College, said Carbondale needs a better recycling system for individuals and recycling incentives for businesses.

"There's a lot of waste in Carbondale," Sawicki said. "A lot of managers are saying it's just not cost efficient for both time and money."

The same is true for individuals, he said. Residents pay a flat fee of \$8 for their trash service and an additional \$1.50 for recycling, he said.

"That to me is backward logic," he said. "You're doing a good thing, taking the extra time to sort things out and you're getting charged for it. A lot of communities are doing the pay-as-you-throw system."

He cited Fort Worth, Texas, which uses the pay-as-you-throw system, charging residents for the amount of garbage they send to the landfill. As a result, the city saw a four-fold increase in its recycling and went from losing \$60,000 a year to making more than \$1 million in recyclables, he said.

"I understand Fort Worth is a lot larger than Carbondale, but those numbers still don't lie," Sawicki said. "It makes us less dependent on foreign oil. It's the start of a huge chain. Everything's linked."

Martin McCollum, Sawicki's manager at Dick's Sporting Goods, praised Sawicki for his in-depth knowledge about the impor-

ance of recycling.

"He's not just preaching it — he knows it," McCollum said. "For as young as he is, he's very mature, very responsible and probably one of the most intelligent kids I know."

Jane Bryant, associate professor of political science at John A. Logan College, taught Sawicki in a model Illinois government class. For the class, Sawicki wrote his own piece of green legislation, which Bryant and judges said would be ready to submit to state Legislature.

"He certainly brings a passion for environmental issues," Bryant said.

Bryant said Pawel, 20, would bring a fresh voice to city government.

"Students often check out of politics because they don't think anybody is listening to them," Bryant said. "I don't think Pawel would focus only on young people, but he certainly would be somebody they could go to."

Sawicki said he wants to revamp the Strip, making it an area that is attractive during the day, as well as when the bars open.

"It's just not a safe place for the community," Sawicki said. "The sidewalks are cracked. The streetlights are really high. There are power lines everywhere. It's just not attractive."

He said he feels tied to friends and family who have owned small businesses in the community and would like to take a proactive approach toward improving the local economy.

"My interests are vested in this community," Sawicki said. "No matter what happens, I'll always look at Carbondale as my hometown."

Sawicki puts in extra work, creating charts and graphs to better serve people and would not be overwhelmed as a councilman, McCollum said.

"He just goes way above and beyond all the time," McCollum said. "(The council) is not something he's going to take lightly."



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Carbondale City Council candidate Pawel Sawicki finishes riding at a mountain bike trail outside of Carbondale Monday. Sawicki is running for one of three City Council seats up for election on April 7.

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Other countries need to do more to spur economic growth, Obama says

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LONDON — President Obama heads into a global economic summit on Thursday warning that the world can no longer depend on the United States to be the consumer-driven engine of economic growth and that other nations will have to step up and do more.

"The world has become accustomed to the United States being a voracious consumer market and the engine that drives a lot of economic growth worldwide," he said Wednesday. He cautioned that the United States eventually will have to scale back its appetite for the world's goods to pay the bills for all the stimulus spending it's doing.

"If there's going to be renewed growth, it can't just be the United States as the engine," he said. "Everybody is going to have to pick up the pace."

Outside, in the streets of London, violent protests erupted as thousands vented their anger over lost jobs and what they decried as the excesses of capitalism.

The global leaders gathered here, however, focused on how to go forward. One key debate heading into the summit's main working session Thursday was over how much more each government should spend to stimulate its own economy.

The United States, the United Kingdom and China favor huge government stimulus programs, while France and Germany emphasize tough new regulations.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor

Angela Merkel arrived in London Wednesday, vigorously pushing for more regulation.

"We do not want results that have no impact in practice," Merkel said at a London news conference with Sarkozy. "We want the kind of results that are really an outcome and change the world."

Sarkozy repeated his demand for the creation of a new international financial regulator. Both also called for increased registration and transparency of hedge funds, as well as a list of tax havens.

"I have confidence in Mr. Obama; I'm sure he will help us," Sarkozy said. He added, however, "It's today and tomorrow — after tomorrow, it's too late."

Obama said the United States, Britain, France and Germany were all in broad agreement on the need to stimulate their economies and better regulate financial systems. The differences between countries, he argued,

is "just arguing at the margins."

He also blamed the news media for hyping dissent to make a better story.

"I know that when you've got a bunch of heads of state talking, it's not visually that interesting," he said. "The communiques are written in sort of dry language, and so there's a great desire to inject some conflict and some drama into the occasion."

Yet the assertive language used by Sarkozy and Merkel — German reporters traveling with the German chancellor said they were surprised by the aggressive tone of the joint news conference — suggested the leaders had serious concerns about the sum-



JULIE SELL | McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

A protester sits next to a placard during a rally in central London's financial district Wednesday. Some 4,000 anarchists, anti-capitalists, environmentalists and others clogged the streets of London's financial district ahead of the G20 leaders' summit in London.

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— President Obama

mit.

Mindful that many countries attending the summit blame the financial centers of New York and London for the mess, Obama conceded the United States share of responsibility.

"If you look at the sources of this crisis, the United States certainly has some accounting to do with respect to a regulatory system that was inadequate to the massive changes that had taken place in the global financial system," he said.

"What is also true is that here in Great Britain, in continental Europe,

around the world — we were seeing the same mismatch between the regulatory regimes that were in place and the highly integrated global capital markets that had emerged."

He added, "I'm less interested in identifying blame than fixing the problem."

Outside, in the streets, an estimated 4,000 demonstrators virtually emptied a swath of The City — London's financial district — on Wednesday, and by late afternoon a mob attacked a branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland, a British bank that was nationalized

with taxpayer funds late last year.

Riot police were called in after demonstrators, many wearing black bandanas to cover their faces, broke windows of the branch, which was closed ahead of the march, and entered it.

Protesters also climbed onto the roof of the Bank of England, Britain's central bank. By mid-afternoon, police had arrested at least 23 people, the BBC reported. Separately, Scotland Yard reported arresting 11 people on suspicion of possessing police uniforms after they were found traveling in a renovated armored personnel carrier.

IRAN

Reports dismissed about talks between U. S. and Iran envoys

TEHRAN (AP) — Iran dismissed American government reports that senior United States and Iran envoys had a cordial — and promising — face-to-face exchange at an international conference, saying Wednesday that no "talks" took place.

The competing accounts of Tuesday's encounter in the Netherlands appeared to reflect the different approaches to overtures to end the United States' and Iran's nearly 30-year diplomat standoff.

Washington has seemed eager to build on President Obama's surprise video message last month to seek engagement with Iran's ruling clerics.

UNITED STATES

Senate votes to aid Pakistan, protect U.S.-Mexico border

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted Wednesday to boost aid to Pakistan and increase funds for security along the U.S.-Mexico border, but rejected a Republican attempt to freeze spending on domestic programs.

As lawmakers continued work on a \$3.5 trillion budget blueprint for the upcoming fiscal year, the Senate was poised to vote on whether to move quickly on President Obama's controversial "cap-and-trade" plan to combat global warming. The so-called fast-track procedure would allow Democrats to move the measure through the Senate without Republican votes.

TEXAS

Nine patients accounted for nearly 2,700 ER visits to hospitals

AUSTIN (AP) — Just nine people accounted for nearly 2,700 of the emergency room visits in the Austin area during the past six years at a cost of \$3 million to taxpayers and others, according to a report.

The patients went to hospital emergency rooms 2,678 times from 2003 through 2008, said the report from the nonprofit Integrated Care Collaboration, a group of health care providers who care for low-income and uninsured patients.

Eight of the patients have drug abuse problems, seven were diagnosed with mental health issues and three were homeless.

TEXAS

Officer who prevented Moats from seeing dying relative resigns

DALLAS (AP) — The police officer who pulled out his gun and threatened an NFL player with jail instead of allowing him inside a hospital where his mother-in-law was dying resigned Wednesday.

Officer Robert Powell had been placed on paid leave pending an investigation of the March 18 incident.

"I made this decision in the hope that my resignation will allow the Dallas Police Department, my fellow officers and the citizens of Dallas to better reflect on this experience, learn from the mistakes made, and move forward," Powell said in a statement issued through his attorneys.

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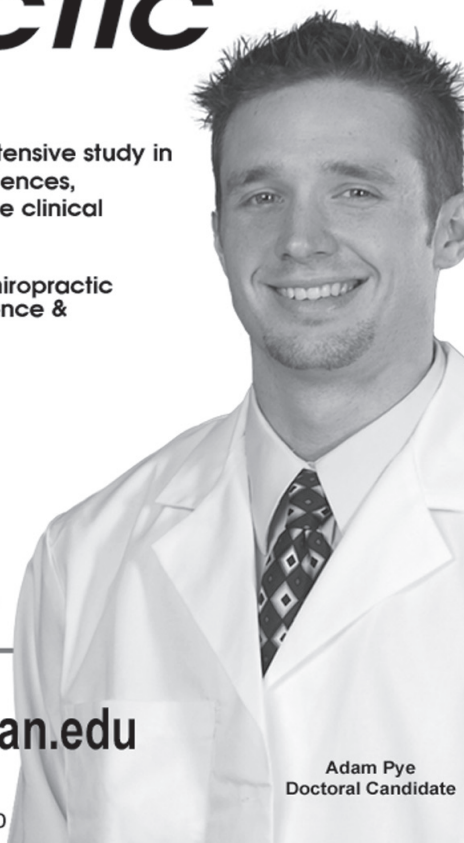
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Meet the candidates for Carbondale Park District board

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Three candidates vying for two positions on the City's Park District board of directors include two incumbents and an SIUC student challenging them for a seat.

Two of the five board seats are up for election April 7. The incumbents, Harvey Welch Jr. and Carl Flowers, are running against Peter Lucas, an SIUC student.

Park district board members serve four-year terms in which they decide how to spend the organization's money and what services to provide the community.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN asked each candidate why voters should darken the oval next to his name.



Carl Flowers

Carl Flowers is a 20-year associate professor of rehabilitation. He is defending his seat on the park board, where he serves as vice president.

Originally from St. Louis, Flowers said he graduated SIUC with a degree in journalism in 1975 and worked at the DAILY EGYPTIAN. He ran an unsuccessful bid for City Council in 1990 but was elected to the park district eight years later.

If re-elected, Flowers said he hopes to help manage the park district through hard economic times while still keeping the hope of building a public pool alive. He said the board should enter into partnerships and seek additional grants to keep revenue streams coming into the park district.

He said he feels fortunate that the park district has a stable board of directors.

Flowers said he is cognizant of the issues students face because he works for the university and can apply that knowledge as a park board commissioner. He said students should know he is available for them to make suggestions or express frustrations with the park district.

"There is no Carbondale community without the students," Flowers said.



Peter Lucas

Peter Lucas is a 31-year-old junior from Lake Zurich studying English and creative writing. He said he is interested in running for the park district board because he owns a home in Carbondale and is engaged to a woman with two small children.

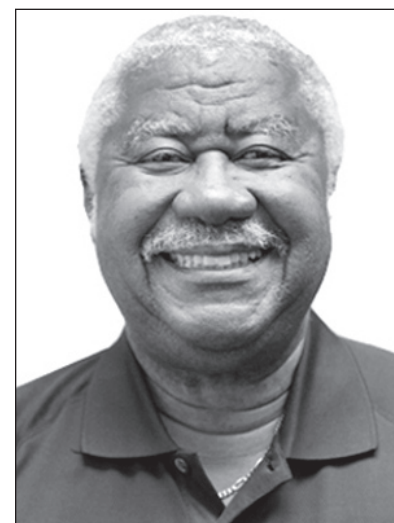
Lucas said he was a journalist in Waukegan and covered the local government for the Lake County News-Sun newspaper. He moved to New Orleans in 2001 where he freelanced for the Times-Picayune until that newspaper's advertising revenue forced him to find another career, he said.

Lucas said he is interested in getting involved with the local government and thought the park district would be a good way to start.

"It's not a small job. It's just as important as any city position," he said.

If elected, Lucas said he would push the board to consider the proposed public pool building project and also to construct a dog park. He said he is also an advocate for additional green space.

As the candidate challenging two incumbents, Lucas said he hopes to win this election because it is a time to bring in fresh faces to the board.



Harvey Welch Jr.

Harvey Welch Jr. is running for his third term on the board. A retired U.S. Air Force colonel and former dean of student life at the university, Welch serves as the park board's president.

Welch said he has lived in Carbondale for most of his life and got involved with the park district because he believed he could provide the community a service. If re-elected, Welch said he plans to encourage the district to communicate with city and university officials and tackle some fiscal issues parks may be facing.

If voters decided to vote him out, Welch said he would not be insulted and would find other ways to serve the community.

"In a college environment, things are always happening and people ask you if you would get involved," he said.

Welch said he is also involved with the Carbondale Boys and Girls Club, a variety of social services boards and is chairman of the city's board for fire and police commissioners.

An avid golfer, Welch and his wife sponsor a golf tournament and endow a scholarship for students who get involved in their community.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Bob Vistinar,
General Motors employee, on the company’s efforts to reconcile its restructuring with union contracts.

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OUR WORD

Student pockets don’t run deep

When it comes to fees, moderation is necessary. The DAILY EGYPTIAN thinks the fees that will come before the Board of Trustees today are, for the most part, reasonable.

Tuition increases will also be proposed, and we understand why those fees must go up. We still don’t enjoy it.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN votes:

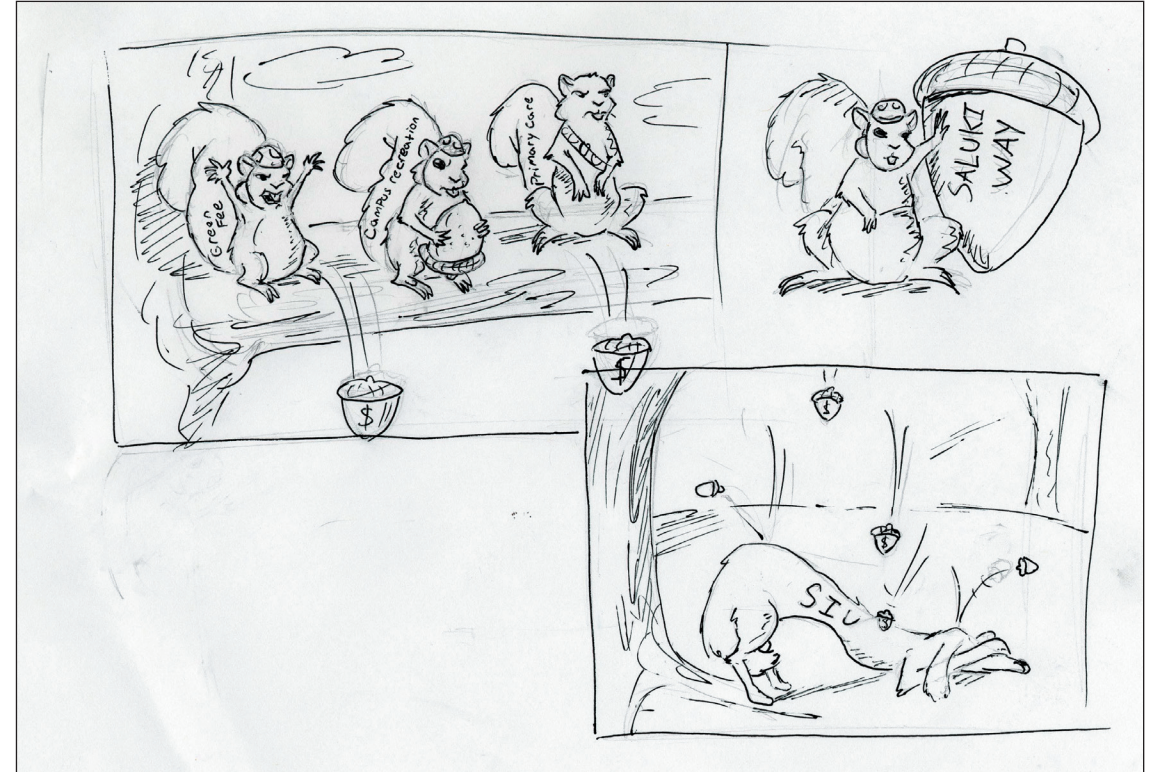
Yes to the **green fee**. The new fee, which will be \$10, if spent right, will save the university in the long run. Sounds like a good plan.

Yes to the \$1.69 increase in the **campus recreation fee**. The \$8.29 fee would hopefully help relocate the fields being destroyed by Saluki Way. The DAILY EGYPTIAN advocates more playing fields for all.

Yes to the **facilities maintenance fee** increase of \$6. Paying \$198 a semester to chip away at the \$400 billion deferred maintenance bill? Worth it.

No to the increase of \$13 for **intercollegiate athletics**. This fee measures in at a whopping \$288 — the largest fee. The DAILY EGYPTIAN does not want to pay any more for Saluki Way. If you want more student money, hire some more counselors. Fix a roof.

Yes to the **mass transit fee** increase of \$1. This will bring the fee to \$48, and if an extra dollar can help keep those bus routes



JAY ROLLINS | DAILY EGYPTIAN

running, it’s worth it.

Yes for the \$1 increase in the **student attorney fee**. It’s small fee — only \$6 after the increase — and an invaluable, if rarely used, resource.

Yes for the \$11 increase in the **Student Center fee**. While this fee is a little larger — coming in at \$130 with the increase — everyone uses the Student Center, and the center has been making changes to increase sustainability.

Yes to the \$30 increase in the **primary care fee**. This \$211 fee,

including the increase, keeps the health center open and affordable for all students.

Yes to the \$41 increase in the **extended care fee**. The fee, which will be \$284, is some of the most affordable insurance out there, although it seems as though the increase could be smaller.

Yes to the \$6.73 increase for the **Recreation Center fee**. The fee would increase to \$126.73, which is worth it to keep the Recreation Center open and functioning.

No to the \$20 increase on the **student services building fee**. Students should not have to pay \$80 for a building that most of them will never see as a student here. One fee that helps pay for Saluki Way is enough — the university shouldn’t try to get more student money for the project by calling the fee something different than what it is.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN also would like more information about the **student-to-student fee**. The refundable \$3 fee mystifies us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is affirmative action necessary?

DEAR EDITOR:

I respectfully disagree with the basic premise of Jana Hughes’ March 26 article on affirmative action. In it she states, “To say that affirmative action is not necessary is to say that racism and sexism do not exist.”

I don’t for a moment claim that such prejudice doesn’t exist. Anyone can examine their life and find at least one situation where they were denied because of something that shouldn’t apply: race, gender, religion or nationality. Despite that, I strongly disagree with affirmative action policies. Deciding anyone’s eligibility for a position based on their race, gender or another pointless standard leads only to tension and prejudice. It doesn’t matter if these prejudices are white males such as me keeping “other races” down, or someone else putting the “white man back in his place” as I recently overheard it stated.

I have often been told it is naïve, but I personally see a colorblind society as a more valuable goal. I don’t for a moment think it can be achieved perfectly. On the same hand, I don’t ever foresee a society without murder. The fact that a criminal act is likely to occur

doesn’t mean we should embrace it. To that end I wholeheartedly support the punishment of anyone in a position of authority who abuses it to further a prejudice agenda. I simply feel that any agenda based on race or gender is probably prejudice.

An important point to remember is that for every individual given a position based on an affirmative action policy, there is someone who was denied the position based purely on race, gender or some similar “qualification.” If the individual who wins the position was as qualified for the position, then he or she should have gotten it without the aid of affirmative action policies.

So while I agree that enlarging our world view is always a good thing, I believe that saying someone deserves a position based on the color of their skin is simply racism, albeit in a less offensive tone than we often notice. In my limited opinion, the only laws and policies that should recognize race are ones that outlaw its use as a standard. Never ones that themselves use it as a basis for judgment.

Kieran Brown

senior studying computer science

The news cocktail and society

DEAR EDITOR:

I was reading an article in Advocate last night by Julie Bolcer about a radio journalist stabbed as many as 50 times by a 16-year-old boy.

ABC News radio Journalist George Weber, 47, was stabbed to death and found dead in his apartment on March 22. John Katehis, 16, of East Elmhurst of Queens, New York, confessed on March 25 to the murder of Weber. In the article it said Mr. Katehis answered a Craigslist ad, in which Mr. Weber sought a sexual partner. They met at Mr. Weber’s house and the Advocate said the mixture of “vodka and cocaine fueled tryst turned violent.”

After researching for more information about the story I noticed the headlines from the Advocate read “Teen confesses to murder of gay journalist” and the New York Post headline read “Radio man’s sex date with devil” all in big bold letters. If you take these two headlines and think about the reasons they titled their articles this way, it is to play on stereotypes.

Fox News’ headline read, “Teen confesses to killing radio newsman” — notice the lack of specifics on sexual orientations or

devil-worshiper implications.

Many news outlets would have these factors in their story: the gay man meets the Satanist, who is underage and mixing vodka and cocaine that produced violence, and now this damn gay and Satanist are causing all this trouble. What a story.

Is anyone just plain tired of the media playing on stereotypes? Is it really necessary to mention Mr. Weber’s sexual orientation? If it were just two straight people, would this story matter as much? Having the devil in one headline and the gay journalist in the other is pretty much making a claim at something.

I might be cynical or completely blowing this issue out of proportion, but is this story really life changing? What about stories about Obama ordering additional 4,000 troops to Afghanistan, or genocide in Sudan? Or is the media trying to preach a message to us about the GBLT community and those nasty devil worshipers?

Johnny Dean Jr.

Junior studying radio and television audio production

Community college partners with SIUC aviation



SUBMITTED BY JOHN COTTER

Shawnee waits for approval to build center at Cairo airport

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A new facility that would house a program between the university and Shawnee Community College awaits approval by the SIU Board of Trustees and could boost enrollment figures for both schools, administrators say.

John Cotter, interim director of aviation technologies at SIUC, said \$4.5 billion would be used to build a facility that would add a new hangar, classrooms and labs to the Cairo Airport.

Cotter said the idea was hatched a year and a half ago when Larry Peterson, president of SCC, and his staff came to view SIUC's Aviation Technologies program.

SIUC students and SCC students would use the proposed extension center for aviation coursework. Peterson said the program would be a two-plus-two program, meaning a student would take two years of classes at Shawnee and continue on to earn a bachelor's degree at SIUC.

"We feel like we have one partner, and that is Southern Illinois University Carbondale," Peterson said.

Cotter said the administrators hope to launch in the fall or spring semester, with dual enrollment for both schools.

Peterson said Shawnee would provide general education for the first two years and SIUC would provide beginning aviation courses. He said students would come to SIUC to complete their degrees. Cotter said this is a new degree program, associate of science in aviation science, offered by SCC.

David NewMyer, department chairman for aviation management and flight at SIUC, said the initial collaborative agreement would benefit to the aviation technologies program at the university, and later expand into aviation management.

NewMyer said the associate degrees offered at Shawnee would be aviation technologies, a more hands-on degree, and aviation management, a more business-oriented degree. He said either one

would transfer and be applicable to aviation technologies or aviation management degrees at the university.

"The idea would be to give students in the Shawnee College district a leg up initially because they are going to be enrolling in a program at Shawnee and (SIUC staff members are) going to help teach some of the classes," NewMyer said.

He said classes students of take SCC would give them credit both there and at SIUC. University spokesman Rod Sievers said this is a great opportunity for both colleges.

Sievers said he hoped for similar programs in the future because of the benefits it serves to the students.

"It's a win-win for all involved," Sievers said.

Peterson said the hope is to attract business to the Cairo Airport. He said he hoped companies that paint the planes, replace interior and work on engines would bring their work to the Cairo Airport.

"We consider ourselves very fortunate to have SIU as our partner," Peterson said.

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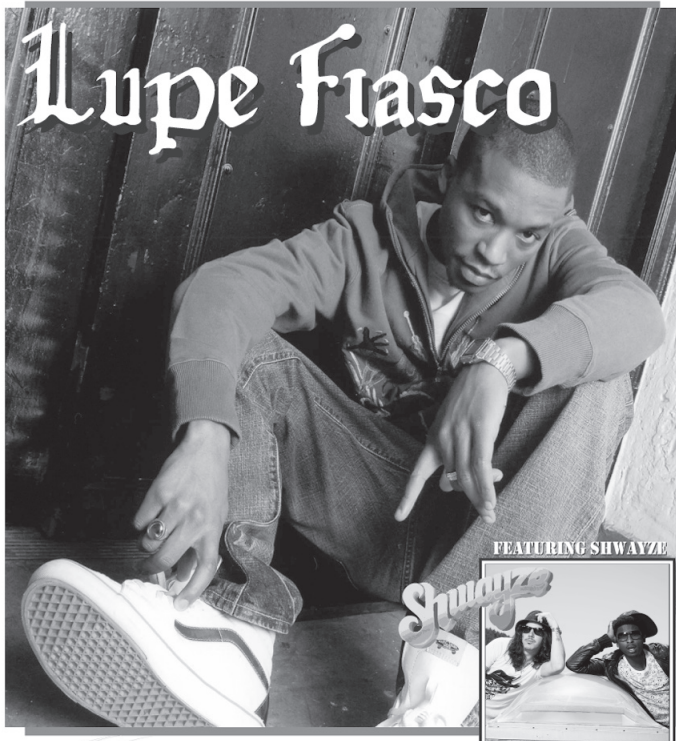
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- 504 S. Ash #1,2,3
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- 502 S. Beveridge #2
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- 120 S. Forest
- 303 S. Forest
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- 507 W. Oak
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- 1710 W Sycamore
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- 504 W. Walnut
- 820 W. Walnut #2
- 1004 W. Walkup
- 400 S. Washington A,C
- 402 S. Washington *
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- 406 W. Willow
- 804 W. Willow

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- 609 N. Allyn
- 410 S. Ash
- 504 S. Ash #2, 3
- 508 S. Ash #1
- 514 S. Ash #1,3
- 405 S. Beveridge
- 407 S. Beveridge
- 501 S. Beveridge
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- 509 S. Beveridge #5
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- 515 S. Beveridge #1-5
- 918 N Bridge *
- 510 N. Carico
- 405 W. Cherry
- 501 W. Cherry
- 405 W. Cherry Court
- 406 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Cherry Court
- 406 W. Chestnut
- 408 W. Chestnut

- 303 W. College
- 1201 W. College
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- 303 W. College
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- 400 W. College #1,2,3-5
- 407 W. College #2,4,5
- 409 W. College #1-5
- 501 W. College #1-3
- 503 W. College #1
- 507 W. College #2
- 509 W. College #2
- 710 W. College
- 807 W. College
- 301 Crestview *
- 506 S. Dixon
- 115 S. Forest
- 120 S. Forest
- 303 S. Forest
- 603 S. Forest
- 706 S. Forest
- 716 S. Forest
- 605 W. Freeman #1
- 507 S. Hays #1
- 509 S. Hays
- 511 S. Hays
- 208 W. Hospital #2
- 212 W Hospital *
- 903 W. Linden
- 610 S. Logan
- 614 S. Logan
- 407 E. Mill
- 409 E. Mill
- 411 E. Mill
- 400 W. Oak #1,2
- 402 W. Oak #E
- 501 W. Oak
- 505 N. Oakland
- 511 N. Oakland
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- 506 S. Poplar #4
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- 509 S. Rawlings #6
- 519 S. Rawlings #2, 4, 5
- 1710 W. Sycamore
- 402 W. Walnut
- 504 W. Walnut
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- 168 Watertower Drive
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Four Bedroom

- 609 N. Allyn
- 410 S. Ash
- 504 S. Ash #3
- 405 S. Beveridge
- 501 S. Beveridge
- 502 S. Beveridge #1
- 503 S. Beveridge
- 918 N Bridge *
- 405 W. Cherry
- 501 W. Cherry
- 606 W. Cherry

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- 603 S. Forest
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- 509 S. Hays
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- 210 W. Hospital
- 212 W Hospital *
- 610 S. Logan
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Trefan Owen, a graduate student from Bloomington in theory composition, performs a Music for Electric Guitar and Boomerang Phrase Sampler piece Wednesday at the Old Baptist Foundation. Owen and six other musicians performed as part of the Outside the Box music festival that goes until April 11.

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The School of Music looked outside the country to give the university community a chance to listen to music Outside the Box.

The school is presenting the third annual Outside the Box New Music Festival today through April 11th. The festival features more than two dozen performances, workshops and guest artists from around the country.

Kathleen Ginther, the organizer of the festival and a faculty member at the School of Music, said the festival

is a wonderful opportunity for students and faculty to hear a variety of music both from the School of Music and other places.

"It's great for our students to hear what's going on, because it does tend to get a little isolated down here," Ginther said. "Bringing the world here is very exciting for them and also for the community, because they don't have access to what's happening in the world of contemporary music."

The special guest artists include Bernard Rands, a 1984 Pulitzer Prize recipient and author of more than 100 pieces of music, and Olly Wilson, a composer and a former

SIUC faculty member. The artists will be playing new pieces as part of the festival's spotlight performances.

Ginther said one of the reasons she brought the two guest artists was to give students a more refined look at contemporary music.

"We're building their skill level, in terms of contemporary music, by who we bring in," Ginther said. "We wanted someone who can work with the kids and who the kids wouldn't be intimidated by."

Margaret Quigg, a freshman from Mt. Vernon in the School of Music, said she is excited to hear both Rands and Wilson, because she is unfamiliar with their work and

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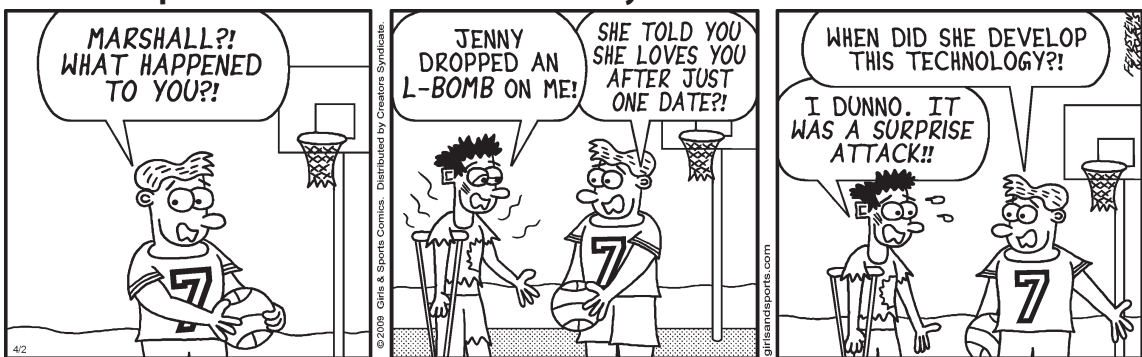
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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You are sorely tempted to hide out and discuss the future with a person you'd like to accompany you. That's good, but not during working hours. Stay up all night, if you must.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — There are changes to be made, but don't be a fool about it. Make sure you end up with something better instead of something worse. Run every proposal out to its logical conclusion.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Take the time to rest and you'll find your attitude improves a lot. You don't do well with sleep deprivation. Keep a notepad nearby; you're apt to have a magnificent idea.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Be forceful and assertive. Tell others what you can do that will make their lives easier. You take good care of them and they'll take good care of you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You can get around an obstacle quite easily. You're very talented at avoiding confrontation. So slip out and visit a distant friend while a hothead goes on a rant.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Clean up old odds and ends. You'll find something of value. Hide it away in another safe place. You're worth more than you thought you were. It's a wonderful feeling.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Verbal interactions won't be as effective now. Don't bother to explain; people are too busy to listen. Show people what you want, leaving no room for doubt.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — A brilliant, yet unorthodox idea helps you achieve abundance. This doesn't refer just to money in the bank. Also, add to the non-perishable provisions in your pantry.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — You've got a special talent for making it through tough times. You see opportunities everywhere. Gather your pennies together and go shopping for bargains.

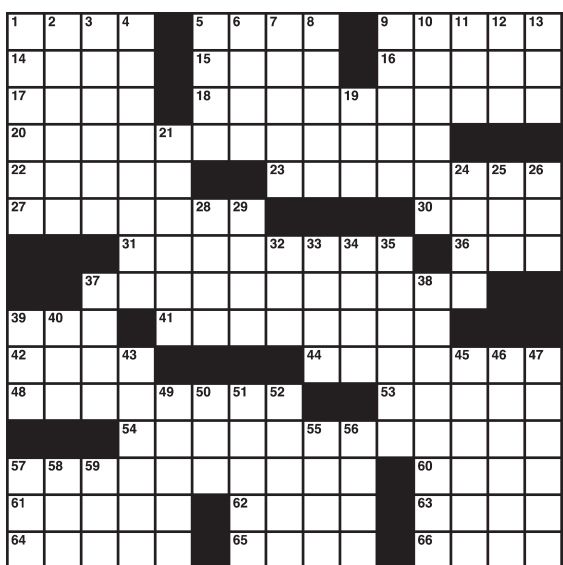
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You're not the world's best bargain hunter, but you can learn. Take advantage of a fabulous sale on fixer-uppers. You can make a fortune, theoretically. But you'll really have to do the work.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — You're very lucky. You feel like you have enough, and you're about to get even more. Hold onto your money for now. This appears to be a freebie, in other words, a gift.

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- Across**
1 Mark Cuban's NBA team
5 Some 35mm cameras
9 Volkswagen since 1979
14 Oscar-winning director Kazan
15 Amanda of "The Whole Ten Yards"
16 In combat
17 Sack dress creator
18 Pauly
20 Pauley
22 Words before ghost
23 Any Beatle, e.g.
27 Columbia River city
30 Cuba libre ingredient
31 Long odds
36 Closing letter at Oxford?
37 "Paulie"
39 Friend of Fidel
41 Academic term
42 Mus. key with three sharps
44 Wisconsin birthplace of Orson Welles
48 Deli hangings
53 Printing gizmo



- 54 Polly
57 Poly
60 Prefix with -syncratic
61 Señor's "See ya!"
62 Vague quality
63 Turn bad
64 Philippines' highest peak: Abbr.
65 Knock off
- 66 "Skip ___ Lou": kids' song
- Down**
1 Snaky-haired monster
2 Arlo's favorite restaurant
3 Part of Roy G. Biv
4 City south of Tampa
5 Humane org.
6 Pope after Benedict IV
7 Make a payment
8 Token taker
9 "Juno" director Reitman
10 Kind of food or group
11 Company, so they say
12 Paving material
13 "___ you nuts?"
19 Co. in Paris
21 Kitchen gadgets

Wednesday's solutions

ELAN S E S S SHADY
LAMA PUC E A ANDE
ARPS ARID CRASS
PIECES OF APRIL
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25 Like the Opry?
26 Youth
28 Memo words
29 Tiny power source
32 Suffix with Capri
33 Trans-Siberian Railroad city
34 Staff member?
35 Allowing for the possibility that
37 Ring loudly
38 Absolute control, metaphorically
39 Subway alternative
40 Gp. with a co-pay
43 Build a lengthy résumé?
45 Scram
46 Second lightest element
47 Weapons source
49 Tempera painting surface
50 AEC successor
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Wednesday's solutions

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9	5	1	3	7	6	2	8	4
7	9	6	4	5	3	1	2	8
3	8	5	6	1	2	4	9	7
4	1	2	9	8	7	3	5	6
5	7	4	2	3	1	8	6	9
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Salukis put down Thoroughbreds

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The SIU baseball team had the pleasure of winning its latest game in the same fashion it was beat twice Saturday — by letting the other team dig its own grave.

The Salukis beat the Thoroughbreds 9-1 Wednesday in Paducah, Ky., scoring the go-ahead run in the top of the 10th inning on a balk by Murray State pitcher Alex Love. SIU junior designated hitter Wade Dutton, who reached on a walk, scored from third base on the play.

Love balked in another run as SIU scored eight runs — seven unearned — in the extra frame.

SIU (12-16) received a terrific performance from its bullpen, getting three strikeouts over two innings from senior David Kington before sophomore Daniel Etienne — who was credited with the win — escaped a one-out, bases loaded jam in the bottom of the ninth with the score tied.

Junior pitcher Bryant George closed the game for the Salukis in a non-save situation.

SIU junior Jimmy Cornell, who started on the mound for the Salukis, pitched through six innings and departed with the game tied 1-1. He allowed one run on four hits and two walks and struck out five in the no-decision.

He also struck out the last batter he faced with a curveball on a 3-2 count.

SIU redshirt freshman John Brennan started in senior second baseman Scott Elmendorf's stead and went 1-for-3 at the plate in his first start for the Salukis.

He also scored on sophomore center fielder Chris Murphy's double in the bottom of the third, which knotted the score at 1-1. The game also featured a 5-4-3-2-5



JAMES McDONOUGH | DAILY EGYPTIAN
Saluki infielder Chris Serritella runs from second to third base during SIU's game against North Dakota March 15 in Carbondale. The Salukis defeated Murray State 9-1 Wednesday in Paducah, Ky.

double play from the Salukis.

In the bottom of the third, Murray State (18-10) had runners on first and second with one out. A ground ball to SIU junior third baseman Tony Lepore followed, and he hesitated before throwing to second because the runner going to third, Elliot Frey, was in his way. Lepore threw out the runner at second, but Brennan could not get the ball to first in time to turn the double play.

Yet Frey was caught straying off third base, apparently thinking the

inning was over, and the Salukis' freshman first baseman Chris Serritella threw home to senior catcher Mark Kelly, who threw the ball to Lepore who tagged Frey out to end the inning.

To end the fifth inning, Lepore, Brennan and Serritella teamed up for the more conventional 5-4-3 double play.

The SIU baseball team could not be reached by phone for comment because of the late ending to the game.

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Saluki Insider

The participants in last season's World Series, the Tampa Bay Rays and the Philadelphia Phillies, were also the AL and NL East champs, respectively. With the revamped Yankees and Mets as threats and the Red Sox always strong, do the Rays or Phillies have a shot at repeating?



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By virtue of their respective offseason spending sprees, I now present you the AL and NL East, sponsored by the Yankees and Mets. The Yanks threw blank checks at Mark Teixeira and A.J. Burnett and a lifetime supply of New York style pizza at C.C. Sabathia to revive their team, while the Mets landed closer Francisco Rodriguez by seducing him with countless briefcases with dollar signs on them. If they don't win the East, it means they didn't spend enough money.

This will be the year where it will be proven that money does not, in fact, win you divisional titles. Although the New York teams spent about half of the stimulus package signing every free agent available, I like the Phillies and Rays to repeat. The Rays' youngsters have another year of experience, and they should only improve. The Phillies are the defending champions, and they still have every piece that led them there. The Yankees and Mets have improved, but it won't be enough to retake the top.

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I think both teams have a really good chance to repeat. The Rays made some good moves and still have David Price waiting in the wings. Plus, I don't see the C.C. Sabathia and A.J. Burnett signings ending well for the Yankees, and while the Red Sox only got 109 games from David Ortiz last season, he wasn't quite himself when he played. But if he comes back and can give them 135-145 games, it'll be the Red Sox in the AL East. I also still think the Phillies are the NL East's best, but I expect the Mets and the Braves to give them a good run.

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Lennon embracing matchup against Mizzou

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The SIU football team's ability to schedule premier teams has again landed the Salukis a matchup against one of the Big 12 Conference's elite programs.

SIU will travel to Columbia, Mo., to face Missouri on Sept. 8, 2012, in the team's first game against a Big 12 opponent since losing 56-12 to Baylor in 2001.

Saluki head coach Dale Lennon said he looked forward to the chal-

lenge of knocking off one of the Big 12 Conference's best teams because of the benefits it could bring to the team.

"Any time you have a chance to play a program in your backyard on a big stage, that's going to excite the players; it's going to help on the recruiting front," Lennon said. "Talking with recruits, that's huge. They want to be on the big stage and you want athletes that are good enough to be on the big stage."

The Salukis have played a Football Bowl Subdivision squad in each of the past five seasons and

will continue that trend as it will travel to play Marshall to open its 2009 season as well as matchups against the University of Illinois in 2010 and Mississippi in 2011.

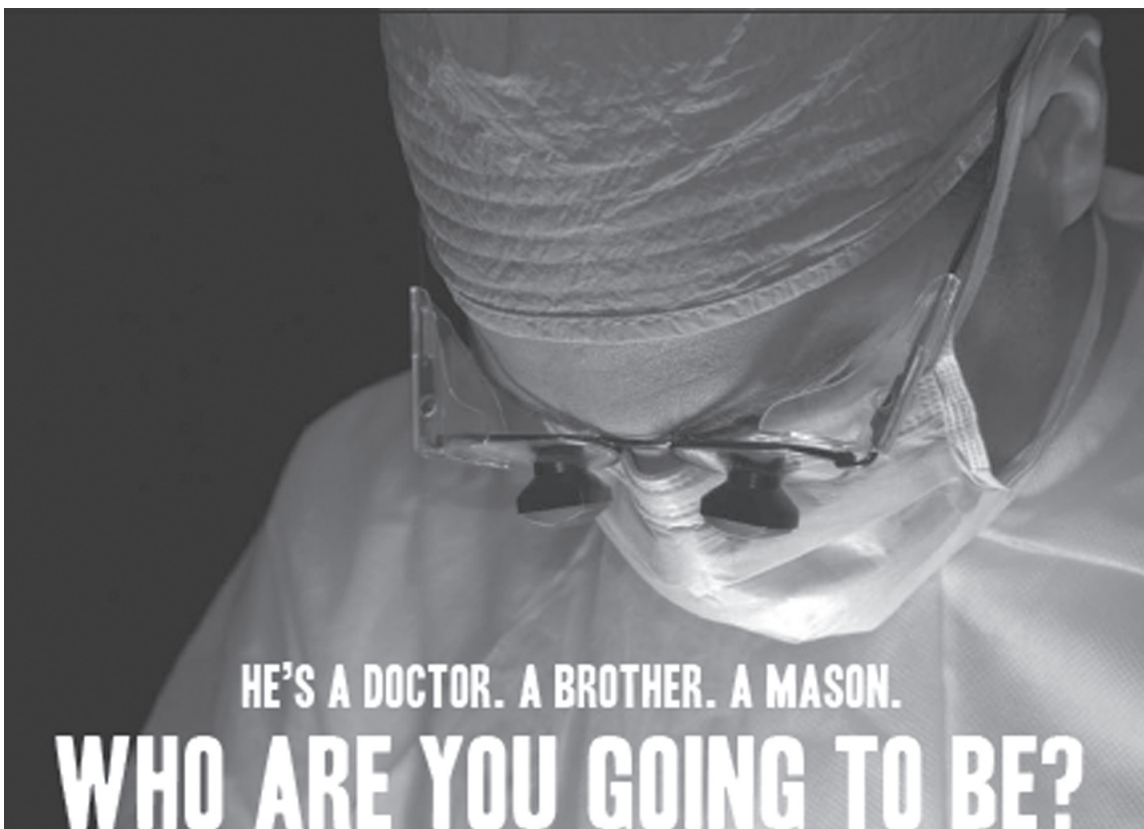
Before its loss at Northwestern, SIU had knocked off back-to-back FBS foes. The Salukis beat Indiana of the Big Ten Conference in 2006 and in-state rival Northern Illinois in 2007.

"We'll always play at least one FBS team and I think it will be beneficial to the program; and if done properly it's definitely something you can build upon," Lennon said.



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