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Strength to overcome

Student uses bodybuilding to cope with mental, physical conditions

Joe Crawford
Daily Egyptian

Alan Beck looks like a bodybuilder.

The 6-foot, one-inch tall, 230-pound sophomore appears perfectly healthy. Conditions he attained while serving in the Army National Guard in Iraq, however, impair his ability to study and partake in physical activity.

But Beck has found bodybuilding to be a form of therapy for his mental and physical disabilities and he plans to take part in the university’s annual bodybuilding contest, the Mr. SIUC competition, in April.

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Sorority hosts racial discussion

Panel discusses possibility of colorblind society

Madeleine Leroux
Daily Egyptian

Simyra Campbell said she identifies herself as Simyra first and black second. Campbell was a panelist and a coordinator for the event.

Race and racial identity were the focal points of the first Race and Reconciliation Day Panel. The free panel discussion, sponsored by Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, was held Monday night in the Student Center. The discussion was an opportunity to emphasize similarities and get past the differences among people of all races, said Campbell, an SIUC and Delta Xi Phi alumna.

The event began with a presentation by panelist Derek Martin, an assistant professor in the sociology department. Martin identifies himself as being mixed-race, having a white Canadian father and a black Jamaican mother. His presentation focused on questions about race and gave a brief overview of facts and terms dealing with race.

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Many people, Martin said, tend to associate behavioral characteristics with race. But, he said, science proves race has nothing to do with behavioral attributes such as athletic ability and intelligence.

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Iraqi troops find mass grave with 12 bodies

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi troops unearthed a mass grave with the remains of 12 people, including a paramedic, who disappeared more than a year ago, officials said Monday, adding that they had recently discovered a former stronghold of al-Qaida in Iraq.

Three former paramedics and a woman, children and women, have turned up since Oct. 21, when U.S. soldiers entered the town of Sadr City in Baghdad.

Most of the victims have no IDs, but officials have begun to identify some of the remains.

Sudan

British teacher leaves Sudan after being pardoned in case

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — A British school teacher convicted of insulting Islam won a temporary reprieve Sunday after the government said it would favor pardoning her instead of a jail term.

The incident was the latest in a tense relationship between Britain and Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, an Islamic hard-liner who has been accused by the United Nations of dragging his feet on the pledges he made to the country's war-torn Darfur region.

The interference of the United Nations, which had been a symbol of the government's resolve to avoid offending anyone with class regard, were made.

New Hampshire

Man accused of taking hostages at N.H. Clinton office wanted help for drinking

ROCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — The man accused of taking hostages at the Hillary Rodham Clinton campaign office had been drinking heavily before the incident and had talked about his problems getting medical care, according to family officials and a court document released Monday.

Leeland Eisenberg, 46, is accused of wacking into the Clinton office Friday morning with what appeared to be explosives strapped to his body and singing battle songs as he cam­paign workers hostage for hours after demanding that the government improve mental health care, authorities said.

During an arraignment Monday afternoon, a judge ruled that Eisenberg should be held without bail to set a cash bond of $500,000. The prosecutor said Eisenberg had a lengthy criminal record, including a rape conviction, and had been convicted of theft and taking a 10-year sentence for that crime and committed suicide.

His stepson, Ben Warren, said that Eisenberg had been heavily drinking Thursday night and Friday morning before the hostages were taken to the document, which was written by authorities who interviewed Warren. Family members have said Eisenberg wanted to get help, but lacked health insurance and money.

He said: “We wanted to do something to get himself out of the hospital.” he said.

Texas

Mixed martial arts fighter dies weeks after being injured

HOUSTON — The family of a mixed martial arts fighter who died in a hospice about six weeks after suffering a serious head injury on a boxing card said Thursday that aRead more

The measures had caused bitterness, officials said, and disrupted the lives of those affected by the construction of a new majority, said Leopoldo Lopez, mayor of the Chuao municipality.

Human Rights Watch and other groups had criticized the measures that the government had put in place, saying that they had suspended due process and other civil liberties during states of emergency.

The referendum was seen as a key step in the process of extending presidential power from the elite to power from the elite.

Opponents, gathered at a meet­ing hall in a tiny Caracas neighbor­hood, had accused the government of having earlier cut off their power and water supplies.

Chavez congratulated the former opposition that was part of the winning coalition, recognizing the result of the vote as a victory for the people.

The vote by delegation confirmed his position in Venezuela's political landscape.

Friday night and Saturday morning there were incidental questions about the conditions facing Iraqis, and many of them were answered in interviews and court documents released Monday.

President Bush had been in Baghdad last week, and his visit was followed by a visit to the United Nations headquarters in New York. The president had been in New York for a weekend meeting with European leaders.

The accident happened on Friday night, and it was the latest in a series of tire incidents that have plagued the United States, the White House said.

Bush expressed his deepest sympathy to the families of the victims, and said he was confident that the military would do everything possible to bring the situation under control.

The military had been in Iraq for a year and a half, and had been under siege since the deployment of U.S. forces in the country.

Bush said the United States would continue to support the Iraqi government in its efforts to maintain stability and security.

The U.S. military has been operating in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.
**Rock Band**

Publisher: Electronic Arts

Developer: Harmonix

Platforms: Xbox 360, PlayStation 2

ESRB rating: T

Release date: 2007

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Ever felt like maybe the human life wasn't what it's cracked up to be and you should have been a rock star by now? Well, Electronic Arts, MTV and Harmonix teamed up to bring gamers the chance to live out their rock star dreams in a $170 box with their release of Rock Band. With play similar to "Guitar Hero," participants can slather on guitar, wield on the mic or even test their chops with probably the coolest and most fun addition to rhythm gaming—a drum set.

For the quick-minded who choose the guitar as their instrument, you'll have the same rules from "Guitar Hero" apply—strum the note while pressing the corresponding fret on the neck of the guitar to match the lyrics as it appears on the LCD. However, there's no need to push as hard or frantically as required with past "Guitar Hero" games. The strum is mushy and requires the lightest and most exacting touch to catch the notes as they go by. The same can be said for the drums, which players are required to tap the drum head that corresponds to the colored circle displayed on screen or push the kick pedal to create a back beat for the song. The best advice is to get a feel for the game. Not only is the music selection striking and the gameplay great, but the graphics for "Rock Band" far surpass those used in the predecessor of the song, as well as having characters play and sing in sync with the music. The character can also be a feat of design as it hops and sings along when bands are performing especially well. But not every game is perfect, and "Rock Band" is no exception. The song list is vaguely laminated and the song list is also set to the left of the drum set.

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A breakup with Saudi Arabia is long overdue

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Many readers are familiar with the recent judicial ruling in Saudi Arabia, in which a 19-year-old woman, who was kidnapped and gang raped, was sentenced to six months in prison and 200 lashes for having been out of her home with a man who was not a relative (as required by the strict Islamic law that is in place there).

As grotesque as this is, it should come as no surprise to anyone familiar with Saudi Arabia and its Wahhabi version of Islam. Women cannot vote or drive. They must get a man’s permission to travel or have surgery. They are also not allowed to testify in court unless it is about a private matter not witnessed by a man.

What should come as a surprise, though, is the flaccid response from the administration concerning this latest outrage; sadly, it is no surprise. Long is our history of accepting that which is beyond wrong; as long as our interests are not adversely affected, we tolerate the abhorrent.

It is time that America reclaims morality and integrity as national interests. And when one of our allies or friends engages in activity as outrageous as that in Saudi Arabia, we must be prepared to stand up for the right thing. That means there will be consequences, but nothing that we as a nation cannot weather.

Let me be clear — I do not advocate forcing other countries to subscribe and adhere to our moral code. Rather, I insist that when one of our friends engages in conduct so far outside the accepted norms for our own people, that that relationship (for the sake of our own moral integrity) must be re-evaluated, and if need be, ended.

The Saudi’s will still sell their oil to us; they need our market as much as we need their product. What we do not need is to be in bed with a nation that has proven time and again that it has no interest in subscribing to a sense of decency, and human and civil rights that we in America take for granted as being self-evident. However, the spinelessness of this and previous administrations to stand up for our morality is par for the course in American foreign policy. We have become a nation of compromise, ready to sell our moral selves for cheaper products, uninterrupted flows.

In our desire to seem the fatherly state, the ones who know best, we find that we stand for nothing, save consumerism.

We topped Saddam’s regime because of alleged weapons of mass destruction, yet stood by as a very hostile North Korea developed real, functional nuclear weapons (to fight them would have meant a fight of horrific proportions).

We threaten Iran yet give Pakistan billions in aid, while they in fact do very little to help fight the terrorists (only when it is in their interests to do so). Politicians put our national integrity up for auction a long time ago, and the world got a great bargain.

Our friends know that if America needs something they have, they have great leeway to engage in any absurd domestic policy because we have demonstrated that we will not say anything negative, let alone interfere, if we have something to gain.

This is the situation that exists now with Saudi Arabia. The administration is so fearful it believes that to say anything negative is to disturb the flow of oil. To disturb the flow of oil is to disturb economic growth.

The question that Americans need to start asking is: At what cost do we sustain that growth? Do we really want to be a people who care so little for our national integrity and morality that we will associate with anyone, however repugnant, so long as it furthers the American dream? We truly are free to associate with whomever we wish, and that goes for international relationships as well. Just because we buy oil from the Saudis does not mean we have to be boon buddies, and as their disturbing intolerance and lack of human and civil rights demonstratives, we really don’t have anything in common.

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Appalachian State defeat Eastern Washington 38-35 Saturday by holding off a late run, and barely escaped James Madison 28-27 in the first round on the back of a fumble recovery in the final seconds with the opponent within a chip shot of the end zone. Richmond enters the game, which is set to be broadcast nationally on ESPN2 Friday at 7 p.m., after back-to-back playoff wins by large margins. The team came out 31-14 against Eastern Kentucky and 31-10 against Appalachian State during the regular season.

Though Kill’s team is in the best position to win as the only remaining top seed, he said the team still has an uphill mentality. “We got to keep getting better. That’s what we talked about all year. Take one step at a time,” Kill said.

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Taylor funeral attended by 3,000

M I A M I — The little girl entered the big gymnasium in a stroller, asleep and oblivious to the 3,000 people on hand to pay last respects to her father, Sean Taylor.

Later, 18-month-old Jackie Taylor was wide awake and running wind sprints past the huge flower arrangements in front of the stage. Wearing a red dress, she stood and applauded with the rest of the audience following the introduction of her father’s team, the Washington Redskins. She waved a milk bottle, sucked on a pacifier and went up and down the front-row bagging grieving relatives.

There were plenty of tears at the funeral sought closure through prayer, tributes and gospel music. One singer expended so much emotion she collapsed into a chair upon leaving the stage and was carried away in it as the service continued.

Eulogies by dignitaries praised Taylor’s baby face, shy smile, kindness, warmth, faith and extraordinary athletic skills. “Many times God must have looked down and said, ‘Man, I made a great football player,’ Redskins coach Joey Gibbs said.

Michael Outar recalled the start of his nephew’s football career as a 6-year-old with the Homestead Hurricanes. Young Sean was assigned No. 66 and a place on the defensive line. “He asked me, ‘Uncle Michael, what do I do?’ I told him, ‘Hit the guy with the ball.’ That’s what he did, over and over,” Outar said.

Taylor grew into a hard-hitting safety. He helped the Miami Hurricanes win the 2001 national championship, became a first-round NFL draft pick in 2004 and led the NFC in interceptions this season when a knee injury sidelined him last month.

The list of celebrities in attendance was long. They included more than two dozen former Hurricanes now in the NFL, among them Edgerrin James, Devin Hester and Jeremy Shockey. Former Hurricanes coaches Larry Coker and Butch Davis sat in the front row, along with current coach Randy Shannon.

Mourners also included actor Andy Garcia, whose niece, Jackie Garcia, was Taylor’s girlfriend and the mother of their child and O.J. Simpson, whose children attended the same high school as Taylor.

Simpson expressed sympathy for the family’s situation this season as well as for Taylor. “It’s horrible, not only for him, but for those other four families,” Simpson said. “There are four other lives that are gone.”

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1) —

...and so did everyone else.

By Linda C. Black

Today’s Birthday. Your altruistic agenda requires help this year. No problem. You won’t have to personally do anything. Be the brains behind the operation.

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

Anna (March 21-April 19) — Today

1) —

...is a 9 — Harly and make your move, while the tables are in your favor. Make big plans for the future and also do something really fun now. Celebrate coming up with an awesome goal.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today

1) —

...is a 5 — Continue with whatever you’ve been doing, without attracting a lot of attention. Don’t worry about a problem you encountered. Find a way around it. Ask somebody who’s been there.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today

1) —

...and I don’t happen often, but today it could. Somebody else puts your exact feelings into words, almost better than you could. Let yourself be convinced.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today

1) —

...is a 5 — You can fix up your home quite nicely, and stay within your budget. That’s the good news. The bad news is that a lot of your own work is required.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today

1) —

...is a 8 — Shape your wealth of knowledge with a very attractive person. You’ll have a fascinating conversation and make a good impression. You’ll even learn something new.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today

1) —

...is a 6 — You give a good impression. You’ll even learn some new facts. You’ll have a fascinating conversation and make a good impression. You’ll even learn something new.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today

1) —

...is a 5 — Continue with whatever you’ve been doing. Without attracting a lot of attention. Don’t worry about a problem you encountered. Find a way around it. Ask somebody who’s been there.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today

1) —

...is a 9 — Others come to you for advice, and you’re good at dishing it out. You’re hot and action oriented. You keep the big picture in mind. Do that again.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today

1) —

...is a 3 — Silly requests, 18 of your list of things to do, much to your annoyance. Organize them so it won’t take much time. You’re good at this sort of thing and the others can be impressed.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today

1) —

...is a 9 — You’re meeting interesting people, discussing important things. Can you really make the world a better place, together? Sure you can. Have fun at it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today

1) —

...is a 6 — If you ask for what you have coming, the odds are good you’ll get it. Ditto for fringe benefits, payable in the future. Show how you’ve helped the company make a profit and the odds are even better.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.
It’s the time of year again. Who was screwed the worst by the BCS computers this season?

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GUEST COMMENTATOR: AARON LOCKWOOD

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quarterback Nick Hill on the third play of the game, and turned upfield as a Massachusetts’ corner missed him. Gettis then ran down the sideline and won the pursuing Minutemen for the 69-yard touchdown reception. "That was just a throw and a catch, and then he made the rest happen. Made the guy miss and actually outran somebody down the sideline," Hill said. "So that’s all Byron, that’s nothing I did."

Gettis’ other reception went for 35 yards, as he caught a pass over his shoulder and was brought down eight yards from the end zone. Two plays later, Hill completed a touchdown pass to Burgess. Warner only registered two carries against Massachusetts, gaining all of his 64 yards on a touchdown run in the third-quarter. Warner and Gettis combined for 168 yards on just four touches in the game. Minutemen coach Don Brown said Warner’s run was a backbreaker for Massachusetts at a point they couldn’t afford to allow SIU to score again. Warner’s scorer gave the Salukis their biggest lead of the game at 34-13, and was the only SIU score in the second half. On his first touch of the game, Warner started out going left on the sweep, but then cut back to the right and raced up the middle of the field, escorted into the end zone by a high-stepping Hill. Hill said he is always trying to get downfield on his fakes in case the running back cuts back and needs Hill to block. "He sprung it out there and he did all the work. I was just kind of fun guy to play with," Hill said. Warner runs with the same energy in practice as he does in games, and Kill said Warner has ‘never had a bad day in his life. ‘He’s always smiling,’ Kill said. "He enjoys life, and I think he’s taught me a few things."

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Olsen said: "While it might not be as organized or notorious as some student cheering sections around the country like Illinois’ Orange Krush or Duke’s Cameron Crazies, both students and the athletic department are looking for new ways to give the Dog Pound a unique identity."

Justin Johnson, a junior from Minomet studying business management, said the section isn’t as unified as the Orange Krush but it presented with the opportunity, it could be good for the university.

Associate Athletic Director of Marketing Mark Gazdik said the department plans to make the Dog Pound a formal student group and is seeking leaders to create a logo and organize trips to away games.

Associate director of marketing Amy Sprouse, who directly oversees Saluki athletics and want to be part of that atmosphere. Students join the group by paying $10 and are given a T-shirt and a two-day advance on tickets. John Restenr, a junior from Columbia studying mining engineering, waited outside the Arena with his chest painted “ Go Get Done!" and said he joined the Dog Pound because he enjoys the environment that now surrounds Saluki basketball games. "We’re all out here waiting to get in the game so early and we get in there and get to harass the other team." —John Restenr, junior from Columbia studying mining engineering

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Limited plays, big results

Seldom-used Salukis score four touchdowns

Scott Mieszala  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU football team gave Delaware, its next opponent in the playoffs, a few more players to study files of after Saturday’s victory.

Of the Salukis’ five touchdowns in their 34-27 quarterfinal win against Massachusetts, four were from players making the most of limited chances with the ball.

Senior running back John Randle caught one touchdown against the Minutemen, but the rest of the Salukis’ end zone visits were reserved for some lesser-used players.

Scoring touchdowns for SIU (12-1) were sophomore tight end Byron Geriti, freshman running back Richard White, sophomore fullback Rick Burgess and junior running back Larry Warner.

This season, those four players have combined for 173 combined receptions and rushing attempts — Randle has carried the ball 175 times this season, and has 12 total touchdowns. Warner, Geriti, White and Burgess have combined for 15 total touchdowns.

SIU coach Jerry Kill said Randle was all smiles after the game, pointing out the production of the other backs.

Kill said those comments exemplified the unsolicited attitude the Saluki players have had all season — a large reason why SIU is playing in the NCAA Division I Football Championship semifinals on Saturday.

“I don’t have to have people in my office griping about how many carries they got and how many plays they got and all those kind of things,” Kill said. “We’re a team by committee, and we got guys that just step up and play.”

Saturday’s game with six receptions for 56 yards, making him the least-used player during the season to make an impact on the scoreboard Saturday.

He caught a pass from senior quarterback Scott Pfeiffer, a junior stems from S-E-University.

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Top-3 seeds fall in NCAA playoffs

Sean McGahan  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Three weeks after sneaking into one of the top-four spots of NCAA Division I Football Championship Playoffs as the only seeded team with a loss, the SIU football team is the only seeded team still standing.

SIU (12-1) secured its first berth to the semifinals since 1983 with Saturday’s 34-27 victory against Massachusetts, and topped-seeded Northern Iowa’s loss at the hands of Delaware on the same day ensured the Salukis would be the only team with a number in front of its name to advance to the playoff bracket’s final four.

The formerly undefeated Panthers were the only team to hand SIU a loss this season, but the playoff favorites were upset at home, 39-27.

First round losses by No. 2 seed McNecese State and No. 3 seed Montana, which also finished the regular season undefeated, leave the Salukis as the technical favorite to take the national crown.

“It’s worked out certainly good,” SIU coach Jerry Kill said.

Delaware has the most losses of any team still in the field at 10-3, but back-to-back victories against teams with better regular season marks have the Blue Hens one win away from the Dec. 14 National Championship game.

Delaware defeated in-state opponent Delaware State (10-2) by a commanding 44-7 Nov. 23. Alive on the other side of the bracket is a pair of two-loss teams in Richmond and Appalachian State, reportedly SIU’s primary competition for the No. 4 seed heading into the playoff picture.

Though Appalachian State dropped two games in Football Championship Subdivision play, its headline-grabbing upset of then-No. 5 Michigan was expected to garner respect from the committee.

The Mountaineers have won consecutive FCS titles the last two seasons, but have narrowly squeaked by in the first two rounds of the playoffs this season.

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Dawg Pound on the rise

Student group membership has tripled

Megan Kramer  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

They came with their bodies painted white and a giant cut-out of Chris Lowery’s head with one goal in mind — distraction.

An estimated 500 Dawg Pound members arrived at the SIU Arena Saturday more than three and a half hours before tip off to be sure they get a spot in view of the Hoosiers players heads bobbing up and down.

Membership in the Dawg Pound, the large student section situated in bleachers on the Arena floor, has more than tripled its memberships this season with 1,192 registered members compared to 420 members at this time last year, athletic department officials said.

The Dawg Pound chant — “S-I-U, S-I-U, S-I-U” as the members stood outside in 25-degree temperatures prepared to fight for a perfect spot during the game.

As the doors opened at 6:30 p.m., members trickled in while clapping white T-shirts and rally towels.

While the group typically filled one set of bleachers last season, the students quickly filled both ends of the floor.

Sanamtha Olson, a senior from Chicago studying communication disorders science, was one of the first fans in line.

Olson said she sees the difference in the Dawg Pound this season from when she joined three years ago.

“I think people make how much fun you have and all the perks you get from being in the Dawg Pound,” said DAWG, Page 11

Scott Pfeiffer, a junior studying plant and soil sciences, reaches out to touch Brown Dawg in the Dawg Pound during Saturdays game against Indiana at the SIU Arena.