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Campus organizations promote AIDS awareness



EVAN DAVIS ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

A group of SIUC students, faculty members and advocates for AIDS awareness march to Grinnell Hall for "Sex in the Dark." The event was part of AIDS Awareness Week, which has been organized by the Student Center Special Programs and Center Events since 1999 to commemorate World AIDS Day.

AIDS survivor starts off weeklong event

Kathleen Richards DAILY EGYPTIAN

High: 51, Low: 27

Steven St. Julian was supposed

to be dead 27 years ago. He tested positive for HIV in 1987 and was given only a short time to live. Different combinations of drugs and good luck have kept him alive, he said.

Now St. Julian works for AIDS prevention outreach for the Jackson County Health Department to raise AIDS awareness and promote HIV testing. He spoke in the Student Center Monday night at the opening ceremony of a series of events intended to raise awareness for the disease doctors said should have cost him his life long ago.

After the opening ceremony, students and event organizers carried red glow sticks on an AIDS awareness walk from the Student Center to Grinnell Hall.

David Schrappe, a programmer for the Student Center, said that the walk for awareness is a sort of vigil for people living in the United States with AIDS.

"It's a visual display of solidarity," he said.

The walk for awareness was followed by a question and answer session titled "Sex in the Dark." The session was hosted by Christy Hamilton, a coordinator from the Wellness Center.

The session took place in a darkened room where students could ask any question they wanted anonymously.

"I felt like it was important for

people to be able to ask questions without having to identify themselves," Hamilton said.

As another reminder of AIDS awareness, student volunteers placed 5,000 flags into the ground. Each flag represents 240 people to signify the 1.2 million people total in the United States living with HIV.

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City receives grant to accept more reusable materials

Madeleine Leroux

Daily Egyptian

Carbondale residents' recycling options could broaden this spring to include almost all paper products, including cardboard, wrapping paper and junk mail, after the city received a \$60,000 state grant.

The city received a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to expand its curbside recycling program to include mixed paper, such as advertisements, magazines and phone books. According to a release from the city, the grant funds would be used

other products.

to purchase recycle bins, promotional and educational materials, and a new recycling truck.

City Manager Allen Gill said the expansion is in cooperation with Southern Recycling Center, which would receive all the mixed paper collections.

Pat Karayiannis, who works at the facility, said mixed paper materials could not be recycled before because the existing trucks and facilities are not capable of sorting through them. The city would receive a new truck in order to sort, she said, while the recycling center would receive a new baler to process the mixed materials. She said the new baler would be delivered in the next 10 days.

Gill said currently the only paper the city can collect to recycle is newsprint. The expanded recycling pro-

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gram is set to begin spring 2009, Gill said, but it takes time to order the new equipment needed.

"We'll be able to divert more from the landfill and we'll be able to send more out to be remade into other products," Pat Karayiannis said.

Gill said the main change in recycling rules for residents is a separate bin would be required for paper recyclables.

"(It) is a huge diversion of waste from the landfill and puts it back into the paper stream, which means fewer trees cut down on top of it, so it's a good deal," Gill said.

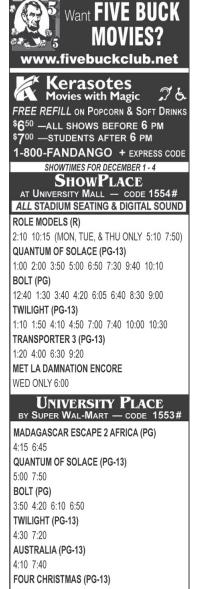
Tasis Karayiannis, owner of Southern Recycling Center, said recycling paper and plastics is the center's specialty as most other area facilities focus on recyclable metals.

"For our center it means more material, and we are always looking for more materials in the areas that we specialize in," Tasis Karayiannis said.

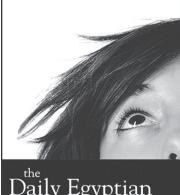
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Firefighters to purchase updated equipment

of more than \$50,000 in federal grant money for the Carbondale Fire Department at its Tuesday meeting.

The fire department will receive an Assistance to Firefighters Grant totaling \$54,416 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Accompanied by \$6,046 in city funding, the money will be used to purchase new hoses, updated radios and new on board computers, officials said.

"The grant is a tremendous benefit to the department," said Fire Chief John Michalesko. "It will allow us to assist our citizens more efficiently."

Michalesko said the department would use a little more than half the money to outfit two fire engines with roughly 2,000 feet of hose apiece. The remaining money would purchase 13 hand held radios and three computers that would be installed in fire engines, Michalesko said. An on board computer is currently in place on the

department's command vehicle. The computer allows the shift commander to form pre-fire plans, Michalesko said. The system is used to store building plans and record where hazardous materials are housed, enabling firefighters to form safer strategies, he said.

Three new computers will be purchased and placed in the fire engines so firefighters can access the information compiled by the shift commander, he said.

Mayor Brad Cole said the department compiled data and completed most of the application process themselves. He said the Livingston Group, the city's national lobbyist group, also played an active role in obtaining the grant.

"Every year, (Homeland Security) puts out an

announcement telling what's eligible and what we can apply for. What our guys try to do is decide what they think has got the best chance of being awarded and figure out what we need that would fit those criteria," Cole said. "We don't get everything that we ask for but I think we are very fortunate to be getting the amount that we are."

Councilman Chris Wissmann said he is glad the Livingston Group was able to help the department obtain the grant.

"We pay (the Livingston Group) about \$60,000 a year and this is some of the first significant money they've brought to Carbondale."

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Weber House is a Streator holiday tradition

STREATOR (AP) — Ted Weber constantly is changing and updating the grounds at his Weber House and Garden.

Although he has opened his property to groups and individuals for years, he said it's worth another trip to see the house and its nine gardens, especially when it opens for Family Christmas tours, as it did Saturday.

"If you haven't been here for 20 years, you haven't been here," said the Streator native and retired radio personality.

Weber House will be open from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturdays from Nov. 29 through Dec. 20. Visitors can stroll the lighted and decorated garden paths and greet Santa Claus inside Luther Hall, the cozy building named for the starving kitten who showed up in the garden one year and now makes his home with Weber.

How does one find Luther Hall? Look for a little building with a clock tower, topped by a small statue of a cat.

"They get to sit by the fire in Luther Hall, get a gift and see Santa."Weber said of the experience.

Once the garden tour is over, guests can enter the house, built in 1937 and resembling an English Tudor cottage. The rooms are decorated in the style of an 18th-century home. The holiday decorations reflect earlier centuries, featuring fruits, flowers, pine cones, greens and sweets.

In the 1700s and 1800s, Weber said, Christmas wasn't nearly as big a holiday as it is today. He credits 19th-century American writers Washington Irving, Clement Clark Moore and Thomas Nast, as well as England's Charles Dickens, as helping popularize and expand Christmas.

"What I enjoy is letting people see that Christmas wasn't always celebrated the way we know it." said Weber, who added that some Protestants of an earlier era didn't even observe the holiday. "It's interesting to find out how people celebrated, and didn't celebrate, Christmas."

The Christmas tree didn't become popular until the late 1800s Weber House's interiors don't reflect that era, so don't look

for a tree inside its walls. Instead, there are more than 120 candles lighting rooms that reflect an era before electricity.

"You don't have to have a lamp by every table. You live in the dark. But I do have electricity where I need it,"Weber said.

Children of the owner of a wholesale and retail bakery, Weber and his sister, Lynne, who now lives next door, grew up in Weber House, Both will be on hand for the Christmas open houses, which benefit several causes, including Illinois Valley Animal Rescue.

While the house and garden are lit up for the holidays, Weber welcomes visitors on a daily basis. For an \$8 donation, they can tour the grounds and the house.

"Ted makes it what it is," said Sandy Burns, tourism coordinator with the Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau's Utica office. "He's just so excited to show it to people," Weber said he likes to improve his property and show it

"I like to keep busy. That's why I open at Christmas," he said.

Ex-Chicago firefighter admits role in drug ring

URBANA (AP) —A 38-year-old man has pleaded guilty to supplying cocaine to a central Illinois

drug ring while he was a Chicago firefighter. The U.S. Attorney's Office says Sung Jin Jeon pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute cocaine and money

laundering in federal court Monday in Urbana. He faces a minimum of 10 years in prison when he's sentenced

According to federal prosecutors, Jeon admitted he regularly supplied a drug-distribution ring that sold crack

Four other Chicago residents have pleaded guilty to being part of the drug-dealing network.

Olaitan Fowowe, Rashaud Harrell, Kristopher Davis and Sasha Daley are waiting to be sentenced.

Correction

In the Nov. 20 edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the photos for the page 1 story "SIU heads to Madison Square Garden" should have been credited to Rip Stokes, a former photographer for SIU. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

Blotters

There are no items to report at this time.

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The calendar is a free service for community groups.

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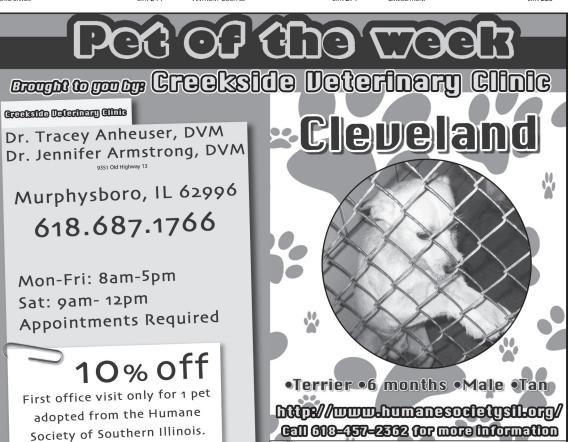
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Expelled student pleads guilty to DUI charges

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An expelled student pleaded guilty to charges of driving under the influence stemming from a vehicle collision with a university administrator.

Scott Toomsen, a former 38-year-old freshman at SIUC, was sentenced to a one-year probation, \$501 in fines and will have his license suspended for six months after a ruling from Judge E. Dan Kimmel at Jackson County Courthouse Monday.

Toomsen was charged with driving under the influence after he struck the back of Disability Support Services Director Kathleen Plesko's car at the intersection of South Illinois Avenue and Pleasant Hill Road on June 19.

The accident occurred two days after Toomsen allegedly made threats to Plesko and her staff in a disturbance at Woody Hall, an incident which resulted in Toomsen's expulsion from SIUC.

Toomsen said he pleaded guilty to the DUI charges because he knew he made a mistake by driving a vehicle after taking his medication.

"I made a huge mistake and I am willing to take responsibility for that," Toomsen said. "It hurts to know Mrs. Plesko would think I would do that intentionally, though. Why would I do that to the only person I trusted?"

Toomsen said he had taken Lorazepam and Vicodin before driving. He said the medication was prescribed to him for his severe brain trauma and the partial paralysis of his face from a previous motor vehicle accident in 1996.

The police report stated Toomsen's speech was slurred at the time of the accident and that Plesko thought Toomsen could have hit her vehicle intentionally.

Plesko said though the case is closed, the effects have not disappeared.

"The implications of those actions



Scott Toomsen, a 38-year-old former SIUC student, stands outside Jackson County Courthouse July 15. Toomsen originally pleaded not guilty to charges from a June 19 vehicle collision with SIUC administrator Kathleen Plesko. JAKE LOCKARD

made a huge mistake and I am willing to take responsibility for that.

— Scott Toomsen 38-vear-old former SIUC student

don't end. They don't end for me and they don't end for him," Plesko said. "And I regret that both of us will continue to be distraught."

Toomsen said he wished the university had been more proactive in investigating his complaints that one

professor discriminated against him.

Toomsen was enrolled at SIUC in 2006, but left after he said a professor continuously mistreated him because he was a veteran. When Toomsen wanted to file a grievance after leaving, he said he was told he would have

to enroll again before he could make an official complaint to the College of Liberal Arts.

He said the university did not take his grievance seriously, which frustrated him and caused him to lose his temper during the June 17 incident at Woody Hall, though he said he would never hurt Plesko or any of the staff.

University Ombudsman Lynn Connley said grievance policies vary throughout departments and was unsure if the College of Liberal Arts required students to be enrolled to file a grievance.

The university expelled Toomsen June 24.

Toomsen said he does not think he could return to SIUC, but would like to attend John A. Logan College. He said his suspended license would keep him from making the commute.

Toomsen also said he would consider bringing legal action against the university for its demand that he enroll before filing a grievance.

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Toomsen Timeline

SIU Police respond to a disturbance at Woody Hall in which Scott Toomsen allegedly made threats toward the Disability Support Services staff, including Kathleen Plesko. Police allowed Toomsen to leave the premises under his own power. University officials expel Toomsen from campus. The police report stated Plesko feared Toomsen intentionally crashed into her vehicle. Toomsen said he would never intentionally hurt Plesko, whom he said he worked closely with for months while trying to file a grievance against a professor.

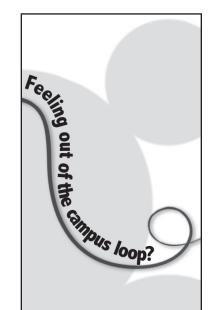
Toomsen pleads not guilty to driving under the influence at Jackson County Courthouse. Judge E. Dan Kimmel awaited toxicology results for the Dec. 1 trial date.

Toomsen pleads guilty to driving under the influence. Toomsen's sentence includes the suspension of his license for six months, a one-year probation and \$501 in fines.

Toomsen collides into the back of Plesko's car at the intersection of South Illinois Avenue and Pleasant Hill Road. The police report stated Toomsen's speech was slurred and he was charged with driving under the influence. Toomsen said he had taken Lorazepam and Vicodin, which were prescribed to him for his severe brain trauma.

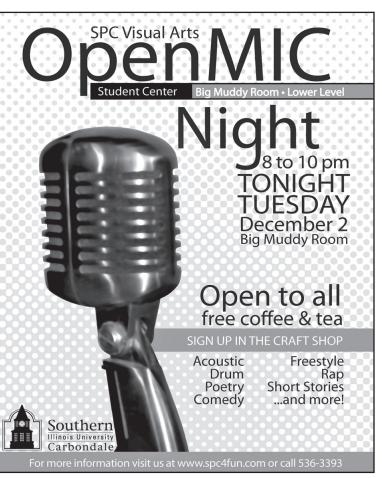
New training program begins to teach university staff on how to deal with conflict. Director of SIUC Police Todd Sigler said the program was not created because of the Woody Hall disturbance, but that the disturbance did show a need for better communication throughout the university.

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Obama appoints Clinton, Gates 'strong personalities' for top Cabinet positions

Liz Sidoti

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Barack Obama announced a national security team Monday headed by Hillary Rodham Clinton, who fought him long and bitterly for the presidency, and Robert Gates, the man who has been running two wars for George W. Bush — striking choices by a president-elect who declared he wanted "strong personalities and strong opinions."

While the team may be a bit more centrist — some war opponents might even say hawkish — that many Obama supporters might prefer, he said he still thinks 16 months is "the right time frame" for pulling most U.S. combat troops from Iraq. He added, as he often did in the presidential campaign's closing months, that he would consult with military commanders before setting a firm timetable.

Clinton, as secretary of state, and Gates, remaining as defense secretary, will be the most prominent faces — besides Obama's own — of the new administration's effort to revamp U.S. policy abroad.

At a Chicago news conference, Obama also tapped top advisers Eric Holder as attorney general and Susan Rice as ambassador to the United Nations. He named Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano to be homeland security secretary and retired Marine Gen. James Jones as White House national security adviser.

The choices had been telegraphed days earlier but were remarkable all the same — still another major turn in Clinton's extraordinary career, a show of faith in Gates and action to support Obama's frequent talk of desiring robust debate among seasoned, opinionated people in his inner circle.

Denouncing White House



NANCY STONE ~ McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Susan Rice was named United Nations Ambassador-designate by President-elect Barack Obama during a press conference at the Hilton Chicago Hotel in, Monday.

"group think," Obama signaled a break from President Bush's tendency toward an insular management style and go-with-the-gut diplomacy.

"The time has come for a new beginning," said Obama, flanked by flags on a stage with Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his six newest appointees. While Gates will stay at the Pentagon, Obama said the military's new mission will be "responsibly ending the war in Iraq through a successful transition to Iraqi control."

He said a newly completed agreement between Iraq and the Bush administration covering U.S. troops signals "a transition period in which our mission is changing." He added: "It indicates we are now on a glide path to reduce our forces

in Iraq.'

Obama has now selected half his Cabinet, including the high-profile jobs at State, Defense, Justice and Treasury. A week ago, he named his economic team, led by Timothy Geithner as treasury secretary. And soon he plans to announce New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson as commerce secretary and former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle as health and human services secretary.

Obama's picks suggest he is mindful of his own relative inexperience; most of the appointees have decades more experience in government than he does as a former oneterm Illinois senator. The selections also reflect his long-voiced desire to invite divergent viewpoints to chart the best course for the country. "I assembled this team because I'm a strong believer in strong personalities and strong opinions," he said. "I think that's how the best decisions are made. ... So I'm going to be welcoming a vigorous debate inside the White House."

"But understand I will be setting policy as president," he added. He said he will be responsible for "the vision that this team carries out, and I expect them to implement that vision once decisions are made."

Quoting Harry S. Truman, Obama said: "The buck will stop with me"

Without naming Bush or directly referring to what administration critics see as America's tarnished world image over the past eight years, Obama called for a new strategy for dealing with global issues.

Recession declared; Wall Street tanks

Jeannine Aversa Martin Crutsinger THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Most Americans sorely knew it already, but now it's official: The country is in a recession, and it's getting worse. Wall Street convulsed at the news — and a fresh batch of bad economic reports — tanking nearly 680 points.

With the economic pain likely to stretch well into 2009, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Monday he stands ready to lower interest rates yet again and to explore other rescue or revival measures.

Rushing in reinforcements, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who along with Bernanke has been leading the government's efforts to stem the worst financial crisis since the 1930s, pledged to take all the steps he can in the waning days of the Bush administration to provide relief. Specifically, Paulson is eyeing more ways to tap into a \$700 billion financial bailout pool.

On Capitol Hill, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., vowed to have a massive economic stimulus package ready on Inauguration Day for President-elect Barack Obama's signature

That measure — which could total a whopping \$500 billion — would bankroll big public works projects to generate jobs, provide aid to states to help with Medicaid costs and provide money toward renewable energy development. Crafting such a colossal recovery package would mark a Herculean feat: Congress convenes Jan. 6, giving lawmakers just two weeks to complete their work if it is to be signed on Jan. 20.

President George W. Bush, in an interview with ABC's "World News," expressed remorse about lost jobs, cracked nest eggs and other damage wrought by the financial crisis. "I'm sorry it's happening, of course," said Bush. The president said he'd back more government intervention.

None of the pledges for more action could comfort Wall Street investors. The Dow Jones industrials plunged 679.95 points, or 7.70 percent, to close at 8,149.09.

It was another white-knuckle day, punctuated by grim economic reports. An index of manufacturing activity sank to a reading of 36.2 in November, a 26-year low, the Institute for Supply Management reported. Construction spending fell by a larger than expected 1.2 percent in October, the Commerce Department said.

Adding to the gloom, the National Bureau of Economic Research, a group of academic economists, concluded Monday that the country has been suffering through a recession since December 2007.

With NBER's decision, the United States has fallen into two

Clinton's India ties may complicate Obama policy

Matthew Lee Pete Yost

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The close ties with India that Secretary of State-nominee Hillary Rodham Clinton forged during her years as a U.S. senator and presidential candidate could complicate diplomatic perceptions of her ability to serve as a neutral broker between India and its nuclear neighbor, Pakistan.

With tensions rising between India and Pakistan after last week's deadly terrorist attacks in Mumbai, Hillary Clinton faces an early test of her influence in South Asia, where President-elect Barack Obama on Monday said that instability and the rise of militants pose "the single most important threat against the American people."

Both Hillary Clinton and her hus-

band, former President Bill Clinton, have maintained warm relations for years with India and the Indian-American community. As New York's senator for eight years and as a 2008 presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton toured India and visited with Indian officials and entrepreneurs, and her campaigns profited from the largesse of Indian-American fundraisers. Bill Clinton's charitable foundation has been funded by some of the same well-heeled Indian businessmen who backed his wife's campaigns.

In her new role as the nation's top diplomat, Hillary Clinton would project Obama's policies, not her own. But even foreign affairs experts who wave off suggestions that Hillary Clinton would lean toward either Asian power acknowledge that the perception of such a tilt could cause suspicions in Pakistan. South Asia experts reject the assertion of bias, but

they acknowledge it exists.

"There are some who believe it, but I think most people think she is an objective observer with a good understanding of South Asia," said Walter Andersen, Associate Director of the South Asia Studies Program at Johns Hopkins University's School for Advanced International Studies. Andersen insisted perceptions of Hillary Clinton's bias toward India are "based on inaccuracy."

Karin Von Hippel, a South Asia expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, agreed, saying Hillary Clinton is "very balanced" and "understands almost better than anybody how delicate the situation is between these two countries."

Still, perceptions matter, especially in the region. "There are concerns that she is seen as pro-India, she and her husband both," said one Washington-based foreign diplomat

with extensive experience in South Asia. "The Pakistanis definitely see them as closer and friendlier to India."

The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive issue of India and Pakistan, which have fought three wars — two of them over the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir — since winning independence from Britain.

Influential members of the Indian-American community have rejoiced in Hillary Clinton's selection as secretary of state.

"Sen. Clinton will continue the close relationship between the United States and India that started with the Clinton administration and has progressed in the Bush years," said Varun Nikore, founder of the Indian-American Leadership Initiative, an independent political organization supporting Democratic candidates.

UNITED STATES

Bush uses final 50 days in office to tout legacy

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush says history will judge him, but he is getting his own crack first. Bush is using his final 50 days in office to tout his legacy, hoping to leave a lasting impression of overshadowed progress. On Monday, World AIDS Day, Bush was heralded for his leadership in fighting the disease, a point that even his Democratic critics readily concede.

The anti-AIDS program Bush championed in 2003 has delivered lifesaving medicine to more than 2 million people in five years, up from 50,000 people before it began. Many of those helped live in impoverished sub-Saharan Africa, where AIDS is the leading killer.

Illinois

Jennifer Hudson's estranged brother-in-law arrested

CHICAGO — Police arrested the estranged brother-in-law of Jennifer Hudson on Monday in the deaths of the entertainer's mother, brother and young nephew, taking him from a prison where he had been held on a suspected parole violation.

William Balfour was arrested at Stateville Correctional Center and released to detectives as he awaited formal charges in the shooting deaths of the singer and Oscar-winning actress' relatives, said Chicago police spokeswoman Monique Bond.

Until Monday, police had identified Balfour, 27, only as a "person of interest" in the investigation.

India

India demands 'strong action' against those behind attacks

MUMBAI — India demanded Monday that Pakistan take "strong action" against those behind the deadly Mumbai attacks, and Washington pressured Islamabad to cooperate with the investigation.

The only known surviving attacker told police that his group trained for months in camps operated by a banned Pakistani militant group, learning close-combat techniques, explosives training and other tactics for their three-day siege.

Teams from the FBI and Britain's Scotland Yard met with top Indian police as they prepared to help collect evidence, a police official said.

GEORGIA

Palin urges Georgia Republicans to back Sen. Chambliss

AUGUSTA — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin urged Georgia voters to back Sen. Saxby Chambliss in Tuesday's runoff in an election eve appeal that underscored her popularity within the Republican Party and the GOP's efforts to stave off erosion of its shrinking Senate numbers.

"Losing an election doesn't mean we have lost our way," the former vice presidential candidate told a cheering crowd of 2,500 Monday in the central Georgia town of Perry. "If we are to lead again, we have lots of hard work ahead of us. Let it begin here tomorrow in Georgia."



Julia Rendleman ~ Daily Egyptian

Five thousand red flags line Lincoln Drive from the Student Center to Highway 51. The flags are part of AIDS Awareness Week and are a representation of the 1.2 million people living with AIDS in the United States.

Today

SURVIVOR

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Casey Rumler, a senior from Moline studying creative writing, helped place the flags. He said placing the flags was a great experience because of the high number of volunteers this year.

"They said this is the most help they've ever had," he said.

On Wednesday night, the Student Center is set to host speaker Gloria Reuben, who played an HIV-positive character on the television show "ER" and has since become active in AIDS awareness.

"She's very passionate about this," said Schrappe.

The Student Center will also be screening the film "Life Support", a movie starring Reuben and Queen Latifah, for free in the Student Center auditorium Tuesday night. Schrappe said he hopes the film will get students excited about Reuben's speaking engagement Wednesday.

Free anonymous HIV testing in the Student Center ballrooms will also be available Tuesday and Wednesday as part of AIDS awareness week.

Hamilton thinks this week's anonymous HIV testing will be convenient for students because it

Information table-Health Fair 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Student Center** (north escalator area) Anonymous, free AIDS testing 2 - 6 p.m. **Newman Center** is a non-needle test and is done dents. in the Student Center. There are no fees and no appointments

necessary for testing. "The testing is important for students to know all of their health resources," Hamilton said.

St. Julian said that testing is especially important for college stu-

"It's the young people who are most affected," he said. "It's also important because they

have no history of the potential of this disease."

In his statement at the opening ceremony, interim Chancellor Sam Goldman addressed the importance of holding AIDS awareness AIDS flags display Lincoln Drive, SIUC campus

Wednesday

World AIDS Day/Red shirt day Wear a red shirt in support of all the individuals and lives affected by HIV/AIDS

events on campus.

"This is a disease for which there cannot be complacency," he said. "I am very proud that we as a university are participating in this

> $Barton\ Lorimor$ contributed to this report.

Anonymous, free

AIDS testing

2 - 6 p.m.

Newman Center

Be an angel for children living with AIDS

Student Center information

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THE DUKE REPORT

Christmas wars



It should have been a headline in the Onion. Instead, it was the lead story behind the attacks in Mumbai. Last week, a ravenous and frenzied group of Wal-Mart shoppers trampled a 30-something employee to death. This is officially the first casualty in the War

The employee was killed as he opened the doors for "Black Friday" — the day after Thanksgiving and biggest retail shopping day of the year. At first, I questioned the term Black Friday, wondering if it was a little too extreme. "Black Days" are ones that are normally reserved for stock market crashes. Now, I will never again question the madness of that day's consumerism.

As a kid, I loved Christmas. It was a time of good cheer, but mostly a time where I got the awesome toys for which I had been systematically begging my mother. Waking up and running under the tree to find the Ghostbusters Firehouse or the pizza-shooting Turtle Van was the highlight of the year.

But as I've gotten older, Christmas has changed. I don't know when it was that Christmas stopped being about toys, but the first year I actually was excited to get socks and underwear was probably the turning point. I now look forward to the time off with friends and family as much ask, if not more than, whatever booty I loot.

If you watch Fox News, though, Christmas is under attack - nay, under siege. Some amalgamation of secular, atheist, Jewish, homosexual bohemians have plotted to bring yuletide destruction and chaos. The Christmas industrial complex has allowed for those as enterprising as Bill O'Reilly to create a sub-industry of Christmas persecution, "The War on Christmas."

This is, of course, a theoretical war. I have yet to see anyone actually take up arms in this conflict, but people seem to equate this with the war on terror.

In reality, this war is nothing but a mediacrafted meme that only serves to reinforce some sadomasochistic-persecution fetish that some Christians have. Christians are the vast majority in this country, and perhaps with the exception of metal band GWAR, no one has actually declared war on Christmas.

Still, this time of year is a corporate war for dominance and market share. Companies are made and lost in this season, and they will do anything they can to compromise their target — consumers. It is not coincidence that Christmas music starts earlier every year, and that Walgreens has an aisle up the day after the Halloween decorations come down. This time of year needs to be longer so more Americans can consume. Christmas is about one thing: consumption, the cornerstone of

Ever since Coca-Cola co-opted St. Nick, Christmas hasn't been about religion or tradition. Sorry folks, Jesus wasn't born on Christmas and the holiday has more to do with the Winter Solstice than elves. Christmas is a war for your money so that we might make a big enough cash sacrifice that our economy won't eat us next year.

Happy holidays.

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Pardon me? Durbin asked for Ryan's release?



Illinois' senior U.S. senator, Dick Durbin, sent a letter to President George W. Bush Monday asking him to release former Illinois Gov. George Ryan from federal prison five years before his sentence expires.

Durbin said he believes Ryan should be released from prison in order to take care of his frail wife, Laura Lynn, but not be pardoned.

"He is at an advanced moment in his life and been removed from his family. He has lost the economic security, which most people count on at his age. And he's separate from his wife at a time when she is in frail health," Durbin told the Chicago Sun-Times.

Ryan was stripped of his state-supported benefits such as his pension as a result of his

In a 2006 federal trial, Ryan was found guilty on 22-count indictment that included charges of fraud and racketeering. Ryan, who left office in January 2002, has been imprisoned at a federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., for the last year.

Aside from corruption, Ryan's gubernatorial legacy includes his campaign against the state's death penalty. On his last day in office, Ryan commuted six Illinois death row inmates to life in prison sentences. For that, Ryan was a finalist for the Nobel Peace

Perhaps it is ironic that Ryan, remembered for commuting others' sentences, now stands in need of another executive's mercy. But instead of being moved from death row to a life behind bars, Ryan would be free.

Though Bush did not include Ryan in a list of 14 pardons he issued Monday, the terrifying part is that Durbin's request still has a chance of being approved before the president leaves office Jan. 20.

Shortly after former political fundraiser Antoin "Tony" Rezko was convicted of illegally obtaining campaign contributions for Gov. Rod Blagojevich, the presiding Democratic governor's allies attempted to use their connections in the Bush White House — mainly Karl Rove, the former deputy chief of staff — to remove U.S. District Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald from office to stop the district attorney's office from probing further into Blagojevich's administration. The attempt failed, but Rove's influence on the Bush administration (unofficially) remains.

Though it may not be as direct as removing Fitzgerald, collapsing his work in the case against Ryan could be the next best thing for the allies in Illinois and Washington, D.C.

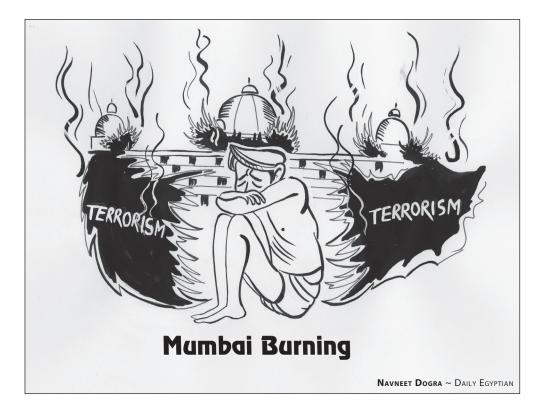
Durbin, the Senate majority whip, revealed that he would go to the president with a request to release Ryan just weeks after he was re-elected at the start of November.

Ryan, a Kankakee Republican, was elected the state's chief executive in 1998, defeating now SIU President Glenn Poshard, a Democrat, by 4 percent. He previously served as Illinois secretary of state, where he developed the drivers education program Illinois high schools and private drivers education facilities now use.

Ryan was charged with selling illegal driver's licenses and accepting kickbacks, including vacation time, during his tenure as secretary of state.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

•• This has set our work back 10 years. ••

peace activist in Jos, Nigeria, where two days of ferocious violence between Christians and Muslims erupted Friday, leaving more than 300 dead.

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GUEST COLUMN

They just watched his webcam suicide

McClatchy-Tribune

It's a good bet that most of the people who watched Abraham Briggs Jr. die with his Webcam rolling aren't old enough to remember Kitty Genovese.

In 1964, Genovese was stabbed outside her New York City apartment, then raped, robbed and left to die in the back hallway of her building. At least 38 neighbors saw or heard part of the attacks, but nobody came to her aid, and the few who called police were slow to do so.

Last week, Briggs, 19, of Florida, logged onto a bodybuilding Web site and announced that he was going to kill himself. With some virtual bystanders begging him not to and others egging him on, he swallowed a handful of pills, curled up on his bed and lapsed into unconsciousness. For hours, visitors to the site watched his motionless body and debated whether he was asleep or joking. By the time someone decided he wasn't and contacted police, it was too late.

Briggs' sad story has been labeled a 21st-century display of the Genovese Syndrome, a term used to describe why witnesses - especially when there are lots of them — hesitate to take action to help a person in distress. Someone else will do it, they reason; I don't want to get involved. Social scientists dissecting the Briggs

case say the Internet can magnify those effects: Watching anonymously from a remote location, people behave in ways they wouldn't if they were

Though the Genovese Syndrome has long been a staple of college psychology classes, some academics now question whether its effects are overstated. In the case for which it was named, many people who saw or heard part of the attack

thought they were hearing a drunken argument or a domestic quarrel. Police pieced together the narrative from several partial accounts. Nobody witnessed the a callous display whole thing, or the final, fatal attack. Perhaps their response wasn't a callous display of indifference to a fellow human being, but a tragic under-reaction.

The same may be true in the Briggs case. Some of those who gawked while his life slipped away told police they weren't sure it was real. In the 12 hours

between his declaration that he intended to commit suicide and the moment police stormed the bedroom, many watchers no doubt logged off and went on with their lives, assuring themselves it was a fake because nobody else was taking action.

Sadly, Briggs was not the first to kill himself in front of an online audience. Last year, a divorced father of two in Britain twisted an electrical cord around his neck and hung himself from a ceiling joist as 60 people watched a video feed. In 2003, a 21-year-old Phoenix man took a fatal overdose of drugs after being goaded by others in an Internet chat room. Still, such inci-

dents are rare. Internet suicide hoaxes, though, are appallingly common, a quick Web search confirms. In fact, some of the people who watched Briggs' suicide told police they didn't take him seriously because it wasn't the first time he'd threatened to kill himself on camera.

Now, of course, many are wishing they'd erred on the side of caution instead of hoping it was all a ruse. They might not have been able to save this troubled young man. But they

wouldn't have to live the rest of their lives knowing they didn't try.

> This editorial first appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Friday.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Wellness Center does more

DEAR EDITOR:

Sam Packard's comments in the guest column of the Nov. 19 Daily Egyptian regarding our society's obsession with thinness are quite correct. If the Wellness Center's sole purpose were to perpetuate that obsession through Ms. Gill, then we as students should be very concerned about the messages being delivered and how our fees are being used.

However, anyone who attends a presentation by Ms. Gill soon learns that losing and/or keeping off weight is not the focus of the Wellness Center. Ms. Gill regularly makes a presentation in Psychology of Adolescents and Young Adults taught by Stephanie Clancy-Dollinger, that completely repudiates the "thin myths" that are so prevalent today, especially that "being slim equals

Many of us struggle with the idea of overeating and gaining weight around the holidays. A simple reminder from the Wellness Center to live in moderation during this time does not represent its whole program. Perhaps we all need to learn more about the services offered by the Wellness Center and the ways in which its counselors can augment our health.

Sherrie Parks

senior studying psychology

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Dear Hollywood: Christmastime is here

DAILY EGYPTIAN

It's that magical time of year again, when all the leaves have fallen, the Thanksgiving turkey has been made into 8 million sandwiches and the people of America trample Wal-Mart employees to get HDTVs. Yes, it's Christmastime!

With so many movies and shows devoted to the season already out on DVD, it can be a little overwhelming for the average consumer. What to watch? When to watch it? Can we really spend another Christmas without seeing "Silent Night, Deadly Night"? Here, for your pleasure, is a somewhat comprehensive guide for what to watch and when to watch it during this magical month. Results may vary, but Christmas spirit will be in high supply.

TO GET INTO THE SPIRIT: Watch all the old animated Christmas specials on ABC

Family. The network shows Rudolph, the Grinch, Frosty and myriad other animated shows with puppets and Santa. A great movie to watch at this time is "Elf," which is just about the most delightful Christmas movie, featuring Will Ferrell burping and getting tackled by a little person.

BEFORE GOING TO SHOP: "Jingle All The Way," that classic Arnold Schwarzenegger comedy, is a nice children's movie and a commentary on the over-the-top commercialism of the holiday. If you feel like torturing yourself, the awful "Christmas with the Kranks" carries a similar message until the end, when it becomes schmaltzy and stupid.

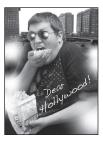
WHEN YOU'VE HAD JUST ABOUT **ENOUGH CHRISTMAS CHEER:** Only two choices here: "Bad Santa," which is the biggest middle finger the Christmas season could have possibly gotten and is also completely

hilarious, and the 1974 horror movie "Black Christmas," where a mad slasher goes nuts in a sorority house on Christmas eve. It was the precursor to "Halloween" and the subject of a bad 2006 remake.

BEFORE YOU GO TO VISIT THE RELATIVES: Watch "Christmas Vacation." Not only is it funny, but after spending two hours with the Griswolds, you can be thankful that no matter how dysfunctional and bizarre your family is, they will never be as insane as Chevy Chase's clan. Another good choice: "The Family Stone" for a more dramatic and awkward affair and Sarah Jessica Parker's enormous schnozz.

CHRISTMAS EVE: This is a tricky one, since TBS will be playing "A Christmas Story" all day and that seems like the obvious pick. A better choice might be "Meet Me in St. Louis," which has the most depressing version of "Have Yourself

a Merry Little Christmas" ever sung or "The Polar Express," which brings back the childlike wonder of Christmas and belief and features Tom Hanks as Santa Claus. The ending is tear-worthy.



CHRISTMAS DAY:

Well, you made it through the holiday, and with the new year coming up, "It's A Wonderful Life" is the perfect choice. If you want your New Year a little bleaker, rent Kathryn Bigelow's "Strange Days" to see what the people of 1995 thought the 2000 New Year celebration would look like.

There you have it, a comprehensive guide to what to watch during the holidays. Be sure to utilize the Blockbuster early and often, because these titles never stay on the shelves for long, especially after the masses read this list.

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TEN-YEAR ITCH

'8 1/2' is a 10 — The finest film about making a film

Chris McGregor DAILY EGYPTIAN

Editor's note: Ten-Year Itch is a weekly column that takes a peek back at an album or film which is at least 10 years old that deserves a second look.

"8 1/2" is possibly the greatest film that examines the creative process of an artist. The 1963 Italian film is written and directed by Federico Fellini and is somewhat biographical, as it follows an uninspired director whose director's block is combined with numerous other physical and metaphysical issues the well-dressed Italian casually shrugs off.

Main character Guido Anselmi, played by the handsome Marcello Mastroianni, appears to find everyone and every conversation either uninteresting or belittling to him as he ventures to a spa to cure his director's block. The film follows Guido as he dances in and out of reality, as his dreams and fantasies distract him from his job, and his affair distracts him from his wife.

As a middle-aged man, Guido has come to the realization that people have nothing to offer him. His failing affair is similar to his failed marriage. His mind flashes back to childhood memories and departed family members who derive as much emotion as possible out of Guido. He has such an inability to attach importance or meaning to anything that he carelessly floats over every situation. His science fiction film is failing miserably and his relationships are breaking down as his flashbacks are taking more precedence over his real life.

The opening dream sequence in "8 1/2" is my favorite opening to any film because it sets the tone wonderfully; it is incredibly imaginative and even inspired an REM music video. The dream sequence depicts Guido trapped in a car that is filling with gas in a traffic jam as people with expressionless faces watch. The scene concludes with him escaping and flying through the clouds, floating happily in the air until he is pulled back to earth by a rope attached to his leg. The seemingly nonsense dream foreshadows what is to happen in this man's

life, showing how he is unable to break away from social constructs and create his own original work.

Nino Rota, who is probably best known for writing the music for the first two "Godfather" films, wrote the score for the film. The music wonderfully captures the mood Fellini sets as it jumps wildly with Guido's imagination and strings the entire film together.

"8 1/2" shows Fellini's amazing talents as an imaginative storyteller and his ability to construct outstanding characters. He was a trendsetter in a period of rebirth for the motion picture industry, and his vivid dream sequences and unique film structure have since influenced generations of filmmakers.

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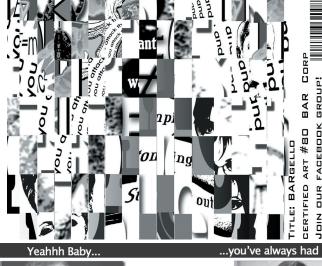
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Today's Birthday — There are some things you'd like to do, but don't quite know how yet. This year, you'll have extra patience for complicated subjects. Sign up for a class or two.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Your routine works well, so keep doing what you do to bring the money in. Take more responsibility. It'll be available. And the others need you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Continue to manage your resources carefully. This is the theme of the month. Eventually, with all the wise choices you make, everything will work out fine. Don't worry; you're very good

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — A person who doesn't agree with you isn't necessarily right, but sometimes passion carries more weight than rational analysis. Stay cool, have the facts and smile.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You always have the truth, but you don't always have to be telling it. So keep quiet about what you're doing. Maintain the mystery.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Use experts to help you come up with ideas if you find yourself running out. You shouldn't have to think of everything and, anyway, you couldn't. Forget it. Get help.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Duty calls, although you're not quite ready to go back to work. You can put the call on hold for a while, but you'll have to respond pretty soon. Be vague.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — The confusion starts to clear, as you realign with your primary objectives. Make lists, if necessary, and then set new priorities. The fog will begin to lift.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Gather more information before you go on your shopping spree. You don't want to get the wrong thing and have to take it back. Keep the receipts.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — You have the ability to see the big picture relatively easily. You watch trends and like to get into a comfortable position. Study the game board; it's changed.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Find what you need in your own cupboards, garage, attic and basement. Dig through that stuff you've been saving. The time's right for some of it, and some of it you can toss.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — You have a picture in your mind of how you want things to be. Draw up a few sketches to go with your lists so you'll get everything you need.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Your dreams should be very interesting. You'll be able to solve puzzles and difficult problems while sound asleep. Go to bed thinking about the issue with curiosity.

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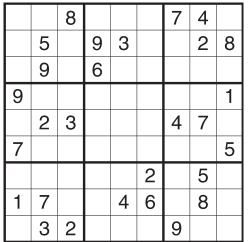
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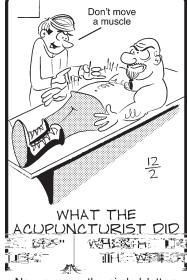


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Saluki Insider

Texas Tech head football coach Mike Leach said he thinks the "student" should be put back in "student athlete" by breaking the Big 12 Conference's three-way tie by which school graduates the most players. Texas Tech graduates 79 percent of its players, the most of any team tied for first in the league. Do you agree with Leach's logic?



I love it. It may not make the most sense, but I love his attitude. College football has become all about BCS conundrums and three- or four-way ties in its conferences. Something needs to be done to put a little bit more closure on things. And because I don't have any better suggestions, other than a 16-team playoff, graduation rates might as well have some sort of merit

It is exactly that, logical. The NCAA tries to shove down the concept of student athletes while many of its best leave school early without a degree. They say there is no FBS playoff because they don't want students missing classes. If the NCAA doesn't want to be hypocritical, it would allow graduation rates to decide because, after all, aren't these players getting a free ride to go pro in something other than sports?





Personally, I'm not a big fan of Leach's idea. It may be good in theory, but I don't think it's a good idea of having something decide who wins the conference subdivision by something that's not football related. Personally, I like the SEC's formula. They go by the BCS standings, but if the top two teams are within five BCS spots of each other, it goes by their head-to-head matchup.

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DEFENSE

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Lowery said in their games against Duke and UCLA, the Salukis were able to remain competitive because of their play on defense, which set up their offense. That kind of play has been the Salukis' calling card since Lowery began coaching the team in 2004.

Senior guard Bryan Mullins, the reigning Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year, said he believes the SIU defense will improve if it makes better decisions on offense.

"We've got to take better shots on offense. It's not fun playing defense

After senior guards Darren

Brooks and Stetson Hairston

led the team to a 27-win season,

which culminated in a Missouri

Valley Conference championship

and another NCAA Tournament

at-large bid, the Salukis opened the

next season 2-4. At that point, the

odds of another conference title

and NCAA tournament bid looked

for 25 or 30 seconds and then playing offense for only five to 10 seconds," Mullins said. "Our guys understand if you want to play in this program you have to play defense."

The key to the Salukis' recent success has been in part to their defensive efforts. However, the SIU defense has not been living up to its recent standards.

Last season, SIU allowed five teams to score 70 or more points, going 2-5 in those games. In their Sweet 16 season two years ago, the Salukis only allowed two opponents to score 70 points or more. However, this season, the Salukis have allowed four Division I opponents to crack the 70 mark and

allowed Division II Southwest Baptist to score 79 in an exhibition game.

Lowery said the team needs to play as hard on defense as it does on offense.

"Our biggest focus is making sure they understand that defense is first in this program and resting on defense is not allowed and is not condoned in this program," Lowery said. "I think we've shown that we can be good defensively but we haven't been able to sustain it."

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But a lengthy mid-season winning streak and three straight wins in the MVC Tournament sent SIU dancing again. Lowery said he could use that

Lowery said he could use that experience to show the team that it had overcome adversity as recently as three seasons ago.

He said it was good to see how the team deals with the early season adversity because it allows the team to come together and coach them up.

"We talked about it all the time,

especially when Jamaal (Tatum) and Tony (Young) were younger. When they first got a chance to start when Darren (Brooks) and Stetson (Hairston) left we struggled the same way," Lowery said. "They thought it was about them and Darren never made it about him because he was a winner. It's about wins. It's about teamwork."

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all received first-team all-conference accolades. Offensive lineman Mike Farrell, linebackers James Cloud and Chauncey Mixon, and defensive back Marty Rodgers were awarded second-team honors.

Nose tackle Chris Arthurs, wide receiver Marc Cheatham, quarterback Chris Dieker, kicker Kyle Dougherty, fullback John Goode and tight end Ryan Kernes, meanwhile, received honorable mentions. "For the guys that got it, it was well deserved," said Lockwood, who was also a member of the Valley's preseason all-conference team. "I kind of had a feeling it would work out this way."

Lennon joined SIU in January after the departure of Kill and instantly found success with a relatively young team that was tabbed to finish in fifth place in the Valley.

"(For Lennon) to be behind coach Kill, who was a tremendous coach, and step in and do what he did this season with this team, when everybody doubted us was great," Warner said.

Lennon compiled a 9-2 regular season record, the best mark by any first-year coach in SIU history, and secured the program's third conference championship in school history.

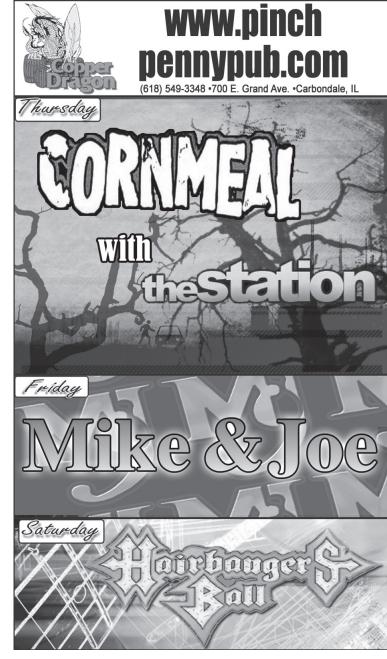
"It seems like ever since I have been here, we have been picked fourth or fifth," Lockwood said. "I don't know if we will ever get that respect, but it's always nice to prove people wrong."

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Recommitment to defense key to beating SLU



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Freshman guard Kevin Dillard, center, and freshman forward Anthony Booker, right, swarm UCLA guard Jerime Anderson during the Salukis' 77-60 loss to the Bruins Nov. 21 at Madison Square Garden. SIU will look to bounce back from three consecutive losses when it hosts Saint Louis University tonight.

Young squad gets on-the-job training

Luis C. Medina

DAILY EGYPTIAN

There was a time when underclassmen on the SIU men's basketball team were eased into roles.

But with six newcomers playing double-digit minutes, the young Salukis are getting on-the-job training.

SIU head coach Chris Lowery said the underclassmen need to separate what they've done in high school and what they are doing on the collegiate

"They come in so highly acclaimed

that they all think they can do what they did as high school seniors. The biggest thing for them to realize is that nobody cares about that," Lowery said. "For them to come in here to blend - and that's what they need to do - blend and help us be good instead of trying to stick out and be individuals."

After winning its first two games at home, SIU has suffered three straight losses. The Salukis' struggles have come as they took to the road and played two neutral court games before their first true road game against Western Kentucky. Each loss featured moments of poor shot selection and defensive lapses that stifled comeback attempts

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SIU head basketball coach

one of the team's leaders, he has taken it upon himself to try to steer his young teammates through the early season's

"There's always going to be times in games where things don't go your way. Sometimes guys get down about a play when we need to move on and get a stop, and I try to tell them to forget about it and move on to the next play," Mullins said. "This is a long season and guys can't get wrapped up in one

Even though SIU has struggled in its last three games, Lowery said he was not going to push the panic button because he was in a similar situation a few years ago.

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Lowery: Rest on defense not allowed

Luis C. Medina

DAILY EGYPTIAN

After allowing an average of 78 points per game against its four Division I opponents this season, it is apparent the SIU men's basketball team needs to recommit itself to the defensive end of the

Head coach Chris Lowery said the Salukis' No. 1 problem in their four losses this season has been the team's shortcomings on defense.

"The first problem was that we had an issue about thinking that you rest on defense and play hard on offense," he said. "When you look at how we've lost, it's been complete breakdowns mentally on defense and then when you do that you have untimely turnovers (on

But Lowery said he expects SIU to pick up its defensive play in its first home game in more than two weeks when the Salukis host Saint Louis at 7:05 p.m tonight.

The Salukis enter the game as losers of their last three games, including two losses to national powerhouses Duke and UCLA in New York City during the 2K Sports Classic tournament.

"I'm glad we're home; it doesn't matter who we're playing," Lowery said. "For what happened in New York to carry over into Western Kentucky was unfortunate. Home is home and that's what we're most excited about."

Lowery said he and the team have talked about last season's loss against the Billikens, a 56-51 loss that Lowery described as a meltdown where SIU watched a nine point lead with about three minutes remaining in the game slip away into a Saint Louis win.

Lowery said the Salukis can be successful against SLU if they play within Lowery's system.

"I feel we match up well with anyone we play if we do what we do," Lowery said. "It's about us being who we are and not deviate from that. And once we learn that we play a certain way, we're going to have success."

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FOOTBALL

Lennon earns Valley's Coach of the Year award

First head coach in SIU history to get award in first season

> **Brian Feldt** DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dale Lennon added to his historic first season as the SIU head football coach Monday when he was named the "Bruce Craddock" Missouri Valley Football Conference Coach of the Year.

Lennon became the third coach in Valley history to win the award in his first year in the conference, and is the only SIU coach to win the award in his first season.

The last SIU coach to claim coach of the year honors was Jerry Kill, who received the award in 2003 and 2004.

Lennon said the title is as much a testament to the team as it is to the coaching staff.

"It's really a team award," Lennon said. "Sometimes it's made up a little bit too much but it's a tremendous honor for the team and staff for everything we have accomplished this season."

Lennon was one of 16 Salukis honored by the conference when it unveiled its 2008 All-Conference

Running back Larry Warner, offensive lineman Lockwood, linebacker Brandin Jordan, defensive back Korey Lindsey and punter Scott Ravanesi

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SIU head coach **Dale Lennon** waits for every member of his team to leave the field before heading to the locker room himself Saturday. Lennon was named the "Bruce Craddock" Missouri Valley Football Conference Coach of the Year Monday. JOE REHANA DAILY EGYPTIAN