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Gus Bode says there comes a time when giving up is the only viable option.

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Budget woes leave books stranded

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Though it houses a coffee shop, computer labs and plenty of study space, Morris Library still lacks one essential component of a functioning library: books.

David Carlson, dean of Library Affairs, said he did not expect more than 1 million books stored in McLafferty Annex to join the library anytime soon.

The books remain in a building roughly 1.3 miles from their permanent home even though most of the library construction, which began in 2005, has been completed.

Carlson said the problem comes down to money — or lack thereof.

It would cost more than \$1.5 million to move the books a little farther than a mile between the buildings. That money is simply not in the budget right now, Carlson said, and no one knows when or from where it will appear.

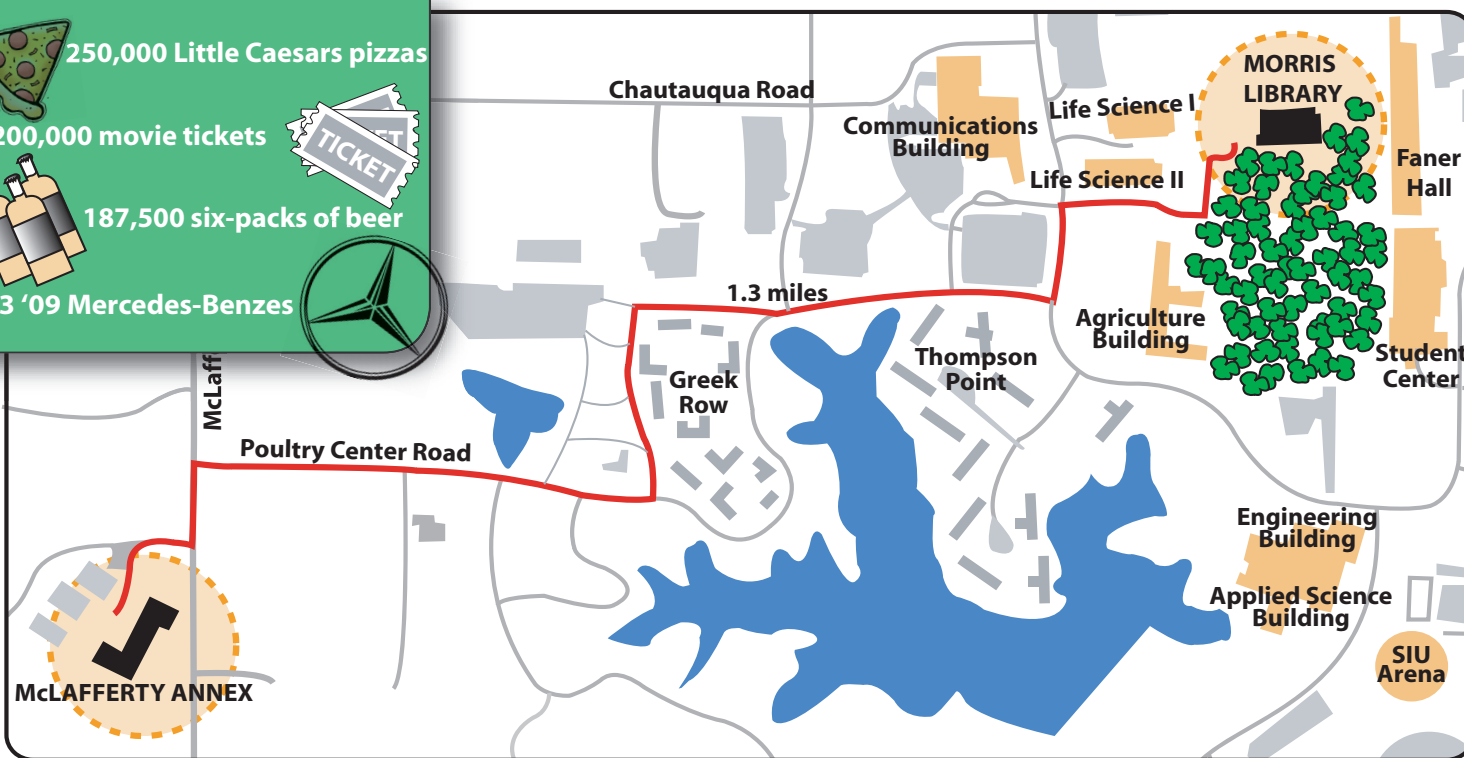
“At the moment, the main hope for the money has been the capital bill from the state,” Carlson said.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said he and U.S. Rep. Dennis Hastert put together the \$22 million bill that would have secured state funds for the library. The bill failed in the Illinois House of Representatives May 31.

University spokesman Dave Gross said Gov. Pat Quinn and legislators would try to resurrect such legislation,

What could \$1.5 million buy?

- 250,000 Little Caesars pizzas
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but no bill has materialized yet.

Carlson said a portion of the bill would pay to move the books, as well as finish construction on the library's sixth and seventh floors.

Both initiatives are on hold until more money can be allocated.

Administrators considered using university money to move the books,

but Carlson said the state of the economy would make that difficult.

He said the estimated cost to move the books was \$1.5 million three years ago. Though he did not have an updated estimate, Carlson said he believed it would cost more now.

Most of the estimate accounts for labor costs to move and reconstruct

shelving units, and transportation costs to move more than 1 million books, he said.

Carlson said library administrators would reach into their budget to move special collections materials, which would cost roughly \$225,000 to transport.

Special collections, which include

university archives, manuscripts and documents from various university and political figures, account for about 20 percent of the materials set to reside in the basement, Carlson said.

“We knew we couldn't solve the whole thing but we could at least address and resolve this particular piece of it,” he said.

Yepsen likely to be announced as new Simon institute director

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With two of the three candidates for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute's directorship out of the running, David Yepsen is likely to be named the institute's new director today.

Yepsen, a political columnist, became the frontrunner for the job after state Rep. Arthur Turner withdrew his name from consideration Monday, less than a week after reports surfaced that officials in the institute wanted someone else for the job.

Dave Gross, a university spokesman, said he could neither confirm nor deny whether Yepsen received the position.

An announcement is set for 1 p.m. today in the lobby of the institute.

Bill Freivogel, the third candidate and director of the school of journalism, said Tuesday he had no press conference scheduled for today and had not been offered the job.

He said he expected Yepsen to be named the institute's director.

“I think he will be a terrific director and I hope we can get him involved with the School of Journalism like (former director) Mike Lawrence was and (founder) Paul Simon was before him,” said Freivogel, also a visiting professor with the institute.

Simon, a former two-term U.S. Senator from Illinois, founded the institute in 1997

before he died in 2003. The institute works directly with elected officials and others to implement changes in public policy.

Sources close to the process said they expected Turner to be named to the position last week despite the institute's Board of Counselors' recommendation of Yepsen.

But negotiations between Turner and SIU President Glenn Poshard delayed, sources said, and Turner withdrew his name Monday so he could continue serving in the Illinois legislature.

“Representative Turner is one of the most effective leaders in Springfield and he felt that at this particular time in state government the best use of his talents was in helping solve the serious problems now confronting our state,” Poshard said in the release.

A receptionist at the Hampton Inn of Carbondale said a reservation has been made under the name of David Yepsen for today.

Yepsen could not be reached for comment. Poshard confirmed Jan. 27 the institute's board chose Yepsen.

A separate search committee chose three finalists and recommended them equally to Poshard, he said.

Any decision Poshard makes will have to be approved at the SIU Board of Trustees' next meeting scheduled Feb. 12.



David Yepsen

Man at murder scene said 911 was busy

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One man is dead, another wounded, and a third remains in Jackson County Jail after an incident on the east side of Carbondale Sunday, but the suspect's father said his first call for help went unanswered.

Police arrested Robert Ollie Jr., 46, of Carbondale, Sunday in connection with the murder of 63-year-old James Banner, of Chicago. Ollie was charged with murder and aggravated battery with a firearm. A 29-year-old Carbondale resident, whom police would not identify, was taken to a St. Louis hospital.

Ollie's bail was set at \$1.5 million in Jackson County Court on Tuesday.

Robert Ollie Sr. said Tuesday he called 911 when he heard the fight begin between his son and four other men, but he said he received a busy signal that Sunday night.

Robert Sr., 73, said he called for help from the second floor of his Crestview Lane home as the incident broke out on the floor below.

He said he did not remember what time he called 911 from the house's landline phone, but heard a busy signal on the other end of the line.

It was not until his second call to the emergency number that he received help, Robert Sr. said.

It is possible, but unlikely, to receive a busy signal when calling 911, said Patrick Lustig, director of the Jackson County Emergency Dispatch.

Lustig said county dispatchers could handle 160 emergency calls from landline phones at one time. The county has eight dispatchers at four locations.

Dispatchers received 10 emergency calls at roughly 9 p.m. Sunday, Lustig said. He said he could not confirm if that figure included calls related to the shooting.

“Sometimes people dial 911 and they don't hear anything while the circuits connect,” Lustig said.

Robert Sr., said he did not want to comment further.

“Sometimes people dial 911 and they don't hear anything while the circuits connect.”

— Patrick Lustig
director of the Jackson County
Emergency Dispatch

City Council plans to expand Reed Station Road

Members approve eminent domain action to obtain property

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City Council members approved an ordinance Tuesday to file eminent domain actions against property owners who refuse to sell portions of their property to the city for an expansion and widening of Reed Station Road.

“This will benefit businesses located along this segment of road, as well as allow for an expansion of future business.”

—Allen Gill
city manager

The city, working with funding from the Illinois Department of Transportation, plans to expand and widen Reed Station Road between Illinois Route 13 and Old Illinois Route 13, said City Manager Allen Gill.

“This will benefit businesses located along this segment of road as well as allow for an expansion of future business,” Gill said.

Eminent domain gives the city the right to seize private property as long as it pays the owners. Condemnation is putting eminent domain into action.

To obtain the necessary prop-



Mayor Brad Cole listens to City Manager Allen Gill discuss an ordinance to file for eminent domain to obtain property for an expansion of Reed Station Road. The city is negotiating with landowners to buy the property with funds from the Illinois Department of Transportation to expand and widen the road between Illinois Route 13 and Old Illinois Route 13.

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erty, the city provided appraisals and offers to landowners whose property fell in its proposed area of expansion. It continues to negotiate with landowners concerning three

parcels of land, Gill said.

Mayor Brad Cole said taking condemnation actions against the landowners is a last resort if their negotiations do not succeed.

“We do think they will, and we certainly hope they will,” Cole said. “This is not something that the council frivolously undertakes.”

The council also approved a

contract to demolish buildings at 201 N. Washington Street, formerly Tuscan Lodge, and 204 E. Jackson Street, formerly the Fish Market.

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Voter confusion stirs tensions in Iraq

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BAGHDAD — In the years of sectarian strife unleashed by the U.S. invasion of Iraq, Ali Mahmood had to flee death squads and rogue cops. The 28-year-old led a nomadic existence, moving from his native Basra to Baghdad and the northern city of Mosul and then back to Basra.

When it came time for Mahmood to vote in Iraq's provincial elections on Saturday, he was a no-show. The reason: The card he needed to vote was some 500 miles away, in Mosul.

Mahmood's predicament may explain why voter turnout was so low in Sunni Arab-majority areas, especially in the tense province of Anbar, where only 40 percent of voters showed up at the polls, according to Iraq's Independent High Electoral Commission. The nationwide turnout was put at 51 percent.

Some have hailed early reports on Iraq's provincial elections as evidence of a step forward in the country's halting advance to democratic rule after six years of bloodshed. Thousands of Iraqis, however, couldn't vote because their names were missing from registration lists; in Hawsa, just west of Baghdad, thousands demonstrated over their exclusion.

Too many voters didn't find their names on voter rolls, and, with a vehicle ban to prevent suicide bombers, many voters had to walk miles from their homes to get to their polling places, party officials said. The voting problems threaten to unleash violence in Anbar.

Election officials said that they have no plans to address the grievances, saying displaced voters missed their opportunity to reregister. "We spent 45 days advertising on TV, radio, and newspapers



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A voter dips his index finger in an inkwell as proof he voted during elections in Iraq on Saturday.

asking to make any chances, especially for displaced people," said Mohammed Saeed al-Amjed, an IHEC spokesman. "The period was more than enough for the families to check or register their names, displaced or not."

In an effort to help displaced Iraqis, IHEC officials said that they set up 21 centers for displaced voters, including four in Baghdad. Some 2.9 million Iraqis updated their registration, the officials said. The International Organization for Migration estimates that more than 1.6 million Iraqis have been displaced since February 2006.

After the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, Sunni Arab militias aligned themselves with al-Qaida in Iraq

to battle a foreign occupation, and Shiites took advantage of their ascent to power, unleashing their own violence against Sunnis. Later, Sunni tribal leaders joined the Awakening Councils, tribal groups backed by the U.S. military to stamp out al-Qaida in Iraq. Sectarian clashes escalated. Sect-based executions were common. Millions were displaced.

Ali Mahmood wasn't the only displaced person who couldn't vote.

After Omar Mohammed Abdul-Salam and his family received an envelope containing bullets and a "leave immediately" missive at their Baghdad home, they decamped to Fallujah in 2006.

On election day, Abdul-Salam bounced around from polling

place to polling place, trying to find one where his name was registered. He said poll workers gave him the runaround.

"After the third center, I was told there was a voting center for displaced people," said Abdul-Salam, 37, a security guard. "I was so tired that I just went back home."

Abdul-Salam and other voters complained that the vehicle ban prevented them from reaching their assigned voting centers.

Election officials said they did their part to get out the word — something that voters and observers dispute. Both said that little was done to notify displaced voters that they could vote in a special center.

Loss of Daschle clouds health reform prospects

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WASHINGTON — Tom Daschle's decision to withdraw his nomination as health and human services secretary clouds hopes that President Barack Obama will make significant progress on health reform in his first 100 days in the White House.

But the problems of unaffordable medical bills and millions of uninsured are not going away, and a deepening recession has more Americans feeling worried about their jobs and insecure about their health benefits.

So even if Obama's hand-picked architect of health reform suddenly leaves the political scene, the president himself still has an opportunity to refocus the nation's attention on its health care woes and on his own program for making things better.

"It's a real blow to the effort because Tom really was knowledgeable," Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who also is deeply involved in health care issues, said Tuesday. "This is an issue I had hoped would be a priority, and that we could deal with it very quickly."

He added: "It hurts. It slows things down. So this has been a setback."

At the White House, spokesman Robert Gibbs put on a brave front. "I don't think the effort slows down for health care reform, and I think Sen. Daschle and others would admit that the effort is far bigger than any one individual."

"We'll miss Sen. Daschle's leadership," said White House senior adviser David Axelrod. "But this issue has great power of its own."

Obama has a chance to recover some lost momentum right away. As early as Wednesday, he is expected to sign legislation to expand health coverage for uninsured children of low-income working parents, a major priority for Democrats. The president's words at the signing ceremony will be closely followed.

The White House has been planning a health care summit early in the spring to kick off the health reform campaign, but that may now be delayed.

Obama must quickly select a new HHS nominee who can be confirmed smoothly. The list of possible picks includes Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and others with state and national leadership credentials, including Howard Dean, the former Democratic presidential candidate and party chairman, Vermont governor and medical doctor, Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland.

Not only could prospects for health reform dim further if the choice is delayed, but it means that problems at HHS agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration could continue to fester. Agency heads are not usually named until a cabinet secretary is in place.

Senate approves tax break for new car buyers

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Tuesday to give a tax break to new car buyers, setting aside bipartisan concerns over the size of an economic stimulus bill with a price tag approaching \$900 billion.

The 71-26 vote came as President Barack Obama said he lies awake nights worrying about the economy, and signaled opposition to congressional attempts to insert "buy American" provisions into the legislation.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski led the successful effort to allow many car buyers to claim an income tax deduction for sales taxes paid on new autos and interest payments on car loans.

She said the plan would aid the beleaguered automobile industry as well as create jobs at a time the economy is losing them at a rapid rate. "I believe we can help by getting the consumer into the showroom," she said.

The provision was attached to the economic stimulus bill at the heart of Obama's economic recovery plan and is subject to change or even elimination as the measure makes its way toward final passage.

Democratic leaders have pledged to have the bill ready for his signature by mid-month, and in a round of network television interviews, the president underscored the urgency. He told CNN that even three months ago, most economists would not have predicted the economy was "in as bad of a situation as we are in right now."

He also spoke out against efforts to require the use of domestic steel in construction projects envisioned in the bill, telling Fox News, "we can't send a protectionist message."

The stimulus bill remains a work in progress, following last week's party-line vote in the House and an Oval Office meeting on Monday in which Obama and Democratic leaders discussed ways to reach

across party lines.

In a series of skirmishes during the day, the Senate turned back a proposal to add \$25 billion for public works projects and voted to remove a tax break for movie producers. Both moves were engineered by Republicans who are critical of the bill's size and voice skepticism of its ability to create jobs.

Democratic leaders conceded they may soon be obliged to cut billions of dollars from the measure. "It goes without saying if it's going to pass in the Senate, it has to be bipartisan," said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the second-ranking Democratic leader, adding that rank-and-file lawmakers in both parties want the bill's cost reduced.

One Democrat, Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska, said he hoped for reductions "in the tens of billions of dollars."

The developments unfolded as more companies announced job layoffs including 5,800 at PNC Financial Services Group.

In another sign of economic weakness, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation predicted the cost of bank failures will exceed its estimate from last fall and urged lawmakers to more than triple the agency's line of credit with the Treasury Department from the current \$30 billion to \$100 billion.

Mikulski's office put the cost of the tax break she sponsored at \$11 billion over 10 years. It would apply to the first \$49,500 in the price of a new car purchased between last Nov. 12 and Dec. 31, 2009. Individuals with incomes of up to \$125,000 and couples earnings as much as \$250,000 could qualify, including those who do not itemize their deductions.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, sought unsuccessfully to derail the proposal, saying it would only increase consumer debt in a time of recession and adding that there were other provisions in the legislation to help the auto industry. But the 71 votes in support were far more than the 60 needed for passage.

ARKANSAS

92-year-old woman trapped by ice storm found huddling by stove

LITTLE ROCK — As Sgt. Michael Franks pulled up to a shack resting among the ice-coated limbs of a forest in northeast Arkansas, he said he couldn't believe that anyone was living on the property located miles from any major road — let alone a 92-year-old woman waiting for something to eat.

But there was Jewel Kirel, sitting on a tattered couch, warming herself by a wood-burning stove.

"She just broke down and started crying," said Franks. "She was so happy that we had come out there, and that we cared enough to come out and see her to make sure she was alright."

MASSACHUSETTS

Lesbian couple who championed gay marriage fight file divorce

BOSTON — A lesbian couple who led the fight for gay marriage in Massachusetts has filed for divorce.

Julie and Hillary Goodridge were among seven gay couples who filed a lawsuit that led to a court ruling making Massachusetts the first state to legalize same-sex marriages in 2004. The couple married the first day same-sex marriages became legal.

The divorce case was filed last week in Suffolk Probate and Family Court and was not unexpected. The couple announced a separation in 2006.

IRAQ

'Mother' of women bombers recruiters arrested in Iraq

BAGHDAD — A woman accused of helping recruit dozens of female suicide bombers looked into the camera and described the process: trolling society for likely candidates and then patiently converting the women from troubled souls into deadly attackers.

The accounts, in a video released Tuesday by Iraq police, offer a rare glimpse into the networks used to find and train the women bombers who have become one of the insurgents' most effective weapons as they struggle under increasing crackdowns.

AUSTRALIA

Traveler nabbed with live pigeons in his pants

SYDNEY — An Australian traveler was caught with two live pigeons stuffed in his pants following a trip to the Middle East, customs officials said Tuesday. The 23-year-old man was searched after authorities discovered two eggs in a vitamin container in his luggage, said Richard Janeczko, national investigations manager for the Customs Service.

They found the pigeons wrapped in padded envelopes and held to each of the man's legs with a pair of tights, according to a statement released by the agency. Officials also seized seeds in his money belt and an undeclared eggplant.

Students get chance to go on international journey

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Students and community members interested in an "intellectual adventure" can attend an informational meeting Thursday about trips to Egypt, Greece and Turkey in May and June.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Lawson 131 and philosophy professor Robert Hahn will facilitate discussion about the trip.

Hahn said he hopes students who attend the meeting will decide to go on the trip to gain an understanding of other cultures.

"I hope people are appreciative about being an American, but very open to other places," Hahn said. "They will have a chance to see themselves anew."

Students who attend any trip will earn six course credits, but family members and members of the community are welcome to attend as well. He said it is not uncommon for students to bring their parents.

Erin Seeley, a junior from Crystal Lake studying public relations and a participant in last year's trip to Egypt, said she learned more during the trip than she did in classes for her former major, art history.

"I wasn't getting the exact, full story," Seeley said. "There were a few pieces that we saw in the Cairo museum that we studied (in class) and I got to see them up close. I saw there was more to them than what I was reading."

Cost of the event varies by trip, but the Web site, <http://ancientlegacies.org>, shows the cost ranges between \$4,851 and \$5,052 for the flight, travel and most meals.

Hahn said professors from SIUC, SIUE, University of Vanderbilt,



Philosophy professor Robert Hahn teaches his elementary logic class Tuesday in Lawson Hall. On May 25, Hahn will accompany a group of students on a trip to Greece and Turkey. For class credit, students on the trip will learn about ancient societies, while some of their activities will include running a race in an ancient Olympic stadium and performing a play in an ancient theater.

Iowa State University, University of California-Berkeley and University of Texas in the departments of philosophy, Egyptology, art history, classics, astronomy and theatre will attend the trip.

Chris Kunz, a senior from Springfield studying philosophy, went on the trip to Turkey and Greece last year and said his advice to this year's participants is to pack lightly. "You do a lot of moving around,

and when it comes down to it, you don't need a lot of stuff," Kunz said. "You don't need to haul all that stuff around when you change locations every couple of days." Kunz said the trip would teach

participants to appreciate what they have. "Be happy with what you've got here," he said. "Those countries we went to were so much poorer in a lot of areas."



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GUEST COLUMN

Forgetting about plagiarism

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GUEST COLUMNIST

As SIU grapples with its latest plagiarism-based PR disaster, I'd like to offer some context and then some recommendations.

As to context: the plagiarism committee is not the first faculty group to have plagiarized its definition of plagiarism. Members of AFAC privately informed faculty and staff of several instances of plagiarized plagiarism statements. In one case, a department that had been lauded in the College of Liberal Arts Council for an excellent plagiarism statement had, in fact, plagiarized it.

The department had to spend time tracking down its source — time the department considered a pure waste. It believed that, because the statement was in the public domain, its source didn't need to be cited at all. Such faculty incomprehension and hostility to correction indicate that a minority of faculty is as clueless or careless about plagiarism as students are believed to be.

And that should lessen our wonder that the plagiarism committee could plagiarize its definition.

Further, as cases accrue, it has become obvious that what counts as plagiarism at SIUC depends upon whom you are. A professor on the outs who plagiarized was summarily fired; an insider was merely called into her chair's

office, though having plagiarized identically. The profound discrepancy in consequences is an example of the arbitrary administrative behavior for which SIU has become notorious. In this light, we must suspect that the plagiarism committee's effort to introduce a distinction between intentional and unintentional plagiarism means to provide leeway for continued arbitrary treatment of offenders. We've already had clear indication of this in English professor Gerald Nelms' exculpation of SIU President Glenn Poshard's plagiarism, which was arguably much more serious than that of the fired professor. The favored get to rewrite, adding the required citations, while the less fortunate, among whom we can number former Chancellor Walter Wendler, as well as numerous students, get hammered to varying degrees.

The combination of a clueless minority among the faculty and an administration besotted with arbitrariness guarantees that SIU will continue to experience blowback as long as it mucks around with plagiarism. My first recommendation is that the university alerts those who have been hammered that a redo is possible or, in the case of students, that it offers the option of a tuition refund for the courses they failed. I

failed two students summarily myself, and I now feel pretty bad about one of them. He claimed that a professor told him that definitions didn't need to be cited. I didn't find this credible at the time, but I sure do now. Anyway, such an amnesty should fend off any class action suit that aggrieved plagiarizers might launch claiming disparate treatment.

My second recommendation is that, post amnesty, SIU just forget about plagiarism. For SIU, it's jinxed. It can't be touched without calamitous result. So, give up thought of a new policy and give up worrying about it.

After all, there's no flood of plagiarism out there; just an incessant drip from the clueless, the incompetent or the corner-cutting. Attention to it has made blundering seem an integral — nay, a defining — part of SIU's institutional culture. The more plagiarism is made a big deal, the worse SIU looks. That's what experience teaches us, anyway, so learn from it, and relax about the matter. That'll be so much better for SIU in the end.

Schneider is a professor emeritus of sociology.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What were they thinking?

DEAR EDITOR:

I was going to write and congratulate the administrators for actually canceling Wednesday classes before the 10 p.m. news Tuesday; however, after trying to negotiate the campus Thursday I have to ask, "What were they thinking?"

I understand colleges do not get make-up days and that those days are now lost. Regardless, safety should be every administrator's first priority and the campus was not safe! Sidewalks were partially cleared, parking lots were a mess and snow and ice were piled in front of handicap-accessible areas. In addition to that, many students who live off campus had to deal with poorly plowed parking lots and buses that were behind schedule or getting stuck. This was a bad situation that could have been avoided, and should be in the future.

How difficult is it to figure out that, if every public school in the area has canceled class, perhaps SIUC should do the same? Additionally, SIUC waited until 3:41 a.m., according to my e-mail alert, to cancel Tuesday's classes when, by 10 p.m. Monday, every meteorologist in the area agreed it was going to be a bad storm, which was going to last well into the day Tuesday. It does not seem difficult to ask the administration to make a decision before the 10 p.m. local news. Many students have responsibilities outside of the realm of academia and need proper advanced notification.

For two years now the school has failed to deal with inclement weather. The school needs to take a hard look at its policies and see if they are really designed with the safety of students in mind or if they are driven by a notion that we "must" have classes and we cannot lose a day. I, for one, would understand if the school posted a message, "School closed to ensure the campus is safe and accessible in response to the previous day's inclement weather." Instead, the students are left to fend for themselves on treacherous sidewalks and parking lots and hope they do not get seriously injured.

Todd Peterson

senior studying aviation technologies

Don't tread on me

DEAR EDITOR:

On the occasion of the recent snow and ice storm, I have found a new slogan for the students of SIUC: Don't tread on me!

First, the saying is apt for every sidewalk and student parking lot on campus. These areas are barely more than snow retention zones. The only reason they are passable at all is because others have been there first. The student lots were a mess of cars and snow. The staff lots were in great condition. The staff lots should be in great condition and the student lots should be as well. On my way to Morris Library, the sidewalks were horrible. A mix of snow, ice and sludge greeted my every step. There were not stairs, rather imported bunny slopes from Vail. This is Illinois, I expect snow and ice, but I also expect those responsible to keep those areas made for walking and driving clean.

Secondly, the "don't tread on me" flag should be a rallying call for students who find this conduct reprehensible. SIUC is a great university. That reputation got hurt Thursday as students inform their friends and family of the awful condition of the campus. On the SIUC Web site, the section for prospective students includes links to Campus Safety information. Campus Safety should include, not only prevention of crime, but also the condition of SIUC when there is adverse weather. If the university cannot provide a safe environment for students, there should be no class. Students pay lots of money to receive a quality education. That education is limited by an inability to get to class, an inability to walk around campus and an inability to park. Students, let the administration know your frustrations by e-mailing or sending letters about your concerns on the condition of campus.

Lance Camp

third-year law student

Total disregard

DEAR EDITOR:

The decision to open campus on Thursday was wrong. The campus was not accessible to all students. There are more than 1,000 students with disabilities attending this campus. These students had to try to navigate and maneuver through sidewalks blocked with mounds of ice and snow. The decision to open campus put students at risk of injury and damage to vital mobility equipment.

People with disabilities are a proud and determined group who take attending class seriously. If there is class, we want to attend, but the conditions of the sidewalks and entrance ramps made it impossible.

To think the university would put monetary gain over the safety of students is disturbing. It makes me rethink the claim that Southern Illinois University Carbondale is accessible.

Chancellor Sam Goldman needs to take into consideration the students who are blind or visually impaired, like me, or in wheelchairs before making a decision to open an ice packed campus.

Brad Rollinson

senior studying journalism

Must be an excuse

DEAR EDITOR:

Regarding the plagiarism policy plagiarism: I'm sure it was inadvertent.

W.D. Wallis

emeritus professor in mathematics

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Our initial investigation suggests this was an isolated malicious act.”

Jennifer Khoury

vice president of corporate communications at Comcast, apologizing to customers in Tucson, Ariz., for a 30-second porn clip that interrupted the local broadcast of the Super Bowl.

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INSIGHT



Family time

LANE CHRISTIANSEN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

With the busyness of our daily lives, chores seem to be one of the things that we all like to do the least. For me, it has always been laundry. It's about \$10 out of your pocket to wash the clothes you are going to just get dirty all over again. This was the way I thought when I did laundry in my apartment.

When I started going to a public laundromat, I started using the two hours there for “me time.” For some, it is their time to knit or read. For the Charicatas, it was their time together as a family.

As I sat in the laundromat reading my James Patterson novel, I started to notice a little boy chasing an older girl around the washing machines laughing and having the time of his life. After a while they slowed down and sat in front of the dryers to play with their baby brother Jonathan who was in his car seat at the time. Mariza, 10, is the oldest sibling. She tried to help her mother Patricia and father Bulmaro with the laundry. But after a while her little brother Efrain, 4, got her to play with him again.

It is amazing how many people

you can meet any time of the day who will have an impact on you. For me, it was a little boy and girl who, despite where they were, took advantage of a boring situation and made it into an exhilarating part of their day.

The great joy I have as a photo-journalist is meeting and learning about individuals whom I would never have had the chance to talk to outside my profession. The other joy is appreciating the little moments happening in everyday life around me.

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SIUC student brings action to art

"Elemental Ascents" gallery showcases expressions of rock climbing

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For Phillip Carrier, art imitates life.

"One of the reasons I make art is to help understand the different aspects of my life," he said.

Carrier, a junior from Carbondale studying sculpture, has his first solo exhibit showing in the Vergette Gallery of the Allyn Building. The show will run until 4:30 p.m. Friday, with a reception from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

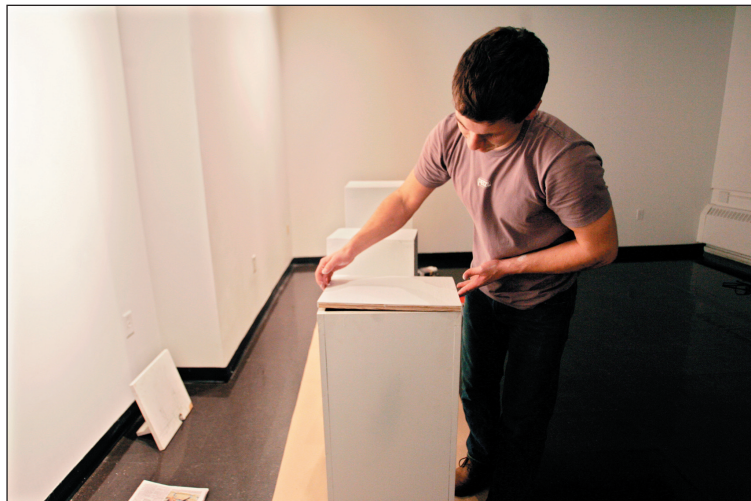
Each of the five pieces deal with rock climbing, an activity Carrier has been involved in since he was 3 years old.

Carrier said rock climbing is something he can always turn to as an escape from his daily life. While he enjoys the physical aspect of climbing and being outdoors, he said his favorite part of rock climbing is the same thing that sparks his passion for art.

"What probably draws me to it the most is that climbing stimulates the same things that art does for me," he said. "It's all about efficiency and problem solving."

The exhibition's name, "Elemental Ascents," was the title of a piece Carrier created last spring, he said. He chose the same name for this exhibit because it summarizes the meaning of his art, and each piece represents a separate element of climbing, he said.

One piece in the exhibit, which



EDYTA BŁASZCZYK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Phillip Carrier, a junior from Carbondale studying sculpture, sets up podiums for his art show Monday at the Vergette Gallery in the Allyn Building. Carrier's show, "Elemental Ascents," will be open until 4:30 p.m. Friday.

uses a video projection on to plywood, examines form and space, he said. Another is a cast-iron model of his hands and forearms, shaped as though they were gripping rock.

Though the show centers on his relationship with climbing, those unfamiliar with the sport will have something to take from it too, he said.

Kristy Summers, a visiting assistant professor of sculpture, said she has been familiar with Carrier's art for a year and a half. Although she does not climb, the works in "Elemental Ascents" are still relatable in addition to being educational, she said.

"I can experience some of the aspects of (climbing) that I know nothing about," she said.

Carrier said that he realizes his audience might be specific because of the subject of the art, but thinks that the pieces have universal themes whether or not the viewer is a climber.

"It's a form based on movement, and I think you can recognize that whether it's a climbing context or a dance context or any activity," he said.

Josh Sucherman, a senior from Mundelein studying art education, is one of the individuals who stopped by Carrier's collection. He has had several classes with Carrier, he said.

Sucherman said he takes an interest in looking at art, particularly that of his peers. One thing that caught his attention about "Elemental Ascents" was the projection piece, a form of art not used that often, he said.

Carrier said he hopes to get feedback from viewers of the show. Art is something individuals make for themselves but for an audience at the same time, he said.

"It's a very personal topic, but I hope other people can enjoy it and get something from it," he said.

Weird news

Stories far too strange for the rest of the paper

Mike Pingree
Boston Herald

OH, HI SIR, GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN:

A man was arrested for robbing a convenience store in Lexington, S.C., where he was a regular customer. In fact, he had made purchases in the store earlier that day.

ASSAULT BY SKIPPY EXTRA CRUNCHY:

A 47-year-old man in Burlington, Ont., wanted to seek revenge on his former fiancée, who had a peanut allergy. So, he smeared peanut butter on her car door handle. He was arrested.

CUPCAKE, I THINK WE CAN MAKE THIS WORK —

ARRRGHHH!

In an effort to repair their tumultuous relationship, a man prepared a dinner for his girlfriend at their home in Lulea, Sweden, and showered her with presents. She made it plain she didn't like the meal or the gifts, and - after becoming heavily intoxicated - stabbed him in the back.

I THINK WE'RE IN THE CLEAR, MATE — THUMP!:

Two petty criminals who were handcuffed together tried to make their escape from a courthouse in Hastings, New Zealand. They were running down the sidewalk when they went to opposite sides of a utility pole and collided with each other.

DESCRIBE HIM, OFFICER? I THINK I CAN DESCRIBE HIM:

A man was arrested for aggravated robbery in Cincinnati. He had a two-word expletive - the second word being "you" - tattooed on his face.

SO YOU'LL REALLY BE THERE?:

A teenager who stole a man's cell phone in Stuart, Fla., received a call on the phone from the victim the next morning. The thief tried to make a deal with the guy to exchange it for cash. They agreed on a meeting place. The cops were there waiting.



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- 514 S. Ash #1,3,4,6
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- 407 S. Beveridge
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- 501 S. Beveridge
- 502 S. Beveridge #1
- 503 S. Beveridge
- 506 S. Beveridge
- 507 S. Beveridge #1,3-5
- 509 S. Beveridge #2,4,5
- 513 S. Beveridge# 1-5
- 515 S. Beveridge #1-5
- 510 N. Carico
- 604 N. Carico
- 209 W. Cherry
- 309 W. Cherry
- 311 W. Cherry #1
- 405 W. Cherry
- 407 W. Cherry
- 501 W. Cherry
- 606 W. Cherry
- 608 W. Cherry
- 612 W. Cherry
- 614 W. Cherry
- 405 W. Cherry Court
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- 401 W. College #1,3,4
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Editors note: This is the fourth in a series of columns that will examine recent advancements in technology on campus and around the world.

Time travel, deep-sea exploration and space exploration have left the realm of science fiction and entered many computers packaged in the slick application known as Google Earth.

Google Earth was released as the ultimate time-killer in 2004 and has kept people off-task in a way eclipsed only by Facebook. Instead of stalking people to whom you have not spoken since high school, you can explore foreign countries and familiar sights. The thing about Google Earth is it leaves you in a sense of awe and inspiration like no other application. The newest installment, version 5.0, builds on this and explores new territories in ways that would make Jules

Verne (author of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea") jealous.

The two new features of Google Earth 5.0 are the ability to navigate under the sea and explore Mars. Both new features are wonderfully diverse, spanning from diving under the sea to explore abundant life forms, or roaming around on a cold dead planet. Roving around Mars' crater-filled terrain and stopping at the largest volcano in the solar system, Olympus Mons, is the highlight of the Martian exploration, while tracking sharks and whales in the deep blue sea is the pinnacle of Google Earth's ocean journey.

The Mars application is thoroughly entertaining because the quality of the image is represented very well. We are spoiled to expect high definition pictures from satellites orbiting miles above us, but the quality of Mars surface — which is between 36 million miles to 250 million miles from Earth — is simply outstanding. David Bowie will have his best shot at determining if there is life on Mars with this new feature.

Traveling the ocean in search of

shipwrecks, deep trenches and hot spots for scuba diving are among the highlights of the new ocean feature. The details on the ocean floor are far less defined than the surface, but for its efforts, Google will get a free pass. To compile all this data into a simple cohesive application warrants praise. The ocean floor is filled with mysteries the free application is still unable to unlock, but the joy of trying to navigate trenches and coral reefs is awe-inspiring.

Using compiled satellite images from the earliest satellites Google Earth allows you to travel back in time, albeit in a limited manner. There is no checking on the dinosaurs, but it is interesting to witness a construction project go from start to scratch or how a natural disaster can affect an area.

Sure, Google Earth is not without its problems (mainly long wait times), but Google's desire to capture the planet Earth with a simple click of a mouse is wonderfully imaginative. The load times can be a bit annoying, but when you realize Google's refusal to compromise quality above anything else it is well worth any wait.

Google Earth gives anyone the power to explore the world at large along with the universe with a little patience and precise mouse control. It is also interesting to note that one of the most powerful applications is free to download and enjoy.

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Thursday	2/6	Copper Dragon Dot Dot Dot Cali's DJ Dave Decibel Cousin Andy's Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart PK's Fiddle Rick and the Big Dippers Tres Hombres Skinny Dips
	2/7	Booby's Moon Buggy Kids Pinch Penny Polar Bear (in the beer garden) Cali's DJ Poin PK's Kevin Lucas Orchestra Tres Hombres Snuckafoo Sportsblast Battle at the Blast V (mixed martial arts)
Friday	2/8	Traz Drag Show with Blanche Dubois and Steven Andrade Key West Ivas John Blues Band
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Today's Birthday — You'll have plenty to think about this year, including love. You'll learn new ways to help others, and there's a huge fringe benefit. The more you give, the more you get. What goes around comes around.
 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 a 8 — Some of your plans require that you gain skills you don't currently have. Now's a good time to sign up for classes, buy books and actually read them. You can easily do this.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Be careful with your shopping. You want to impress important people, but don't do it by going into debt. You wouldn't respect yourself, and that's more important.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — You like to tell your friends everything, and everybody's your friend. Therefore, don't even apply for that job at the CIA. And don't talk about your business to those who have no business knowing it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 6 — You and your partner need to review your financial situation. Get some expert advice while you're at it. You do well by yourselves, but a new perspective wouldn't hurt.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — The hard part should be over soon, providing an excellent reason to celebrate with your friends, as if you needed a reason. Let the good times roll, but do it on the cheap.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Somehow, your visions of success include troubled memories. Maybe you tried and failed a few times. Look at those as lessons you've learned, or will. Study them.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Everything seems possible again. While this euphoria lasts, make a list of what you can do to make all those dreams come true. Be prepared when opportunity knocks.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Conditions are good for making your home more comfortable now. Stop by the stores. There are still a few awesome sales going on. Fluff up a few new pillows.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — You're growing less and less satisfied with the status quo. There must be more to life than this, and there is. Lots more. Keep asking and you'll find out. Be bold.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 8 — The work is coming in, and so is the money. You decide how hard you want to push yourself. There sure is a lot to be done though, isn't there? Jump in!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Love is in the air, and the odds are in your favor. The overall outcome seems to be something about a dream come true. And it's a wonderful one.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Get your plans sorted out and organized. There's work to be done, and it'll go better if everyone knows their part. You see the big picture. Break it into bite-sized pieces for the others.

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From classrooms to cages

Saluki senior to fight Saturday at Sports Blast

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When James Oryhan studies he doesn't just hit the books — he hits teammates.

Oryhan, a senior from Lansing studying nutrition, has balanced his classes at SIUC with his training at Dojo USA in preparation for his fight Saturday.

Oryhan will have a chance to display his martial arts training on Saturday during Battle at the Blast V at Sports Blast. The 16-fight card starts at 7 p.m. while the doors open at 5 p.m.

Balancing school with training can be difficult, as Oryhan said a typical day for him begins around 5 a.m.

"We'll go train and then I'll go to class," Oryhan said. "I might go run in between class, and then

we train at night from about 6 to 8 p.m."

Oryhan said he has been involved in mixed martial arts for about four years, and focuses on grappling and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, a form of submission fighting, in his bouts.

Brian Casurella, Oryhan's roommate, said living with a fighter has given him a respect and appreciation for the sport.

"It's really cool because he goes and trains a lot, then comes back and shows me stuff that he learned," said Casurella, a senior from Arlington Heights studying radio television.

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Oryhan has done most of his training in Carbondale at Dojo USA, based out of Sports Blast. Tim Fickes, promoter of the event and owner of Dojo USA, said SIUC students are a big part of his dojo.

He said all skill levels are welcomed and he encourages students interested in the sport or looking for a fun way to get in shape to visit Dojo USA.

"This is a college town, so that's very important," Fickes said. "I think this is a great experience for everybody."

A total of 16 bouts are on Saturday's fight card. Oryhan is set to fight Phillip Whitmer of Madisonville, Ky.

But after Saturday, it is right back to juggling school and training for Oryhan, who said balancing his time has become one of the most important things for him to do.

"A lot of it is just managing your time," Oryhan said. "You have to do stuff during the day when you want to go home after class and just be lazy. You have to go home and do stuff so you can train later on."

McCourt: Dodgers still want Ramirez

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 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers are still trying to bring back Manny Ramirez. Only the enigmatic slugger doesn't like their latest deal.

He rejected their third offer — for one year — that would have made him baseball's second-highest paid player behind Alex Rodriguez.

That leaves Ramirez unsigned three months after deciding to test his value in the recession-plagued free agent market, with the Dodgers the only team to have confirmed making any offers.

"We have interest in signing Manny," general manager Ned Colletti told The Associated Press in an e-mail Tuesday. "We don't have a deadline but these situations can change in an instant and either side can change them in an instant."

The Dodgers open spring training for the first time in Arizona on Feb. 14.

Team owner Frank McCourt said the team still wants Ramirez back, but "at some point, we have to move on," he was quoted by MLB.com, which attended McCourt's hospital visit to cancer patients along with the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday.

The latest deal — a one-year, \$25 million offer — was rejected Monday. It would have given

Ramirez the second-highest average salary behind New York Yankees third baseman Rodriguez's \$275 million, 10-year contract.

"We came up with what we thought was a creative proposal to give him a lot of money, and well-deserved in a challenging economy, and give him flexibility if he feels it's important to test free agency next year," McCourt told MLB.com. "I don't see long-term contracts happening in this market we're in."

Ramirez, who turns 37 in May, is believed to be seeking a four- or five-year deal starting at \$25 million per season.

"We'd love to sign Manny," McCourt told MLB.com. "But we have to be prudent with our decisions. This is about winning now, but also in the future."

Colletti initially tried to re-sign the left fielder, offering a two-year, \$45 million deal with a buyout or a club option that was ignored by Ramirez's agent Scott Boras and later withdrawn by the team.

"The agent is challenging to work with and we've tried hard," McCourt told MLB.com. "We've made three efforts and we still have not received a specific number from the agent, and I don't know what to tell you. At some point, you have to move on and start to get ready to win a championship."

The Dodgers' second attempt involved salary arbitration in December, but Ramirez said no to that too.

The San Francisco Giants have

confirmed interest in Ramirez, but like the Dodgers, they are believed to be reluctant to guarantee a long-term deal.

New York general manager Brian Cashman reiterated Tuesday that the Yankees will not pursue Ramirez.

"We've secured the areas of need and hopefully put ourselves in a better position," Cashman said. "We're not planning on any major-league free agents other than non-roster invites."

The length of the deal seems to be the sticking point between the Dodgers and Ramirez, who created a buzz upon arriving in Los Angeles from Boston at the July 31 trade deadline.

Ramirez hit .396 with 17 homers, 53 RBIs, 36 runs scored, 74 hits and 35 walks in 53 regular-season games, leading the Dodgers to the NL West title.

He was even more potent in the postseason, hitting .520 with four homers, 10 RBIs, nine runs scored and 11 walks in eight playoff games.

Ramirez made a huge impact on the Dodgers' bottom line, with a big boost in attendance and souvenir sales, including No. 99 jerseys and fake dreadlocks.

But the latest rejection seems to signal that Ramirez remains intent on locking up a long-term deal that would take him through age 40.

"This is what I would call a 'deliberate market,'" Boras said Tuesday. "There's players ending up with market contracts."

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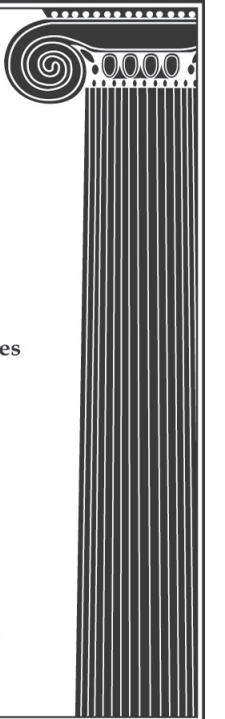
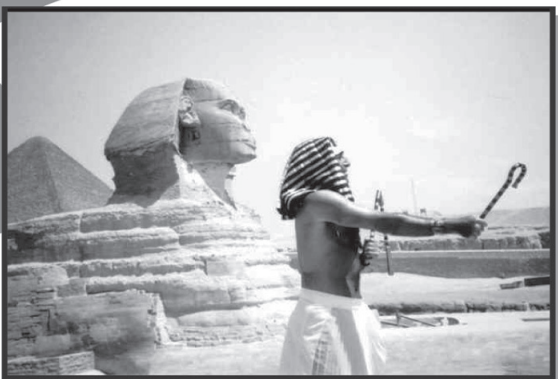
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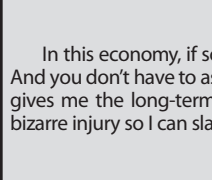
Saluki Insider

ESPN reported the Los Angeles Dodgers offered Manny Ramirez a one-year, \$25 million deal, which Ramirez turned down. If you were him, would you have done the same?



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If I were Manny, maybe, but if I was still Jeff Engelhardt and in his position, then I would sign that contract fast. A team is offering him \$25 million to fail seven out of 10 times at the plate and play sub-par defense. I understand some players get \$300 million and 10 years on their contract to only hit the ball three out of 10 times, but you still take that deal. I wish I got paid \$25 million to get 35 percent on tests.



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In this economy, if someone offers me \$25 million guaranteed, I'm going to take it. And you don't have to ask me twice. I'm taking it and I'm playing so hard that someone gives me the long-term deal I want. Or I'd hold out until Alfonso Soriano suffered a bizarre injury so I can slam balls out of Wrigley Field on a daily basis.



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Emphatically: Yes. He's 36, and will be 37 on May 30, but he's shown virtually zero signs of decline. His OPS last season was 1.031, which was third best in all of baseball; he simply destroyed NL pitching, and hit AL pitchers about as well as he had the last three years. He should hold out for a two- or three-year deal.

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All 10 MVC teams will participate in the series with Northern Iowa, Illinois State, Creighton and Evansville being featured in televised games.

Director of Athletics Mario

Moccia said even though the Salukis game will not be televised this season, a trip to Chicago could spark interest from the school's alumni and get a desired game that has been hard for the athletics department to schedule.

"We struggle to get games in

Chicago. We call everybody every year because we have such a huge fan base it would be great for our Chicago people to watch us," Moccia said. "We've got three Chicago kids and I know we're still recruiting in that area. So whatever we can get in Chicago would be huge."

PLACE

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My point is the Salukis – especially the important quartet of Dillard, Bocot, Anthony Booker and Ryan Hare – will more than likely take their fair share of lumps while they adjust to their increased roles. But for SIU to have a chance at going to March Madness, Booker and Bocot needed to play better than they did in the first 15 games.

It makes sense for Bocot to take Mullins' spot in the starting

lineup because of all the three-guard lineups in the MVC, but it would be beneficial for Booker to play a lot of his time on the floor with Dillard. Booker should be able to get a few open looks on some mid-range jump shots when his defenders leave him to help for Dillard's drives to the baskets, but I guess today we'll start to see if that is the case.

The identity the Salukis have in the conference tournament could be different than what we see tonight, but a win against Illinois State would go a long way towards

getting SIU into sixth place or better and avoiding an extra game in the MVC tournament.

Again, the loss of Mullins is huge, and that has to be appreciated. His defense and distributing skills are unmatched in this conference. But these freshmen were recruited to carry the program after this season. They're just going to have to start tonight.

And if they're not ready now, they might be in a month. They might have to age about as quickly as Robin Williams' character in the movie "Jack," at this point.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Life without Mullins begins tonight

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The post-Bryan Mullins era will begin a little ahead of schedule.

With its senior point guard sidelined indefinitely with a stress fracture in his right foot, the SIU men's basketball team will host Illinois State at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday at the SIU Arena as it looks to bounce back from a loss against Evansville.

Mullins, the school's all-time leader in assists, has only missed two games in his career as a Saluki. Both came last season when the team played Oklahoma State and Arizona State in the National Invitation Tournament.

Despite his absence from the court, Mullins said he would still be a team leader.

"I'm going to be very vocal during practice and during the games," Mullins said. "I still have got to be a leader and a captain. I'm going to be giving them advice, and they listen to me and respect me, so I'm looking forward to watching them tomorrow."

SIU (10-12, 5-6 MVC) is looking to avenge a Jan. 24 loss at Illinois State (18-4, 7-4 MVC) in which the team nearly overcame an 18-point deficit in the second half before falling 70-63.

One of the difference-makers for the Redbirds in that game was senior guard Chamberlain "Champ" Oguchi. The Oregon transfer scored 17 points and grabbed six rebounds in the team's January matchup. Oguchi posed a matchup problem for SIU's post players until he ran into foul trouble in the second half.

Illinois State head coach Tim Jankovich said he expects both teams to make the proper adjustments for this matchup.

"Normally, when you play the second time, both teams make some adjustments based on what they didn't like the first time," Jankovich said. "And certainly we'll try to do that and I know



Senior point guard Bryan Mullins watches Tuesday's practice from the sidelines as SIU prepares for its game against Illinois State. Mullins is out indefinitely with a stress fracture in his right foot.

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they will. But you really never know what you're going to see, and you're going to have to adjust during the game."

Sophomore guard Justin Bocot will join freshmen Kevin Dillard and Ryan Hare in the Salukis' starting backcourt. And for the first time this season, SIU will employ three first-year starters.

Dillard has emerged as the team's leading scorer, averaging

12.3 points per game, while Hare has been a steady force on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court.

Without Mullins, SIU has only four healthy guards and eight healthy players in total.

Saluki head coach Chris Lowery said the absence of the team's starting point guard will change the team offensively and defensively.

"It probably changes our dynamics more defensively because Bryan is the best defensive player in our league and one of the best in the country," Lowery said. "So when you lose that, you really lose the head of everything you do on that side of the ball."

"I still think we'll be able to still get some stuff done offensively because those three guards are talented enough offensively."

THE PLACE TO BE

The need to channel 'Jack'



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The stretch run for the SIU men's basketball team to improve its Missouri Valley Conference tournament position begins today against Illinois State. The Salukis sit in seventh place, but they are only two games out of second, so it is possible for them to make a push for Arch Madness' No. 2 seed.

That's a tough enough task with Bryan Mullins in the lineup. Unfortunately, he's out indefinitely.

Yeah, uh, not a good start. Anything else would have gone over better than that. Well, except for maybe about 30 seconds of a pornographic movie being shown after Larry Fitzgerald's fourth-quarter touchdown in the Super Bowl. (In case you haven't heard, that's what about 80,000 people watching in Arizona saw.)

But I'm not here to harp on the negative. Sure, I could play the "we're cooked" card, whip this column up as quickly as possible and take an undeserved nap. Problem is, I do not believe the season is lost. There is a lot going against this team right now, but it all can be overcome. Kevin Dillard was recruited as a point guard and Mullins' eventual heir, after all. That torch might just have to be passed sooner than expected.

The emergence of Justin Bocot as a scorer off the bench these last three games was something the Salukis needed before Mullins' injury, so a drop-off from his recent performance would be as damaging to SIU's NCAA Tournament hopes as ... well, an injury to Mullins.

Speaking of the NCAA Tournament, that's what this is all about, isn't it? It was not so long ago that the Salukis appeared in that six years in a row, so anything short is looked at as a disappointment of sorts. SIU trying to improve its MVC tournament seed is SIU improving its chances at winning the conference tournament and heading to the Big Dance.

The key here is to keep that goal in mind, but manage expectations between now and then. I mentioned the possibility of the Salukis finishing second in the MVC in the regular season, but that might be a little unrealistic. I only put that there to draw you in. So if you're still here: It worked.

Anyway, I read something in ESPN.com's Truehoop last week, in which author Henry Abbott mentioned a question-and-answer session author Ben Sherwood did with the Web site Freakonomics, and that what he said can be applied to any sort of adversity. Sherwood talked about the "Stockdale Paradox," and the short version is that optimism only works when coupled with realism.

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Salukis heading to Chicago to bust brackets

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For the first time in the history of ESPN's BracketBuster series, the SIU men's basketball team will not be featured on the ESPN family of networks.

While SIU will not play in front of a national audience, the Salukis will get a chance to play in front of their fans and alumni in the Chicagoland area.

SIU (10-12) drew Illinois-Chicago in this season's BracketBuster matchup that will take place on Feb. 21 in Chicago. It will be the team's second trip to the northern Illinois region this season.

Saluki head coach Chris Lowery said this season's event will likely have a different feel from years past, but it will be a good experience for teams that usually do not get national exposure.

"This is the first year it works against us," Lowery said. "When you're on TV you have a chance to play, and obviously it's a great deal, because people get to see you at the end of the season."

Lowery said one of the benefits of the event

is that a game against the Flames is already scheduled for next season, as the Flames are required to play in Carbondale.

The Salukis lead the all-time series against the Flames, 4-3, but fell 73-71 to UIC in the team's most recent meeting on Dec. 14, 2002.

SIU is 5-1 in BracketBuster games, which are aimed to give more notoriety to quality teams from non-power conferences. The Salukis victories in the series have come against Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2003), Hawaii (2004), Kent State (2005), Butler (2007) and Nevada (2008).

Its only loss came in 2006 at home against Louisiana Tech.







UIC (10-11) is also 5-1 in BracketBuster games.

Lowery said there are too many Missouri Valley Conference games between now and the BracketBuster game to look ahead at the late-February matchup.

"I really don't know much about them," Lowery said of the Flames. "Usually I don't know much about our BracketBuster opponents unless they're in our region."

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The SIU men's basketball team is 5-1 in BracketBuster games since the series' inception in 2003.

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