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friend Nicole Williams, 10, at the old Carbondale High School basketball court late afternoon on Thursday. When the sun is out, we're out playing,' Williams said.

SIU receives 850 community signatures for license plates

Signatures gathered during basketball games, online

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In order to participate in Illinois' collegiate license plate program, SIUC announced a week ago it needed 850 signatures.

Current and former Salukis banded together to surpass the required amount and got more than 800 signatures at the past two men's basketball games, as well as nearly 400 signatures from an online petition. Chancellor Walter Wendler, who

. Cnancettor Watter Wendler, who unveiled the design for the license. plates Jan. 9, said the popularity of the license plates reflects the love many have for SIUC.

There are a lot of people who

love this University," Wendler said. "I am not surprised that in a fairly short period of time, a lot of people have stepped forward to say, Yes, I want stepped forward to say, Yes, I want a plate like this' And I know there are many, many more who will come forward. There, are a lot of peop that just have great affection for this plac

The design, created by Graphics Design Supervisor Jason Bruce, is maroon and white with an outline of the Pulliam Clocktower and the words "Go SIU Salukis."

The cost of the new plates will be \$132 during the first year and will cost \$105 every year after that. The University, which will receive

\$25 for every license plate purchased, plans to use the money to create addi-tional scholarships through the SIU. Alumni Association.

The number of scholarships, as well as the amount, will be determined when the University determines how many people want to buy

a license plate. Wendler said buying a new license plate will help push the educational process along by adding to the scholarship fund, as well as show school pride

"We want to find ways to help stu-dents go to school," he said. "This is another way for us to provide needed funds for students to go to school."

Sue Davis, spokeswoman for the University, said the University will send the petition to the Secretary of State's Office.

Davis said it is important for people to know they can still sign the petition for the license plates online. There will also be a list at the Salukis' next home game Jan. 25 at the SIU Arena

Anyone interested in SIU's license plates can sign an online petition by going to www.suc.edu

USG in turmoil over potential policy change

Finance Committee could be forced to choose between different activities

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evening, Wednesday evening, the Renaissance Room of the Student Center became a virtual war zone.

The Undergraduate Student Government met for the first time this ster to discuss new agenda items, e of which led to several heated nds of debate.

East Side senators Chester a new amendment at the meeting that uld prohibit the USG Fir ance mmittee members from "serving officers on any and all Registered ident Organizations during their ure as committee persons." The St amendment's intent was to prevent conflicts of interest within the student government since RSOs receive money directly from USG. Though the meet-ing ended without definitive results, many senators made their stance on the issue known. Because the Finance Committee

is in charge of doling out money to organizations, some members believed having a chairman or chairwoman of

an RSO on the committee would lead to favoring of certain organizations. Taylor did nor cite specific previous incidences but rather suggested measures be taken preventatively to avoid potential future conflicts.

"Is this a conflict of interest?" Taylor asked. "What will the RSOs think? What will your constituents think?

"I have a job to fight for the integ-rity of this organization. That's my jor. and I'm doing it." Current Finance Committee mem-

bers objected to the measure becaus three current members would be forced to choose between serving as officers in

USG and another organization. Jennifer Jones, who is the chair-woman of the finance committee as well as an officer of another RSO, expressed discontent with the possibility of losing her position after much training and effort.

"If this passes, we have a chance of losing the chair of the Finance Committee and two members right before spring allocations," Jones said Many of the senators echoed Jones' sentiment.

It is mind-boggling to me that this ould be introduced in the middle of the school year and leaves me to wonder if it is because of personal reasons," aid fellow senator TyJuan Cratic. Lunford and Taylor assured

the room that their motivation for

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Blagojevich slams Board of Education

Governor calls for sweeping reform; leaves out specifics

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Gov. Rod Blagojevich said dur ing his second annual State of the State address reforming the Illinois State Board of Education is the first and single most important step the state can take in improving educa-

While his speech covered the excomplishments made by Illinois over the past year — including ethics reform, job creation, budget reform and health care advancements - it was the governor's dissatisfaction with education that consumed much of the address

Tim not satisfied with the state of education in the State of Illinois," Blagojevich said. "The children deserve better. The par-ents deserve better. The taxpayers deserve better. serve better."

The governor said while there is no single cause for the shortfall in education, the problem begins at the top, with the Illinois State Board of Education. See SLAM, page 10

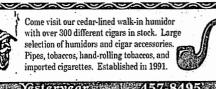
dent body that could regulate and support our schools, the Illinois State Board of Education is like an old Soviet-style bureaucracy — clunky and ineffective," Blagojevich said. "It issues mandates, it spends money, it dictates policy and it isn't accountable to anyone for

anything." Blagojevich said only 46 cents of every dollar spent on a child's edu-cation goes to classroom instruc-tion. He said of the nearly \$20 billion the state spends on education each year, \$10.5 billion never finds

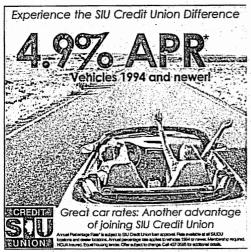
its way into the classroom. After giving a laundry list of examples of the board's inefficiency and ineffectiveness, the governor posed the question to the joint ses ion of the state legislature, "What does the board of education do?"

Blagojevich proposed the cre-ation of a new department of edu-cation that would report directly to him and give more power to

schools. "I don't know about you," Blagojevich said. "But I have a lot more faith in our local schools --- in their ability, in their dedication, in their commitment to helping chil-- than I do in the state board dren of education."



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The Carbondale Police Department is taking appli-cations for the Citizen Police Academy. Casses begin Feb. 11 and run for 11 consecutive. Wednesdays, except for SIUC spring break week. Classes are sched-uded from 6 to 9 pm. There will also be two Saturday moming classes. Each week focuses on a different subject area within the department. Classes will be taught by Carbondale Police officers and outside instructors. Anyone is welcome DUI &

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Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Ouinn

to visit Marion Wal-Mart today

Illinois LL. Gov. Pat Quinn is scheduled to visit the Marion Wal-Mart, 2705 Walton Way, at 10 a.m. today to promote a national campaign to distribute free gun locks and responsible firearm ownership education. Project ChildSafe aims to cut down on firearm-related accidents, and Quinn is visiting the area to better inform the people of Southern Illinois about gun safety. Free firearm safety kits, which include a gun-locking device, will be distributed by various sup-port organizations at Wal-Mart. Twenty million free gunlocks will be distributed nationwide through the project. For more information, go to www.ProjectChildSafe.il.gov.

The city of Carbondale is observing Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday. The refuse and recycling routes will run one day. later than normal for the coming week. Bag and bundle landscape waste will be sched-uled for pick-up Thursday only for next week. Anyone, with questions regarding, the sched-change can call the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 or visit the Carbondale website at www.ci.carbondale.ilus.

Carbondale Police taking applications for free

citizens police training

Carbondale waste/recycle pickup moved back due

to MLK Jr. holiday

CALENDAR NEWS BRIEFS

Today Deadline to register or add classes without dean's signature

SIUC Choirs Chorus auditions Sign-up times available Northwest Annex Room 133

Japanese Table 6 p.m. Student Center next to McDonald's

SIU Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry Seminar with Richard Loomis of Washington University Seminar at 4 p.m., refreshments at 3:30 p.m. Van Lente Audionium (Neckers 240)

American Red Cross

Blood Drive 3 to 8 p.m. Horizon Inn & Conference Center, 800 E. Main St.

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Saturday American Red Cross Blood Drive

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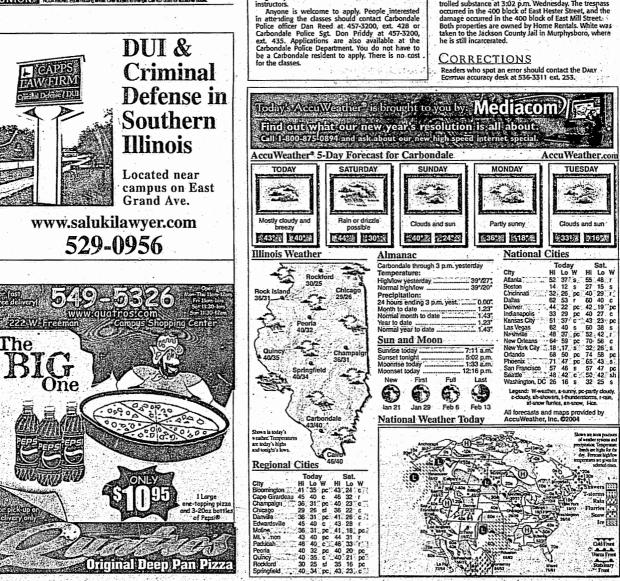
New Beginnings Community Church Back to School Bash 8:30 p.m. Next to Pagilal's on the Strip

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POLICE REPORTS

Carbondale Thomas C. White, 48, of Carbondale was arested and charged with criminal trapess to property, two counts. of criminal damage to property and possession of a con-trolled substance at 3:02 p.m. Wednesday. The trespass occurred in the 4:00 block of East Heister Street, and the damage occurred in the 4:00 block of East Mill Street. Both properties are owned by Home Rentals. White was taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, where he is still incarcerated.

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University Mall to make changes inside, outside its doors

Panera Bread Company to be built on mall property Burke Wasson bwasson@dailyegyptian.com

The 'Iniversity Mall in Carbondale is preparing for major remodeling and construction goals during the next few months, which will result in new businesses coming to the city.

The Carbondale City Council approved final development Jan. 6 for a Panera Bread Bakery Café to be built at 1126 E. Walnut St., which is on University Mall property. The restaurant will be located at the corner

And restaurant will be located at the corner of Walnut Street and Lewis Lane near Applebee's Bar & Grill and Office Max. The restaurant is part of Carbondale's enterprise zone, which is designed to help new businesses in the city expand. Under the enterprise zone, Panera Bread will receive a 2000 contemport of the city of the ci 100-percent tax abatement for the first five years of its existence and a 50-percent tax abatement for the sixth year. Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty said the restaurant is not eligible to receive

the enterprise zone's normal 50-percent tax abatement award for the second five years of its existence because the city's enterprise plan with the state expires in 2010.

The enterprise zone was approved and created in 1990," Doherty said. "The life of the enterprise zone that was granted to us by the state of Illinois was 20 years. So, what happens is that it expires in 2010. That's why there's just six years and not a seventh year of tax abatement.

The Panera Bread restaurant will be the first in the Carbondale area. The nearest loca-tions are in Belleville and Cape Girardeau, Mo.

In addition to the Panera Bread restaurant construction on mall property, the University Mall will also be making changes inside its

The mall's food court is scheduled to be turned into one large, sit-down restaurant. The chain of restaurant has yet to be picked.



Dan Dunn, employceof Illini Ready Mix, finished pouring concrete at the entrance of the new Panera Bread Company Wednesday afternoon. Construction of the Panera Bread Company is under way and is one of the new attractions next to the University Mall at the corner of West Walnut Street and Lewis Lane

The Pasta House Company closed its doors Dec. 31 after its lease with the mall expired, and the remaining space that the restaurant occupied will be part of a new 30,000-square-foot store that will stretch to Payless Shoes. Which store will occupy the space has not been decided. The mall will not reveal which business will operate in the store

until a final contract has been signed, which

could take up to a year and a half. The mall's video game arcade, Times Square, will move to a yet to be identified location. The arcade currently sits across from where the Pasta House Company us d to be. A replacement for the space to be vacated by Times Square will be announced next month. The Science Center has already moved to a new location in the mall. It is now located in the same wing as Southern Illinois Healthcare.

University Mall Manager Debbie Tindall could not be reached for comment Wednesday or Thursday concerning the mall's plans.

Faculty art show to be in University Museum

Reception slated for 4 p.m. Friday; artists will be present to meet

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"Diablo" has a bright red face with glowing eyes and huge horns coming cut of its head, and it sits just inside the University Museum door, seeming to watch those who enter.

ve always been interested in masks," Naverson. "I loved Halloween even more than Christmas."

"Diablo" is one of many projects part of the museum's latest exhibit, the Combined Faculty Art Exhibition. The museum opened its annual faculty art exhibit featuring works from 30 faculty members Jan. 12 and it will

"It's the gamut of the art world and that is why we look forward to it every year," said

Another of the 30 artists wart fishing and prevalent in the downtown area.

There is a range of things happening, m the horrific to the funny — you know, from the horrific to the funny everything that Broadway has to offer," said Joel Feldman, artist and professor in charge of printmaking in the school of Art and Design.

In the bottom of the suitcase sits a tiny man fishing in a boat. His rod was moving up and down as if he was continually casting his line. Feldman said he could remember the signs left

on doors that would say, "gone fishin'." "It's almost like

people were abdicat-ing responsibility. It is a play on indiffer-ence, he said. "We, in the U.S., live in a relatively safe envi-ronment. I am trying to call attention to the fact and age we live in."

Feldman believes if people were to look at the inages that bombard them daily, it would be amazing how an advertisement that is completely different

from the next would begin to communicate with itself and the others.

with itself and the others. Every exhibition does not appear by itself — nothing hangs itself on the wall. William Snyder, exhibits designer for the museum, works to set up every exhibit that comes to the museum. An alumnus of SIU, Snyder began working for the museum while still in gradu-ate school. He began officially working for the museum Angest then are are eum almost two years ago.

"I like to develop some sort of rhythm to the gallery. There is something here for everyone," he said.

A reception will be held this Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the museum. The public is invited to come and meet the artists. Light refreshments will be served

New law limits number of passengers with teen drivers

Teens face stricter requirements to obtain driver's license

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Not only will new Illinois drivers have to worry about seatbelts and speeding violations, but they now also have to limit the number of

The Illinois graduated license program went into effect Jan. 1 with the hope of reducing the number of accidents, faralities and injuries caused by inexperienced drivers by increasing the standards to obtain a driver's

For the first six months new drivers under the age of 18 have their license, the driver cannot operate any motor vehicle with more than one passenger under the age of 20. Exemptions to this law include siblings, stepsiblings, chil-dren or stepchildren of the driver. Carbondale Community High School

driver education teacher Gene Boley said he believes the new law will make a great difference in beginning drivers. "Drivers will be able to concentrate better

on the road without the distractions of a full cr., Boley said. "It will help cut down on mistakes and make safer drivers."

In addition to limiting the number of pas-sengers, stricter standards will be required in obtaining a driver's license.

New drivers are required to hold a valid instruction permit for a minimum of three months. Drivers under the age of 18 must pass a driver education course and provide proof of passing. Certification by a parent or legal guardian is required to prove the driver has had a minimum of 25 hours of behind-the-

wheel practice time. In addition to fulfilling requirements, drivers under the age of 18 who have committed the offense of operating a motor vehicle -

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- Gene Bole - Gene driver's education to Carbondale Community High unity High Sc

without a valid license or other offenses that would result in a mandatory revocation will not be granted a graduated driver's license. Carbondale Police officer Dan Reed said

the department has not made any new plans for changing enforcement actions in order to catch new drivers with more than one pas-

Reed said the officers are most likely to enforce the law when the driver has already been pulled over and the officer sees the driver has had their license for less than six months.

Written consent from the parent or legal uardian of the new driver must be provided or drivers under the age of 18 who are not legally emancipated by marriage in order for a driver's license to be issued.

The main purpose of the Illinois graduated license program is safety. The program will provide a longer practice period before granting permission for license, stricter testing standards for persons under 21 and the revocation of driving privileges for drivers under 21 who have committed serious traffic violations, with the goal of promoting better health and safety for the public. Boley said that after telling students who

are enrolled in the driver education program about the new law, they were not happy and said it was unfair. Boley said he understands why students are excited to drive their friends around, but don't realize that numerous passengers can be a distraction to new drivers.

It's a good law for new drivers and a good law for the drivers on the road who already have licenses, he said.

Dona Bachman, director of the mus

Faculty from the departments of Cinema and Photography, Theater, Architecture and Interior Design and the School of Art and Design contributed to this year's exhibit. Naversen has always had a passion for

masks. He traveled to Bali in Southeast Asia to study the art of mask making for seven weeks last spring. This summer, Naversen decided he wanted to carve a devil mask. After browsing the numerous masks in his personal collection, the final result was a 15hour project that mixed Japanese and Mexican cultures

came up with a suitcase filled with advertise-ments and irony. The ragged suitcase, which sits against the back wall of the gallery, has a top inlayed with a picture of Broadway in New York City at night. The photograph highlights the mockery of advertisements and news so

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Friends and family of SIUC student Ashley Dallas deal with her death through memories, comforting one another

story by: JESSICA YORAMA

s a human being, there are certain things Matthew Hunter will forget, certain times and places he should remember that he will not. But there are certain times and places locked in his mind that he will always remember.

The five minutes spent outside Neely Hall waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

The five-minute attempt at resuscitation inside the ambulance.

The time of 6:35 p.m. and the 15 minutes that followed, which he spent in the waiting room, "worried spent in the waiting room, worried but not scared, still thinking that everything would be OK." And finally, 20 minutes later at

6:55 p.m., the time he finally realized it would not, the exact time of death of his girlfriend of two years, Ashley Nicele Dallas.

"Everyone has their own idea of what perfect is because it's such a relative term," said Hunter, a junior in architectural studies from Schaumberg, who met Ashley in an English class. "In a world where greed and violence run through most people and most people only have a spark of good, she had a roaring fire

Dallas was a junior at SIUC at the time of her death Jan. 5. Her death was the result of pulmonary throm-boemlism, a collection of blood clots in the lungs that may cause shortness of breath prior to a seizure and heart failure. Pulmonary thromboenlism typically affects the elderly and those in poor health, though Ashley fit into neither category. There was still a week before school that Monday, but Ashley had ventured to campus early prepared to take part in the resident assistant training required of all student resident assistants on campus. This semester would have been her first in the position, adding to her academic responsibilities as an honor student as well as her dedication to her major of equine science.

A week before most of the 40 equine science majors had yet to venture back to Carbondale from break, Ashley was returning from a short trip to the horse center in the company of her boyfriend who was helping her to move that day. There was nothing unusual about

what happened prior to Ashley passing out. But Hunter remembers every detail of it, from what the two were carrying into the dormitory to holding the door as she proceeded into the building and tapped on the glass to be let in.

He recalls her turning to face him with a panicked look on her face as she told him that it felt as though her lungs were "running." He remembers being confused by her statement and said he believed she meant to say that her heart was beating at an acceler-

ated pace. "She said, 'Matt, I think I'm going to pass out," Hunter said. "I tried my best to catch her, but I couldn't."

Hunter said he had seen Ashley faint before, so he was not particularly frightened at this point. He assumed it to be the result of exhaustion; he



Ashley Dallas, a junior in equine science, smiles while standing with her boyfriend, fellow student Matthew Hunter. The two has been dating for two years prior to her death one week before the spring semester began.

was worried but not yet scared. His fear increased as she began to seizure, something he had never seen her do. After being unable to find her pulse and an unsuccessful attempt at CPR by another SRA, Hunter called an ambuiance, which arrived within 5 minutes. He rode with his girlfriend to Memorial Hospital and recalls sitting in the waiting room, still concerned but completely unprepared for the information he was about to receive.

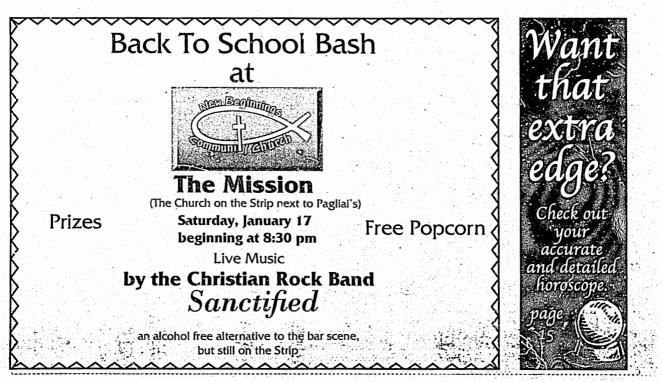
Fifteen minutes after they arrived at the hospital Ashley was still alive, but the outlook, according to the doctor who pulled him into a smali,

quiet room, was not good. "Her breathing rate stopped at 6:35, but they were still trying to resuscitate her," Hunter said. "Twenty minutes later, they gave me the news.

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Ashley Dallas poses with a friend, Shelly, while outside of her home in Galesburg. The SIUC student was 20 years old at the time of her death as a result of pulmonary thromboembolism Jan. 5.



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Study finds gene linked to alcoholism Tina Hesman

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS (KRT) - Resear hers at Washington University and five other centers have identified a gene that is associated with alcoholism in some families.

The scientists, including Danielle M. Dick and Allison Goate of Washington University, are part of a 15-year research project Known as the Collaborative Study on the Genetics of Alcol, slism. A roport published Thursday in the journal Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research, shows that one version of the gene GABRG3 predisposes people to alcoholism. It GABRG3 predisposes people to alcoholism. It is the first study to link the gene to dependence on alcohol.

Earlier studies of twins indicate that at least due to genetic factors, said William True of St. Louis University. True conducted some of the twin studies.

The new study takes previous genetic research a step further, and will direct other researchers to take a look at how this particular gene reacts to alcohol and how it influences the propensity to alcoholism, True said.

The researchers collected DNA samples from 2,282 people from 282 families heavily affected by alcoholism and identified several regions or chromosomes that were shared between alcoholics in the families. For this study, Dick and her colleagues focused on a region of chromosome 15 that contains several genes involved in the move-ment of a brain chemical called Gamma-amino butyric acid, or GABA, between neurons.

In other experiments, the chemical seemed to modulate the effects alcohol has on the brain. Dick said.

When scientists stimulated GABA receptors in the brains of mice and then fed them alcohol, the mice were more uncoordinated and drank more than mice who only draw alcohol. Shutting down the activity of the GABA receptors had the opposite effect. Scientists dont yet understand the chemical works on brain cells.

Those results encouraged the researchers to take a closer look at three GABA receptor genes on thromosome 15. Genetic and statistical analy-sis of those genes showed that only one of them, GABRG3, is inked to alcoholism in the affected familie

The researchers don't yet know how changes the gene increase the risk of alcoholism, Dick

in the gene increase the risk of alcoholism, Dick suid. She said she expects that one version of the gene may interact with other genes to determine whether a person is likely to become alcoholic when they drink. "All of the genes probably have a small effect. It's just getting the right, or wrong, mix of these genes that predisposes you to alcoholism," Dick said. "We think we have found one of the risk genes, but we think there are a lot more out there."

The study is "strong evidence" that GABA plays a role in alcoholism, True said. But don't expect it to be the final answer, he said.

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Braun ends campaign, endorses Dean

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William Branigin The Washington Pos

(LATWP) — Saying she was proud of breaking new ground in her presidential campaign, Carol Moseley Braun Thursday ended her long-shot candidacy for the Democratic nomination and three sup-port to former Vermont governor Howard Dean.

In a joint appearance with Dean and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, in Carroll, Iowa, Braun urged her supporters in the state to back Dean as the candidate best prepared to take on the Republicans in the November elections

Dean, accepting Braun's endorsement amid an intensifying campaign in Iowa, said he looked forward to the day when a woman or an African American would take the oath as president in Washington, adding, "And I'm as president in Washington, acumg, run an going to miss you at those debates, stepping in and defending me from those outrageous things that people say." Braun, 56, the first black woman elected to the U.S. Senate, said she decided to quit the same acumatic and the same decided to quit the same acumatic acumatic and the same decided to quit the same acumatic acumatic acumatic acumatic acumatic acumatic same acumatic acumatic acumatic acumatic acumatic acumatic same acumatic acumati

the race after realizing her "nontraditional campaign" could not overcome disadvantages in funding and organization

"We are committed to opening up our democracy," she said. "We will get there

one day. When women run for office, The people of color run, we open the possibil that women and people of color can win. "I'm proud of my role in breaking m ground with this campaign."

In throwing her support to Dean, she sai he has "the energy to inspire the America people, to break the cocoon of fear that enve ops us and empowers President Bush and h tourage from the extreme right wing."

Braun, a former senator from Illinois an ambassador to New Zealand, became th second Democratic candidate to drop out of the race, and the first to endorse a rival. Se Bob Graham, D-Fla., withdrew in Octobe Braun's departure leaves eight major candi-dates in the field, all of them men.

dates in the heid, all of them men. Braun jumped into the presidential race in September, pledging to remain in the con-test 'until people are voting.' She won the support of two major women's groups, the National Organization for Women and the National Women's Political Caucus. But she

Failed to draw much financial support. In the nonbinding Washington, D.C., presidential primary Tuesday, Braun finished a distant third — out of four major candidates on the ballot — winning just 12 percent of the vote. Dean won with 43 percent, followed by Al Sharpton with 34 percent. Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, trailed with 8 percent.



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Presidential hopeful Howard Dean holds Caucus for Change Pancake Breakfast Thursday in Fort Dodge, Iowa. The Iowa caucus, which starts off the Democratic presidential race, begins Monday.

Team creates 'fully integrated robot scientist'

Guy Gugliotta The Washington Pos

(LATWP)-- Scientists say they have created the first fully functional "robot scientist," capable of propounding theories, devising experiments, evaluating results and then performing further experiments to reach a solution.

While researchers have for several years used artificial intelligence in virtually every aspect of scientific investigation, humans at some point participate in the process. But now they have gone a big step further. 'We've closed the loop without any human

intervention," said University of Walss computer scientist Ross King, leader of the eight-member British team that built the robot scientist. "Some philosophers have argued that it is impossible for a robot to do science. What we have done may not be particularly sophisticated, but it is certainly evidence that a computer can do it." The robot scientist could be useful in a

variety of laboratory contexts, he added, including performing bulk assays of pharmaceutical compounds to determine which are effective in ng diseases.

Using computer software to direct the artivi-ties of a liquid-handling robot, the team asked the "scientist" to determine the function of specific genes in yeast. Each answer took five days to find, about as long as it took a group of graduate students to complete the same task. Results of the experiment are being reported Thursday in the journal Nature.

In this case, human scientists manually per-formed the experiments beforehand and knew the solutions. King acknowledged the research would be "much stronger" once the system was

used to do "new science," but he said the team had shown that its method was potentially both cheaper and quicker than either humans or other

Chepper and queckat user science automated techniques. Strukford University computer scientist Pat Langley described the British research as "good work," but not the first time that a fully integrated work, "but not the first time that a fully integrated robot scientist had been built. An older effort, however, worked with far more limited data to produce less interesting results.

Te's not as radically new as you might think, but it's definitely progress," Langley said in a tele-phone interview from his Northern California home. "It's the first example of an integrated system with a rich domain (of background infor-mation), and they have an expert biologist with them to keep them on the right track."

King said the team designed the robot sci-entist to determine the function of yeast genes using "knockout" mutants, in which chemical compounds are used to culture a mutant yeast compounds are used to culture a mutant yeast strain with a target gene removed. When the right compound is chosen, the strain will start to regain the function of the missing gene, and the robot will have a clue to the genc's purpose. The computer then selects a new experiment to find room clues to fild care politicar proving more clues until one solution remains.

The team gathered background inform about yeast and set up a program that mod-eled yeast's cellular metabolism. A "Laboratory Information Management System," the robot scientist's computer "brain," developed hypotheses and selected experiments to be performed by a lab robot about six feet long and three feet light that can automatically pair mutant yeast strains in a culture with a chosen chemical compound.

King said each culture took about a day to grow, after which the data were sent back to the main computer for evaluation. Based on the

the main computer for evaluation. Based on the subsequent analysis, the computer was able to eliminate some hypotheses and select new ones in a new round of oper.nents. The process is designed to eliminate all but the correct hypothesis as quickly and cheaply as possible. It takes four or five experiments to home in on the answer, 'King said. 'The same is true of humans.' The team ther tested its method against two other culturing techniques, understanding that a robot scientist is useful to the extent that it saves time. money or both. the extent that it saves time, money or both. "The chemicals vary enormously in cost," King said. And it makes a big difference which ones you use in the experiment." In one standard lab procedure, the researchers

In one standard ap procedure, the researchest tested the yeast strain against compounds chosen at random, until one of the compounds yielded the desired result. In another procedure colled "naive" sampling, they tested the compounds beginning with the cheapest and progressing to the most memory.

"Our [robot scientist's] strategy was both cheaper and faster than the other two strategies,"

Cheaper and nater than the outra two strategies, King said. Ziv Bar-Joseph, a computational biologist at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University, called the results 'very impressive," particularly the system's ability to make use of fairty learning." in which the computer learns from experimental data, then uses its new knowledge to choose a

new hypotesis and the system a new question." But "it's unlikely that this will lead to com-plete automation," Bar-Joseph predicted in a telephone interview from his Camegie office. There will always be human intervention, but this will definitely speed things up and make it more economical



WASHINGTON (LATWP) — Pentagon auditors have asked the Defense Department inspector general to inves-tigate a deal between a Halibutton Co. subsidiary and a Kuwait company to import fuel into Iraq after finding 'exi-dence of potential unlawful activity,' a Defense Department official sad' hunsday. The Defense Contract Audit Agency had been reviewing how much the subsidiary. KBR charged for the fuel under a contract with the ULS. Army Corps of Exgineers. A draft audit report last month confided that KBR may have overcharged S61 million by importing more costly fuel from Kuwait instead of from Turkey. But when details of the draft audit were made public, Pentagon Comptroller Dov Zakheim said KBR had done noting improper.

The referral on Monday to the IG signals that the auditors now believe they have evidence of wrongdoing by either KBR or the Army corps.

(LATWP) – The governments of the six countries where polos still occurs declared their intent Thursday to stamp out the last cases of the disease by the end of 20M4, a year ahead of the deadline set by the World Health Organization. "We offered a goal of 2005, and none of them took it," David Heymann, a WHO official helping oversee the eradica-tion campaien

ton campaign. Instead, the officials from Alghanistan, Egypt, India, Niger, Nigeria and Palistan signed a declaration commiting them-selves to interrupting polio virus transmission by the end of

2004. Human beings are the only natural host for the virus, so when the person-to-person chain of transmission is broken, the disease will die out. However, the disease will not be declared officially eradicated until three years after the last case has been found. Only smallpox has been eradicated. The last case occurred in 1978, after a 12-year campeign.

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OUR WORD

The gender gap in health-care costs

Women spend 68 percent more in out-of-pocket health care costs than men.

Recently, Illinois became the 21st state to mandate insurance coverage for contraceptives. This was a great move considering the rising cost of prescription medication.

Some women can't afford to pay the out-ot-pocket costs for birth control pills. Luckily, SIUC students receive a break compared to what most consumers pay at a regular pharmacy. Birth control pills at SIU's pharmacy can range in price anywhere from \$7.10 to about \$30, while CVS Pharmacy has prices that can range from \$25 to \$45. The cost of Depo-Provera, a contraceptive shot that is given every three months, at SIU's pharmacy is \$52.15, while CVS' cost is \$67.59. Ortha Evra, a contraceptive patch that is used weekly, costs \$13.69 per month from SIU's pharmacy, while CVS charges \$17.75. For years, health insurance has covered Viagra. So

why wouldn't it cover the pill? It would appear to be cheape: to help families block unwanted pregnancies than have them pay for an abortion or continuous health care for children.

It took the state over 40 years to mandate coverage of contraceptives protecting women from unwanted pregnancies as well as serving women for medical reasons. There seems to be a misconception of young people taking birth control strictly to avoid getting pregnant.

According to National Center for Health statistics, 71 percent of U.S. women between the ages of 25 to 34 use contraceptives. Some suffer from hormonal imbalances or conditions such as endometriosis in which birth control pills helps treat these instances.

The question is, which are more cost efficient? Is it the amount included in health insurance coverage or not including it in coverage? A healthy pregnancy can cost about \$10,000 alone.

Planned Parenthood studied two groups of 100 sexually active women at a reproductive age, one group using contraceptives provided by insurance

Women spend 68 percent more in out-of-pocket health care costs than men. and the other group using none. The council estimated the group who used contraceptives would save \$386,000 for the insurance companies. Contraceptives can also prevent

abortion. Some opposing the new Lw believe, based on their religious views, that birth control pills are immoral because it is a form of abortion. This is not true. Abortion can only happen if the baby is conceived. Conception occurs when sperm fertilizes an ovum forming a zygote. Although the legislature has passed the bill to

require insurance companies to cover contraceptives, not everyone is pleased.

Typically, insurance companies are averse to what they call un-funded mandates. But the other states that have passed similar laws have experienced reduced costs for insurance firms, and it will likely do the same in Illinois.

It is time for some changes to be made. With the new health insurance coverage, there will be fewer unwanted pregnancies and a reduction in abortions, and the gap in out-of-pocket expenses between men and women will not be so unbalanced.

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GUEST COLUMNIST Simon's character, integrity the mark of a dying breed

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Now if a man tried To take his time on Earth And prove before he died

What one man's life could be worth Well I wonder what would happen to this world."

I think of that Harry Chapin song lyric on this somber night []Dec. 9]. The news of Sen. Paul Simon's death shocked us all. But we can take solace from the fact that Simon's legacy is a testament to the strength and integrity of the human spirit. And that legacy won't soon depart.

When folk legend Pete Seeger visited Carbondale, I wrote an article about him. The piece had the bad luck of appearing in the paper on Sept. 11, 2001. We were all shocked with the grief of that day and I just assumed no one read it. However, just days later I received an envelope in my nail box at work. It was from Paul Simon. He had photocopied the article and mailed it directly to Seeger's home in Massachusetts.

"Dear Pete, I thought you might like to check this out," Simon wrote in blue ink.

Another personal experience: A friend and fellow journalist Matt Brennan had happened onto the story of a little girl who needed a transplant to live. But her parents were broke, and she couldn't get the operation. Matt began churning out piece after piece about this tragic situation. Paul Simon happened to be his journalism professor. Once Mat. told the senator about the little girl, Simon eagerly went to work He wrote countless letters and even spoke at a rally on campus. Simon received no publicity for this. He didn't mind a bit.

Everyone knows of Simon's achievements and even his quirks (such as the bow-ties), his piercing stare and subtle humor. He ran for president and even got portrayed on Saturday Night Live by Al Franken.

But he always gave back to Southern Illinois. After retiring from the Senate, he made his home in Makanda and opened the Public Policy Institute at SIUC. Unquestionably, Simon made the country as a whole a better place while in office. But afterwards, he made it his goal to make Southern Illinois (the place he loved as much as it loved him back) a better place to be. I had the honor of interviewing Simon

about his life in 1999. He talked about how he got involved in public service: T wanted to be a writer who had a lot of influence on public policy. I was publishing a newspaper in a small community where we had wide-open corrup-. tion, and I started writing about it. One thing led to another and I tried to get someone to run for state's attorney or sheriff. I wasn't a lawyer, so I couldn't run for state's attorney, and I wasn't interested in being sheriff, so I finally ran for State Representative when I was 25 years old and I surprised everybody by winning, including myscif."

This ambition, added with his humility and candor, made for a statesman who is truly a dying breed. If we are to honor Paul Simon, let us not do it with words or thoughts; let us do it with action. Let us stand up to corruption; let us be brave and honest. Let us take our time on earth and see how much one man or woman can do with his or her life. If we all gave as much as Paul Simon, I wonder what would happen to this world.

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WORDS OVERHEARD 661 still love my job, and I've never changed my level of work as far as how much I've put into the job - 110 percent. This just show: appreciation for the work that is done, and it does help.??

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COLUMNISTS

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My mother allowed me freedom from my unshakable faith in her word when I was 10 years old. Casually and kindly; she brought out all of the envelopes I had tucked beneath my pillow over the years, each containing a tiny, bloody tooth.

As I looked at them, I knew that any disappointment I felt at this discounting of all magic was the fault of my own naivetė.

Most children had questioned Most children had questioned fairy stories years before. I had held onto my faith because of a sense of responsibility: Without my belief, my parents had noth-ing on which to bais the charade of Christmas Eve. I had continued to believe because it was accessed to

because it was necessary to continue my childhood as I had known it. But when it all hit home, I was relieved and comforted:

Too much had gone behind closed doors, and to be free

Closed abors, and to be free mean the opening of my eyes to my parents' fallibility: In the years that followed, I felt I had license to question everything such as curfew, God and house rules.

Now, later in life -- sometimes in a history class or upon hearing a story on a radio --- that feeling comes over me again; the same one I experienced examining those envelopes of tiny teeth. I will hear a political speaker,

learn of a cover-up, read yet another case of a person in power abusing all that he or she was trusted with, and I have to wonder why we let these things continue

Why is it so easy to accept what our officials tell us? When our president takes lives into his own hands by sending men and women to a war that is not justified and continues to have a high approval rating, I am con-cerned. I can't believe the need to have blind faith is so strong that intelligent, mature adults

cannot question his authority. When we hear the economy is improving, we get excited. It would take so little to realize the economy improving is a translation for big companies translation for big companies growing and making more money, often by sending jobs

Student lives on in

DEAR EDITOR:

hearts of loved ones

This is in response to Brandon Thomas' column 'Don' Stop Living," printed Tuesday. Brandon, what you wrote, was both appropriate and heartful. It dank' you for showing me Aabley's passing was not in vian. Iwas Aabley's boyfriend and had hopes of spending the rest of my life with her. I was with her that night, helping her mover in as well as the fateful moment in the hospital. Just to clear the water, she passed from 2 bood clot that blocked her pelmonary vein leading to her how. While Lin was her a belief in the

blocked her pulmonary vein leading to her lungs. While I do not share a belief in the afterlife with you, I think we can agree

Feckless Pondering BY ABIGAIL WHEETLY

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erseas or downsizing. Minimum wage is still too a ununtum wage is still too low, and too many people are still trying to survive in poverty. Carbondale has chosen real estate development over affordable childcare, and many of childcare, and many of us simply assume the people in charge know what they are doing. I don't like feeling helpless or

upset. When I read too much or think too deeply, I start to feel hopeless. I can't fight city hall — I don't want to have to be the on to make a difference. 1 want to join the 75 percent of people who think the president is doing a good job. I want to believe. When I discovered my

was no magic in the world, I knew, in that moment, I would have to make my own decisions about what was right or wrong and what was truth or what was fiction. It is not such a good feeling, and I miss the cozy nest of reliance. Childhood is too short, and

the truth can be a bit too pain-ful. Those of us who are adults will have to begin to question more so the children, who trust us so deeply, will benefit from our skepticism.

Their time to question our actions will come soon enough. For now, I want them not to worry about anything. So when my son stood in line next to me to see Santa and turned to me and asked, "Is it just a guy in a suit?" I took the way of a politi-

cian. "You mean is it the real Santa? Well, it might as well be." And that was all it took, and his faith was restor

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Sorry, Virginia | Remembering King in our everyday lives

This Monday we will be sleep-ing into yet another holiday. This one is not filled with gifts under the Christmas tree or the ball dropping at midnight, but rather we will be membering the legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King's birthday has been observed on every third Monday of. January since 1983 because he per-sonlifed instite, peace and equality

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sonified justice, peace and equality amongst every creed, race and political background. As a country, we close schools and businesses nation wide, but nevertheless are hypocriti-cal to the stance for which the great leader once stood.

leader once stood. Although we have racially inte-grated schools, economic segregation exists among the public school sys-tems of today. And although the Jim Crow signs are rusted and buried, many minorities are covertly denied burieses and howe here while yoe. business and home loans, while vio-

business and home loans, while vio-lence can be viewed in mini-series, music videos or the games minors enjoy for simple recreation. In a day and age where parents are working full time and raising children part time, relevision, video games and the Internet have arisen as virtual babysitters. This is extremely virtal in the lives of children of every mean emeridue theore of the A frience race, especially those of the African-American community.

According to a recent study pub-lished in the Journal of Advertising, African-American children view more television than any other

more television than any other minority group. Many entertainers ignore the dream Dr. King had in store for our people by drinking from "the cup of bittemess and harred" he stood against.

Although we do not have dogs and water hoses attacking us, we have the image of the pimp, thug or loose woman. Dr. King stated in his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, "Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must

forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. Our struggle today for women, African Americans, Hispanics,

Anisen ramericans, Hispanics, Asians, handicapped or gays can b. won by using the principles of dig-nity and discipline. Through our perseverance and determination as a people we have



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Stand up and say something now!

BY TIFAIR GILLESPIE tifair@siu edu

made a life for ourselves that cannot be taken from us.

I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to meet and love my great-grandparents, who are now deceased, I can remember the fre-quent trips to the grocery store and quent trips to the grocery store and Bakers Square my mother and I took my great-grandmother on. We passed through the west suburbs of Chicago, and she repeatedly stated to us, "Blacks could not stick their head in "Blacks could not stick their head in hacks could not suck their need in these parts' when she arrived in the late 1920s from the segreg ated South. She would literally be amazed to see an African American or Hispanic

coming out of a house that was once restricted to whites. Her sister was even denied treatment of a gunshot wound because she was black. The "Negro" hospital was too far, and as a result, she died of massive blood loss.

result, she died of massive blood loss. The struggles of my family and extended brothers and sisters should be the reason to celebrate the greatness of diversity and the oppo tunity

ness of diversity and the opportunity that my great-grandmother and many like her dreamed we would once have. Cascading the ever-prominent "I Have a Dream" speech or "Little Boy King" movie is not enough for me this holiday, rather the corporations should take the stance of dignity and discipline for which King stood. Our great freedom fighters should not go unrecognized in our everyday lives. We sit in a diversified classroom, look in the same public bathroom mirror and drink from the same water

mirror and drink from the same water fountain because of the blood and tears shed from our forefathers. Don't let their lives be in vain,

recognize where we are today because of the sacrifices they made yesterday.

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How about lying to justify an inva-sion of a third-world country that posed no danger to us... or killing thousands of innocent civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan ... or sending American soldiers to the in Iraq willer enducing their Bienefits at home ... or leaking the name of a CLA operative-because her husband exposed your lis ... or altering EPA reports because you don't like what the say... or imprisonae humlike what they say ... or imprisoning hun-dreds of people with no due process of law ... or turning a record surplys into a record deficit ... or 40- million Americans with no health insurance... I wish Judge Moore's removal had

en the biggest outrage of the year. It ould have been a very good year.

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because she showed me the true meaning

of all these words. The only thing I regret about her life is the fast there are still throngs of people who haven't experienced her enclusiastic personality and weren't inspired by her unrelenting desire to help and assist. I hope many can follow Ashley's example and live of the full of drive and provincing. Her have

a life full of drive and aspiration. Her love will forever remain in my heart, her voice forever in my head and her warmth forever

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LETTERS Ashicy was a temporary fixture in this work! It seemed she did what she needed to do and left us. In her absence, I hope to honor her memory by living every day utilizing what she's taught me. There is nothing more important to me than her memory living on in my actions. He kindness, grace, concern, com-pussion and desize will live in me forever because the showed me the true meaning

in my blood. It may not be the afterlife, but to me, she will live forever.

Matthew Hunter iunis, anbitetu n tutie

Moore's removal not '03's biggest outrage

DEAR EDITOR:

I have to disagree with Alex Berezow's ertion in his column "Political Hot assertion in his column "Political Hot Zone" that the bigget outrage of 2003 was the removal of Roy Moorr. at Alabama chief justice. Maybe that was an outrage, but "the BIGCEST outrage of 2003? He's got to be kidding.

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ፋ I was always the 'big' girl in class, and there were times when I wouldn't eat in school cafeterias because I didn't want people to see me.?? - Jessica Hanley senior, business administration



New low-carb Atkins diet is quickly gaining popularity among dieters, but like many diets, it still has its risks.



story by GARY GANGI















Fred Adams begins each day with a hearty helping of fried eggs with sides of bacon and sausage. Each evening he enjoys a steak or two; done medium well. And the best part of his eating habits is watching the weight drop away - 14 pounds to date. Adams is part of the growing number of people participating in high-protein, low-carbohydrate dicts. As the chairman and chief executive of Cal-Maine, a Mississippi-based egg company, he is no stranger to protein. Adams, who watched company stock prices soar last December, attributes the rise in business to the high-protein diets, which make eggs a primary staple that millions of Americans have adopted.

"There has been a very strong demand for eggs," Adams said. "High-protein diets have played a major role in that. Sales are considerably higher than six continue into the new year as more people try out the diet as a resolution." Recent statistics suggest the diet craze may not be trimming waists alone; it may also be affecting wallets. U.S. Department of Agriculture research shows egg prices. climbed to as much as \$1.40 a dozen in the

climbed to as much as \$1.40 a dozen in the last two months. Although the rising prices will not dent any budgets, they reflect a growing consciousness in America's accep-tance of a fad diet that may be here to stay. Even fast food chains have bought into the low-carb hoopla. Hardee's and Carl's Jr. Introduced a "carb-friendly" hamburger that replaced buns with oversized lettuce leaves. Lessis Hanley a senior in hutinear denia Jessica Hanley, a senior in business administration who has been following the Atkins Diet for a little more than a year, said it was

the only diet plan that helped her lose weight. "I was always the 'big' girl in class, and there were times when I wouldn't eat and there were times when I wouldn't can in school cafterrias because I didn't want people to see me," Hanley said. "It is really tough when all you ever hear is, Just diet. and exercise.' I tried everything, and I never got the kind of results that I needed." She said she has been dieting for more then some were one due considering than seven years and was considering cosmetic surgery before she tried Atkins as a last resort. The Atkins Diet is the largest-selling high-protein, low-carbo-hydrate diet plan that breaks down a con-tinual weight-loss program into four phases.

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"I kept on hearing about high-protein diets and how quickly they were supposed to work, but that's what I heard with a lot of the other diets I tried, 'Hanley said. "But buying

the book was better alternative than getting plastic surgery. And it worked for me, and I feel better than I ever have." Hanley said she has lost 27 pounds by following the Atkins Diet. Though the diet Atkins Diet. I hough the diet has recently experienced a surge in popularity, it is not a new idea. Dr. Robert Atkins, a New York cardiologist, published the initial diet plan in 1972. The message was direct: In order to lose weight, one must cut out foods high in carbohydrates so the body, will carbohydrates so the body will seek energy from fat reserves. Yet it is not the carbohy-

drates that are damaging, it is

drates that are damaging, it is the type of sugars they contain. Once the body is deprived essential sugars and carbo-hydrates for a long period of time, it will transition into a metabolic state known as ketosis, which reduces hunger. Many low-carboby-irate diets suggest using ketoristo further weight lost House

using ketoris to further weight loss. However, at the ketosis stage, the body begins to feel starved and can respond with muscle breakdown, headaches, nausea and kidney problems. Carbohydrate limitation also neans a low fiber intake, which could lead to digestive complications and con-pation. The main health concern of these weary

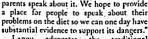
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of the trend of high-protein diets is not the lack of carbohydrates but the abundance of the types of protein in the diet, which can contain large amounts of saturated fat. In 2001, during the height of high-pro-

In 2001, during the height of high-pro-tein diet popularity, the American Heart Association drafted an advisory paper warning about the risks of and potential dangers of the diets. The main concern addressed in the paper was how the diets harmed long-term users by increas-ing their cholesterol and saturated fat intake, which could lead to cardiovas-cular disease, specifically heart attacks. "There is mounting evidence

cular disease, specifically heart attacks. "There is mounting evidence recommending against using a low-carb, high-protein diet," said Dr. Amy Lanou, nutrition director' for Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. "But if you go on a diet and it works, it might blind you to the risks." Lanou said the success of the low-carbohydrate diet. is due to the sup-posed rapid weight loss it promises. However, she insists the results are no more dramatic than those of people who

on wever, she insists the results are no more dramatic than those of people who use eat healthy and exercise. I think people should focus on plant-based foods, Lanou said. It is remarkable how much you can decrease chronic disease at the same time you achieve your healthy weight goals. Lanou also works to raise public, awareness about the dangers involved with main-tinging a lowerstophydaest dangers involved with main-taining a low-carbohydrate diet by promoting the website, atkinsdietalert.org. The website encourages those who have complications with diets such as Atkins to report their problems, "A 16-year-old girl died in the middle of class, and her doctors concluded it was from the biohernetin, low-carb diet



doctors concluded it was from the high-protein, low-carb diet she was on," Lanou said. "It was heart-wrenching to hear her parents speak about it. We hope to provide a place for people to speak about their problems on the diet so we can one day have substantial evidence to support its dangers." Lanou advocates the traditional methods for losing weight and keep-ing it off: Eat healthy and exercise. There is no way to cheat when it comes to dieting," said Lanou. "It's called a fad diet for a reason, and the trend is over."

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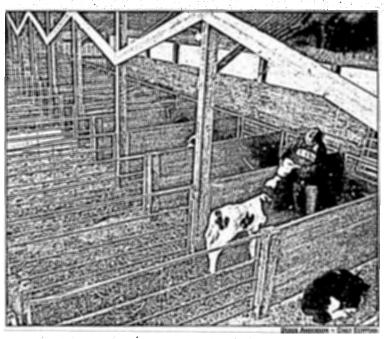






Jourst Alice





Freshman animal science major Claire Fitzpatrick of Chicago bottle-feeds a young calf Thursday afternoon at the SIU Dairy Center. Fitzpatrick hopes to one day treat and care for the horses as a veterinarian but enjoys working with dairy cows on a daily basis as a student employee.

Board members statewide continue to step down because of ethical issues

Schools uncertain when new board will be named

Valerie N. Donnals vdonnals@dailyegyptian.com

As new ethics laws are being implemented, boards of higher education across the state are experiencing results similar to SIU: Board members are handing in their resignations, and universities are losing some of their most valuable contributors.

The ethics package signed in December contained a stipulation that prohibits lobbyists and their spouses from serving on state boards and commissions.

Soon after the legislation was signed, SIU Board of Trustees Chairwoman Molly D'Esposito, whose husband is a lobbyist, announced her intentions to resign a position she has held for 15 years. SIUC administrators and

D'Esposito's colleagues have joined the lament of universities statewide that continue to lose members who contributed so much to their institutions.

"I understand the legislation, but it is going to hurt a lot of upstand-Ing individuals who have given so much of their volunteer time to make their university better as well

as some of the other entities that are impacted by this," said SIU board member Ed Hightower. Two members of the Illinois Board of Higher Education - Thomas Lamont and Cordelia Meyer — chose to cut their lob-byist ties rather than resign their ositions on the board.

However, that case has proved more rare, since at least four universities have lost trustees to the new law. The president of the Illinois Community College Board has also stepped down.

Western Illinois University will also lose its board chairman, Zack Stamp, whose resignation becomes

"He has a firm in Springfield that basically is a registered lob-bying firm," said WIU spokesman John Maguire. "They have several 66 It

clients; it is his livelihood. And now he is unable to serve and maintain that business.

The law will leave two vacancies on its board; member Ted Brunszold has also indicated his intent to

resign. "I think the individuals who will did to for the no longer be serving did so for the best of their reasons, in their interests and those of the university, and their experience and expertise will be missed," Maguire said. Northern Illinois University

spokeswoman Melanie Maguera said they will lose one member, Catherine Adducci, whose husband is a lobhvist.

While the resignation will go into effort Feb. 1, Maguera said she is hoping those around the state who have been displaced by the law will still be allowed to serve until a replatement is named. However, no such stipulation is included in the laws. Eastern Illinois University,

experiencing a shortage of trustees similar to SIUC, has already lost

two members, Betsy Mitchell and Julie Sullivan.

"Right now we're eager to get back to our full number," said Eastern Illinois spokeswoman Vicki Woodard.

"Earlier in September, we had another trustee resign for personal reasons, so now we're three short."

Western, Northern and Eastern respectively have one, two and three trustee seats vacant on their nine-member boards, but SIU has the most at four seats

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a year ago, and one trustee resigned last - John Maguire WIU spokesman summer. Despite the sud-

den loss of leadership at the head of each of these major universities, there has been no word from the governor's office as the when replacements will be named.

"I really haven't heard anything," Woodard said. "I do know they're woodard said. "I do know they're looking into it, but I haven't had any kind of timeline presented to me about it."

The ethics legislation has also created a more extensive appoint-ment process, which has left many university officials wondering how long their boards will have to operate with the vacancies.

"We have certainly made contact and made an offer to the governor's office if they want our assistance in suggesting individuals," Maguire

"We would be delighted to do so, but until they contact us in response to our offer, we'll have to wait."

Screening easier for air travelers

Sara Kehaulani Goo The Washington Post

After enduring two years of rigorous scrutiny, air travelers are getting a break at the security checkpoint — the Transportation Security Administration is allowing passengers who set off the metal detector to pass through again before subjecting them to extensive hand-wand searches.

Travelers now are permitted to empty their pockets and remove their shoes or belt buckles for a second walk though the checkpoint. The removed items are examined by X-ray along with carry-on bags.

The new policy, in effect since Dec. 27, replaces the TSA practice of funneling all passengers who set off the alarm straight to a screening area, where they were asked to remove their shoes and unbuckle their belts and were patted down in a process that some travelers found uncomfortable.

"It's an effort to increase the efficiency of the security screening process and at the same time, it's a gain for customer service," said TSA spokesman Mark Hatfield. The TSA, now in its second

ear of existence, faces a shortage of screeners at some airports and is under pressure by the airline industry to reduce the "hassle factor" for passengers. The agency said the

new procedure will shorten waits. Each passenger who does not have to go through "secondary screening" conducted behind glass partitions will save three minutes, according to the TSA. A pilot

project conducted at a dozen airports a few months ago found significant reductions in wanding when passengers were allowed to step back from metal detectors and remove items, according to a memo provided last month to airports.

The TSA said some passengers who are pre-selected by a computer system to receive the secondary creening will continue to get it.

The new policy marks a return to procedures in place before the federal government took over airport security in the aftermath of e terrorist attacks in 2001, but the TSA said it will not have the effect

of lowering security standards. Robert Poole, director of transportation studies at the public policy research firm Reason Foundation, said the change makes sense and doesn't seem to weaken security.

"A person who triggers the alarm probably nine times out of 10 will not have to go through secondary screening by figuring out a probable cause of the alarm," Poole said. "If you can reduce the hassle factor for travelers without hurting security, it seems like a win-win." Even veteran fliers sometimes

set off the alarm. "I experienced this myself," Hatfield said. On Monday, he said, he was surprised to have set off the alarm at La Guardia Airport in New York and a TSA screener asked him if he would like to remove an item that might have set off the metal detector. "I should know this," Hatfield said. "I forgot about my wristwatch."



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ories of the day Ashley died For others, men are not as extensive. For her friend, Michelle Heinemann, recollections of the day begin late in the afternoon when she received a call from

Ashley. "We had become really good friends over the past year and a half," said Heinemann, a graduate student in equine science and special education from Orland Park. "I had just talked to her an hour before. She told me how she was moving in later that day, and before we got off she said, 'I love you,' and I told her, 'I love you, too.

The next call was in regard to Ashley, a call that caused her to make the trip back to Carbondale sooner than she had anticipated. The next call was informing her of Ashley's

Similar to Heinemann, others close to Ashley received the news from a phone call. Her sister, Kristen Dallas, was informed of Ashley's state by her mother, who was con-tacted by Hunter.

"I didn't believe it; I was in shock," said Kristen, one of Ashley's four siblings. "I had no clue. She had no idea."

Kristen said despite the occasional sibling rivalry, she has no trouble focusing on the posi-tive images of her sister. When remembering Ashley, she said she often looks at the many photos of her that decorate the walls of their room, or she simply recalls recent experiences with her sister.

"Just recently, the Saturday before she left she woke me up," Kristen said. "I hadn't selet very long and she wanted me to do her makeup. She asked me, 'Can you please do my makeup? You always make it look so nice.' "Mom and I talk about her all the time,

about how she didn't feel any pain. It doesn't hurt to talk about it. It makes you feel better.

Similar to others, Ashley's father, Ben Dallas, could recall nothing but positive memories when thinking of his daughter who

he referred to as "happy-go-lucky." "She didn't have a bad bone in her body," said Ben Dallas, a resident of Washington. "I never heard her say she hated anyone or

couldn't stand anyone. Ben was informed of his daughter's hospitalization from his ex-wife. Though Ben said Ashley's mother seemed upset during the call, he said she was not as shaken because the call came from Hunter and not a doctor

Ben said he was contacted by the hospital at 6:25 p.m. He was told the outlook was not good and that he should come down as soon as possible. He left within 15 minutes, but because he resides four hours away, he was unable to reach Carbondale before his daughter died. Ben said though he was stricken with "shock

and disbelief" upon hearing of his daughter's death, he was thankful for the people already present when he arrived at the hospital.

Fifteen friends of Ashley were sitting in the waiting room by the time Ben arrived at 11: 30 p.m

They knew about the bad news we were about to get, and they sat there and waited for us to get there, "Dallas said. "We've just been so overwhelmed by the caring and compassion we received from her friends and people at the University and the

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 Michelle Heinemann graduate student, equine science of equine sciences representative of a person whose life according to friends was largely consumed by her sion for horses.

pa Dallas said one of his fondest memories of his daughter, who received her love of horses

from her mother, was her appearance in a

"She was riding in a Fourth of July parade," said Dallas, who said his daughter had always been around the family's horses and had been riding since the age of 7 or 8. "It was 1996, so she was 13. She fell off and broke both her

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roaring fire.?? - Matthew Hunter boyfriend to Ashley Dallas the most was that

the simple things in life that people take for granted made her face scream with joy;" Heinemann said. "The first time she got to operate the tractor, the time she used the lawn mower for the first time and when she got to handle the stallion for the first time, she was just on cloud nine.

"She really grew during her time here, not

just emotionally but physically." Heinemann said she saw Ashley's strength, ong other aspects, increase during her time at the horse center where she worked and even lived last semester. As part of the program requirements, Ashley resided in a small apart-ment at the center where she was responsible for performing chores and observing the horses. Though the time spent with the horses is mandatore. Heinement stild Athen shere.

mandatory, Heinemann said Ashley always went above and beyond, closely observing the horses and picking up whatever responsibilities

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"Seventy-five percent of her life was hors-es," Hunter said. "She read about horses; she watched horses. Horses were her refuge. They

defined her in a sense." Hunter said in addition to defining her, her we of horses also defined a clear definition tween her friends and her boyfriend.

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Hunter labeled himself as a more urban individual and said this factor caused somewhat of a division to exist between Ashley's friends and him.

and him. "Before Ashley died," Heinemann said, "we [Heinemann and Hunter] really only spoke in passing. I would see Matt and ask, 'How's Ashley doing?' and that would be it. Now we talk every day."

talk every day." Hunter and Heinemann agreed being able to reminisce about Ashley has helped them with the healing process. They said Ashley's group of friends has gathered each night to dis-cuss their friend and her life. They agreed the hardest part of dealing with her death occurs when they are alone and try to make themselves available to comfort each other. "Ashley had two worlde: them and me"

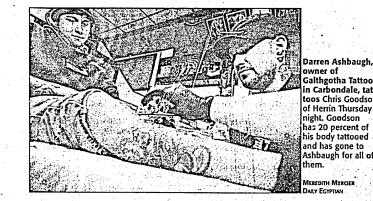
"Ashley had two worlds: them and me," Hunter said, "She dreamed of us all becoming friends with each other. I regret it took until after her death for us to become close." Hunter said in addition to interacting with

thers close to Ashley, he spends his time listening to and writing music, something he said has become a significant part of his life. According to Hunter, one of his most dominant memories

of Ashley pertains to his music "I'm in a band, and one time I was doing a show in this really crappy basement," Hunter said. "The floor smelled and it was sticky, but she didn't care. I remember looking at her, she was just sitting there smiling like a little teenybopper. She kept leaning over to her friend and pointing at me saying, 'Isn't my boyfriend cute?' She didn't have to be there, but she was. Thinking of stuff like that reminds me of how much she thought of me."

Hunter said he was in the process of writing a song for Ashley, one of the many tributes to her. Also planned as a shadowbox in her memory is a possible memorial service and a scholarship in her honor.

"It's an ongoing process," Hunter said of the song. "I just want to write something good enough to live up to what she was. "I still say goodnight to her."



owner of **Galthgotha Tattoos** in Carbondale, tat-toos Chris Goodson of Herrin Thursday night. Goodson has 20 percent of his body tattooed and has gone to Ashbaugh for all of them.

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Blagojevich commended the efforts of Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, as well as other legislators who have championed ideas to reform the ISBE.

Bost said it was time to take control away from the board and reduce the amount of bureaucracy

"I don't disagree with the gov-ernor that we have to do some-thing," Bost said. "I don't know thing, Bost said. I dont know what his plans are; he was very general in his speech. Although he had a 29-page speech, he spent all but six pages on bad-mouthing the bureaucracy involved. What he's talking about, if it works, would reduce the overall cost of education and still get more money to the kids." The focus on learning con-tinued as the governor spoke

about the Imagination Libraries initiative that would provide free books every mouth for all dlinois

children from birth to age 5. Blagojevich said he wants to bring back Project Success, an initiative to provide a link between families and various state services necessary for their children to succeed in school.

Former Gov. Jim Edgar created Project Success in 1991, but former Gov. George Ryan eliminated it.

The estimated cost to restart the program is \$5 million and would begin July 1.

Blagojevich also called for the passage of the Childhood Hunger Relief A.t, which requires schools to provide breakfast to childhen who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

The estimated cost of the program is nearly \$1 million. However, the cost_is not a

deterrent for the governor. "Yes, times are Blagojevich said. tough,

But we will not balance the budget on the backs of hungry proposing the amendment was strictly to maintain the good image of USG. As round after round of debate

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passed, the government did not reach any consensus. Certain senators expressed concern with seeing their peers' hard work negated by unsub-stantiated concerns, while others felt the risk of presenting an appearance of favoritism was too important, to overlook.

The greatest concern of those who did not support the amendment was whether current Finance Committee members were being treated unf: irly.

"I can't fault any of you for mak-ing that argument, but sometimes these changes need to be made," said USG President Neil Young, who opted to remain neutral. "I don't like to hear that these accusations are personal because someone will always be affected.

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Mars rover Spirit rolls onto planet's surface

Kathy Sawyer The Washington

PASADENA, Calif. (LATWP) - The U.S. rover Spirit rolled a cautic as 10 feet onto the rusty dust of the Martian surface early Thursday and immediately sent home proud snapshots of its own first tracks.

It was high noon in Gusev Crater and just before dawn Thursday East Coast time when the plucky Spirit — the first sophisticated, mobile robotic field geologist from Earth to tread alien soil — rolled down an off-ramp, tilting forward at an angle of 30 degrees to reach solid ground. At 2:21 a.m. CST, when he sent the com-

mand directing the rover to begin that inaugural excursion, flight director Chris Lewicki drew laughter among tense mission controllers here at the Jet Propulsion Laborator y when he described it matter-of-factly as the signal to commence "the most significant three-meter (9.8 foot) drive in recorded history." The rover drove toward the northwest

degrees on the Martian compass — in 78 seconds (a speed of less than one-tenth of one mph) and halted with its backside just 2.6 feet from the foot of the off ramp. Controllers said they had shut down its normal self-protective mechanisms to execute the maneuver, telling it, in effect, Trust

Soon afterward, the rover located the sun with its navigation cameras and, using a technique similar to one used by ancient mariners, calcu-

and to the sun's position how to point its main antenna at Earth in order to "phone home." The event provided a catharis for the Mars team, giddy with relief and elation after years of stressful work to get here. The predawn hours were punctuated repeatedly with eruptions of produce a cheere in the control prom as come applause and cheers in the control room, as con-firming information began to pour in. The first signal indicating the roll had been executed suc-cessfully reached here at 4:55 a.m. EST, followed over the next few minutes by a series of images

taken by the newly liberated rover

Project manager Pete Theisinger sported a " shirt reading: "My other car is on Mars." Musi happy, they played the themesong from TV's "Rawhide" ("Rollin', rollin', rollin, ... Hyaah!"), "Who Let the Dogs Out" and Steppenwolf's "Born to Be Wild."

The success cleared the way for unp. redented surface explorations in search of signs that Mars might once have supported life, with the specific objectives to be planned day by day by an inter-national team of scientists who have been eagerly

"Mars now is our sandbox. We are ready to play and learn," said Charles Elachi, director of the JPL, which manages the Mars missions for NASA.

Elachi and many dozen members of the team, some off-duty, crowded the main auditorium here at 3 a.m. Pacific time to trade congratulations and tears of relief and happiness, and a few bubbly toasts. Joel Krajewski, the engineer in charge of the roll-off maneuver, said this event, for him, was the real landing. Since Spirit bounced onto the surface on Jan. 3, he said with a tired smile, "We've actually been approximately 40 centimeters above the surface of Mars."

Engineer Rob Manning, who had managed the descent and bounce-down, happily shared the sentiment. "Our wheels are finally dirty. This is dirty. This is very exciting. Ah, that's a big relieft" Noting the hand-off to the scientists that was

now occurring, Lewicki quipped, Tr's as if we get to drive a nice sports car, but in the end we're just the valets who bring it around to the front and give the keys to the science team.

As science operations begin in earnest, the team has the advantage of working not only with the rover on the surface, but also a veritable swarm of orbiters passing overhead — the U.S. Mars Global Surveyor and Odyssey, and the Europeans' newly-arrived Mars Express, all collaborating to provide coordinated images and data.

Judge closes jury selection to reporters in Stewart case

Patricia Hurtado Newsday

NEW YORK (LATWP) -In a ruling unusual except in trials of Mafia figures or ter-ror suspects, the judge presiding over Martha Stewart's case has barrea the media from being present at her questioning of prospective jurors. U.S. District Court Judge Miriam

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-- Miriam Cedarbaum U.S. District Court judge

Cedarbaum, acting on a request by the Manhattan U.S. attorney, ruled that reporters' presence at the questioning would prevent prospective jurors from being candid and could prevent Stewart from receiving a fair trial. "There is a substantial risk that

such publication or the possibility or the possibility of such publication prevent would spective

prospective jurors U.S. District Court judge from giving full and frank answers to questions posed to them," Cedarbaum wrote.

Media lawyers planned to ask for a hearing on the matter Friday.

on the matter Friday. "Judge Cedarboum did not follow the proper procedure here, nor can we see any justification for closing jury selection or empaneling an anonymous jury in this case." said Stephanie Abrutyn, a lawyer for Tribune Co., which twoss Newsday. "We are going to ask to be heard by the court as soon as possible." Stewart, 62, and her former Merrill Lynch hear Dearboxie for a host of charges

broker, Peter Bacanovic, face a host of charges stemming from Stewart's Dec. 27, 2001 sale of nearly 4,000 shares of ImClone Systems, Inc. Several hundred people were summoned to court Jan. 6 to fill out questionnaires. Individual

questioning of prospective jurors, called voir dire, is to begin Tuesday. Federal judges closed voir dire to the media in the 2001 trial of al-Qaida terrorists accused

of carrying cut the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Africa. That jury was anonymous because of

national security concerns U.S. District Court Judge Michael Mukasey

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cover the questioning by pool. The judge has not declared that Stewart's jury be anonymous, but said her decision to bar the media from voir dire was based on a request by Manhattan U.S. Attorney David Kelley, with the defense's consent.

Kelley's office declined comment and refused to release a copy of its application to the court.

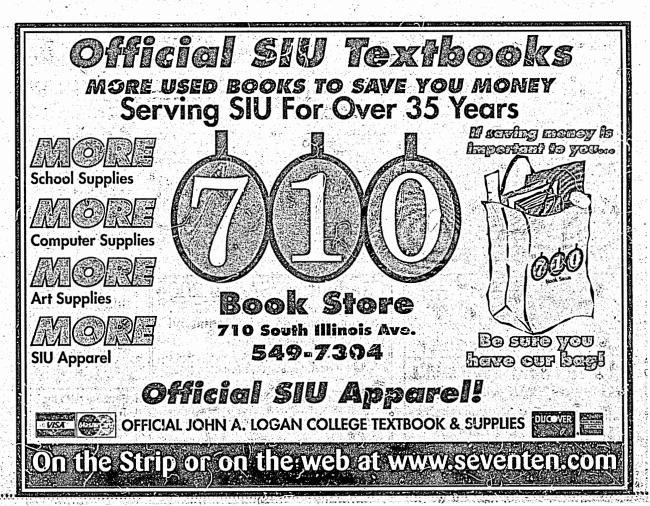
On Jan. 2, Cedarbaum barred reporters from contacting prospective or chosen jurors in the case.

A day after the questionnaires were dis-tributed, an unnamed person identified as a member of the jury pool posted questions from the questionnaire on a Web site. Cedurbaum said this incident was a violation

ner order and contributed to her decision

But Lucy Dalglish, executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, said of Cedarbaum's ruling: "There was no reason why a white-collar prosecution should be conducted with a secretly selected jury.

This process was used in rare cases where the defendants were mobsters, drug dealers and terrorists and the potential for jury tampering and jury safety. For crying out loud, this is Martha Stewart. The only reason for my reading of this order is that she's trying to prevent the jury from being annoyed by the media."



New questions raised about Kelley's reporting

David Folkenflik The Baltimore Sun

(LATWP) More questions are surfacing about the veracity of articles written by former USA Today star reporter Jack Kelley.

Kelley was forced to resign earlier this month after he was found to have deceived editors during a long and ultimately inconclusive inquiry into whether he had fabricated material for several articles. On Wednesday, the newspaper additionally published its editors' concerns that he may have lifted unattributed passages from The Washington Post in a 1998 article about small arms dealers on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

Now, several former colleagues from USA Today say Kelley was credibly accused of planting words in the mouth of the president of the International Committee of the Red Cross in a sensitive article published in May 1997. The remarks, contested at the time, had actually been made by a Red Cross spokesman in an earlier, off-the-record conversation with Kelley, they said. The 4,700-word article, which

explored the organization's failure to bear public witness to the genocide of the Holocaust, was written in collaboration with two other reporters,

Peter Eisler and Katy Kelly. In 1997, Kelley defended himself by saying he had been told by the

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spokesman that he could attribute the comments to the international Red Cross president. Thursday, by contrast, a lawyer for Kelley con ceded the incorrect attribution but called it "a minor mistake." Kelley talked to the Red Cross spokesman, lawyer Lisa J. Banks said, and the two men agreed no correction was needed.

At the time, however, the cident rankled the Red Cross and USA Today reporters and editors, according to his former colleagues, who spoke to Th- Saltimore Sun on

condition they not be named. David Mazzarella, then USA Today's top editor, said he has no recollection of the incident. But he said Kelley's explanation in 1997, even if true, would fail to meet basic iournalistic standards. As described in the article, the scene suggested an actual exchange between then Red Cross President Cornelio Sommaruga and Kelley that yielded the quotation, not a spokesman passing along a statement in the name of That's still not the way to his boss. "That's still not the way to do this," Mazzarella said this week. A spokesman for USA Today said

it was not aware of the controversy about the article. "We'll look into it Steven Anderson, the newspaper's

spokesman, said Thursday. Thanks to Kelley, USA Today in spring 1997 had obtained an advance look at a trove of Red Cross

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decuments from the World War II era before their public release. And the task of interviewing Sommaruga fell to him. Sommaruga was visiting Washington on April 10 to speak at a breakfast with reporters on an unrelated topic at the National Press Club, and Kelley headed over to record his reaction.

According to the ensuing article, Sommaruga reacted angrily during a brief interview to questions about the Red Cross' silence in the face of the Holocaust:

"Ridiculous,' Sommariuga shouts, when asked if the group was partly to blame for murder. I reject that in the strongest way. It is not our job to act like the cavalry.'

But it was Kim Gordon-Bates, a media aide to Sommaruga, who had made those remarks several hours earlier, during an informal conversation over coffee. In a telephone interview this week from Geneva, Sommaruga told The Sun he never said the disputed remarks attributed to him.

"Those are certainly not my words," said Sommaruga, the international Red Cross' president from 1987 to 1999. "I am not strong enough in English to have used such words." The Rome-born Sommaruga, a Swiss citizen, said English is his fifth language. Gordon-Bates, now a media

officer for the Red Cross in the

Islands, said he recall meeting Kelley over coffee for an offthe record conversation at a cafe near the press club. In an interview this week hy telephone, Gordon-Bates said he was surprised by Kelley's attempt after Sommaruga's appear-ance to conduct what he considered an "ambush" in the presence of other reporters. Sommaruga quickly cut short the exchange, Gordon-Bates said.

"I remember indeed the situation," said Gordon-Bates, who is British. "The style [of the quotations] is certainly mine, and certainly not that of the president." Gordon-Bates said he remembers protesting several aspects of the article, but cannot recall, nearly seven years later, whether they included the quotes. Several former colleagues of

however, said Gordon-Bates called Peter Eisler, one of the other reporters on the project, to object to the quotation. (Eisler declined to comment for this article.) Eisler referred it to editors, the former colagues said. But Kelley defended his decision. He told editors the quotation came from Gordon-Bates, but that the Red Cross media aide told him he could attribute the remarks to Sommaruga, according to the colleagues. Eisler and others were

chagrined. Upon an inquiry by The Sun, Kelley's lawyer Banks said the

porter had made a minor error One of those quotes was mistakenly attributed to Mr. Sommaruga," Banks said Thursday. Instead, she said, the comments came "from the spokesman, Mr. Gordon-Bates." Gordon-Bates signaled to Kelley that "this was a non-issue and that no correction was required," Banks said

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Mazzarella and his deputy, former Executive Editor Robert A. Dubill, separately said they did not

Publit, separately events recall the controversy. Kelley is USA Today's sole Pulitzer Prize finalist for reporting. He was the Gannett Co. newspaper's staffer of the year in 2001, and his wife, Jacki Kelley, is USA Today's senior vice president for advertising. Based in suburban Virginia, USA. Today is the nation's largest daily

newspaper. Kelley was forced to resign from USA Today earlier this month after being confronted by editors who had discovered he had repeat-edly deceived them in presenting a translator who, he claimed, could youch for an article under scrutiny. As he later admitted to editors, the woman had not played a role in the interview. But Kelley's lawyers have rejected the concerns of USA Today about the similarities of a different 1998 article by Kelley about arms dealers on the Pakistani border with an earlier Post article.

Thousands protest Iraq transition plan Daniel Williams The Washington Post ones in several other cities.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (LATWP) — Tens of thousands of Shiite Muslims demonstrated Thursday in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city; against a U.S. plan to put an unelected, temporary Iraqi government in power

by July 1. The large crowd, estimated by British soldiers to number as many as 30,000, marched through Basra chanting "No, no USA. Yes, yes for elections" and "Yes, yes Islam. No, no occupation," according to news service reports. They also held up pictures of Shiite leaders, particularly Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, the country's highest-ranking Shiite cleric, who spoke out on Sunday against the U.S. outline for political transition.

Under the Bush administr plan, which was approved by 1.44's U.S.-appointed Governing Council on Nov. 15, caucuses would be held in Iraq's 18 provinces to choose rep-resentatives to a transitional assembly. The assembly would then choose the rovisional government to which the U.S.-led occupation authority will transfer Iraq sovereignty on July 1.

Sistani, however, has said repeatedly that direct elections are the only acceptable means for selecting mem-bers of the transitional assembly.

In Najaf, the Shiite holy city where Sistani has his base of operations, posters plastered on walls warned, Forming the provisional national assembly through an unjust method will subject the Iraqi people to a new round of oppression

Shiites, who account for an estimated 60 percent of the Iraqi population and are concentrated largely in the southern rgely in the southern part of the country, were harshly repressed during deposed president Saddam Hussein's long rule. Mass graves containing the remains of thousands of Shiite victims of the Saddam government have been uncovered since U.S. troops occupied the country. The overthrow of Saddam presents them with their first chance in

centuries to rule Iraq. Sistani met with leading clerics Tuesday in Najaf, and one participant said afterward that jihad, or holy war, was "in the air." While Sistani made no move toward urging violence against occupation forces, the participant said, he did approve Thursday's large demonstration in Basra and smaller The Basra demonstration

peaceful, in contrast with recent notests over unemployment there and in other Shiite rowns. But a speaker at a Basra mosque threatened violence if Sistani's demand was not met.

We do not want to resort to violence, but if it reaches a stalemate, then the coalition will face the wrath of the Iraqi people," Ali Hakim Safi, a senior Basra cleric, told the crowd.

Safi hinted that Sistani is looking for a compromise of some sort, and he suggested that one might emerge from the United Nations.

A delegation from Iraq's U.S.-pointed Governing Council and L. Paul Bremer, Iraq's civilian adminis-trator, are to meet Monday with U.N. General Secretary Kofi Annan in New York.

The BBC reported, meanwhile, that Safi sent a letter to President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair questioning the sincerity of the plans to transfer of power to Iraqis.

Safi warned the two leaders that they would drag their countries into a losing battle if they did not let Iraqis choose their own institutions, the BBC said.

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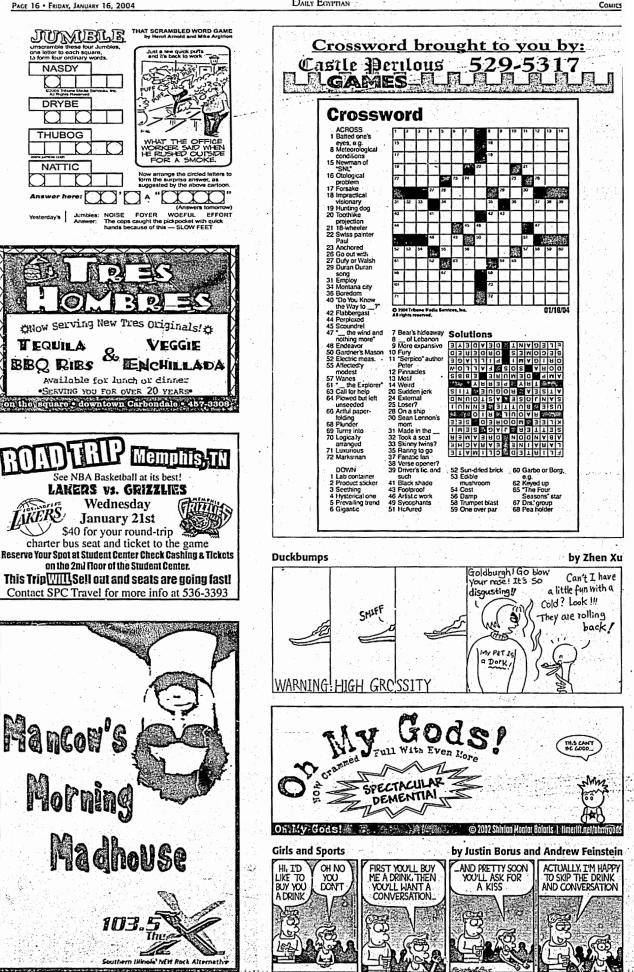
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Will third time be charm for McNabb, the Eagles?

Ken Murray The Baltimore Sun

(LATWP) - Donovan McNabb looked more like a high-rolling corpo-rate executive than a high-rolling NFL quarterback, resplendent in a gray, pinstripped suit and stylish comrows. This was 30 minutes after his

Philadelphia Eagles pulled the great escape of the postseason. They needed all of regulation to catch the Green Bay Packers and then a couple of big breaks in overtime to beat them on Sunday.

McNabb arrived in the post-game interview room with a demeanor that implied he already had moved past Green Bay, past this fantastic finish, and on to his own personal house of

Asked where he ranked the improbable 20-17 win, he was succinct.

"I think that would be up to you guys," he said. "For me, I am moving onto the

third round of the championship with a whole new mind-set.

It was business, not pleasure, and McNabb, 27, cozed intensity. The NFC Championship Game

comes back to Philadelphia on Sunday. In McNabbs fifth pro season, it is

In Dicivables fifth pro season, it is his fourth playoff team and his third championship game. The previous two championship games ended with brutal interceptions and bitter defeats.

Somehow, McNabb has to find a

Panthers, over the championship game hump and all the way to the Super Bowl. His ultimate place in football history depends on it.

And yet, in a season when the hometown fans called for his benching, when a TV personality insisted he was overrated, McNabb might have his best opportunity to make it happen.

t's because circumstances have taken him back to doing what he does best: running with the ball. McNabb has spent the better part

of the past two regular seasons trying to prove he can be a pocket passer. Defensive coordinators: around the league were thankful — not because McNabb can't pass but because he didn't run.

Against Green Bay, McNabb passed for 248 yards and ran for 107. The latter figure was a playoff record for quarterbacks, eclipsing the one set 53 years ago by Hall of Famer Otto Graham

McNabb had runs of 41, 22 and 24 yards against a blitzing defense that didn't count on him running. You can [talk about] all that spy

stuff," Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress said.

"That's all well and good. But he's usually going to out-athlete most people that spy on him anyway." After losing all-purpose back Brian Westbrook to a torn triceps tendon late in the regular season, the Eagles needed

a playmaker to step up. McNabb filled

For all of his big runs and the remarkable fourth-and-26 pass he made to l'reddie Mitchell in the fourth quarter, it was a play McNabb made to start the final period that exemplified his unique ability.

On that play, he twisted and turned to elude two would-back tacklers in the backfield, then got to the perimeter where he unloaded a perfect pass to Todd Pinkston in the corner of the end zone for a 12-yard touchdown to tie the game.

"It's instinct," McNabb said. "I try to do whatever my body tells me to do. If a guy is reaching his arms out, I'll try to knock them down and continue to move and keep momentum." It is McNabb's locker room pres-

ence, though, that perhaps most endears him to his teammates.

"He is a special player because he's not a big-timer," tight end Chad Lewis said

"You don't have to be a Pro Bowl player to get his attention. You just have to be here. And that's one reason why people gravitate to him, because he treats everyone with so much respec

McNabb still had that respect after he started the season in a woeful slump. In his first seven games, his passer rat-ing was just 54.8. In the last nine regu-

lar-season games, it was 99.6. Coach Andy Reid never wavered in his support of McNabb. "I trust him a lot," Reid said.

Realignment talks between conferences finished for now

Alan Schmadtke The Orlando Sentinel

(KRT) - Negotiations are fin-ished among Conference USA, the Big East and four other leagues about schools leaving early for future con-ferences, effectively sealing lame-duck status for the University of Central Florida and more than a dozen other schools for the 2004-05 academic year

Six conference commissioners et at the NCAA Convention in Nashville in a last-ditch attempt to orchestrate the early dance, including Boston College to the Atlantic Coast Conference, USF, Cincinnati, Louisville, DePaul and Marquette to the Big East and UCF, SMU, Rice, Tulsa and Marshall to C-USA.

All the moves are targeted for 2005-06, but with Miami and Virginia Tech leaving the Big East for the ACC in time for the 04 football season, a quicker timetable for the other schools was preferred.

Not any more. "That's kind of done," Big East spokesman John Paquette said Tuesday. "From Michael's standpoint,

we're moving on." So are C-USA and the Mid-American Conference.

"It's kind of like a jigsaw puzzle," USA Commissioner Britton "It's kind of like a jigsaw puzzle," C-USA Commissioner Britton Banowsky said. "We couldn't get all the pieces lined up. It does give us the benefit of laying a good foundation for everything when it does happen." For UCF, that means George O'Leary will coach one season in the

MAC before the Golden Knights leave for C-USA. UCF agreed in November to leave the MAC (in football) and Atlantic Sun (in other sports) after 2004-05.

UCF Athletic Director Steve Orsini was hopeful the Knights could avoid a lame-duck year in both leagues, "but this isn't something we have any control over." Marshall is scheduled to leave the

MAC for C-USA at the same time 25 UCF.

Had Boston College and the five C-USA schools been able to work out early exits, it was possible other schools in similar positions — Charlotte, Saint Louis, SMU, Tulsa, Rice, Utah State and New Mexico State - also could have left for new leagues early:



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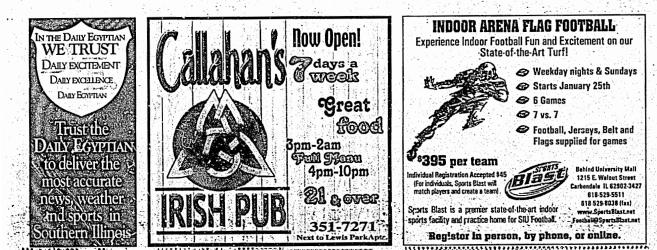
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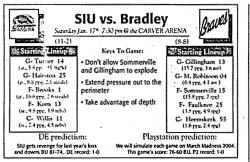
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if not harder, without [Gilbert],"

senior Brad Korn said. "They have a great fan base up there. I think we've only won up there once since I've been here. We are going to get their best effort. We are expecting a dogfight." The Braves have numerous

other offensive options, but at the moment, they are also damaged goods. The No. 2 active scorer in the

MVC, guard James Gillingham,

with a deep bone bruise in his left foot. Despite Bradley's drawbacks, the Salukis know it won't be easy and don't want to slip up again

where they did last year. "We just want to go out there

we just want to go out there and show people we can win this league again," Korn said. "Right now, we are at the top, but there is a long way to go before it is all said and done."



ROBERT LYONS - DAILY ECYPTIAN Terry Jackson II, SIU football's most recent addition, comes to Southern Illinois from the University of Minnesota where he rushed for over 1,300 yards as a sophomore. Jackson is expected to adequately fill the shoes of graduating running backs Tommy Koutsos and Muharnmad Abdulqaadir. Jackson will be a senior next year and will have only one year of eligibility at SIU.

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backfield they would have been lacking with the graduation of star run-ning backs Muhammad Abulqaadir

and Tom Koutsos. Though Jackson rushed for just 2003, he was still conof the Big Ten.

In 2002, while serving as the Golden Gophers' starting running back, Jackson racked up the fifthmost yards in Minuesota history with 1,317 rushing yards. Those numbers earned him a

preseason All Big Ten selection for

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- Terry Jackson II SIU football recruit

the 2003 season. lackson is considered a durable

ck with all-purpose skills. He gives the Salukis a dimension with his pass-catching ability and speed they will surely take advantage

"I am optimistic right 20%," Jackson såid.

"I want to go in and help this team do what it takes to win a national championship."

MEN'S BASKETBALL SIU looks to take advantage of shorthanded Bradley

Braves limp into game against SIU without star guard Phillip Gilbert

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Over the past two seasons, Bradley has had a hard time hang-ing with SIU, losing four of the games the two teams have five played

Now they will have to try to break that slump without arguably the most potent offensive threat in the Missouri Valley Conference star guard Phillip Gilbert. Since Gilbert went down with

stress fracture in his left foot, the Braves have gone 1-5 and have lost each of the last four games by double-digits. In their last two games, the Braves have lost to Evansville and Wichita State by a combined 28 points. SIU beat those same teams by a combined 27 points in its last two games.

Bradley; who was picked to finish third in the preseason poll, is now limping along at 8-8 and sits at 1-4 in MVC play, its worst conference start since the 1991-1992 scasor

"He scores 20 a game," SIU senior center Sylvester Willis said.

"He's a four-year starter. He's probably the heart and soul of their team, so I'm pretty sure they took a hit both on and off the court with him not in the lineup.

Gilbert, the preseason confer-ence player of the year, entered the season as the MVC's active scoring season as the MVC's active scoring leader and was leading the league with an average of 20.2 points a game before being injured. Throughout his career, the Salukis have been able to keep

Gilbert under control as he has averaged about 12 points a game against SIU.

Still, without his potential threat of going off at any moment, the Braves will need someone else to

step up and score some points. So far, that job has fallen on the shoulders of senior guard James Gillingham and sophomore star forward Marcellus Sommerville.

Gillingham sat out Wednesday's Wichita State game due to back spasms but vowed to reporters after that he would play against the Salukis.

Statuss. Starting point guard Marcello Robinson also has been banged up, meaning Bradley's guards should have a hard time keeping up with the Salukis' talented guard core of December 2010 and the state of the stat Darren Brooks, Stetson Hairston, Bryan Turner and Jamaal Tatum. If the Braves hope to beat the

Salukis at Carver Arena for a second year in a row, they will need Gillingham and Robinson not to only play but to play even better than they have been so far. One of the league's premier

defenders, Gillingham, has shown this season he can do a little something on offense as well.

In the last game he played, Gillingham poured in a season-high 31 points in the loss to Evansville.

Sommerville, who played at Iowa and Southwestern Illinois College before arriving at Bradley, is one of the top newcomers in the MVC and rightfully so.

The Peoria native was a top 100 recruit out of high school and was an NJCAA Division I first team All-American after averaging 25 points and 10 rebounds a game a year ago.

"We just watched a little bit of We just watched a fille of or film on him, and he's just a strong guy who can shoot, SIU senior forward Brad Korn said. "We just want to make him put is on the floor and make him put

it on the floor and make him try to dribble and do some of the things he's not us 1 to doing.

Still, without Gilbert, the Braves are not the same team.

With Gilbert in the lineup, the Braves averaged 76.4 points a night. Without him, they are averaging just 57.5. "I guess that just goes to show

what a player like him can do for a team." Willis said.

Keady bids for 500th victory at Purdue

Pete DiPrimio

(KRT) — Don't bother Gene Keady with this 500-victory milestone thing.

He's too busy worrying about ating first-place Wisconsin beating first-place Wisconsin Wednesday night and positioning his Boilermakers for a Big Ten

championship run. "Does that mean I'm going to get a \$500,000 bonus?" he asked. "If it meant that, I'd be very presented Other these that I'm

interested. Other than that, I'm interested in winning a league game. That's the bottom line."

Keady's bottom-line approach has him a victory away from becom-ing the second Big Ten coach to win 500 games at one school. Bob Knight won 661 games at Indiana.

It means nothing to me," Keady said. "It has nothing to do with why I coach. I didn't get into coaching for honors or wins. I want to have the team of the year. That's my goal

But isn't doing something that only one other person has in the Big Ten's 105-year history special? "I don't care," he said.

"It never enters my mind. I want get it so (the media) will stop asking me about it. I want to get through that, get a W and be 2-1 in

the league. That's important." The 67-year-old Keady has always made Big Ten champion-

ships a priority. He's done it six times while compiling a 499-236 record at Purdue, 537-258 overall.

Of all the victories along the way, he said, the one in 1984 that clinched his first Big Ten championship stands out. The Boilermakers needed to win

at Minnesota in the regular season finale for a 15-3 conference record and a share of the title with Illinois.

They won 63-62. "We played on national televi-sion, which was unusual in those days," Keady said.

To win like we did with a team that was picked ninth in the league was special. That's always been the one game I remember most in the

It's taken Keady 24 years to reach this milestone, the kind of oneschool longevity that's rare in this win-or-else era. Only Syracuse's Jim Boeheim, with 28 seasons, has been at the same school longer.

There's more pressure to win "Filling seats is a priority. How the ability to win a league chamOther than briefly considering the Arizona State job about 10 years ago, he's been happy to stay. "We liked the people around us. The people I worked with.

They were very dedicated toward education and loved their sports. There were not a lot of big egos. They understood basketball was important. I understood football was important. I supported all sports.

Keady was a multi-sport athlete at Kansas State good enough to play briefly for the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers.

He brought an aggressive, physi-cal approach to coaching that hasn't

changed. "He still has the same enthusiasm, the same fire, the same get-after-it attitude," senior guard Kenneth Lowe said. "He doesn't back down.

He also doesn't slow down. Fie also doesn't slow down, junior guard Brandon McKnight said. He's one of the best coaches in the country," McKnight said. "He's an older guy in age, but so young as far as life and playing the

game. He's passionate about what he does. He loves coaching. He loves being around basketball and the about "

his players." Love means not contemplating retirement, so don't ask.

"[People] keep asking me that and I keep saying I don't know. I'll probably coach until my wife says this is it, I'm tired of this cold weather, we're out of here."

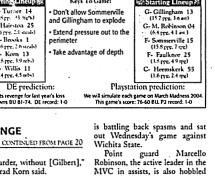
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now in a cuicker span because of themoney involved," Keady said. many times you're on national television is a priority. Having the ability to win a league cham-pionship once ever four years is a priority. Getting into the NCAA and doing well is a priority. If you don't do those things, your [athletic director]gets fired or the coach gets fired.

Keady arrived in West Lafayette in 1980 as a feisty coach who had won big at Hutchinson [Kansas] Junior College and Western Kentucky. Ċ.

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Bradley	1.5	4	8	8
Evansville	1	4	2	11
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Wednesday's results: UNI 82, Creighton 73 Wichita St. 66, Bradley 53 Drake 59 at Illinois St. 55 S. Illinois 81, S. Illinois 63

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Friday's games: No games scheduled

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MEN'S BASKETBALL Salukis look for revenge

SIU hoping to avenge last season's 77-73 overtime loss

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ast season, the SIU men's basketball team witnessed firsthand a program that appeared to be a season away from dominating the entire Missouri Valley Conference. A year later, that same Bradley

team — plus one former top 40 national high school recruit in Iowa transfer Marcellus Sommerville appears miles away from the top tier of the conference.

Peoria still seems to have the Peoria still seems to have the Salukis number, though. The Salukis were making their late-sea-son run last season when Bradley nearly quashed SIUs chances of an NCAA at-large bid. After escaping SIU Arena with a narrow 75-72 loss to the Salukis, the Braves knocked off SIU 77-73 in custring at Courte Arena

in overtime at Carver Arena.

"It is a tough place to play in," said senior Sylvester Willis, who is said senior Sylvester Willis, who is coming off a 15-point performance Wednesday against Evansville, "We all know it is going to be tough going up there. We remember last year, though, and it hit us hard. We just hone we can go there and steal just hope we can go there and steal

a victory." The Braves, who were considered by some to be the conference favorite this year, are finding them-selves at a critical juncture in the season. With no hope whatsoever of earning an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, which many people thought was a realistic pos-sibility entering this season, the Braves need to get momentum on their side and sweep through the MVC tournament to have a chance to dance.

But that will be difficult to do with their season to date having more downs than ups, especially after an embarrassing 89-81 loss to Division III Lubbock Christian

with a healthy roster. While the Salukis may be all alone in first place at the moment in the MVC standings, the pre-season voters predicted Bradley to finish two spots ahead of SIU at

"We just want to try and sepa-rate ourselves," Willis said. "We know it's not going to be an easy WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Stetson Hairston Jr., Saluki guard, goes up against Evansville's Kyle Anslinger, to make the lay-up in the 2 half of the basketball game against the Aces Wednesday night. The Salukis finished 81-63 against the Aces and face Bradley Saturday night in Peoria.

game, but we just want to try." With the Braves top scorer out with an injury, the Dawgs are coming across Bradley at the

opportune time. Phillip Gilbert is out with a fractured left foot and isn't thought to be ready for another week. The Braves are a

lowly 1-5 in his absence. They're still going to play hard,

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FOOTBALL Standout U. Minn **RB** arrives at SIUC Jackson currently enrolled, housing still unresolved

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Still road-weary from rid-ing on a bus since 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, running back Terry Jackson II arrived at the Thursday SIU Arena accompa-nied by SIU defensive coordi-nator Tracy Claeys to meet the local media.

Wearing his Minnesota let-terman jacket and with his eyes

terman jacket and with his eyes half shut, Jackson finalized his transfer papers to SIU around 4:30 p.m., just 10 minutes after he arrived in Carbondale. "Ive been in Chicago, had a three-hour layover there, been to Champaign, Effingham," Jackson, said. "It. feels like 1 am starting all over again, like a freshman. Ive been running around signing papers."

around signing papers." SIU head coach Jerry Kill was unable to comment Thursday. He was recruiting in Louisiana and will arrive sometime today. Jackson is enrolled with 14

credit hours and is planning to continue his education in sociology. The only issue unresolved is his housing. The 5-foot-11, 190-pound

back, who is immediately eligible to play, decided to transfer after he was moved to receiver three games into the 2003 season. He informed Gopher, coach Glen Mason of his intent to transfer to SIU Friday. Jackson became: aware of SIU Friday.

Jackson became aware of SIU after Kill was informed by Donald Durrett, the running back's former coach at Saginaw High School. Kill and Durrett knew each other while Kill coached at Saginaw Valley State University. The addition of Jackson

gives the Salukis a threat in the

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SIU looks to carry over success from one game to next

Salukis on the road to face Illinois State, Indiana State

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It would be easy for the SIU wornen's basketball team to think it finally

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media guide and the Salukis would yield some less-than-stellar facts about their play following a win that would make them feel anything but secure. The Dawgs haven't put together

back-to-back wins since a victory over Eastern Illinois in December 2002. Even more motivating, the Salukis haven't won consecutive conference games since the 2001-2002 season when they defeated Illinois State and Northern Iowa for their only two conference victories of the season.

SIU head coach Lori Opp has noticed lifted spirits in practice and hopes the solid, consistent play carries over on the road Friday against Indiana State (8-5, 2-2 Missouri Valley Conference) and Sunday versus Illinois State (8-5, 2-2).

"The Evansville game has given them some confidence, and hopefully

them some connoence, and nopenay it will catapult us on to some more wins, SIU head coach Lori Opp said. "They've consistently worked hard this week and we've seen glimpses of

some great things from them." Last weekends victory may have let teams know they can't overlook the Salukis this season, but this weekend, the Dawgs have a chance to send that message loud and clear.

The Salukis have the chance to up their 1-2 conference record and to really shake things up in the confer-Cencess-Set. Onemay - perUnexpected to be a factor in the Valley — the Dawgs were predicted to finish dead last in the preseason coaches poll — at seventh place and just one game from fourth, the Salukis are in position to possibly make a lot of coach

coaches regret marking them so low. "We had an opportunity against Evansville to make a statement, but washing to make a statistic, but yourd Danette Jones, who blew up for 21 points in the victory over the Purple Aces. "Now we have two more chances

to go out and prove to the conference what we are made of."

While both teams are beatable, it on't be easy. 20 2 2 2 2 2 3 3 4

The Salukis haven't defeated Indiana State in seven tries, and Illinois State has played solid basket-ball to open the conference season despite dropping their last two games. This game, however, is less about

the oppenents and more about the Salukis having confidence in them-selves that they can carry success over

from one game to the next. The Evansville game gave us a win early in the conference, which is

always what we've needed in the past, SIU head coach Lon Opp said. "But we need to have that consis-tent effort that we played with: If we come out and play like that, than it could be anybody's game."