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Morris Library to open three floors



Work on track to open floors three, four and five after spring break

Brandy Oxford DAILY EGYPTIAN

Spring break is making the Morris Library staff smile.

The staff is celebrating because, after two years of renovation, they will finally get to open the library's newly renovated floors three, four and five. The \$48 million renovation project, which began in January 2006, has been delayed several times due to construction and weather problems, but Dean of Library

Affairs David Carlson said he is hopeful the spring break deadline will be met.

"Based on the pay/progress meeting we had with the contractor Thursday, I'm optimistic that the university will be signing a form that basically says that four, five,

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six and seven are substantially complete," Carlson said.

Those floors, however, will be accepted with a list of less significant work, such as paint touch ups and minor repairs, that still needs to be done.

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The third floor is not as close to completion

as the floors above it, but Carlson said it saw the

Dean of Library Affairs David Carlson stands in the Morris Library rotunda addition Sunday. The rotunda will serve as a leisure and study space for students.

GAs may get new contract **Allison Petty**

DAILY EGYPTIAN

A new contract could govern the terms and benefits of all graduate assistantships at the university if approved by the Board of Trustees at their Thursday meeting.

The contract was negotiated between the university and GA United, the graduate assistant union, over a period of 10 months. It would apply to all of the university's approximately 1,650 graduate assistants, said Union President Ron Fields. However, Fields said only about 100 of those students are members of the union, with only about 50 people voting to ratify the contract at meetings on Dec. 7 and 10.

GA United formed in September 2006 after 248 of 360 graduate assistants voted to unionize. Fields said he and fewer than 10 volunteers

Insurance refund deadline approaching

Maria Capati DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mallory Drewes knows she can get a medical insurance refund - she's just not sure how.

At the beginning of every semester, students are automatically charged \$243 and enrolled in the Student Medical Insurance Plan. What many might not know is that fee is refundable if they already have insurance.

"I know that there's a refund, but I don't really know the procedures," said Drewes, an undecided freshman from St. Peter.

In order to get the refund, students must prove their insurance company has a policy of at least a \$250,000 lifetime maximum benefit and a \$1,000 or less annual deductible.

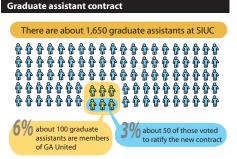
Students who meet this requirement can then bring in their



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negotiated on behalf of the graduate assistants to obtain terms for the new contract, which would apply retroactively to July 2007 and continues

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Source: Ron Fields, president of GA United Michelle Arras ~ DALLY EGYPTIAN

N ow that I'm paying insurance card, a copy of their deductible information and for school, fill out an application of refund form, I'm more which is available on aware of the the school's Web site and in the insurance refundable office at the health

money. center.

Jim Hunsaker, the – Miranda Hoffman freshman studying university's insurance marketing administrator, said

the insurance office tries to keep the students and the parents posted about the refunds.

"We process about 3,000 refunds a semester, so there are 3,000 students out there who are aware of it," Hunsaker said.

$\textbf{Stephen Rickerl} \sim \text{Daily Egyptian}$

Rian Mixon, a freshman from Calumet City studying mass communications, fills out an insurance form Monday in the Student Health Center. Students who are insured through their parents have until Jan. 25 to file for a health insurance refund.

Miranda Hoffman, a freshman from Belleville studying marketing, became aware of the refund when she checked all the fees listed in her Bursar statement.

"Now that I'm paying for school, I'm more aware of the refundable money," Hoffman said.

Students are made aware of the refund in a couple different ways. For new students, the refund is mentioned in their Student Orientation Advisement Registration packet.

The refund due date is also mentioned in the See REFUND, Page 10

first billing statement, which is mailed home.

Erik Skjerseth, a senior from Iowa studying aviation, has known about the insurance refund since he began attending SIUC.

"My parents told me about the refund when they attended SOAR day my freshman year," Skjerseth said.

Students have until Jan. 25 to fill out the refund form and turn it in at the Insurance Office at the Student Health Center.

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Proposed coal plant would need to grow in size to be feasible, officials say.

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New student reception welcomes incoming Salukis.

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After years of neglect, Pulse columnists tackle the tube.

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Quarterback Nick Hill named All-American, hopes to punch NFL ticket.



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• Call the museum at 453-5388 to register. Pre-registration is required

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POLICE REPORTS

Jackson County Deputies and Elkville Police identified several area teenagers allegedly responsible for several incidents of mailbox vandalism Iduring theweekend. The youths may face charges of criminal damages to property after the Jackson County States Attorney's Office reviews the investigation report. The agencies took numerous reports of mailboxes being taken and thrown into ditches several miles away. The incidents occurred in the rural Elkville and Halidayboro areas.

The "Welcome to Jacob" sign from a west Jacob Road yard was stolen Saturday night. The sign is valued at \$800 and had green letters on a white background. Deputies are looking for suspects.



NEWS BRIEFS

Durbin announces federal money for O'Hare expansion

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago has procured federal funding for key parts of its expansion of O'Hare International Airport.

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin says Chicago will receive \$42 million to cover the costs of a new air traffic control tower.

Durbin says the tower is a vital part of the planned \$15 billion airport expansion.

Durbin announced the funding Monday along with Chicago Mayor Richard Daley. They stood in front of the partially completed tower, which officials say will begin operations in late November.

The 440-acre O'Hare project calls for expanding and reconfiguring runways to reduce delays. It also calls for building a new terminal with more gates and parking on the airport's west side.

Man sentenced to nine years in prison in Marion beating death

MARION (AP) — A Marion man who pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in last June's beating death of another man should spend nine years in prison.

That's the ruling from Williamson County Judge John Speroni in the case of 41-year-old Scott Winchester.

Speroni says Winchester's criminal past includes battery charges and that makes him a continued danger. The judge says imprisonment is necessary to protect the public.

Authorities say 25-year-old David Dudman apparently had a previous relationship with Winchester's girlfriend and that may have led to the fight.

Investigators say Dudman was hit and kicked during the altercation. He died the next day at a hospital.

Damage assessment starts as flood waters recede in Watseka

WATSEKA (AP) — Flood waters are starting to drop in the eastern Illinois community of Watseka, and state and local officials are taking a look at the damage.

Iroquois County spokesman Justin Kaiser says most Watseka schools reopened this week. And he says some of the more than 600 people evacuated from their homes have been able to return.

The National Weather Service says the Iroquois River remains at 22.8 feet in Watseka, almost five feet over flood stage. The town of about 6,000 is about 30 miles south of Kankakee.

Illinois Emergency Management spokeswoman Patti Thompson says d-amage assessment teams are in Watseka and Pontiac, about 50 miles west of Watseka.

The Vermilion River has fallen below flood stage in Pontiac.

IHSA approves random steroid tests for student-athletes

CHICAGO (AP) — Student-athletes who compete in Illinois High School Association postseason events will be subject to random tests for performanceenhancing drugs starting next fall under a measure approved Monday.

The random testing for anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing substances will apply to students competing in "IHSA state series." Examples of those include regionals, sectionals and state championships, said ISHA executive director Marty Hickman.

The IHSA's board of directors approved the proposal unanimously at its monthly meeting in Bloomington, Hickman said.

Final details — such as penalties for students who test positive, selection of a lab and the exact scope of the testing program — will be discussed next month.

Currently, New Jersey and Florida are the only states to conduct mandatory, random steroid tests of high school athletes. Texas is completing details of its steroidtesting program for high school athletes.

All three of those testing programs were mandated by state lawmakers; Illinois is the first to plan random testing without a legislative mandate.

"We've studied this now for a couple years and discussed with our membership," Hickman said. "We felt it was the type of issue that needed some action, and from our perspective, we didn't need a legislative mandate to move forward."

The IHSA conducted a survey of more than 750 member schools and found strong support from principals for a testing program, Hickman said. But he said he believes student-athletes will welcome the testing as well.

"There's so much pressure on kids to be bigger, stronger, faster and unfortunately the pressure gets to some kids and they sometimes look for a shortcut, and this will be one reason for kids to say no," he said.

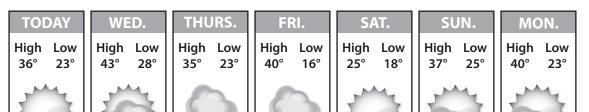
Hickman said the testing — while not comprehensive or foolproof — will also help high school athletes feel they compete on a level playing field, as well as demonstrate that the IHSA is concerned "for their health and safety."

While penalties for students who test positive have not yet been decided, Hickman said he believes they will be individual sanctions, as opposed to penalizing a whole team.

The IHSA uses the same list of banned performance-enhancing substances as the NCAA does, but anabolic steroids would be a focus of testing, Hickman said.

Testing could be more common in sports like football, wrestling and track and field, Hickman said, "but we'll certainly not limit it to those sports."

Hickman said some people will argue that it would be more effective to test student-athletes during the regular season, and not just students who reach the finals in their respective sport. But he said the IHSA decided to "walk before we run" and believes it can still have a "very effective program."



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Hundreds get acquainted with campus

Reception helps new students get to know one another

Christian Holt DAILY EGYPTIAN

Max Schramm received his acceptance letter Thursday and had only three days to pack up and move to southern Illinois.

After taking a semester off before starting college, the undecided freshman from Wilmette said he applied in October but had less than a week to fill out all the university forms.

Schramm said he wanted to meet people, so he attended the New Student Welcome Reception Monday afternoon.

While at the reception, Schramm met and talked to two new students. Later in the evening, Schramm and his new friends planned to go grocery shopping together.

Jerae Puetz, a junior from Wenona studying special education, and Kristina Kaganer, a freshman from Buffalo Grove studying journalism - both starting their first semester at the university — had never met Schramm or each other before the reception.

"It's a lot better than sitting by yourself," Kaganer said as she laughed and chatted with Puetz and Schramm.

The reception was not only to help students meet new friends, but to create a chance to get acquainted with campus activities and organizations.

Cordy Love, coordinator for New Student Programs, said there were about 485 new students this semester.

Love said he hoped this reception would create an environment in which students learn about the



Felicia Ime, Teresinsha Lei and Valerie Chan of Macau, China, participate in the New Student Welcome Reception Monday. The event, hosted by New Student Programs and International Student Programs was held in the Student Center.



resources available on campus and adjust to their new surroundings.

The reception is held every spring semester in place of the fall Student Orientation Advisement Registration program.

Before the gathering, Love said he hoped for about 150 students to attend. Though he did not tally the exact number of attendees, Love said he was happy with the turnout.

— Kristina Kaganer

The event was co-sponsored

by New Student Programs and International Student Programs.

Love said several student volunteers from Saluki Ambassadors and the Agbassadors, the College of Agriculture's student ambassadors, also attended the event.

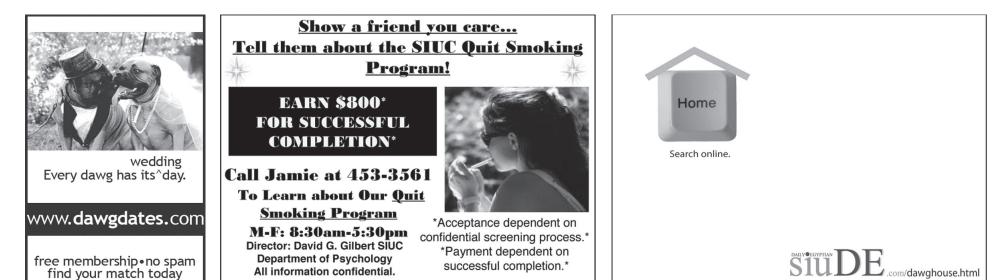
Stephanie Tillery, a senior from Flora studying English education and a member of the SOAR program, said there were many activities available to the new students.

She said there would be an

opportunity for students to set up university e-mail addresses, learn about SalukiNet and talk with representatives from all over campus.

Representatives from athletics, the College of Engineering and the Inter-Greek Council and many other campus areas attended the reception.

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PAKISTAN

Opposition leader accuses Musharraf of blindly following U.S.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Opposition leader Nawaz Sharif accused Pakistan's president Monday of blindly following America and ordering anti-terror operations that have left the country "drowned in blood." Sharif's tirade against President

Pervez Musharraf came as troops and militants clashed near the Afghan border, leaving 30 dead. Separately, a bomb concealed on a motorbike in the southern city of Karachi killed at least nine people and wounded 52. Musharraf was in Karachi on Monday to inaugurate a road several miles from the bombing, but he did not appear to be the target.

"Musharraf has destroyed Pakistan. He is blindly following America's orders," Sharif told an election rally of about 3,000 people on the outskirts of the capital, Islamabad. "The whole of Pakistan is drowned in blood."

The former prime minister reiterated his demand for Musharraf to step down and for a government of national unity to take power and oversee the Feb. 18 parliamentary elections.

IRAN

Threatening message during U.S.-Iran confrontation could have been hoax

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A threatening radio message at the end of a video showing Iranian patrol boats swarming near U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf may have come from a prankster rather than from the Iranian vessels, the Navy Times newspaper has reported. A video and audio of the Jan. 6 incident in the Strait of Hormuz featured a man in accented English saying "I am com-ing to you. ... You will explode after ... minutes.

Cmdr. Lydia Robertson, spokeswoman for the Fifth Fleet in Bahrain, said the Navy was still trying to determine the source of the transmission but believed it was related to the Iranian actions. "The Iranian boats were coming close to the ships, making aggressive maneuvers and objects were being dropped into the water," she told The Associated Press.

POLITICS

Appeal wide among independents, McCain has advantage when Michigan votes

HOWELL, Mich. (AP) — John McCain has an automatic advantage Tuesday when Michigan votes.

Not only did the Republican win the state eight years ago, but he also draws his support from across the political spectrum and Michigan voters of all stripes can participate in the GOP primary.

At the same time, the Democratic race in Michigan is of little or no consequence, so he won't be competing full-bore with Democratic candidates for the backing of independents as he did in New Hampshire last week.

Race bursts open in Clinton-Obama confrontation

Beth Fouhy THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Barack Obama accuses Hillary Rodham Clinton of making an "unfortunate" remark about Martin Luther King Jr. She retorts that King's a hero to her and no one should be thinking Obama is a new MLK.

Racial politics, quietly simmering for months, have burst into the open in the Democratic nomination fight between the woman who would be the first female president and the man who would be the first black. Will it make a difference to voters, black or white?

The first big test will be in the South Carolina primary a week from Saturday. It will be the first Democratic primary this year in a state with a substantial black population - as Michelle Obama declared over the weekend, "Ain't no black people in Iowa" — and the first in the South.

Clinton spent part of Monday praising King, the civil rights leader who was killed in 1968. Speaking at a ceremony honoring him in New York, she said, "I remember hearing him speak when I went with my church to downtown Chicago to see and hear for myself someone who had burst through the stereotypes and the caricatures, who could not be held back by being beaten or gassed or jailed."

But the Obama campaign and a lot of other people were still talking about her comment that came out over the weekend, to the effect that King's dream of racial equality was realized only when President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act.

The remark didn't sit well with Audrey Quantano, a Harlem resident who said she hasn't made up her mind about whom to vote for. She described herself as a longtime Clinton supporter, but she was not happy about the comment about King.

"I'm still working on that one," she said. "I'm processing that one."

In South Carolina, on the other hand, Lonnie Randolph, president of the state chapter of the NAACP, said voters won't be swayed by "a sound bite taken out of context." Still, he said he wasn't surprised race had become an issue. "Remember this is America. Everything we do is about race," Randolph said.

Added Todd Shaw, an assistant professor of political science and African American studies at the University of South Carolina, "I don't

think it's seismic, but I think it is having some impact."

"I don't personally believe that Senator Clinton in effect meant to diminish the role of Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement in relation to President Johnson, nor do I believe that Bill Clinton has a patronizing attitude toward Barack Obama, but I believe that in heat of the moment they picked their words unwisely and then have subsequently not really allayed concerns but really kind of stoked concerns even more among African Americans and others by taking a defensive posture," he said.

The former president said last week that Obama was trying to sell a fairy tale in his version of his opposition to the Iraq war, a comment that some in the Obama camp have portrayed as having a racial tinge.



Democratic presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Barack **Obama holds** a "Stand For Change" rally at the Reno **Events** Center in Reno, Nev., Monday BRIAN BAER MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Bush pays visit to Saudi Arabia

Terence Hunt THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia President Bush delivered a sophisticated weapons sale for Saudi Arabia on Monday, trying to bolster defenses against threats from U.S. adversary Iran and muster support in this oil-rich kingdom for a long-stalled Mideast peace

"talked about the nature of the market and the vast demand that's on the world market today for oil." He said that was "a legitimate and accurate point."

Bush, who dislikes late nights, also stayed up well past his regular 9:30 p.m. bedtime for after-dinner talks with the king in the walled compound of his opulent palace. Its marble floors and walls contain

MySpace adopts safety measures

We must keep telling children

that they're not

just typing into a

computer. They're

with the world.

sharing themselves

Clare Trapasso THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Under mounting pressure from law enforcement parents, and MySpace agreed Monday to take steps to protect youngsters from online sexual predators and bullies, including searching for ways to

their age to lure young victims and for cyber bullies who send threatening and anonymous messages.

But Monday's announcement was short on specifics about how improvements would be carried out. Skeptics are doubtful that MySpace and similar sites can eliminate the problem because ageverification technology is difficult to

"I don't know how the voters are going to break," McCain said Sunday, but added he hopes to do as well among independents as he did in Michigan in 2000 when he beat George W. Bush here. "Whether they're Democrat, Republican, independent, libertarian, vegetarian, whatever they are, it's the same message."

Louisiana

Bobby Jindal takes

office in Louisiana BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Pledging to make a "clean break with the past" and root out corruption, Republican Bobby Jindal tried to separate himself from politics as usual as he was sworn in as Louisiana's governor Monday. Jindal, the nation's first elected

Indian-American chief executive and the state's first non-white governor since Reconstruction, thanked past governors for their service — but said it was time to rid the state of its reputation for corrupt government.

"We have the opportunity — born of tragedy but embraced still the same - to make right decades of failure in government," Jindal said.

agreement.

On a surprisingly cold day with blustery winds, Bush received a warm embrace from King Abdullah, whose family wields almost absolute rule. Among ordinary Saudis and across much of the Mideast, Bush is unpopular, particularly because of the Iraq war and unflinching U.S. support for Israel.

Bush and Abdullah were going to some lengths over two days to emphasize their strong personal ties.

Saudi Arabia holds the world's largest oil reserves and surging fuel costs are putting a major strain on the troubled U.S. economy. But White House officials said it was unclear if Bush raised the subject with the king. The issue has come up in earlier stops on Bush's eightday trip, largely in the context of his quest for alternate fuels and sources of energy, the officials said.

White House counselor Ed Gillespie said Mideast leaders have

sheets of gold, colored with precious stones and embedded jewels.

In a show of hospitality, the king invited Bush to come Tuesday to his lavish horse farm where 150 Árabian stallions are stabled. The visit, including an overnight by Bush, is a payback for the president hosting Abdullah at his Texas ranch.

U.S. officials said much of conversation over Monday's palace dinner was about chill temperatures that dropped into the 40s. Gillespie said there were predictions for snow Tuesday, the first to fall here since 1968.

Coinciding with Bush's arrival, the administration officially notified Congress it will offer Saudi Arabia sophisticated Joint Direct Attack Munitions — or "smart bomb" technology and related equipment. The deal envisions the transfer of 900 of the precision-guided bomb kits, worth \$123 million, that would give Saudi forces highly accurate targeting abilities.

better verify users' ages.

The hugely popular online hangout will create a task force of industry professionals to watch over its operations, and other social-networking sites will be invited to partici-

pate.

"We must keep telling children that they're not just typing into a computer. They're sharing themselves with the world," said North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper.

The deal comes as sites such as MySpace and Facebook have grown exponentially in recent years, with teenagers making up a large part of their membership. This has created a new venue for sexual predators who lie about implement and predators are good at circumventing restrictions.

Parry Aftab. executive director of Wiredsafety. org, a children's Internet safety group, said the agreement was a North Carolina Attorney General good first step but could have unfore-

seen consequences.

— Roy Cooper

"There's no system that will work for age verification without putting kids at risk," she said. "Age verification requires that you have a database of kids and if you do, that database is available to hackers and anvone who can get into it."

Aftab estimates that 20 percent of teens have met someone online that they had never met in person, and there are numerous examples of sexual abuse arising from MySpace encounters.

Recreation Center looks to lure freshmen

Recreation tries to attract underclassmen to intramurals Jakina Hill

News

DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Recreation Center wants to help freshmen keep off the "Freshman 15."

The center has begun implementing new marketing initiatives to advertise intramural sports programs as well as other new programs available at the facility.

The marketing team wants to attract more freshmen and sophomore students to its new programs.

Gary Tisdale, coordinator of marketing for Recreational Sports and Services, said the center's marketing staff put energy into recruiting as many students as they can each year. Publicity and Outreach Coordinator Ashley Hardy said the advertising is now directed to freshmen and those who live in the residence halls

"They just want people to know about what is offered," said Hardy, a graduate student from

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- Ashley Hardy

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Rec more than

Chicago studying workforce education. "Statistically sophomore, junior and senior students use the Rec more than freshmen do, and it's because they aren't advertising well."

Hardy said intramural sports, especially basketball, often lure underclassmen to the center, but the free classes also draw a crowd.

"The hottest thing is the yoga and Pilates classes and the free fitness classes," Hardy said.

In addition to extended hours, classes like "Improve Your Move," a

ballet-based dance class, as well as sunrise yoga class, were added to please and attract more students.

The new marketing tools include a pocket calendar and Recreational Sports and Services booklet, which replaces the Campus Recreation Newspaper.

The calendar and booklet are being distributed this week at information tables in the university dining halls.

Ipek Cetiner, a graduate student from Turkey studying marketing, said she thinks it will take about two to three months before she can tell if the new marketing is

workforce education doing its job. "When you can't find a parking spot, you'll know," Cetiner said.

Jakina Hill can be reached at 536–3311 ext. 273 or jhill@siude.com.



Elia Qasim, a senior from Chicago studying social work, takes a shot against Bill Haupt, a senior Chicago studying business economics, Monday afternoon in the Recreation Center. BRANDON CHAPPLE DAILY EGYPTIAN

Potential plant needs expansion

Feasible coal gasification plant needs enlargement

Joe Crawford Daily Egyptian

Plans for a coal gasification power plant at SIUC are in the initial stages, but the size of the hypothetical plant is already growing.

Physical Plant Director Phil Gatton said the university still cannot release the findings of a study done to determine the feasibility of constructing the plant, but he said officials have decided the plant would need to be much larger than first expected.

The plant, initially projected to produce 200 to 250 megawatts of power, would need to produce 300 or 600 megawatts of power to be worth building, Gatton said. The change is due to limitations of the relatively new coal gasification technology, he said.

"We found out basically the technology didn't support a unit as small as what we were looking at," he said.

The SIUC Power Plant burns coal and produces roughly two and a half megawatts of power, or 12 to 15 percent of what the campus uses.

The university received a draft of the feasibility study early last month,

not provide enough specifics about potential sites for the plant, and the university asked the consultant that performed the study to add more information.

"There were just some things we weren't happy about in the report after we started looking at it," he said.

The initial proposal for the plant, drafted by SIU President Glenn Poshard, stated the structure would produce power for SIUC's campus, local communities and other universities across the state. The plant would produce 100 to 150 permanent jobs once constructed.

The plant would employ coal gasification technology designed to reduce emissions. In the process, coal is broken down into its basic components to remove pollutants.

John Mead, director of the SIUC Coal Research Center, said the gasifiers that perform this function are only produced be a few companies in the United States, and therefore the selection is limited.

Though further research into gasification could improve the technology, it is not feasible to build gasifiers that do not produce at least 200 megawatts of power, Mead said. Because of the way the plants typically operate, a plant with such a gasifier could produce even more power.







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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Open Letter to faculty from Disability Support Services

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing to thank the faculty for the assistance, accommodations and exceptions it made for veterans with service-related disabilities returning from combat in the Middle East. Your actions regarding these students made a critical impact on their academic success and affirmed my personal long-standing impression that SIUC is privileged to have an exceptional and generous, but fair, teaching corps.

You may have been challenged by the fact that the veterans we are seeing now have discreet, but very significant, conditions. Virtually everyone you taught who was working with our office has Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), complicated by physical diagnoses (disk compressions in their backs, pulmonary embolisms, degenerative joint disease, chronic pain and other conditions and symptoms).

While they appear to be fine, mostly by virtue of their determination to seem so, the fact is they struggle mightily and heroically with pain, nightmares, flashbacks and other life-disrupting symptoms.

The veterans whom you assisted have not disappointed. Every veteran with whom we worked together this semester is in academic good standing. Their GPAs for this semester range from 2.4 to 3.75, with an overall average of 2.9 in majors as demanding as microbiology and kinesiology.

Many of them were in despair when we first saw them, not knowing they could receive assistance. A couple of our students came to us after lackluster previous semester and found that SIUC, and particularly its faculty, are committed to student success. They are thriving now, committed to student success.

They are thriving now because of you. The Department of Engineering invited me over early to talk with them about this population and their academic needs. I went with Josh Geltz, a student studying microbiology and a retired sergeant from the U.S. Army infantry. We will visit other areas if you would like to learn more. We will have an opportunity to talk with you on this subject on April 22 at Associate Chancellor Seymour Bryson's annual faculty training event.

THEIR WORD Ron Paul's poisoned pen

Candidates seem indifferent to bigoted articles

McClatchy Tribune

Ron Paul's maverick run for the Republican presidential nomination has been full of surprises, but none more shocking than revelations made last week in The New Republic, a Washington political magazine.

Writer James Kirchick unearthed piles of newsletters sent out by the Texas congressman in the 1980s and 1990s that were filled with racist, anti-Semitic, gayhating rhetoric, a crackpot chrestomathy of extreme right-wing conspiracy raving.

To be fair, none of the offensive articles bore Paul's byline, and it's common for olitical figures to employ ghostwriters. The kindly Paul's campaign rhetoric has been utterly devoid of this garbage, and those who know him say he does not harbor those beliefs.

is technically true, given that reports of these bigot-grams have been circulating for some time.)

It's a shockingly blasé response. At best, the eccentric Paul, whose views on the monetary system could charitably be described as coming from the fringe, seems indifferent to both the poison of bigotry, and of the moral necessity of dissociating oneself from those who advocate it.

It's tragic that a libertarian politician who has enlivened the GOP presidential race by raising important questions (and lots of grass-roots money) has discredited himself and his message by these malignant associations.

You took our "Accommodations Agreement," which very deliberately says that you need to accommodate students only when the accommodation is consistent with your fundamental course requirements and basic pedagogical intent, and went the extra distance to enhance the success of these students. In all but a single instance, veterans with service-related disabilities were granted the accommodations they requested from you.

We will see more of these young men and women in the near future. The ones who are most significantly injured are still in hospitals and rehabilitation facilities. Your work, in essence, extends an invitation to them to embark on new, altered, but still valued and valuable lives here with us. Thank you.

> **Kathleen Plesko** Director of Disability Support Services

That may well be true, but it doesn't exonerate Paul. For one thing, it is impossible to believe that he had no knowledge that such disgusting material was being published under his name - and for so many years. For another, his campaign responded by saying the candidate doesn't believe these things and by calling the report old news. (Which

But it's not as if his fans shouldn't have seen it coming.

libertarian As distinguished commentator and Paul skeptic Virginia Postrel observed, "When you give your political heart to a guy who spends so much time worrying about international bankers, you're not going to get a tolerant cosmopolitan."

> This editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Friday.

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<u>Quote of the Day</u> Whether it's torture by anybody else's definition, for me it would be torture. *** Mike McConnell** U.S. national intelligence chief on using waterboarding as an interrogation technique

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This column may cause cancer there is something important to DANNY WENGER

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STAFF COLUMN

As Jerry Seinfeld once demonstrated on his long-running sitcom, cancer is not funny. The growing list of things that may cause cancer, though, is so absurd it's laughable.

Although products such as tobacco have undeniable links to cancer, others are not so clear. Just a few days ago, two friends of mine were discussing the cancercausing properties of deodorant. The conversation led to a rather unpleasant smelling three-day period.

Studies abound researching things people use or consume on a regular basis. Recent studies show things as common as salt and vegetables can cause cancer. As the list of dangerous daily foods and products grows, it would appear the human race might kill itself with cancer within the century.

Before anyone goes overboard and abandons carrots and Degree,

remember. One needs to research any cancer rumors, because many are just that – rumors.

Several myths about cancer have been debunked through medical research. According to the National Cancer Society, there is no conclusive evidence that wearing deodorant causes breast cancer. Another example is Dr. John E. Moulder of the Medical College

of Wisconsin, who researched cell phones and concluded that, "evidence for an association between radiofrequency radiation and cancer is weak and inconsistent," and any connection between cell phone use and cancer, "appears to be physically implausible."

In some cases, while research has not disproved a theory, studies are still inconclusive.

Research done by Sweden's Karolinska Institute published about three years ago in the

American Journal of Clinical Nutrition said milk caused ovarian cancer. However, Dr. Kate Law of Cancer Research UK pointed out how early evidence showed

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consuming low fat or skim milk actually lowered the risk of ovarian cancer.

Part of the reason the cancer research could be inconclusive is the lack of a solid

With the example of the Karolinska Institute, 60,000 women were followed

over a 13-year period. Unless the institute directly controlled the other elements of the women's diets and daily routines, it would be hard to say consuming four glasses of milk rather than two leads to cancer.

A study done by Japan's National Cancer Center Research Institute faced the same problem during an 11-year study of 40,000 people to study the effects of salt. The study concluded the risk for cancer was one in 500 among men and one in 1,300 among women

for high salt diets. Dr. Tim Key of the Cancer Research UK said it was unclear whether it was salt specifically or a combination of chemicals with salt that caused the cancer.

Eventually, it is quite possible that every last food, chemical and physical activity could cause cancer. It is important to take into perspective the probability of getting cancer.

Using the example of salt consumption, the risk of getting cancer was less than 1 percent. Many studies of other foods and products observed a similar level of risk. When the actual increase of contracting cancer is considered, the warnings seem more like hype.

Until scientists present solid evidence, it is important to not get caught up in the fear of cancer. Moderation is always a key to health if a certain food or product is a concern.

Deodorant, however, should still be worn daily.

> Wenger is a junior studying journalism and Spanish.

GUEST COLUMN

Illinois Constitutional Convention, anyone?

John Bambenek GUEST COLUMNIST

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has done something remarkable in Illinois. He has managed to unite people across the political spectrum to create consensus that he absolutely stinks as a governor. Illinois deserves better than Rod Blagojevich.

Because of his low approval in both parties and the budget fiasco of last year, legislators (even those in his own party) are talking about amending the constitution to allow recall votes of sitting politicians. The timing for such talk is opportune because on the November ballot this year there will be a question on whether to have a constitutional convention

should produce solid framework for good governance.

There are many good reforms to consider and factor into a complete rewriting of the Illinois Constitution. The practice of gerrymandering needs to be eliminated. There are disturbingly few uncompetitive races throughout the state. Democrats have their seats, Republicans have theirs and often they do not even try to compete for the other party's turf.

Politicians should not be able to choose their voters; it should be the other way

around. Take a look at the map of Illinois Congressional

who hold a great amount of party who are not directly accountable to the people need to have their terms of office limited as well.

Open ballot access should be implemented. Every person should have equal ballot access regardless of political affiliation or nonaffiliation and a true democracy requires nothing less. The freedom to vote does not mean much if there is no real choice.

Independents and third parties often have to get over 10 times the amount of signatures as established parties do. This system

has led the federal The freedom to courts to repeatedly rule against our vote does not election system.

Citizens should be allowed to put

how the current constitution is not "good enough," take a look at Article VIII, Section 2 of the Illinois Constitution, which requires the budget for the state to be balanced.

Yet according to the Commercial Club of Chicago, a prominent business group, the state of Illinois is in about \$106 billion worth of debt. Being thoroughly disabused of the notion that a balanced budget requirement in the Illinois Constitution has produced a balanced budget, we can go forward with discussing rewriting the document.

This November, the citizens of Illinois have a great opportunity to take back their government from the corrupt and entrenched politicians who rule with their "pay-to-play" politics. A convention, however, should not touch on solitary reforms but to reform the entire constitution to create a foundation and framework for good governance in Illinois.

Voices

for Illinois to rewrite or the state constitution.

The ability to throw a politician out of office after he has been shown unwilling or unable to govern according to the public interest is popular among the voters, and is growing popular among politicians who want to take revenge against Blagojevich.

Yet a convention should include more than just recalls. While throwing public officials out of office who have shown themselves to be failures is a good start, revising the constitution

District 4 to see how ridiculous gerrymandered maps can be. Along with

gerrymandering,

it is time to consider term limits for every elected and appointed office in the state. Far too many politicians rule "for life" without any real means for the voters to make them responsive to their needs. Every elected office on all levels should be limited to a maximum of two terms or eight years. Likewise, appointed officials

mean much if binding referenda on there is no real the ballot. When state lawmakers refuse or choice. are unable to come up with solutions

to problems, the citizens should have a means to bring them up directly. Such referenda, to be effective, need to be binding and not subject to overturning except in rare circumstances.

There are those who are against a constitutional convention because they think the current constitution is fine. To show

Illinois deserves better than this.

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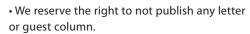
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Legally appointed by the city

Carbondale resident named city attorney

Barton Lorimor DAILY EGYPTIAN

A lifelong Carbondale resident and former president of the Chamber of Commerce has been named the new city attorney.

City Manager Jeff Doherty appointed P. Michael Kimmel, a partner with Gilbert, Kimmel, Huffman, Prosser and Hewson law firm in Carbondale since 1976, to the position Monday afternoon. He will assume the position's responsibilities Jan. 28.

Jeff Berkbigler filled the position until he resigned Nov. 25 to take a similar job in Edwardsville. Jamie Snyder, assistant city attorney, acted as city attorney until a permanent candidate was selected.

Kimmel said Doherty approached him about the job during previous searches for the city's head legal counsel. But when Mayor Brad Cole also recommended he apply this year, Kimmel took the advice.

His history with Carbondale was another reason Kimmel said he accepted the job. Kimmel was named Carbondale Citizen of the Year in 1988 for his volunteer service to the community.

He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce from 1983 to 1988, and again in 1997 until 2007. During those years, Kimmel served as the chamber's president in 1987, 2001 and 2002. He was a member of the Leadership/ Governance/Organization Group for Southern at 150 – a plan to make SIUC a top-25 research institution by 2019 and the Southern Illinois Airport Authority.

Doherty's upcoming retirement after 16 years as city manager prompted Kimmel to consider the position during Carbondale's time of transition.

"This is the first serious consideration I've given it," he said.

Just before going into private practice, Kimmel received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law and a bachelor's degree in history from the United States Air Force Academy in 1968. His career with the law has taken him to the U.S. Supreme Court where he presented a case connected to the 1988 closure of a Maytag factory.

"We are very pleased that we attracted a person with the experience, abilities and commitment to the community that Mike possesses," Doherty said.



Newly appointed City Attorney P. Michael Kimmel sits in at the Carbondale Commission meeting Monday night. Kimmel was appointed to the city's top legal counsel to replace Jeff Berkbigler.



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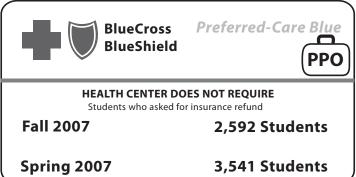
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The Student Medical Insurance Plan provides health insurance coverage that not only provides on-campus care, but also covers services outside the campus such as surgery and hospitalization.

Students who receive the refund can still use the different amenities and programs the health center offers.

"(I thought) once you get your refund that was it because you are not paying for the insurance anymore," Drewes said.

In addition to the Student Medical Insurance Plan fee, every student pays a nonrefundable \$171 fee through the Bursar's office. This allows them to see a physician at the university, attend events and lectures and get counseling and guidance about wellness, including nutrition, stress management and sexual health.

Hunsaker said he understands dealing with insurance can be difficult and confusing, but he said his office is there to address questions or concerns.

"We are a service department just like every other department here on campus, so we try to help the students, not stand in their way of getting things done," Hunsaker said.

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ABOVE: Morris Library features large windows on every floor to help raise the ambient light levels in the building. The windows also offer views of campus.

RIGHT: The upper levels of the library have rooms set aside for group study. These rooms include a dry-erase board and are outfitted with either leisure furniture or conference tables depending on the size of the room.

BELOW: A portion of the second floor will overlook the first floor through wall-to-ceiling glass. The first floor will also include a coffee shop for students.



MORRIS

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the most progress over winter break. He said the floor may be ready to open with the fourth and fifth floors, but will probably have some unfinished portions sectioned off. The fourth and fifth floors are substantially smaller because they are in the library's tower, and Carlson said they required less time and work to complete.

The second floor is progressing, but Carlson said it is not his main focus with the move-in and opening of floors three, four and five looming.

"We've been reluctant and adamant, really, about not putting anything on the fourth and fifth floor until we have this substantial completion agreement," he said.

Of the library's seven floors, the basement and first floor are the only ones currently accessible to students.

Candace Price, a senior from Waukegan studying English, works at the library's reserve desk and said she is looking forward to moving into the new space.

"It's cold, sometimes colder than it is outside and it's dusty, you know, bad ventilation," she said. "I'm looking forward to nice heat and air conditioning, more organization and being separated from everything.'

The reserve desk, among other library departments, will have its own office on the newly renovated

floors.

Physical Plant Director Phil Gatton said 25 to 35 people from plant and service operations will continue to construct shelving and move books into floors three, four and five over the next several months.

Carlson said the shelving on floors four and five, except for the end cap shelves, have been installed, but Gatton said moving the books is still three to four weeks away.

The curriculum materials center, the map library and government documents will be moved from McLafferty Annex when floors three, four and five are complete, but Carlson said those three things only comprise about 10 percent of what is temporarily stored in the building.

Although there are still blue tarps flapping in the wind on the south side of the library, Carlson said the outside of the building is about 98 percent done and is mostly lacking a specific type of glass that has not been delivered.

The new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system has been up and running for about a month. Price said it is a huge improvement from the combination of the old HVAC system, electric blowers and a propane-based system used during the colder months of the renovation.

Carlson said the SIU Board of Trustees has identified a source of funding to complete the sixth and seventh floors, but those floors will

only see limited improvements during the current renovation project.

"Seven's a soccer field," Carlson said. "It's completely open with columns.'

Items previously stored in the basement have been moved onto the sixth floor to prepare the lower levels for the contractor to begin work.

"The sixth floor right now looks like your mother's attic or your grandmother's attic, except on steroids," Carlson said.

Carlson said he is happy to have the library out of the days of floods, leaks and some of the larger delays.

"There have been some dark days, especially a couple of summers ago," he said.

Now, he is spending time negotiating with furniture and computer vendors and picking out chairs for various locations throughout the library. He said he put in a request for 75 new computers, making a grand total of about 120 computers throughout the library.

Gatton said he is glad to see staff relaxing a little.

"I told them yesterday when I met with them that it was nice to start seeing them smile, because they're starting to see the benefits of all the suffering that they've gone through," he said.

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until July 2010.

Among other provisions, the contract would call for 3-, 6and 4-percent raises over the next

Health Care fee for graduate assistants. The contract calls for a 25 percent reimbursement of the \$171 fee in 2009 and a 50 percent and other issues — like the reduction in 2010.

ange each year, current rates would result in a refund of approximately \$43 and \$86, respectively. David Wilson, director of the graduate school and primary negotiator for the university, said the contract offered benefits for both sides. "I think under the circumstances, everybody made out in a good position. The university was in a very tight budgetary position now and over the next couple of years," Wilson said. "There was not a whole lot of give in terms of budgetary matters.'

to take a stand against the administration on fees," Groce said. "I think the rise of fees lack of quality health care and Though the fee is subject to lack of coverage for the spouses of graduate assistants

Amount of seized cocaine decreases since 2006

Robert Burns

yearly increases in cocaine seizures and disruptions dating to the late 1990s. The numbers include estimates of cocaine thrown overboard or scuttled with vessels - a common response by smugglers who are detected at sea. The biggest dropoff last year was in seizures at sea, which fell from nearly 160 metric tons in 2006 to about 100 metric tons last year, according to the figures, which are preliminary but were described by officials as reliable estimates. "In any given contest of offense and defense you've got to adjust your tactics," Stavridis said, alluding to a conclusion reached by Mullen and others that the drug cartels are nimbler than the U.S. government. They are finding new ways of eluding detection at sea, such as shipping drugs in semisubmersible vessels, and are flying drug routes from sites in western Venezuela that are harder to stop, officials said.



three years. A "no strike" clause would prevent graduate assistants from striking. Additionally, the minimum number of credit hours graduate assistants must be enrolled in would increase from six to eight.

However, Fields said the university originally intended to increase minimum credit hours from six to nine. The union negotiated the lower number, as well as an exception clause under which graduate assistants could appeal the minimum course load to the director of graduate students.

Fields said another of the contract's provisions was a partial reimbursement of the Primary

More information

For more information about GA United as well as the full text of the new contract, visit its Web site at http:// www.ieanea.org/local/gaunited.

Charles Groce said he saw no positive aspects of the contract.

Groce, a graduate assistant who is not a member of the union, said rising student fees would cancel out the salary increases mentioned in the contract.

He said he believed the union sacrificed student interests and did not assume a strong position against rising student fees.

"(The union) has refused

union hasn't addressed these issues publicly."

Fields said the union's negotiating power was hampered by its low membership.

"There have not been enough people standing up, joining in, marching with us and coming to the meetings," Fields said. "If we'd had more members, we could have gotten a much better contract."

Fields attributed the small percentage of union members to voter apathy.

In order to join the union, graduate assistants must pay \$85.38 per semester. The university withdraws this money from student paychecks in monthly increments, Fields said.

He said the union would begin negotiations for its next contract with the university in January 2010.

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MIAMI - U.S.-directed seizures and disruptions of cocaine shipments from Latin America dropped sharply in 2007 from the year before, reflecting in part a successful shift in tactics by drug traffickers to avoid detection at sea, senior American officials disclosed Monday in releasing new figures.

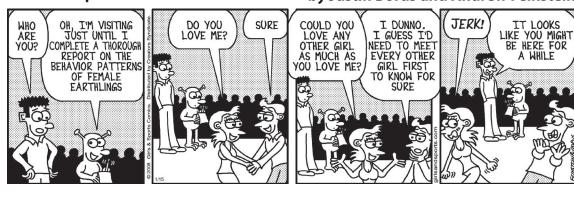
Navy Adm. Jim Stavridis, commander of U.S. Southern Command, which is responsible for U.S. military operations in the region, said seizures fell from 262 metric tons in 2006 to about 210 tons last year.

"It's difficult to say why that is," he said in an interview with three reporters who visited his headquarters with Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who expressed concern at the shift.

The 2007 figure was the lowest since 2003, other officials said. Last year's drop broke a string of by Glenn McCoy

Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Duplex







By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (01-15-08) You can transform your home this year, to the hideout of your dreams. You already have most of what's required and you can get the rest. Actually, getting more rest is part of the prize you'll gain.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Be polite to a stern taskmaster. This is the person who is teaching you to be a hero, an expert, a perfectionist or all three. Learn the rules and follow them. You're on a winning streak.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Tempers are short, especially on the road and in unfamiliar situations. Take care and don't bite anybody's head off. You know how you can get. Stav cool.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — One of your buddies accomplishes something you've been trying to do. Don't feel the least bit jealous. This is also a win for you. After all, remember, you're on the same team.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today **is a 7** — Controversy arises. Do you need to get involved? Not necessarily. Let somebody else fight this battle for you. Watch from a safe place.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — You're not in the mood to do your regular chores. Don't quit your job, but do take a leisurely lunch with a person you find fascinating. Maybe that will help you relax.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Not a good time to gamble. It is a good time to shop for bargains for your home, real estate included. Check to make sure it's a solid deal, however. All is not as it seems to be.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Somebody else is the one who comes up with the winning answer this time. It's okay, since this person has your own best interests at heart. It's grounds for a celebration.

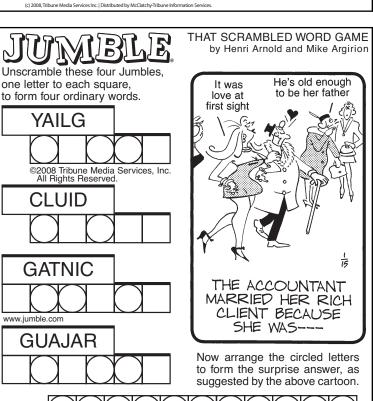
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -Today is a 7 — Is it really worth the effort? Don't start worrying about that. Difficulties are always about what you make of them. Give them respect, but not fear.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — It's a good time to fall in love. If you already have, you may be surprised to find you can do it all over again, with the same person. It mellows with age.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Don't hurry, take your time and use your imagination. With a few carefully chosen items, you can create a masterpiece.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Provide encouragement, to help one of your friends drop a bad habit. He or she may not think it's possible, but you know it is. It's okay to be tough.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -Today is a 7 — You've made a good impression on an authority figure. He or she admires you for sticking to your guns. You're advancing.



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Going digital

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TV broadcasts will convert from analog to digital signal in February 2009

Audra Ord DAILY EGYPTIAN

The required conversion from analog to digital signal coming in February 2009 could leave some television viewers who rely on bunny ears to channel surf watching only white and gray snow.

The conversion is a result of a law passed by Congress in 2005 requiring television broadcasters to transition to digital broadcast-ing by Feb. 17, 2009. This switch means improved picture and sound quality for viewers and more open air for the government, according to a pamphlet available at Best Buy titled "Is your TV ready for

digital?"

'The advantage (of broadcasting digitally) is you're going to get a much cleaner signal. It's going to be a much clearer image ... now it's going to be a nice, crystal-clear broadcast," said Brian Greene, the home theater supervisor at Best Buy.

Households that get television via antennae rather than cable or satellite and that don't have a digital-ready television will need to take some steps to ensure they keep receiving television in 2009.

Greene said when the conversion takes place next year, households that are not digital-ready will have to watch a blank screen.

Options for making the switch include subscribing to cable or satellite, purchasing a converter box or purchasing a new television.

Converter boxes cost between \$50 and \$70, though the government is providing \$40 coupons to offset the cost. Households currently relying on over-the-air broadcast can request up to two of these coupons, which can be used to purchase an eligible converter box.

Fortunately for viewers who receive their television through cable or satellite, no action is necessary. Broadcast stations will automatically convert, Greene said. However, broadcasting digitally

also has its downsides. "It's harsher; it has so much

more detail that people are not used to," said Tom Hexamer, an

equipment facilities manager for the SIUC radio-television department. "For example, if you're shooting in the rain, the rain could be distracting, because (the viewers) will see it.

now.

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Even imperfections on an announcer's face could be distracting, said Jan Thompson, associate professor of radio-television at SIUC.

Also, inherent problems from digital signal occur when the wire is overloaded, which results in lipsyncing and partial loss of the pichttps://www.dtv2009.gov/

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ture, Hexamer said.

Despite the inconveniences and problems associated with the conversion to all-digital broadcasting, nothing can prevent its coming. Next year, television consumers will either be watching a much clearer signal or will be left in the dark.

"Digital is here to stay," Thompson said. "There's no going backwards."

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TV Tuesdays

Second chance at rock romance

Alicia Wade

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hey all of you out there in entertainment land. This is something new we're trying in Pulse, as we have largely ignored television shows and all the good (and bad) they have to offer. Every Tuesday, Pulse plans to bring you a review and rundown of an episode of a show currently on air, whether it's reality or one of the scripted shows that is operating despite the writers' strike. Without any further ado, welcome to TV Tuesdavs.

'Rock of Love II' VH1 New episodes air 8 p.m. Sunday

Nothing says love like 20 women moving into your house, competing in various challenges to win time with you and spending plenty of time at the bar with a built-in dancing pole trying to impress you.

Nothing spells out heartache like the failed romance the ladylove you chose described when she blew you off on your show's reunion special.

Nothing says VH1 is cashing in on

"Rock II" operates the same way the first season did, which is the exact way "Flavor of Love" went - 20 women face elimination each week as Michaels chooses among them to find a romantic partner.

Along the way drama and backstabbing between contestants and outlandish challenges to win time alone with the hair metal icon keep audiences entertained and primed for the next episode.

Sunday's debut introduced a bevy of beauties, with ages that range from 20s all the way to mid-40s. The eclectic bunch has a few exotic dancers, some mothers as well as established career women.

The new contestants were allowed into Michaels' house, where some promptly ran to the bar and began mixing drinks. Michaels asked the women to pose for pictures for their backstage passes, which, when received at an elimination ceremony guarantee them a place in the house until the next elimination.

The contestant to watch this season



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some beyond-risqué photos. Kudos to the crazy girl and may your nude antics remain on the show as a source of laughter and water-cooler talk until the bitter end.

Afterward the women are invited to a mixer where they are given an hour to get Michaels' attention and make an impression to keep from being eliminated that night. One contestant, Courtney, after a bout of self-consciousness during the photo session drinks so much whiskey during the mixer she can't even get up to go to the elimination ceremony.

In the end Michaels eliminates five contestants and a preview of the upcoming season shows catfights and booze, punches and love.

Antics such as these keep this show number one on guilty pleasure lists everywhere. So it's a little embarrassing to know everything about a celebrity reality show - just watch it quietly by yourself and laugh. It's humanity at its worst. VH1 has done this show so many times before with "Flavor of Love" and "I Love New York." Nothing really makes "Rock of Love II" unique, but it is just as fun as the original shows. If there's any reason beyond pure fun to watch this show, the contestants' behavior might just make you feel a little bit better about what happened last Friday night, and who doesn't need a self-esteem boost every now and then?

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"It seems as if we can play all right, but we can play good and still end up losing," Bone said.

Freshman forward Carlton Fay said the Salukis (7-9, 2-3) try not to dwell on the 0-6 road record and need to worry about the game that is in front of them.

The Purple Aces enter the game on a five-game losing streak, with their most recent loss to MVC-leader Illinois State Saturday night.

Junior guard Jason Holsinger, who averages 13.1 points and 4.5 assist per game, leads the Evansville offensive attack. Junior guard Shy Ely follows him with 12.1 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

Coach Marty Simmons is in his first year as head coach of his alma mater after spending the last five seasons at SIU-Edwardsville.

Lowery said a large key to a victory against Evansville lies where it has most of the season — the aggressive play of Preseason Wooden Award candidate Randal Falker. The 6-foot-7-inch forward came into the 2007-2008 seagames. to be aggressive when guards

son averaging 12.4 points, 7.7 rebounds and 2.1 blocks per game, but has managed only 9.6 points per game in conference Lowery said Falker has find him open in the paint and cannot worry about being

SIU (7-9, 2-3 MVC) vs. Evansville (5-10, 0-5)

Where: Roberts Stadium, Evansville, Ind. **Tipoff:** 7:05 p.m. TV broadcast: Mediacom **Radio broadcast:** Magic 95.1

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— Josh Bone sophomore guard SIU men's basketball

double teamed.

"It's up to us to give him the ball, but when you do you have to be aggressive and he's been getting double teamed," Lowery said. "But so what? He's been getting double teamed for the last two years and that's part of being a player."

Bone said the guards need to play better on the outside giving Falker an option when he gets in a sticky situation. "We have to give him confidence that if he can't hit a shot inside or he's getting double teamed that he can always look at us," Bone said.

the celebrity romance genre like the advent of "Rock of Love II," which gave 40-year-old

Poison singer Bret Michaels a second chance to find love.

The debut epi-

sode of "Rock of Love II" premiered Sunday night, leaving little to be desired in outrageous behavior from contestants and securing the show a spot in the upper echelons of guilty pleasuredom.

The show might not be for everybody. The romance-seeking reality plot has been done countless times before, especially on VH1. But if audience members are itching to see people at their best and worst and definitely most outrageous, get ready to tune in.

is the kooky and subtitled Angelique. Originally from France, no one could

have predicted her presence on "Rock II" but we should all thank her for being there for the

laughs she's bound to garner.

From her completely candid commentary on her dabbles in plastic surgery (her nose and lips have had work, as well as her breasts that she proudly proclaimed have been done twice because they were too small the first time) to her ridiculous behavior should guarantee her a spot just for her entertainment value.

While Michaels was taking pictures of the contestants, Angelique was the first to bear her substantial assets and allowed the rocker to take

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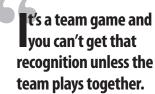
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The Saluki football team displays an American flag prior to the kickoff at the Quincy game Aug. 30 at McAndrew Stadium. Eight Salukis were named to the 2007 Sports Network All-America Team.

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Turner racked up 252 yards on punt returns and 756 yards on kickoff returns including an 88-yard touchdown in the semifinal loss to Delaware. On defense, Turner recorded 68 tackles, two fumble recoveries, one interception and one blocked kick.

Turner said this season meant more than statistics and awards. It was about coming together as a team



— Craig Turner SIU football return specialist

Marquez, who is also looking into NFL possibilities, was the only other senior on the team to earn All-American status with Hill and Turner

worked out for them."

Kill's tutelage helped many young players compete at a high level including the other four Saluki All-American selections, which all are eligible to play next season.

Sophomore Chauncey Mixon headlined the group of Salukis by receiving a spot as a third-team All-American. Fellow sophomore linebacker Brandin Jordan joined Mixon on the team.

The two linebackers combined for 215 tackles, 5.5 sacks and two forced fumbles for the season.

"I see this award as an honor and I respect the people that make those decisions," Turner said. "But it's a team game and you can't get that recognition unless the team plays together."

Junior safety Clayton Johnson also received an honorable mention on the All-American team and was the man Turner credited for helping him improve this year.

Turner said Johnson always kept him playing with a lot of energy and having fun. Johnson's lively approach to the game earned him 77 tackles, four interceptions, a forced fumble and two onside kick recoveries.

Senior offensive tackle Darren

The players weren't the only ones winning postseason awards. Kill's final season as SIU coach was recognized with the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year award. Kill's award resulted in a \$50,000 donation to the Coach Kill Cancer Fund and \$20,000 to the SIU Alumni Association.

Director of Athletics Mario Moccia said Kill's award was a great example of how Carbondale has embraced the football team.

"I know a big component of the Liberty Mutual award was fan voting," Moccia said. "I know the Alumni Association sent out a lot of information to alums on how to vote so I think it was great that it

Junior defensive end James Cloud and sophomore punter Scott Ravanesi rounded out the All-American selections for the Salukis.

Hill said the young players helped take the program to the next level and expects big things from them in the future.

"It was a great season and we took the program up another step," Hill said. "I think this season showed we could compete with the best and being in a National Championship is something our goal should be every year here in southern Illinois."

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FOOTBALL

All-American Hill prepares for NFL

Jeff Engelhardt Daily Egyptian

Nick Hill went from a Western Kentucky freshman warming the basketball pine to an All-American quarterback with NFL aspirations

Hill, who graduated in December after leading the SIU football team to its first semifinal berth in his lifetime, was one of eight Salukis to make the Sports Network All-American team. SIU nearly doubled the amount of All-Americans from last season's squad after falling one game short of the National Championship for the first time since 1983.

Hill transferred to SIU after one year on the Western Kentucky basketball team, and the two-year quarterback starter is now preparing for the next step as he trains in Cincinnati for the NFL Draft.

Hill said the All-American status is just as much a team award as it is an individual one.

"I think it's just a compliment to our team," Hill said. "The further a team goes, the better chance you have of getting an individual award. It was great for our program being on ESPN and getting our name out there. It's definitely a reflection of the team."

A variety of aspects of the SIU squad were honored with All-American status, including two defensive backs, two linebackers, one

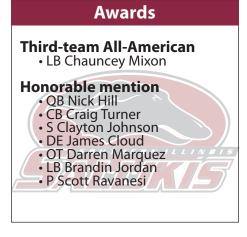
defensive lineman, one offensive lineman and a punter.

As signal caller, Hill was a key component in the Salukis success as he had a career year with 3,175 passing yards with 28 touchdowns and only seven interceptions. He also hurt his opponents with his legs as he rushed for 357 yards and four touchdowns.

Former SIU coach Jerry Kill showed more confidence in Hill by letting him throw the ball 165 more times compared to last season.

Another departed All-American looking to take the next step is senior cornerback and return specialist Craig Turner.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Despite her quiet demeanor, freshman guard Ellen Young makes her presence felt on the court. Young leads all Missouri Valley Conference freshmen with 13.4 points per game clip.

Young takes the lead at game time

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis search for first win on the road

Megan Kramper DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU men's basketball team is looking for a little more hospitality in Indiana tonight.

After a devastating double-overtime loss to Indiana State on Saturday to keep the team winless on the road this season, the Salukis head to Evansville — the only Missouri Valley Conference team with a worse record.

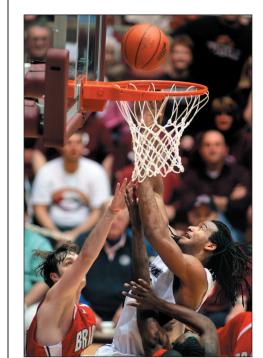
Coach Chris Lowery said he and his team would not overlook the Purple Aces (5-10, 0-5 MVC) who sit at the bottom of the MVC standings. Underestimating the opponent has never been the problem, Lowery said.

"We come up short because of execution. Really finishing up the game is where we've struggled," he said.

Sophomore guard Josh Bone said getting victory in hostile territory would be a boost for the team's confidence. The Salukis' only wins away from SIU Arena occurred on neutral courts.

At Indiana State, Bone said the team executed its game plan but came up short when it really mattered.

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SIU guard makes case for Newcomer of the Year

Matt Hartwig DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman guard Ellen Young has a shy, quiet demeanor off the court, but when the buzzer sounds, it is a completely different story.

Young, a Salem native, has taken over an SIU women's basketball team in need of an offensive boost during Missouri Valley Conference play.

The Salukis (6-8, 2-2 MVC) have struggled to keep pace with 71.4 points per game average after losing junior forward Jasmine Gibson indefinitely with a leg injury.

Young has picked up the slack since Gibson's departure with a 9-point, 5-assist performance in a 66-61 win at Wichita State Friday and a 16-point performance in a 77-67 loss at Missouri State.

SIU coach Dana Eikenberg said she spent days on end watching Young compete at Salem Community High School, and it paid off.

"As she continues to gain experience and learns how to harness her athleticism, her

patience will improve as well as her defense," Eikenberg said. "When her basketball IQ catches up and mixes with her intense desire to win, she's going to be one of the best guards ever at Southern.

Young knows all about a desire to win. During her prep career, Young's team went 91-31 while she broke Salem's all-time career scoring record with 2,498 points. In her senior year she averaged 25 points and 11.1 rebounds per game.

Young said she just wanted to come in and

"The intensity and speed of each game has been the biggest difference for me but practice has prepared me pretty well for all of it,"Young said. "Compared to high school, a lot of the philosophies are actually the same."

The similar principles have helped Young's game transfer seamlessly from the preps to the college ranks.

Her 13.4 points per game scoring average is top among MVC freshmen and is ninth overall. Young ranks fifth in the conference from behind the arc at 42.6 percent.

When her basketball IQ catches up and mixes with her intense desire to win, she's going to be one of the best guards ever at Southern.

— Dana Eikenberg SIU women's basketball head coach

With Young's contributions, the Salukis rank third in both team field goal percentage and 3-point percentage in the MVC.

Backcourt teammate Jayme Sweere said she has not been surprised by Young's offensive prowess, and knew the guard was going to contribute immediately.

"She's shown her ability to elevate over people which has helped make her jumper more effective and she also reads defenses really well," Sweere said.

SIU will be back in action 7:30 p.m. Friday at SIU Arena to take on Drake.

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SIU forward Randal Falker breaks through Bradley defenders to score two points for the Saluki's Tuesday night. The Salukis went on to win 77-64 against Bradley.