Morris Library to open three floors

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

Brandy Oxford

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/prog-ress meeting we had with the contractor Thursday, I'm optimistic that the university will be signing a form that basically says that four, five, 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. 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

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 and GA United formed in September 2006 after the Board of Trustees at

See CONTRACT, Page 12

Graduate assistant contract

There are about 1,650 graduate assistants at SIUC.

The contract will govern the terms and benefits of all graduate assistantships at the university.

Students are aware of it,” Hunsaker said.

Maria Capati

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 insurance card, a copy of their deductible information and fill out an application form, which is available on the school’s Web site and in the insurance office at the health center.

Jim Hunsaker, the university’s insurance 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.

Mallory 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 Advancement Registration packet. The refund due date is also mentioned in the 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.

See REFORM, Page 10

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

New student reception welcomes incoming Salukis.

After years of neglect, Pulse columnists tackle the tube.

Quarterback Nick Hill named All-American, hopes to punch NFL ticket.
American Association of University Women, Carbondale Branch Program

7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the SIUC Law School Courtyard Room

- Mike Lawrence, director of Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, will present a program.
- Free, open to public.

University Museum Saturday programs spring 2008

• Programs: The Museum's free programs focus on providing a direction for creativity.
  - Aimed for participants ages 1-14
  - Programs include Printmaking and Lanterns on March 8, Dresden World-Ware Sculpture 1 on March 29, and Fantastic Theater-Ware Sculpture 2 on April 5.
  - Call the museum at 453-5388 to register.
  - Pre-registration is required.

POLICE REPORTS

Jackson County Deputies and Elkville Police identified several area teenagers allegedly responsible for several incidents of minor vandalism during the week-end. The youths may face charges of vandalism in the near future after the Jackson County States Attorney’s Office reviews the investigation report. The agencies took numerous reports of malicious acts being taken against them and other people in the area. The incidents occurred in the rural Elkville and Hicklbylands areas.

The “Welcome to Jacob” sign from a west Jacob Road yard was stolen Saturday night. The sign is valued at $800 and had several years of artistic work put into it. The loss is valued at $800.

DAVID DAVIS

CUTS OF MOVIES

Just Ask for Ashley or Megan

Cut with Style

Call Patricia Craig @ 535-9980

Get a grip on Sukis sports

Creekside Veterinary Clinic

Companion and Limited Large Animal Care

Dr. Tracy Alexander, DVM & Dr. Jennifer Armstrong, DVM

Opening January 28, 2008

Taking Appointments Now!!

9351 Old Highway 13, Murphysboro, IL 62966 • (618) 667-1766

COOL WAVE

Saluki’s... your choice is clear.

Call 618.519.9800

OR Come visit us at

222 W. Washington
Carbondale, IL
Next to Moe’s

Dine In, Carryout and Delivery

DSTL service for your home at least

$19.95

“Day time” DeLites

Check Out Our Dining Guide

DAILY EAGLE

This poll is brought to you by

Don’t be a turtle, and reflect the presence of those internet users who have chosen to participate. The youth center announced to represent the opinions of internet users in general or the public.

Michael Harris, Agent
E-mail: michael.harris@countryfinancial.com or call 618-457-5373 for a free quote.

COALITION

USAID

WORLD-WIRE

Sculpture

on March 2

American Association of University Women, Carbondale Branch Program

• Programs: The Museum’s free programs focus on providing a direction for creativity.
  - Aimed for participants ages 1-14
  - Programs include Printmaking and Japanese Lanterns on March 8, Dresden World-Ware Sculpture 1 on March 29, and Fantastic Theater-Ware Sculpture 2 on April 5.
  - Call the museum at 453-5388 to register.
  - Pre-registration is required.

POLICE REPORTS

Jackson County Deputies and Elkville Police identified several area teenagers allegedly responsible for several incidents of minor vandalism during the week-end. The youths may face charges of vandalism in the near future after the Jackson County States Attorney’s Office reviews the investigation report. The agencies took numerous reports of malicious acts being taken against them and other people in the area. The incidents occurred in the rural Elkville and Hicklbylands areas.

The “Welcome to Jacob” sign from a west Jacob Road yard was stolen Saturday night. The sign is valued at $800 and had several years of artistic work put into it. The loss is valued at $800.

DAVID DAVIS

CUTS OF MOVIES

Just Ask for Ashley or Megan

Cut with Style

Call Patricia Craig @ 535-9980

Get a grip on Sukis sports

Creekside Veterinary Clinic

Companion and Limited Large Animal Care

Dr. Tracy Alexander, DVM & Dr. Jennifer Armstrong, DVM

Opening January 28, 2008

Taking Appointments Now!!

9351 Old Highway 13, Murphysboro, IL 62966 • (618) 667-1766

COOL WAVE

Saluki’s... your choice is clear.

Call 618.519.9800

OR Come visit us at

222 W. Washington
Carbondale, IL
Next to Moe’s

Dine In, Carryout and Delivery

DSTL service for your home at least

$19.95

“Day time” DeLites

Check Out Our Dining Guide

DAILY EAGLE

This poll is brought to you by

Don’t be a turtle, and reflect the presence of those internet users who have chosen to participate. The youth center announced to represent the opinions of internet users in general or the public.
Reception helps new students get to know one another

Christian Holt

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 Wesson 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 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.

Christian Holt can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 268 or cholt@siu.edu.
Race bursts open in Clinton-Obama confrontation

Opposition leader accuses Musharraf of blindly following U.S.

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, 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. At the end of a difference to voters, black or white?”

The first big test will be in the South Carolina primary, a weekend 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 gonna” — 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 regret 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 gased or juked.”

Barack 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 Quantum, a Harlem resident who said she hadn’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.

“Tin 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 King’s sound bite taken out of context. Still, he said he won’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 its heat of the moment they picked their words unwisely and then have subsequently not really allied concerns but really kind of stewed concerns over 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 Iran war, a comment that some in the Obama camp have portrayed as having a racial tinge.

Politicians

The Associated Press

Bush pays visit to Saudi Arabia

Terence Hunt

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — President Bush delivered a waffled speech late last night, also stayed up well past his 9:30 p.m. bedtime for after-dinner talk with the king in the walled compound of his opulent palace.

His stilted flow and walls contain sheets of gold, colored with precious stones and embedded jewels.

In the course of hushing that the king invited Bush to come Tuesday to his lavish farm house which 150 Arabians stalls 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 was most interested in the president, the first to fall here since 1968.

Coordinating with Bush’s arrival, the administration officially notified Congress that it was sending a sophisticated Joint Direct Attack Munitions — or “smart bomb” technology to the president.

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 their age to 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 age-verification technology is difficult to implement and predators are good at evading the testing restrictions.

Patty Aftab, executive director of Wiresafety.org, a children’s Internet safety group, said the agreement was a good first step but could have unforeseen consequences.

“Tin’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’ names and that database is available to hackers and anyone who can get it.”

Aftab estimates that 20 per- cent 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.

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

Both leaders said the ranch, where Bush was staying, was a warm embrace from King Abdullah, whose family wields almost absolute rule. Among ordinary Saudis and across much of the Midwest, Bush is unpopular, particularly because of the Iraq war and unfailing U.S. support for Israel.

“Tin was all 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.”

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 participate.

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

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 their age to 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 age-verification technology is difficult to implement and predators are good at evading the testing restrictions.

Patty Aftab, executive director of Wiresafety.org, a children’s Internet safety group, said the agreement was a good first step but could have unforeseen consequences.

“Tin’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’ names and that database is available to hackers and anyone who can get it.”

Aftab estimates that 20 per- cent 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 efforts aim to attract underclassmen

Jakina Hill

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 Twidell, coordinator of marketing for Recreational Services and Sports, said the center’s marketing staff put energy into recruiting as many students as they can each year.


Potential plant needs expansion

Feasible coal gasification plant needs enlargement

Joe Crawford

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 400 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, but the university has declined to release it until the study goes to a graduate student for analysis and determination of the size, Gatton said.

Ashley Hardy, a graduate student from Chicago studying workforce education, said the technology didn’t produce 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 by 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.

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 Chicago studying workforce education.

"Statistically sophisticated, junior and senior students use the Rec more than freshmen do, and it’s because they aren’t advertising well," Hardy said.

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

In addition to extended hours, classes like “Improve Your More,” 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 Newsletter.

The calendar and booklet are being distributed each 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 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@siu.edu.

www.siuDE.com

You don’t need to leave town to find great entertainment.

Check out the Pulse Calendar on Pages 8 & 9

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 Chapelle

DAILY EGYPTIAN
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, yet significant, injuries. While they appear to be fine, mostly by virtue of rehabilitation facilities. Your work, as a veteran with whom we worked, was being published under his name and the fact that such disgusting material is a crackpot chrestomathy of extreme right-wing conspiracy. To be fair, none of the offensive articles were filed with racist, anti-Semitic, gay-hating rhetoric, a crackpot chrestomathy of extreme right-wing conspiracy.

That may well be true, but it doesn't exonerate Ron 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 is technically true, given that reports of these bigot-grains 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.

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

As distinguished libertarian commentator and Paul skeptic Virginia Postel 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.

Kathleen Pleisko
Director of Disability Support Services

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, gay-hating rhetoric, a crackpot chrestomathy of extreme right-wing conspiracy raving. To be fair, none of the offensive articles were filed with racist, anti-Semitic, gay-hating rhetoric, a crackpot chrestomathy of extreme right-wing conspiracy.

That may well be true, but it doesn't exonerate Ron 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 is technically true, given that reports of these bigot-grains 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.

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

As distinguished libertarian commentator and Paul skeptic Virginia Postel 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.
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 and environmental hazards to cancer, others are not so clear. Just a few days ago, two friends of mine were discussing the cancer-causing properties of doxorubin. The conversation led to a rather unpleasant smelling three-day period.

Studies about 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 foods and products grows, it would appear the human race might kill itself with cancer within the century.

Before anyone goes overboard and abandon carrots and beige, there is something important to 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 proved 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 consuming low fat milk actually lowered the risk of ovarian cancer. Part of the reason the cancer research could be inconclusive is the lack of a solid control group.

Another example is the Karolinska Institute, 60,000 people involved 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 over 40,000 people to study the effects of salt. The study concluded for cancer was one in 500 among men and one in 1,500 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 the 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, and some foods or products can be enjoyed in moderation. Deodorant, however, should still be worn daily.

Wenger is a junior studying journalism and Spanish.

One needs to research any cancer rumors, because many are just that — rumors.
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, Proser and Hennes 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 1963 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.
Official SIU Textbooks
MORE USED BOOKS TO SAVE YOU MONEY
Serving SIU For Over 35 Years

710 Book Store
710 South Illinois Ave.
549-7304

If saving money is important to you...
Be sure you have our bag!

MORE MORE
School Supplies Art Supplies

MORE MORE
Computer Supplies SIU Apparel

Official SIU Apparel!

“Voted Carbondale’s #1 Bookstore”
OFFICIAL JALC AND SIU TEXTBOOKS & SUPPLIES

On the Strip or on the web at www.seventen.com
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.
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. Areas with the floor-in and opening of floors three, four and five looming.

“We’ve been reluctant and adamant, really, about not putting anything into the floor 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 work on floors four and five, which will be completed by the end of this month.

Carlson said the shelving on floors four and five, except for the east shelves, has been delivered, but Gatton said moving the books is still three to four weeks away.

The new furniture, the map library and government documents will be moved from floors twenty-four through thirty-three, three, four and five are complete, but Carlson said those three things only comprise about 10 percent of what is temporally stored in the building.

“We still will be facing the flapping in the wind on the south side of the library,” Carlson said.

The upper levels of the library have not been moved onto the sixth floor to prepare the lower levels for the contractor to begin work.

“Sixthe 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 rooms 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.

Carlson was 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 the improvements that they’ve gone through,” he said.

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

Though the fee is subject to change 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.”

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 to take a stand against the administration on fees,” Groce said. “I think the rise of fees and other issues — like the lack of quality health care and lack of coverage for the spouses of graduate assistants — the 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 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 withholds 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.

Allison Petty can be reached at 536-3111 ext. 259 or brandy.oxford@siue.edu.

Amount of seized cocaine decreases since 2006

Robert Burns

MIAMI — U.S.-directed seizures and disruptions of cocaine shipments to countries like Mexico, Venezuela and Chile have 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 U.S. 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 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 were preliminary but were described by officials as reliable estimates.

“Is it given control 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 similiar to the U.S. government. They are finding new ways of eluding detection at sea, such as shipping drugs in semi-submersible vessels, and are flying drug routes from sites in western Venezuela that are harder to stop, officials said.
Girls and Sports

The Duplex

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

DO YOU LOVE ME? SEIZE THE DAY!

Some of you may feel the need to dismiss this Sunday's crop of puzzles because it is a New Year's Day. It is a no-brainer. That's why we're offering a New Year's Day brainteaser — in the form of a Jumble. And that's no exaggeration.

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (01-15-08)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Not a good day 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. It's okay since this person has his 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 do not fear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 8 — Why huff and 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 — Why not? Lay down your guns. You're advancing for sticking to your guns. You're advancing.

PIXIE (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) — Today is a 7 — You've made a good impression on an authority figure. Or she admires you. You already have. It's okay to show off.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

Sudoku Brought to you by: Daily Egyptian Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Your daily dose of news and puzzles from the Daily Egyptian.

By Wayne Robert Williams

Digital

Comics

www.suduko.org.uk.

Answer:

What the knitter did when she made the sweaters uneven — “NEEDED” HER

© 2008 The Mepham Group. Distributed by Tribune Media Services. All rights reserved.

Level: 1 2 3

9 3 2 1 6

6 8

7

9 2

1 4

5

9

8

3

1

4

6 1 9 2 3

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.suduko.org.uk.

Solution to Monday's puzzle:

1 7 4 8 6 2 5 9 3

2 5 8 9 3 7 1 4 6

3 9 6 4 1 5 8 7 2

8 2 3 7 5 9 4 6 1

7 6 1 3 2 4 9 8 5

9 4 5 6 8 1 3 2 7

5 1 7 2 9 8 6 3 4

4 3 5 9 7 6 2 1 8

6 8 2 1 4 3 7 5 9

1/15/08

© 2008 The Mepham Group. Distributed by Tribune Media Services. All rights reserved.
TV broadcasts will convert from analog to digital signal in February 2009

Audra Ord

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 nothing but a blank screen.

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 (broadcast- ing digitally) is you’re going to get 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 Edwardsville.

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 its current form.

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

Opions for making the switch include subscribing to cable or satel- lite, purchasing a converter box or purchasing a new television.

Converter boxes cost between $50 and $70, though the govern- ment 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.

Fortunately for viewers who receive their television through an antennae or satellite, no action is nec- essary. Broadcast stations will automa- tically convert, Greene said.

However, broadcasting digitally also has its downsides.

“It’s harder; it has so much more detail that people are not used to,” said Tom Hexamer, an equipment facilities manager for the SIUC radio-television depart- ment. “For example, if you’re shoot- ing in the rain, the rain could be distorted, because (the viewers) will see it.”

Even imperfections on an antennae-based broadcast could be distracting, said Jan Thompson, associ- ate professor of radio-television at SIUC.

Also, inherent problems from digital signal occur when the wire- less signal is overloaded, which results in lip- syncing and partial loss of the pic- ture, Hexamer said.

Despite the inconveniences and problems associated with the con- version to all-digital broadcasting, nothing can prevent its coming.

Next year, television consumers will either be watching a much clearer signal or well be left in the dark.

“Digital is here to stay,” Thompson said. “There’s no going backwards.”

Audra Ord can be reached at awade@siude.com.

PULSE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

TV Tuesdays
Second chance at rock romance

Alicia Wade

Hey all perfectionists in entertainment land. This is something new we’re trying in Pulse, as we have largely opted television shows and all the good (and bad) they have to offer. Every Tuesday, Pulse will sit down and review a new and nown- down of an episode of a show currently on air, whether it’s reality or one of the scripted shows that are operating despite the writers’ strike. (If any further acts, welcome to TV Tuesdays.

“Rock of Love II”

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 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 coolin’ in on the celebrity romance genre like the advent of “Rock of Love II,” which aired four years ago. Poet songer Bert Michaels a second chance at rock romance love.

The debut episo- dle 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 pleasures.

The show might not be for every- body. 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.

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

Along the way the drama and back- stabbing between contestants and outlandish challenges to win time alone with the hair metal icon keep the audience members enthralled and primed for the upcoming season shows.

Sunday’s debut introduced a bevy of beauties, with ages ranging from 20 all the way to 50. The electri- fic bunch has a few exotic dancers,interopers as well as established career women.

The new contestants were allowed into Michaels’ house, where some promptly ran to the bar and began mining drinks. Michaels asked the women to pose for pictures and then face a filter face mix, which, when received at an elimination ceremony guarantee them a place in the house until the next elimination.

The contestants to watch this season is the kooky and subtitled Angelique. Originally from France, no one could quite pin the presence on “Rock II” but we should all thank her for being there for the laughs she’s bound to game.

From her completely candid com- mentary 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) to the hilariously bad acting that she’s bound to game. Michaels was taking pic- tures of the contestants, Angelique was the first to hear her substantial assets and allowed the rocker to take some beyond-risk feat. 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 next episode.

Afterward the women are invited to a mixer where they are given an hour to get Michaels attention and make an impression to keep being there the next night.

One contestant, Courtney, after a bout of self-consciousness during the photo session drinks so much whiskey dur- ing 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 boos, 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 about everything a celebrity reality show can watch you quietly and laugh. It’s humanity at its best.

VH1 has done this show so many times before with “Flavor of Love” and “Love New York.” Nothing really makes “Rock of Love II” unique, but it’s just as fun as the original shows.

If there’s any reason beyond pass- fan to watch this, 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?

Alicia Wade can be reached at awade@siu.edu.

Gloria Bode says join us tomorrow for CD reviews!

Chicago Tribune’s Jan. 16, 2009 review and run- down...
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.

**STAT OF THE DAY**

Saluki Basketball

The Saluki men’s basketball team is entering tonight’s game at Evansville 0-6 on the road. The last time the Salukis had a streak that long was during the 1990-91 season when they dropped their first seven road games.

**JULY 2007 Sports Network All-America Team**

- Senior offensive tackle Darren Mixon on the team.
- All-American selections, four senior on the team to earn All-American status with Hill and Turner.
- The two linebackers combined for 215 tackles, 5.5 sacks and two forced fumbles for the season.
- 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.”

Jeff Engelhardt can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 269 or jengel@siu.edu.

**NHL**

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16**

Turner racked up 252 yards on punt returns and 758 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.

“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 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.

The players weren’t the only ones exercising 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 alumni on how to vote so I think it was great that it worked out for him.”

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 BRANDON JORDAN joined Mixon on the team.

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

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.”

Jeff Engelhardt can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 269 or jengel@siu.edu.
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 semi-final 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 of an award as it is an individual one. "I think it’s just a compliment to our team," Hill said. "The farther 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 linbackers, 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 corner back and return specialist Craig Turner.

See NFL, Page 15

Women’s Basketball

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

Matt Hartwig
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.

Women’s Basketball

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

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 indecipherably 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 one of the best guards ever at Southern.

Young said she just wanted to come in and play. “The intensity and speed of each game has been the biggest difference for me but practice has prepared me really well for all of it,” Young said. “Compared to high school, a lot of the philosophies are actually the same.”

The similar principles with Hills have helped Young’s game transfer seamlessly from the prep 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 three-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.

“Her ability to elevate over people which has helped make her jumper more effective and she also makes defenses really well,” Sweere said.

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

Matt Hartwig can be reached at s16-s3111 and mmhartwig@siu.edu.

Men’s Basketball

Salukis search for first win on the road

Megan Krampner
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 look over 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 mattered.

See EVANSVILLE, Page 14