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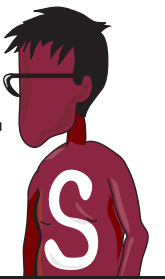
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Retrofits at SIUC power plant aim to make...

Steam cleaner

On-campus power plant helps keep SIU running

Joe Crawford
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hundreds of thousands of pounds of steel and water are churning, buzzing and burning on SIUC's campus — and it's all suspended 90 feet in the air.

A coal-burning boiler, one of three coal-burning units routinely used at SIUC's on-campus power plant, hangs by steel rods no thicker than a baseball.

When the weather is bad, workers near the top of the plant can feel it sway, said power plant manager Richard Guye.

"That always provides a little excitement on a windy day," he said.

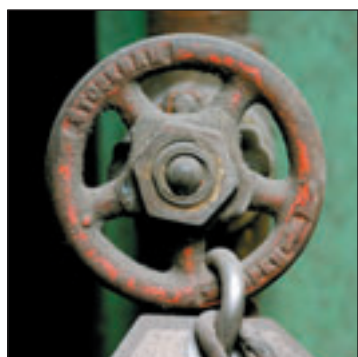
The boiler generates most of the roughly 2 1/2 megawatts of electricity produced by the 60-year-old power plant, said physical plant director Phil Gatton. The other two boilers are much older and do not burn as cleanly, Gatton said.

The energy produced by the plant accounts for 12 to 15 percent of the campus' electricity needs, Gatton said.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Eastern Illinois University and Western Illinois University also have coal-burning power plants, Gatton said.

Gatton said the plant is now performing renovations on one of the older boilers to make it cheaper to fuel and more environmentally friendly.

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Stationary engineer Bob Beckman inspects the acid/caustic regeneration area of the SIUC power plant Thursday afternoon. The process is designed to remove all impurities in the water that runs through the boilers of the plant.

SIU to present budget proposal

Sarah Lohman
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU officials will present the system's fiscal year 2008 budget to the Illinois House of Representative's higher education committee in Springfield today.

SIU President Glenn Poshard will present SIU's budget and discuss the university's financial needs and priorities.

"We made it very clear that our priority is to try to get as much of an increase in operating funds as possible," Poshard said Thursday evening while waiting to meet with a member of the committee prior to the hearing.

The university is requesting a 3 percent boost in money for daily operations, but state officials have called that number unrealistic, Poshard said.

He said SIU has no way of knowing what it will receive.

"We don't expect more than 1.5 to 2 percent in operations increases," Poshard said.

Budget hearings were slated for Feb. 16, but a winter storm through central Illinois that brought more than 10 inches of snow shut the legislature down.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich also requested additional time to prepare his budget speech, moving it from Feb. 21 to March 7, said David Gross, executive assistant to the president for government relations.

He said the Illinois House of Representatives decided to proceed with budget hearings to stay on schedule for its May adjournment.

"It's a bit unusual to have our budget heard before the governor's budget address, but what the House staff has indicated is that they're willing to take testimony," Gross said.

Poshard said the system's largest requests meant to garner the maximum operations increase possible.

SIU received the largest operations increase in 2006 at 1.9 percent. All other Illinois schools got a 1.5 percent increase.

The extra .4 percent was awarded for a new lab at the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield.

All Illinois schools are pushing for a capital bill, Poshard said, adding that the last capital bill passed four or five years ago.

Deferred maintenance has also caused all schools to ask for money to update buildings and equipment, Poshard said.

Poshard said working for an increase in scholarship funds for low and middle-income families was equally important. Cuts at the state and federal level have made higher education a difficulty, he said.

"[The cuts] cut more and more students out who would love to come to higher education, and that's a bad situation," Poshard said. "I think every university in the state talked to the budget director about this."

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Bookstore getting picture book treatment

Rosetta Stone to feature local artist's photographs

Brandon Augsburg
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The Rosetta Stone Bookstore will transform from the average strip mall shop into a giant book tonight.

The bookstore, located in the

Campus Shopping Center, is hosting a picture gallery throughout March featuring the work of local photographer Michael F. Coles. An opening ceremony with food and refreshments is from 6 to 8 p.m.

"It's basically going to be like a big picture book inside a bookstore," Coles said.

He said the images represent him and the way the world sees him. Coles said he hopes to fit about 30 images into the store,

along with the stories he writes for each picture.

He said each photograph has a story, making his gallery seem like a giant picture book. Coles said he hopes to separate the pictures into sections such as people, scenery and nature.

Store owner Jessica Bradshaw said she lets the artist decide how to display his work so the bookstore is an empty canvas for Coles.

Coles runs a studio, called ADKOI Photography, out of

the front of his apartment across from the Liberty Theatre in Murphysboro.

But the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School graduate has not always been in Illinois. The Mexico City native also lived in Texas and Colorado as a child.

He said his travels, including a recent 21-day trip to the west coast and Canada, heavily influence his work.

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siuDE.com Question: What seed do you think the men's basketball team will get in the tournament?

1-4	61%
5-8	27%
9-12	8%
13-16	4%

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Up next: Who do you think will win the mayoral race?

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Saluki Softball vs. Ball State

• Noon on Saturday at Charlotte West Stadium
• Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for faculty, staff, children and seniors; SIU students free with valid ID

Saluki Softball vs. Ohio

• 2 p.m. Saturday at Charlotte West Stadium
• Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for faculty, staff, children and seniors; SIU students free with valid ID

Women's basketball vs. Wichita State

• 2:05 p.m. Saturday at SIU Arena
• Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for faculty, staff, children and seniors; SIU students free with valid ID

NEWS BRIEFS

Police site lets teens report underage drinking

PEORIA (AP) — Illinois State Police have developed a Web site for teenagers in central Illinois to anonymously offer tips to authorities on where to find underage drinking, fake ID's and illegal sales of alcohol.

The project was developed in memory of 15 teenagers in Tazewell County who died in traffic accidents from March 2005 to July 2006.

The site, www.drunkstopper.com, will be monitored by police 24-hours a day, said Illinois State Police Master Sgt. Fred Winterroth. It focuses on Marshall, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell and Woodford Counties.

Winterroth said authorities are aware of potential abuse of the site and police will try to figure out quickly if there are false reports.

The idea for the project came from the Tazewell Teen Initiative, a group of community members and authorities formed in the wake of the fatal crashes.

"Traditional methods of law enforcement are no longer sufficient in the fight against drunken teens driving," said Illinois State Police Lt. Jill Rizzs. "We have to focus on technology."

Cleanup effort continues at Ohio River barge spill

BROOKPORT (AP) — Traffic returned to normal Thursday on the Ohio River as crews began unloading a barge damaged this week when it hit a lock wall near the southern Illinois town, spilling thousands of gallons of a toxic chemical, officials said.

No evacuations or injuries resulted from the Tuesday night accident involving the barge, which spilled 10,300 gallons of the petroleum-based chemical cumene, said Lt. Wayne Chapman, a spokesman for the U.S. Coast Guard in Paducah, Ky.

Much of that chemical remained trapped in the void between the barge's inner tank and the vessel's outer hull; the amount that actually made its way into the water should be known once crews unload the remaining chemical in the barge, Chapman said.

Air-quality readings near the site showed non-threatening readings.

Inhaling the chemical can cause headaches and dizziness and irritate the eyes, nose and throat, according to the National Institutes of Health Web site. It also can be damaging to animals directly exposed to it, according to the EPA.

Teacher won't talk about student sex accusation

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A middle school teacher accused of having sex with at least five boys was fired and remained in jail Thursday after she refused to speak with police about the charges, authorities said.

Police began investigating Allenna Williams Ward, 23, after school officials in Clinton recovered a note containing inappropriate messages, police said.

Ward, who is married, had sexual encounters in the past three months with the 14- and 15-year-old boys at the school, at a motel, in a park and behind a restaurant, according to arrest warrants.

Some of the victims were students at Bell Street Middle School, where Ward taught, authorities said.

Clinton Public Safety Director John Thomas said it was a difficult time for the district. "Teachers are supposed to be role models as well as being those people who take care of and protect our children," Thomas said.

Ward, who was fired Wednesday, is charged with criminal sexual conduct with a minor and lewd acts on a minor, according to arrest warrants.

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Submit calendar items to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call 536-3311, ext. 266.

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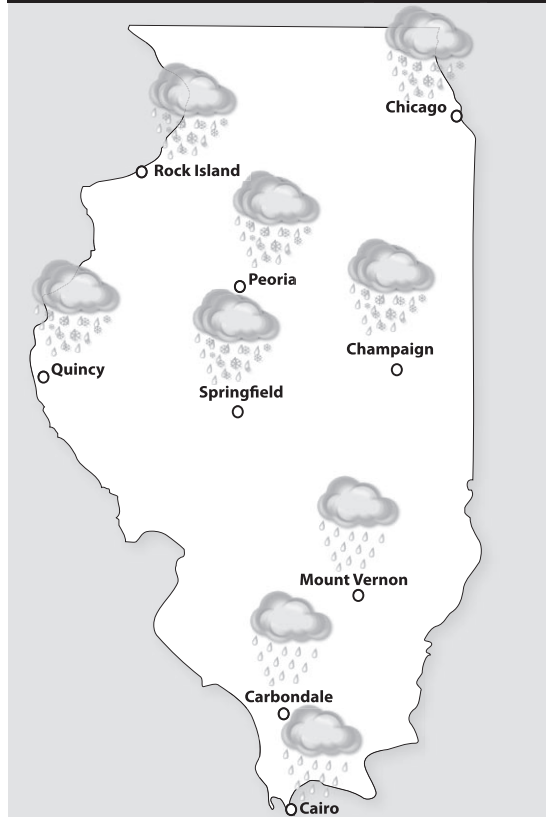
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DAILY WEATHER

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 Few showers 53° 30°	 Partly cloudy 44° 20°	 Sunny 47° 25°	 Mostly sunny 55° 33°	 Partly cloudy 56° 36°

ILLINOIS WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

City	TODAY		SAT.	
	HI	LO	HI	LO
Bloomington	39	21	32	19
Champaign	41	20	35	16
Chicago	38	21	28	17
Edwardsville	47	28	39	22
Moline	33	19	32	16
Mount Vernon	51	27	40	17
Paducah	56	32	44	22
Peoria	34	21	31	17
Quincy	39	22	33	17
Rockford	36	16	27	12
Springfield	41	22	37	18

NATIONAL CITIES

City	TODAY		SAT.	
	HI	LO	HI	LO
Atlanta	61	38	64	34
Boston	40	32	51	32
Dallas	64	37	56	30
Kansas City	44	24	37	23
New Orleans	71	50	68	44
New York	53	36	53	30
Phoenix	67	43	66	43
San Francisco	59	45	64	47
Las Vegas	62	40	64	41
Indianapolis	44	25	34	18
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Low voter turnout typical for primary

Alicia Wade
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tuesday's mayoral and city council primary marked a rise in voter turnout from past primaries, but still kept a trend of low attendance at the polls.

According to the unofficial voting results on the Jackson County Web site, Carbondale saw an 18.13 percent voter turnout for the primary with 2,312 people out of 12,752 registered voters casting ballots.

Those votes helped Sheila Simon and Brad Cole move on in the mayoral race, while ousting Paulette "Wills" Sherwood from the City Council election.

The general election will be held on April 17. In the 2005 primary, only 1,226 people voted. Jackson County Clerk Larry Reinhardt said in a previous interview that the largest primary turnout Carbondale had seen recently was in 2003 when the City Council added three seats.

That year the primary was held solely for City Council candidates

and 1,996, or 14.4 percent, of those registered voted.

The student precincts, which Reinhardt said were located in Grinnell Hall and Lentz Hall, saw only 46 votes cast between the three.

Bernie Rybarczyk, a senior from Bollingbrook studying liberal arts history, found himself in the majority on Tuesday. He said he did not vote, because he felt he had not educated himself on the election, but is a registered voter in Carbondale.

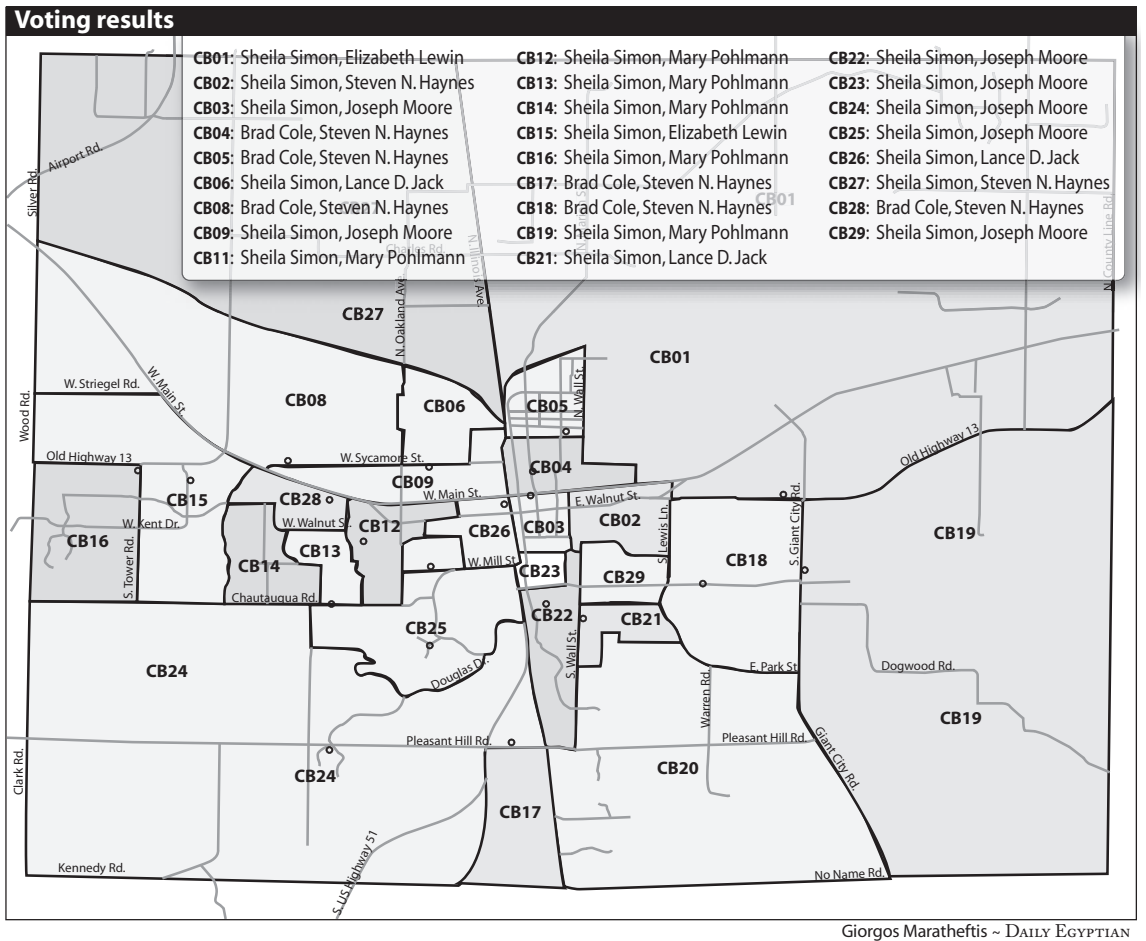
He also said he usually only votes in presidential or senatorial elections, but in general does not participate in politics.

"Everybody says we have the right to vote so we should," he said. "But I feel I also have the right not to vote." The deadline to register to vote in the general election in April is March 20.

—Bernie Rybarczyk
senior studying liberal arts history

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McCain may opt out of public financing system

Jim Kuhnhen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential candidate John McCain, a longtime advocate of limiting the influence of money in political campaigns, will opt out of the post-Watergate presidential public financing system unless the Democratic nominee agrees to campaign under the same financial restrictions, his campaign said Thursday.

The McCain camp's decision came after the Federal Election Commission eased some political fundraising rules in hopes of salvaging the tattered presidential financing system in the 2008 campaign.

By a 5-0 vote, the commission said presidential candidates may solicit private contributions for the general election now and still be eligible for public financing if they become their party's nominee.

The decision — a response to a request for advice from Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama — would permit the two major party nominees to strike a deal and limit their campaigns to the public money available in a presidential campaign fund.

In return, the candidates would have to return any private contributions they raised for the general election to their donors.

"The McCain campaign will now begin the process of accepting these general election funds, following the new FEC guidelines," McCain campaign manager Terry Nelson said.

"Should John McCain win the Republican nomination, we will agree to accept public financing in the general election if the Democratic nominee agrees to do the same."

FEC commissioners hailed their decision Thursday as one way to help preserve a public financing system that is in danger of becoming obsolete.

"We all know the public financing system rests on a very fragile base," said one commissioner, Hans A. von Spakovsky.

The FEC action comes as front-runners from both parties have decided to forgo public funds in primaries because acceptance of the money would require candidates to abide by spending limits.

Several candidates also have said they will bypass public money in the general election, believing they could raise far more than the \$85 million available for each party's nominee.

Such a development would be the first time a presidential election would operate entirely outside the public financing system created in the wake of the Watergate scandal more than 30 years ago.

Campaign strategists and election money experts predict the two party nominees could end up spending \$500 million each in the primary and general elections, far more than would be available if they simply took public financing.

In addition to Obama, Democrats Hillary Clinton and John Edwards have also said they will raise general election contributions now.

The decision by McCain, however, was especially significant because he has been a champion of legislation to restrict the role of money in elections.

The 2002 law that bans wealthy donors, unions and corporations from giving unlimited contributions to the national parties bears his name.

Taxpayers contribute to the public finance system by selecting whether to direct \$3 of their tax liability to the presidential fund in their tax returns.

Legislation pending in Congress seeks to retain the public financing system by increasing the amount that taxpayers would set aside and by removing spending restrictions for primary candidates who accept the public money.

For love or money

Egg donors give opportunity to those who can't conceive

Danny Wenger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The allure of thousands of dollars for egg donations is eye catching for many women, but the process can be long and painful.

Several companies across the nation recruit women between the ages of 21 and 29 to give eggs to use for in vitro fertilization. The donation process can take more than a month and includes using several ovary-stimulating injections. Although companies offer a sizable compensation, some women donate to help others.

Rebecca — who was advised by her donor company to not use her full name due to confidentiality reasons — is a 26-year-old Chicago resident who has donated three times.

"For me the first time was difficult," Rebecca said.

"You are injecting yourself with hormones and it kind of upsets your body chemistry a little bit."

Rebecca said she gained 12 pounds during her first donation and the injections made her sleepy. She also could not lift things close to the time of retrieval, she said.

Dr. Don Bishop, an obstetrician and gynecologist in Carbondale, said complications from the medications used during donation could be lethal.

"When somebody donates eggs they hyper-stimulate the ovaries," Bishop said. "Ovarian hyperstimulation — that is a potentially lethal situation."

Bishop said hyperstimulation could cause fluid shifts, which causes women to retain fluid to the point that their lungs fill up and they can die.

Women could also lose an ovary

due to ovarian torsion, Bishop said.

"An ovary when it gets very large can twist on its base," he said. "And if that ovary twists it could end up in the loss of an ovary."

However, Bishop said that the possibility of the lethal complications is very low.

Although the process was uncomfortable the first time Rebecca said she donates to help other women.

"I had a couple I knew, they were in their 30s and they had trouble conceiving," she said.

"It was very devastating for them and the only thing that worked for them was getting eggs from a donor."

Christy Hamilton, sexual health education and violence prevention coordinator at the Student Health Center, said infertility could cause several problems in a relationship.

"There can be a lot of psychological problems that can be triggered from failure to conceive as a couple," she said. "A lot of times it can lead to depression and put a strain on relationships."

Hamilton said couples might feel shame because of infertility as well as individuals feeling they fail to meet gender expectations.

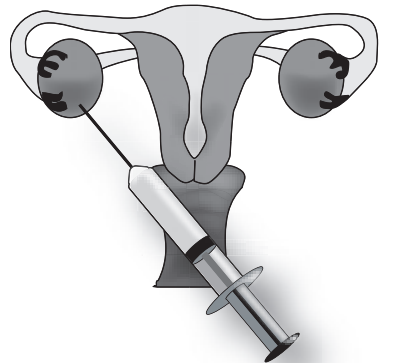
Rebecca said knowing someone who had problems conceiving, as well as being a mother herself, she wanted to help other people have the experience to be parents. Although Rebecca has a daughter she said she doesn't plan on having more children.

"I figure if I have it and I don't need it there's no reason why I wouldn't give it to someone else to have the same opportunity that I had to become a parent," she said.

Alternative Reproductive Re-

Donor egg traction

Donor eggs are extracted via a syringe inserted through the top of the vagina



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sources, a company based out of Chicago that recruits donors, advertises a \$7,000 payout in the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Mary Ellen McLaughlin, a partner at the company, said the money is not easy to earn.

Donors are given physicals and questionnaires to determine if they are eligible, McLaughlin said.

Things like a family history of asthma can make a woman ineligible.

The donors also undergo a mental evaluation to determine that they are mature enough to live with their decision, she said.

After donors have passed the initial screening they begin medications to synchronize their menstrual cycles with the potential recipient and to increase egg production.

"This is not a quick buck," McLaughlin said.

"This is a process that you have to be committed to. It is going to be inconvenient, it is going to be uncomfortable at times."

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WIRE REPORTS

ST. LOUIS

Man accused in kidnapping charged with child porn

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A Missouri man accused of kidnapping and molesting two boys was indicted Thursday on federal charges he took pornographic pictures and videos of one of the youngsters.

The indictment marked the first federal charges against Michael Devlin, 41, a former pizzeria manager from the St. Louis suburbs.

Devlin is charged with kidnapping and other offenses in the 2002 abduction of Shawn Hornbeck, who is now 15, and the January abduction of 13-year-old Ben Ownby. Both boys were found in Devlin's apartment Jan. 12.

U.S. Attorney Catherine Hanaway said four counts of the six-count indictment allege Devlin photographed and videotaped a minor engaged in sexually explicit acts between 2002 and this year.

WASHINGTON

Suspected Australian terrorist charged

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration filed charges Thursday against an Australian captured in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, and held ever since without trial, the first terror-war suspect to face prosecution under a new system of military tribunals.

David Hicks, a 31-year old former kangaroo skinner now held at the Guantanamo Bay military prison, was charged with providing material support for terrorism and could face life imprisonment if convicted. Court challenges are certain before any trial.

Hicks' case, which has attracted broad attention in the U.S. and overseas, could well become the one that opponents of the new military tribunal system use to challenge the system at the Supreme Court.

IRAQ

Bomb targets convoy of prominent Shiite senior cleric

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A roadside bomb exploded Thursday alongside the convoy of a prominent Shiite cleric whose high-level political ties have made him the target of past assassination attempts. The imam was not injured, but several bodyguards were wounded.

The attack against Jalal Eddin al-Sagheer, who is also a prominent member of Iraq's parliament, came on one of Baghdad's quietest days in months — with one reported car bombing and one fatality. U.S. and Iraqi forces also neared agreement to expand the Baghdad security sweep into the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City. Such a move would test the willingness of the powerful Mahdi Army militia to grant its American foes access to all parts of Baghdad under its control.

NEW JERSEY

Doctor gets 15 months of probation

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — A young doctor who admitted to severing a hand from a cadaver as a medical student, then giving it to a stripper, was sentenced Thursday to 15 months of probation.

Ahmed Rashed, 27, pleaded guilty last month to a reduced charge of third-degree theft. If he violates the terms of his probation, he could be brought back to court and sentenced to as many as five years in prison. He also was fined \$5,000.

Rashed gave the hand to exotic dancer Linda Kay, 31, during a visit to the club where she worked.

He got to know her while he was a first-year medical student in 2002. She wanted a cadaver's hand, authorities said, and he complied.

Army fires general in charge of hospital over poor treatment

Robert Burns
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Army on Thursday fired the general in charge of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, saying he was the wrong person to fix embarrassing failures in the treatment of war-injured soldiers that have soiled the institution's reputation as a first-class hospital.

Less than a week after Defense Secretary Robert Gates visited Walter Reed and said those responsible would be "held accountable," the Army announced it had relieved Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman of command. He is a physician who had headed the hospital for only six months.

In a brief announcement, the Army said service leaders had "lost trust and confidence" in Weightman's leadership abilities "to address needed solutions for soldier outpatient care." It said the decision to fire him was made by Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey.

The Army and the Defense Department began investigations after The Washington Post published stories last week that documented problems in soldiers' housing and in the medical bureaucracy at Walter Reed, which has been called the Army's premier caregiver for soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The problems at Walter Reed pertain not to the quality of medical care for wounded soldiers but rather to the treatment of those who are well enough to be outpatients, living in Army housing at Walter Reed.

One building was singled out in the Post reports as being in bad repair, including having mold on interior walls.

Gates issued a brief statement Thursday endorsing Harvey's action against Weightman.

"The care and welfare of our wounded men and women in uniform demand the highest standard of excellence and commitment that we can muster as a government," Gates said.

"When this standard is not met, I will insist on swift and direct corrective action and, where appropriate, accountability up the chain of command."

It was not clear whether Gates insisted on Weightman's firing, but a Pentagon official said he had been actively involved in the decision.

Weightman is the highest-ranking Army general to be sacked since Gen. Kevin Byrnes was dismissed as commander of Army Training and Doctrine Command in 2005 for an alleged adulterous affair.

In an interview with several reporters two days before the first Post story was published, Weightman acknowledged shortcomings at Walter Reed but also said the problems were magnified because of the facility's location in the nation's capital.

"We're a fishbowl," he said, noting that being in Washington makes it easier for complaining patients and their families to draw the interest of members of Congress.

The Army has acknowledged problems with the system it uses to evaluate wounded soldiers in determining whether they are well enough to return to active duty.



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) and Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), left, speak on the 'Dignity for Wounded Warriors Act of 2007' on Thursday. The act is aimed at improving care of veterans injured while fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.



MIKE RANSDALL ~ MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Amy Todd helps neighbors David and Claudia Matthes rummage through what's left of their home after Wednesday night's storm in Centerville, Kan., on Thursday.

Tornadoes kill 13

Bob Johnson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENTERPRISE, Ala. — Apparent tornadoes killed at least 13 people in Alabama on Thursday, including eight at a high school where students were trapped under a collapsed roof, state officials said.

State Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman Yasamie Richardson said eight fatalities "are in relation to the high school but whether they are all students or some students and teachers we're not sure."

House Speaker Seth Hammett, at the statehouse in Montgomery, announced that five people had died at Millers Ferry in west Alabama, where another apparent tornado tore into mobile homes.

Martha Rodriguez, a 15-year-old sophomore, said she had left the school about five minutes before the storm hit. When she returned, a hall at the school had collapsed, she said.

"The stadium was destroyed and there were cars tipped over in the parking lot and trees were ripped out. There were trees and wood everywhere. It was just horrible," she said.

More than 40 people were brought in to an Enterprise hospital as a violent storm front crossed the state.

The high school "appears to have been right in the path," said Paul Duval, a meteorologist with National Weather Service in Tallahassee, Fla., which monitors southeast Alabama.

Bush: Government shares blame for hurricane recovery

Ben Feller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — President Bush on Thursday acknowledged the deep frustration of Hurricane Katrina victims and said the federal government shares the blame for the slow recovery of the Gulf Coast.

He gave residents of the battered region a message: "The federal government still knows you exist."

In stops across coastal Mississippi and Louisiana, Bush defended the federal allotment of \$110 billion in relief aid. Of that total, less than half has been spent.

"If it is stuck because of unnecessary bureaucracy, our responsibility at the federal, state and local level is to unstick it," Bush said at Samuel J. Green Charter School, which recovered from flooding.

In his first visit to the region in six months, Bush sought to fight the perception that those whose lives were devastated by the August 2005 storm had fallen off his agenda.

The Bush administration's initial response to the most destructive natural disaster in U.S. history was widely seen as a failure.

And the president is still dogged by criticism. Democratic lawmakers are pushing for more action.

"I committed to the people of this part of the world and the Gulf Coast that the federal government would fund recovery — and stay committed to the recovery," Bush said during his 14th trip to the region.

It was his first visit since the one-year anniversary of the storm.

Much of New Orleans outside the tourist areas remains in shambles. Violent crime has soared and health care is limited. Many residents are thinking of getting out for good.

On the outskirts of the French Quarter, Bush had lunch at Li'l Dizzy's Cafe with Louisiana officials. Sitting next to him was New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, who has been outspoken in demanding a better federal response. Bush later lauded Nagin as a strong-willed leader.

“If it is stuck because of unnecessary bureaucracy, our responsibility at the federal, state and local level is to unstick it.”

— President George W. Bush



When two worlds collide



Lonesome Drifters release first full length country album

Wayne Utterback
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With band members coming from punk, bluegrass, rockabilly, pop, rock 'n' roll, blues and metal, Josh Plemon and the Lonesome Drifters distinctly is one thing — traditional country.

The self-titled album consists of 10 songs recorded over a span of two years at Tuff Luck Tattoos and various apartments. It was mastered by Mike Lescelius as MisunderStudio and serves as the first full length for Josh Plemon and the Lonesome Drifters. Josh Plemon, lead vocalist and acoustic guitarist, said the band catches many people off guard.

"I look at it as traditional country with a twist on it," Plemon said. "We're doing something different."

Josh Plemon and the Lonesome Drifters have had a shifting lineup, but for the past year have had a steady band, including Zachary Kemp on drums, John Beck on fiddle, Ryan Warner on electric guitar and Jim Rotramel on bass and banjo.

The album has a wide variety of country-tinged songs with influences of rockabilly and honky-tonk sneaking in here and there. "Up in Flames" starts off the album with mournful fiddles, echoing guitars and Plemon woefully sings "Please protect me/ As

my world goes up in flames."

What follows is a cover of the Misfits' "American Nightmare." Plemon said the song fit into the overall feel of the album with lyrics about a violent end to a relationship. While the Misfits are clearly punk, Josh Plemon and the Lonesome Drifters turn it into something purely country. Ryan Warner, lead guitarist for the band, said it was interesting to record.

"As far as I know, we're the first country-western band to do that song," Warner said.

There are songs with sing-along choruses like "This Pistol Doesn't Argue" and "Cigareetes, Whusky and Wild, Wild, Women."

"Warner Express" charges out the gate with a rockabilly guitar vibe that burns with energy with drums pounding relentlessly.

If the band can be related to another artist, it would either be Johnny Cash or Hank Williams. Much like the Man in Black, Josh

Plemon and the Lonesome Drifters aren't afraid to be different from many other country bands playing.

It only makes sense that Plemon references Cash and Williams, along with Ernest Tubbs, as his influences.

"(Cash) is what got me into country music," Plemon said. "I woke up one day and said Guys I want to try and do some country music."

Plemon added that he already has the next album written and that it's just waiting to be recorded. He plans on beginning recording soon after the CD release show on March 3 at Hangar 9.

The next show Josh Plemon and the Lonesome Drifters play will be at Tres Hombres on March 29 where Plemon, Rotramel and Beck will play a more acoustic set.

"Josh Plemon and the Lonesome Drifters" will be available on iTunes, cdbaby.com and Amazon.

"I'm happy with the way it turned out," Plemon said. "I hope people enjoy it as much as we have."

'Josh Plemon and the Lonesome Drifters'

- Track listing:
1. Up in Flames
 2. American Nightmare
 3. This Pistol Argue
 4. Drink Her off My Mind
 5. The End
 6. The Night the Twister Came Through
 7. Cigareetes, Whusky and Wild, Wild, Women
 8. Warner Express
 9. Black Widow
 10. Lost Hope

'Secondary' put out second album

Julie Engler
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Overtly proud and sick of being called "British rock," Secondary Modern took the chance to reflect its discontent with such a dapper label on its latest album, "Vanilla To An Englishman," to be released alongside Josh Plemon and the Lonesome Drifters' new album release.

The album — the band's second since its conception in early 2005 — is a much more mature, though equally mellower collection of 13 tracks (12 complete songs, "I, Sir, Am Not An Englishman" is an intro track) recorded at MisunderStudio in Murphysboro.

Though the trio — brothers David (vocals, guitar) and Danny Brown (drums), and Matt Slinkard (bass) — occasionally toss around fake British accents and have the piano and the unique, cleaner treble guitar sound that is most comfortably rooted in popular overseas English rock, the group hates being called British rock, and don't prefer the next assumption, indie, either.

"If we were British and we were in America, we'd be a lot more famous. But if we were in England, we'd just be vanilla to an Englishman," said David Brown, who sings the lead vocals and also plays keys (piano) and harmonica. Hence, the CD title was born.

Compared with "A Finance Opera," Secondary Modern's first album, "Vanilla" received a lot more thought and attention. Whereas the first CD was recorded in one weekend, which left little room for severe attention to details of the album, the band said the extra time allowed for more creativity to be put into the album, resulting in a much cleaner album.

As a whole, "Vanilla" is piano



rock with an indie-pop vibe, showing off the energy of the band as well as the somberness of everyday life. "There's not a lot of happy songs," David Brown said. "We talked about that before, that maybe there's not a lot of happy songs because I don't have a reason to pick up a guitar, sit at a piano and write out a song when I feel really good."

The album starts out with a lot of energy and tapers off with slower piano ballads. Brown's vocals have become deeper and smoother,

especially when contrasted with the piano, though at times it seems Secondary Modern sacrificed a lot of the climbing instrumentation that made its first album more pleasant to listen to.

Many of the songs take on an in-depth meaning, making the album worth listening to several

times.

"We put a lot into it and I think it's very good," Danny Brown said. "I'm not being overly humble just to be humble. I think [people] should not just think of it as a local band album, because I think its every bit as relevant, or important, as anything else."

Slinkard said one thing he wanted to do was to have strings on the album, but the group ultimately decided the songs were fine the way they were.

"It's a hassle to get strings together. Finding the people that we liked to work with, that we would be proud to have on our album, it's kind of tough," he said.

'Vanilla To An Englishman'

- Track listing:
1. I, Sir, Am Not An Englishman
 2. Peppermint Tea
 3. I Wish I Could Speak French
 4. Shades Of Green
 5. Cigareetes
 6. Birds
 7. All Kinds Of Things
 8. The Scarf And Its Implications
 9. Don't Worry
 10. Piano/Guitar
 11. Same Line
 12. Fantasy, I Want To Say
 13. Cocaine For Egos

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Are female MCs an endangered species?

Have you seen her: Female MCs Missing Since: 2004?

When you think of popular rap music artists today, whom do you think of? You think of Jay-Z or 50 Cent, maybe. I guarantee many people don't think of a female artist.

Where are the women in hip-hop? Back

in the day, women were at the forefront of the hip-hop movement. There was Queen Latifah, MC Lyte, Roxanne Shante and Salt 'N' Pepa among many others.

I asked my editor to name a female rapper and he was at a loss for words. He could literally only name one: Missy Elliot.

That's ridiculous.

When I think of active female rappers, only two come to mind: Sharna (because she's from Chicago) and Remy Martin, the only female rapper nominated for a Grammy this year.

The closest things we have to female MCs are Fergie and Gwen Stefani — which is all very good — but their music lacks the depth and deep lyrics of the old female MCs.

I remember growing up with Da Brat and Lauryn Hill. Da Brat gave us gritty street rhymes, while Lauryn made insightful and political statements. Lauryn brought attention to the female MC by winning five Grammys for "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill."

When can we expect to see that happening again? It didn't happen in 2007, but what about next year?

The new female faces of hip-hop are the video girls. You know, women who are scantily clad, doused in liquor, tossed money and dance in rap videos.

They have become the female face of hip-hop, not because of their ability or skill, but due to their God-given assets. Now, I'm not knocking any video girls, but they shouldn't be at the head of rap music.

One of the problems in popular rap music is this need to be a hard, thuggish, I-got-all-the-money-and-girls type.

The current popular clichéd rap music stifles females. Females don't fit into that masculine mold, and when they try to it just doesn't seem right.

I have heard several of my girlfriends say that they don't really like female rappers because they sound just like the male rappers and put no heart into their music.

The issue of popular females goes further. It seems like females aren't even a priority for the record labels.

I mean, you know when the next Jay-Z or Snoop Dogg CD is coming out. I've literally had to go to Best Buy and Dr. Wax in Chicago and ask when the Sharna CD was being released.

Society holds female rappers to higher standards. We will not accept a mediocre female rapper, but mediocre males (Cam'ron) can consistently go far in the music industry.

I do have hope for the female voice in hip-hop. I personally know several females that spit fire! And I know right now there's a young girl pouring her heart and soul into her lyrics.

But with the current state of hip-hop, are we going to continue to cast females aside or will we be willing to open ourselves to some new innovative rap music?

I don't know, but I do have high hopes.

OUR WORD

Embrace the diversity

In 1993, the Triangle Coalition, a group of gay faculty and staff, asked for a resource center for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students on campus.

As a university and a community, we can learn from each other and continue to grow.

More than a decade later, the goal is achieved.

A university is like its own society. It's based on different cultures, genders, religions and races. As a university and a community, we can learn from each other and continue to grow.

Students attend a university to expand their knowledge and make something of

themselves in the real world.

In that course, they encounter many people of many different backgrounds.

For example, a university makes it possible for a kid from southern Illinois to forge a lasting friendship with someone from overseas.

Interim Chancellor John Dunn has said that people in a campus community learn together. That sometimes challenges us as individuals, he said, but as a university, we can grow together.

Life is all about challenges, and each obstacle, make us who we are.

If we're not a diverse institution, how will we be able to function in a society that is nothing but diverse?

Diversity is a part of schools, neighborhoods, cities, states and countries. It is a part of our daily lives and people shouldn't try to seclude themselves from it.

Don't escape it. Embrace it.

The university has acknowledged GLBT-related issues and has moved forward by opening the GLBT Resource Center.

Being a diverse campus can be another tool for marketing the university to increase enrollment.

Students don't just look into academics but the environment and the community of the campus and the entire university as a whole.

We encourage all to embrace diversity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tobacco needs to stay legal for the economy

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to Daniel Muehl-Miller's asinine suggestion that cigarettes should be criminalized, I would like to propose the following counterpoints. As a confirmed smoker, I attempt to respect others' views and to confine my smoking to designated areas and socially acceptable circumstances. Not smoking in the car with children, as proposed by Mr. Daley, makes good sense. However, several of the other points raised in Mr. Muehl-Miller's letter have significant problems.

The first of these is the question posed as to who we are to decide what substances to

ingest and what we are allowed to do in our own homes. To the best of my knowledge, individual choice is still a prime tenant of the democracy we enjoy in America. This is a question of individual rights, and as has been reiterated by the courts, a question of civil liberties as long as it does not infringe on the health and welfare of another. In regard to smoking in public places, other issues come into play.

Part of the reason merchants and those who work in the food service industry resist smoking bans, by and large, is a matter of simple economics. People smoke, smokers often linger over dinner or drinks, lingering leads to larger tabs for the establishment and larger tips for the service staff. Having worked as a waiter and bartender, I know this is a truism of the industry. It is not a matter of "taxes levied on its sale...to

line the city's coffers," it is a question of general business economics. Beyond the impact on the service industries, the sale of tobacco products is often a significant source of revenue for local businesses. Unless Mr. Muehl-Miller can suggest a way to replace the income these establishments would lose, criminalization of tobacco would be a fiscal disaster for the local economy.

While I appreciate the clear passion felt on this issue, a bit more logic and less, or at least better chosen, rhetoric would be a good idea. Simply because I do not like incense, some perfumes or homeopathic practitioners, I would not call for their criminalization. I would simply do my best to avoid them while making my point heard.

Chris Flavin
English graduate student

It's a matter of personal responsibility

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to the letter by Daniel Muehl-Miller advocating the criminalization of cigarettes, I must say that this is a ridiculous idea. Mr. Muehl-Miller states at one point, "Who are [smokers] to decide what substances they take into their body?"

I ask anyone who feels they agree: Who are you to decide what I put in my body? Obesity is

becoming a bigger killer than cigarettes, but does that mean we should ban cheeseburgers and fries? People who drink can become alcoholics, so should we keep responsible people from enjoying a beer?

What this letter suggests is that the government ought to protect its citizens from themselves, but is that really its role in society? I am a smoker, and I would be furious if the government decides that they know better than I do (and no, not because of withdrawal.)

Banning heroin and cocaine is one thing, as those can cause instant death, but do you know anyone who smoked too many cigarettes at once

and died? This is a lifestyle choice that people like myself have made. I enjoy a good cigarette, and I do not think that anyone has the right to take that pleasure away from me. Did I know that nicotine is almost always addictive when I started? Of course, any sane human being knows by now. So why is it that you know better about my body than I do? It's bad enough that smokers are treated like second-class citizens, but please do not treat us like a bunch of rogues that must be stopped. Let us enjoy our cigarettes in peace.

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“Coming out is a difficult process. For many people, they just need somebody to talk to.”

Paulette Curkin
director of GLBT resource center

Building healthy relationships

Guest Columnist

COUNSELING CENTER

Healthy relationships don't just happen; there are a number of key ingredients necessary to build them. One of the first things on the list is good listening skills.

If you are really listening closely, you should know how your partner or friend is feeling and be able to summarize their main concerns in your own words after talking with them. If you can't do this, you aren't really listening to them closely.

It is also important to be in touch with yourself. Know what you feel, think and want before you engage in an important discussion. This will help you be clear about the outcome you are looking for and you will be better able to express it. But, being in touch with these things will do no good unless you can ask for what you want – ask for, not demand or manipulate.

In a healthy relationship, you

are able to say when you are unhappy about something. If you can't, resentment will build and ultimately poison your relationship. Likewise, it is just as necessary to be able to express things you are happy about, so your partner will not feel taken for granted.

Healthy relationships also require that you are able to say no at times. Being able to set limits/boundaries in a relationship is essential. Otherwise, you risk losing your own identity and feeling used.

You also need to be able to hear no. When your partner says no, and you honor this, you are building trust. This actually makes greater closeness possible. Being able to hear no also shows your partner that you don't always have to get your way and can handle occasional disappointments.

Finally, you need a way of dealing with conflict constructively. The healthiest, happiest relationships have some conflict.

It is not the absence of conflict that makes a relationship healthy and happy, it is how conflict is dealt with that determines this. For dealing with conflict effectively, relationship research expert, John Gottman, suggests using what he calls a soft start. His research shows that we can predict with about 90% accuracy whether a particular

conflict is going to turn out positively or negatively, simply by seeing if it begins with a soft start or a hard start.

Soft starts are a way to get a discussion off to a constructive beginning. They raise an issue or a problem in a way that is more likely for the other person to hear

without becoming defensive.

If possible, start with something positive and use I statements, even expressing a positive intent will help (e.g., something is bothering me and I would really like to work it out). Instead of accusing or blaming, simply describe clearly and politely what is happening that you are unhappy about.

For example, in a hard start a person might say, "I'm sick of you always putting me last. You never have time for me and I've had it." Whereas a soft start would express the same concern with something like, "I really enjoyed how we used to spend quiet Friday nights together. I miss that and getting to spend time with you."

Last but not least, in all truly healthy relationships we need to be able to take responsibility for our behavior and apologize when we have made mistakes or hurt someone.

The Counseling Center is located at the Student Health Center.

In a healthy relationship, you are able to say when you are unhappy about something.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's a matter of personal responsibility

DEAR EDITOR:

In the debate over the smoking ban, I'm amazed that no one has brought up the issue of personal responsibility and the rights of business owners. Brad Cole has said, and I agree, that the public can speak with their pocket books on the subject of smoking in bars and restaurants.

If consumers don't want smoking allowed in their bars and restaurants, they'll stop going. There are already several restaurants that have gone smoke-free of their own accord. There are incentives to businesses to go smoke-free provided by the city (i.e. free

liquor licenses,) and there is a general encouragement for businesses to choose to go smoke-free of their own accord.

If a patron doesn't want to be exposed to cigarette smoke, or if an employee doesn't want to work in an environment that allows smoking, then that individual has the right to seek employment elsewhere, or spend their money elsewhere. I know which restaurants do and don't allow smoking. I don't go to the ones where smoking is not allowed, because I'm a smoker.

I think some restaurants have implemented great policies when it comes to smoking. One establishment has a wonderful solution to the smoking section problem: separate rooms, separated by a door

and walls, so that the non-smokers have a choice to completely avoid second-hand smoke. I think that businesses are perfectly capable of deciding what their customers want, and catering to that if it's good for business.

I say let's allow businesses and patrons to make this decision on an individual basis, and leave the government out of it. I certainly believe that the citizens of our town are perfectly capable of making responsible decisions about their own health and enjoyment.

I agree with smoking bans inside colleges, federal buildings and other public areas, but a business is private, and should remain so.

Sarah Curtis
junior studying English

What about the non-smokers?

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Mr. Desper's Feb. 26 letter, "Eggheads, blockheads behind smoking ban." I understand the concern about the smoking ban, as changes are sometimes hard to accept. However, Mr. Desper, I believe you have gone a little overboard with your worries. What makes you think that restaurants and bars are going to go out of business just because of a smoking ban? Did you forget about the whole non-smoking population? What about their personal choices

and freedoms? I, being a non-smoker, can tell you that I would visit the bars much more frequently if they were smoke-free. I know several people that feel the same way. Even if some smokers stopped going to these places, the amount of non-smokers that would go out would recover the loss. There are so many people that are for this ban that I highly doubt there will be people losing their jobs over it. Also, Mr. Desper, do you realize that Carbondale is not the only city trying to, or that has already, put a smoking ban into effect? There are numerous cities in Illinois alone, including Champaign-Urbana and Chicago. There are also countless other cities in the United States, as well as many other countries, who

have smoking bans and their businesses seem to be doing just fine. You have the right to smoke in your own home and even outside, however, it should not be allowed in public. It has been proven that secondhand smoke is just as bad as smoking, so why should I have to suffer just because you chose to be addicted to something that is so disgusting and a major hazard to your health? This smoking ban should be adopted, not to take away your freedoms, but to protect the lives of people who choose not to smoke and enjoy going out.

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Michael F. Coles, a Murphysboro resident, hangs his photographs in Rosetta Stone bookstore Thursday afternoon. Coles, who runs a studio out of his apartment in Murphysboro, will have his work displayed in the bookstore through the month of March.

BOOKSTORE

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"Everywhere that I wanted to stop, I stopped," Coles said. "I didn't really care how long this road trip took me. I was going to stop wherever I wanted to take pictures of whatever I wanted."

Pictures from his trip, Mexico and portraits taken at his studio will be included in the gallery, he said. Coles is a big fan of concerts and much of the work he has done while attending shows will also be

in display.

He said he decided to show his work at Rosetta Stone because Bradshaw gives a lot of support to local artists.

"The day she bought the place is the day I asked her whether or not I could set stuff up," Coles said.

Bradshaw said she was excited about displaying Coles' photographs because of the array of genres he presents.

Coles said his inspiration comes from anything that catches his eye.

"Just anything that's worth capturing, I'll do it," Coles said.

Most of the images will be for sale, except for ones that have deep personal meaning, he said. Those that will be for sale range in price from \$60 to \$350, depending on the size and what they mean to the artist.

Coles said there is one photograph titled "Deception" that will sell for about \$1,500.

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POWER

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The plant has used the boiler since the '50s, he said.

After the renovations, the boiler will burn coal that costs about \$20 per ton as opposed to the roughly \$28 per ton coal it used before, he said.

One of the biggest concerns with burning coal is controlling polluting emissions such as sulfur dioxide, Gatton said. One tactic the plant uses is burning limestone with the coal, he said.

"When it burns, that limestone grabs sulfur and basically creates an ash," Gatton said. The ashes are eventually collected and hauled back to a coalmine.

Guy said the plant captures about 93 percent of its sulfur emissions. The Environmental Protection Agency requires the plant catch at least 90 percent, he said.

Gatton said the plant burns coal that is mined in southern Illinois because its cost tends to be stable and it promotes the economy in the region. The price of other fuels, such as natural gas, is far less predictable, he said.

Coal is an extremely important resource for southern Illinois, said John Mead, director of the SIU Coal Research Center. The

The cost of coal

- ◀ Cost of coal burned by stoker boiler before retrofitting: \$28 per ton
- ▷ Cost of coal the stoker boiler will burn after retrofitting: \$20 per ton



Giorgos Maratheftis ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

coal-producing region of Illinois, southwestern Indiana and western Kentucky is second only to the Rocky Mountain region in coal reserves, he said.

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Snowstorm closes roads and schools in midwest

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 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES, Iowa — Heavy, wet snow and blizzard conditions hit the Plains and Midwest on Thursday, shutting down hundreds of miles of interstate highways as snowplows were pulled off roads in white-out conditions.

Schools closed in several states, and hundreds of flights were canceled. Two people were killed when their car overturned on a slick road in North Dakota, and snowplows were pulled off the roads in Iowa and western Minnesota because of strong wind and heavy snow.

The western part of the state was hit with a blizzard that dropped visibility to a quarter-mile or less for at least three hours. By midday, as much as a foot of snow covered the town of Atlantic.

The blizzard also hit eastern Nebraska, with a foot of snow in the Omaha area and up to 15 inches of snow expected in some areas before it dies off Friday.

Pat Sinnott, who owns the Pump 'N Munch Too convenience store in Council Bluffs, Iowa, near the Nebraska line, said motorists had been pulling off Interstate 80 and using her phone to call their bosses and say they wouldn't be coming in.

With up to 18 inches of snow expected in parts of Iowa, Gov. Chet Culver issued a disaster declaration, clearing the way for state aid, and authorities warned people to stay off the roads.

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"I think every team going into this tournament this year has to like their chances because of the preparation they've had through the conference and how well they've played at one time or another."

SIU (25-5, 15-3) enters the MVC Tournament on the highest note as winners of 11 straight games and the Valley's regular season champions. However, the last team to win the MVC crown in the regular season and the tournament is Illinois State in 1998.

Saluki sophomore guard Bryan Mullins said in the competitive MVC Tournament, the key is to only think about the task at hand and nothing beyond that.

"This whole conference this year, anyone can win at any day depending on what team shows up and how they play," Mullins said.

"We know we got to take it one game at a time and make sure we're thinking about Friday on Friday and not Sunday."

Mullins said the one game at a time approach will also be critical for SIU because it is a virtual lock for the NCAA Tournament, as it will be just as focused on winning the tournament as the Salukis were last season.

Senior guard Jamaal Tatum, though, said despite SIU having made five-straight NCAA Tournaments, he doesn't consider the Salukis a lock this season.

"We're just taking this program farther, I think is what's going to be our motivation going into this tournament," Tatum said.

"We don't want to stop with No. 11 or don't want to stop with knowing that we're in or thinking that we're in. Who knows? Something crazy could happen, you know, so I'm not going to even be that content with saying that we're in already."

SIU junior forward Randal Falcker said he is already up for the MVC Tournament and playing for Tatum and fellow senior guard Tony Young.

"We're going to play for them till the time runs out," Falcker said. "Whatever I do, I'm going to do for them."

Lowery has said all season the leadership from Young and Tatum has been integral in the



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Senior guard Jamaal Tatum poses for a picture with fans following the Salukis' win over Evansville Saturday night at the SIU Arena. Tatum was named MVC Player of the Year.

Salukis' success.

Tatum, the 2007 Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year recipient, is SIU's leading scorer with 14.5 points per game. Young, along with Falcker and Mullins, was named to the Valley's All-Defensive First Team.

Lowery said Tatum and Young being seniors is the main difference from last season, when the SIU was runner-up to Wichita State for the regular season crown.

"That's why we struggled last year, because we didn't have seniors. We didn't have the guys to really take over at the end of a game," Lowery said.

"We knew what needed to be done but didn't know how to do it and I think that was the key last year as opposed to this year."

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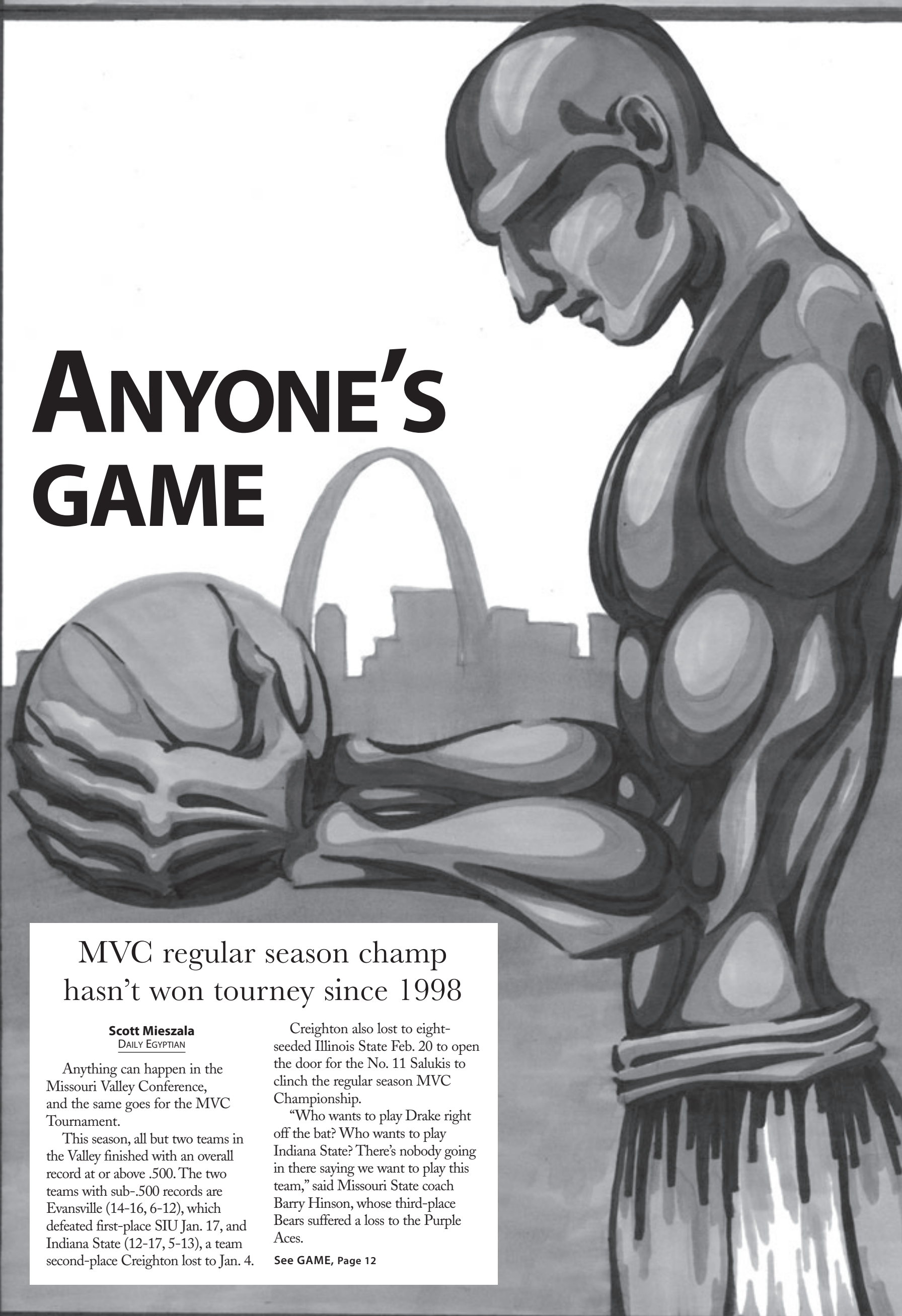
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ANYONE'S GAME



MVC regular season champ hasn't won tourney since 1998

Scott Mieszala
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Anything can happen in the Missouri Valley Conference, and the same goes for the MVC Tournament.

This season, all but two teams in the Valley finished with an overall record at or above .500. The two teams with sub-.500 records are Evansville (14-16, 6-12), which defeated first-place SIU Jan. 17, and Indiana State (12-17, 5-13), a team second-place Creighton lost to Jan. 4.

Creighton also lost to eight-seeded Illinois State Feb. 20 to open the door for the No. 11 Salukis to clinch the regular season MVC Championship.

"Who wants to play Drake right off the bat? Who wants to play Indiana State? There's nobody going in there saying we want to play this team," said Missouri State coach Barry Hinson, whose third-place Bears suffered a loss to the Purple Aces.


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MVC Tournament seeds


No. 1 seed Southern Illinois
(25-5, 15-3)
Nickname: Salukis
Top players: Senior guard Jamaal Tatum — 14.5 points and 2.4 assists per game
Junior forward Randal Falcker — 13.1 points and 7.6 rebounds per game
Season roundup: The Salukis enter the tournament ranked No. 11 in the nation, winners of 11 straight games and the MVC regular season crown. SIU's last loss was Jan. 17 at Evansville.
Postseason outlook: The goal is to become the first MVC regular season champs since 1998 to win the conference tournament, something the Salukis are aware of. The No. 11 ranking is SIU's highest—ever ranking.



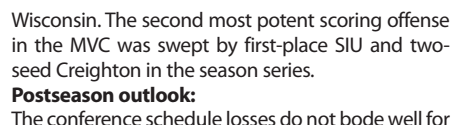
No. 2 seed Creighton
(19-10, 13-5)
Nickname: Bluejays
Top players: Senior guard Nate Funk — 17.1 points per game, 46.8 field goal percentage
Senior center Anthony Tolliver — 13.4 points and 6.7 rebounds per game
Season roundup: Creighton was in the running for the MVC regular season championship until it lost to SIU Feb. 10 and then Illinois State Feb. 20. A BracketBusters loss to Drexel also calls the Bluejays' NCAA Tournament hopes into question.
Postseason outlook: The MVC has received more respect lately, with some experts predicting four or five teams from the Valley going onto March Madness, but Creighton must first take care of business in Arch Madness.



No. 3 seed Missouri State
(21-9, 12-6)
Nickname: Bears
Top players: Senior guard Blake Ahearn — 15.4 points per game, 47.5 three point percentage
Senior guard Tyler Chaney — 10.8 points, 4.7 rebounds per game
Season roundup: Missouri State started out well, winning its first four games, including the fourth over then- No. 7




Wisconsin. The second most potent scoring offense in the MVC was swept by first-place SIU and two-seed Creighton in the season series.
Postseason outlook: The conference schedule losses do not bode well for the Bears, and if both teams win their first tournament games, they will face each other in the next round on Saturday. After losing its BracketBuster matchup to Winthrop, a strong showing is needed in the Valley tournament to move onto the NCAA Tourney.



No. 4 seed Bradley
(20-11, 10-8)
Nickname: Braves
Top players: Senior guard Will Franklin — 14.7 points, 4.0 assists per game
Junior guard Daniel Ruffin — 14.1 points, 5.7 assists per game
Season roundup: After losing their starting center to the NBA Draft, the Braves changed their playing style, incorporating more high screens and 3-pointers. This has resulted in Bradley being the top scoring offense in the MVC and the best 3-point percentage in NCAA Division I, at 42.6 percent.
Postseason outlook: Last season, the Braves lost in the MVC Tournament final to the Salukis, but advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. Bradley will attempt to go further this year without lottery—pick center Patrick O'Bryant.



No. 5 seed Northern Iowa
(18-12, 9-9)
Nickname: Panthers
Top players: Senior guard Brooks McKowen — 10.8 points, 5.9 assists per game
Junior center Eric Coleman — 13.3 point, 9.2 rebounds per game
Season roundup: The Panthers came out of the gate winning eight of their first nine games, but two three-game losing streaks doomed them in conference play. Northern Iowa fared 1-2 against ranked teams this season, beating then-No. 16 Wichita State, but losing to then-17 ranked Washington and then-No. 11 Nevada.
Postseason outlook: Northern Iowa is another team that needs a strong showing this weekend to make its case for the NCAA



Tournament. The Panthers could get hot again, as they did to begin conference play.
No. 6 seed Wichita State
(17-13, 8-10)
Nickname: Shockers
Top players: Senior forward Kyle Wilson — 13.9 points, 5.2 rebounds per game
Junior guard/forward P.J. Cousinard — 11.6 points, 5.9 rebounds per game
Season roundup: As the old saying goes, the bigger they are, the harder they fall. The Shockers seemed unstoppable before conference play, beginning the season 9-0 and being ranked as high as eighth. Then Wichita State lost four of its first five conference games, a three-game winning streak to end January, saving the Shockers from playing Thursday.
Postseason outlook: If the Shockers make the NCAA Tournament, it will be a result of a good showing this weekend and the selection committee's memory of their wins against No. 6 Louisiana State and No. 15 Syracuse.



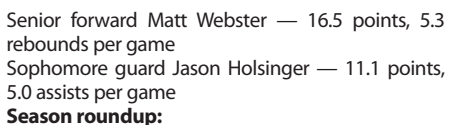
No. 7 seed Illinois State
(15-15, 6-12)
Nickname: Redbirds
Top players: Junior center Levi Dyer — 12.3 points, 3.3 rebounds per game
Junior guard Boo Richardson — 9.9 points, 5.1 assists per game
Season roundup: The Redbirds clinched a .500 season with three straight wins in February, including playing spoiler in Creighton's last attempts for the MVC regular season title. This comes in a season that Illinois State returned one starter from the 2005-06 squad.
Postseason outlook: This team is another of Missouri State coach Barry Hinson's reasons why the MVC Tournament is so wide open. Hinson said the Redbirds were playing great basketball even before they beat Creighton.



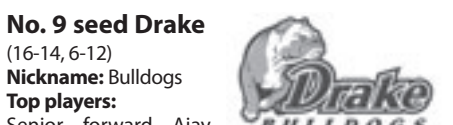
No. 8 seed Evansville
(14-16, 6-12)
Nickname: Purple Aces
Top players:




Senior forward Matt Webster — 16.5 points, 5.3 rebounds per game
Sophomore guard Jason Holsinger — 11.1 points, 5.0 assists per game
Season roundup: It's been an up-and-down season for the Purple Aces. Two four-game winning streaks in non-conference play were offset by a five-game losing streak and another stretch of four straight losses in the Valley. Note: they are the last team to have beaten No. 11 SIU.
Postseason outlook: Evansville's conference record does not forecast a happy ending for the Purple Aces, but hey, they did defeat the Salukis in a close game.



No. 9 seed Drake
(16-14, 6-12)
Nickname: Bulldogs
Top players: Senior forward Ajay Calvin — 16.4 points, 6.4 rebounds per game
Senior guard Nick Grant — 11.9 points, 1.9 steals per game
Season roundup: The Bulldogs were riding a three-game winning streak that included two conference wins to Missouri State before being shellacked, 92-74.
Postseason outlook: An overtime win over Evansville Thursday and going 10-2 in non-conference play are the high notes. The negative? Drake has lost 18 straight games to SIU, the team the Bulldogs play today at 12:05 p.m.



No. 10 seed Indiana State
(12-17, 5-13)
Nickname: Sycamores
Top players: Junior guard Gabriel Moore — 11.8 points, 4.1 assists per game
Sophomore forward Jay Tunnell — 9.1 points, 5.4 rebounds per game
Season roundup: The Sycamores won six games in a row between December and January — including four against conference opponents — but after that they lost 13 of their remaining 14 games.
Postseason outlook: With five conference wins, the goal here is to compete and give the Sycamores some experience for next season.



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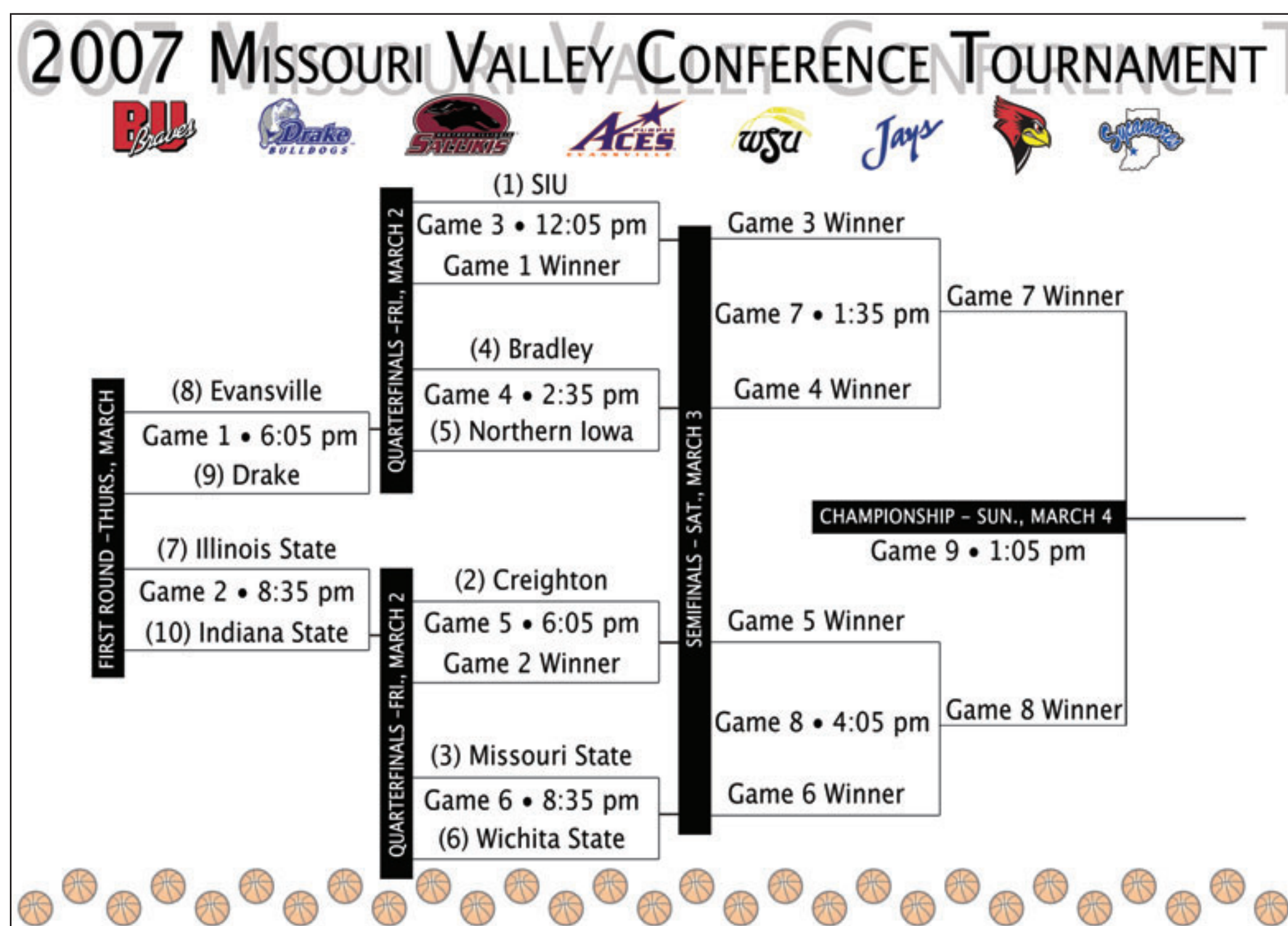
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Troubled waters for manatees

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For manatees, the warm water that spills from power plants is addictive.

The plants have long provided the sea cows with an artificial refuge beyond their natural winter habitat near springs and in warmer southern waters.

Scientists estimate that six in every 10 manatees now winter near power plants that line Florida's waterways.

It is a dependency that someday could have grave consequences for the manatee.

State and federal officials expect many of these aging power plants to close eventually. As the state's human population grows, more efficient power production requires newer facilities. A 95-year-old plant in Fort Pierce that once attracted as many as 49 manatees will close next year. Two plants in Brevard are each more than 40 years old, and their age has manatee advocates worried.

Officials say they are unprepared for the potential death toll when plants shut down and leave manatees in the cold.

"With the potential for catastrophic losses, this is the single greatest threat on the horizon for manatees," said Pat Rose, a biologist and executive director of the Save the Manatee Club.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission says potential power-plant closures are a key reason manatees still face a high risk of extinction, even though population gains have shifted manatees from "endangered" to the less ominous state classification of "threatened."

State wildlife officials and a federal task force of government biologists, environmentalists and power-company officials are looking at alternative ways to keep manatees warm while weaning them from power plants, but there are no easy or cheap fixes.

"It's taken 60 years to develop the dependence we have now, and it'll



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Ann Spellman, with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, photographs the manatees as they swim in the warm water at the Reliant Energy Indian River generating station in Titusville, Florida.



RED HUBER ~ McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Scientists estimate that six in every 10 manatees now winter near power plants that line Florida's waterways.

take a long time to change things back," said David Laist, a senior policy analyst with the federal Marine Mammal Commission. "We should not be looking for quick solutions, though we need to look for solutions quickly."

Power plants weren't built to attract manatees, but the lumbering mammals soon became accidental tourists.

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The temperature difference can save manatees when waters drop

"It's taken 60 years to develop the dependence we have now, and it'll take a long time to change things back. We should not be looking for quick solutions, though we need to look for solutions quickly."

— David Laist
senior policy analyst with the federal Marine Mammal commission

below 61 degrees, the coldest temperature the animals can tolerate.

Generations of manatees grew accustomed to the power plants. Mothers stay near the warm-water outfalls with calves, who in turn train their offspring to do the same.

But manatees fare better at natural springs rather than artificial sites, Laist said. Blue Spring in Orange City and Kings Bay in Citrus County, where water bubbles from the ground

at a constant 72 degrees, support two of the state's healthiest manatee groups.

Over the years, however, some of the state's springs have been pumped dry, while fences, locks or silt block access to others, Laist co-wrote in a study about winter manatee refuges.

"Power plants had offset the loss of the natural habitat that had been historically available to manatees," Rose said.

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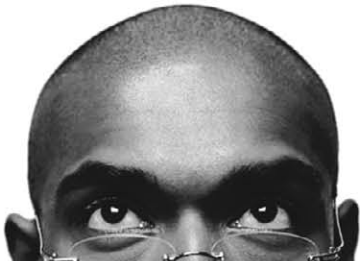
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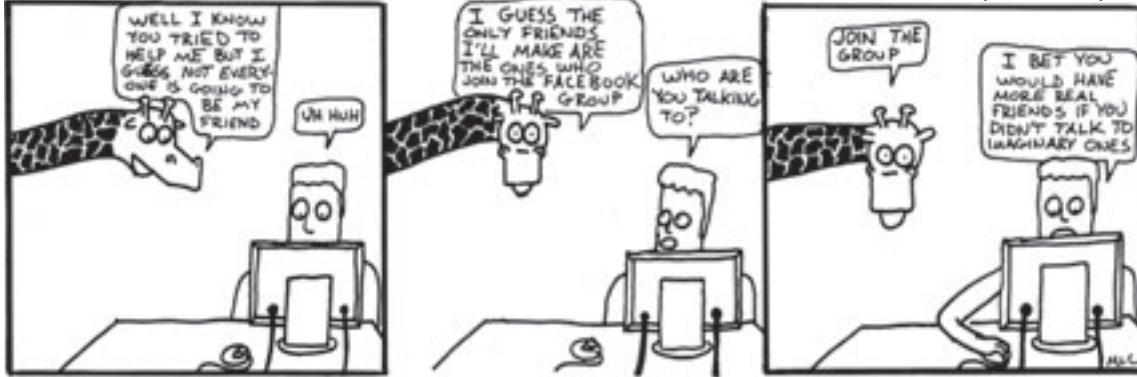
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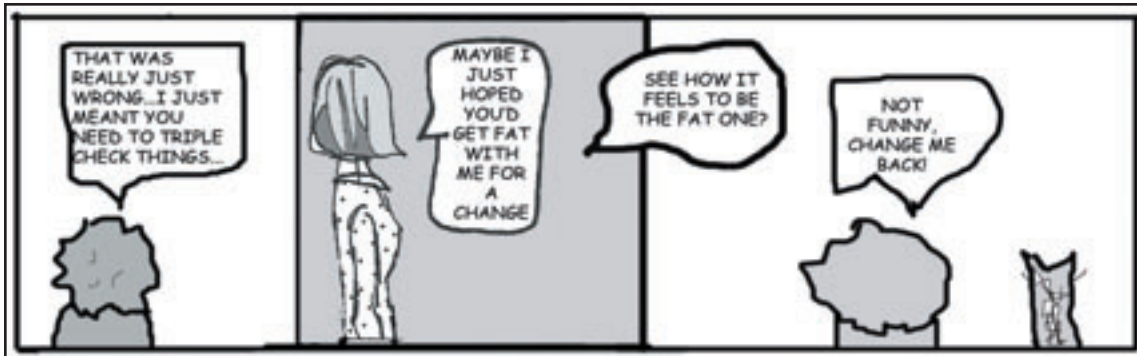
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couple of days, and you're getting more confident. You know that the person who yells the loudest is not always the smartest. Keep studying.

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Quickly do something different than you were doing before. Emergencies like this get your blood pumping, but are also confusing. Try not to mess up.

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21 - Today is an 8 - You're gaining respect and as a result, your job is getting easier. Don't slack off; continue to provide perfection. Your success is assured.

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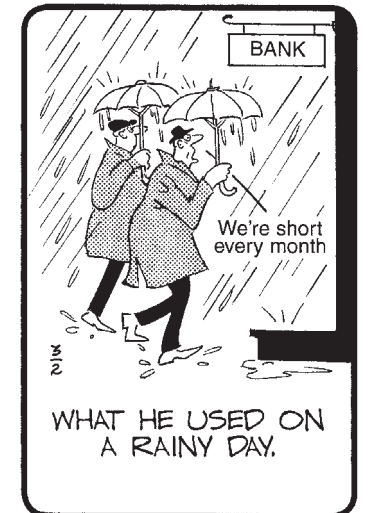
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Freshman forward Dana Olson, center, battles Bears' defenders Tahnee Balerio, left, and Tiff Terwelp for a loose ball as the Salukis took on Missouri State Thursday at the SIU Arena.

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SALUKIS

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While the game won't have any implications on the rest of the regular season, Saluki coach Dana Eikenberg said the team won't taking the Shockers lightly.

"We set some goals early in August about how we wanted to handle conference play and there

were specific teams we haven't beat in a lot of years and Wichita State is one of them," Eikenberg said.

"This team has been very good at focusing day to day and obviously it's going to be an emotional game for Carlai."

The Shockers (9-17, 4-12) were picked to finish second in the MVC and feature two preseason All-MVC members in junior for-

ward Kiki Stephens and senior center Antonette Wells.

Wichita State lost to the Salukis 74-64 on Dec. 28 in Wichita, Kan.

The Shockers are coming off a loss to Evansville Wednesday 77-68.

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SOFTBALL

Salukis safe at home

SIU hosts round robin tournament this weekend

Jeff Engelhardt
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SIU softball fans will get their first look at the No. 20 Salukis this Saturday.

After a three-week road trip, the Salukis will host the Kay Brechtelsbauer Southern Classic starting Saturday. The round robin tournament features SIU, Ball State, Indiana and Western Illinois.

SIU opens the tournament on Saturday at 12 p.m. against the Ball State Cardinals.

Ball State (3-7) will look to continue using its offense against SIU. The Cardinals had a five-game stint where they recorded nine homeruns. Ball State, however, allows 6.8 runs per game.

The No. 22 Salukis (12-3), winners of seven of their last eight games including victories over No. 6 Louisiana State and No. 19 Florida State, look to continue their success in front of their home crowd.

Senior pitcher Cassidy Scoggins said the team is excited to finally play at home.

"We love playing in front of

our crowd. Our fans are awesome," Scoggins said. "The atmosphere is great to play in."

The home-field conditions could mean the Salukis will have to battle some bad weather; forecasts say there could be possible showers Saturday.

The Salukis have played warm weather tournaments thus far, but will face temperatures in the mid-30s in Carbondale, and the forecast has already caused Ohio to withdraw from the tournament. SIU coach Kerri Blaylock said weather will be a non-factor for the Salukis.

The Salukis will play Western Illinois at 12 p.m. and Indiana at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Western Illinois (2-2) has won the Mid-Continent Conference Championship six times since 1993 and has more regular season titles than any other school in the conference. They will be riding a two-game winning streak into the tournament.

SIU will face Indiana (2-3) for the second time this season. The first match-up was at the Crowne Plaza Classic, where the Salukis defeated the Hoosiers 6-2.

Freshman second baseman Alicia Garza led the team to victory by going 3-for-3 at the plate with a homerun.

Garza is only one of many young players on the Salukis that

have made an impact.

Freshman Katie Wilson has been a bomber with the bat all year as she is tied with sophomore Katie Wagner for a team-high four homeruns.

Scoggins said she thinks the youth of the team helps the veterans.

"We are a pretty young team, but that makes the upperclassmen step their game up," she said. "We wouldn't be where we are without our younger players."

Scoggins said she looks to step her game up this tournament and improve on a 4-2 start and 3.23 earned run average.

SIU is focusing on offense leading up to this weekend's tournament. Blaylock said the Salukis are looking to make the offense more productive.

"We're concentrating on hitting the ball well," she said. "We are going to be focused on pitch selection and timely hitting."

Timely hitting has been Wagner's specialty as she already has a game-tying and a game-winning hit on the season, along with numerous clutch hits.

Wagner said the team members are confident and will approach the tournament the same way they always approach their games.

"We can be as good as we want to be," Wagner said. "If we come prepared to play every game, there are no limits to how good we can be."

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— Katie Wagner
sophomore softball player

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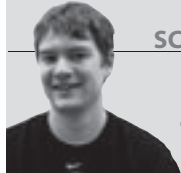
MATT PAINTER



Former SIU men's basketball coach Matt Painter has led the Purdue Boilermakers to a 19-10 overall record and an 8-7 record in Big Ten play. Purdue picked up a win on Wednesday against Minnesota, 66-47, making it their fifth win in its last seven games. The Boilermakers host Northwestern Saturday at 2:17 p.m.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?
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This weekend is the kick off to the championship week in college basketball. There are a few teams from major conferences that need to win their conference tournament to make it to the NCAA Nationals. What bubble team do you think has the best chance to win its conference title?



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"I'm with Josh, and you can read his thoughts two spots down. Drexel is another of those teams after winning its BracketBuster game against Creighton. Drexel is in the same conference as Old Dominion, another bubble team, so anything can happen."

"I think Oklahoma State is in a must-win situation. They have a chance to make the NCAA tournament but need to do well in the Big 12 tournament and possibly have to win it. They have the ability to beat Texas A&M and Kansas; a win over either one of those teams would get them in."

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"The Fighting Illini need to do well in the Big Ten tourney in order to make the big dance. They've put together some good games of late and need to finish off strong to seal their ticket to March Madness. Besides, it would be nice to see which Illinois college basketball team can make it further."



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BASEBALL

Who is the top dawg?

Salukis take six-game winning streak into the weekend

Josh Johnston
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Saluki baseball team's bats came alive in its win on Wednesday, but its pitching has been key this season.

SIU is set to play Northern Illinois (1-2) in a three-game series at Abe Martin Field, beginning Friday at 2 p.m.

The Salukis are riding a six-game winning streak into their match up with the Huskies after starting the season 1-3. During that streak, the Salukis (7-3) have beaten Northwestern State, Central Michigan, Louisville and Tennessee-Martin.

The Salukis are 7-1 when they score three or more runs and are 3-0 at home so far this season.

"The most consistent staple we've had is our pitching," head coach Dan Callahan said. "We've thrown well at times; in seven or eight of our games they've given us a chance to win."

Sophomore catcher Mark Kelly leads SIU with a .390 batting aver-

age, 12 RBI and a six game hitting streak heading into the weekend.

"I'm happy for Mark Kelly," Callahan said. "He's a hard worker, he's a good teammate and you pull for guys like that to be successful."

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— Dan Callahan
SIU head coach

Another sophomore who has made contributions this season is pitcher Cody Adams. Adams is 3-0 with a 0.86 earned run average.

"Cody has been our most consistent pitcher, he's had three quality starts and he's given us a chance every time out," Callahan said.

Senior pitcher Jordan Powell will start today. He is 1-2 with a 4.26 ERA.

"As a Friday guy you need to come out and have your A-game," Powell said. "You've got to set the tone for the weekend so people will see you get going and then everybody gets going."

Northern Illinois won last season's series 2-1 in Carbondale. The

Salukis led the all-time series 20-7, but since the Huskies hired Ed Mathey—now in his fifth season as head coach—NIU is 6-4 against the Salukis.

Since Mathey took control of the Huskies they are 31-14 against schools in Illinois and have won 12 of their last 14 games versus intrastate schools. Mathey currently ranks fourth on the all-time wins list at Northern Illinois.

Huskies' senior infielder Scott Simon hit .426 and had 7 RBI in last season's three game set against the Salukis. Simon was named one of the "Top Players to Watch" in the Mid-American Conference this year and was a preseason candidate for the Player of the Year. Northern Illinois sophomore infielder Bobby Stevens is hoping to extend his seven game hitting streak this weekend at SIU.

Junior pitcher Matt Jernstad is slated to pitch for the Huskies in the series opener. Jernstad will be making his first start of the season. Last season Jernstad was 4-1 in 13 games for the Huskies.

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MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

March 5	Grover Page Classic	All Day
March 6	Grover Page Classic	All Day
March 12	Samford Intercollegiate	All Day
March 13	Samford Intercollegiate	All Day
April 02	Pepsi Shocker Classic	All Day
April 03	Pepsi Shocker Classic	All Day
April 09	ASU Indian Classic	All Day
April 10	ASU Indian Classic	All Day
April 23	State Farm/MVC	All Day
April 24	Missouri	All Day

WOMEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

March 10	Rio Verde Invitational	All Day
March 10	Rio Verde Invitational	All Day
March 11	Rio Verde Invitational	All Day
March 25	Saluki Invitational	All Day
March 13	Saluki Invitational	All Day
April 06	Illini Spring Classic	All Day
April 07	Illini Spring Classic	All Day
April 15	State Farm/MVC	All Day
April 16	State Farm/MVC	All Day
April 17	State Farm/MVC	All Day
May 10	NCAA Regionals	All Day
May 11	NCAA Regionals	All Day

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

March 2	MVC Tournament	12:05 p.m.
March 3	MVC Tournament	1:35 p.m.
March 4	MVC Tournament	1:05 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

March 3	Wichita State	2:05 p.m.
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BASEBALL SCHEDULE

March 2	Northern Illinois	2 p.m.
March 3	Northern Illinois	1 p.m.
March 4	Northern Illinois	1 p.m.
March 7	Murray State	2 p.m.
March 10	Youngstown State	2 p.m.
March 11	Youngstown State	1 p.m.
March 13	Middle Tenn. State	3 p.m.
March 14	Middle Tenn. State	3 p.m.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

March 3	Ball State	12 p.m.
March 3	Ohio	2 p.m.
March 4	Western Illinois	3 p.m.
March 4	Indiana	5 p.m.
March 9	Florida A&M	1:30 p.m.
March 9	Western Carolina	4 p.m.
March 10	Buffalo	11 a.m.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis finish the job

Women solidify conference title

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nets are being cut down at an alarming rate in the SIU Arena.

The SIU women's basketball team defeated Missouri State 60-47 Thursday night at SIU Arena solidifying its position atop the Missouri Valley Conference.

After a loss by Illinois State Sunday, the Salukis (19-9, 15-2) won the MVC regular season title outright and celebrated with a post-game ceremony.

Senior forward Carlai Moore led SIU in scoring with 15 points and made several baskets down the stretch to put the Bears (7-19, 3-14) away for good.

Moore said it feels great to be the champions, but it hasn't sunk in yet.

"I think it was a very important game because they want to come in and say they've beaten the No. 1 team," Moore said. "My focus is still every day and every game."

The Salukis were up 27-13 at the end of the first half, holding the MVC's second best scoring offense to 21.7 percent shooting in the first half while shutting down junior guard Tahnee Balerio.

Balerio entered the contest as the leading scorer in the conference at 19.3 points per game, but was scoreless in the first half.

In the second half, Missouri State cut the 14-point SIU lead to six but junior guard Debbie Burris hit a jumper in traffic at the six minute, 31 second mark to avoid further damage.

Sophomore forward Jasmine Gibson then came off the bench to hit a two-pointer with 4:16 to go in the game, which drove the dagger into the Bears.

Gibson grabbed seven rebounds for the Salukis and shot 2-of-5 from the field.

She said the bench play has been instrumental to the late season run by the Salukis.

"When you start the second half of the season your bench becomes very key," Gibson said. "You just try to come off the bench with the same



DAN CELVI ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Women's basketball Head Coach Dana Eikenberg holds up a piece of the net after the team's 60-47 victory over Missouri State University on Thursday night at SIU Arena

“We set some goals early in August about how we wanted to handle conference play and there were specific teams we haven't beat in a lot of years and Wichita State is one of them.”

— Dana Eikenberg
SIU head coach

intensity as the starting five.”

Thursday night's win against Missouri State sets up Senior Day for Moore at 2:05 p.m. Saturday against Wichita State.

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Thursday at SIU Arena
MSU (7-19, 3-14) 13 34 —47
SIU (19-9, 15-2) 27 33 —60

MSU Individual stats

Top scorer: Tiff Terwelp 12
Top rebounder: Tiff Terwelp 11

SIU Individual stats

Top scorer: Carlai Moore 15
Top rebounder: Jayme Sweere 6

TEAM STATS	MSU	SIU
Field goal %	30.8	39.6
3-Point %	7.7	23.1
Free throw %	73.7	65.2
Field goals-attempts	16-52	21-53
Rebounds (O-D-Total)	14-21-35	16-24-40
Steals	9	8
Turnovers	14	14



MAX BITTLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Junior guard Jayme Sweere drives by a Missouri State defender during the first half of the Salukis' game against the Bears Thursday at SIU Arena.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lowery named MVC Coach of the Year

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For the fourth time in five years, the SIU men's basketball team's head coach has been named the Missouri Valley Conference's Coach of the Year.

This season, the honor goes to Saluki coach Chris Lowery, who guided SIU to a No. 11 ranking and a 25-5 overall record.

The Salukis' 15-3 conference rec-

ord resulted in the MVC regular season championship.

The Salukis rounded out the season as winners of 11 games in a row, including a BracketBusters win against then No. 13 Butler.

SIU has made five-straight NCAA Tournaments, the last two under Lowery and the previous three under Matt Painter and Bruce Weber.

Weber won the Valley's Coach of the Year award in 2003, and Painter

did so in 2004.

Weber is now the head coach at Illinois, while Painter coached the Salukis for one season, going 17-1 in games against MVC opponents, then moved on to Purdue.

Lowery also won Coach of the Year in 2005. Wichita State's Mark Turgeon won the award last season.

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Chris Lowery was named the Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year for the second time.

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