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Steam cleaner

On-campus power plant helps keep SIU running

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hundreds of thousands of pounds of steel and water are churn-
ing, burning and burning on SIUC's power plant — 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, work-
ers near the top of the plant can feel it sway, said power plant manager Richard Gatton.

"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 per-
cent 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.

Retrofits at SIUC power plant aim to make...

SIU to present budget proposal

Sarah Lohman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU officials will present the university's fiscal year 2008 budget to the Illinois House of Representatives' 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. 15, but a winter storm through central Illinois that brought more than 10 inches of snow shut the legis-
lature 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.

"It's a bit unusual to have our bud-
get 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 request meant to garner the maxi-
mum operations increase possible.

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

The extra 0.4 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 cut] 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."

Rosetta Stone to feature local artist's photographs

Brandon Augsburg
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 host-
ing 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 book-
store," 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 book-

store is an empty canvas for Coles.

Coles runs a studio, called ADROI Photography, out of the front of his apartment across from the Liberty Theatre in Murphysboro.

But the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School gradu-

ate 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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**CALENDAR**

**Saffire: The Uppity Blues Women**
- Noon today at Shryock
- $10 general public, $5 students

**Saluki Softball vs. Ball State**
- Noon 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

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**DAILY WEATHER**

**TODAY**
- 53°/30°
- new showers
- Partly cloudy

**SATURDAY**
- 44°/20°
- Sunny

**SUNDAY**
- 47°/25°
- Mostly sunny

**MONDAY**
- 55°/33°
- Partly cloudy

**TUESDAY**
- 56°/36°

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**ILLINOIS WEATHER**

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**POLICE BRIEFS**

**Police report underage drinking**

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 sex charges, authorities said.

Bogan inspected Allen’s townhouse, Ward, school officials in Clinton recovered a note containing inappropriate messages, police said. Ward, who was 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 Police Public Safety Director John Thomas said it was a difficult time for the U.S. Coast Guard in the wake of the fatal crashes.

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**CORRECTIONS**

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**Low voter turnout typical for primary**

**Alicia Wade  Daily Egyptian**

Tuesday's mayoral and city council primaries failed to win a 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 Website, Carbondale saw an 18.13 percent voter turnout for the primary with 2,312 people out of 12,792 registered voters casting ballots.

Those votes helped Sheila Simon and Brad Cole move on in the mayoral and city council race, while ousting Pauline "Willa" Sherwood from the City Council.

The general election will be held on April 17. In the 2006 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 Carbondale, were currently auditing the votes cast and will be done Wednesday. He said he did not vote, because he felt he had not educated himself on the election, but as a registered voter in Carbondale.

He also said he usually only votes in presidential or senatorial elections 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."

"Washington and the nation," said Larry Reinhardt, "would permit smaller sums of money in elections.

"The McCain campaign action comes as front-runners from both par- tisan parties have decided to forgo public funds in primaries because accep- tance 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 the contribution could cause 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 25 years ago."

"Campaign strategists and elec- tion 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 contribu- tions now."

"The decision by McCain, however, was especially significant because he has been a champion of legislation to give more public money in elections.

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

"Taxpayers contribute to the public financing system by setting whether to direct $3 of their tax liability to the presidential fund in their 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.

"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 for use in in vitro fertilization. The donation process can take more than a month and includes using several ovary-stimulating injec- tions. Although companies offer a sizable compensation, some women donate to help others.

"Rebecca — who was advised by her donor company to 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 diffi- cult," 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 feel sick. She also said due to hyperstimulation she could not lift something close to the time of retrieval, she said.

"Dr. Dan Bishop, an obstetrician and gynecologist at Carbondale, said complications from the donation used during donating could be lethal."

"When somebody donates eggs they hyper-stimulate the ovaries," Bishop said. "Overstimulation — 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 pos- sibility of the lethal complications is very low.

"Although the process was uncon- vinced the first time Rebecca said she would help other women."

"I had a couple I knew, they were in their 30s and they had told con- cerning," 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 sev- eral problems."

"There can be a lot of psycho- logical 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 rela- tionships."

"Hamilton said couples might feel shame about their inability to conceive as well as individuals feeling they fail to meet gen- der expectations."

"Rebecca said knowing someone who had problems conceiving, as well as being a mother her- self, wanted to help other people in the same situation."

"Rebecca said she had a daughter she was asked to donate on having more children."

"I figure if I have it and I don’t need it anymore, I would give it to someone else to have the same opportunity that I had to become a parent," she said.

"The process is that you have to be committed to it. It is going to be uncomfortable at times," Alicia said.

"Alicia Wade  Daily Egyptian  845-3311 ext. 273
Army fires general in charge of hospital over poor treatment

WASHINGTON — The Army on Thursday fired the general in charge of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, saying he was the “proximate cause” for its “embarrassing failures in the treatment of war-injured soldiers that have soured the institution’s reputation as a first-class hospital.”

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 Harry’s action against Weightman.

“Those who have violated our wounded men and women in uniform demand the highest standards of excellence and commitment that we can muster as a government,” Gates said.

It was not clear Gates was directly addressing Weightman’s conduct or other military officers. White House press secretary Tony Snow, who met with reporters two days before the first Post story was published, would not comment on allegations of misconduct at Walter Reed but also said the problems were magnified by the attention the hospital received in its location in the nation’s capital.

“I am greatly saddened,” he said, noting that being in Washington makes it easier for complaining patients and their families to draw attention to the issues.

“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.

Bush: Government shares blame for hurricane recovery

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 steps 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,” President George W. Bush said.

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 will 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.

Meanwhile, 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 of good.

On the outskirts of the French Quarter, Bush had lunch at L'Esco. For the first time 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.
When two worlds collide

Lonesome Drifters release first full length country album

Wayne Utterback

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 Lick 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. While the Misfits are this really punk band, Josh Plemon and the Lonesome Drifters turn it into something purely country. Ryan Wurser, 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 this," Wurser said.

There are songs with sing-along-chorus like "This Pain Doesn't Answer," and "Cigarettes, Whisky and Wild, Wild, Wildmen," with political statements. Lauryn brought attention to the female MC by winning five Grammys in one year. Gloria Bode says I'd be a rapper, but I have no street cred because they sound just like the male rappers and I have been hated by many people. I don't know, but I do have high hopes.

"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 out it's every bit as relevant, or important, as anything else.

Josh Plemon and the Lonesome Drifters' "Vanilla To An Englishman" is an intro track sung in English. Many of the accents and have the piano and banjo, but it changed that.

"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.

"As a whole, "Vanilla" is piano rock with an indy-pop vibe, shriveling off the energy of the band as well as the soundness of everyday life. "There's not a lot of happy songs," David Brown said. "We had about that before, but there's then a lot of happy songs because I don't have a reason to pick that, but it just seems right.

"I woke up one day and said, 'I'm happy with the way it turned out," Plemon said. "I hope people enjoy it as much as we have."
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. 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. Libertarian 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 exclude 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.

Tobacco needs to stay legal for the economy

Dear Editor:

In response to Daniel Muehl-Miller’s amusing 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 that really is its role in society? I am a smoker, and I would be furious if the government decided 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.

I do 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.

Peter Allen
Sophomore studying political science

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Words Overheard

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

Paulette Curkin
Director of GLBT Resource Center

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Building healthy relationships

Guest Columnist

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 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 cooperation 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 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. For soft start, 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 enjoy 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 somebody.

The Counseling Center is located at the Student Health Center.

Voices Daily Egyptian

Friday, March 2, 2007

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’re free to go somewhere else. They’re free to decide for themselves what they want to do with their personal lives, just as a business is free to decide who they want to have as employees. It is not the absence of conflict that makes a relationship healthy and happy, it is how conflict is dealt with that determines this.

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Sarah Curtis

senior studying biology, law and administration of justice

What about the non-smokers?

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Mr. Deuper’s Feb. 26 letter, “Egghads, blockheads behind smoking ban.” I understand the concern about the smoking ban. I don’t agree with Ms. Deuper’s assumptions and conclusions. I think that restaurants and bars are going to, or that has already, put a smoking ban into effect. There are numerous cities in Illinois alone, including Champaign-Urbana, that have done so. There are also countless other cities in the United States, as well as many other countries, who

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

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senior studying biology, law and administration of justice

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“Everywhere that I wanted to stop, I wanted to stop,” 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.

Snowstorm closes roads and schools in midwest

Mike Wilson  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 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 winds 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 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 Science won the Pump ’n’ March 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.

The cost of coal

Cost of coal fired by stoker boiler before retrofitting 55.52 per ton

Cost of coal that stoker boiler will burn after retrofitting 32 per ton

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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.

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

“Just anything that’s worth capturing, I’ll do,” Coles said.

A host of lemonade makers, 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.
I think every team going into this tournament this year has its like their preparation for the playoffs have made through the conference and how well they’ve played at one time or another. I see the MVC Tournament on the highest note at winners of 12 straight games and the Valley’s regular-season champion. However, the last time to win the MVC crown in the regular season and the tournament is Illinois State in 1999.

Senior guard Jamaal Tatum, though, said despite SIU having made five straight NCAA Tournament, he doesn’t consider the Salukis a favorite.

“I think we’re in already,” Tatum said. “We’re in already and our goal is to win the MVC Tournament on the highest note as winners of the MVC regular season. The goal is to become the first MVC regular season champ since 1998 to win the conference tournament and get the No. 11 ranking is SIU’s highest—ever ranking.

The Salukis enter the tournament ranked No. 11 in the nation, one of 11 straight games and the MVC regular season crown. This season has been one of the greatest seasons in school history, but it has its share of struggles.

The Salukis’ success has been built on the hard work and dedication of the players, especially the seniors. Tatum has said all season the leadership from Young and Tatum has been integral to the success of the team.

Tatum, the 2007-08 MVC Player of the Year, is SIU’s leading scorer with 14.5 points per game. Young, along with Falker and Mullins, was named to the Valley’s All-Defensive Team.

Tatum was named MVC Player of the Year. “We’ve done a lot of things this season, and we’ve shown that we can play against anyone,” Tatum said. “We’ve been able to do that because of the preparation and the work we’ve put in. This season has been one of the greatest seasons in school history, but it has its share of struggles.

As the team heads into the MVC Tournament, Tatum said it’s all about putting the past behind them and focusing on the present. "You have to worry about the present and not the past, because you can’t change what has already happened," Tatum said. "You have to worry about the present and not the past, because you can’t change what has already happened."
Troubled waters for manatees

Ludmilla Lelis

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

TITUSVILLE, Fla. -- Sea cows call the warm waters near energy facilities home. Scientists fear that if a plant closes, those animals might not head to springs or migrate to south Florida.

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 that as aging power plants close, the key reason manatees still face a high risk of extinction, even though population gains have shifted manatee numbers from "endangered" to "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 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.

Manatees have always ranged into North Florida but knew to retreat when the weather began to cool.

Then along came these power plants, built along rivers and bays from 1945 to 1970. The plants use water to cool the generating systems, then discharge the water as much as 12 degrees warmer.

The temperature difference can save manatees when waters drop below 61 degrees, the coldest temperature 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.

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

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.

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

Solution to Thursday’s puzzle

Answer:

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**SOFTBALL**

**Salukis safe at home**

**Jeff Engelhardt**

SIU hosts round robin tournament this weekend

SIU softball fans will get their first look at the No. 22 Salukis this Saturday. After a three-week road trip, the Salukis will host the Kay Brechtelbauer 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 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 three of four games including victories over Drake and Loyola. The Salukis defeated the Hoosiers 6-2.

Katie Wagner for a team-high four hits Saturday.

While the game won’t have any implications on the rest of the regular season, Saluki coach Dana Eikenberg said the team won’t take the Shocker tournament lightly.

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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 and 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.”

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.

Sophomore catcher Mark Kelly leads SIU with a .390 batting average, 12 RBI and a six game hitting streak heading into the weekend. “I'm with Josh, and you can read his thoughts two spots down. Drews and another of those three players after winning its Big Ten opener against Northwestern. Purdue picked up a win on Wednesday against Minnesota, 66-47, making it their fifth win in their last seven games. The Boilermakers host Northwestern Saturday at 2 p.m.

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April 17 State Farm/MVC All Day
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**SALUKI TRACKER**

Jeff Engelhardt
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“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.”

Another sophomore who has made contributions this season is pitcher Cody Adams. Adams is 1-0 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.”

Northwestern 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守备鲍比·斯蒂文斯 is hoping to extend his seven-game hitting streak this weekend at SIU.

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Women solidify conference title

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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 sank 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.

“Senior forward Carlai Moore entered the contest as the MVC’s second best scorer and showed us why,” SIU head coach Dana Eikenberg said. “Our focus is still every day and every game.”

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

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Thursday at SIU Arena
MSU (17-13, 3-14) 13 34 — 47
SIU (19-9, 15-2) 27 33 — 60

MSU Individual stats
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SIU Individual stats
Top scorer: Carlai Moore 15
Top rebounder: Jayme Sweere 6

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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.

Lowery named MVC Coach of the Year

Scott Mieszala
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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 weekend, the honor goes to Saluki coach Chris Lowery, who guided SIU to a No. 11 ranking and a 28-8 overall record.

The Salukis’ 15-3 conference record 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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