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EMILY SUNBLADE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

From left, SIU students Brandon Hall, William Schuchardt and Drew Haeffele sit on the curb of 703 Oakland Ave. offering free dance lessons to people driving by Sunday. The weekend weather offered temperatures in the 60s, giving the community a break from the recent winter ice and snow.

E-mail hoax hits SIUC inboxes

Allison Petty
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students and staff members who received a message asking for their SIUC e-mail account passwords and other personal information may have been targets of an identity theft scam.

The e-mail, which was signed "SIU Team," said personnel from the SIU messaging center were updating their database and needed personal information to verify the account. The message urged users to reply and include their SIUC e-mail account name, password, date of birth and country or territory.

"Warning!!!" the e-mail said. "Email owner that refuses to update his or her Email, within Seven days of receiving this warning will lose his or her Email permanently."

University spokesman Rod Sievers said he received the e-mail Saturday, but immediately identified it as a hoax and deleted the message.

He said he hoped people would recognize the e-mail as a scam.

Daniel Mellenthin, a junior from Alton studying psychology, said he had not checked his e-mail recently, but would be wary of a message asking for his personal information. He said if he received a similar e-mail, he would probably question the validity of the source before he agreed to answer any questions.

Mellenthin said he knew people on campus whose identities had been stolen.

"I would be very iffy on sending that kind of sensitive information, especially that can be used to replicate your identity," Mellenthin said. "It's not that difficult for someone, if they really want to mess with your life, to (steal your identity)."

MARCH IN LIKE A LAMB

Ice scrapers and slippery sidewalks became a distant memory for thousands across Carbondale during the weekend as a new month ushered in new weather.

Students soaked up the unseasonable sun in March's initial days as temperatures averaged in the 70s with a

complementary breeze.

The relief looks to be short-lived, according to <http://www.weather.com>, as Monday temperatures are predicted to hold a high of 54 degrees during the day with a 90 percent chance of precipitation.

The gusts may also gain steam as winds

of 25 to 35 miles per hour are predicted amid the thunderstorms.

The night could be worse with a likelihood of freezing rain and a low of 31 degrees, meaning those donning shorts and little else Sunday might want to remember where they threw that windbreaker.

Trustees appear on government 'clout list'

Joe Crawford
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

A supposed state government "clout list" that was released in the case of indicted political fundraiser Tony Rezko includes some names tied closely to SIU.

The names of four members of the SIU Board of Trustees are on the 26-page list, which identifies candidates for positions in the state government and their apparent sponsors who recommended them for the spots. The first section lists several recommendations made by Rezko, but the second portion — which includes the board members — lists hundreds of recommendations by various officials as documented by Gov. Rod Blagojevich's office since 2003, according to the Chicago Sun-

Times.

The list includes recommendations for spots on numerous boards and commissions, including the Board of Trustees. Blagojevich eventually appointed five of the 11 candidates suggested for the unpaid spots on the board.

Current members Roger Tedrick, Sam Goldman, Steve Wigginton and John Simmons are on the list. Former member Marilyn Jackson, who was appointed in 2004 but left for personal reasons in 2005, is another of the names.

Two current board members, Keith Sanders and Marquita Wiley, are not on the

list. Board member Ed Hightower, who was appointed by former Gov. George Ryan in 2001, is also absent from the list.

A number of political figures appear to have recommended the board members, as indicated by text in parentheses next to each name.

“Somebody recommended me. They thought I was good enough to serve.”

— Samuel Goldman
 member of the SIU Board of Trustees

Tedrick's sponsor appears as "BB/JC." Goldman's name is accompanied by three parties, including "Sinclair," "IEA" and "Lieberman." The name "Hoffman" appears twice as the sponsor for both Wigginton and Simmons.

Tedrick said he did not know

his name was on the list, but he guessed that the "BB" next to his name referred to Bill Bonan, a member of the governor's transition team who first called Tedrick about serving on the board.

Tedrick said Bonan was aware of his connections to the university, including that he served on the Board of Directors for the SIU Foundation, an independent group responsible for the university's fundraising.

"He knew I had been very philanthropic to the university and helped the university raise money from other people," he said.

Tedrick said he did not know what the "JC" stood for.

Tedrick donated \$10,000 to Blagojevich's campaign before he was

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How to protect your identity
Source: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

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Students celebrate vaginas in fundraising production.

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siuDE.com Question:
What do you think about the university taking the recreational fee increase off the table and leaving Saluki Way to eliminate 10 recreational spaces?

I think it's great, I like being active anyway.	7%																		
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The university should forget the fee but not the issue. I still want the fields.	24%																		
This is a result of bad Saluki Way planning. They should take the whole project off the table.	50%																		

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Do you think campus should have been closed Wednesday after the ice storm?

A. Yes, The university roads, sidewalks and parking lots were not even close to being clear
B. Yes, because I love snow days.
C. No, I like falling.... A lot!
D. No, I think everyone is whining too much.

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CALENDAR

Catch the Beat
• 6 p.m. today at the Carbondale Civic Center
• Families attending the event will make percussion instruments and learn about rhythm
• Free admission, open to everyone

Ursula Bieman Screening and Lecture
• 7 p.m. today at Browne Auditorium
• Public screening of Bieman's video projects
• Bieman is an artist, theorist and curator based in Zurich

'Unleashing the most positive you' presented by Stacy Norinot Elanco
• 6 p.m. today at the Student Center, Cambria Room
• Elanco is a part of the major agriculture company Eli Lilly; she will be talking about leadership and this will be an interactive presentation
• Free admission, bring résumé if desired
• 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Center, Sangamon Room
• Presentation to Panama
• Open to all

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

Submit calendar items to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266.

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POLICE REPORTS

Clemon Moore Jr. IV, 19, a student from Maywood, was arrested and issued a pay-by-mail citation for cannabis possession at Schneider Hall Wednesday at 8:25 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

Chicago civil rights activist Dorothy Tillman arrested in Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Former Chicago alderman and civil rights activist Dorothy Tillman was arrested and charged Sunday with criminal trespassing in an incident at a hospital in her native Montgomery.

The arrest came after a confrontation with officials at Jackson Hospital over access to medical records for Tillman's 86-year-old ailing aunt.

Police Lt. Ron Cook said Tillman, 60, was arrested at 6:32 a.m. and released at 8:14 a.m. A pastor posted Tillman's \$300 bond and a March 31 court date was set, the Chicago Tribune reported.

Jackson Hospital spokesman Peter Frohmader told The Associated Press hospital security called police, but he declined further comment Sunday afternoon until he learned more details. A statement could come today, he said.

Tillman had attended a funeral Saturday morning for civil rights icon Johnnie Carr and that evening had taken her aunt, Mabel Barker, to the hospital. Tillman requested the medical records when hospital officials discharged Barker and was told the records would be mailed, according to the Tribune report.

Tillman continued to request the records and hospital security was called. Tillman said she was arrested and put in "leg chains and shackles."

"It was really something," Tillman told the Tribune. "They did the real police thing."

Achievement tests begin for Illinois school children

CHICAGO (AP) — Schools hope months of preparation and extra help from parents will help nearly 1 million Illinois students score well as two weeks of standardized testing begin Monday.

The Illinois Standards Achievement Test will be administered to third-through eighth-graders to help gauge whether their schools meet federal guidelines under the No Child Left Behind law.

The results could force dramatic changes at some schools, including the firing of some staff.

"It's very high stakes," said Bryan Chumbley, research director for Peoria School District 150. "You only have one

shot at helping students demonstrate their abilities."

At many schools, those stakes are being reflected in a sports-like, game-day atmosphere.

Some schools put up posters in hallways urging students to do their best on the big test, while others hosted pep rallies for parents to cheer on their children.

Barrington parent Thomas Annett has spent an hour each week for the past month helping his eighth-grade son prepare for the exam.

"You might be the most intelligent person, but if you can't wake up on the day of the test and answer the questions correctly or talk coherently in an interview, you're going to get left behind in this society," he said.

Investigators search for killer after 1986 victim identified

BELLEVILLE (AP) — Just weeks after finally putting a name to the body found decades ago in a farmer's field, investigators have waded into unraveling the woman's life in hopes that old-fashioned detective work and a little high-tech help flushes out the drifter's killer.

Investigators long baffled by the dead woman's elusive identity exhumed her body last summer and caught a break in recent weeks, when the FBI identified her through fingerprints on file from a previous arrest.

But taking the investigation to the next step — finding Eulalia Wilcomer's killer — is proving daunting.

Efforts are hampered by fading memories of her family and the understanding that dozens of police agencies that once kept detailed reports of Wilcomer's many arrests for misdemeanors have disposed of such papers long ago, Madison County sheriff's Capt. Steve Johnson said.

But one thing's certain: Wilcomer was a woman always on the move.

"Everything we have learned about her life is that everybody liked her," he said. "She was a good person. She had a wandering soul. No matter where she was at, she had to be someplace else."

Authorities say Wilcomer had been dead less than a day before a farmer happened upon her nude body on Sept. 6, 1986. In the decades that followed, authorities referred to the unidentified victim as "The Summerfield Woman," after the small community where her body was found.

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'Vagina Monologues' light up Pulliam

Tim McGovern
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Women propounded pride for their sexual organs during the weekend.

Onlookers filed into the auditorium in Pulliam Hall to listen to women mimic true stories documented in playwright Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues." This was the eighth year the performance has found a home in Carbondale.

The Speech Communication department and the Women's Center sponsored the event, which pulled in more than \$1,800 for the center on Saturday alone.

Director Sabrina Worsham, a doctoral student from California studying speech communication, said women needed to start talking about their bodies and should not be ashamed of their vaginas. Increasing awareness of abuse, she said, is also one of the priorities of the performance.

"One in four women in this country is raped in their lifetime," Worsham said. "Oftentimes women blame themselves."

The monologues were a collection of comedy, education and tragedy. A diverse group of 25 women told stories that were often graphic in nature.

Krishna Pattisapu, a junior from Mount Vernon studying speech

communication, had roles in the monologues "Vagina Happy Fact" and "My Vagina Was My Village." The latter depicted the tragedy of a young girl during the Kosovo War in 2000, in which the Serbs raped as many as 20,000 women, Pattisapu said. The monologue describes how the woman was raped repeatedly and sodomized with the butts of rifles and tips of bottles until a portion of her vagina fell in her hand.

"Vagina Happy Fact" offered statistics about the female clitoris, such as it is the only portion of the human body designed solely for pleasure and consists of 8,000 nerve endings — twice as many as the penis.

Pattisapu said women need to be more accepting of their bodies, and talking about women's bodies doesn't have to be taboo.

Andi Wallace, a senior from Trilla studying speech communication and performance studies, played the woman in "My Angry Vagina." She said "The Vagina Monologues" help women be comfortable with their sexuality and womanhood. In preparation for her role, Wallace said she followed a simple routine.

"I try to keep healthy, go over lines and try to keep my energy up," Wallace said.

Chelcee Loghry, a senior from Carbondale studying English, said, "My Angry Vagina" was her favorite of the performances.

“It makes people more open-minded. People need to stand up to sexual abuse, and this performance encompasses a lot of groups and promotes awareness.”

— Chelcee Loghry
senior studying English



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Stacia Creek, a sociology doctoral student, shows one example of a woman's sexual climax while portraying 'The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy' during 'The Vagina Monologues' Saturday. The play included monologues titled 'The Flood,' 'My Angry Vagina' and 'Because He Liked to Look At It' that spoke about the sexual experiences of women.

Loghry, a member of Saluki Rainbow Network, a campus group for gay, bisexual and transgender people, said this was the second time she had seen the production and said the performance promotes openness.

"It makes people more open-minded," Loghry said. "People need to stand up to sexual abuse, and this performance encompasses a lot of groups and promotes awareness."

Co-director Jamie Huber, a graduate student from Hillsboro studying speech communication, was involved

with the silent auction that took place at the close of the performance, in which participants could bid on a wide variety of items ranging from artwork, gift certificates, mirrors and necklaces.

Huber said 90 percent of the proceeds would go to the Women's Center, while 10 percent would go to the V-Day organization. The organization is an international movement with a 10-year history in trying to abate violence against women in every country.

Huber said she often volunteers at the Women's Center and has had friends fall victim to abuse. She said her friends' experiences made a lasting impact on her. Huber said she hoped the audience would be able to take something from the performances.

"I hope people leave with a better understanding of women's issues," she said. "People need to be talking about ending violence."

Tim McGovern can be reached at

University celebrates the history of women

March events benefit students and victims

Jenn Lofton
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The group that makes up 45 percent of SIUC's population has been given its time to shine this month.

The university is celebrating Women's History Month by hosting events designed to further discussion and raise awareness of the historical impact women have had in society. Roughly 45 percent of those enrolled on campus are women, according to fall enrollment figures.

The celebration includes 22 events sponsored by Student Development-Multicultural Programs and Services, the Wellness Center and several other organizations. Though most of the programs are aimed at educating students, the proceeds will also go

to help women outside the university, said Carl Ervin, coordinator of Student Development-Multicultural Programs and Services.

Ninety percent of the money earned at "The Vagina Monologues," one of the first events, went to the Women's Center of Carbondale.

Camille Doris, executive director of the Women's Center, said the center's mission is to help the survivors of rape and assault and battery regain a positive outlook on life. The money raised helps with the cost of advocates and other personnel who make sure women in the center receive the care they need, she said.

Doris said the month would help educate people and show progress, but its positive effects should not stop there.

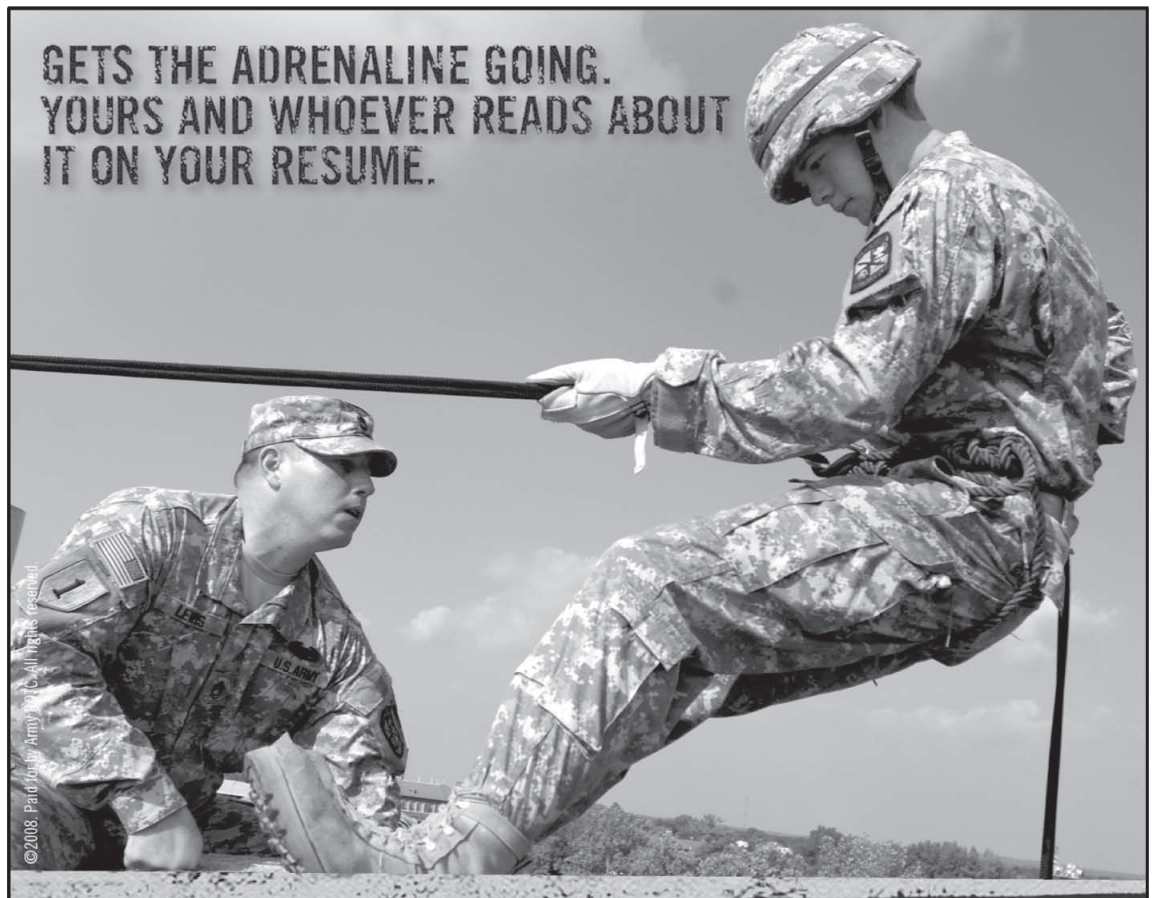
"We should be celebrating women's efforts every single day of the year," she said.

Brian Covelli, a senior from Evanston studying radio-television and business marketing, said he had no idea March was the month for celebrating women's history. Covelli said events like these often go unrecognized because people do not pay attention sometimes.

Covelli said he is likely to attend any event that sparks his interest, not just because it is Women's History Month.

"I don't think the celebration of women or any other group should be just for one month," Covelli said. "Instead it should be something that is done all the time."

Jenn Lofton can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 270 or jlofton@siu.edu.



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- UWPA Civil Service Women's Luncheon SIUC — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Student Center, Ballroom A
- Kitchen Linen & Things Drive at the Center — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Student Center TV Lounge

Wednesday

- Kitchen Linen & Things Drive at the Center — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Student Center TV Lounge

Thursday

- Kitchen Linen & Things Drive at the Center — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Student Center TV Lounge
- A Celebration of International Women's Day — 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Student Center Mississippi Room

Friday

- World of Women — An Empirical Voyage through Women's History — 7 p.m. Longbranch Coffeehouse

WIRE REPORTS

RUSSIA

Vladimir Putin, Dmitry Medvedev: Apparent win for Kremlin candidate means Russian stability

MOSCOW (AP) — Dmitry Medvedev, the man Vladimir Putin hand-picked to be his successor, scored a crushing victory in Russia's presidential elections Sunday, a result that was long anticipated but that still raises questions about who will run this resurgent global power.

With ballots from over half of Russia's electoral precincts counted, Medvedev had 68.2 percent, according to the Central Election Commission. Communist Party chief Gennady Zyuganov had nearly 20 percent, it said.

Medvedev was on course to win about 70 percent of the vote, according to a poll by the All-Russia Opinion Research Center, or VTsIOM.

He is expected to rule in concert with his mentor, an arrangement that could see Putin calling the shots despite his constitutionally subordinate position as Russia's prime minister.

Medvedev, 42, the youngest Russian ruler since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, is expected to heed Putin's advice, continue his assertive course with the West, maintain state control over Russia's mineral riches and freeze out real opposition movements.

WASHINGTON

House Intelligence Committee chief expects deal on eavesdropping law as soon as this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Intelligence Committee chairman expects a compromise soon on renewal of an eavesdropping law that could provide legal protections for telecommunications companies as President Bush has insisted.

Rep. Silvestre Reyes, in a television interview broadcast Sunday, did not specifically say whether the House proposal would mirror the Senate's version. The Senate measure provides retroactive legal immunity to the companies that helped the government wiretap U.S. computer and phone lines after the Sept. 11 attacks without clearance from a secret court.

Bush wants the House to agree to the Senate bill.

Reyes, D-Texas, said he was open to that possibility after receiving documents from the Bush administration and speaking to the companies about the industry's role in the government spy program.

"We are talking to the representatives from the communications companies because if we're going to give them blanket immunity, we want to know and we want to understand what it is that we're giving immunity for," he said. "I have an open mind about that."

Regarding a compromise deal, Reyes said: "We think we're very close, probably within the next week we'll be able to hopefully bring it to a vote."

SPOKANE

Drought, sprawling growth have Western states studying construction of more mammoth dams

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The Western states' era of massive dam construction — which tamed rivers, swallowed towns, and created irrigated agriculture, cheap hydro-power and environmental problems — effectively ended in 1966 with the completion of Glen Canyon Dam.

But the region's booming population and growing fears about climate change have governments once again studying construction of dams to capture more winter rain and spring snowmelt for use in dry summer months.

"The West and the Northwest are increasing in population growth like never before," said John Redding, regional spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Boise. "How do you quench the thirst of the hungry masses?"

Clinton launches push to key primaries

Mike Glover
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WESTERVILLE, Ohio — Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton argued Sunday that her campaign is "about solutions," not feelings, as she swept through Ohio on an intense push two days before the state's presidential primary.

She told more than 2,000 cheering backers that she wants to solve the economic troubles facing the industrial Midwest.

"For some people this election is about how you feel, it's about speeches," Clinton said. "Well, that's not what it's about for me. It's about solutions."

The former first lady opened an Ohio campaign marathon, sweeping across the state on a series of appearances lasting until the wee hours of Monday. Her first stop, in suburban Columbus, was aimed at firing up canvassers who were manning phone banks and knocking doors for her.

"Ohio is once again the center of attention, for a reason," Clinton said. "It truly does represent America, the hopes and aspirations, the challenges and opportunities, they are all right here in Ohio. It is a picture of America."

Clinton has lost the last 11 nominating contests to rival Barack Obama and was looking to primaries in Ohio and Texas for a campaign boost. Those states, and Rhode Island and Vermont, vote Tuesday. Polls show tight contests in Texas and Ohio.

"The last days leading up until Tuesday are ones where we really need you," Clinton told cheering supporters.

Clinton focused on her promise to provide health insurance for all, as well as her opposition to trade agreements that she said have drained thousands of jobs from the nation's industrial heartland, including Ohio.

"It's time we looked around and saw what's going on in the rest of



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton greets an enthusiastic crowd at the Fort Worth Stockyards in Fort Worth, Texas, Saturday.

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Ohio," she said. "We cannot go on like this. It's morally wrong and economically stupid."

Clinton sharpened her focus, both on the industrial economy and Obama, during a stop in Youngstown, one of the hardest-hit cities in the

Rust Belt, by hammering trade deals like the North American Free Trade Agreement with the United States, Canada and Mexico. That deal was signed by her husband when he was president, but it would be hard to tell that from her rhetoric.

"We're going to start having trade deals that are actually good for America," Clinton told 1,000 backers in a school gymnasium. "Unlike my opponent I put forward a very specific plan about what we ought to be doing about it."

Attack creates new reality in Israel-Hamas conflict

Aron Heller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHKELON, Israel — Residents of this beachside city are still coming to terms with being on the front lines of Israel's battle against Hamas militants.

A dozen long-range rockets slammed into Ashkelon over the weekend, marking a significant turning point in the conflict and compelling Israel to strike back hard.

"Until yesterday, I never would have believed that I would see the things I saw," said Rachel Shimoni, 66, as she stood amid shards of glass, blown out of the front window of her clothing store. "All of a sudden, the reality has changed."

Palestinian militants fire rockets nearly daily at Sderot and other Israeli border towns near Gaza. But by reaching Ashkelon, a city of 120,000 people about 11 miles north of Gaza, Hamas raised the stakes considerably. It is one of the largest cities in southern Israel, home to Mediterranean beaches, a college and strategic installations like an electric plant and a water purification plant.

Gaza militants have managed to hit the outskirts of Ashkelon in rare instances in the past, but the latest fighting was the first time they've been able to do it on a regular basis.

Since the first rocket hit Ashkelon on Wednesday in retaliation for an Israeli strike that killed five militants, Israel's military has killed more than 100 Palestinians, according to Palestinian medical officials and militant groups. Three Israelis have also died in the violence.

A military official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the need not to divulge internal strategy,

said the harsh Israeli reaction was intended as a clear signal to Hamas that hitting Ashkelon will not be tolerated. The official said Israel was willing to go all the way to stress its point — including a large-

scale ground invasion into Gaza and the assassination of Hamas' political leadership.

Six people were wounded in Ashkelon on Saturday after one rocket landed next to City Hall and another in the marina area. Another rocket struck Ashkelon on Sunday, slightly wounding one person, medics said.

Ashkelon's mayor said he would not accept the rockets becoming a normal reality.

"This is a state of war, I know no other definition for it," said Roni Mahatzri, from his makeshift office in an underground bunker. "If it lasts a week or two, we can handle that, but we have no intention of allowing this to become part of our daily routine."

All of a sudden, the reality has changed.

— Rachel Shimoni
owner of a clothing store
that suffered the explosions

Detention centers record 13,000 claims of abuse

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COLUMBIA, Miss. — The Columbia Training School — pleasant on the outside, austere on the inside — has been home to 37 of the most troubled young women in Mississippi.

If some of those girls and their advocates are to be believed, it is also a cruel and frightening place.

The school has been sued twice in the past four years. One suit brought by the U.S. Justice Department, which the state settled in 2005, claimed detainees were thrown naked in to cells and forced to eat their own vomit. The second one, brought by eight girls last year, said they were subjected to "horrendous physical and sexual abuse." Several of the detainees said they were shackled for 12 hours a day.

These are harsh and disturbing charges — and, in the end, they were among the reasons why state officials announced in February that they will close Columbia. But they aren't uncommon.

Across the country, in state after state, child advocates have deplored the conditions under which young offenders are housed — conditions that include sexual and physical abuse and even deaths in restraints. The U.S. Justice Department has filed lawsuits against facilities in 11 states for

supervision that is either abusive or harmfully lax and shoddy.

Still, a lack of oversight and nationally accepted standards of tracking abuse make it difficult to know exactly how many youngsters have been assaulted or neglected.

The Associated Press contacted each state agency that oversees juvenile correction centers and asked for information on the number of deaths as well as the number of allegations and confirmed cases of physical, sexual and emotional abuse by staff members since Jan. 1, 2004.

According to the survey, more than 13,000 claims of abuse were identified in juvenile correction centers around the country from 2004 through 2007 — a remarkable total, given that the total population of detainees was about 46,000 at the time the states were surveyed in 2007.

Just 1,343 of those claims of abuse identified by The AP were confirmed by various authorities. Of 1,140 claims of sexual abuse, 143 were confirmed by investigators.

Experts say only a fraction of the allegations are ever confirmed. These are some of the most troubled young people in the country and some will make up stories. But in other cases, the youth are pressured not to report abuse; often, no one believes them anyway.

Varsity Theatre power shift in progress

Barton Lorimor
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Even after their building was condemned and demolished, directors of Jackson County Stage Company promised audiences thrills to come.

Three years later, the program's director, Cathy Field, jingled keys to the Varsity Theatre, which means those thrills could be a few months, and a few million dollars, away.

The vacated movie theater complex on South Illinois Avenue was donated to the city and The Stage Company by Kerasotes Showplace Theatres on Friday. The complex will become the Varsity Center for the Arts and the new home for the displaced performers.

Until January 2005, The Stage Company had been renting a building at 101 N. Washington Square from its neighbor, the Bank of Carbondale, for \$1 a year since 1983. The building, constructed in 1875, was demolished after city officials declared it unsafe.

The donation of the Varsity Theatre was announced during the State of the City address in December.

"We are very thankful to the Kerasotes family for their support of our efforts to make the Varsity Theatre a centerpiece for our downtown entertainment district," Cole said in a prepared statement.

Field said the donation was also made possible by two SIU presidents. Former President John Guyon and current President Glenn Poshard, as well as their spouses, contributed to the mayor's work, which began more than a year ago, she said.

The Stage Company has a lot of work to do, Cole said. Field agreed and said she would be calling in all of the company's favors to get it done in time for the start of the fall season of shows in October.

"We're prepared to take the time to do it right," she said.

Shortly after the deal was done, Jack Langowski, a board member for The Stage Company, gave a tour of the Varsity. The theater houses three auditoriums, an arcade room, a manager's office, restrooms and a lobby with a snack bar. Apart from water damage caused by leaky ceilings and nearly 70 years of wear,



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Jack Langowski, a board member for The Stage Company, gives a tour of the Varsity Theater Friday afternoon. The theater was donated to the city Friday by Kerasotes ShowPlace Theatres, and will be primarily used by the Jackson County Stage Company.

Langowski said the building's heaters need to be replaced.

Renovation of the east theater is the next step in the company's four-phase project. The entire renovation should ring up an estimated cost of \$2.5 million, Field said. Fred Betz, a member of The Stage Company's fundraising committee, said the performance group would not be taking out any loans to finance the project. Instead, he said, the company will rely on individual donations and expand a capital campaign that started in April 2007.

Langowski said the east theater, as well as the Varsity's largest auditorium, will lose half of its seats to make way for a stage and backstage area. But the finished main theater

should have nearly 300 seats, which is three times the amount of the theater on Washington Square.

The company hopes to make the Varsity appear as it did in 1940, while still converting it from a movie theater to performing arts center, he said.

"I think it will be remarkable, and something to really be proud of when that day comes," Langowski said.

The fate of a "balcony theater" on the building's second-floor, which was originally balcony seating in the main theater, has yet to be decided. Langowski said Kerasotes converted the balcony into an auditorium in an effort to compete with the multi-screen movie theaters being built

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—Jack Langowski
board member of The Stage Company

in the 1980s. He said The Stage Company asked architects to make the second-floor auditorium into balcony seating again so long as it does not tamper with acoustics.

As the larger theater's renovation is completed, Field said the east theater would be made available to other community groups — possibly Carbondale Community Arts.

Jacque Betz, director of the company from 2002 through 2006, said performances have been held

at community venues ranging from Carbondale Community High School to Mugsy McGuire's Bar and Grill since 2005. Betz said she is excited to see the Varsity become the company's new facility.

"There are a lot of folks who remember sitting in the Varsity with their popcorn, and stealing their first kiss," she said.

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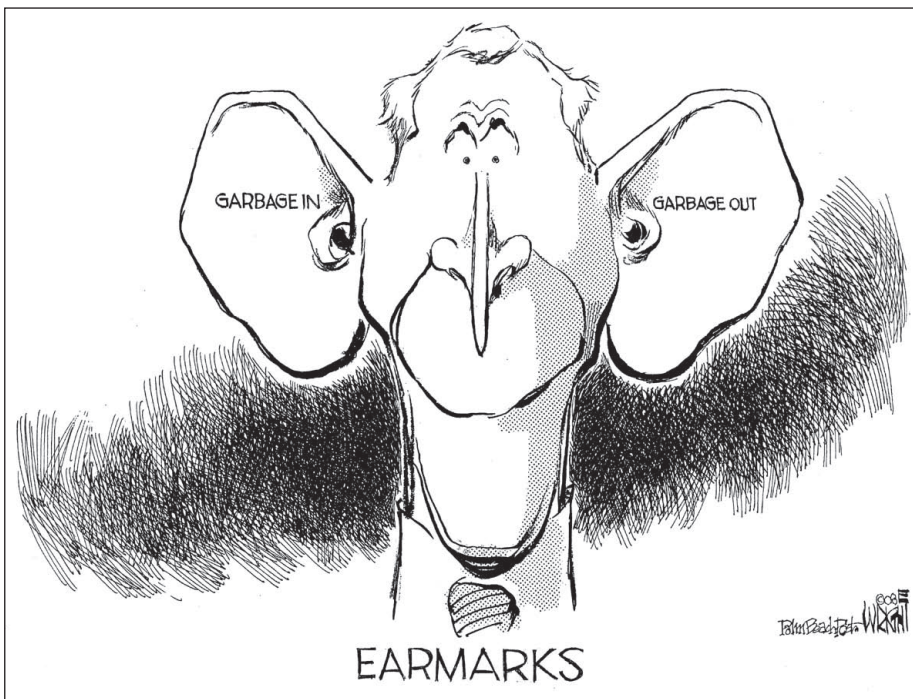
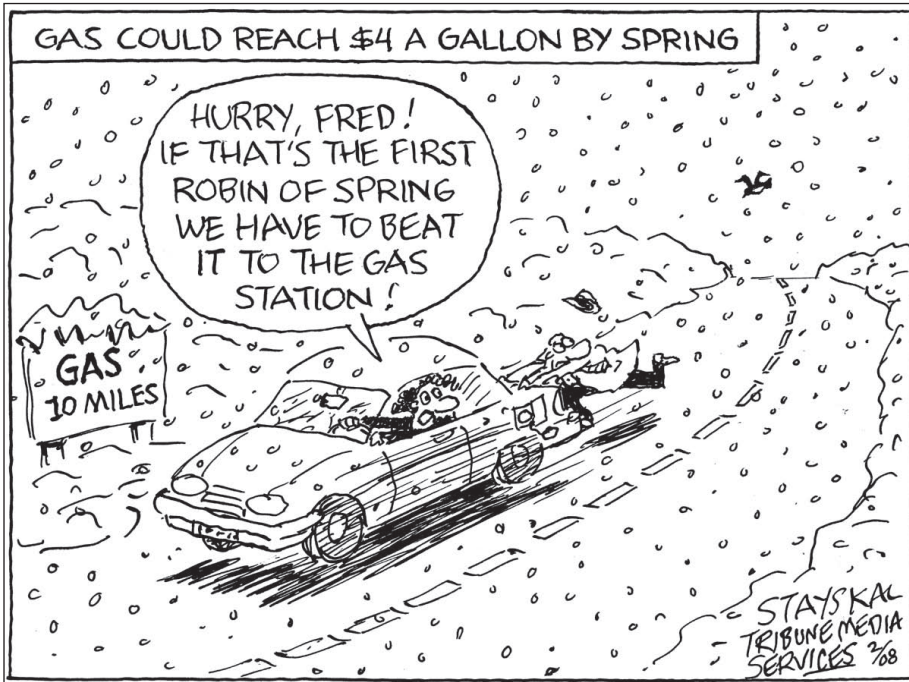
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Locks might go a long way

DEAR EDITOR:

As a graduate of Virginia Tech and in light of recent events at nearby NIU, I don't think I could possibly articulate why and how we are all affected by these tragic events. But after speaking with my colleagues and students, it is clear that it is becoming more and more difficult to create and to be part of a comfortable learning environment.

As a graduate student, I find myself feeling at risk when I'm in a classroom. And as a teacher, I find myself more and more distracted by the inherent lack of security on college campuses.

While I know that no one would ever blame a teacher for the death of a student at the hands of a shooter, I don't think I'm the only one who would blame myself. And yet, there seems to be little any of us can do to stop this sort of thing from happening again.

Most likely, more students will be shot in their classrooms. Most will watch it on the news. Some will watch it happen with their own eyes.

But there is one thing that all of us can do to prevent future attacks in our classrooms here at SIUC: lock the door. Most academic classrooms have a locking mechanism that locks from the inside.

While this makes it much more difficult for someone to

enter the classroom, it in no way hinders a student from exiting the classroom.

No, this won't stop every shooter out there, but it's a simple, logical and obvious solution we can all make use of. Public schools across the country have locks on their doors and use them to great effect. Most Americans lock their doors during the day when they are at home. Doing the same in our classrooms will in no way violate or disturb the open line of communication between teacher, student and learning — the basic principles upon which universities are built.

If a student is late for class or needs to use the restroom, they simply knock on the door and identify themselves before they are allowed back in. If a student needs to leave, he or she can do so.

The only problem with this plan is that not every single academic classroom has a lock. It is my understanding that the university is working on this problem.

In the meantime, simply request a room change if your door doesn't have a lock. I had to do this, and the English Department quickly found a classroom with locking doors for me. Just this week we had our first class in the new room, and I explained why we had switched.

One of my students proposed that we come up with a code name in the event that someone came late to class. We had some fun with it and had a great class.

Andrew McFadyen-Ketchum
graduate student studying fine arts

TALK TO THE THUMB

Thumbs up to the weather, seniors

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Thumbs Up to the return of warm weather in Carbondale. I hope everyone took advantage of the warmer temperatures and got outside this weekend.

Don't get too excited, it's going to get cold again this week, but after everyone gets back from spring break, we'll start to see temperatures like the past weekend all the time.

I'll take 70 degrees in Carbondale on March 1 any day.

Thumbs Down to Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposal to demolish Cole Hall at NIU and build a \$40 million Memorial Hall to replace it.

Not that I'm opposed to creating a memorial to pay tribute to the victims, but come on — \$40 million dollars to demolish and replace a functioning building is crazy. I wasn't aware that the state of

Illinois had an extra \$40 million lying around, because if there was extra money for education in the governor's pocket, we wouldn't be dealing with leaky buildings like Faner Hall here at SIU.

Kent State didn't demolish buildings after the massacre in 1970 and neither did Virginia Tech 27 years later. It's too early to condemn Cole Hall and a \$40 million Band-Aid isn't going to make things all better.

Thumbs Up to Randy, Matt and the rest of the Saluki seniors for a great tenure here at SIU. Even though we couldn't close it out in the SIU Arena on Saturday for senior night, you've all had great careers for the maroon and white and have no doubt instilled your mark on the program.

Let's end your great careers on a high note next week at Arch Madness in St. Louis. Who knows, maybe with the right combination of heart, determination and Floorburn U, the Dawgs could go

dancing once again.

Thumbs Down to the street renaming controversy in Carbondale. I think renaming something after Martin Luther King Jr. is a good idea and many cities and towns across the country have honored Dr. King with streets, bridges, high schools, community colleges — you name it.

Then we come to Carbondale. First the plan was to rename Oakland, then more recently they decided that Mill Street would be a better location. Mayor Brad Cole didn't seem to like the idea, saying that it was a "complicated issue."

I like the idea but I hope that whoever is planning this whole thing isn't just picking a random

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street out of the phonebook and going with it, which to me seems to be the case. We all know maybe Oakland Street was a bad idea and that Mill Street's historical significance might have been overlooked.

Let's find a better street and go from there.

Thumbs Up to the new emer-

gency text messaging system SIUC has in place. It's about time we had something like this on campus. Students can sign up for the service at <http://www.dps.siu.edu>.

Thumbs Down to all the black coal shavings scattered around campus. When salt was unavailable during the ice storm, we used the next best thing: coal shavings that neither melt ice nor increase traction.

At least all the left over coal shavings hide all the cigarette butts.

Thumbs Up to spring break. I'm sure nobody would disagree with me on this one. To everyone heading off to Arch Madness, Cancun, Aruba or wherever, remember to have fun but take care of yourself and your friends.

Everybody here at SIUC wants you to come back safely and finish off the semester.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I think we should all just boycott the damn thing!”

Charlie Sheen
actor

on losing a court battle to keep his and ex-wife Denise Richards' daughter from being filmed in Richards' new reality show

THE WEEKLY WENGER

Glorifying gluttony, forgetting famine

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Gluttony, once famous for its spot on the list of seven deadly sins, has found new grandeur in the United States.

Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest is the best example. Every year on the Fourth of July, thousands of spectators flock to Coney Island to watch as food "champions" gorge themselves like swine. According to Nathan's Famous Corporation, the competition began when four European immigrants held a hot dog eating contest to prove who was the most patriotic.

Quite frankly, it's disgusting. The phenomenon of spectator eating will supposedly take place soon in Carbondale. A Facebook group has been formed with the promise of one student consuming all 12 McDonald's meals, with fries, in one sitting.

This is disturbing for many

reasons, the first being the unique status the United States holds when it comes to food. America is one of the few countries where a person has the luxury of dying from eating too much. In many other countries,

people find themselves dying from lack of food rather than their own indulgence.

More than 25,000 people died of starvation every day in 2003, according to the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization.

To put that in perspective, imagine if today, after you finish reading this column, every last student at SIU dropped dead, then tomorrow every student at Illinois State, the next day NIU. Three universities worth of people gone, and that's only halfway through the week.

Here in America, surrounded by our dollar menus and grocery

store chains, we lose sight of the fact that more than 9 million people starve to death every year. We're too busy watching Joey Chestnut eat 66 hot dogs in 12 minutes while an ESPN

commentator declares Chestnut's victory "the greatest moment in American sports history."

The sad thing is we don't have to go far to see starvation. Thousands of men and women walk our streets with no home and no food. Soup kitchens

and homeless shelters across the nation see long lines of haggard faces every day while those of us with enough time, money and calories to waste make bets to eat 12 McDonald's meals.

It's ironic that we glorify gluttony with such abandon and then televise 17 individuals devouring more than 500 hot dogs and buns combined in 12 minutes. We reward the people who were so terribly wasteful by giving them thousands of

dollars and commercial contracts, in turn inspiring more deviant consumption.

World hunger is a problem that isn't going away. According to reports from the United Nations, it kills more people annually than AIDS.

In America, more than enough food is produced to keep everyone healthy. Perhaps if we were more conscious of the hunger crisis, we could make better use of the extra food we have than stuffing our already satisfied bellies. We might be able to give more to those who lack instead of wasting it on those who gorge.

It's unlikely that any student or faculty member reading this has ever suffered from real starvation, which is fortunate, but this paper reaches fewer than 50,000 people. The ludicrous televised eating competitions reach hundreds of millions around the world, many of whom have or do suffer from real hunger.

It's time we pass the plate.

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PESSIMISTICALLY OPTIMISTIC

Ramble on, ramble on

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Technology: You're not the boss of me (anymore)

My grandma doesn't know how to work the DVD player.

My mom can't change the ink in the printer.

My grandpa probably thinks MP3 is a move in "Battleship."

For some, technology is more a head-scratching nuisance than amenity. For me, technology has always been a time-waster.

I could waste a day reading about iPod knock-offs or endlessly indulge in some good old-fashioned Facebook creeping (don't act like you haven't done it.) A free minute could easily be filled by going to Best Buy and oogling over new gadgets or checking out personal hard drives so big I could never fill them.

It was a time-wasting tradition I was proud of. At any point, I could watch the hours fly by like seconds.

Then a curve ball. Technology changed my procrastination habits, like it was smart enough to know I was spending too much time with it. Recently, I discovered iGoogle.com.

It puts hours of Internet adventures onto one page. It's like showing up to Wal-Mart and the 182 items you need are already in your cart. Now I have no reason to get lost on the World Wide Web.

Thanks Google. You are one step closer to world domination.

Oh, and Google gave free voice mail to homeless people in San Francisco.

Make up your mind

What in the name of popsicles is up with this weather? I was outside sweating and playing tennis in 75 degrees Sunday. And

now I'm going to have to go buy some long underwear for Tuesday. Snow? Seriously? Maybe southern Illinois should look into some sort of predictability when it comes to temperature. Quit with the schizophrenic conditions already.

At least this screwy situation will get me prepared for my not-so-spring break. Can't wait to spend the week in northern Illinois, working on my sun tan in scorching 25-degree heat.

Put the Kool-Aid down, please
The SIU men's basketball

team's loss to Illinois State Saturday could have been a good thing.

What? Losing is good?

Let me explain. So many people — students, fans, even the media — were starting to drop the Salukis' name while mentioning potential at-large teams.

Now, all that nonsense can stop and the team can focus on what it really needs to do to get in the NCAA Tournament: Win the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament this weekend.

And c'mon. Who were you trying to fool? If the Salukis would have won last night and rode that wave all the way to the championship game before losing, they would have been 20-13.

Say that to yourself, 20-13. Not too impressive. Well, not impressive at all.

Now, that gibberish can stop. The Salukis need to march on through the arch before they can continue their streak of NCAA Tournament bids.

What a gentleman

I say this monkey is a miniature gentleman, and a sight to see.

Somehow, there's only about two months of the school year left. Then summertime kicks into full gear. Thinking about sunnier days got me thinking about some good times I've had in southern Illinois. Then it hit me. I forgot a major thing on my bucket list. A few weeks ago, I counted down the top things you must do in southern Illinois before leaving.

Now, I must amend my list.

You see, when summer comes so does the Du Quoin State Fair. Strangely enough, I don't really like fairs. The carnies scare me and I always spend like \$45 trying to win my girlfriend something stuffed.

But the Du Quoin State Fair deserves to be on my list even though it's relatively awful.

Why?

Because there is a monkey that takes your money and shakes your hand. That's no typo. This little amazing monkey is dressed like a little boy. Hold out your hand, monkey takes your quarter.

Monkey then shakes your hand, pockets the quarter and tips his hat.

Some say this is animal cruelty.

I say this monkey is a miniature gentleman, and a sight to see.

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Banquet honors 'finer women'

Zeta Phi Beta raises funds for scholarships

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Women in the Carbondale community were honored for their dedication and service Saturday, all while raising funds for the next generation of minority women.

The Finer Womanhood Scholarship Banquet was held Saturday night in the Renaissance Room of the Student Center. Hosted by the Mu Eta Zeta graduate chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority, the banquet raised money for scholarships given to minority female students from Jackson County high schools who will be attending a four-year college.

The banquet also honored the chapter's winner of the 2008 Finer Womanhood award. Samantha Perry, first vice president of the Mu Eta Zeta chapter, said the award is given to a woman in the community who exemplifies "finer womanhood" through volunteer work and projects.

Marilyn James, chapter chaplain, said "finer womanhood" is about intelligence, strength, academics and service. Director of a skit on "finer womanhood," Anna Jackson, said being a "finer woman" is about lifting sisters up instead of pushing them down.

"It's how you act, it's what you think, it's what you believe," Jackson said.

Carbondale resident Dollean York-Anderson was presented



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Zeta Phi Beta President Lolita Mack addresses the audience at the Finer Womanhood Banquet Saturday in the Student Center. This year, on the 25th anniversary of the banquet, Dollean York-Anderson received the Finer Womanhood Award.

the award for her program, Youth Empowerment Services Center at the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church. Anderson said the program is for academic enrichment for fourth through seventh graders. The program began in January 2007, but in August was moved from the Boys and Girls Club to the Hopewell Church.

"It's been an eye-opener," Anderson said. "It's a handful of work."

Anderson retired in November 2006 from SIUC and has a clinical practice as a psychologist. She said she founded the after-school program to serve the Carbondale community.

"When I retired it was time for me to give something back," Anderson said.

The sorority chapter also pre-

sented a Zeta of the Year award to James.

"We like to give special recognition to members of our chapter who provide endless service," said Lolita Mack, chapter president.

Mack said James has worked endlessly since coming into the chapter in September and symbolizes the epitome of a finer woman.

James said she was honored by the award and sees herself as a connector, helping people to find their mission in life.

Perry said the banquet also celebrated the 25th anniversary of the sorority in Carbondale.

"With it being 25 years, it just shows that we've been an asset to the community," Mack said.

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HOAX

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E-mail scams like these are part of a type of Internet piracy called "phishing," according to the Web site for the U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Targets of these scams typically receive an e-mail claiming to be from a financial, governmental or otherwise authoritative institution. The message asks for personal information, such as account passwords, credit card numbers or social security numbers.

Scammers use this information

to steal identities and make money, the site said.

Purdue University e-mail users received several versions of the same message in January, according to a notice on the university's Web site. The site urged those who received the e-mail to delete it immediately and not reply.

Sievers said he did not know of a plan to warn students about the hoax, but expected to discuss it with officials today.

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CLOUT

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appointed to the board, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections Web site. His Mount Vernon insurance company contributed \$1,000. Since then, he and his company have given \$15,000 more to the governor.

Tedrick said he doubted his donations had anything to do with his appointment to board.

"I didn't donate that much," he said. "I've donated a lot more to governors in the past."

Goldman said he had heard of the "clout list" but did not know his name was on it. He said he wasn't sure who might have recommended him for his position on the board.

"Somebody recommended me. They thought I was good enough to serve," he said.

SIU spokesman Dave Gross said the governor appoints board members with the consent of the Illinois Senate. Because there are hundreds of positions to fill, it would make sense for the governor's administration to take recommendations, he said.

"It is a political appointee position, so political considerations are

going to be factored in," Gross said.

Board members typically have previous ties to the university, he said, such as Tedrick, who graduated from SIUC and then served on several university boards and search committees.

"No matter what their political references, they still have to be qualified to serve," Gross said.

Blagojevich spokeswoman Rebecca Rausch did not return two phone messages for comment left Friday, but the governor's office defended its hiring procedures to the Chicago Tribune in an article last month.

"We made hiring decisions based on who we thought was right for the particular position," Blagojevich spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff told the Tribune in an e-mail.

According to the Tribune, the clout list was brought forward by prosecutors in the case against Rezko, who is accused of using his political influence to wring money from those seeking to do business with the state.

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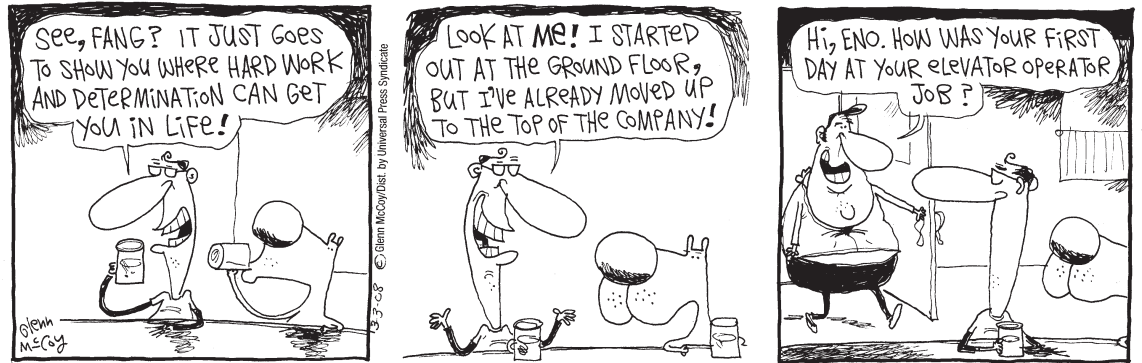
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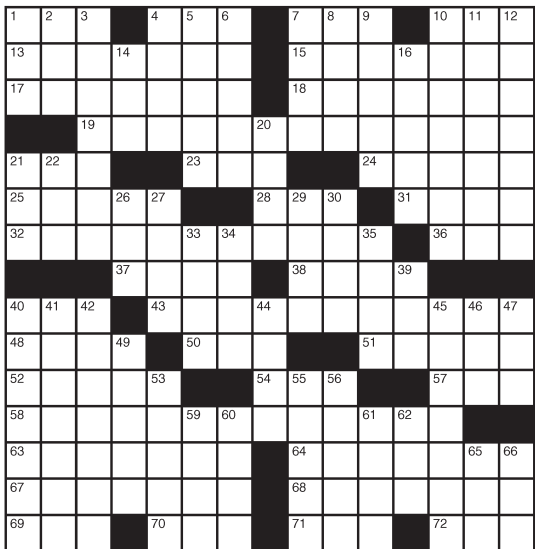
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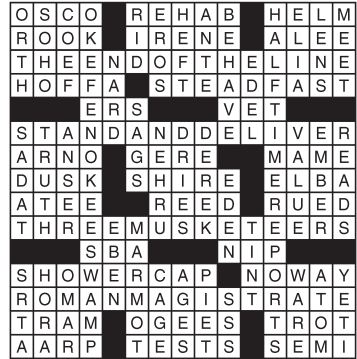
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 - 21 Make a choice
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 - 24 Street talk
 - 25 In front
 - 28 Sch. in Fort Worth
 - 31 Dundee dagger
 - 32 European breakfast item?
 - 36 Sound of a leak
 - 37 March Madness org.
 - 38 Abu Dhabi ruler
 - 40 Poetic eyeball
 - 43 Caribbean breakfast item?
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 - 51 Pelts
 - 52 Covers a room
 - 54 Seller's \$\$ equivocation
 - 57 Small snake



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| 70 Hardened | 3 One voted in Port of Yemen | |
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Friday's Puzzle Solved



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| 14 Nest-egg \$ | 42 Young of Utah |
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| 20 Toward the center of | 45 Partner-to-be |
| 21 Clodhopper | 46 Minnesota's twins? |
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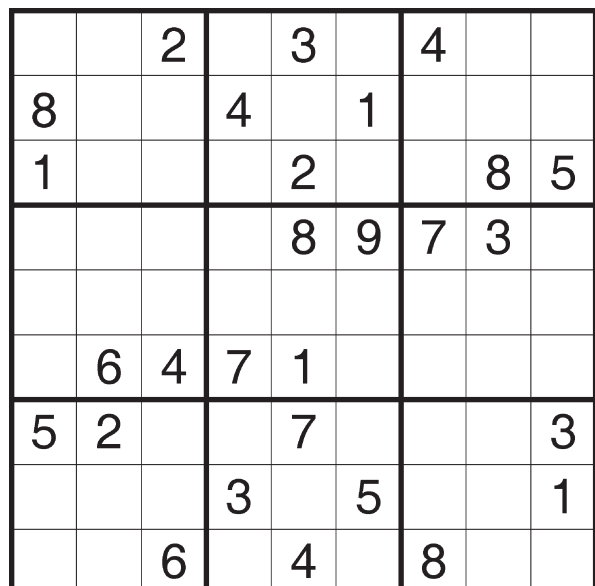
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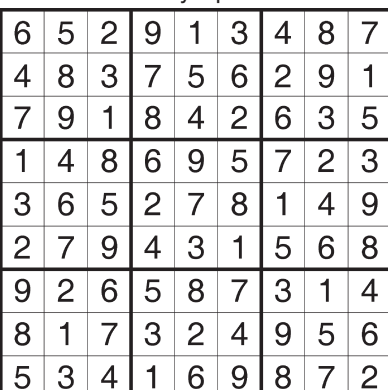
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Friday's puzzle



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Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Having plenty leads to a solid sense of confidence. Your status is going up, partly because of your attitude. Feeling like a winner shows.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Let someone with experience coach you in a new endeavor. You don't earn extra points by doing things the hard way. Make it easy on yourself.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — Your attitude should be pretty good, although you may be tired. Others offer encouragement. They believe you can do it. Trust them and go on.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — You're exceptionally lucky now, especially in familiar games. Familiar people are favored, too, especially the fun-loving kind. They'll help you with your work.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — It may be hard to pull yourself out of your snugly nest. Motivate yourself by thinking about the people you love. Do it for them.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Resolving a domestic matter once and for all takes a load off your mind. Stop worrying about it; get it fixed. Then, on to other things.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — Make sure you've done the homework before you make your purchase. You want to get the best quality, but don't pay an arm and leg for it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — You're smart, but you don't rely on your wits. You also do the homework. That's the hidden reason you so often have the right answers.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — If somebody owes you money, now's the time to ask for it. Persistence pays in cold, hard cash sometimes, even if it's been a while. Try again.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Your suggestion stirs up the meeting. People who had given up on finding a solution to the problem are activated.

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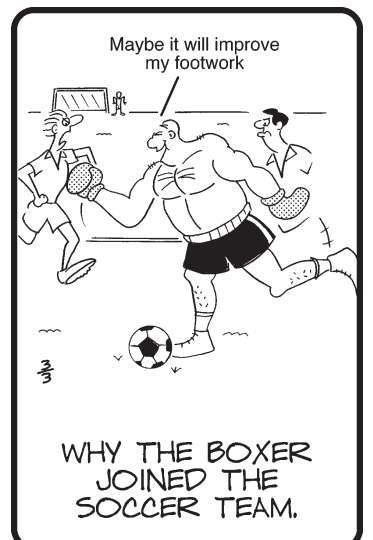
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Answer: What the sleeping recruits felt like when they heard the bugle — BLOWN "UP"

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As the bodice turns

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'The Other Boleyn Girl'

Rated: PG-13

Starring: Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson, Eric Bana, Kristin Scott Thomas, David Morrissey
Directed by Justin Chadwick
Runtime: 115 minutes



PROVIDED PHOTO

For a sumptuous period soap opera with luscious costumes and more backstabbing than an episode of "Laguna Beach," "The Other Boleyn Girl" is the best bet.

The film spins a delightfully epic fictional tale of lust and betrayal between Mary and Anne Boleyn and the object of their affection, King Henry VIII, played by broodingly handsome Eric Bana.

After his queen fails to produce a male heir, the Boleyns' father and uncle scheme to dangle

Anne in front of the king. Should she become his mistress, the Boleyn family is guaranteed class advancement.

Anne, a character which tests Natalie Portman's acting chops, fails in her task because of her impetuous nature, and her younger sister Mary, adeptly played by an innocent Scarlett Johansson, accidentally gains the king's favor after he gets a glimpse of her genteel personality.

Henry soon convinces Mary to bed with him and she conceives a child. Anne is sent away to France because of more rash actions on her part, but returns more charming and flirty than ever to fight for the king's affections.

Let the backstabbing begin.

As long as the audience is OK with historical inaccuracies, contrived dialogue, a movie marketed as being all about sex and passion with a precious few actually sexy and passionate scenes, and maybe feeling sympathetic for the wrong character, all is well with "The Other Boleyn Girl."

Portman, Johansson and Bana turn in wonderful performances with Portman being the absolute stand out of the three. For once she is the con-

niving character and seems to relish in it, delivering nasty lines directed at her sister with all the venom of a rattlesnake bite.

For anyone who has ever had a sibling rivalry, watching Anne compete her way into the fray and show she is better than her sister, she becomes the sympathetic character. It is clear filmmakers probably wanted audiences to despise Anne and her actions because Mary is represented as such a likeable and naïve character.

But the somewhat basic dialogue limits these strong performances. Instead of letting characters show how they are feeling, clunky words weigh down the film.

Mary and Henry are to have been the epitome of a passionate and loving affair, yet the audience only sees their relationship as a blur of flesh tones and a fade out to keep the rating PG-13. Viewers are then given unemotional lines later in the film where Mary talks about how she fell in love with the king and that Henry has some remaining affection for her years later.

Hooray. How passionate.

At least everyone is well dressed throughout the film, with succulent fabrics, billowing dresses and deliciously deep colors.

But if soap opera drama isn't a viewer's cup of tea, and audiences find themselves distracted by the lack of passion and abundance of purely functional dialogue, "The Other Boleyn Girl" is probably more boring bodices than engaging period conflict.

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'Semi-Pro' is 'semi'-decent

Wes Lawson
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'Semi-Pro'

Rated: R

Starring: Will Ferrell, Woody Harrelson, Andre Benjamin
Directed by Kent Alterman
Run time: 90 minutes

Another year, another Will Ferrell movie.

If you're sick of him, don't bother with this review. If you're not, well, you might be a little disappointed.

"Semi-Pro" is a funny movie, but alas, it does not rank among the best Ferrell has ever done. It appears that basketball wasn't as ripe of a comedic target as ice skating or NASCAR.

Set in the 1970s, an era ripe for comedy, Ferrell plays Jackie Moon, the owner, coach and star player for a semi-professional basketball team called the Flint Tropics. Needless to say, semi-professional doesn't even begin to describe the ragtag group Moon has assembled, since pretty much all they do on court is fight and trash talk.

When the commissioner announces the league is going to merge with the NBA and only four teams will be going with them, Moon's team is not included.

So, Moon proposes that the four teams with the best records should be the ones to go into the merger, and the commissioner reluctantly agrees. Wacky hijinks ensue.

The movie follows the "group of misfits band together for one really good season" genre, but of course it's really just an excuse to string together a bunch of humorous scenes involving Ferrell and his group of costars riffing on whatever pops into their heads.

There are some explosively funny scenes to be had here, especially the running gags about bears and the unbelievably absurd cameo by Jackie Earle Haley as a stoner fan who just wants his money.

The problems begin to surface when the movie switches gears and focuses on the basketball. It seems the game isn't inherently funny, as most of the scenes in which Ferrell and his teammates play the game don't lend to many laughs. It works best when Moon is attempting crazy schemes in order to get more fans in the bleachers.

Perhaps a more grievous error is that the film seems unfinished. Running at a slim 90 minutes,

many of the supporting characters, including Woody Harrelson as the man brought in to save the team and Andre Benjamin as the Tropic's star player, get short-changed, and their subplots seem thrown in to add a little dramatic weight to the proceedings.

Several incredibly funny scenes sprinkled throughout seem superfluous, especially a scene around a poker table.

The film is rated R, but aside from some swearing and a hilariously bizarre sex scene, it doesn't seem to warrant the rating. Perhaps much of the material was cut to save for the eventual unrated DVD.

But what's the point of having an R rating and limiting the film's audience, and then not including even more hilariously raunchy and over-the-top comedy? Knowing Will Ferrell, there has to be oodles of deleted material floating around somewhere.

The unrated cut of "Talladega Nights" ran 126 minutes. One can only imagine how funny the missing 36 minutes of "Semi-Pro" are, if they do exist.

In a system ruled by the financial bottom line, where unrated and uncensored DVDs make huge profits, it's a shame that studios feel they have to save the best bits for video. It's almost like there's no reason to see the films in theaters anymore when the real version of the film is going to come out four months later at a cheaper price.

Despite these gripes, "Semi-Pro" is probably the funniest movie out there right now, and some of the best entertainment in theaters at the moment. It's purely middle-of-the-road Ferrell, but even middle-of-the-road Ferrell is better than "Meet the Spartans."

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3.5 out of 5 stars



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Shaw said it is tough to play with emotions running high on a night like senior night, but that it was no excuse for his play. Shaw finished 2-for-11 from the field in 35 minutes.

"It's very emotional when you get in the game, but once the ball bounces you have to be ready to play," Shaw said.

The Salukis used an 8-2 run to close out the first half to pull within one point and came out strong in the opening minutes of the second half. The Redbirds responded with their leading scorer, sophomore guard Osiris Eldridge, who poured in 19 of his 27 points in the second half.

Green said the team didn't come out with the same energy level it played with during its five-game win streak and it affected the Salukis in

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— Tyrone Green
senior guard

all aspects of the game.

"It hurt us early and it hurt us late," Green said. "When we started to make a run we just couldn't get a stop and shots couldn't fall."

Eldridge led the Redbirds' offense with 27 points and seven rebounds while senior guard Boo Richardson added seven points.

First-year coach Tim Jankovich said the Redbirds' fighting spirit on the floor helped them capitalize in Carbondale.

"You have to be that way to come in here and match the tough-

ness that the Salukis play with," Jankovich said.

The loss marks the second MVC loss at SIU Arena since the 2001-02 season and now puts the Salukis' home record against conference opponents at 61-2. The last loss came on Feb. 1, 2006 against Indiana State.

Jankovich said he wasn't aware of the Salukis' reputation on their home floor and learned of it only a few days before the game.

"That is absolutely unbelievable," Jankovich said. "I don't think it gets enough credit."

The Salukis will square off against the No. 6 seed Northern Iowa on Friday in the MVC Tournament in St. Louis. Tip off is set for 8:35 p.m.

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Loss

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Coach Chris Lowery said Falker played hard but the team was unable to get him the ball when it needed to.

"Randal was really the only one who had some life," Lowery said. "He was playing with a lot of energy and emotion and wanted to win that game."

The Salukis' penetration to set up kick-out passes also failed. Falker often left the paint to spread out the floor, leaving guard Bryan Mullins in an isolation situation. But when Mullins drove the lane, the Redbird defense collapsed and Mullins' passes were either picked off or off-the-mark. When the Salukis did get shots off it was usually not the shot that Lowery said he was looking for. He said the team passed up too many good shots and didn't attack with the necessary energy.

"We tried everything, but when you're lifeless it doesn't matter what you do," Lowery said. "On a night

when you should have so much emotion, we were emotionless. We didn't compete and that's what happens."

Joshua Bone and Matt Shaw were the main victims of getting caught in tough shooting situations. Bone went 2-for-12 from the field while Shaw went 2-for-11. Most of their misses came from outside jump shots.

The Redbirds finished at 40 percent from the field while the Salukis ended at 31.6 percent.

The Salukis will return to action 8:35 p.m. Friday against Northern Iowa at the Scotttrade Center

in St. Louis where Lowery said the team will look to refocus and get back to attacking the defense off the dribble.

The game will be the start of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament for SIU as it will play from the No. 3 seed while Northern Iowa comes in as the No. 6 seed.

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STAT OF THE DAY
Men's basketball

The Salukis wrapped up their regular season Saturday with a loss that dropped them to third in the conference with a 17-13 overall record and an 11-7 conference record. The last time SIU had at least 13 losses was in the 2000-01 season when it finished 16-14 and fourth in the conference.

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"I would love to see them reunite in Minnesota. They made some great plays together in the purple and gold and I think it would be cool to see them go out the same way they came in. I don't know how Minnesota fans would feel about it but I think it would be a great story for the NFL next season."

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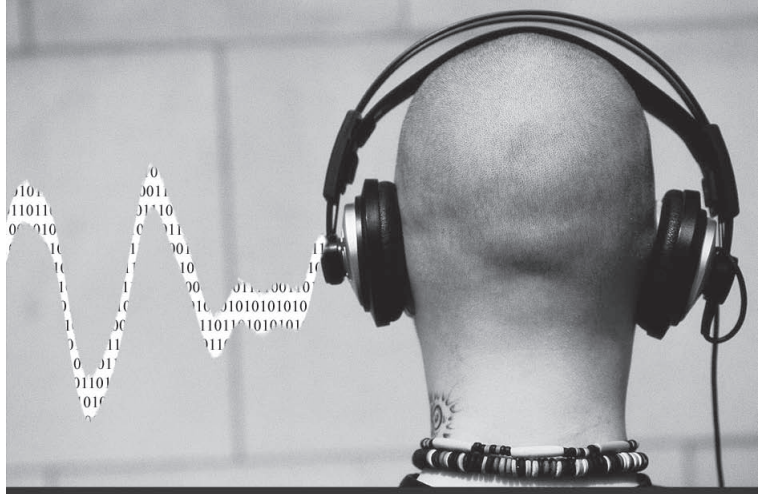
"While unrealistic, I'd love to see them go to St. Louis. Its highly unlikely for Moss to go to a team that was one of the worst in the league, but if these two are serious I think they could make a huge impact and make the Rams once again the greatest show on turf."

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"That would be hilarious. There are so many teams with terrible quarterbacks but I'm not sure Culpepper himself is any good. I think the Detroit Lions should go after them because that seems like a Matt Millen move."

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BASEBALL

SIU takes one of three from Huskies

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Maybe a return to Abe Martin Field was all the SIU baseball team needed.

After dropping a doubleheader to Northern Illinois Saturday at Rent One Park in Marion, the Salukis dealt the Huskies a 5-3 loss at Abe Martin Field Sunday.

SIU coach Dan Callahan said having a true home game made a big difference.

"When you play at home, you actually want to play at home," Callahan said. "I'm not saying we had any disadvantage playing in Tennessee or Rent One, but it's just not the same as being here at the Abe."

Junior starting pitcher David Kington cruised through five innings before running into some trouble in the sixth for the Salukis (3-4).

Errors allowed the Huskies (2-3) to tally three unearned runs off Kington but senior reliever Ian Reinhart eventually got out of the jam before any serious damage was done.

Kington scattered six hits and seven strikeouts over his 5.2 innings.

His offensive support came from junior catcher Mark Kelly and sophomore designated hitter Tyler Bullock.

Bullock delivered what would turn out to be the game-winning home run in the bottom of the fifth after junior second baseman Scott Elmendorf singled and stole second base.

Bullock said he was looking for a pitch to stroke for a line drive but it turned into a two-run homer.

"The wind was pretty ridiculous so I wasn't sure what was going to happen," Bullock said. "I knew I hit it fairly well but I didn't know it was going to make it out."



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Junior infielder Scott Elmendorf, left, talks with senior pitcher Ian Reinhart in the dug-out during the second game of a doubleheader against NIU Saturday at Rent One Park in Marion.

Sophomore closer Bryant George picked up his first save of the season with a scoreless 1.2 innings pitched.

Saturday's doubleheader didn't go quite as well for the Salukis.

The Huskies swept the contests at Rent One Park, winning 3-1 and 9-4.

SIU starter Cody Adams was the hard-luck loser in game one. Adams (0-1) put together a quality start, striking out 10 batters and allowing two runs in 6.2 innings.

Callahan said he was impressed with Adams' performance, despite not having his best fastball.

The Saluki offense was unable to back Adams' performance, missing several opportunities to move runners into scoring position.

Junior shortstop Bobby Stevens and senior pitcher Adam Holdenrid led the Huskies to the game one victory. Stevens put the Huskies on

the scoreboard immediately, sending Adams' first pitch over the left field wall.

Holdenrid (1-0) limited the Salukis to one run and six hits in six innings pitched, while striking out six.

"We got an outstanding pitching performance today," Northern Illinois coach Ed Mathey said. "We hit our spots, made our pitches when we needed to and our defense did its job."

After struggling to score in the first game, SIU scored four runs through the first four innings of the second game, highlighted by a two-run, inside-the-park home run by Hills.

But a sloppy fifth inning was costly for the Salukis. The Huskies capitalized on two Saluki errors and scored six runs in the top of fifth inning, en route to a 9-4 victory.

Luis Medina contributed.

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Senior finales fall short

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Redbirds snap Salukis' five-game win streak

Megan Kramper
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

It was supposed to be a night that the four SIU men's basketball seniors would remember forever.

Now, they want to put it out of their minds as quickly as possible.

Senior forward Randal Falker paced the Salukis with 18 points and 14 rebounds but it wasn't enough to help guide the team on senior night Saturday as it fell to Illinois State 57-49.

Four seniors — forwards Matt Shaw and Randal Falker along with guards Dion Coopwood and Tyrone Green — were honored before Saturday night's matchup as it was the last time they would play a game on the SIU Arena hardwood.

The loss snapped a five-game win streak dating back to Feb. 13 and handed the Salukis the No. 3 seed in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, which begins Thursday in St. Louis.

Junior guard Bryan Mullins added eight points and Green added six points for the Salukis' offense, which shot just 16.7 percent from the 3-point line and 31.6 percent overall from the floor.

Coach Chris Lowery said the lack of production from the line wasn't the Salukis' downfall, but being too passive on both sides of the court hurt the team in the long run.

"We didn't get the ball where it needed to be," Lowery said. "We took shots that were last resort."

Lowery said the Salukis' lack of effort in attacking the zone hurt their chances of coming out with a victory.

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BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior forward Matt Shaw waves at the crowd during senior night at the SIU Arena Saturday. Seniors Shaw, Randal Falker, Tyrone Green and Dion Coopwood played for the final time in front of a home crowd during the 57-49 loss.

Shot selection dooms SIU

Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

When it came to scoring points in the Salukis' final regular season game, it was a matter of quality over quantity.

SIU attempted 17 more shots than the Redbirds Saturday night but it was all for naught as the Salukis fell 57-49 to Illinois State. The loss marked the second time in seven years that a conference foe defeated

the Salukis at home.

Early indications showed it would be a slow offensive night for both teams with the first five possessions resulting in turnovers and the first field goal not coming until nearly three minutes into the contest.

With 10 minutes remaining in the first half, both teams established offensive identities as the Redbirds (22-8, 13-5) attacked off the dribble with their guards and the Salukis (17-13, 11-7) looked for catch-and-shoot

opportunities late in the shot clock.

Illinois State guard Osiris Eldridge thrived in the offensive set as he continuously took his man off the dribble and hit fade-away jump shots from the baseline. Eldridge finished with 27 points and seven rebounds.

Redbird coach Tim Jankovich said the best way to counter SIU's aggressiveness was to let Eldridge create his own offense.

"We don't run many plays," Jankovich said. "I'm just not a play guy, so a good deal of that was just (Eldridge) making some great individual plays."

SIU attempted to counter with its

own catch-and-shoot approach that was effective during the team's five-game winning streak. The Salukis were 46 percent from behind the arc during the streak, but went only 4-for-24 against Illinois State.

After struggling from the outside, the Salukis looked to get the ball into the post. Senior forward Randal Falker wasn't established until five minutes remaining in the first half and struggled to get the ball consistently throughout the game despite scoring 18 points and ripping down 14 rebounds.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SIU loses despite senior efforts

Matt Hartwig
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Three seniors shined in their final Missouri Valley Conference home game in an SIU women's basketball uniform, but it still wasn't enough to get a win.

The Salukis were defeated 74-69 by Northern Iowa Saturday at the SIU Arena, marking the ninth loss in their last 10 games.

SIU coach Dana Eikenberg said it was a tough loss because of how hard the seniors played.

"I thought they worked really hard today because obviously they're playing with a lot of emotion and it's their last home game and they want to leave it all out there," Eikenberg said. "That's kind of what we wanted them to do to all year."

Senior guards Erin Pauk and Jayme Sweere led the Salukis (8-18, 4-12 MVC) offensively. Sweere had a game-high 25 points with Pauk adding 15. Senior forward Cortney Sales grabbed a

game-high 11 rebounds.

"Obviously, it's been a struggle all year for all of us and it hasn't gone the way we expected it to go," a teary eyed Pauk said. "It was the last chance to play your heart out in front of the home crowd and that's what I did."

The trio's effort wasn't enough to slow down freshman guard Jacqui Kalin as the speedy guard hit a handful of shots in traffic for the Panthers (12-16, 8-9).

None were as important as the last one she hit with 1:19 left in the game.

SIU was down by two, but Kalin's dagger from just inside the 3-point arc put it out of reach. She finished with 20 points.

The Salukis continued their dominant 3-point defense Saturday, limiting Northern Iowa to 2-of-11 shooting in the first half and 7-of-23 in the game.

Junior guard Erica Smith said they tried to be in the passing lanes during every defensive possession and be ready for a steal.

SIU will return to action Thursday trying to play the spoiler role at Illinois State.

The Redbirds (22-4, 12-3) are a half-



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Susan Sweere, right, supported her daughter, senior guard Jayme Sweere, during senior night Saturday afternoon at the SIU Arena. Other graduating seniors included Erin Pauk and Cortney Sales.

game behind Evansville for the MVC title with only two regular season games left.

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