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Survivors survey tornado damage
Residents seek solace through community kinship

Brenda Hill, of Harrisburg, delivers mail Thursday to the portion of her route mostly left unaffected by Wednesday’s tornado.

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

Patricia Roberts and her friend Connie Morse sat in lawn chairs in front of Roberts’ destroyed duplex Thursday, waiting for insurance adjusters.

Five of the six deaths that resulted from the storms in Harrisburg Wednesday were in identical duplexes to Roberts’ Brady Street home.

For Roberts, the roof of her house smashed her car, her bedroom ceiling was sunken in to the floor and the walls of her living room were missing.

The two women reflected the emotions of the community, which was hit by the EF4 tornado at 4:56 a.m. Wednesday with wind speeds up to 170 mph, the second-most powerful on the Enhanced Fujita Scale.

“I cry a lot,” Roberts said in reference to how she is dealing with the devastated area.

While the state has sent help and a communication trailer to allow interaction between emergency responders, many in the community spent Thursday like those on Brady Street — trying to find lost belongings, pets, family photos and beginning to think about how they could return to normal life.

Just blocks away from where the tornado caused the most damage, Brenda Hill, a mail carrier, delivered letters and packages to homes with minimal damage.

Hill, a Harrisburg resident, said she hoped getting people their mail gave them a sense of normalcy.

“I’m getting out and walking and I’m not supposed to,” she said. “But I will do it for my customers.”

Hill, who was not allowed to deliver to areas blocked off by police, said she normally would deliver mail to some of those killed in the storm. She said she grew up with one of the men who died, and knew the victims on Brady Street whose houses were leveled.

“It’s bad. I’ve cried,” she said.

Amidst the wreckage, Ameren Corporation workers toiled all day Thursday, to try and restore power by using chainaws to move trees that had fallen on power lines.

As of 3 p.m. 660 customers in Harrisburg were still without power and Ameren had sent 430 personnel to the area, said Leigh Morris, Ameren spokesman. He said 334 customers in Ridgway and 534 in Mounds were without power.

Morris said power should be restored to most customers by late this evening.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with everybody in Harrisburg,” he said. “This is something that takes on a level of meaning far beyond a storm.”

While Dale Barnfield’s house was destroyed, he focused on one thing Thursday — finding his beagle, Baby.

After he spent the night in his niece’s home, Barnfield woke up before dawn to look for the dog.

Much of Barnfield’s house still stood, but he said it will have to be demolished. From the sidewalk the interior of the living room was visible, furniture untouched, with only an overturned television — and the lack of an exterior wall — showing that it had been hit by the storm. A window next to the bed, where he slept when the storm hit, was gone, leaving shattered glass on the floor. Miller said when her uncle put his shoes on, there were glass shards inside.

His house was built before 1917, when his family moved in. Barnfield, 82, has lived there his entire life.

His niece, Carly Miller, called the Saline County Animal Control and other animal shelters to try to find the dog for most of the day.

“We care more about the dog than he does the house,” she said. “He won’t rest until he finds her.”

Barnfield, who never married and has no children, said he will stay at Miller’s house until he can rebuild on his property.

“In a strange bed, you don’t sleep too good,” he said. “I got about an hour of sleep. I was thinking about what I need to do today.”

At around 3 p.m. the family still looked for the dog, after they spotted it twice in the neighborhood. Miller said the dog is scared and probably won’t come to anyone but Barnfield.

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TORNADO 101

HOW TO PREPARE FOR DISASTER

• Have a family tornado plan in place. Know where you can take shelter in a matter of seconds, and practice a family tornado drill at least once a year.
• Set a place to meet after a disaster. Flying debris is the greatest danger in tornadoes; so store protective coverings (e.g., mattress, sleeping bags, thick blankets, etc) in or next to your shelter space, ready to use on a few seconds’ notice.
• When a tornado watch is issued, think about this drill and check to make sure your safety supplies are handy. Turn on TV, radio or NOAA Weather Radio.
• Forget about the old notion of opening windows to equalize pressure; the tornado will blast open the windows for you.

• If you shop frequently at certain stores, learn where there are bathrooms, storage rooms or other interior shelter areas away from windows, and the shortest ways to get there.

• All administrators of schools, shopping centers, nursing homes, hospitals, sports arenas, stadiums, mobile home communities and offices should have a tornado safety plan in place, with signs posted to direct everyone to shelter.

• Schools and office building managers should regularly run well-coordinated drills. If you are planning to build a house, consider an underground tornado shelter or an interior “safe room.”

SOURCE: NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

HOW TO BUILD A DISASTER SAFETY KIT

• Water: one gallon per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.
• Food: at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.
• Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, and extra batteries for both.
• Flashlight and extra batteries.
• Whistle to signal for help.
• Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.
• Most downhill flows, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
• Whips or pliers to turn off utilities.
• Manual can opener.
• Call phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger.

SOURCE: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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The Weather Channel® 5-day weather forecast for Carbondale

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More money may be coming out of university employees’ pockets for pensions.

In his Feb. 22 budget address, Gov. Pat Quinn indicated a reformation of the state’s pension system is needed in order to reduce the $85 billion the state owes for pensions. SIU President Glenn Poshard expressed concerns over state employees, but that 90 percent of employees will be covered Wednesday at a presentation on pension reform.

The Student Center Auditorium was filled when Poshard spoke about the causes, effects and possible solutions to the state pension problem. Part of the problem, Quinn explained in his address, is that while pension costs have grown drastically over recent years, the state has had to borrow money to make payments.

Poshard based his presentation on information from a study by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois, which states the goals of pension reform are to provide retirement security for employees, maintain financial sustainability for the system and hold down pension costs.

All university employees receive their pension benefits under the State Universities Retirement System. A reformed SERS system, Poshard said, must have secure and reliable funding sources, which could come from employees, the employer, SIU and the state.

“The burden of fixing the system has to be shared,” he said. “There is no easier way to fix it.”

As a part of the IGPA study, the group formed a proposal to reform SERS that contrasts with current proposed legislation and a 2010 change to pensions.

Recent Reform

Poshard said all employees hired before Jan. 1, 2011 in Tier 1 employees. Tier 2 employees are those hired after Jan. 1.

Some of the differences, Poshard said, are that Tier 1 employees may retire at age 55, while the normal retirement age for Tier 2 employees is 65. Tier 1 employees’ benefits are also calculated differently. Tier 1 employees’ final salaries are calculated based on the highest of four consecutive years out of the previous 10 years. For Tier 2 employees, an average of the top eight years, instead of four, will be used, Poshard said.

Senate Bill 512

While the Tier system is already in place because of 2010 legislation, Poshard said Senate Bill 512 would have Tier 1 employees pay about 15 percent toward pension benefits, an increase from the current 17.31 percent.

He said under the bill’s current proposal, Tier 1 employees may continue to pay the same amount, but will receive less benefits.

For employees not interested in either option, Poshard said there is also an option for a self-managed plan. Under this proposal, employees would contribute the same amount as before, but they would not gain benefits after they switch.

Although the proposed legislation may cause a change in the cost, some employees are paying for their pension plans, Poshard said one productive outcome that could come from the bill is a stable pension-funding system.

“There is a significant value to having a pension program that is largely fully funded,” he said. “It gives employees a degree of certainty about their future pension.”

The bill may propose a way to help the state deficit for pensions, but the cost it places on employees, Chancellor Rita Cheng said, is too great.

“It’s concerning because it is not about shared sacrifice,” she said. “It puts too much of a burden on our employees.”

Cheng said nearly doubling the employees’ contribution would create a hardship for employees, as well as create a burden for SIU. She said she would prefer the proposed reform for pensions from IGPA over Bill 512.

IGPA Proposal

The IGPA proposal would ask employees to pay more. Under the plan, Poshard said, the “Normal Cost,” or the portion of the costs of the participant’s anticipated pension benefits, would be 20.5 percent. Of that amount, 11 percent would be the employee cost, 6.2 percent would be the state cost and 3.3 percent would be the university cost.

The money from the state, Poshard said, would come out of its state appropriations, so the state makes future cuts to higher education, the university may struggle to pay its percentage.

“We’ll just have to do it,” he said. “It’s what passes, that will mean certain things to all of us that work at the university.”

He said this plan is a way to solve the $85-billion deficit.

The IGPA proposal would also reduce the percentage of contribution for which Tier 1 and Tier 2 employees’ final salaries are calculated from 2.2 percent to 1.5 percent.

“This would generate a lot of cost savings for the state,” Poshard said.

He said participants and employers would both contribute the savings from that reduction to the “defined contribution plan,” a retirement plan where a certain amount of a percentage each month is set aside each year by the company for the benefit of the employee.

Employers, such as SIU, would contribute a 50-percent match on all employee contributions, up to 15 percent of their salary.

“This would substantially enhance the security of pension funding,” since individual employers would have legally binding responsibility to make annual contribution, which will reduce annual pension costs for the state,” he said.

A reduction in costs to the state, he said, would help the state reduce its pension debt.

Source of the Problem

Representative Mike Bost emphasized the state is not the only contributor toward the pension problem.

“It’s been painted for years that all of the problems exist because of the shorting of the state (money),” he said.

Poshard said in his presentation that the sources of pension problems are underfunding, the effects of the recent recession and the fact that a growing cost for benefits has not been matched by the state.

Bost said although attempted legislative changes have failed, it’s only about one-third fiscally responsible for the problem.

“When the numbers are run, they say that probably 13 percent of the problem in pension is because of the state,” he said.

Underfunding, Poshard said, has resulted from the state not contributing to SERS. He said if it had contributed over recent years, SERS might not have 17.2 billion in unfunded liability, or 54.7 percent of the pension cost for SERS.

“This ranks Illinois 50th among 50 states when it comes to adequately financing public pension,” he said.

Although Bost said he would like to see pension reform pass this spring, he said because it is an election year, doubts it will happen this legislative session.

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New RSO embraces esoteric religions, philosophies

The religious curiosity of students may now be satisfied with the help of a new RSO.

The Study of Esoteric Philosophy, esoteric meaning an idea preserved by a small group, meets weekly at the Student Center and asks members to embrace the concepts and philosophies of different religions through intellectual conversations and information sharing.

“SIU used to have a religious studies department but they phased that out so we try to fill in the gap with philosophies that are more esoteric and out of the mainstream,” said John Moro, a senior from Carbondale studying philosophy.

Moro heads the organization, which has around 20 members. He said the RSO discusses material such as the Kabbalah, Tantra, ceremonial magic, mystical interpretation and more.

The discussions are led primarily by Moro, who used to run an occult bookstore in the Carbondale area in the 1980s. He said he has since built up a large collection of books about various religions and shares his knowledge with the organization.

The organization consists of Buddhists, Hindus, Thelemites and those of other religions.

“As long as you don’t try and impose your view on anybody else, we’re OK with you,” Moro said.

Moro started the organization, he said, to help expand the interest of religions and philosophies in the Carbondale area. He said he believes people have an interest in the material today because the Internet has given them access to knowledge about relatively unknown religions.

Though new to the scene, the RSO has already undergone troubles.

“This is our first semester and we haven’t really been able to get off the ground, because this is the first week that someone hasn’t torn down the posters (for the RSO),” Moro said.

Moro said he believes people do so because they find the material controversial.

He said the removal of the posters has slowed the recruitment of any would-be members and kept the organization from becoming well-known.

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A former washroom served as the setting of a workshop for students to construct their very own violins Wednesday at the SIU Student Center.

Located in a Craft Room venue that was formerly the dishwashing room for restaurants at the Student Center, the Whole Violin Experience kicked off a two-month workshop where students can improve an old or broken violin or build one from scratch.

The group was led by Ryan Hacketh, a carpenter and instrument-maker from Carbondale. Hacketh is an avid musician and woodworker, and said he first became involved with teaching violin construction because he saw a need in the community.

"I had some local violin teachers tell me that their students were having trouble finding quality instruments," he said. "At first I did it to make a few bucks, because I knew there was a market for it, but then I did some research and realized that the acoustics of the violin are something that you put into it. If students learned how to put (acoustics) into it, it can be almost a religious experience."

Hacketh said building violins need to know that creating a good violin takes time and effort — something modern manufacturers don’t pay attention to.

"The discovery of how a violin moves and how to get the best sound out of it is unknown to a lot of people," he said. "One tenth of a millimeter can make a difference between right and wrong, and it’s really easy to overlook those things."

Ron Danski, manager of the Student Center Craft Shop, said he first attended Hacketh workshop six years ago to construct his own violin and has been attending ever since. He has now built three violins.

Danski said Hacketh’s love and knowledge of violins is important in creating an impressive product.

"Ryan knows how a violin works, and when it’s not right, he figures out what is causing it not to work," he said. "He finds the heart and soul of the instrument and uncovers it."

Danski said one of Hacketh best techniques for fixing a violin is tapping, or taking the violin apart and tapping on its individual parts to see what sound they make. If a piece is vibrating in the wrong place, it can cause the sound waves to bounce off of each other, canceling the notes out and muffling sound.

Hacketh said and one of the problems with companies that mass produce violins is they make them identically. He teaches that following a set standard when constructing a violin can be counterproductive.

"I know what I’m looking for, but I also know what the industry wants," he said. "I make violins to the extreme. I make the varnish thick. I make the arching high. I do everything ‘wrong’ because I want to prove that none of those things really matter. I don’t want people to think I make a ‘fake’ violin. I want it to be original."

Although none of the seven students at the workshop left with anything to show after their first night, they will finish the program with a completed violin they built.

Each student said they were drawn to the class for different reasons.

Diene Harshbarger, a graduate student studying plant biology from Crestwood, Fla., said she saw fliers advertising the program and became interested because she enjoys music with violins.

"I listen to a lot of bluegrass music and I really like the fiddle," she said. "I’ve always thought that it was a really cool instrument."

Josh Loyd, a middle-school student from Granite City, said he came to the workshop because he is part of a long line of musicians.

"I’ve played for three years and violin playing is in my genes," he said. "My great-granddad came over from Europe as a musician and his son made the violin that I play now."

Now he can make a violin of his own.

"For some, the draw toward playing the violin is just to be a little different than the rest," Danski said. Much like Hacketh’s philosophy on instrument construction, playing the violin is a way for a musician to be distinct.

"When you go out and play with other people, you notice that everyone plays guitar," Danski said. "But if you want to stand out, play something else. Why not play the violin?"

The Whole Violin Experience meets from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Craft Shop.
Tapping more fossil fuels is likely to be fossil foolish

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Editor’s note: The writer is addressing the question, “Is restraint on tapping into America’s energy reserves hurting economic recovery?”

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Can major new investments in American oil, gas and coal production send our economy soaring? President Obama seems to think so. He forecasts sunny job growth in the natural gas sector, in particular. Natural gas jobs could number as many as 600,000 by decade’s end, the president proclaimed in his 2012 State of the Union.

That news may come as a surprise to shale drillers in parts of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Several companies plan to extract less gas in 2012 than in 2011. Why? Natural gas prices are near 10-year lows and some wells are losing money. Breakthroughs in gas extraction — in particular, hydraulic fracturing or “fracking” — have made gas cheap and abundant. Gas inventories are piling up, and if reserves go unsold, expect prices to fall further.

The natural gas glut has repercussions in other parts of the energy sector. Comparatively expensive solar has lost its luster and cheap gas could knock the wind out of wind — especially if Congress allows tax credits for wind energy to expire. Dirtier parts of the national energy portfolio are suffering, too. Cheap gas is partly to blame for recent layoffs in Appalachian coal mines.

Fut inventories of natural gas and plunging prices hurt energy jobs, but shouldn’t any industry that depends on fossil fuels feel blessed? And what about manufacturers of products made directly from cheap fossil fuels? Consider, for example, that natural gas contains ethane which can be converted into ethylene — a compound used in thousands of products.

In the natural gas-rich Marcellus Shale Formation — concentrated largely in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia — big plants are under way to crack ethane into ethylene, promising thousands of temporary construction jobs and hundreds of hires in chemical production. All of this sounds good for the economy, but there are some important caveats.

Cheap energy for the ethylene industry — or any industry — is wonderful, so long as there is sustained consumer demand. If the chemical industry produces too much ethylene, it risks the same predicament that natural gas drillers have today: prices drop, producers go into a funk and line workers see pink slips.

What ails the economy isn’t solved by new investments in coal mines, oil fields, and gas wells unless people are consuming. Post-recession personal consumption has badly lagged the previous two economic recoveries. Stiffly high unemployment rates are a big part of the problem. So is a deflated housing market and feeble levels of residential investment.

Past economic recoveries were led in large part by housing construction. Not this time. Current stocks and flows of energy are adequate to meet the needs of a slowly awakening housing sector.

Meanwhile, prospective full-bore development of American offshore oil won’t have a major dampening effect on gas prices nor will the modest additions to our crude oil supply from TransCanada’s currently-stalled Keystone XL pipeline project.

Drill all you want, baby. But don’t be a cry baby when gas prices stay high. What works to make natural gas affordable currently doesn’t work the same way for oil. Gas injection and other enhanced oil recovery methods are more complicated and costly to deploy than fracking.

Let’s assume for the sake of argument that a big burst of investment — public, private or both — in fossil-fuel production really shifts our economy into high gear in 2012. Can’t complain, right? Wrong, once the long-term costs are accounted for. A fossil-fuel intensive economic recovery may generate jobs in areas we never really intended: experts at repairing groundwater fouled by fracking, doctors skilled at treating asthmaics, idled fishermen doming hazmat suits, scrubbing oil off the beaches, and so on.

Fossil fuels are the engines of our economy. We are dumb to develop and bring these fuels to market in the absence of robust demand. We are dumb and dirty if we extract and burn these fuels without anticipating the public health and environmental consequences.
Joshua Shapiro, a freshman from Graylake studying communication, is an example of those who are interested but uninformed.

“I would be interested in joining. This sounds like a good source of knowledge about a topic few people know a lot about,” Shapiro said.

He said he thinks tearing down the RSO’s posters is immature, and he was unaware of the organization.

The few members said they’ve enjoyed the material covered, though.

“It’s a really good outlet for information and sharing information about different philosophies and religions, and you don’t get that in a lot of other groups,” said Christa Bourbeau, a Carbondale Bourbeau, resident who’ll begin classes in the fall.

Bourbeau said she has been with the RSO since the first meeting earlier this semester. She said the group always has good discussion, especially because the members are diverse.

She said everyone who comes is welcome to lead a topic or suggest one.

Brandon Hale, a graduate student in social sciences and religious studies at the University of Chicago and SIU alumnus, said the group can be a good place to network and learn about other religions.

“I think (the RSO) brings a much-needed space for students to express themselves religiously and spiritually when those beliefs may not be mainstream,” he said.

Hale said he helped convince Moreno to start the RSO.

He said he believes the town and the university should work together more to talk about less well-known beliefs.

But the RSO may not be for everyone.

“I’m not going to recommend it to everybody. Whoever wants to learn about different philosophies is welcome,” said Williams Martinez, a graduate student from Carbondale in English rhetoric and composition.

He said he has been a member for four months and thinks the group opens people’s perspectives on philosophy and culture.

The RSO meets at 7:30 on Wednesdays on the second floor of the Student Center.

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criticism grows over NYPD's Muslim spying

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TRENTON, N.J. — New York City's Police Department is facing mounting criticism of its secret surveillance of Muslims across the Northeast, with ACLU chapters and numerous other groups demanding an investigation and New Jersey's governor accusing the NYPD of arrogantly acting as if "their jurisdiction is the world."

The intelligence-gathering was detailed in a series of stories by The Associated Press, which reported that police monitored mosques and Muslims around the metropolitan area and kept tabs on Muslim student groups at universities in upstate New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The department also sent an undercover agent on a whitehate rafting trip with college students.

The tactics have stirred debate over whether the NYPD is trampling on the civil rights of Muslims and illegally engaging in religious and ethnic profiling.

"They should be spending their time looking at the more specific behavior that ought to draws their attention and make them investigate a person or a group. But simply gathering to pray or going on a whitehate rafting trip really shouldn't be a source of suspicion," Mary Catherine Roper, an attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, said Thursday.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has argued that the NYPD's actions are legal and necessary in a city under constant threat of another terrorist attack like 9/11 and that police have the right to travel beyond the city limits to do their job.

His office had no comment on the latest criticism, and the NYPD didn't respond to a request for comment.

On Thursday, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie accused the department of ignoring a key lesson of Sept. 11 by not sharing information with New Jersey law enforcement agencies when it conducted surveillance in Newark. N.J. Christie was U.S. attorney for New Jersey in 2007 when the intelligence-gathering occurred, and he said he doesn't recall being briefed.

"I11 was not prevented because law enforcement agencies weren't talking to each other, they were being selfish, they were being provincial, they were being paranoid, they were being arrogant," Christie said. "I do not want to return to those days."

Christie said New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly wouldn't want to have to explain himself if something went wrong because of a lack of coordination.

During a radio program Wednesday night, Christie went even further, with some of his harshest criticism yet. He said he didn't know whether the surveillance program was "born out of arrogance, or out of paranoia, or out of both." He mocked Kelly as "all-knowing, all-seeing." And he said the NYPD had a "masters of the universe" mentality.

"They think that their jurisdiction is the world," said Christie. "Their jurisdiction is New York City."

The NYPD has said that it informed Newark officials about the intelligence operation and that Newark police were briefed before and after New York officials said the NYPD officers were not making arrests or conducting searches in New Jersey, and were thus acting within their authority.

"Christie did not take issue with the intelligence-gathering itself, instead faulting the NYPD for what he portrayed as a high-handed attitude and a lack of cooperation. "I understand we need people doing covert surveillance to protect the people of our state and our region," the governor said. "No problems with that. My concern is, why can't you communicate with the people here in New Jersey, with law enforcement here in New Jersey? Are we somehow not trustworthy?"

Similarly, on Thursday, Christie would not weigh in on whether he thought the Muslim civil rights groups were violated, saying his attorney general is looking into that.

Christie's comments draw praise from Muslim leader Aref Assaf, head of the American Arab Forum, based in Paterson, N.J.

"I'm so gratified. I'm honored to be a resident of the state of New Jersey under his leadership," Assaf said.

"He doesn't mince words. He was unambiguous about the incursion of the NYPD into our state without proper protocols."

Newark Mayor Cory Booker did not address the spying during his state of the city address Thursday night, but talked about the situation with reporters afterward.

Booker said that Muslims in Newark had expressed deep concerns about the spying to him. He said that revelations about the spying had caused "enormous harm to Muslims in Newark."

"People are saying they are afraid to pray in mosques," Booker said. "They are afraid to eat in restaurants. A chill has been put on my community; the pain and the anguish is real."

"We are in a very difficult position in our city with the climate that has been created."

Booker said the city is developing new procedures in which he would be notified if a similar operation was being undertaken.

The ACLU of Pennsylvania, along with 20 other organizations, including Muslim student groups at the University of Pennsylvania, called on state authorities Thursday to investigate the surveillance. A spokesman for Pennsylvania Attorney General Edward J. Interface did not immediately return a message. The ACLU of Connecticut and nine other groups made a similar request in that state.

Earlier this week, the U.S. Justice Department said it is undertaking a review of the NYPD's surveillance efforts.

Fatima Kutty of Long Island, N.Y., a New York University senior, gathered with other students, faculty and clergy on the NYU campus Wednesday to discuss the recent discovery of surveillance by the New York Police Department on Muslim communities.
“She’s trying to come home,” Miller said.

The Rev. Robert Gray, SIU police chaplain, said when people go through a massive loss they tend to hold on to things they can control.

“People hold on to things. If they can find a picture, if they can find an animal, family, friends, anything — and that’s why you’ll hear people talk about being so thankful to God that they’re alright, because for a lot of people, God is something they can hold on to,” he said. Gray said those affected by the storm may also depend on those who have come to help.

“I think people are amazed that so many people care about them, so many strangers,” he said. “Whether it’s Joplin or Harrisburg, people aren’t so much looking for government to fix it, as they are amazed that strangers are coming in to cut up trees and limbs.”

Chris McCcloud, spokesman for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, said in terms of financial help from the state, it will likely be in the coming weeks and months when storm analysis is completed. McCcloud said IEMA has been in constant contact with emergency responders and local police and the agency will continue to assist them.

Many in the community who were not directly affected tried to help with the recovery.

Stephanie Moore, junior from Harrisburg studying special and elementary education, said she was shocked by how many people came out to help the community.

Lambert woke early Thursday to clean up her home, which had broken windows and a torn-down garage. After she spent the morning in a town declared a disaster area by Gov. Pat Quinn Friday, Lambert traveled back to take a midterm.

She said Carbondale felt another world compared to the devastated area she had been in for hours. When she returned home after her midterm, Lambert said her street was so filled with trucks that walking space was minimal. As she walked through, Lambert saw she realized all of the vehicles belonged to volunteers and friends.

“There were people I had never seen before in my life, and this is a small town,” she said. “You can take something like this and say, ‘Wow, we really do have a great community.’ Everyone’s connected, and they’re all able to come together through it.”

Although the experience was devastating, Lambert said it has allowed her to cherish what she does have. She said it’s hard to be negative when her family and friends have surrounded her with love.

“A twister tearing through your home and you not dying is a very humbling experience,” Lambert said. “(My family is) one of the lucky ones.” Miller said it was unlike the people of Harrisburg to pull after such a disaster. “Harrisburg is pretty resilient,” she said. “You won’t see anyone not doing anything.”

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SIU turned the ball right back as Indiana State sophomore guard Jake Odum stole Bocot’s in-bounds pass, and the Sycamores finished the game on an 15-5 run.

“We did weather their storm a little bit,” Odum said. “We’ve learned a little bit over the year. We’ve let some slip away in conference.”

Odum finished with a game-high 17 points and eight rebounds.

Indiana State hit 12-of-12 from beyond the arc in its last match-up with SIU Feb. 11, but they only hit 3-of-7 Thursday. The Sycamores were 21-of-46 from the field.

SIU finished the game shooting 16-of-50 from the field and 3-of-12 from beyond the arc.

“I’m a defensive-minded guy. We’ve worked more on shooting than I’ve ever done, ever,” coach Chris Lowery said. “To not reap any benefits from it, that’s what was disappointing.”

With the season officially over, Bocot said the Salukis have a lot to look forward to the talented crop of underclassmen on the team.

“They just (have) to keep their head up. They’re young, they have a lot of growing to do,” Bocot said. “But they’re great players. I love the freshman class. They work hard and do everything right.”

As for Lowery, he said the speculation about his job status caused anxiety with the team during the season, and that his future with the program is out of his hands.

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Coach Chris Lowery yells at his players Thursday during the first round of the MVC Tournament in St. Louis. Lowery is under pressure for his team’s performance this season, which includes a 7-game losing streak.

Freshman guard Cartaasha Macklin attempts a layup Thursday during the Salukis’ game against Indiana State University at the SIU Arena. Macklin has broken both the SIU freshman scoring record and the single-season free-throw record this season. Please see www.dailyEgyptian.com for the full story.
Salukis’ season ends with MVC loss

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The Salukis are one-and-done in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, losing 66-51 in the first round against Indiana State.

The Salukis (8-23, 5-14 MVC) couldn’t hit water at the bottom of a lake in the first half against Indiana State (17-13, 9-10 MVC), going 6-of-23 from the field, including 1-of-7 from three.

“We missed (freshman forward Daniel Daniels) in the first half. We should have established him way earlier,” said senior guard Justin Bocot.

“Maybe, down the road, that would have made their defense change ... and it would have helped our guards get free.”

Daniels finished the game with five points on 2-of-4 from the field.

SIU went almost six minutes without hitting a shot until senior forward Mamadou Seck hit a jumper with nine minutes and two seconds left in the first half to make the Indiana State lead 15-13.

Seck finished the game — and his career — with his 10th double-double of the season, scoring 14 points and 11 rebounds. He played all 40 minutes.

“Our inside game was working more,” Seck said. “We had to find our bigs inside, and we didn’t make a shot outside, so that really hurt us.”

Seck was visibly disappointed after the game, breaking down at the podium after he said his goal was to get SIU to the NCAA tournament.

Indiana State went into halftime with a 30-23 lead, and SIU kept the score close in the first part of the second half. Indiana State was up 51-46 with three minutes and 49 seconds left in the game, but Sycamore senior forward Carl Richard turned the ball over after a violation on an in-bounds play from the baseline.

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Zumba classes shake things up at the Recreation Center

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A workout doesn’t have to be a grueling experience, filled with the grunts and strains of a body under pressure. Proof to this testament was seen in the Tuesday night Zumba class at the Recreation Center, where nearly 140 participants danced themselves into shape.

The high-intensity dance aerobics of Zumba seemed to create a gender gap among people at the Recreation Center, as bowled weightlifters cruised by the classes jokingly imitating momentarily seen Zumba moves.

In Zumba, it becomes clear upon entry that all pride should be left at the door for first-time participants.

The gender ratio is mostly female, and the hip gyration needed to properly participate can often serve as an obstacle to men without the necessitated “whip” in their hips. But even if you can’t keep time, an hour’s worth of alien muscle movement will segue to soreness come morning.

Charley Robinson, a sophomore studying musical theatre, said he found Zumba a little more familiar his first time around than some of the other rookie members.

“With my major I have to dance a lot,” Robinson said. “I take a lot of dance classes, but this is really fun to me.”

Fun plays a huge role in Zumba, and being bashful has no place. Even if dancing isn’t your thing, Zumba is a great way to let loose and learn a thing or two about what it really takes to shake what your momma gave you.

Briania Novelli, a sophomore studying international studies, said she’s addicted to Zumba.

“It’s the highlight of my day,” Novelli said. “I downloaded all of the Zumba songs and do them at my apartment.”

Zumba appeals to music and dance lovers as a fun and upbeat way to decrease stress and improve their mood.

Kelsey Bunner, a junior studying biological sciences, and Grace Kerr, a junior studying exercise science, have co-taught Zumba and Zumba Tone classes at the Recreation Center for more than a year.

Both have seen their classes grow in diversity and size, and both said they are true believers in the power of their craft.

“It’s become popular because people don’t know they’re working out,” Bunner said. “There are a lot of different Zumba classes here for all sorts of people.”

Grace Kerr, right, a junior studying exercise science, leads a Zumba dance class Wednesday in the Recreation Center. The Recreation Center offers three different varieties of Zumba classes, hosting at least one class six days a week.

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