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STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dave Barkemeyer, left, a senior from Bannockburn studying plant and soil sciences, help Tomas Velasco choose plants Thursday at the Horticulture Association Plant Sale. The plants for sale included annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs and tropical house plants.

May flowers bring stuffiness, sneezing

Health Center offers allergy aids

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The sun was shining. The birds were singing. The flowers were blooming.

Jacob Abbott was sneezing.

Abbott, a junior from Marion studying foreign language and national trade, suffers from seasonal allergies that give him itchy eyes, a runny nose and general misery for several months each year.

He is not alone. Roughly 50 million Americans endure allergies, resulting in nearly 400 million missed or lost work days per year, according to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

Charles Clemens, medical chief of staff at the Student Health Center, said this time of year always brings an influx of students suffering from allergies — though some may not realize it at first.

“A lot of people don’t know they have an allergy,” Clemens said. “They just think they have a cold for three weeks.”

Clemens said students could treat their ailments with over-the-counter medicine such as Zyrtec or Claritin. But if students continue to experience symptoms, they should visit the health center.

“We’ve got other, bigger, more powerful medicines,” he said.

Abbott recalled the day his allergies began this year, when sunshine and warm temperatures followed the early rains of spring.

“Everyone was enjoying that day, but not

me,” Abbot said. “I could smell the pollen.”

Clemens said doctors would determine if a student has allergies based largely on history.

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— Charles Clemens
Student Health Center
medical chief of staff

Students should receive treatment early to avoid furthering their own discomfort or developing a sinus infection, he said.

“The main thing is it just makes you miserable,” Clemens said.

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Source: Charles Clemens, medical chief of staff at the Student Health Center DeAndre Elion ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Benefit aims to save children



PROVIDED PHOTO

Tim Rochman holds his daughter Elise. Elise was diagnosed with Tay-Sachs and will be honored at the Tay-Sachs Benefit Concert at Blue Sky Vineyard Saturday.

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Wine, music and the chance to help cure a fatal disease will combine at the Blue Sky Vineyard Saturday.

The vineyard will host the third annual benefit concert for Tay-Sachs, a fatal genetic disorder that affects one of every 250 children worldwide. Children with Tay-Sachs usually die by age four and no treatment currently exists for the disease.

The benefit, held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Makanda, will

include a silent auction and live music throughout the day, with all proceeds going to national Tay-Sachs foundations for treatment research.

According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Tay-Sachs is a fatal genetic disorder where nerve cells become swollen with fatty material after the first few months of life. The disease causes a deterioration of mental and physical abilities, eventually leaving the child blind, deaf, paralyzed and unable to swallow.

Fern Talmar, a Blue Sky

employee, said the benefit began in honor of Elise Rochman, the granddaughter of Blue Sky Vineyard’s owner Barrett Rochman.

Three-year-old Elise was diagnosed with Tay-Sachs at 11 months, said her father, Tim Rochman.

Rochman, who stays home full-time to care for his daughter, said Elise had been progressing normally for the first six months of her life. Around seven months, she began to have trouble reach-

ing the normal milestones of a child’s development, he said.

“I was always thinking she’ll catch up because people would say, you know, they would give you their past experience that babies learn at different times,” he said.

Rochman said one of the hardest things he had to do was tell his wife, Karri, that their daughter had a fatal genetic disorder. After that it becomes about how to deal with it, he said.

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CALENDAR

Division of Continuing Education

The Individualized Learning Program is offering extended testing hours (last available time to schedule is 5:30 p.m.) for students on the following dates: today and May 5 to May 9. On Saturday, testing starting at 10 a.m. and last available time to schedule is noon. To schedule a test, please call 536-7751.

Horticulture Association Plant Sale

• 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today in front of the Agriculture Building

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• Noon-4 p.m. Saturday at the Campus Boat Dock

SIUC Senior Thesis Show

• 7 p.m. Saturday at the Liberty Theatre
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NEWS BRIEFS

Recall amendment fails in state Senate

The Illinois Senate has failed to approve an amendment to the state's constitution that would allow voters to recall elected officials. The measure has been heavily debated during the past year and was supported by Gov. Rod Blagojevich, despite how legislators have said he would be targeted. The amendment needed 36 approval votes, but was shy by three. Two senators voted present, which means they did not cast a decisive vote.

Not one minute after the Senate president read the result, a heated debate arose among the amendment's supporters. Sen. Dale Righter, a Republican from Mattoon, called for a similar amendment be put on the calendar for immediate discussion. The "presiding officer" said he would take the motion into consideration.

Today's vote comes after Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan told the state's representatives he would call a weekend session of the House if the Senate approved the amendment.

The state's voters must also approve a constitutional amendment during a general election. The legislature has until Sunday to approve the amendment if they want the issue to appear on the ballot this November.

The failed amendment is listed as SJRCA70, and the amendment pressed by Righter is HJRCA28.

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House orders formal audit of grant mistake

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Without a single dissenting vote, the Illinois House has ordered a review of how the Blagojevich administration awarded a \$1 million grant to the wrong organization.

The House voted 105-0 Thursday to have the state auditor investigate. Legislators say they are sick of not getting any answers from Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

They say his office has had plenty of time to explain how the grant went to the wrong organization. They suggested the administration is trying to hide incompetence or misconduct.

The money was meant for Chicago's Pilgrim Baptist Church to help it rebuild after a fire. Instead, the money was awarded to the Loop Lab School, which rented space there.

Tennessee to seek death if trucker convicted in killing of woman

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — An Illinois trucker, who prosecutors think killed at least four women in up to three states, could be put to death if convicted in a Nashville, Tenn., murder.

The Davidson County prosecutor's office said it would seek the death penalty against Bruce Mendenhall in a notice filed during a hearing Thursday in the killing of Sara Nicole Hulbert, 25, of Nashville, Tenn.

Her body was found June 26 at a truck stop along Interstate 24 in Nashville, Tenn.

Susan Niland, a spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office, said jury selection was set for Jan. 26 with opening statements scheduled for Feb. 2.

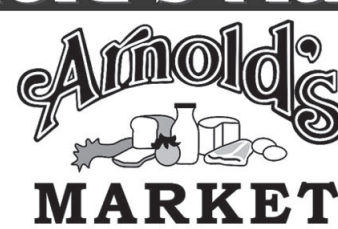
Mendenhall of Albion pleaded not guilty.

He is also charged in the June 6 shooting death of Symantha Winters, 48, who had also been shot and her body stuffed into a trash can at a truck stop in Lebanon, Tenn., roughly 25 miles east of Nashville, Tenn., along I-40.

Authorities in Birmingham, Ala., have charged Mendenhall in the killing of Lucille "Gretna" Carter, 44. Her body was found July 1 next to a trash bin on a service road.

An Indiana prosecutor charged Mendenhall with murder in the July 12 slaying of Carma Purpura, 31, whose body was not found.

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Romanian student becomes a role model

Jenn Lofton
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A soft-spoken woman with hopes and dreams traveled more than 6,000 miles from her native land and unexpectedly became an inspiration to SIUC students.

Growing up in the southwestern region of Romania, Georgeta Hodis said she always had the desire to expand culturally and pursue a higher education. Hodis wondered what it would be like to interact with American students and adapt to a culture that was different from hers.

Hodis' opportunity came in 2001 when her husband Flaviu Hodis decided he wanted to come to the United States to continue his education.

Although it was a drastic change, Hodis said anxiety about leaving her comfort zone never crossed her mind. She was excited to start a new life in southern Illinois and see what doors of opportunity she could open.

"I wasn't nervous at all to come here, but I thought about running into some problems because of the language barrier," Hodis said.

After receiving a warm welcome from the university and the rest of the community, Hodis became less shy and more confident to learn English.

She began learning the basics of the language through American friends she had made before moving to the United States. She also

received extensive help from a former staff member from International Students and Scholars who met with her and other students daily to work on their speech, she said.

With the determination to succeed, Hodis was able to hold a full conversation in English two months after her arrival at SIUC.

"It was easy for me to learn so quickly because the Romanian alphabet is similar to the U.S. and so is the spelling of some words," Hodis said.

Carla Coppi, assistant director of International Students and Scholars, said the transformation Hodis has made since her arrival to the university has been remarkable.

"To see her go from a very shy person unable to speak English, to someone so outgoing and wanting to help new international students is astonishing," Coppi said.

Hodis is a volunteer for the new student orientation program

for International Students and Scholars. When each semester begins, her duties include greeting international students at the airport, bringing them to Carbondale and helping them adjust to their new surroundings.

Coppi said Hodis does a wonderful job helping students with financial questions, finding housing and becoming the right person to help them make the transition. It is very stressful for international students to leave their families and



BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

'It was easy for me to learn so quickly because the Romanian alphabet is similar to the U.S.' Georgeta Hodis said. Hodis came to the United States in 2001 with the intention of continuing her education. Coming with no knowledge of the English language, she was able to hold a conversation after two months.

come to a new place without knowing the language, she said.

Coppi said the best assistance an international student could receive is a person who can relate and share confidences.

Hodis said she enjoys being able to help others who were in the same situation she experienced seven years ago. Understanding how scared and reluctant students can be in a university setting is an important factor in giving them encouragement. Everyone who comes here from another country was in the same position when they arrived and it takes time to adjust, she said.

Sandeep Ramakrishnappa, a graduate student from India studying electrical engineering, said when he to Carbondale here he did not have any problems adjusting, but knows other students do.

Ramakrishnappa said seeing someone like Hodis get that involved has made her a role model. "Being able to learn a language in two months and then teach them is definitely an encouragement for new students who come here," Ramakrishnappa said.

While Hodis works on her doctoral degree, she continues to help others in International Students and

Scholars as well as her students in her speech communication classes. Hodis said she hopes other students who come here learn that making the move to a new country may be hard at first, but they will be able to get through it.

"When students come here it is important they preserve their own culture, but adapting to a new one can be used to their advantage and end up being a great experience," she said.

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assistant director of International Students and Scholars

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Combat vets face hurdles as students

Martha Quillin
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

RALEIGH, N.C. — Sgt. Natasha McKinnon survived losing part of her left leg to an improvised bomb in Iraq. Now that she's back, she's trying to find her balance in college life. Sometimes she can't recall a professor's name. She loses track of test dates. Occasionally, she forgets she has pulled off her prosthetic leg to rest her stump during a long lecture, only to tilt off balance when she tries to stand.

As tens of thousands of veterans of the fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq try to collect on their promised college benefits, McKinnon and others are finding that their combat experience complicates the transition from soldier to student.

Some have trouble collecting the government money that is supposed to pay for college, or they discover that the benefits aren't nearly enough to cover tuition and other bills. While their classmates complain about homework and hangovers, many vets struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, the effects of traumatic brain injury, lost limbs and a range of chronic medical problems.

"Not only am I a full-time student," McKinnon said during a break between classes, "I'm a full-time patient. It takes a toll, mentally and physically. Sometimes I'm there in class, but only in body. Not in mind."

With 1.5 million service members coming out of military duty in Afghanistan and Iraq since October 2001, universities across the state and the nation have been anticipating a postwar influx and looking for ways to welcome veterans to campus.

North Carolina State University



NCSU freshman Natasha McKinnon makes her way across the campus to her next class, April 8, in Raleigh, N.C. McKinnon is an Iraq war veteran who lost the lower part of her left leg to an IED while in a convoy.
CHUCK LIDDY
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

has a historical connection to veterans; immediately after World War II, the campus was inundated with returning soldiers attending school on the generous GI Bill of 1944. By the fall of '46, they made up more than three-fourths of the university's enrollment, part of the national "GI Bulge" that sent 8 million vets to college or vocational training.

Compared to that flood, today's student veterans are a trickle, coming quietly onto campus a few at a

time, often without mentioning their military service.

No one tracks how many enrolled at NCSU are veterans. If they don't ask for help, the schools may never know they're there. That may be why many departments at NCSU have been slow to recognize that veterans might need special accommodations, says Cheryl Branker, NCSU's director of disability compliance.

Provisions can include priority seating near a door so a student vet

can leave quickly if the crowded room makes him anxious; a quiet room for taking tests, where other students' sudden movements won't send the vet into high alert; or relocating a class to a space that's wheelchair-accessible.

"These are people who have put themselves in harm's way, in a very dangerous place," Branker said. "I just don't see that a person could come back from that experience and the effects be mild. If there is a way to

help them, we want to do it."

Generally, Branker says, student vets fall into two groups. Reservists and National Guardsmen are usually in their 30s or older, back from combat duty they never really bargained for and now finally able to pursue the college education they always wanted. Then there are the soldiers in their 20s, who went into active duty shortly after high school, deployed overseas and came back aged beyond their years.

Senate panel votes to block money for Iraq reconstruction

Anne Flaherty
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A Senate panel has agreed unanimously to block the Defense Department from funding Iraq reconstruction projects worth more than \$2 billion and to begin to force Baghdad to cover the costs of training and equipping its security forces.

The provision, included in a 2009 defense policy bill approved this week by the Senate Armed Services Committee, comes as Democrats draft a similar provision within separate legislation that would cover this year's war spending.

The efforts are part of the latest push on Capitol Hill to get Iraq to spend more of its own money and spare U.S. taxpayers. Democrats and many Republicans say it is unfair that

Iraq is looking at pulling in as much as \$70 billion in oil revenues this year while Americans grapple with soaring fuel prices at the pump.

"We want to send a very powerful message to the Iraqis and to the administration as to the cost of this war and the absurdity that a country which is exporting 2 million barrels a day of oil, for which we are paying when it gets to the pump now \$3.50 a gallon" is not fully paying to rebuild itself, said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

The White House said Thursday that for American troops to be with-

drawn eventually from Iraq, money must be spent to help rebuild the country and train Iraqi troops.

"I think it's important that the Iraqis actually are spending a lot more on their reconstruction than maybe is commonly understood out there."

— Tony Fratto
White House deputy press secretary

most recent budget, they'll outspend the United States 10 to 1 on reconstruction. ... We are pretty much out of the business of very large reconstruction projects in Iraq."

Fratto did not say whether the

administration would threaten to veto the legislation. Lawmakers involved in drafting the bill said it was unlikely, particularly because of the bipartisan support it attracted.

"They didn't reject it," said Sen. Ben Nelson of closed-door negotiations this week with the National Security Council. Nelson, D-Neb., sponsored the provision along with Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Evan Bayh, D-Ind.

The defense policy bill, which will be considered by the full Senate later this month, would only affect Defense Department spending in 2009, which is estimated at \$612.5 billion. It is unclear how much of that money could potentially be used for reconstruction and therefore might be affected by the proposed restriction.

Levin said an attempt will be made on the Senate floor to expand to the

State Department the prohibition on using taxpayer money for major Iraqi reconstruction. The State Department handles most of the large rebuilding efforts.

"The intention here is to stop the funding of infrastructure by whatever department," he said.

The defense authorization legislation specifically supports smaller rebuilding projects, but would require the administration to work with Baghdad to obligate its own money first. It also says the U.S. must initiate negotiations with Iraq on a broader agreement to share the costs of combat operations in Iraq.

Instead of flatly prohibiting aid to the Iraqi security forces, the bill says the U.S. "shall take actions to ensure that Iraqi funds are used" to cover those costs, including the salaries of the forces and any payments to Sunnis who are part of the Awakening Movement.

WIRE REPORTS

INDIANA

Clinton jolted by defection of longtime superdelegate

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton was jolted Thursday by the defection of one of her longtime superdelegate supporters, a former national party chairman who urged fellow Democrats to "reject the old negative politics" and unify behind Barack Obama.

"A vote for Hillary Clinton is a vote to continue" a long, self-destructive Democratic campaign, Joe Andrew added in a letter designed to have an impact on the turbulent race nationally as well as in his home state of Indiana, site of a primary next week.

"A vote to continue this process is a vote that assists John McCain," Andrew wrote.

FLORIDA

Police: 'D.C. madam' kills herself weeks after conviction

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — A woman convicted two weeks ago of being the "D.C. Madam" hanged herself Thursday, apparently making good on her vow never to go to prison for running a high-end Washington prostitution ring.

The body of Deborah Jeane Palfrey was found in a shed near her mother's home roughly 20 miles northwest of Tampa. Police said the 52-year-old Palfrey left at least two suicide notes and other writings to her family in a notebook, but they did not disclose their contents.

Palfrey apparently hanged herself with nylon rope from the shed's ceiling. Her mother discovered the body.

Officers were outside the mother's white and pink home in the community of mostly retirees.

SOMALIA

US missile strike kills reputed al-Qaida leader in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — U.S. missiles destroyed the house of the man identified by the U.S. military as the top al-Qaida commander in Somalia, killing him and 10 others Thursday in a pre-dawn attack that analysts warned could torpedo peace talks.

The killing of Aden Hashi Ayro comes amid escalating fighting and a spiraling humanitarian crisis in the Horn of Africa nation.

Islamic fighters have staged a series of attacks on towns in the months leading up to the U.N.-sponsored talks, scheduled to start May 10. The insurgents typically hold the towns for a few hours, free people from jails, then withdraw with captured weapons.

TEXAS

Gates calls bad barracks conditions at Fort Bragg appalling

FORT BLISS, Texas (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates, after watching a YouTube video showing poor barracks conditions at the Army's Fort Bragg in North Carolina, said Thursday that what he saw was "appalling" and that all commanders must ensure that their troops have decent living quarters.

"Soldiers should never have to live in such squalor," Gates said during a speech to a packed auditorium of senior enlisted soldiers.

The nearly 10-minute video, put together by the father of an 82nd Airborne paratrooper, showed mold, peeling paint and broken plumbing fixtures in the Korean War-era barracks. The video triggered a worldwide inspection of Army barracks when it surfaced last week.

NEW YORK

Study shows 58 percent of black children can't swim

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly 60 percent of African-American children can't swim, almost twice the figure for white children, according to a first-of-its-kind survey which USA Swimming hopes will strengthen its efforts to lower minority drowning rates and draw more blacks into the sport.

Stark statistics underlie the initiative by the national governing body for swimming. Black children drown at a rate almost three times the overall rate. And less than 2 percent of USA Swimming's nearly 252,000 members who swim competitively year-round are black.

To alter the numbers, USA Swimming is teaming with an array of partners — local governments, corporations, youth and ethnic organizations — to expand learn-to-swim programs nationwide, many of them targeted at inner-city minorities.

Morris walls come crashing down

Library improvements continue toward target date

Lindsey Smith
DAILY EGYPTIAN

David Carlson is rejoicing as Morris Library walls crumble.

Construction continues to progress after the semi-grand opening in March and is expected to be done by the end of August, said Carlson, dean of Library Affairs. The Morris Library renovation, originally estimated to cost \$48 million, is three months behind schedule and \$16 million over budget. Despite the setbacks, Carlson said bits and pieces of the library are coming together.

Krystal Ross, a junior from Peoria studying child and family services, said she's ecstatic about the construction nearing the end.

"I am hoping that this time, they are serious when they say it's going to be done," Ross said. "A lot of the students haven't seen exactly what's going to happen on the other floors, but as a student worker I have and it's going to be great."

Most of the construction has been going on in spaces closed to the public. The first floor had walls demolished, plumbing inserted and ceiling structures installed.

The only advance of the continued construction students can see is the red rubberized tiling that covers the staircases. The tiling replaces gray cement that used to cover the stairs.

"Slowly but surely, you'll start to notice the little things that will just start to pop up and be more readily available to you," Ross said.

Some of the improvements include the availability of guest computers and the touch-up trim painting throughout the building, she said.

One of the advancements is the discovery of how to fix the minor leaks that have plagued the library.



Chip Hillesheim, right, works in the reserves section on the fourth floor of Morris Library. The renovation of the library is scheduled to meet its August target date.

JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Part of the problem was that the metal plates on the tower of the building were not installed correctly.

"I don't want to minimize (the leaks) because if they had continued over a period of time, they would have been very serious. But in terms of what we've been through, they were miniscule," Carlson said.

Ross said the addition of couches and other furniture would make the library a great resource for students.

Orders for three different types of furniture have reached various stages, but some have been received by contractors and will be in place over the summer, Carlson said.

Work on the "Wings of Knowledge" sculpture for the front entrance lobby began a few weeks ago, Carlson said. The sculpture is expected to take four to six weeks before installation.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for

student affairs, and Lori Stettler, director of the Student Center, are scheduled to select the vendor for the library's coffee commons today, Carlson said. Chartwells and Sodexo are bidding for the student dining plan, which would include the library's coffee vendor. Which of the two received the bid will be announced Tuesday, Stettler said.

Library staff members are celebrating the project's lack of delays recently, Carlson said.

"That's the big thing for us, that late August is holding," Carlson said.

There will still be minor things to finish after the opening in August, but Morris would belong to the

university, Carlson said.

September is the goal for the actual move-in. Government documents and special collections will be the only materials shifted from McLafferty to Morris, Carlson said. He said the university is avoiding the \$1.5 million that particular move would cost.

The biggest improvement since spring break, Carlson said, was the return of the students.

"We've really been without a library for three years. I was worried people forgot what it was all about," Carlson said.

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“Slowly but surely, you’ll start to notice the little things that will just start to pop up and be more readily available to you.”

— Krystal Ross
junior from Peoria

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JEEZ, JULIE

Photographs and memories

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“HTML.”

Every day before our online journalism class, Ryan and I would seek each other out before heading off. Instead of asking the obvious, “Are you ready for class?” we’d just say, “HTML.”

And then we’d head off, sometimes late, but we always waited for each other.

Even a year and a half later, we’d still greet each other with those four little letters, for no other reason than to remember the good times.

I met Ryan when he came to work at the DAILY EGYPTIAN as a copy editor at the beginning of 2006. I remember he was such a laid-back, generous, clean-shaven guy. There were many times we were stuck here late at night with the others, having random conversations to pass the time and forget we were stuck in a box with no windows.

But all of us here, we always had each other. There’s no way to describe the bond that builds in the newsroom, but it’s always worth the time spent here.

Every now and then we’d play Frisbee, and randomly you’d hear Ryan say, “Hey, catch the buzz,” and a disk with those words on it would come flying through the air. I remember when we decided it was a “buzz kill” when someone dropped it.

No matter how many times we said it, we still always laughed.

Ryan always made us laugh. All the memories I have of him were great moments in my life that will never be forgotten.

I remember once when he was in charge of doing “Saluki on the Street.” He used to always ask me if I wanted to go with him, because he didn’t like going by himself. I was usually too busy, but one day I decided I was going to go anyway.

We went around asking people about the Playstation 3 and Nintendo Wii. He even let me take the pictures — he’s the photojournalist, I’m the reporter — just because he was so happy to have someone go with him.

It was then that he taught me how to use a camera, my first lessons. Of course, they were just the basics, but he always took the time to share his kindness with others, and I always appreciated it.

Every photo I ever took I shared with him and asked his opinions. I know most of them were terrible, but he was always enthusiastic and encouraging. He always made me, and others, feel good about myself.

My favorite photograph of his is the one of the man in his wheelchair playing golf. He had such an eye for finding beautiful moments and amazing people and capturing them to share with others. I made sure I found him the day it ran in the paper to tell him how much I liked

it.

I never think we do that enough. I know he really appreciated that.

Ryan never missed a chance to acknowledge you, even if it was with something small. I’ll never forget how much fun it was dancing to James Brown in his car or ducking my head to avoid his Frisbee throws. Especially the many times he’d randomly snap hilarious, up-close

I wish I had taken more photos with him, but I realize his passion isn’t to take photos of himself, but of others.

pictures in the newsroom when he had a spare moment.

One time, he came inside the newsroom because the horizon in the sky was beautiful blend of pink and blue hues. We went outside, and he snapped a photo of me gazing into the clouds with the sky

in the background.

I think I’ll always think about him when I look at the sky, now, beyond the horizon where he’s safe in heaven with God. I know that’s where he wanted to be. His faith always astounded and inspired me, and never once did I doubt him.

I wish I had taken more photos with him, but I realize his passion isn’t to take photos of himself, but of others.

“HTML.”

Someday we’ll say this to each other once again, just like old times.

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GUEST COLUMN

Rethink your rebate

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Many people will soon be receiving their rebate checks meant to stimulate the economy. While it might be tempting to spend it all at the nearest liquor store, there are some ways you can spend your rebate check to benefit yourself for a longer period of time.

The first is to use your rebate check to save money. A lot of students get tricked into using credit cards and ruin their credit at a young age. Other people might be behind on their bills. Using this check to get out of debt will save you a lot of money in late fees and cancellation charges. Even prepaying bills could help you slow the cycle of pawning your prized possessions and living off Ramen noodles.

If you aren’t in debt, you can save money by living more cost effectively. Since gas prices are only going up, you should consider getting a bike for transportation. A cheap bike costs about the same as it does for most people to fill their gas tanks once. While a tank of gas will last you a couple weeks at best, you can enjoy your bike and your gas savings for as long as the weather is nice.

There are other less tiresome ways to save money too, such as buying compact fluorescent light bulbs for your home. These cost more than regular bulbs, but last for years and will save you money every month on your electric bill.

If you want to take a risk and try to make money, you could invest. This doesn’t mean going to the nearest casino and betting it all on black. A more practical way would be to invest the money in the stock market. You could use your check to start a stock portfolio. Lots

of people make money on the stock market. There are also many people out there who will invest it for you. You can learn a lot by paying attention to the stock market and maybe some day start making trades for yourself.

You could also try investing in your future. Starting a savings account now might sound crazy, but there are lots of things you should start saving for. Saving for a down payment on a house would save a lot of money people regularly throw away to slumlords in sub par housing.

And then there’s retirement. Compounded annually, \$300 over 40 years isn’t enough to retire off of, but it’s a start. The sooner you start saving for retirement, the sooner you’ll be sipping piña coladas on the beach.

Or you might opt to put your money into a business or other money-making venture. You could buy some equipment to start a small business. An example is to get a lawn mower and cut people’s grass. It’s summertime and lots of people need their lawn mowed.

Another idea is to try doing some home repairs you have been putting off. Home repairs build equity you can cash in later, or if you rent, help you get back that security deposit. A hole in the wall is much cheaper to fix than landlords tell you.

There are plenty of ways to make money and maybe a little startup cash is what has been holding you back.

The way you decide to spend your rebate checks is totally up to you. But what’s important to decide is whether you want some quick pleasure — or long-term satisfaction.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We’re going to send Jessica Simpson to the Democratic National Convention.”

George W. Bush
president of the United States
joking about the pop star’s so-called jinx powers

THE COUNSELING CORNER

How to fail your finals

COUNSELING CENTER

First and foremost, don't study at all until the night before the test.

After all, anyone should be able to learn 16 weeks worth of material in a single night. You've had better things to do with your time this semester than keeping up with every course.

Reality: Studying for finals can't make up for poor study habits during the rest of the semester. You can't learn a lot of new material at the last minute. However, if you start reviewing for finals in ample time, you can refresh your memory and increase your chances of remembering material that you learned earlier in the semester.

Secondly, you've had enough sleep — just plan to stay up all night before each final. That's what caffeine is for, after all. This is no time to worry about taking care of you.

Reality: In order for your brain to function at all, you need to stick to a regular sleep schedule throughout finals week. You can't concentrate on taking a test when you are exhausted. And watch out for stimulants. They can give you unwelcome jitters at a time you are already pretty anxious.

In fact, this is the most important time of the semester to take care of yourself. Eat healthily and don't take in more caffeine than you are used to. Get some exercise to deal with the stress and tension and to help you sleep well. Take reasonable study breaks. Remember, your brain can't do its best if your body is impaired.

Third, party hard on your "off" days and after each final. You deserve to celebrate each time

you take a test and there's really nothing to do on those days when you don't have tests scheduled.

Reality: Partying requires recovery time, and you don't have that right now. "Off" days are chances to review for upcoming finals, to take a relaxing walk around the lake and to lower your stress level so that you are functioning at your best. Save the partying for the time that you have everything done — and don't party so hard that you can't pack up and get home safely.

Next, don't bother to check the finals schedule until finals week arrives. Arrive fashionably late for each exam.

Reality: The finals schedule is complicated and it's easy to get confused if you are in a rush when you look at it. How are you going to plan your study time if you

don't know the time for each final?

Set as many alarms as you need to get up and out the door on exam days. You might need every minute of the allotted exam time, and your classmates won't thank you for distracting them by wandering in late.

Lastly, go into full panic mode. Everything depends on this one test, after all.

Reality: In most courses, the final is just one of several chances to earn points toward your course grade. If the final is worth 20 percent of the total points, it really isn't going to do much but push you over (or under) a line your grade was sitting on already. Panic is your enemy. You can't think clearly and recall what you have learned if your anxiety level is through the roof.

Take care of yourself. The Counseling Center staff hopes that your professors ask exactly those questions you are best prepared to answer.

**Eat healthily
and don't
take in more
caffeine
than you are
used to.**

GUEST COLUMNS

Obama intent on running out the clock

Carl Leubsdorf
McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Barack Obama looks like the quarterback of a football team intent on running out the clock to preserve its lead in a championship game.

By spurning future debates, he seeks to prevent giving rival Hillary Clinton a way to change the course of the game. He is playing it safe to avoid a mistake that could erase the small but firm margin he built through the first three quarters.

As football fans can attest, that's often a risky strategy. It has left him on the defensive, trying to contain the recurring flap over the Rev. Jeremiah Wright and fend off rivals' attempts to make political hay over high gasoline prices.

It also makes Obama look as if he's trying to avoid an opponent's tough criticism. But he agreed to a one-hour interview Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" that should enable him to answer those questions without giving Clinton a chance to benefit.

Obama counts on the fact that, all things being equal, his lead in the Democratic presidential primary will hold up and he will win most of the main group

still up for grabs, the nearly 300 undecided superdelegates. And there are good reasons to believe this will happen:

Senior Democrats are reluctant to deny the nomination of the first black candidate with a serious chance of being elected president, in a party whose most loyal voters are blacks. To do that, barring a major misstep or sign of electoral weakness, could hurt turnout among black and younger voters.

Though race is clearly an issue, Obama has run not as a black candidate, but as a candidate who just happens to be black. Besides dominating support from black primary voters, he has shown considerable crossover appeal to whites.

His sharp response Tuesday to the latest inflammatory comments from his former pastor, Jeremiah Wright, was a bid to maintain that balance.

Despite the Clintons' prominence, it's a mistake to assume that the Democratic Party is a "Clinton party." Many Democratic office-holders blame

them for the party's election losses during Bill Clinton's presidency. They view his return, as his wife's main surrogate, strategist and adviser, with distinctly mixed feelings.

Obama almost certainly will end the primary campaign with the most pledged delegates. He also is likely to have the most popular votes, though those totals from the Democrats' mixed primary and caucus system are not as precise a measure of strength.

And while Obama has lost most large states, party leaders believe that any Democrat would be favored in most of them in the fall. Besides, they believe that his strength in so-called purple states — Colorado, Iowa and Virginia, for instance, shows he can broaden the party's base.

Still, playing it safe carries risk.

In energy, drive and adeptness on the issues, Obama is being out-campaigned. Clinton's enthusiasm and aggressive stances are reflected in her support from late-deciders in recent primaries. That could pose another problem

for Obama in Indiana's closely fought primary Tuesday.

Outwardly similar to Ohio and Pennsylvania, where she scored recent notable wins, Indiana's electorate is younger and less Catholic and includes Republicans and independents. A Clinton win there would be a further warning sign about Obama's appeal beyond his base of liberals and minorities.

In this circumstance, Clinton's requests for debates in Indiana and North Carolina may find a receptive audience. While most pundits suggest that the public is sick of debates and believes the issues have been discussed thoroughly, that makes the mistake of viewing this more as a six-month national campaign than a series of one- or two-week races.

Now is when Indianans and North Carolinians are paying attention. What happened before may be less relevant to them.

Obama might be right politically in trying to run out the clock. But that strategy could leave him vulnerable if the unexpected occurs and he lacks a high-level forum in which to respond.

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Makanda celebrates spring

Makanda Spring Fest this weekend

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The population of Makanda will exponentially swell this weekend for Makanda Spring Fest.

The expected crowd size for the event is roughly 3,000, said Dave Dardis, a Makanda shop owner.

This year marks the 20th annual Makanda Spring Fest. The year's event runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Entertainment, vendors and craftsmen will be centered around the Makanda boardwalk.

The festival hasn't changed much since it began in 1988, said Courtney McMurphy, an employee of the Makanda Trading Company.

McMurphy, now 20, has been attending Spring Fest since she was

6 years old. Though the crowd size has fluctuated throughout the years she said, the festival has maintained the same basic format, which incorporates live music,

Rainmaker's Garden: Makanda Spring Fest	
Saturday	Sunday
noon Boondockbillies	noon S.I.W.A.D.E.
1:30 p.m. Hillbilly Standard	1:30 p.m. Lynn Drury
3 p.m. Barry Cloyd	3 p.m. New Arts Jazztet
5 p.m. Whistle Pigs	

Source: Bob Iltis

DeAndre Elion ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

craftsmen and vendors, bringing artists together in downtown Makanda.

"It's a relaxed, laid-back, good time," McMurphy said.

Makanda Spring Fest in the fall is very similar to Vulture Fest in terms of the activities of the festival, said Dardis, owner of RainMaker Art in Makanda.

Dardis said the music for this year's festival is of a folksier, hillbilly-ish genre. He said one of the unique

aspects of the festival in Makanda is the freedom for impromptu music. He said people sometimes begin playing their instruments in the street while they're walking

around.

This year's festival features two different stages for musical acts: one stage is in the pavilion across from the boardwalk and the other venue is in the sculpture garden behind Dardis' shop.

The music is predominantly local and those in attendance have multiple opportunities to hear several bands because of the two-stage set-up, said Bob Iltis, who coordinates the music in the garden.

Iltis said what makes both Spring Fest and Vulture Fest so unique is the location.

"The whole sort of hippie halo that surrounds Makanda is pervasive in the whole place. It's a really relaxed environment," Iltis said.

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— Bob Iltis
garden music coordinator

Fashionably Late: The graduating column

JAKINA HILL

departing senior



for the paper, I read the final columns of those fortunate to work at the DAILY EGYPTIAN and often began a draft in my head of how mine would read — even up until about Monday when I wrote it out with pen and paper.

In my last draft I wanted to talk about Sean Bell, the young man who was shot and killed last year by police officers on the day of his wedding. I talked to my brother who is a police officer and planned to talk to others about the matter, but was of course thrown off track when I realized the days I had left to do pretty much all the assignments I didn't do over the semester were numbered.

So, I decided Wednesday to just go with the flow because every day a tragedy occurs whether it's on a national level as with Sean Bell, international as with the genocide in Darfur or much more personal as with the loss of DAILY EGYPTIAN photographer Ryan Rendleman. While some things can be done to rectify certain situations, others are out of our control.

So to answer your question, after graduating I plan on being happy more than anything else and just going with the flow. Most of you can make an educated guess as to where you will see or hear from me again.

Remember, style mavens follow the rules but break them accordingly.

Jakina Hill is a senior studying fashion design and journalism and can no longer be reached at the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

For the past two semesters I have been defining fashionably late and preparing to graduate, so I thought.

Of course, I have in the past month alone been asked that inevitable, non-escapable, sometimes by the same person more than once, question of, "What are you doing after you graduate?" Before you could recite the memorized answer, you are often bombarded with the follow-up question of whether you have a job or plan to go to graduate school.

For the many people who don't have job offers to choose between, the question may become more and more challenging to answer.

For me it's another opportunity to think of all the things I can do now that I won't have finals, midterms, group projects, individual projects, assignments, 8 a.m. classes, sleepless nights on account of assignments and 9 a.m. classes.

Don't get me wrong. I'm an early riser, but having to be somewhere to listen and try to learn about something in which I have no interest in other than passing to meet a requirement to graduate won't be missed.

For years before I began working

WHAT'S GOING ON

5/1

Hangar 9: Bosco and Whiteford
Longbranch: Free comedy show
Mugsy's: Karaoke
Booby's: Defined Perception
Tres Hombres: Black 40s
PK's: Lann Drury & New Orleans Grit
Stix: Cheap Drink Night with DJ Koz

Today

5/4

Hangar 9: Sports on the big screen
Longbranch: Little Muddy Film Fest

Sunday

5/2

Hangar 9: Station
Cousin Andy's: John Flynn
Pinch: Mike & Joe
Mugsy's: Southbound Band
Booby's: Sam West Group
Tres Hombres: Skinny Dips
PK's: John Harmon
Stix: Poorking CD release party w/ Excelsior

Friday

Monday

5/5

Hangar 9: Open mic

Tuesday

5/6

Hangar 9: Dollar Nite w/ Punk Soul Brutha

Saturday

5/3

Hangar 9: Non-stop Reggae
Pinch: 16 Candles (80s party band)
Longbranch: salsa dancing
Tres Hombres: Mathien and Tic Tock w/ KD Murks
PK's: Movin' Mary
Stix: Spring Blast

Wednesday

5/7

Hangar 9: Death by Karaoke w/ DJ Punk Soul Brutha



PULSE CHATTERBOX

News icon and "The View" host Barbara Walters will reveal in an upcoming interview on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that she and married U.S. Senator Edward Brooke had an affair that lasted several years in the 1970s. What do you think of this revelation?



Alicia Wade

Weww, I hope they had a vewy, vewy good time. Ba-ba-wa Watur was quite a fox in her day-wa.

Madeleine Leroux

I try not to — thinking of Barbara Walters in a sexual way triggers my gag reflex.



Audra Ord

Wow ... you got it goin' on, Barbara. I wonder if the senator called her his "Barbie girl" ... awkward moment ...

Financial aid director leaves for new opportunities

Hamilton begins in June at University of South Florida

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Billie Jo Hamilton is trading earthquakes for hurricanes.

Hamilton, SIUC's financial aid director since May 2005, will leave the university to take a new director position at the University of South Florida in early June.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said Hamilton brought integrity and professionalism to the job.

"She's just a solid professional," Dietz said. "She knows what she's doing on a campus and she's also well-regarded professionally."

Dietz said Hamilton also has an extensive knowledge of federal and state rules and regulations. The most important aspect of the job, Dietz said, is to make sure the university is in compliance with all the regulations.

Hamilton said she had been thinking of moving to a bigger city for some time and the opportunity to work at a larger school was too good to pass up. The University of South Florida, located in Tampa, Fla., has about 45,000 students, Hamilton said, and is one of the best research institutions in the country.

"It's kind of an up-and-coming campus," Hamilton said.

But choosing to leave was not an easy decision, Hamilton said.

There is a really great staff at the Financial Aid Office, Hamilton said, and they are willing to go above and beyond their job descriptions.

"People who have graduated



JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Financial aid director Billie Jo Hamilton will be beginning her new position at University of South Florida in June. Hamilton came to SIUC in May 2005 from Missouri State University.

from here and now work here are very passionate about this place," Hamilton said. "There's a wonderful loyalty and commitment to making (SIUC) the best place it can be."

Mary Wallace, an applications programmer in the Financial Aid Office, said Hamilton has always showed concern for the staff and students, as well as the job.

"It's been really nice working with her," Wallace said. "It's just been great to have her support."

Hamilton said working at SIUC has been different than universities she previously worked at and she has learned a lot about dealing with students from this campus who have financial barriers.

"Because of the nature of the

students that this institution serves, financial aid is a really big part of recruiting students and retaining students," Hamilton said. "I think I've learned some things here that will serve me well where I'm going."

Dietz said the office of enrollment management would be in charge of choosing an interim

director and starting a director search. Victoria Valle, assistant vice chancellor for Enrollment Management, could not be reached for comment, but her office reported no one has been chosen as interim director yet.

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Liquor Advisory hears case for new bar

Barton Lorimor
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As local bar owners prepare to renew their liquor licenses with the city, a new license for a new bar is one step closer to approval.

James Williams, president of Zweird Corporation, said Thursday he hopes to have Whiskey Tango's bar open before students return to Carbondale in the fall. He said the bar would occupy a vacant spot on West Jackson Street formerly occupied by Big Boys' Q'n and Club 51.

Williams, as well as two other members of Zweird Corporation, were heard by the Liquor Advisory Board and received unanimous approval. The final approval is now in the hands of the Local Liquor Control Commission. City Clerk Janet Vaught said she expects the request to be discussed at the commission's May 6 meeting.

If approved, it would be the third ownership group at the location in the past 18 months. In February 2007, Big Boys' Q'n was revamped into Club 51 under new ownership, which failed to take off. Big Boys' Q'n operated for years primarily as a restaurant before it was granted its first B2 liquor license in November 2005, enabling it to become classified as a bar.

Williams said he hopes to offer SIUC students a wider variety of imported beers than current establishments with Whiskey Tango's. He said a beer garden and pizza delivery service would be added as

business grows.

The only concern Liquor Advisory Board Co-Chairman John Benshoff brought forth was Zweird's plan to spend \$40,000 to bring in new furniture and appliances, renovate the building and stock inventory.

"They're going to need more than that," Benshoff said after the meeting. "Things you think you can do for free, you need to hire help."

Williams said he is not concerned about the budgeted amount. He said the corporation's members and one of his former roommates would do most of the labor.

If approved by the commission, this would be the 15th active liquor license for a bar issued. Benshoff said the city has set a cap at 16. Though more licenses come available as bars close, Benshoff said it is not unusual for competition to rise when available licenses became scarce, or unavailable.

The board also voted in favor of requesting Greg Knoob, owner of Callahan's and the former Club SIN, to appear before the board, and answer questions they have about his operations. The board, as well as Jamie Snyder, assisting city attorney, was unsure if Knoob operates the two establishments as one corporation or as two. The difference could require him to take out additional licenses, Benshoff said.

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LYDIA BARGIELSKI ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Former Club 51, located on the northeast corner of North Illinois Avenue and West Jackson Street, is pending a new ownership and name: Whiskey Tango's. City Council will determine whether or not the club will receive a liquor license in the next council meeting.

Sandberg returns to Wrigley

CHICAGO (AP) — For the first time in over a decade, Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg will be back in uniform at Wrigley Field.

Sandberg, who last played at Wrigley as a member of the Cubs on Sept. 21, 1997, will return July 29 as the manager of the Peoria Chiefs when the Cubs' Class A affiliate plays the Kane County Cougars.

"It's pretty ironic," Sandberg said. "It just comes down to you never know what's going to happen in this game if you stay in it long enough. This is just another fun thing, an opportunity and great experience all wrapped up into one for myself," Sandberg said.

Sandberg is in his second season as manager at Peoria. The Chiefs were 71-68 last season.

"I'll be coaching third and managing from the dugout, so that will be a first for me at this stadium," Sandberg said.

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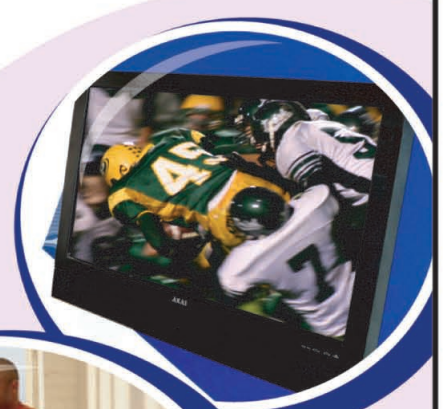
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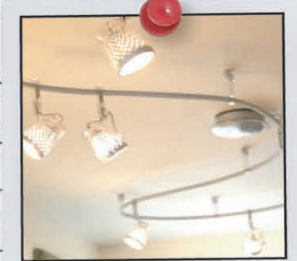
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Governor accused of offering job for campaign cash

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CHICAGO — The government's surprise witness told political fund-raiser Antoin "Tony" Rezko's corruption trial Thursday that Gov. Rod Blagojevich spoke warmly about getting him a job on the state payroll after he personally brought him a \$25,000 campaign contribution.

Ali Ata, the former executive director of the Illinois Finance Authority, said the \$25,000 check lay on a conference table in a back room at Rezko's Chicago office while Blagojevich showered him with praise as a team player and spoke of bringing him into his administration.

"Mr. Blagojevich stated again that I had been a supporter and a friend and asked Mr. Rezko if I'd identified job opportunities and Mr. Rezko said yes," Ata said.

Ata also said that in July 2003 after Blagojevich was elected he met with the governor at a fundraiser

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at Navy Pier on Chicago's downtown lakefront and the subject of a job came up again. He quoted Blagojevich as saying it had "better be a job where you can make some money."

Ata said he found the governor's bluntness surprising and said so when he met with Rezko later in his office.

"I was surprised that he would make such a statement and Mr. Rezko said he wasn't surprised," Ata testified.

It was some of the most damaging testimony for the governor in the eight-week trial focusing on corruption swirling around two little-known state boards that each have multimillion-dollar decision making

power. The governor is not charged with wrongdoing.

Rezko, 52, is charged with scheming to use political clout to get a \$1.5 million bribe from a contractor who wanted state permission to build a hospital in the McHenry County suburb of Crystal Lake.

Rezko also is charged with planning to pressure kickbacks out of money management companies wanting to do business with the \$40 billion fund that pays the pensions of retired downstate and suburban school teachers.

Prosecutors say Rezko developed enormous clout in the Blagojevich administration by raising campaign funds and parlayed it into control of state boards that make hospital

construction and pension fund decisions.

Rezko denies he took part in any such scheme.

Defense attorneys hadn't figured on Ata taking the stand and were taken by surprise last week when he pleaded guilty to tax fraud and lying to the FBI about how Rezko got him his state job.

He is likely to be with last major witness with prosecutors saying it they will probably rest their case Monday after eight weeks of trial.

The testimony came while in Springfield the state Senate debated a measure that would allow voters to recall the governor — that is, throw him out of office. The measure fell three votes short of passage.

Blagojevich ducked reporters by leaving the Statehouse through a back exit. His spokeswoman, Abby Ottenhoff, said Thursday night: "His job and his campaign contributions — the implication that they are tied together is not true. As we've said, we don't do business that way."

TAY-SACHS

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Barrett Rochman said each benefit held has brought in more money than the last, helping to fund research for the mysterious disease. It wasn't until several years ago that the gene causing Tay-Sachs was identified, Barrett Rochman said, and now there are tests that can identify it in the womb.

Until then it was an absolute death sentence, he said, with no hope, no reason, no way to understand why. Doing things now will help in the future, Barrett Rochman said.

"You have to have hope," Barrett Rochman said. "The hope is now in place because they're researching a cure."

Talmar said the benefit would feature eight bands, food from local businesses, a silent auction and a visit from several Southern Illinois Miners baseball players. There are items up for bid ranging from Cardinals tickets to a week in Hawaii, Talmar said. Admission is \$7 for adults and free for children 15 and under.

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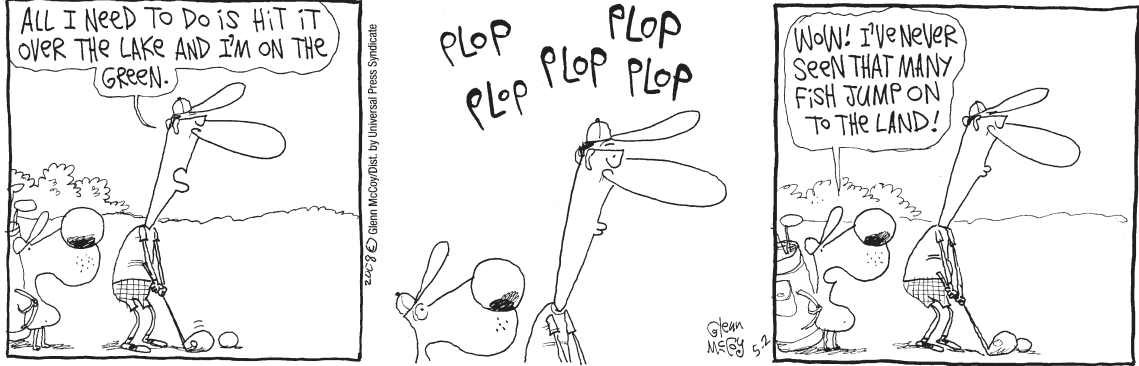
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The Duplex



By Linda C. Black

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — There's not quite enough money to do everything you'd like. Not yet, anyway. If you and a loved one work together, you'll get there eventually. Or have fun trying.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Travel and publications are favored until July 10. It's also a good time to learn a foreign language. Give you any ideas?

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Once you've made up your mind what you want and need, it'll be time for you and somebody important to go on a shopping trip. Get a few nice things for your home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Your home's the best place to entertain tonight, and your family members are the best guests. Take home something special for dessert, just to show you care. It's a party!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — For the next few weeks, you'll obsess about the things you want to buy. It's hard to stick to your budget under these conditions. Yet there are a few things you really ought to get. And, you can.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Listen carefully, but don't hurry to make a commitment. Travel's not a good idea either, unless you can't postpone it. Watch what you're doing and watch what other people are doing, too.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — It's not quite as easy to get what you want for the next few days. If you're quick, you can get into a good position to see what's going on. Don't draw attention to yourself.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You've probably planned carefully, but that won't be enough. Last-minute changes require quick action. Stay on your toes.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — You're under pressure at work, but you can get around it. One way is by getting better at what you do. The other is to relax. That's getting easier.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — You're going through a pensive phase. You're concentrating well, but you still need seclusion to let new material soak in. Schedule lots of private time.

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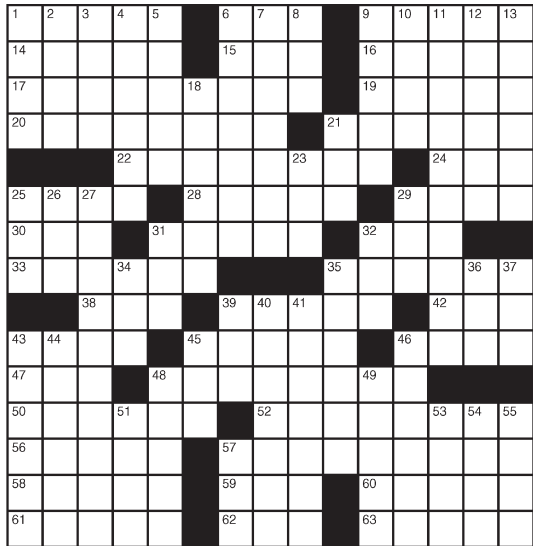
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved



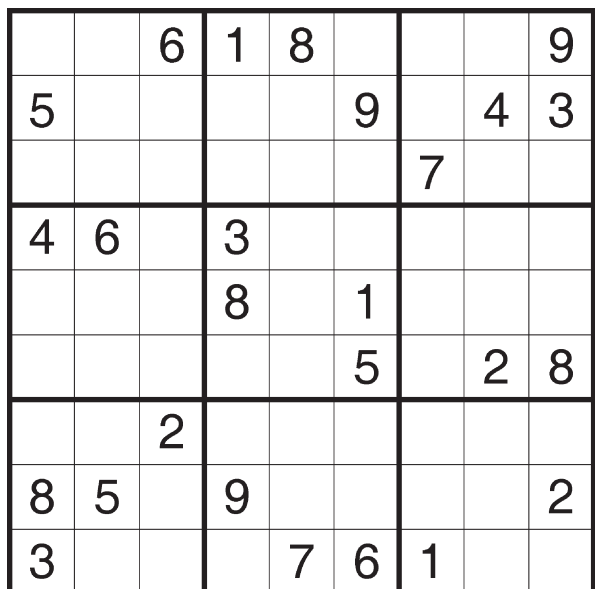
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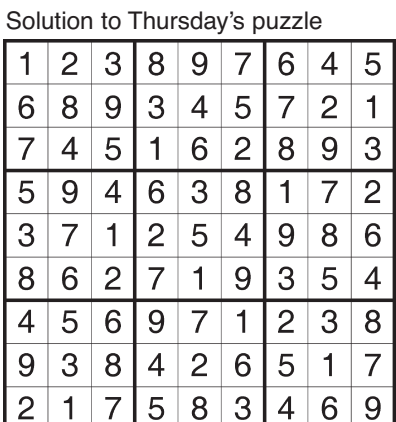
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Salukis end regular season

Team could finish as high as second

Megan Kramper
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU softball team will conclude its regular season against a team with little to lose.

Coming off a doubleheader split with Illinois Wednesday, the Salukis look to improve their record against the Braves, who are currently tied for last place in the Missouri Valley Conference standings. Depending on the outcome of the series and others around the MVC, the team could finish as high as second or as low as sixth in the tournament seeding.

Sophomore right fielder Katie Wilson said the Salukis could not overlook Bradley, especially after an earlier 5-3 loss to the Braves this season in the Coach B Classic at Charlotte Stadium March 2.

"It's hard not to overlook them because we're excited about the conference tournament here and if we don't come out ready to play, anyone can win on any day," Wilson said.

This season has been drastically different for the Salukis compared to a year ago when they finished the season with an overall record of 41-16 and 17-7 in the MVC, leading to an at-large bid in the NCAA Tournament.

But the Salukis haven't found as much success this season, as they currently are 27-23 overall and 12-8 in MVC play.

For coach Kerri Blaylock however, the number of losses doesn't surprise her because of the youth on the team, especially in the pitching rotation.



Senior Krystal Stein takes a swing at a pitch during the April 22 game against Tennessee-Martin. The Salukis will face Bradley on Saturday in their final regular season series.

JAKE LOCKARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Injuries have also derailed the Salukis and Blaylock said it caused the team to be unprepared at times.

"We knew coming in that we were going to be young but we sure didn't know the injuries were going to occur, but we feel like we've let about eight games slip away," Blaylock said.

Senior center fielder Krystal Stein said the team is not changing its approach to the end of the season and

feels a special sense of urgency because of her senior status.

"As a senior, anytime it gets close to the end of the season, you don't want to take anything for granted," Stein said. "But I think that's the way each one of the girls looks at it too."

Wilson said she has a new approach to the postseason since her freshman campaign a season ago.

"My mentality now is win or go

home because if we don't come ready to play that gives us a different seed for the conference tournament," Wilson said. "And if we don't do well in the (MVC) Tournament, we don't know if we'll make it to the NCAA."

But the key, Wilson said, is for everyone, not one or two players, to help put runs on the board and victories in the books.

Stein said the Salukis would still

take a game-by-game approach and look to make a run in the postseason.

"At this point in the season the could have, would have, should have you can't really think about anymore," Stein said.

After completing their week-end series with Bradley, the Salukis will return home to host the MVC Tournament at Charlotte West Stadium beginning May 8.

GLOBAL

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Gonzalez joined Dann Nelson's staff as a graduate assistant when his eligibility expired after the 2005-06 season. Gonzalez said part of the reason he decided to stay on as a coach was to seek his MBA, and coaching allowed him to stay close to the sport and team he was passionate about.

Gonzalez, who uses his ties at home in an effort to help recruit in South America, said being an assistant is a valuable experience.

"You try to help your players as much as possible with whatever they need to get adapted to a new environment," Gonzalez said. "You want to teach them values they can use in the classroom, on the court, and that they can carry throughout life."

Gustavo Leal a Sao Paulo, Brazil native is another former Saluki making the rise up the ranks from athlete to coach. Leal, who graduated in 2001,

is in his seventh year as the assistant swimming coach under Rick Walker. Leal said Walker recruited him coming out of Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce, Fla., when Walker was recruiting his teammate and fellow future Saluki, Herman Louw.

Leal and Louw helped the SIU men's swimming and diving team win the Missouri Valley Conference title in 2002, and finish as runner-up in 2003.

Leal said he entertained offers from power conference schools such as Louisiana State, Auburn and South Carolina, but said SIU offered the best combination of what fits his tastes as a swimmer. He said he was able to interact more often with the Saluki coaching staff, adding it was one of the main reasons he came to Carbondale.

Now, as an assistant coach, Leal is trying to help the Salukis win a title in the Sun Belt Conference. Leal's main job as assistant coach is to hit the

recruiting trail with Walker and use his contacts from Brazil, along with the contacts of several of the swimmers, he said. Word of mouth is one of the most successful ways to get players interested in the program, he said.

"There are places like South Africa and Brazil where we had kids and we ask for a coach's number if they have swimmers that can do well here," Leal said. "We treat them well and they keep coming back."

As a former athlete, Leal said he can relate to incoming athletes, which they appreciate.

Associate Athletic Director Kathy Jones said international athletes show how diverse the campus can be. Jones said her job involves the internal operation of the athletics department, including overseeing students' well-being in the classroom. She said involving international student-athletes as a component of diversity is important because they bring a new culture often unrepresented on campus.



DuVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lucas Waked, a sophomore from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, returns a ball during a match March 2 at Sports Blast.

"That's a population where we recruit them from very far, bringing them to the United States and really

have a tremendous impact on their life," Jones said. "Mom and dad aren't so close, so they're more reliant on us."

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"The St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs will renew their rivalry for the first time this season today. Where do you think this rivalry ranks among major league baseball?"

"Well, as far as baseball goes it's a great rivalry, but they play 18 times a year so it's not as much an impact as Packers versus Bears when they meet. I like rivalries that make you wait and build up some drama, so while the Cards-Cubs series is nice, it's not as great as what the NFL and boxing have to offer."

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"I think it has definitely lost some of its luster. I remember it being a really hot topic in the whole McGwire and Sosa era, but we all know how that turned out. I think the Cubs need some more hardware (or even a World Series appearance) before the rivalry will be like that of 10 years ago."

SALUKI TRACKER
Jordan Cox



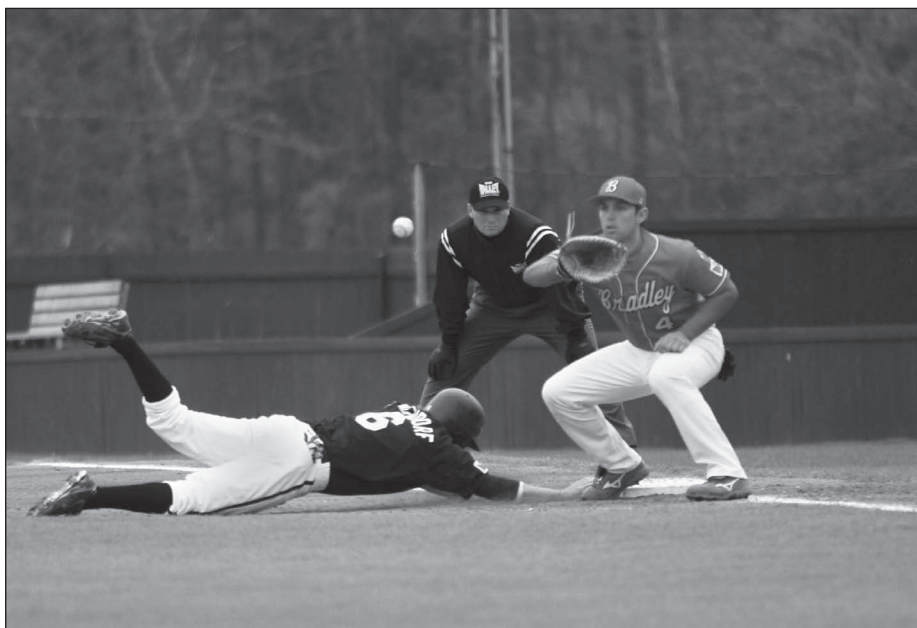
SIU men's golfer Jordan Cox was named Missouri Valley Conference Newcomer of the Year Thursday. Cox shot a team-best average with a 73.2 since transferring from Springfield College this season and helped his team place second in the MVC Tournament April 22.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered?
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BASEBALL

SIU returns home after nine-game trek

Junior Scott Elmdorf retreats to first base during the 4-3 loss to Bradley April 12. SIU will play Creighton in a three-game series starting today at Abe Martin Field.
EMILY SUNBLADE
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Salukis take on Creighton at 3 p.m. today

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After winning six of its last nine games on the road, the SIU baseball team returns to Abe Martin Field to take on a Missouri Valley Conference stalwart.

The Salukis begin a critical three-game series with Creighton starting at 3 p.m. today, with redemption and a streak of confidence on the line.

SIU (25-18, 6-9 MVC) is coming off its fourth straight win after dealing Murray State a 14-11 loss Wednesday.

"This is not a real emotional bunch and that's just the way they are. They never get too upset or too upbeat, so it's tough to read these guys," Saluki coach Dan Callahan said. "It's always nice to be at home because you get to sleep in your own beds and we don't have to worry about hotels and boarding buses."

The Bluejays (28-15, 11-7) fin-

ished a three-game sweep of MVC foe Evansville Sunday and had the week off.

Junior starting pitcher Cody Adams (3-3, 4.48 ERA) takes the hill for the Salukis today. Adams will oppose left-hander Jeremy Hauer (7-2, 3.66 ERA).

On Saturday, senior starting pitcher Shawn Joy (4-2, 4.39 ERA) will face off against Creighton's Mike Nihsen (3-1, 1.85 ERA).

Sunday's starters haven't been announced yet but both pitching staffs should have their hands full with each lineup.

The Bluejays' top three hitters are a pitcher's worst nightmare. Darin Ruf, Vincente Cafaro and Steve Winkelmann are all hitting above .315.

Ruf leads the team in batting average with a .359 clip. He also has five home runs and 39 RBIs this season.

Cafaro is hitting .341 with four home runs and 25 RBIs.

Winkelmann provides the power in the heart of the order with a team-high eight home runs and 47 RBIs.

SIU may not have the gaudy numbers Creighton has but it has found ways to win lately thanks in part to different players contributing in late-game situations.

Junior catcher Mark Kelly has paced the offense this season with a team-high .335 batting average and 36 RBIs.

After going in and out of the lineup to start the season, outfielders Dean Cademartori and Bret Maugeri have made their presence felt in nearly half a season of playing time.

Cademartori, a senior, is fourth on the team with a .306 batting average while Maugeri, a junior, is second with a .324 batting average.

Though his batting average and playing time have dwindled recently, sophomore catcher Tyler Bullock leads the lineup with six home runs.

Matt Hartwig can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 282 or mhartwig@siu.edu.

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da·cha (dä'chə) *n.* A Russian house in the country.
dachs·hund (däks'höont', daks'hönd') *n.* A small dog with a long body, very short

ing, or published every day. —*adv.* **1.** Every day. **2.** Once a day. —*n., pl. -lies.* A daily publication, esp. a newspaper.
daily egyptian *n.* 1 Award winning newspaper that gives away free loads of information 2 Student run free newspaper *vb.* 1 To entertain
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Bud Lt Lime Btls

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Recruiting trail goes global



EDYTA BŁASZCZYK ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Julie Ju, a senior from Shang-hai, China, finishes her leg of the women's 400-yard medley relay Feb. 2 against Evansville. Ju is one of 24 international students at SIU.

Luis C. Medina
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students who think the voyage from Chicago to Carbondale wears on them should consider where Felipe Villasenor came from.

Villasenor, a senior on the SIU men's tennis team, is a native of Santiago, Chile, and is one of 24 international student-athletes who grace the fields, courts and pools of Saluki athletics.

After transferring from College of the Desert in Palm Desert, Calif., Villasenor has posted 24 victories in singles matches during his two-year career at SIU, despite sitting out most of this season with a lingering hamstring injury.

Villasenor said he has played tennis since he was 10 years old, but did not want to go to school in Chile out of fear he would not be allowed to play tennis because of the focus put on academics. He said playing for the Salukis has given him a chance to do what he loves and get a degree as well.

One of the factors that drew Villasenor from Chile to Carbondale via California was fellow

Santiago native, graduate assistant coach Tomas Gonzalez. Even though they only knew each other for what they did on the court, Villasenor said having a fellow countryman was helpful in the assimilation process.

"The good thing about having somebody here before you come here is that they can help you with what you want to do," Villasenor said. "It helped me out a lot in the beginning because you have someone who is like you. He's like my older brother."

"You want to teach them values they can use in the classroom, on the court, and that they can carry throughout life."

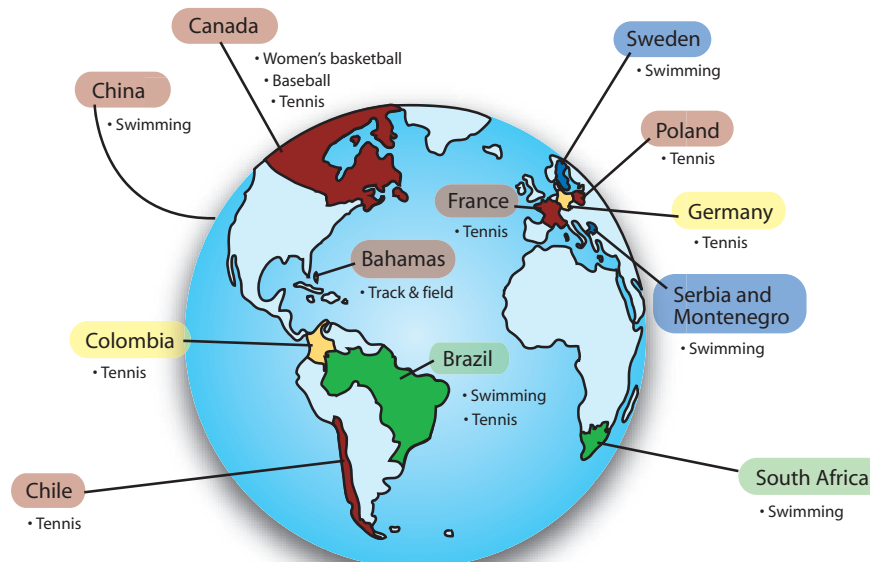
— Tomas Gonzalez
 graduate assistant tennis coach

Gonzalez came to the Salukis in January 2003 and posted 49 victories in his four-year career. He said a school like SIU has many aspects that appeal to incoming international student-athletes. One of the aspects that drew Gonzalez to Carbondale was the honesty put forth by former head coach Missy Jeffrey. Gonzalez also said SIU was the most honest in his recruitment process.

Another transition Gonzalez has had to make was from playing on the court, to coaching on the sidelines.

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International athletes



Source: Kathy Jones, assistant athletic director

Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

The red, white and blue gets some maroon

SIU student joins Olympic men's softball team

Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

There is not much a hitter can do when a 6-foot-7-inch, 225-pound softball pitcher fires in a fastball at 71 mph.

And that is why Bryant Hale is a U.S. Olympian.

Hale, a freshman at SIU studying elementary education, is a member of the men's softball junior Olympic team. The team is composed of players ages 19 and younger.

Hale said it was a dream-come-true when he got the call telling him he made the team.

"I always played a lot of sports when I was a kid, but my parents never pushed me towards one," Hale said. "I love softball and I have only been playing about a year so it was awesome to make the team."

Not only did Hale play multiple sports, but he excelled at them as well. The Pinckneyville native lettered in basketball, baseball and cross country while in high school.

It did not take long for Hale to excel in softball as he showed the ability to blow hitters away with his fastball less than one year into his softball career. The 18-year-old's 71-mph fastball is equivalent to a ball thrown 100 mph in baseball.

His power pitching display was enough to impress the USA men's softball coaches during a two-week tryout at Chula Vista, Calif., in January.

"A lot of the coaches were impressed I have only been playing a year," Hale said. "I also have a good drop ball and changeup because changing speeds is crucial."

Hale's junior Olympic team is going to compete in the world championships in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, from June 20 to June 29. The team will face Japan, South Africa, Australia and Venezuela, among others.

Before heading north, Hale will make a stop in Salt Lake City June 11 for a week and a half of training with his team. Hale said most of the team is made up of baseball players aside from the pitchers.

"Most people that play the infield and outfield come from baseball," Hale said. "But softball is a whole different game and it's hard. You have to really shorten your swing because the ball gets on you so fast."

Hale is going to try to carry his momentum from making the junior team to landing a spot on the men's Olympic team when he heads back to Chula Vista, Calif., May 23 for tryouts.

If the saying, "Like father, like son," holds

up, Hale should have little difficulty succeeding in softball.

Hale's father, Greg Hale, is the softball coach at Pinckneyville Community High School and a former Pinckneyville Celtic, a men's fast pitch softball team.

Greg Hale said his son has picked up the game quickly and hopes he can help usher in the popularity of the sport.

"The sport has started to die compared to when I played in the '70s and '80s," Greg Hale said. "It's going to take young pitchers like him to get involved and help the sport grow again."

Bryant Hale is doing his part on the local level by pitching for Elkhart in the Southern Illinois Fastpitch League. He said he is hoping he can pitch as many games as possible before heading to Utah to get ready for the world championships.

The world championships could be just the beginning for Bryant Hale as he said he wants to continue the same path his father traveled.

"I feel like I am living exactly in my father's footsteps right now," he said. "I hope I can teach and coach softball; that would be the perfect situation for me."

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DuVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU student Bryant Hale, a freshman from Pinckneyville studying elementary education, will represent the United States in the men's softball world championships on the junior Olympic team. The championships will start June 20 in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada.