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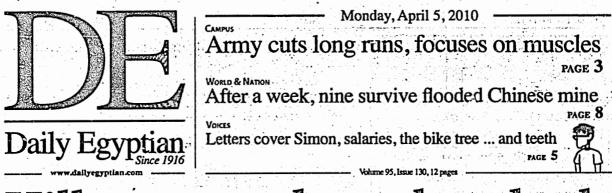
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Hilltop cross draws hundreds

GENNA ORD JULIA RENDLEMAN Daily Egyptian

In the pre-dawn darkness, little was visible but a line of taillights leading up to an 111-foot cross on a hill.

Near the cross's base, volunteers used flashlights and cell phones to nelp park the hundreds of cars that had come to the Bald Knob Cross of Peace near Alto Pass.

It was still a beautiful sight, even though the semi-restored cross lacked siding and was surrounded by a fence.

There was an air of reverence and excitement despite the occasional yawns as worshipers gathered for the annual sunrise service on Easter morning.

Among those in attendance were-the annuals-those who make the journey every Esster. Some face a drive of several hours. Others camp overnight or siay at a nearby motel.

Bob and Nikki Stillwell, from Morganfield, Ky, have made the drive to Alto Pass for 30 years, they said. Bob Stillwell said when they were children, they would camp near the hill the night before Easter. Now they wake up at 2 a.m. to attend the service, he said.

Their story is not an uncommon one. John Brandel, from Sedgewickville, Mo., said this was his seventh year attending the service. He stays overnight in a hotel in nearby Anna, he said.

Brandel said he enjoys coming because the area is beautiful and the service's crowd is diverse.

"When the sun comes up, it's like looking at God's creation," he said.

Ren Sirles, of Alto Pass, said he has attended the Easter sunrise service at Bald Knob for more than 50 years. He said the place is an inspiring one to him, and gives the sense that there is a higher power than man.

Autumn Holt, of Herrin, sits with her three Yorkles and listens to

the Easter sunrise service Sunday at Baid Knob Cross in Alto Pass.

"Everyone has a different purpose in coming here," he said. "To me, it means renewal."

The tradition has allowed for many meanings since it began in 1937.

Sirles is a member of the Friends of the Cross Committee, which was started three years ago to help raise funds for the cross's restoration. He said the construction should be completed by mid to late summer.

Whereas last year around 250 people came for the service,

Marcy Lindsay, of Alto Pass, said she expected almost 1,000 this year. Lindsay, who said she has been coming for years, helped with communion this year.

The higher attendance Sunday may be because of the ongoing restoration, said Ron Stork, construction manager for the project.

On March 28, or Palm Sunday, local churches asked members to donate \$1 apiece to support a collection called "One for the Cross," said Stork, of Sparta. He said last year around \$70,000 was raised in the area and that he thinks people who have donated are curious to see what is being done to restore the cross to its former slory.

the cross to its former glory. "People are working together and that's what brings them out," be said. JULIA RENDLEMAN | DAILY EGYPTIAN Holt said she has been attending the service for 22 years. The early

morning Easter tradition at the cross began in 1937.



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Natalle Davenport, 4, of Murphysboro, rests on her mother's lap during the Easter sunrise service Sunday at Bald Knob Cross in Alto Pass. Her mother, Sarah Davenport, sold it was their first year attending the service and that Natalle was excited to come, despite having to wake up before the sun rose.

For more images from the wee hours of Sunday morning, please see the photo gallery at courterprise.com

Uncertainties cloud university's budget forecast

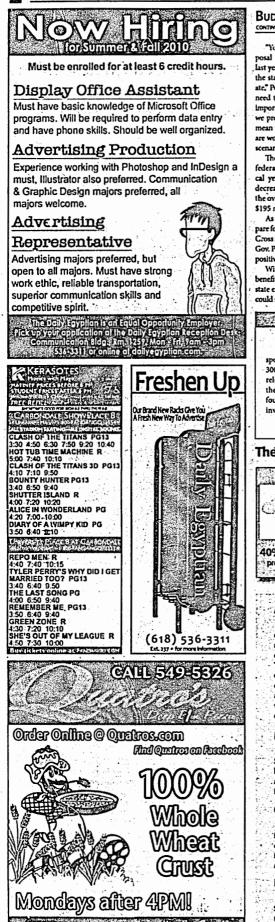
JEFF ENGELHARDT Daily Egyptian

In the midst of financial uncertainty in Springfield, SIU spokesman Dave Gross said there is one certainty - SIU will receive a budget, he's just uncertain when that will happen.

Gross said the university would likely be in the dark about its fiscal year 2011 budget until the May 7 adjournment date for the General As-

sembly draws closer. Because of the \$13 billion debt the state faces, legidators are collecting as much information as they can about how much they can cut from every state service before piccing together a budget, he said. University administrators propesed a \$260 million budget for fiscal year 2011 — a \$25 million increase from this year — to legislators last while the proposal would likely be denied, he was told to request what the university needed.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said . Please see BUDGET | 2



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"You can't submit a budget proposal that is at the same levels as last year, because then we are telling the state that's all we need to operate," Poshard said. "The fact is we do need that extra \$25 million, but it's important to remember just because we proposed that budget, it doesn't mean we are not ready for cuts. We are working on budgets for multiple scenarios."

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The university will not receive federal stimulus money next fiscal year, resulting in a 7 percent decrease and the potential to drop the overall funding level to roughly \$195 million.

As university administrators prepare for uncertain cuts to the budget, Cross said the pension reform bill on Gov. Pat Quinn's desk provides some positive uncertainty.

With more restrictions and less benefits in the new pension plan for state employees, Gross said the state could save \$300 million to \$500 million in fiscal year 2011. The savings could lead to reduced cuts in education, he said.

This money could very well be used to offset cuts to education, Gross said. I think they predicted about 17,000 teachers would be laid off if the current cuts go through; I would be surpri-d to see that happen. I think this can be a big help for education at all levels.

If the savings from the pension reform do not help higher education, Gross said the university is still trying to get the borrowing authority,bill passed. The bill has slowed down in the House Revenue Committee, as its members proposed amendments that would put more responsibilities on each university's Board of Trustees.

Gross said the House Revenue Committee does not usually bandle higher education bills and the amendments could be worked out through more discussions. The bill will not pass before the SIU Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, increasing the potential for an emergency meeting later to approve the potential borrowing authority, Poshard said.

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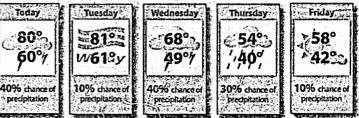
While the fiscal year ends June 30, there is a 60-day "accounting window" in which the state can pay off outstanding vouchers. But If Aug. 31 passes and the university has not received all the money, the funds will go back to the state treasury. Gross said.

"There has been the proposed 10 percent cut for this fiscal year, but I doubt that will pass," Gross said. "The real threat is in August. We could not receive all the funds by then, and it could have the same rffect as a 10 percent cut or more."

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The Carbondale police and fire departments responded at 9:18 a.m. Wednesday to a fire on the 300 block of East Birch Street, a police department release stated. The fire department extinguished the fire and no injuries were reported. Officers found the fire was started intentionally and are still investigating the incident, the release stated. An unknown suspect stole property between 2:10 p.m. and 4:10 p.m. Tuesday from a home on the 600 block of West Owens Street, a Carbondale Police Department release stated. The department is still investigating the burglary.

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ROTC physical training modernizes

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RYAN VOVIES Daily Egyptian

As the Army prepares for the first major overhaul in its physical training program in three decades, the ROTC will one inue to adjust to the needs of its cadets, said Capt, Jonathan Cape, enmilment officer of ROTC at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The overhaul includes more againybased drills that focus on core muscles. said Frank Palkosha, head of the Army's Etness School at Fort Jackson, S.C., in an interview with The Associated Press.

We grared all of our calisthenics, all of our running movements, all of our warrior skills so soldiers can become stronger, more powerful and more speed driven," he said.

But ROTC cadets have already moved away from the longer runs to focus on agility and core muscles

"The way the ROTC program is set up... is around the current Army's physical fitness test, which is two minutes of push-ups, two minutes of sit-ups and then a two-mile run," he said. "We do a multitude of events already that are outside the normal Army training

practices. The subpar fatness level of recent cadets has created a special need to change the training. Cape said.

We're having the same problem (as) basic training. The students and cadets that are coming up now aren't getting the playing outside --- working out the core muscles ... and cetting those strong," Cape said. "So we're adjusting to help them get what they need."

The new plan was recently expanded to four of the Army's basic training camps - Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Benning, Ga.; and Fort Knoz, Kv.

"Most of these soldiers have never been in a fistlicht or any kind of a physical confrontation," said Carst. Scott Sewell in an interview with The Astociated Press. "They are stunned when they set smacked in the face. We are trying to get them to act, to think like warriors."

KaShayla Stanford, a junior from Los Banos, Calif. studying mortuary science, said the Army has the best interest of the cadets in mind as it chances its policies.

"Physical fitness is a lot of what the criteria of what they grade you on," she said. "You can't really produce a good infantry in the Army if you're not in good shape."

Cape said cadets in the ROTC proeram do a wide variety of workouts that the Army training has never covered.

We have started to do more of the combathe more of the Prazilian Taikasu hand-to-hand techniques for the cadets to use," he said. "It gets them aware of what's going on ... it gives them an idea once they get commissioned of what to expect when in the real army,"

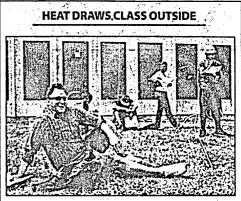
Cade Moody, a junior from Springfield studying physiology, said it is important for cadets to focus more on core workouts than on stamina.

"It's important to go to this training," he said. "The core just helps you in every way, from hand-to-hand combat to running and anything else you can do.

The changes in the Army training and adjustments made over the years by the ROTC are necessary. Cape said.

Tris an evolving process, what with the different situations that are going on," he said. We're trying to stay on the front edge of things, so were really willing to charge and adjust and adjust as much as needed for the changing environment.

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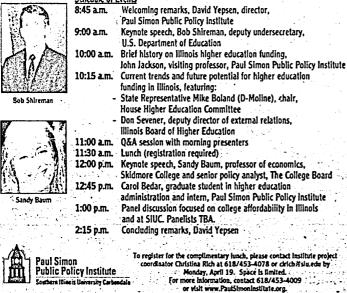
graduate assistant in Dávid Hanley-Tejeda, speech communication, teaches his intercultural communication class outside Friday in front of the Communications Building. Hanley-Tejeda was one of many teachers who brought their classes outside Friday, with temperatures reaching 80 degrees. Temperatures are expected to reach between the high-60s to low-80s with scattered thunderstorms Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, according to

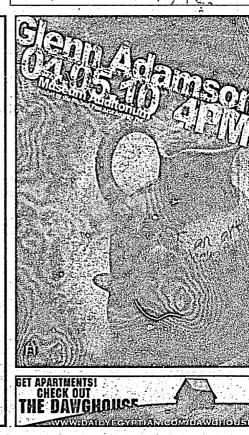


Going Broke on Education: How Can We Make College More Affordable?

Thursday, April 22, 2010 • 8:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. SIU Carbondale, Student Center Ballrooms Free to the Public

Schedule of Events







Cyrus Satarzadeh, a freshman from Carbondale studying criminal

justice, puts on his field gear for the ROTC program Sunday. The ROTC has three main field gear packs, one for their field training exercise, tactical training day and ruck march. The gear weighs between 35 and 40 pounds.

the National Weather Service in Paducah, Ky.

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GUEST COLUMN Reconsider cutting Athletic Training Education Program

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STEVE MIDDLETON graduate student in pyschology

As a graduate of SIU's Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP), I am shocked the university would allow such an unfortunate and grave mistake to be made by dropping such a promising program.

Dropping the SIU ATEP clearly seems to be not well thought out and a rash decision at this point. According to the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics the profession of athletic training is expected to grow 37% over the next 10 years — well above the average for most other healthcare professions. These include physical therapy (30 percent). scencies celence majors (29 percent). Some of this growth will come from an older population that is seeking to remain active while another much larger potition will come from the profession of athletic training that branches out from traditional settings in secondary schools and universities into new areas such as physician's offices, work-site clinics, the military and the performing arts. We have proven our unique experience and kill set to other fields and professionals where athletic trainers are being pursued more actively than at any other time in the past.

Cutting the ATEP will also provide a direct hit to SIU. The athletic training program typically has between 20-3G students at a given time with another 15-25 students in the pre-ATEP program fulfilling requirements to make them eligible to apply to the program. On paper, this number appears low when compared to other majors, however it is necessary to involve the hands on experiences necessary for the profession. Part of the hands on training is the number of clinical hours students must gain before graduating from the program.

The loss would also affect both the athletics department and the Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy Clinic that is a part of Student Health Services. The two departments serve as clinical education sites where athletic training students gain a minimum of 200 hours a semester and more than 1500 hours during their time at SIU. These educational hours are unpaid and consist of the medical care and rehabilitation of Saluki athletes and the physical rehabilitation of the student body as a whole. "If ATEP is cut, the majority of these hours will still need to be covered. The athletics department will be forced to add another staff certified athletic trainer or multiple certified athletic trainer graduate assistants positions. The Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy clinic will look at having to book appointments farther out or will also need to add another staff certified athletic trainer or expand the physical therapy services. Regardless, this seems as if it will cost the university much more money than it is saving by cutting the Athletic Training Education Program.

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The loss of SIU's ATEP would be unfortunate because of its distinguished history. It was one of the first 10 programs of its type in the

country and has a tradition of more than 30 years. Its originator, "Doc" Spackman, was one of the first certified athletic trainers to become nationally known as an expert on both injury prevention and overall health and fitness as he authored numerous books on the topics. SIU's head athletic trainer, Ed Thompson, is a graduate of the program. While it has had trouble with stability because of the many program directors during the past ten years, it still has a high graduation rate and a high rate of students passing the National Athletic Trainers Associations Board of Certification exam in order to become certified and licensed and to practice as an athletic trainer.

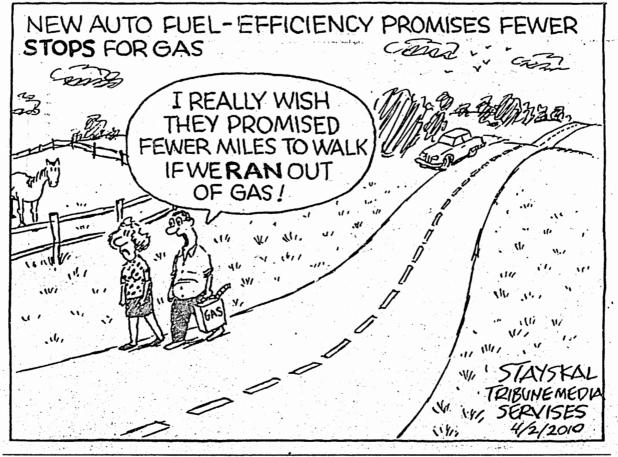
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Based on these presented facts, I ask that you reconsider dropping athletic training as a major at SIU.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is the funding of higher education your responsibility?

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to the article, "Is the state failing education?" The question of the amount of responsibility for the funding of higher education had by the state and the individual is increasingly relevant for all members of the university community here at SIUC, and it is a question that we as students should be actively engaging.

The department of speech com munication and the Society for Civil Discourse are inviting students to participate in and attend this semester's Student Speakers Forum, which asks the question: Is the funding of higher education your responsibility? The event will take place at 7 p.m. April 20 in the Lesar Law Auditorium, and is open to the entire university community.

At 5 p.m. April 12 and 13 in the Communications Building Room 2010, there will be open tryouts for students interested in presenting a five-minute informative or persuasive speech that focuses on the responsibility of the funding of higher education during the opening panel of the Speakers Forum.

Five to six speakers will be selected by the Speakers Forum Committee to open the event. After the panel has completed their speeches, the event moderators will then respond and open the floor to impromptu speakers. As the coordinator of this semes-

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ter's Speakers Forum, I am writing to invite the students at this university to tryout for the opening panel and to attend the forum in order to engage in a conversation about the funding of higher education.

If you are interested in trying out for the forum or would like more information please e-mail cjmcrac@siu. edu.

> Chris McRae doctoral candidate in speech

Dental Hygiene Clinic was a positive experience

DEAR EDITOR:

Along with all of the articles rearding health and wellness, I would like to bring up the fact that oral hygiene plays a big role in our health.

I have recently taken a pathophysiology course and learned how constant inflammation of the gums make us more prone for cardiovascular disease. Recent studies agree that severity of periodontal disease and the number of remaining teeth is related to the prevalence of myocardial infarction and hypertension.

During spring break, I got a dental cleaning for the first time in nearly four years. I have a little anxiety about going to the dentist, both because I've always thought I had had teeth, and because I'm afraid that it'll cost a lot of money. To my surprise, my experience at the Dental Hygiene Clinic on SIUC's campus was nothing to be feared. I received a proper dental eramination, X-ray and cleaning for the first time in years, and although I knew my teeth were terrible. I did not feel judged. It was also nice that it didn't cost very much.

Students and the rest of the community should consider their oral health as part of their overall health. and the Dental Hygiene Clinic on campus would be more than happy to help. Take a step towards a healthier lifestyle, and help out the students in the program. Appointments are available immediately.

> Madelle Olea resident of Winooski, Vt.

If everyone else jumped off the bridge ...

DEAR EDITOR:

Throughout the Wednesday "Salary Edition" of the DAILY EGTPTIAN, occasional reference was made to the ubiquity of housing and vehicle allowances, the use of salary midpoints and the Importance of paying big so that key employees don't abandon SIUC for other schools and bigger paydays. Each of these justificatory schemes insists that we make decisions by measuring ourselves against other schools, with the result being that we unquestioningly maintain the status quo. Within this kind of reasoning is an insidious assumption that the only appropriate motives or reasons are comparative and economic.

It may very well be the case that certain perks do traditionally "go along with the job," as SIU President Glenn Pushard indicates. This, how-

ever, is no reason to think that such benefits ought to go along with the job especially not during a period when he is requesting significant budgetary cuts be made. If the president is unable to afford his own transportation on his significant salary, I and others in the philosophy department would be happy to arrange carpooling.

While there is no doubt that losing coach Lowery or any other member of the university community to another school would be disappointing. stating that "SIU likely would have lost Lowery to a larger university had it not offered him the contract it did discredits the coach. Is he a Saluki? Is he proud of the educational and athletic traditions we exemplify? Or is he only here until someone comes along offering to add zeros onto his paycheck? No doubt the coach and our

faculty and administration are people of character and loyalty, devoted to improving the institution and upholding the highest standards of success in both schooling and sporting.

Especially now, when times are tough and money is tight, we all, from the highest to the lowest paid, need to be looking for ways to save money and lower our budget. Part of thi, difficult process, however, is taking a hard look at ourselves and determining our priorities, our reasons. Do care most about keeping up with the Joneses and increasing our bank account balances, or do we care about maintaining and improving a proud university community that stretches back nearly 150 years?

> Steven Miller graduate student in philosophy

DEAR EDITOR Students and local southern Il-

linoisans support Sheila Simon as an SIUC law professor, former Carbondale City Council member and even as a lieutenant governor. However, it is a bad idea for Sheila to support Quinn's legislative agenda, especially his proposed one percent tax increase for education.

We support Sheila Simon, but ...

A one percent tax increase across the board is not going to help education here at SIUC, nor is it going to help the local residents. SIU historically supports and helps low income families send their children to a university, but if we tax these people another 1 percent, we are reaching into their food money, their bill money and their living expenses. It is not a tax that would take money that would otherwise be spent on an iPod; it is money that is spent on living. These students will have to rely on more state funding, or forgo the idea of a university altogether. With SIUC's enrollment issues, this lax can only serve to hurt the university.

And likewise with local southern Illinoisans. This is their food money and bill money Quinn is proposing to take via this one percent tax increase. Sheila Simon knows this.

It is a tax with no promise of growth, like a progressive tax. It can only serve to hurt this region and the potential students of SIUC. Simon and Quinn both know there is moncy at the state level, that there are other means of taxing for education. We support Sheila Simon, but

supporting this tax is a bad idea.

Greg Nofsinger senior studying philosophy and psychology

A third (party) option DEAR EDITOR:

On March 29, Goy, Pat Ouinn and Sheila Simon made an appearance at Shrwick Auditorium for their tour of the state. The ilaux EGYPTIAN covered this event, making it to the front page with a gigantic picture of Simon. The attention Simon is getting from the community is understandable; she's a well-known Carbondale figure, professor at the SIU School of Law and daughter of one of our greatest senators on the ticket as lieutenant governor.

But there is also another Carbondale native who is running for governor, has had three press conferences in the last couple of months right on the Strin. ran for governor in 2006 and gained 10 percent of the vote as a third party candidate -- which is rather impressive -with 361,000 votes (359,000 more than Simon has for anything), is an area civil rights attorney and has actually ran for statewide office - something that Si-

EGYPTIAN has not be hered to show up for any of his events or even mention any of his press releases.

This man is Rich Whitney, and he is running for Governor of Illinois under the Green Party ticket. The same day Oulnn and Simon came to Shrvock Auditorium, Whitney spoke to the student protesters outside of Morris Library and presented his solution for the budget crisis facing SIU and other institutions throughout the state.

Whereas Quinn proposes cutting another \$103 million from higher education for fiscal year 2011, Whitney proposes about a \$2 billion increase, and a funding stream to pay for it.

After Rich Whitney's speech in front of the library, he stayed and answered all questions posed for him by several students who were waiting When one of the student protesters outside Shryock asked Quinn about the budget cut, his only response was mon has never done - but the DAILY _ a wave of the hand as he walked away

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saying, "I'm for education."

Whitney was not interviewed by the DAILY EGIPTIAN when he came to campus, and there were no pictures of his speech, or any of his speeches for that matter. The DAILY EGYPTIAN has made their blas clear with whom they are willing to publicize and support. The students, faculty, staff and community members who read the DAILT EGYPTIAN deserve the right to educate themselves on all candidates running for office so they may make an informed decision come election day and not just the ones whom the paper deems fit. The Green Party is not some fringe group of leftists; they are a legitimate third party with great ideas and actual solutions to the crisis taking holding of the state. They should not be treated as anything other than a viable option for the people of Illinois.

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Andriana Bicanin senior studying English

A monument destroyed

DEAR EDITOR:

Monday morning, a feat of engineering and artistry, admired by many, was taken away much to the dismay of many students. I am, of course, talking about the Bailey Hall bike tree.

For those who do not know, the Bailey bike tree was a tree behind Bailey Hall in Thompson Point with 12 bicycles placed in its branches. With the careful placement of these bikes, they even managed to survive the inland hurricane last year. They were not going anywhere anytime soon, until Monday morning when the bleveles were taken down using heavy machinery. This not only destroved the grass around the tree, but damaged the tree itself.

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So my question is this: Why were they taken down? This tree was here for three full years before the school decided it was time for the bikes to come down. It was something we had that no one else did. How many times have you seen a tree with 12 bicycles in it? I say its something that should have been honored, not torn down

However, the damage is done. The effort it took to get those bikes up in that tree is all for naught now. I suppose we can now say that the SIUC maintenance staff is more powerful than a hurricane.

> Eric Packard junior studying mechanical engineering

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'Red Steel 2' features improved motion control

Motion controls that put the player in the action

Developer: Ubisoft Paris Publisher: Ubisoft Platform: Nintendo Wii ESRB rating: T(i3+) Score: 3.5 out of 5

DEREK ROBBINS Daily Egyptian

Finally, motion controls are not just a gimmick.

The biggest problem with the Wil since its release is the majority of the games that incorporate motion control do not actually need it. For the most part, the player is just flailing. The flailing can be fun, but at the end of the day the player is just flailing.

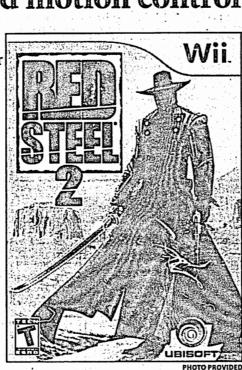
"Red Steel 2" is not like those games. After playing this title, it is hard to picture it playing the same way with a normal controller. Swinging around the Wiimote actually registers on the screen precisely.

This is thanks to the Wii MotionPlus, which was launched in 2009 with Nintendo's "Wil Sports Resort" and promises more precise control. Essentially, all Nintendo products promised with the launch of the Wil are now possible thanks to this device. Before now, the Wii MotionPlus has only been used with simpler. more casual games. This is the first chance the device gets to actually shine.

The player use; the new control acheme to slash swords and shoot guns. The two fighting styles can be switched at will. The original game featured terrible swe d combat. In "Red Steel 2" the Wii MotionPlus makes it the best part. The player can accurately deflect bullets and slash at enemies. Finally, slap fighting with the controller won't get the job done.

The player will slash and shoot as an unpamed character from a defunct ninja clan known as the Kusagari clan. The game

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does not tell the player much. Xbox 360 and PS3, pull it off about the character, except that much better. the game's main town of Caldera has been taken over by the Jackal gang. The leader of the gang tried to kill the protagonist at the very start of the game, conveniently, and a twisting path of revenge ensues.

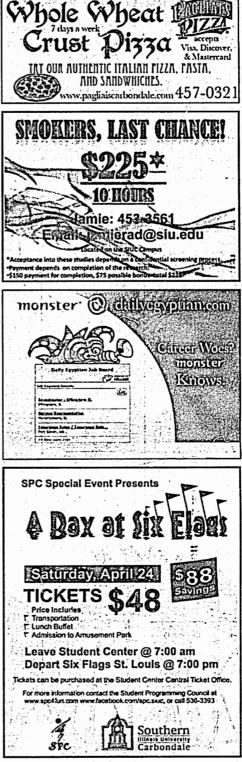
The plot is fairly simple and generic. If the player has seen an action movie in the past 50 years, it is safe to assume he or she has seen everything this game has to offer. The dialogue is silly at times, and when the game introduces the idea that the Kusagari clan was killed off because their katanas contained mystical powers it induces head banging behavior.

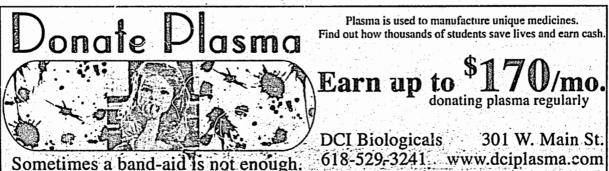
That is the point though. The game is intentionally trying to be corny. The voice acting helps drive this point home. The only problem here is that other games, such as "God Hand" on the Play-Station 2 and "Bayonetta" on the

While the story is a cheesefest, the game's graphics are done well enough to generate some attention. The Wii can often times be confused for two GameCubes being duct-taped together, so it is fairly surprising that this game is flat out gorgeous. It has an amazing art scheme that is both unique and stylish. Viewers may even forget for a second what system they are playing and confuse it with something more powerful.

Truly, this is far and away the best graphical experience on the Wii. When combined with the unique and non-gimmick filled gameplay, the entire package is oretty entertaining. The story can be done away with, but if looking for a fun time on the Wii, it's hard to pass on "Red Steel 2."

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V says nine rescued from flooded Chinese mine

GILLIAN WONG The Associated Press

XIANGNING, China - Nine miners were pulled to safety early Monday after spending more than a week trapped in a flooded coal mine in northern China, and state television reported more survivors may be found.

The nine men - among 153 trapped since March 28 - were wrapped in blankets, placed in ambulances and rushed to a hospital where teams of doctors and nurses had been standing by for several days.

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mine could still be alive, but did one of the survivors, Li Guoyu, 38, not give any details.

It showed images of the miners being taken into the hospital in Heiln city, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) from the mine. Their eyes were covered to shield them from the bright lights. Some were hooked up to intravenous drips.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported that their blood pressure and heart rates were from Henan province in central China, as saying they had gone without water because they were worried about drinking the dirty water flowing in the tunnel.

The nine had been trapped since workers broke a wall into a water-filled abandoned shaft. flooding the mine in Shanxi province in northern China. About 3,000 people have worked around

A glimmer of hope emerged Friday when rescuers heard knocking on a pipe that had been drilled into the mine. But no sounds were heard after that as workers frantically pumped water out and sent divers into the mine to scout conditions.

Finally, at 40 minutes past midnight Monday the first survivor was brought to the surface. A crowd of people outside the entrance of the mine shaft clapped as the miners were carried out.

Reporters who did not belong to state media were prevented from getting close to the site.

nhua reported that swaying lamp lights were seen at the other side of a V-shaped shaft in the mine, indicating people might be there.

V-shaped shaft had emerged as the water level fell.

A preliminary investigation last week found that the mine's managers ignored water leaks before the accident, the State Administration of Work Safety said.

China's coal mines are the world's deadliest. Accidents killed 2.631 coal miners in China last year, down from 6,995 deaths in 2002, the most dangerous year on

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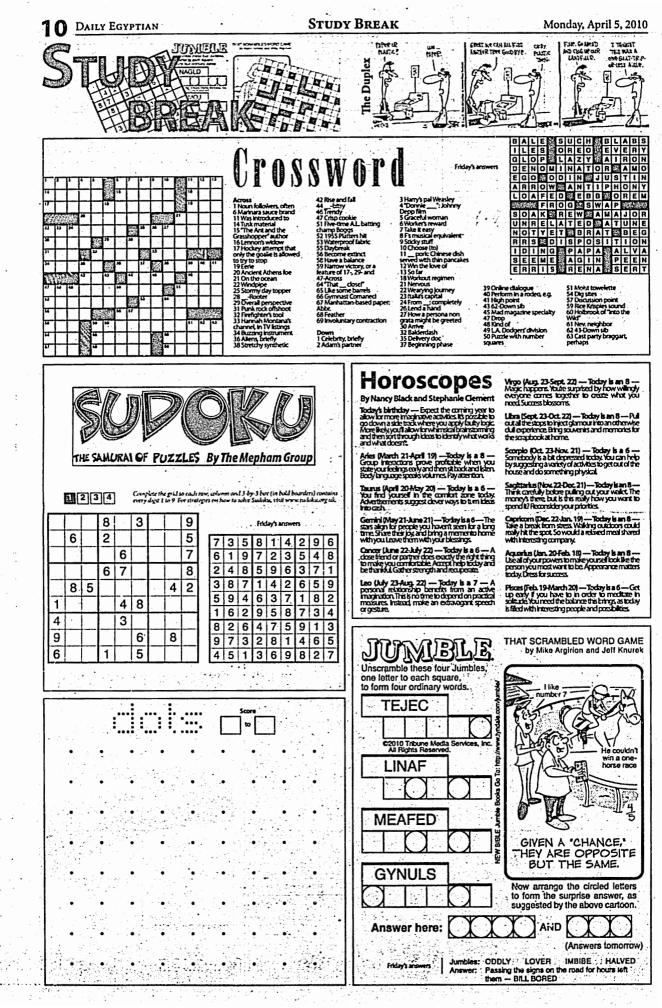
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Saturday's win gave Callahan his 200th career Missouri Valley Conference victory - only five other coaches in MVC history have accumulated as many wins in conference play.

The SIU offense had difficulty pushing runs across the plate in the first two games of the series but jumped on Bradley's top starter - sophomore right-hander Jacob Booden - for seven runs in the first two frames Sunday.

Despite going scoreless in the final four innings, the nine runs put up by the Salukis in the first four innings were enough to propel the team to a 9-3 victory.

Harding, who finished 4-for-4 Sunday with two RBIs, said the team reaped the benefits of listening to its hitting coach Ken Henderson.

"Everyone stayed back on the ball (Sunday) and used their hands," Harding said. "Henderson has been preaching that all week. We hadn't been doing that, but we finally did it and it paid off."

Senior left-hander Ryan Bradley (0-2) made the start for SIU in game one Friday and scattered

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three runs off eight hits through five innings. The bullpen would combine for the final 10 frames, with senior right-hander Kellen Candau (2-0) picking up the win.

Senior right-hander Nathan Forer (1-1) made the start in game two and did not give up an earned run through eight innings of work while holding Bradley to a total of six hits for his first win of the season.

Junior left-hander Randy Hoelscher (1-2) took the bump for his sixth start on the year Sunday and set a personal season-high for innings pitched. Hoelscher, who had thrown five innings in each of his previous two starts, gave up 11 hits, but struck out three and held Bradley to two runs through six innings.

Sunday was the best he felt before a start, Hoelscher said.

"Most of the year, I had been throwing two of my pitches for strikes consistently," Hoelscher said. "Today, I was throwing all three for strikes. I started leaving the ball up a bit towards the end. so they started to hit me around, but I know I got good guys behind me in the field backing me up."

The team turned a total of six double plays over the weekend SOFTBALL CONTINUED FROM 12

Wilson struck again in game two ith her second three-run homer of the day, and that would be all the support the Sahakis needed en route to a 3-2 victory.

After entering the second game in tief of junior pitcher Alex Peters, Junior pitcher Danielle Glosson picked up her second win of the day. In the two games combined, Glosson pitched 9.2 mings, allowed six hits, one run and alked just three batters.

The Salukis came right back Saturday and had what Blaylock said was one of their best offensive performances of the seasor

With the game tied 1-1 in the fifth ting, Wilson stepped to the plate, already with two home runs for the weeknd, and took the offering over the left field fence for her ninth home run of the son to break the game open at 5-1.

"I worked the count to 3-2, and she had to throw it in there," Wilson said.

"Everyone did their job by getting on base.

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In three games against Bredley, Wilion went 4-for-8 with three home runs, four runs and 10 RBIs.

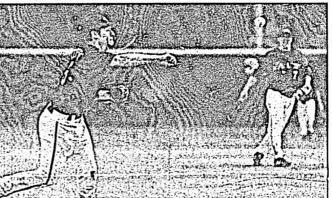
- Birvlock said the victory was one of, if not the best offensive performances of the season.

This game was probably one of the most satisfying offensively," Blaylock said. "We just kind of bided our time and waited"

Glosson picked up her third victory of the weekend. After entering the game in the third inning, Glosson pitched the final five innings, allowing one run on two hits and two walks while striking out three batters to improve to 14-8 on the season

The Salukis will return to the diamond at 4 p.m. Wednesday when they travel to Southeast Missouri State.

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Senior third baseman Tony Lepore throws to first Abe Martin Field. The Salukis swept the threebase during a game against Bradley Saturday at

- one Friday, three Saturday and two Sunday.

We always joke around as a pitching staff saying that double plays are a pitcher's best friend." "And they Hoelscher said.

definitely are." The team's active five-game

win streak is the longest SIU has put together since 2008, and the Salukis will look to extend it at 3 p.m. Tuesday against Southeast DAN DWYER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

game weekend series.

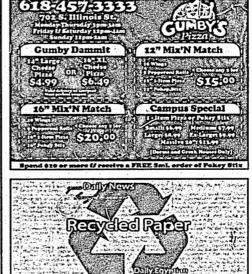
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TRACK & FIELD

Women first, men second at SEMO

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The SIU track and field team rounded out its two-day trip in Cape Girardeau, Mo., with the women scoring 171.5 points for a first-place victory, and the men scoring 138 points for a second-place finish at Southeast Missouri State's Joey Haines Invitational

Led by sophomore thrower Jeneva McCall. the women crushed second-place Lincoln College by 85.5 points.

McCall won first place in the discus, hammer throw and shot put, winning the shot put with a throw of 52-05 1/4 inches, which gave, her a personal best and the second-best toss in school history.

"I knew I was capable of throwing over 50 feet again; I just had to figure out what I did at nationals," McCall said. "Coach Connie (Price-Smith) told me to give it a knockout punch.

Senior Sasha Leeth took second to McCall in the shot put and discus with throws of 49-06 1/2, and 160-07, respectively.

The women went on to take four of the topfive finishes in the hammer throw and shot put.

Sophomore Jake Dieters won the discus for the second straight meet for the Saluki men with a throw of 181-02. Fellow sophomores J.C. Lambert and Matt Eader each took second in the harmer throw and shot put.

The throwers have kind of set the stage and asserted themselves as the dominant competitors early on and have done a good job representing SIU," distance coach Matt Sparks said.

SIU also took home top honors in the men's pole vault. Sophomore Cody Doerflein won the event for the second consecutive week, clearing 17-02 3/4 inches.

*(Doerflein) had a great weekend; he was nping in less than ideal conditions and was still able to jump almost five inches higher than he ever had be 've,' pole vault/javelin coach Dan Digman said. "He is consistently setting himself apart as one of the best pole vaulters in the country."

Sophomore Brandon Deloney took first place in the men's 200-meter dash, and fourth place in the 100-meter dash. Deloney was also

14114 4 6 11 ore pole vaulter Cody Doerflein clears a jump Saturday Missouri State in Cope Girardeau, Mo. Doerflein placed first in

a part of the second-place finishing 4x100 relay team alongside juniors Kenny Blanks, Kalente Jackson and Justin Kozak.

during the Joey Halnes Invitational hosted by Southeast

The women's relay teams faired similarly well. The 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams each finished second. Junior Meredith Hayes, the third leg of the 4x100, won first place in the omen's 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.25 seconds

Sophomore Malaikah Love, also a member of the 4x100 team, went on to finish first in the omen's triple jump (41-03 1/4) and second in the women's long jump (19-04).

Javelin saw second- and third-place finish-

es again on both the men's and women's sides. Senior Toni Whitfield grabbed second for the women with a throw of 134-04, and fresh man Kim Fortney took third with her throw

Foote took second and third, respectively, for the men

Sophomore Maxim Bakana finished in second place for the men in both the triple and long jumps.

Junior Daniel Dunbar finished second in

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the pole vault. The men placed second overall.

top five for the distance runners on both the men's and women's side.

"We are still in what I call the exhibition stage of the season as far as distance runners go," Sparks said. "Look to see more higherplaced finishes from the runners in the next couple weeks when we work through a few injuries and build endurance."

The team's next competition will be the Ole Miss Relays in Oxford, Miss.

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SOFTBALL Blaylock wins 400th game

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When the SIU softball team beat Bradley in the first game of a three-game series Friday, it wasn't just another win for the team.

It gave Kerri Blaylock her 400th win as the head coach of the Salukis.

But the Salukis didn't stop after winning the first game 12-0, they won the second game 3-2 Friday before they inished the series with an 8-2 win Saturday to complete the SWEED

Blaylock said she went into the series hoping to win at least two of the games.

"If you get a sweep, that's just the icing on the ceke," Blaylock said.

The Salukis (24-12, 9-1 Missouri Valley Conference) used three home runs, which

accounted for nine of the team's 12 runs, to power their way to a 12-0 victory in game one. Highlighted in the Saluki scoring barrage were a three-run home run by senior

outfielder Katie Wilson and a grand slam by senior designated player Allie Hanson

Hanson said she never goes up to the plate looking to a hit a home run, but was happy to see her sixth home run of the season fly over the wall

"I was just trying to make contact," Hanson said. You don't want to hit it up in the air, but if it goes over the fence that's great."

Hanson said she expects the sweep of Bradley (11-18, 2-6 MVC) to get the Salukis going and get the team's confidence up.

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Callahan wins 200th game

RAY MCGILLIS Daily Egyptian

For the first time in 10 years, the SIU baseball team (14-14, 4-2 Missouri Valley Conference) completed a three-game eep against Bradley University.

After winning the first two contests in nail-biting fashion, head coach Dan Callahan said he was pleased his team stayed aggressive in the final game of the series.

"Sometimes I think teams can get complacent when they've won the first two games of the series," Callalian said. "I never sensed that we were that way at all ... I liked that we eren't just ecstatic over winning two out of three; we came out like we wanted to win."

The Salukis needed 15 frames to defeat the Braves (6-16, 0-6 MVC) in game one of the weekend series at Abe Martin Field. After using the eighth and ninth innings to tie the score at four, freshman designated hit-

Brock Harding hit's walk-off RBI single to capture the win, 5-4.

SIU walked away with a 3-1 victory in game two Saturday, but needed late-inning heroics for the second day in a row.

Junior second basemen Blake Pinnon launched a two-out solo, home run to left and freshman catcher Austin Montgomery added an insurance run to break a 1-1 tie in the eighth, while freshman right-hander Lee Weld (1-3) surrendered no runs and picked up his first collegiate save after coming in for the ninth.

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the 1,500-meter run for the Salukis with a time of 3:59, and was the only Saluki to finish in the BASEBALL

of 126 feet. Senior Trevor Poore and sophomore Brad