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Day 3 of 5 The city of Radcliff, Ky., continues to remember those souls lost on May 14, 1988. See DRUNK BEHIND 'THE WHEEL' story, pages 13 & 14.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER 3, 2003

Colleges takes brunt of budget cuts

College revenue decreased almost \$7 million in year 2003

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The University received about \$193 million last year from the appropriation and income fund, but only about half

of that amount went toward campus academic units.

Randy Hughes, chairman of the Budget Committee of the Faculty Senate, said the committee began investigating to determine where the money is going in light of current budget cuts.

The statistics were compiled through the SIUC Budget Office using the SIU Operating and Capital budgets, and Hughes said they were

not pleased with what the numbers showed.

"We knew that colleges have been facing several cutbacks over the last couple of years," Hughes said. "But at the same time, looking at the operational budgets, we also saw that the University and the campus [funding] were fairly level, so we were trying to figure out what explains this."

From fiscal year 2002 to 2003, appropriation and income funding,

which includes tuition and educational assistance funds, increased for SIUC by about \$50,000, and is anticipated to increase about \$500,000 in fiscal year 2004, according to the report.

Academic units on campus did not see the results of these increases, with some colleges' budgets cut by as much as 10 percent. Total funding to academic units actually decreased by about \$7 million and is expected to decrease another \$1.2 million for fiscal

year 2004.

Budget Director Carol Henry made a presentation at the last Faculty Senate meeting to offer explanations for the discrepancy, but Hughes said she only partially explained why the numbers for the colleges may be down. Henry was unavailable for comment.

Hughes said one possible explanation is that when appropriations from

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'Daughters of Abraham' to premier tonight

Documentary covers human side of Israeli/Palestinian conflict

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The Palestinian girl gathered her resolve as she walked slowly down the street. About the same time, an Israeli girl of about the same age exited the grocery store — the Palestinian's objective. As the Palestinian girl neared the store, she smiled, thinking this was what she was meant to do.

Both girls died that day — one with a bomb strapped to her chest, one on her way home from buying groceries. One was an aggressor, one a bystander in the wrong place at the wrong time. Both were victims of a conflict that dates back to biblical times: the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

A 45-minute documentary following the lives of the two girls up to the March 29, 2002, bombing premiers at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Life Science III Auditorium. A question-and-answer session will follow the free showing, and refreshments will be provided.

The documentary by Hilla Medalia, a second-year graduate student in professional media practice and an Israeli citizen, shows the girls' lives in light of the ever-present Israeli/Palestinian conflict. It focuses on how deep hatreds effect the lives of all who grow up in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"I think when you talk about the conflict on a political level, you don't feel as much emotion as when you really deal with people," Medalia said. "And you can see yourself being this little girl."

Medalia said she chose this particular topic for her master's thesis because of the lack of knowledge about the history of the conflict she has found in many Americans. She said she wanted to let Americans know how the conflict affects lives on a micro level as opposed to the more macro view covered in the news. She said the film causes people to identify with the lives of those she covers.

Medalia said this was her way of saying something about an issue she cares about deeply. She said it bothered her that people do not know much about something so close to her.

"Americans are my target audience," she said. "And I'm trying to educate."

Through the interviews, Medalia said the two cultures and the conflict between them take on a different meaning. She said the parents explain how they dealt with the death of their daughters and theories on why they died. Although the film documents the girls, the politics of the conflict come across loud and clear, Medalia said.

"The Palestinian parents talk more about politics, but not really politics, when they give the reason why their daughter went on her mission," she said. "You cannot really avoid politics. The same with the Israeli parents. When you live in Israel and Jerusalem, really there is no way you can avoid politics."

Although politics come across, Medalia stressed the documentary was about the two girls and the emotions and questions their deaths raise.

"It's really not about Sharon or Arafat," she said. "It's really about the people — how it is to live in the camp, and how it is to live in Israel, and to explain really what it is to live there, living through this daily agony and tragedy."

According to Medalia, the documentary took more than a year to complete. Three months of pre-production helped shape the direction of the film, which began as a history of the conflict but soon evolved into a present-day testimony of two lives stuffed out by hatred and despair.

In addition to covering the lives of the two girls who died through their parents' eyes, Medalia said she added a brief history of how the conflict began and how it continues to be fueled.

Medalia cited the U.N. Partition Plan of 1947, the recognition of Israel as a nation and the continuous fighting, especially during the years 1987 and 2000, as examples of why



ANDRE DENTAMARO - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Randy Auxier, an associate professor of philosophy, speaks Tuesday evening at the Interfaith Center. Auxier, along with Dominic Gomes, an instructor of art at John A. Logan Community College, led a discussion on War, Peace and Art. The discussion was part of the weeklong celebration of the center's 60th anniversary, which ends Saturday.

Interfaith Center celebrates 60th anniversary with 17 events

This year's celebration follows the theme 'Art from the Heart'

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Sixty colorful pictures decorate the basement walls of the Interfaith Center. The pictures represent the progression of the center and years of events that have led up to their 60th anniversary celebration. The main level is filled with a variety of artwork, which was created by local talent, students and faculty members. These works, which symbolize the celebration's theme "Art from the Heart," are all available for purchase during a silent auction. The auction will raise money for the Interfaith

Center and in some cases the individual artist.

For the past six decades, the Interfaith Center has provided a form of liberal ministry to students of all religions and beliefs. The Interfaith Center has a variety of religious meetings and spiritual discussion groups as well as an International Coffee Hour and Tai Chi classes. Students can check out books on topics related to spirituality, theology and self-help. People are available to talk to students about questions or concerns they have involving those topics.

The Interfaith Center is sponsoring 17 events, which will take place throughout the remainder of the week. Live entertainment and free food are provided at many of the events. In addition to music, local artists will give presentations and

entertain questions about their art. Discussions on a variety of different religious practices, a tailgating event and holiday craft making are all scheduled events. All activities take place in the Interfaith Center and are free and open to the public.

The celebration began Sunday with an ice cream social followed by a gourmet vegetarian buffet. Both events featured music from local performers with local restaurants and volunteers providing food for the vegetarian dinner. Hugh Muldoon, the director of the Interfaith Center, said there was an especially good turnout at the vegetarian dinner.

Lunch with an Artist is one of the main events that will occur at noon throughout the week. The first lunch with an artist took place Monday

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NATIONAL NEWS

Experts say battle against AIDS is being lost

WASHINGTON (KRT) — Marking World AIDS Day, experts said Monday that the war on AIDS was being lost as U.S. and world health officials began a six-day tour of four AIDS-racked nations in sub-Saharan Africa.

Led by U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson and recently appointed U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator Randall L. Tobias, the 80-person delegation will tour treatment facilities in Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia, where the AIDS epidemic continues to spread unabated.

Despite billions of dollars pledged recently to fight the disease, many experts agree with Thompson that the war against AIDS isn't going well.

Forty million people worldwide are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, according to a recent report by the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS, known as UNAIDS. This year alone, 5 million people were newly infected and 3 million — about 8,000 a day — have died from HIV/AIDS complications, the report found. Sub-Saharan Africa is the world's most severely affected region, accounting this year for more than 3 million new infections — 60 percent of the world's total — and 2.3 million deaths.

President Bush, on a campaign fund-raising swing

Monday through Dearborn, Mich., noted in a statement issued by his press secretary that Africa bears the brunt of AIDS devastation.

The disease also is spreading in India, Vietnam, China and Nepal as well as Latin America and the Caribbean.

Tests link 2 more cases to freeway shooting

(CNN) — Ohio investigators learned Tuesday that ballistic tests have positively matched two prior incidents to the weapon used to kill an elderly woman riding as a passenger on Interstate 270 before Thanksgiving.

There are now four cases positively linked to the weapon, announced Chief Deputy Steve Martin with the Franklin County, Ohio, Sheriff's Department.

Since May, there have been 11 shootings along Interstate 270, which circles Columbus, Ohio. Investigators suspect they may all be related to the same shooter, or shooters.

A 12th shooting took place Nov. 11 at a school, rather than along Interstate 270 like the other 11. The four cases linked through ballistics are the shooting of a freight truck Oct. 19, the shooting at the empty school building Nov. 11, a shooting along Route 23 Nov. 23 and the most recent shooting Nov. 25, which killed 62-year-old Gail Knisley.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Conflicting accounts emerge about firefight

SAMARRA, Iraq (KRT) — The U.S. military and Iraqi officials gave sharply conflicting accounts Monday of a firefight on Sunday in the Iraqi town of Samarra, where the U.S. military Monday said it killed 54 Iraqis, not the 46 reported earlier.

The ambush, the conflicting accounts and the evidence that guerrillas were able to plan an ambitious operation in a populated area without anyone alerting the Americans all underscored the problem U.S. troops face in eradicating the guerrillas without alienating more Iraqis.

U.S. officials said Sunday's failed ambush on U.S. troops was bigger and better coordinated than other recent attacks on U.S. troops, which have been isolated ambushes using homemade roadside bombs, rocket-propelled grenades and rifles.

U.S. military officials said the battle in Samarra began Sunday afternoon when dozens of guerrillas simultaneously ambushed two U.S. military convoys delivering bags of Iraqi currency to two banks east and west of the city.

The attackers appeared to know the precise routes of both convoys, planting gunmen on rooftops and alleyways along the way. They had also positioned armed groups of 30 to 40 fighters at the banks and other ambush points. They erected a makeshift barricade to block one of the convoys.

Others were dispatched with Kalashnikov rifles and rocket-propelled grenades in cars to chase and attack U.S. troops, said U.S. military officials.

The guerrillas used mortars and rocket-propelled bombs in addition to small arms and rocket-propelled grenades.

The attack, however, failed, despite its scale and high level of coordination. U.S. troops returned fire with small arms, 120 mm tank rounds and 25 mm cannon fire from Bradley fighting vehicles, said U.S. military officials.

Important Reminder for Students Graduating or Leaving SIUC!

Students who are not planning to return to SIUC for the Spring 2004 Semester can opt to purchase an extension of their off-campus student insurance coverage for 60 days past their last date of university enrollment. The last date of coverage for students who complete the Fall 2003 session is January 11, 2004. In order to purchase the optional extension coverage, you must complete an application and make payment PRIOR to your last date of coverage under the regular student coverage. Students who withdraw prior to end of the semester must make application and payment PRIOR to their last date of official university enrollment.

For further information regarding this coverage, please refer to the "2003/2004 Extended Medical Care Benefit Plan Brochure" or visit the SHP web page at WWW.siu.edu/~shp. The Student Medical Benefit Office (student insurance) is located at Room 118, Kesar Hall or can be reached via phone at 453-4413.



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Five-day Forecast

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Sunday	Partly cloudy	42/27
Monday	Partly cloudy	48/35

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Average high: 48
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Wednesday's hi/low: 77/ 1

CORRECTIONS

Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

POLICE REPORTS

University:

A flat screen monitor valued at less than \$300 was reported stolen between 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. Monday at Quigley Hall #6. There was non-forcible entry, and police have no suspects.

Carbondale

Criminal damage to property occurred when a plate glass window was shattered between the evening hours of Nov. 26 through the morning hours of Nov. 30 at Kids Korner located at 101 N. Glenview Drive. Police said there was no entry to the building, and no items were reported stolen. Damage is estimated at \$400.

A burglary from two auto vehicles was reported to have occurred between 4 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Monday on the 100 block of North Lark Lane. Removed from the vehicles were a blue fleece blanket, wrapped Christmas presents, a book, a handmade tablecloth, an emergency road kit and five yards of vinyl cloth with Coca-Cola printed on it. There are no suspects.

A burglary from an auto vehicle reportedly occurred between 9:45 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 a.m. Monday on the 2000 block of West Sun Drive. Police reported that an unknown person entered the unlocked vehicle while it was parked in a driveway and removed a 10-inch Sony subwoofer, a Sony amplifier and homemade compact discs.

CALENDAR

No items to report.

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ANTHONY SOUFFLE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC student Keith Belkamp, a sophomore in psychology, donates blood Monday at Grinnell Hall. The blood drive was one of many recently held at SIUC in response to the American Red Cross' blood shortage.

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the state have decreased due to the statewide budget crisis the income fund, mainly tuition, has increased.

"Tuition has balanced the cuts, but it seems that cuts in appropriations in general revenue have directly affected college budgets," Hughes said. "Tuition increases have not gone directly back to fill the decreases in the college budgets and instead control over that money now resides in other administrative levels of the University."

The appropriation and income fund only makes up one stream of

revenue for the University, others being grants, contracts and donations. But the fund is the principal source of discretionary spending in the budget.

According to the report, the College of Liberal Arts received the largest cuts of 9.7 percent, or about \$2.5 million, and more than half of the academic units received cuts of more than 6 percent.

The revenue is expected to decrease again in fiscal year 2004, though at a smaller increment.

The College of Mass Communication and Media Arts is anticipated to take the largest cut at 10.4 percent. Cuts received by all other academic units are expected to remain below 4.6 percent.

Hughes said members of the Faculty Senate expressed concern about money being transferred out of the control of the individual colleges but was unsure what action could be taken to change the current process. The committee and the senate are continuing to wait for why the academic units have faced such harsh cuts.

"Overall, the money is there, and we're not completely sure where all that money goes or how it's actually expended in the end," Hughes said. "It is clearly disproportionate, and I'm still waiting to get an adequate explanation of why it should be that way — why the colleges have had to take [the highest cuts]."



PROVIDED PHOTO

Hilla Medalia, a second-year graduate student in professional media practice, shoots film in Israel for her documentary 'Daughters of Abraham.' The film will premier at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Life Science III Auditorium Room 1059.

ABRAHAM

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the conflict continues. A bombing that happened a few days before she left adds a visual component of the events, she said.

Because her race created safety conflicts, she brought two SIUC students to help film in the refugee camp.

Medalia also said she had hard emotions against both sides as she edited the film and saw how the two races treat each other.

"It was more than the time and the work," Medalia said.

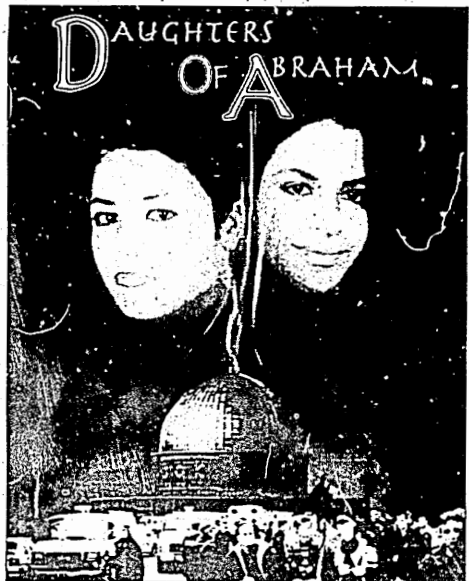
"It was emotionally very, very hard."

Although filming occupied only a three-week period in December 2002, the editing process took more than seven months to complete. Another two months went into translation of the footage and scripting of the film.

"A film is really a team effort," Medalia said.

"And yes, although it is my film, there are so many people who helped."

Medalia has entered her documentary in several festivals and said she hopes it will eventually air on public television.



PROVIDED PHOTO

'Daughters of Abraham' by Hilla Medalia. Cover art by Shaw Rodriguez.

Democratic hopefuls criticize one another

Scott Rank
Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

AMES, Iowa (U-WIRE) - Democratic presidential candidates aimed criticisms away from President Bush and toward each other — namely Howard Dean — at the 2004 presidential campaign's first nationally televised debate.

The two-hour debate was held Nov. 24 at the Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines and was moderated by NBC news

anchor Tom Brokaw.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., who opted to skip Iowa in the Democratic presidential race, declined to participate in the debate. Senators John Kerry, D-Mass., and John Edwards, D-N.C., participated via satellite in Washington, D.C., where they were voting on Medicare legislation.

Many candidates attacked front-runner Dean, former governor of Vermont, as a way to slow his momentum in the presidential race. U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-

Mo., criticized Dean for cutting social programs. Kerry criticized Dean for his plans to cut Medicare and Kucinich criticized Dean for supporting NAFTA.

Gephardt depicted Dean as heartless for attempting to reduce deficits in Vermont by cutting social programs for the poorest citizens of the state in the mid-1990s. He aligned himself with former President Bill Clinton and said he balanced the federal budget in a different way than Dean did in Vermont.

INTERFAITH

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with featured artist Najjar Abdul-Musawwir. The second lunch with glass-blowing instructor Che Rhodes will be today with the final lunch with artist Colleen McCall occurring Friday. During each of the meals, students will have the opportunity to ask the artist questions as they eat.

Tracey McEvilly, a junior in ceramics from Mundelein and a volunteer at the Interfaith Center, said the lunches are a chance to sit down with someone who creates works of art in an informal setting. She helped contact many of the artist and performers who will be present at the center throughout the week.

"The idea at these lunches is to sit down and ask artists what are they doing when you make art, where does it come from and what are you saying," Muldoon said. "You can't ask the type of things that don't normally come up in a classroom setting."

The center also put together an event to celebrate all SIUC students. A Student Appreciation Buffet will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday. Muldoon said he feels it is important to celebrate every significant part of life. Because students' lives are often separated in semesters, he said it is important to give recognition to all students.

The actual 60th Anniversary celebration will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday. The event will include a buffet, brief presentations and recognition of alumni and supporters, along with a jazz performance by Rita Warford. Both Muldoon and McEvilly expect a good turnout for the celebration.

Adults, students and children can gather at 1 p.m. Saturday at the center for a Holiday Ceramics Workshop. Forty-eight pounds of clay will be available to create Christmas crafts or holiday gifts. This event is especially geared for children; however, people of all ages are welcome.

"People can make someone a gift for the holidays," Muldoon said. "We are trying to show people that the most meaningful gifts are those from the heart that we make ourselves."

The week will come to an end with a closing ceremony from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, which will feature bluegrass music performed by a local group. This will also be the last chance to make a bid at the art auction.

"The idea of the week is to let people know we are here and invited to help in anyway we can be of service," Muldoon said.

For more information or a list of the scheduled events, contact the Interfaith Center at 549-7387.

FDA to decide if morning-after pills can be sold over the counter

Britt Johnsen
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE) - Students at the University of Minnesota might soon find emergency contraception next to cold pills and aspirin in the convenience or grocery store.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration plans to debate this month whether Plan B, a brand of morning-after pill, should be sold over the counter. Despite some controversy, many university officials said the move could reduce unwanted pregnancies.

Morning-after pills prevent a woman's egg from being fertilized or stop ovulation altogether when taken within 72 hours of having sex. The pills, made with a hormone called progesterin, have no effect if the woman is already pregnant.

Some states — such as Alaska, California and New Mexico — already allow women to get the pills through a pharmacist without a doctor's prescription.

Eve Espeje, obstetrics and gynecology professor at the University of New Mexico, said that kind of access is a good thing until pills can be sold over the counter.

She said women often have a difficult time finding a doctor, making an appointment and finding a pharmacy to fill their prescriptions within 72 hours.

A 2001 Boynton Health Service survey found 68 percent of female students and 63.3 percent of male students had sex in the 12 months preceding the survey.

The mail-in survey was randomly sent to 3,000 students. Of 1,153 students who responded, 3.1 percent said they had gotten pregnant or had impregnated someone within the same time.

According to a survey by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit organization that focuses on sexual and reproductive health research, emergency contraception accounted for up to 43 percent of the decrease in abortions from 1994 to 2000.

Boynton Health Service Director Ed Ehlinger is one of many University of Minnesota officials who think the morning-after pill could curb abortions.

"I think it's a great idea when people need to have emergency contraception," he said.

Stephen Caine, Boynton Health Service pharmacy supervisor, said the pill is safe. In some cases it can cause nausea or abdominal pain, but he said he has never heard any complaints.

Marilyn Joseph, Boynton Health Service medical director, said the pill is progesterin only and does not harm unborn fetuses, but some confuse it with the abortion pill RU-486, which does harm fetuses.

NEWS BRIEF

CARRONDALE

School of Art and Design to sponsor sales

The School of Art and Design is sponsoring three separate craft sales this week: the Miniprint 9, the Southern Clay Works Pottery Sale and the Southern Glass Works Annual Christmas Preview Sale.

The Miniprint 9 is tonight from 6 to 9 at the Allyn Building in the Vergette Gallery. The preview sale will feature original prints by graduate students,

faculty and alumni of the School of Art and Design.

All prints are \$10, and the proceeds benefit the Graduate Association of Painters and Printmakers.

The Southern Clay Works Pottery Preview Sale is tonight from 6 to 9 in the Pulliam Hall Woodshop Room 14.

The Southern Glass Works Annual Christmas Preview Sale is tonight from 7:30 to 10 at the Glass Graduate House, 1007 West Mill St. It is by invitation only.

An "three groups will be at the Student Center Holiday Craft Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 4 and 5 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6.

Another man's treasure



Joseph S. Mollick, a graduate student in computer information systems, looks at a piece of art at the Interfaith Center's silent auction. The auction is part of the center's 60th anniversary, which is taking place throughout the week and ends Saturday.

ANNE DENTAMARO - DAILY EGYPTIAN

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THEIR WORD

Family is not a dirty word

Daily Mississippian (U. Mississipp)

OXFORD, Miss. (U-WIRE) — Oftentimes, teachers and other school officials play a significant role in shaping what children consider to be right, wrong, good or bad. Regrettably, this particular role of schools can be damaging as in the case of a 7-year-old second grader in Youngsville, La.

While waiting for recess Nov. 11, Marcus McLaurin, a student at Ernest Gallet Elementary School, was overheard saying the word "gay" while answering a classmate's question about Marcus' mother and father, according to a report by The Associated Press.

The boy told his classmates he had two mothers, not a mother and a father, because his mother is gay. Marcus then explained to the classmate, "Gay is when a girl likes another girl," the AP reported.

At this point in the conversation, a teacher overhearing the children's conversation scolded Marcus and told him "gay" was a "bad word" and sent him to the principal's office. The punishment also included coming to school early the following week and repeatedly writing "I will never use the word 'gay' in school again."

This is ridiculous. Marcus wasn't attempting to be vulgar. He wasn't acting out in any way. He was simply explaining the composition of his family to another child.

In this particular situation, the teacher had the opportunity to step in and explain to the

two children that the word "family" encompasses many different things. There are what are considered traditional families with a mother, a father and children. There are single-parent families with only a mother or a father. And in the case of Marcus, and many other children, there are families that include either two mothers or two fathers.

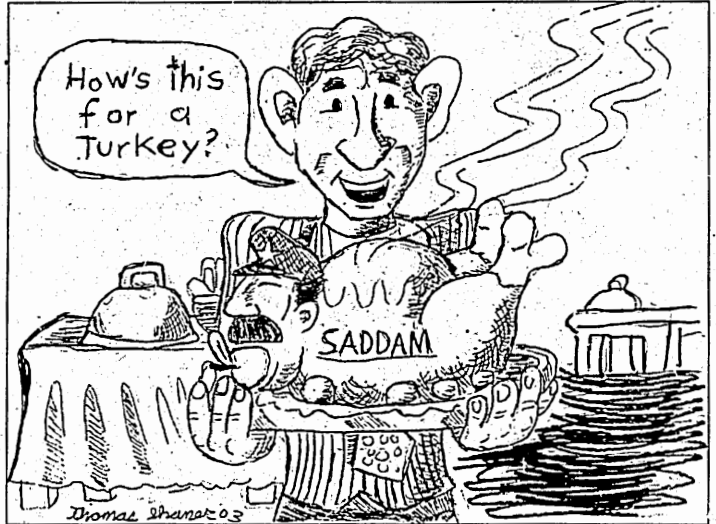
Regardless of the teachers' personal feelings about homosexuality, Marcus' needs should

have been a top priority. It could be emotionally damaging to Marcus to be told that an adjective describing his parents is a "bad word."

Because of a majority of society's feelings on the issue of homosexuality and the cruelty of some school-age youths, Marcus and other children of same-sex couples are in a uniquely sensitive situation. It is the job of teachers and administrators to be more compassionate to his situation and to provide moral support for him if he needs it.

Their job was never to tear down children or punish a child for what is beyond their control.

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THOMAS SHANER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

GUEST COLUMNIST

BOT needs to look to the future for international students

Wan Kamal Wan Napi
president, International Student Council

Based upon a proposal presented at the Sept. 11, 2003, SIU Board of Trustees meeting, the non-resident student tuition multiplier was to be increased from 2 to 2.5 percent beginning next academic year.

Coupled with increases in the resident student tuition base, all non-resident students (primarily international) would have been paying \$12,300 for an academic year, up from the \$8,490 rate for this year (a 45-percent increase).

Recently, I have learned this proposal has been modified, such that the multiplier increase will apply only to new non-resident students. I would like to thank the Undergraduate Student Government, the members of the International Student Council General Assembly and all of the students, faculty and staff members and members of the Carbondale community who have expressed concern about this significant cost burden on many students.

I would also like to thank the SIU system and SIUC campus administrations for their response to these concerns. While international students currently in attendance at SIUC will have to pay more next year, it will be proportionately no more than that of resident students.

Yet I still have concerns about the future of international students at this great institution. I was a student here a few years ago when the board reduced the multiplier from 3 to 2 percent, citing the importance of SIUC maintaining its status as a leading international university campus.

Under the revised plan, all new international

students will be paying the above-described rate (45 percent over this year). I believe this could have a negative impact upon prospective international students considering coming here. SIUC could lose its status as an international university campus, and by the time Southern is 150 it may be rare to find an international student walking this campus. We have already seen international student enrollment decrease from its high of 3,000 in the early 1990s to the current 1,500.

In my meetings with various international student organizations, I have found many students with the belief that the University exploits them as a source of revenue rather than viewing them as important members of the campus community.

The proposed significant increase will only add to that. SIUC President Walker has noted, "SIUC had been a leader in providing a high-quality education to students at an affordable price."

Let's make every attempt to maintain this status. International students create an atmosphere of cultural diversity which is surely of vital importance to an educational institution. I am writing this because I love SIUC, and I do not want to see prospective international students refusing to come to this campus because of cost burdens.

Once again, thanks so much for the consideration of the international students already here. However, let's also keep an eye on the future and consider reducing the impact of increases on those students yet to come.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“War is not nice.”

Barbara Bush
former first lady

WORDS OVERHEARD

“My best advice is don't drink and drive. If you drink and drive, don't come to Murphysboro. I'll catch you, and I'm gonna put you in jail.”

Murphysboro Police Officer Glib Bastien
on drinking and driving

COLUMNISTS

You are the weakest link — goodbye

It's December, and you know what that means. If you haven't finished your Valentine's Day shopping yet, you ARE the weakest link.

Meanwhile, I'm still trying to figure out how Christmas is going to happen. Trees are up, lights are twinkling and my pocketbook is accumulating cobwebs.

College is perhaps the most unique phase of all the aging process. I am considered an adult. I can apply for credit cards and consume alcohol and rent steam-cleaning equipment. Yet somehow, for one month a year, I can bask in the glory of complete and utter irresponsibility — it's still acceptable for me to be totally broke at Christmas, sort of like a free pass.

I know no one expects me to bring home Faberge eggs and 14-karat tie tacks in my Santa sack this year — I'm still (just barely) the age of the traditional student. Yet somehow, after years of squeaking by on homemade gifts and Christmas cards created on Microsoft Office, I'm wondering how long I can keep up this charade. And then there's graduate school. How does that work? Can I still get away with this? I start to wonder if when I'm in my 40s and still working on a master's degree, will my loved ones plan an intervention?

"Gracey, it's time to bite the bullet. The first 20 years of college, we let you off easy, but we're honestly sick of those egg-carton Santas you keep making for us each year. It's time to go shopping."

I've figured out why I dread Christmas shopping so much. It's not so hard to budget gifts for family and friends. I can make that work, to the penny. But then when I get to the mall, every Tom, Dick and Harry comes up to me wearing a Santa hat and asks, very politely, if I would please make a donation to help those in the community who can't afford Christmas.

Suddenly, I am one of those people — because I can't say no. And I can't even say, "Thank you, I already made my donation yesterday."

I don't know what I think is going to happen if I turn one of them down. I imagine finding my truck in the parking lot covered with toilet paper and eggs. "Turn down Santa again, you heartless viper," it says in smeary eggnog across



Not just another priddy face

BY GRACE PRIDDY
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my windshield.

I realize that's probably not going to happen, but I'm still afraid to say no. I know everyone around me will roll their eyes and glare at the snobby ingrate who wants to ruin Christmas for all the little kiddies. I'm not the one ripping teddy bears out of the little tykes' hands. I'm just trying to make ends meet! Nonetheless, by the time I actually get into the store, I don't have any money left for presents.

I went to the grocery store yesterday. The Salvation Army bell-ringer met me at the door, and I handed him a dollar. I went inside and bought a carton of milk. While paying the cashier, I glanced outside and noticed a new ringier in his place.

"Way to go, Grace," I thought. "Of course you'd have to get here right at shift change." I just spent my last money on that blasted milk, and now I have to look this new lady in the face and say no. I feel like I'm rejecting them personally: "Yeah, that's a decent cause, but really — I just don't like your style."

I finally wound up sneaking out the other entrance so no one would see me and walking the entire perimeter of the blacktop back to my parking space.

This has to stop. So I think, what we need, ladies and gentlemen, is a button system. If you're a poor college kid, you get a big red button to wear outside your clothes. Fund-raisers will spot it and leave you alone. And no one will have to watch you walk to your car to see if you climb into a Lexus you paid cash for, you selfish kid.

In the meantime, I'll have to stick with the good old stand-by: "Would you like to make a donation to help needy children today?" "Sorry, lady. I am the weakest link. Goodbye."

Not just another priddy face appears every Wednesday. Grace is a senior in architecture. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

A big turkey and all his stuffing



Piattology

BY JACK PIATT
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No good ole George W. took a surprise trip to Iraq during Thanksgiving. Well how sweet of little George, or should we call him Curious George ... curious about what all the fuss is about in the Middle East.

Maybe we should all be curious as to his true intentions. Could it be the obvious dissent from the troops along with a nearing election had anything to do with his little Turkey Day appearance?

No way! George cares, he wouldn't leave American troops in Iraq to play hide and seek with angry people who are trying their best to kill them. Seriously, why would little Dubya leave all those soldiers and Marines over there to get picked off one by one if he didn't have a real good reason?

Supposedly these troops were scheduled to come home some time ago, yet they remain. Despite the administration's agenda, little has been done in the way of progress, and the morale of the troops left the desert along with the point a long time ago.

These troops are ready to come home. They have family and friends and lives to think about. They aren't defending our freedom over there; they are defending their lives and the pride and personal plans of a government that uses the military like a chess board with expendable pawns, using people with personalities as cannon fodder.

These men and women have been lied to. They've been treated like animals, carted around from place to place and left to graze on their thoughts and fears.

The military didn't need its president to pay a surprise visit to the troops on Thanksgiving Day; what those troops needed was a ride home. Iraq is not the only country in the world with severe problems and political unrest. The Iraqi people are not the only ones experiencing tyranny and terror. It is unfair and unjustified for a president and his government to pick and choose which countries they will help and which ones they will ignore. This becomes even more unsettling when our own country has so many problems of its own.

Even though it was a very strategic

political move on the president's part to fly to Iraq and show his support and attention to the troops, it won't fool everyone. Those with enough common sense will see through the political haze and reject the pills we are coaxed to swallow. Intent in the end is the purveyor of truth, and when intentions are mixed with personal gain and lack the substance of true concern and heart, the truth begins to rise above the verbal pollution floating heavily in the air.

If our caring and concerned president really did give a damn about our men and women overseas, then they would have been home for Thanksgiving with their families and George W. probably would have choked on some turkey out at the ranch.

Instead his main concerns are oil, winning the next election and what those pesky old Democrats are up to.

Don't be fooled by the propaganda of political-savvy masterminds who find harmony in the heat of chaos. It is a machine, a vicious cycle that swallows everything in its path like a hungry hurricane bent on devastation. Nothing good comes from the flag of power and war.

Its weapon is not a tank or a bomb, but the control of the people who allow the cycle to continue. We have become a voiceless mass of people who are spectators instead of decision makers. We fill the stands of the coliseum as the lions tear the flesh of men who fight desperately for the right to continue breathing, as we look on with powerless confusion ... helpless and enslaved to a life we signed away with the acceptance of modern reality.

Piattology appears every Wednesday. Jack is a senior in advertising. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Yet somehow, for one month a year, I can bask in the glory of complete and utter irresponsibility — it's still acceptable for me to be totally broke at Christmas, sort of like a free pass.

LETTERS

Thank you for making Native American Heritage Month a success

DEAR EDITOR:

Multicultural Programs and Services would like to give a big thank you to those who were able to attend the Native American Heritage Month event, Charles Chibitty, The Last Surviving Comanche Code Talker. Approximately 200 enthusiastic and caring individuals, who included a number of local veterans, community members, students, faculty, staff and others, attended to hear the incredible experiences of Mr. Chibitty and to honor him as a World War II veteran. The genuine and personal interest from the crowd was outstanding and truly commendable.

The large turnout was a pleasant surprise for MPS and also required service above and beyond the call of duty of the Student Center staff. We would especially like to thank Gina Shipleit, Warren Alley and all the hard workers of the Student Center for their effort in assisting MPS to find an accommodating location for the large crowd. You are lifesavers, and we give you our sincerest appreciation for all that you did to help make this event a rewarding one for all those involved. Your dedication to providing the best service possible did not go unnoticed.

Thank You.

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Readers intolerant and against diversity

DEAR EDITOR:

How is this you say? The professors and others writing to the DAILY EGYPTIAN condemning, and in some cases calling for the firing of the conservative columnists are not respecting intellectual and political diversity.

Question: Why are they so extreme in their attacks against Alex Berenzow and Brian Smith, calling for their suspension or firing?

Answer: Unlike their "laxess," they exercise no control over this forum.

Too many professors use their classes to espouse their ideology, whatever it may be, claiming objectivity and expressing through multiple means their intolerance of intellectual and political diversity. One of the means is to eject or otherwise censor conservative students from class for having the audacity to hold a belief dissimilar from their professor.

Unfortunately, this is not just my isolated experience. The conservative columnists are merely adding intellectual and political diversity to the culture of this campus.

Question: Why is that so threatening? Answer: It is threatening as our professors realize when they do not control the intellectual forum, differing views will be revealed.

What better way to guarantee your view will be consumed and emulated by the students than to silence those who believe otherwise?

Matthew Copher
graduate student, Educational Administration

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U. Massachusetts reacts to controversial Supreme Court ruling

Rachel Smith
Massachusetts Daily Collegian
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AMHERST, Mass. (U-WIRE) — The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled in favor of same-sex marriages last week, inspiring debate among legislators at the State House, and students at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

However, for UMass graduate student Nancy DeProse and her partner, Flo Stern, this debate is not just academic.

The couple shares three adopted children: two teenage daughters and a 19-year-old son. They consider themselves an average New England family, although the Massachusetts legislature has yet to recognize their union.

Although public opinion is still divided about same-sex marriage, a majority of Massachusetts' residents believe DeProse and Stern deserve the same civil benefits as heterosexual couples.

According to a public opinion poll by the Boston Globe and WBZ-TV, 50 percent of the 400 people surveyed supported the ruling while 38 percent disagree with the decision. A Massachusetts Daily Collegian survey conducted among 200 University students garnered much different results; 76 percent agree with the Goodridge case ruling, while 17 percent disagree with the decision. Seven percent said they didn't care.

Among the 17 percent who disagree with the Supreme Court ruling are members of the Republican Club and members of the religious community, including Father Richard Cleary

of the Newman Center, a Catholic community center and chapel.

"My feeling is you're redefining what marriage is," Cleary said. "Marriage is between a man and a woman."

Father Cleary went on to say he supports civil unions and has "many good friends" that are gay and lesbian. However, he is taking the position of the Catholic Church and "cannot condone homosexual activity."

According to the Vatican's statement on same-sex unions, marriage exists to facilitate procreation among men and women, and same-sex unions don't serve God's plan for humanity. Cleary and the Vatican cite the passage in the Old Testament where God commands man and woman to "be fruitful and multiply" as evidence for their positions on same-sex marriage.

Members of the Republican Club echoed many of Father Cleary's concerns but also expressed dismay over what they believe is judicial legislation.

"It's not marriage," said Olaf Aprans, chairman of the Silent Majority and a Republican Club member. "No matter what laws are passed."

DeProse, a graduate student with the Center for Public Policy, responded to charges of judicial legislation and redefinition of marriage.

"We have a three-part government for a reason; they all have a role," she said. "The Supreme Court's role is to interpret the law. That's what they did. They told the legislature, 'You need to change the laws, but they [the court] didn't change anything.'"

"It's not redefining marriage," Stern said. "It's interpreting the state constitution."

Dave Mason, president of the University Democrats, said the Supreme Court acted appropriately and the legislature should fulfill its responsibility to create same-sex marriage legislation within the court's 180-day deadline.

"This is a civil rights issue, plain and simple," Mason said. "By denying a human beings the right to marry, we are allowing the state to create a second-class of citizens."

Stern also views same-sex marriage as a civil rights issue.

"This kind of debate went on about interracial couples, but that has become a non-issue at this point," Stern said. "Gays and lesbians have to take up the gauntlet."

UMass responded to inequities between same-sex domestic partners and heterosexual married couples by extending as many benefits as possible to gay and lesbian couples while remaining in accordance with state law.

Currently, domestic partners who register as such with the Dean of Students Office are eligible for family housing, tuition waivers, family sick leave, bereavement leave, family and medical leave, university child care, use of library facilities, athletic tickets and use of athletic facilities.

What University employees, other than members of GEO and undergraduate students, are not eligible for is health insurance. Associate Dean Eileen Stewart said state law bars the University from giving insurance benefits to same-sex domestic partners who are employees. Since student employment benefits are under the control of UMass rather than state law, domestic partners of University students are covered by their significant other's

school health insurance plan.

DeProse is currently a graduate student, and therefore, Stern is covered by her health insurance and other University benefits. However, the couple is concerned about moving after DeProse graduates from UMass.

"I'm going to be hospitalized in Boston and only members of my immediate family can visit me — Nancy isn't considered part of my immediate family," Stern said. "This isn't a problem in Amherst, but it is other places."

DeProse said she feels limited in her options since most employers do not grant domestic partnership benefits to her family.

In light of the Goodridge decision, couples like DeProse and Stern might find they have new and varied employment opportunities, at least in Massachusetts. The Federal government passed the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996 that defines marriage as between a man and a woman, and provides that no state has to recognize same-sex marriages or unions that take place in other states.

The Massachusetts legislature has six months to decide the fates of thousands of couples like DeProse and Stern, and they may not decide on marriage. Charles J. DiMare, director of the Student Legal Services Office, said the legislature will probably agree to something more like the civil unions in Vermont.

Judith Holmes, Legal Studies professor and a former defense attorney, disagrees.

"It doesn't appear in this case that civil unions would apply," she said. "This is a good, positive step, but all the case says is the legislature cannot deny couples access to a civil marriage."

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Supreme Court to hear religious education debate

Jan Crawford Greenburg
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON (KRT) — Joshua Davey had been a freshman at a Christian college in Washington state for all of two months when he got the unwelcome news: State officials were yanking away a scholarship he'd been counting on to help pay for his first year.

Davey had declared a major in pastoral ministry, and state officials concluded they couldn't use taxpayer money to help finance his religious training.

Given the option of changing his major or giving up the scholarship, Davey walked away from the two-year state Promise Scholarship, which he had received based on his grades and family income. But he also contacted a public interest law firm about pursuing legal action against the state, kicking off a four-year battle that will reach the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday.

"I really felt it was an injustice," said Davey, 23, now a first-year student at Harvard Law School. "The kind of reasons I wanted to go into the ministry — to benefit society, help other people — are exactly the kind of things the government should be encouraging."

But the issues in the case go far beyond whether Davey will be reimbursed for the scholarship, which amounted to \$1,125 his first year.

Many observers say the case has the potential to bolster state school voucher programs as well because a ruling in Davey's favor could remove barriers to including religious schools in those programs.

To Jay Sekulow, the chief counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, who will argue on Davey's behalf Tuesday, and Davey's supporters, excluding those students from state aid programs penalizes them because of their religious beliefs — a clear violation of the First Amendment. They contend — and a California-based federal appeals court agreed — that Washington officials discriminated against Davey when they revoked his scholarship.

In its ruling last year, the appeals court said singling out a student because of his religious major and denying him a government benefit violates his ability to freely exercise his religious beliefs.

Washington state officials counter that they weren't discriminating against anyone. They say they simply were complying with their state constitution, which erects a high wall to keep church and state separate.

"He is free to practice his religion, without restriction," the dissenting judge wrote. "The only state action here was a decision consonant with the state constitution, not funding religious ... instruction."



ANNIE DENTAMARO — DAILY EGYPTIAN

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Postal service to be Santa for UPS, other carriers

Alaina Sue Potrikus
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT)

— There are two new reasons to mail gifts early this holiday season: One is the U.S. Postal Service expects to move 20 billion pieces of mail between now and Christmas, its most grueling season.

The second is under a new arrangement with UPS, the Postal Service will be making more deliveries for catalog companies, but those deliveries will take more time and won't come with the same date guarantees.

The Postal Service's "Parcel Select" system picks up the last leg of the delivery, the one between a person's local post office and his or her mailbox, from UPS and other private carriers. Arrangements save money for people who buy through catalogs by lowering shipping fees.

Postal Service officials insist they have the manpower to handle the added volume, so the service won't delay other deliveries.

"When it comes to neighborhood delivery, there is nobody who does it better in the entire world than the United States Postal Service," said Postal Service spokesman Gerry McKiernan. "Unlike any other

carrier, private or otherwise, we go to every door six days a week. We have the best last-mile delivery service you can find."

UPS jumped on the "last mile" bandwagon 10 days ago, when it announced its new "UPS Basic" service for catalog merchandiser deliveries. UPS Basic is the slowest and cheapest of several delivery options for such customers.

"We're using a service that the Postal Service makes available," said UPS spokeswoman Susan Rosenberg of the "last mile" delivery system.

"We have not been able to be competitive with our pricing when going into more remote and rural areas," she continued. "Our costs go up when there's more distance between delivery stops."

The Postal Service isn't complaining.

"For catalog companies and their customers, the drawbacks for UPS Basic and similar "last mile" deals with the Postal Service are three:

First, the Postal Service will attempt delivery only once, whereas normal UPS service would give it several tries. Second, the Postal Service charges catalog shippers for returned packages. Third, there's no insurance.

Congressman questions high textbook costs

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STILLWATER, Okla. (U-WIRE) — A new bill introduced to Congress may help ease the pocketbook pain students feel each semester when buying textbooks.

Recent studies show students often pay more than overseas students for the exact same textbooks that are published in the United States.

Oregon Congressman David Wu, member of the House Education Committee, introduced legislation to the U.S. House of Representatives Nov. 20 to require an investigation of the college textbook industry's pricing practices.

According to the press release from Wu's office, the investigative division of Congress, the General Accounting Office, will look into why American students often pay more than double what overseas students pay for the exact same textbook and why U.S. college bookstores are barred from buying the cheaper alternatives available overseas.

"American college students should not have to pay double what overseas students pay for identical college textbooks. The pricing practices of the college textbook industry defy common sense, and today I am announcing legislation to get to the bottom of it," Wu said in the press release.

Textbook publishers churn more money out of students by packaging textbooks in plastic bundles requiring students to buy extra materials such as CD-ROMs, workbooks and study guides. Extra items are added to make the textbook look more appealing to professors when choosing which textbooks to use for the classes.

Publishers have been continually losing money to the efficient used-book market. This problem is not a new one. It has been building for years since publishers made the mistake of not getting in on the used-book

market. Therefore, publishers are frequently releasing new, unneeded editions of textbooks to make more money. Several publishers now control the market place because the others could not survive.

"It's somewhat unnecessary to have 12 editions of a book with only minor changes to the text," said Erik Kritz, a freshman in international business.

One of Stillwater, Okla.'s college bookstores, Cowboy Book, sells both new and used books. Its book prices range anywhere from \$5 to \$150 per new or used book, some of the cheapest prices in town. They buy books back based on whether the book is still being used, how many books of that kind they have on hand and the condition of the book.

Two of the biggest complaints students have are aimed at books they cannot buy used, such as workbooks, and the sell-back value of their books. Dustin Morgan, a sophomore in political science, finds the sell-back value on books ridiculous. "You spend \$60 on a book and then you can only sell it back for \$20."

According to the press release, Wu's bill will require the GAO to investigate the college textbook industry and report back within one year on at least eight of the following points: the average amount of money a student spends on textbooks, the average cost to produce new textbooks, the average cost to produce a new edition of a previously published textbook, the reasons for the price discrepancy in textbooks in the United States and outside the United States, the extent of the problem with such price discrepancy, whether the price discrepancy problem occurs more in a certain subject area than others, the extent to which new editions of textbooks are different from the previous editions including the percentage or work that is actually substantively changed from one edition to the next and the average time period between old and newer editions of textbooks.

Students may influence election

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STORRS, Conn. (U-WIRE)

— As the 2004 presidential primaries are getting closer, the role of young people, especially college students, could be a factor in determining who will be the next president of the United States.

At the very least, some people think it is possible for students to get a local leader elected, if they really wanted to.

"If everyone at [the University of Connecticut] mobilized around a single candidate, they would probably be able to elect the congressman for our district," said Lyle Scruggs, a political science professor. "One of the things that alienates people is everything is pitched at the national level. Even if you don't feel you can make a difference at the national level, you have a greater opportunity at the local level."

According to information from the U.S. Census Bureau, voter turnout among college-age people was fairly low in the 2000 election. The data shows that only 32.3 percent of registered voters in the 18 to 24 age range voted in the 2000 elec-

tions. This was the lowest turnout for any demographic, according to the information from the Census Bureau. In fact, the data shows that voter turnout increased as the demographic became older.

Scruggs, who teaches a class on Western European political behavior, said he is not sure whether this is solely the case in the United States. "My understanding is that young people everywhere are less likely to participate in Western countries," Scruggs said.

Professor Richard Hiskes, who teaches human rights classes in the Political Science Department, said he is not sure students are less concerned about politics. "My sense of the students is that there has not been a drop-off," Hiskes said. "I teach human rights, and the students I get in human rights classes are very involved, informed and committed, but I recognize that is a small sample." Hiskes said he has been pleased with student involvement in politics.

"Generally, I have been pretty impressed with UConn students' information and involvement in the last decade," Hiskes said.

Both Scruggs and Hiskes said limited time and resources are

reason politicians do not seemingly put as much emphasis on the college demographic as they might on other demographics.

"They could do more, but generally speaking they do not do more because the propensity for students is to vote less," Scruggs said. "[Politicians] go where the votes are." In 1992, MTV started the "Rock the Vote" campaign. It, along with the attempts made by Bill Clinton to get young people to the polls, was successful to a certain degree.

However, Scruggs said it is difficult to determine how much of a lasting effect programs like "Rock the Vote" have. "Those programs have undoubtedly had some effect, but it's hard to gauge," Scruggs said. "There are so many variables there." Scruggs also said getting people to start voting at a young age is a positive thing because it creates a tendency for them to vote in future elections.

"By encouraging young people to vote, it helps to socialize them into participation," Scruggs said. "It helps to instill voting as a habit." Scruggs said it is important for universities to encourage students to get involved politically.



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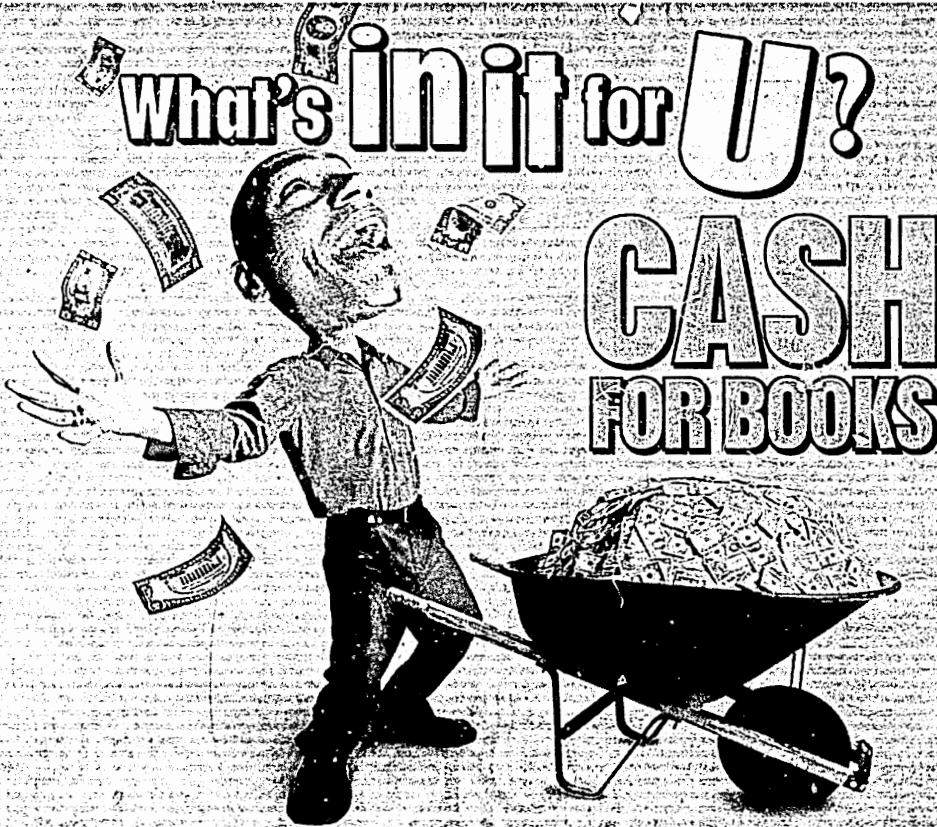
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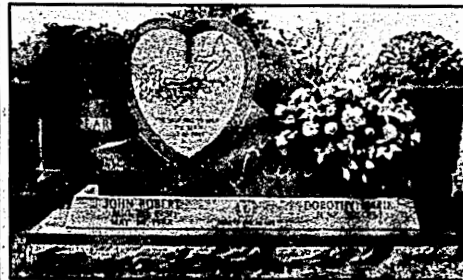
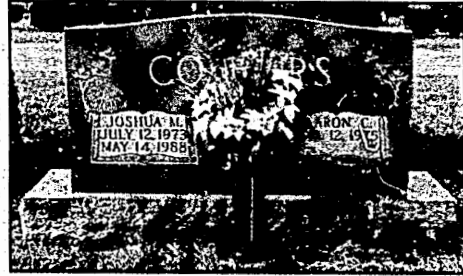
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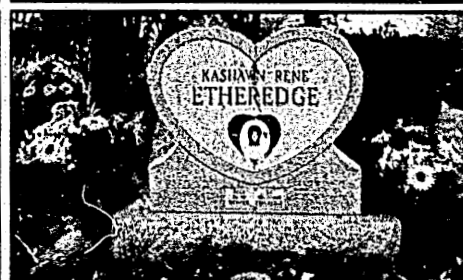
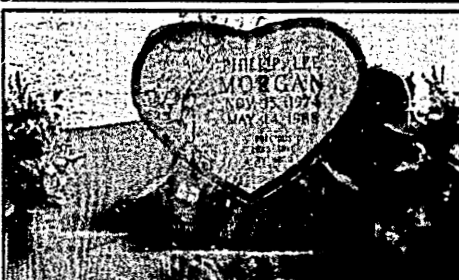


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Sometimes it takes getting lost to find what you didn't know you were looking for.

After becoming disenchanted with the wrinkled printout map from the computer that we had depended on to guide us through a small Kentucky town, we stopped at a local Citgo station to buy a bona fide state highway map.

Inside the gas station, we weighed the pros and cons of different Kentucky

details of the streets of Radcliff, Ky.

A man who had been hauling buckets of ice from the back room of the store and tossing them into the soda machine cooler asked if he could help us find what we needed.

Our conversation began with introductions and polite conversation. We told him that the four of us, three reporters and a photographer, had come from a student newspaper in

tragedy and the site of the deadliest drunk driving crash in the history of the United States.

We told him we were trying to get to Radcliff Middle School, where some of the 27 victims attended before that fateful night of May 14, 1988. But the stranger we had met moments earlier suggested an alternate destination.

"Let me take you to the cemetery," he said.

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'Let me take you to the cemetery'



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The \$36 million awarded still cannot replace the absence of 27 lives

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RADCLIFF, Ky. — Jerry Hodges drives his red Dodge Stratus through the hilly streets of Radcliff.

He knows where 14 of the victims are buried. Fifteen years ago, he was the Sunday school teacher at First Assembly Church of God, the same church that loaded a bus with children and chaperones who left for their yearly retreat and never returned.

On the night of May 14, 1988, Hodges was working at a supermarket when he heard the church bus that was returning from King's Island amusement park, outside of Cincinnati, had been involved in a collision with a pick-up truck.

Larry Mahoney had been driving his black pick-up truck north in the southbound lane of Interstate Highway 71.

The head-on crash punctured the bus's gas tank. Moments after impact, flames sparked. The 67 passengers coughed against the black toxic smoke that billowed from the burning bus seats as they desperately clawed their way off the bus.

When emergency responders examined Mahoney after the crash, they found his blood alcohol level to be at .24, more than twice the legal limit.

The church's Ford bus was later deemed a tomb. Faulty gas tank protection, insufficient emergency exits and highly flammable and toxic burning seat cushions all played some part in the high death toll.

Ford Motor Company settled a lawsuit with 65 of the families, reportedly for at least \$36 million.

As well as the lawsuit, Ford paid for the black marble memorial in North Harden Memorial Gardens that lists the names of all the passengers who were aboard the bus that night. Ford also paid for the tombstones that Hodges would visit today.

"It's been a long time since I've been back here," Hodges says. "I try to stay away from sadness as much as possible."

Hodges walks the rows of graves. A blanket of silence muffles the cemetery; the parched grass under his feet makes an uncomfortable sound. He begins to remember the nicknames of victims.

Immediately he begins to locate the plots where the children of his church rest.

"Not all the kids were members," he said. "Some were invited friends."

Of the 67 bus passengers, only 34 attended First Assembly of God Church. The other 30 were friends they had invited along to enjoy the daylong getaway. There were only three adults on the bus.

As Hodges continues to walk, sad anticipation sets in as he looks for the accident indicator: young lives, all ending on the same day—May 14, 1988.

The gravestones of the victims all lack the accomplishments that are obtained during a full lifetime. Where there should be reference to husbands, wives and children left behind, there are only wishes and dreams of what their lives could have been.

"May is a time of sadness," he said. "When you're just a bystander, you don't want to bring it up."

When the wreck happened, the town was in shock. Such a large loss of children in a town of 21,000, roughly the size of Carbondale, was a lot to handle. The average age of the children on the bus was 14.

The next year, there was no marching band at Radcliff Middle School; only three of the band members were still alive.

"That crash was so gruesome," Hodges said. "I've never been to the crash site. People say it is so cold there."

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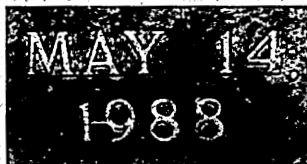
The year that followed the accident, The Courier Journal in Louisville, Ky., launched its Pulitzer Prize-winning report into the accident investigation and to the issue of drunk driving. The state of Kentucky adopted stricter penalties and enforcement practices for drunk drivers.

The crash revolutionized the way Kentucky approached bus safety standards. Specifications now require flame-retardant seats, fuel tank cages, push-out windows, left-side emergency exits and escape hatches in the roof.

But even with the public outcry and mourning, Hodges said the DUI arrests started occurring again in the area just six months after the deadly crash.

One thing that did change and remained constant was the increased role and presence of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

"There is always a representative from MADD at DUI cases," he said. "They want to know what the charge will be."



MADD's interest in sentencing may have been sparked by Mahoney's conviction.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky was seeking life in prison on 27 counts of murder against Mahoney. But after 17 days of testimony from 124 witnesses, the jury convicted Mahoney of only second-degree manslaughter. He was sentenced to 16 years in a La Grange, Ky., prison. He was eligible for parole on July 20, 1997.

Looking up from the grass and stretching his gaze up to the sky, Hodges says, "Money talks, and everything else walks."

Mahoney was released from prison in 1999 after serving 9 1/2 years of his 16-year sentence. The DAILY EGYPTIAN staff was unable to contact Mahoney. It is believed that he is living with his parents in Wortsville, Ky., which is near Carrollton, the site of the crash.

Since Kentucky law does not prohibit convicted felons from driving and driving records are expunged after five years with no incidents, Mahoney is now eligible to receive a new Kentucky driver's license.

"After the crash, there were a lot of crosses around town that said, 'You have to believe and forgive,'" Hodges said. "Nevertheless, 'People wanted him dead.'"

There has been some forgiveness. There had to be a place for closure to begin.

As Hodges circles the lots of the cemetery one last time, he heads toward his car, saying he needs to smoke a cigarette.

As he finishes his Salem Lights and before he leaves the cemetery he has not visited in years, he is comforted by one thought.

"Those children went for some reason or another," Hodges said. "Some survived, and some didn't. God only knows why one and not the other. That was for God to decide."

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Tim Capps (right) and his associate, Jason Vincent, stand outside the Capps Law Firm office on Grand Avenue next to Pinch Penny Pub. The firm handles many of Carbondale's DUI cases, and the No. 1 advice it gives to anyone involved in a DUI is to not talk to the police.

Lawyer says DUI is not a minor offense

Good lawyers will not necessarily wipe away record of DUI, Capp says

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Tim Capps, one of Southern Illinois' leading defense lawyers, keeps three monkey statues on his desk as a subliminal warning to his clients who see him in his Grand Avenue office next to Pinch Penny Pub.

The statues, a gift given to him a few years ago, represent hear no evil, see no evil and the most important monkey of the criminal defense business — speak no evil.

"I use this as a subliminal message," Capps said in a half-joking manner as he lifted up the third monkey. "Do not talk to the police."

That last sentence is pretty much the only advice Capps said he could give to someone who is about to be charged with a DUI. Other advice would be case specific, but no matter the case, he said it is wise to dummy up when the police want information.

"About the only blanket advice I give anyone is don't confess to the police. Don't talk to the police. You don't have to. You're not going to help yourself out," he said.

"Wait 'till you get to a lawyer, and then talk it over with a lawyer before you decide if you're going to talk to the police."

Capps, a 1989 graduate of the SIU Law School, founded the Capps Law Firm after a stint as Assistant Illinois Attorney General. He has tried cases in seven different countries, earned the New York City Bar Association's military trial

advocacy award in addition to a few other military legal awards and is one of the few lawyers certified by the Illinois Supreme Court to be lead counsel in death penalty cases.

But even Capps, with his legal expertise, cannot get someone off the hook for a DUI. The best he can do is minimize the harm. Even if you hire Capps or a similar lawyer, someone convicted of a DUI can expect to pay around \$2,000 in total expenses.

Common fees associated with even a first-offense DUI are:

- an average fine of \$500, though a DUI is a Class A misdemeanor and has a maximum penalty of a \$2,500 fine and a year in prison,
- a \$120 for alcohol evaluation,
- an average of \$150 for alcohol rehab,
- a \$100 statutory assessment,
- a \$25 probation fee per month of probation,
- \$15 to attend a victim impact panel,
- and, if you deem it necessary, a legal fee of around \$750, which is what Capps charges.

Capps, not surprisingly, suggests hiring a lawyer to anyone involved in a DUI because he said the cost of not hiring a lawyer is even higher. The public defender may be free, he said, but it will cost you in the end.

The public defender only pursues criminal defense and his job, as Capps said, is just "to make sure you don't get completely railroaded by the state."

A public defender will also not fight for things such as a Judicial Driving Permit, which allows a first-time offender to drive for employment, school or medical reasons on a suspended license.

Jackson County, which registered 755 DUIs last year, is particularly tough on the offense, and the prosecutor is unlikely to drop a DUI to reckless driving — a common misconception — mak-

ing it impossible for any lawyer to turn a DUI into a minor offense.

And, according to Capps' associate Jason Vincent, who handles many of Capps' DUI cases, DUI laws will only become tougher.

"What you have five years from now is not going to be any less," Vincent said. "It's going toward more periods and more fines. Nothing gets taken off the books. Things just get added to it."

Even for lawyers, the best defense from a DUI is to not commit one to begin with. But most of those offenses are committed in Carbondale, which gives Capps a convenient location.

"We're probably ground zero for DUIs simply because of the beverages that are sold at the bars right here," Capps said, motioning toward the bars next to his office.

It is no secret that police-men linger outside the bars at closing time, and that's exactly the time many people are pulled over for drunk driving. Carbondale police officer Dan Reed said although the department is not doing it at this time of year, it is not abnormal for police officers to be assigned to DUI-specific patrols.

And those officers usually nab people who cook up Capps' recipe for disaster: going to a bar where cops are parked outside, leaving at closing time and driving when they are not supposed to be driving.

"The police are kind of like lazy lions," Capps said. "They know where the watering hole is, and they know where they can lie in wait, and they do."

But if someone does find himself or herself in the lion's jaws, Capps' advice remains simple. It is the advice of the third monkey on his desk.

"You don't have to tell them anything," he said. "Just politely allow yourself to be arrested."

Legal advice for Breathalyzer

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When a police officer asks someone to take a Breathalyzer test, he is doing just that — asking. Although there is implied consent associated with the acquisition of an Illinois driver's license, sometimes it is better not to take the Breathalyzer.

According to lawyer Tim Capps, it all depends on the situation.

"Every case is different, and it's impossible to give good blanket advice on whether you blow or not," Capps said.

On one hand, not blowing denies the prosecution evidence. But at the same time, it is likely to jack up whatever penalties one is likely to receive for a DUI.

For a first offense, not blowing will increase the period your license is suspended by three months, your alcohol evaluation will be harsher and there is little chance of a plea bargain. An individual is also not likely to receive a Judicial Driving Permit to drive to work, school and the doctor.

And as the offenses increase, so does the penalty for not blowing.

For multiple offenses, not blowing can increase a license suspension by years, but if another DUI is likely to result in jail time, it may be smarter not to blow.

"Second, third time, think twice about blowing," Capps said.

The debate behind driveway DUIs

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Tim Capps, an SIU graduate and founder of the Capps Law Firm in Carbondale, has heard it many times, and it is a complaint many students have about the Carbondale Police Department regarding DUIs:

A student or Carbondale resident drives home after a night of drinking and makes it to his or her driveway, but as soon as the car comes to a stop, flashing lights appear behind him or her.

After arriving home safely, sometimes after a long trip, a person thinking he won the DUI gamble finds out he has lost. He made it home, he has not hurt anybody, but he is still in a world of trouble.

"Maybe they're waiting for them to do something a little more obvious for them to have grounds to stop them," Capps said. "If you have probable cause for a DUI stop, you have it, and you make it."

Capps said students have been followed all the way down Giant City Road before they were pulled over in their driveways. But according to the police department, this is not a standard policy.

Carbondale Officer Dan Reed said every situation is different, and if a person is pulled over in his or her driveway, it is only a coincidence.

Reed said department policy dictates that officers follow a car until the pullover has been called into dispatch, the plates have been run and other procedures have been followed. By the time this happens, sometimes a person will be in his or her driveway. Also, he said, a policeman may delay a stop to wait for the car to drive into a well-lit, safe location.

"A lot of people have a misbelief or misperception that if we see somebody do a traffic violation, run through a stop sign or something like that, they think that we just turn on the lights and pull them over immediately," Reed said. "That's not true."

Holidays, increased patrols stabilize local DUIs

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Last year this time, the toll was rising. And when the holiday season ended, after Thanksgiving and the mass movements of people traveling to see loved ones and family members, the deaths had amounted to 1,561. It is a number slim in comparison to the 17,000 fatalities recorded annually in the United States.

Illinois alone had a death toll of 648. During the holidays, the risk of accidents are heightened as those who head home race to the highways to see friends. In Carbondale, DUIs are always priority. With two police departments patrolling the streets, the arrest rate is higher but frees up the University police for more residential checks.

Capt. Todd Sigler of the University Police Department said the rate of DUIs seems to

decrease during the absence of students, but the threat of an inebriated driver always lingers.

"Between ourselves, the Carbondale Police Department and the Illinois State Police," Sigler said, "Carbondale is heavily patrolled as a resistive stance against DUIs."

Steve Odum, Carbondale interim police chief, said officers tend to patrol Main and Walnut streets and University and Illinois avenues heavily during break times.

"We do try to step up patrols during periods of time when there's more travelers on the road," Odum said.

The streets that demand extra man hours usually are the most traffic-ridden areas of town, leading officers to patrol the section with a skillful eye.

"Those are main arteries in town that people are traveling," he said. "The traffic concentration is away from the bar areas on Grand Avenue, so

they'll patrol where there's a higher traffic concentration."

However, roadblocks are rarely an option exercised by both departments. Roadblocks and safety checkpoints are often used during holiday travel times in an attempt to yield more DUI arrests.

The expense alone is enough not to permit the Carbondale Police Department to implement such activities, but nevertheless, the University Police Department has worked in conjunction with the Illinois State Police netting several drunk drivers who may have potentially injured themselves or others.

"DUIs are just part of what we are responsible for," Sigler said. "Residential areas are heavily patrolled during breaks."

"Often our stops are before they have traveled great distances. In Carbondale, there is a lot of the traveling at low speeds."

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by Thomas Shaner

Daily Horoscope

Got hamlet?

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Dec. 3). You're so cute this year, you'll attract a lot of attention. You're more than just a pretty face, however. You're also smart, and getting smarter. Take on a technical subject. It'll be fun.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - It may require patience, but the outcome looks positive. All you have to do is resist the temptation to break any rules. Others look up to you, so stand proud and set a good example.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You rarely have to be warned to be cautious, but caution is advised nevertheless. Don't let yourself be stopped, however. Imagine that the universe wants you to be successful, and proceed accordingly.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Friends and your partner are coming up with all sorts of good ideas, but don't feel as if you have to fund the whole project. You can't afford it. Expansion and travel look good, however. Between you, you'll find a way.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - You're advised to be cautious now, but be ready to take quick action. If you can't do something, make it known. Don't make promises you can't keep.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Somebody you know well but don't always understand will soon have a brilliant insight. You can help figure out what it means for you both.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're getting better at explaining how you feel, which isn't an easy task. Don't bother to do it in public yet. Save it for someone special.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - When tempers are hot, it's hard to get a subtle message across. Words may not work well now. Try a picture instead.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - You're actually making progress, though it may seem painfully slow. The planning and daydreaming you're doing now will prove useful later.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You and a loved one can get back in touch with a vision that both of you share. Visions are very important, you know. But don't risk any money quite yet.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - An idea you've been working on might lead you to fame and fortune. You'd be wise to heed the objections of your critics and loved ones, however. They see things you don't.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - If you keep after the answer, you'll be successful, partially through your own skills. Carefully analyze the data. You could instigate a breakthrough.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Visualize exactly where you want to go. Then, get together with the person who'll help you achieve these goals.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argilison

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

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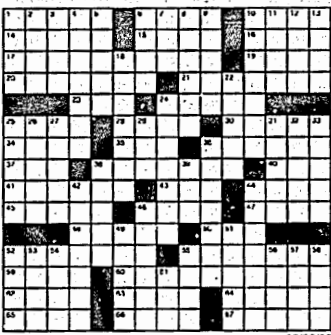
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Yesterday's Jumble: KETCH CRACK DAMASK RANCIO
Answer: Harder to deal with after a while - A DECK OF CARDS

(Answers tomorrow)

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 News medium
 - 6 Covenant
 - 10 Seat for several
 - 14 Jessica Parker
 - 16 Novelist Hunter
 - 17 Most majestic
 - 19 Waistcoat
 - 20 Like a secure professor
 - 21 Abilities
 - 23 Showing embarrassment
 - 24 Mexican master
 - 25 Algonquian language
 - 28 Hood's heaters
 - 30 Moistest a torn
 - 34 Towel word
 - 35 "Telephone Line"
- DOWN**
- 1 Attention-getting sound
 - 2 Evaluate
 - 3 Teheran's location
 - 4 Characters
 - 5 At that place
 - 6 Bill stamp
 - 7 Fun portable
 - 8 Hindu social divisions
 - 9 Giant
 - 10 More than a couple
 - 11 Cooking chamber
 - 12 Rapid
 - 13 Picnic problem
 - 18 Financial books
 - 22 Like ears and university
 - 24 Halted
 - 25 Poker tokens
 - 26 Upgrade guns
 - 27 Danks of baseball
 - 29 MacDraw of "Love Story"
 - 31 Skier's mask
 - 32 Fax's older cousin
 - 33 Put up
 - 36 Annual cycles
 - 38 Informs
 - 39 Write
 - 42 Asserted
 - 44 Exerts
 - 46 Profusely
 - 49 River frolicker
 - 51 Play part
 - 52 Flows out
 - 53 Biblical pair picker
 - 54 The Kinks 1970 hit
 - 55 White-tailed eagle
 - 56 Tight closure
 - 57 Feudal serf
 - 58 Fr. holy women
 - 61 Charged parade



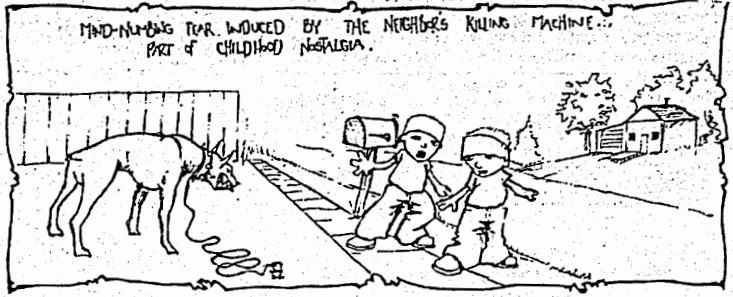
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Adam

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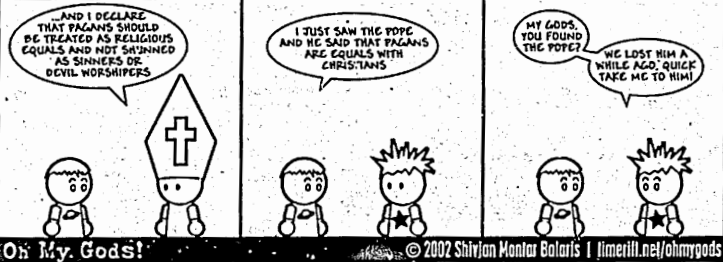
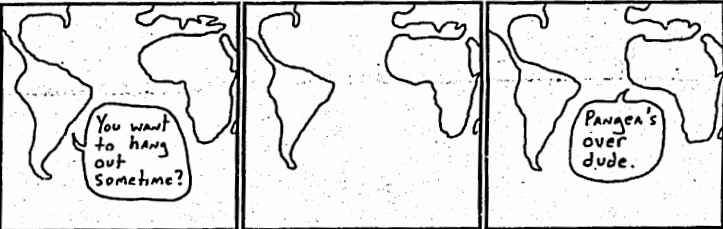
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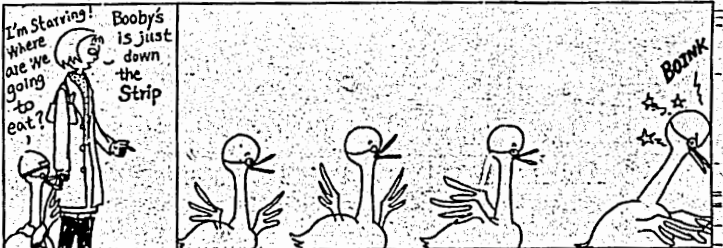
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Battle tight for BCS No. 2

Mike Huguenin
The Orlando Sentinel

(KRT) — While Oklahoma will be in the Jan. 4 Sugar Bowl regardless of what it does in Saturday's Big 12 Championship Game, the Sooners' opponent remains up in the air.

USC (10-1) is No. 2 in this week's Bowl Championship Series standings, with LSU No. 3. USC will finish its regular season Saturday by hosting Oregon State, which hasn't won at the Los Angeles Coliseum since 1960. LSU (11-1) will meet Georgia in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game Saturday night in Atlanta.

The Trojans lead the Tigers by 1.53 points in the BCS, but that gap will narrow if both win Saturday. How much it will narrow — and, indeed, if LSU can pass USC — is uncertain.

Currently, USC leads LSU in the media polls, computer and

strength-of-schedule components in the BCS standings. The media polls aren't likely to change, with USC staying one spot ahead of LSU. But it's the other components that bear watching.

This week, USC leads LSU by 0.25 point in the computer average. The BCS uses seven computers, throws out the highest ranking, then averages the remaining six. But the computers likely will look more favorably on LSU's beating Georgia than USC's beating Oregon State. How much more favorably is the question.

In the strength-of-schedule ratings, USC is at 37 this week and LSU at 54. That gap will be narrowed, given each team's opponent this week.

Also, the Notre Dame-Syracuse game will have a bearing on the strength-of-schedule ratings and the computer averages. USC beat Notre Dame, so it wants an Irish victory Saturday.

Finally, LSU is getting a 0.4-point "quality win bonus" for its regular-season victory against Georgia. Teams are awarded the bonus points if they beat a team currently in the BCS top 10, and Georgia is seventh this week. There's a chance that bonus could disappear completely if the Tigers beat the Bulldogs again. At the least, the bonus would shrink because Georgia would fall in the rankings.

Also worth notice is that Division I-AA Western Illinois, which lost to LSU earlier this season, remains alive in the playoffs. While games against I-AA teams don't count in the BCS strength-of-schedule ratings, three of the computers do count games against I-AA foes. LSU is ahead of USC in two of the three computers that count I-AA games.

What happens if USC and LSU lose? Two-loss Michigan would be Oklahoma's opponent in the Sugar Bowl.

Sooner statistics show team dominance

Jimmy Burch
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) — Statistics are the double-edged sword of the sports world. Cited out of context, they can be irrelevant. Placed in the hands of spin doctors, they can hide flaws as easily as they underscore excellence.

But when placed in their proper context, some stats simply scream off the page.

Top-ranked Oklahoma (12-0) has put up a lot of those numbers during a season in which the Sooners have outscored opponents by an average margin of 48-13.

OU has earned a spot opposite No. 13 Kansas State (10-3) in Saturday's Big 12 Championship Game in Kansas City, Mo.

Of the Sooners' defining digits, one series of numbers underscores the team's dominance better than the rest:

In 720 minutes of football this season, Oklahoma has trailed for 5:55.

No team has held a lead on the Sooners past the 12:11 mark of the second quarter.

Let that sink in for a moment. Oklahoma has not faced a second-half deficit this season. On the two occasions when the Sooners fell behind by three points in the first half (UCLA, Texas Tech), the offense responded with an 80-yard touchdown drive on the ensuing possession.

Asked what he likes best about his team, Oklahoma coach Bob

Stoops said the Sooners respond well to adversity because they have "a lot of exceptional athletes playing in a great way" heading into Saturday's showdown at Arrowhead Stadium.

They will carry along some eye-popping statistics, all of which define dominance when placed in their proper context.

In all three phases of the game. Among them:

291-50 Oklahoma's combined margin of victory over fellow teams in the Big 12 South Division.

58-10 The average margin of victory over South Division peers.

40-6 The touchdowns-to-interceptions ratio on passes thrown by Sooners quarterback Jason White, a Heisman Trophy contender. Among the past 10 quarterbacks to win the Heisman, none can match White's 40-6 ratio. The only ones in the ballpark, with a minimum of 30 TD passes, are Southern California's Carson Palmer (33-10), Florida's Danny Wuerffel (39-13) and Houston's Andre Ware (46-15).

2:14 Time needed to move 80 yards to score the first touchdown in a 14-0 run that erased a 3-0 deficit against Texas Tech.

3:44 Time needed to move 80 yards to score the first touchdown in a 28-0 run that erased a 10-7 deficit against UCLA.

0 Misses on field-goal attempts from 40 yards or longer by kicker Trey DiCarlo (7-of-7). For the season, DiCarlo has made 19-of-

20, with his lone miss from 31 yards against Alabama.

1 Oklahoma's rank in scoring offense (48.3 points per game) and total defense (233.7 yards per game) among the nation's 117 Division I-A teams.

6 Sooners on the 25-member All-America team selected by the Football Writers Association of America (White, wide receiver Mark Clayton, cornerback Derrick Strait, defensive tackle Tommie Harris, linebacker Teddy Lehman, punt returner Antonio Perkins). The previous high for any team was four, by Miami, Fla. in 2000.

7 Games in which Oklahoma has topped the 50-point barrier, tying the 1983 Nebraska team for most 50-point games in one season.

8 Touchdowns scored with the offense on the sidelines (four punt returns, two interceptions returns, one kickoff return, one fumble return).

10 Catches of 40 yards or longer by Clayton, a Sam Houston High School graduate who leads the Big 12 in touchdown catches (15) and yards per catch (18.2).

14 Consecutive victories, longest active streak in the nation.

17 Consecutive games without losing the turnover battle to an opponent.

Plus-18 Turnover ratio heading into the K-State game (31 takeaways, 13 giveaways).

0 Ballots listing Oklahoma in any position other than No. 1 in this week's college football polls.

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Tale of two Ohio teens: LeBron James, classmate

Wright Thompson
Knight Ridder Newspapers

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (KRT) — Two young men went to work Friday, chasing a dream. Both are fresh out of high school. Both are still learning, about life, about making new friends, about being away from home.

You've heard of one of them, seems like every day. His name is LeBron James. The first player taken in the NBA Draft, he's an 18-year-old rookie with the Cleveland Cavaliers. Just seven months ago he was at Akron, Ohio's St. Vincent-St. Mary High, when he wasn't on the cover of Sports Illustrated, or on ESPN playing ball. They call him King James, call him a savior, call him The Next. He could be all those things.

The other you've never heard of. His name is R.B. Brownfield. He also went to St. Vincent-St. Mary's, graduated with LeBron. As successful as James was in the athletic buildings of the private school, Brownfield was equally successful in its classrooms. He was the valedictorian, by such a large margin that the final quarter's grades didn't have to be counted. He's a freshman at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. He works at Toys-R-Us. He wants to be a teacher, just like his dad.

The two young men are both growing up, making important, life-altering decisions. One has a \$90 million Nike contract, the other a full ride to college. They are two young men at the same place in their lives. They are so different, yet the same. Only after holding up their lives side by side can you see how strange it is to be in LeBron James' world.

While LeBron was attracting national media attention as a prep star, R.B. was trying to put together a resume that would get him a scholarship to college.

Everyone knows LeBron's honors. McDonald's All-American. Celebrity since 13, with the cell phone numbers

of Shaquille O'Neal and Michael Jordan. He got into hot water when his mother bought him a Hummer, became a poster child for scholastic athletic excess. He signed the giant shoe deal before he ever played a game.

Brownfield was a different kind of poster child. While James dreamed of being a lottery pick, R.B. dreamed of being a National Merit Finalist and valedictorian. He knew that would get college paid for. He worked endlessly, not realizing until his senior year that he needed to have a life to go with the grades.

"I would set these standards for myself that I knew was overkill," he says. "After a while, I realized I could still be successful without killing myself."

He had an application for Wright State early, knowing just what he needed to accomplish. He took lots of Advanced Placement tests, making a five on biology, government and English. He made a four on European history and U.S. History. He made a 1380 on his SAT and, in September of his senior year, learned he'd made it as a National Merit Finalist. College was paid for.

Like his classmates, he learned to live on the penumbra of the LeBron circus. Take graduation, for instance. This was an end and a beginning for Brownfield. He took the stage to accept his honor, as his proud parents looked on.

James got his diploma, too. When they left the auditorium after tossing their caps in the air, ready to face the world, a television news crew was in the lobby, trying to get one more picture of LeBron.

James is one of the first on the court, taking shot after shot. The stereo at the Palace of Auburn Hills, where he'll play the Pistons in a few hours, jams that Black Eyed Peas song. Teammate Jason Kapono sings

along as he rains throes. Not LeBron. Game-face city. He's figured out the work it takes to make it in the league.

He's focused, taking one shot after another. A member of the Cavs staff feeds him passes, makes imaginary screens. The knock on James is that he's not a great shooter.

Sure, he can dish like a young Magic Johnson, jump like a young Michael Jordan. When he got to training camp, the most highly touted NBA rookie ever, his teammates didn't know what to expect.

"He surprised me each and every day in practice," says teammate Kevin Ollie, a seven-year veteran. "He got better and better."

His athletic ability is off the charts. But James can throw up a brick or two. So he works. Three in row, then slow. Soon he finds his rhythm. One falls. Then another. Another. Seven in a row. He stops when Bill Walton comes to say hello and offers some words of wisdom. Everyone has advice for LeBron these days. After 45 minutes, he's done practicing.

His life is centered around getting better right now. Off the court, his mother, uncle and a large family circle travel with the team. They blend into the background, slapping five with the players and talking with the staff. They help LeBron with his money, with his diet, with everything.

"They see that I'm going in the right direction," he says.

Not that he needs a lot of help. He's polished. There's the LeBron James the public sees, well-spoken and smart. Then there's the teenager who hangs out with Darius Miles, gushes about McDonald's breakfast burritos ("they're off the chains") and drops 12-letter curse words. He knows the game.

Like most of last year's seniors, Brownfield's making lots of changes. He misses his old friends; but is meeting new people.

For R.B., his new life is about more work, too. He's been surprised at all the reading he has to do. It never ends, but he knows it's worth it. He's always wanted to be a middle-school teacher, ever since he started helping out his dad with fifth-graders.

If he works hard and makes all his dreams come true, he probably won't make in a year what James made on Friday night. He's OK with that.

"I'm not going into it for the money," he says. "I just always wanted to do it. It's not like I wouldn't be happy if they offered me millions of dollars to teach, but I've never really been that frustrated about it because I think we're all programmed to how our society functions."

His dedication is paying off so far. He's only been in college for a quarter, but he's already a sophomore. He had so many AP credits going in that he's now graded 45 hours.

And everywhere he goes, when they find out where he went to high school, they wanna know what James is like.

Brownfield didn't know James that well. They spoke in the hallway, shared classes together. During the junior prom, LeBron and his friends stole the table Brownfield and his friends were using. R.B. came back from the buffet line to find his stuff had just been moved. He decided not to make a big deal about it; he knew the snub would make the papers and didn't think that was fair to LeBron.

Friday night, after getting off work, Brownfield was thinking of catching a movie with some friends. You know, normal teenager stuff. A state away, LeBron James was getting ready to play an NBA game.

LeBron has seen some highs in his short 17-game career. Saturday night against Memphis he'll have a season-high 33 points and 16 rebounds, but tonight's a different story.

He manages a season-low six points — 11 below his average. See, he's still learning. His teammates,

especially the veterans, are doing their best to help. They understand the history they're part of. When James tries a tricky no-look pass that's intercepted, Ollie yells encouraging words from the sideline.

"L," he calls, "that's all right, baby." As always, there are flashes. He led the fast break, dishing off a no-look pass to DeSagana Diop, who was supposed to find a ball in his hands that he traveled. Two possessions later, James went coast to coast, twisted through defenders in the lane, flipping in a smooth underhanded layup.

Even in defeat, the show is all about LeBron. The Palace was packed Friday night. No tickets to be had. James got the biggest cheer of the night. Musician Uncle Kracker was at the game, and when they showed him on the Jumbotron it didn't compare to LeBron. The boyfriend of a Pistons dancer proposed at halftime and still the cheers didn't come close.

Everywhere James goes, he's the center of attention. With the hype, and the way he's handled it, it's easy to forget that he's still a kid. Easy until he finds his family after the game, that is. With the crowd emptying out, James hangs with his mother.

He's hungry, so they find a concession stand and get some food. The superstar and his mom come out holding a pizza box, a bottle of water and a bag of Doritos. You know, normal teenager stuff. Suddenly, he's not that different from Brownfield.

The bus idles a few feet away. LeBron's seat, third from the back on the right, is waiting. He embraces his uncle. His mother leans in close.

He nods, gives her a hug and turns to leave. Before climbing aboard, some teenage girls want their picture taken with him.

He puts his arm around them and, as someone is saying cheese, he smiles. The grin is instantly recognizable. It's a yearbook smile, the smile of a nervous kid, just another young man with a lot of growing up to do.

A. D. quells discontent in Husker Nation

Dick Weiss
New York Daily News

(KRT) — Ever since Bob Stoops started building his empire in Norman, Okla., four years ago, his program's success has spread through the rest of the Big 12 like some Andromeda strain.

Texas Tech hired OU quarterback coach Mike Leach to generate excitement in Lubbock. Kansas hired OU offensive coordinator Mark Mangano to resuscitate that program. Texas A&M dismissed R.C. Slocum last year, replacing him with former Alabama coach Dennis Franchione. Mack Brown, who has won 10 games again and will probably go to a BCS game, has even taken heat after his team was overwhelmed by the Sooners, 65-13, Oct. 11 at Dallas.

Now, Nebraska's first-year AD Steve Pederson has fired Frank Solich

a day after a 9-3 season that ended with a 31-22 victory over Colorado Friday in Boulder. Nebraska will buy out the remainder of nice guy Solich's contract, which was to run through June 2006, for \$1.4 million. Solich won 75 percent of his games in six years, but was only 16-12 in his last 28 games and 10 of those losses were by 10 points or more.

When Pederson — a one-time recruiting coordinator at Nebraska — begins searching for successors, he will look at Kirk Ferentz of Iowa, Jeff Tedford of Cal, Mike Bellotti of Oregon or Urban Meyer, the flavor of the month at Utah, in an effort to find the right guy who can bring the Huskers' unique offense into the 21st century and seriously upgrade recruiting.

It seems obvious that Pederson, who was never really comfortable with Solich and realized he eventually

would have to make a change, decided to do it now rather than later so the Huskers wouldn't fall any further behind Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas State — the Big 12's upper echelon.

"I refuse to let the program gravitate to mediocrity," Pederson said.

"We will not be surrendering the Big 12 Conference to Oklahoma and Texas."

Pederson decided to make a change two weeks ago after watching Nebraska's 38-9 loss to Kansas State in the final regular-season home game. The Lincoln Star Journal intimated in a story Nov. 23 that Pederson had spoken to influential boosters about the decision, something Pederson denied.

The Huskers had a deceptive record this year, struggling against quality opponents again, which increased the discontent in the Husker nation to a point of no return.



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The only open seat was next to that guy, so I sat down. My journalism professor so nicely pointed out to the obviously upset fellow student that I was the one who bashed the football team.

That upset football player turned out to be Jeff Morton, who had quite a few words to say to me.

As stupid as it was to lambaste the football team just a couple weeks after I was hit, the resurgence of the program has made me wish I'd never written that.

Or the football team's comeback at Western Kentucky last month, a game where the WKU mascot wanted to fight me after I informed him of his suckiness from the third row of the bleachers.

there to do.

Regardless of whether the cheerleaders are semi-competent at something other than acrobatics, I'd like to remind you of the importance of taking your time in college.

If I had graduated in four years, I'd have missed some great moments in SIU sports.

Like Kent Williams leading the Salukis back from six points down last season at Southwest Missouri State in the land of B.A.S.S. Pro Shops.

Or the NCAA tournament second-round game two seasons ago when SIU overcame a huge deficit to shock Georgia and make the Sweet 16.

Or the football team's comeback at Western Kentucky last month, a game where the WKU mascot wanted to fight me after I informed him of his suckiness from the third row of the bleachers.

But one thing I wouldn't have missed had I graduated was all those women's basketball games.

In her three years of occupying an office just feet from our very talented men's basketball coaches, Lori Opp has apparently learned nothing.

After seeing the success the men's team has had redshirting players, Opp has decided she knows better.

With seven newcomers, some of whom barely make it into games, Opp has decided her players will see more improvement playing a few minutes a game than sitting out and working on their game in practice.

The importance of keeping her players around for the summer has also apparently not rubbed off.

The football and men's basketball teams have kept players in Carbondale for the summer with great results.

The SIU women's basketball team had two players in Carbondale this summer, and the Salukis are now 0-4.

But other than that one example of poor play, Paul Kowalczyk deserves our thanks for rescuing our beloved Saluki Athletic Department from mediocrity and giving fans something we can be proud of once again.

And I'd like to thank beer and wings for giving me the fuel I need to continue writing long and rambling columns.



It's almost over ...

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The Salukis give DE reporters Todd Merchant and Ethan Erickson a heartfelt farewell.

» COMMENTARY

Nothing funny about hit on Sambursky

Joel Sambursky, who for the whole season had been the quietest quarterback in college football, was motionless on the field. The SIU football team sat solemnly watching as Sambursky was carted off the field on a stretcher.

At that point, Joel quickly reverted from a source to a friend. There was no leg movement, no finger wiggling, nothing. He was motionless. For 20 minutes, I thought a good friend of mine was going to be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his days. I frantically called DAILY EGYPTIAN reporter Jens Deju, who was at the game, to text message me via cell phone when he received word on Sambursky. Disgusting thoughts swirled through my mind, thoughts that should never be conjured — Joel Sambursky as a sob story. Then my cell phone vibrated and a text message from Deju said Joel had full movement and would be fine.

I heard from my sports editor Sunday that the Salukis had been on ESPN's SportsCenter. Figures; they did get pounded by a superb Delaware squad, so my initial thought it probably was a short, 15-second game recap. Embarrassing? Yes, but just.

But my editor informed me that the blindside blow put on Sambursky, which was a clean hit, aired as No. 10 on the "Not Top 10" plays of the day. He then said something that pissed me off, and it wasn't some smartass comment I had become nearly immune to after 1 1/2 years at the DE.

According to him and many others, after SportsCenter showed the hit, Linda Cohn, a SportsCenter anchor, laughed. Somehow a hit that caused an exceptional student-athlete, who has done a tremendous amount of greatness for the University, not only to the football program, to be carried away on a stretcher was humorous.

Who the hell is Linda Cohn or anyone at ESPN to laugh at Sambursky? This is the same network that has brought us riveting series such as "Playmakers." To chuckle and laugh at a



Welcome to my world.

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strong hit is one thing when you are a spectator, but as an "objective" journalist at ESPN, how is it funny when a 20-year-old kid lies motionless on the field, his parents probably shedding tears?

Is it funny to say if you lopped Cohn's hair off, she would look like Brad Cole if he had a horrible overbite? Neigh!

The context of that "funny" hit was not just another pretty-boy quarterback getting the snort knocked out of his skull. It was people sitting on the edge of their seats in this region, a football team wondering what will be of their team leader and a mother and father and a younger brother wondering if Joel will ever walk again.

Losing by a lopsided score of 48-7, plainly said, sucks. I can understand for many of those around the area, the first thought permeating their mind was, "Oh piss, there goes the future." Living on the same floor as Sambursky last year and becoming friends with him struck as a greater shock, as it did for all those who know him on a personal level.

Everyone, especially journalists, needs to understand that an injury is never funny. It was not funny when one of my best friends, who was a projected top-five round pick in the MLB Amateur Draft, had Tommy John surgery last Tuesday and watched more than a million dollars be cut out of his elbow. And it wasn't funny when Joel was lying on a stretcher.

How can an injured kid ever be funny?

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» WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis on the road again

SIU faces Tennessee Tech tonight in fifth straight road contest

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When asked about last year's match-up with Tennessee Tech, Katie Berwanger gets a little confused.

Having played the Golden Eaglettes every year since the 1990-1991 season, the SIU women's basketball team is very familiar with its foe to the South.

However, so many games can lead to a few mix-ups.

"I've been here five years," said Berwanger, who is averaging nearly a double-double for the Dawgs.

"That's a lot of Tennessee Tech games."

But one particular game comes to the front of the senior forward's mind when forced to ponder the subject.

Berwanger remembers trailing Tech by 12 at the half and being forced to press in the second half to make a run. The pressure, combined with the Salukis' impressive play, steadily cut the margin before they finally took the lead and the game 70-66.

"It was a huge thing for us just to know that we could rally and come back even when we were behind,"

Berwanger recalled, still not knowing which year it was.

The game Berwanger was able to recollect happened to be last year's showdown, one of the best in recent years.

This year's version is sure to be just as competitive with both teams in search of that confidence-building first victory of the season.

Today's 7 p.m. tip-off in Cookeville, Tenn., is of particular importance for SIU (0-4) because the non-conference schedule doesn't get any easier from here on out. The Dawgs face DePaul, Southern Mississippi, Northwestern and Saint Louis before opening the Missouri Valley Conference season at home Jan. 3 versus Drake.

"I think it's real important," Berwanger said. "Right now we haven't gotten a win, so we've got to be hungry for it. I think that's going to be key."

SIU was able to take advantage down low last season, out-rebounding the Golden Eaglettes 40-34 on the way to the victory. Senior forward Jodi Heiden contributed 15 points and 11 rebounds off the bench to lead the Dawgs to victory, and it could be her once again who steps up tonight.

Heiden has put up solid numbers thus far, averaging 8.3 points and 4.3 rebounds per game as a reserve. She posted 13 points and five boards against Middle Tennessee and provided solid minutes for the

Dawgs at the Long Island Classic in New York.

SIU head coach Lori Opp also plans to attack Tech (0-3) down low with fellow senior bangers Berwanger and Tiffany Crutcher.

"We were able to go inside against them last year and be successful," Opp said. "We should also be able to do that against them this year."

Despite last year's success, this certainly will not be an easy task. The Golden Eaglettes return all five starters from last year's 12-17 team and retain the same intangibles that give them their identity.

Tech is a very fundamentally sound team that takes advantage of the opportunities that teams give it. Lacking size, the Golden Eaglettes typically shoot a lot of threes.

"They play very smart basketball," Opp said. "That's probably my biggest concern is that we just have to settle down and play."

But even more so than that, Opp just wants to see her team improve with each game, and that means cutting down on turnovers and playing 40 minutes of inspired basketball.

"Of course we'd like to win the game; but if your sole focus is on winning, and your kids don't win, then they feel like failures," Opp said.

"So our goal is to steadily improve, and then the wins will come."

Decision still gnaws at Roy Williams

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Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO (KRT) — Roy Williams calls and learns you have just seen a game at Kansas, and immediately and without prompting he says: "It's one of the greatest places of all time. I hope we can get it going like that here."

"Here" is North Carolina, his birthplace, his alma mater, the place he learned the craft of coaching while spending 10 years as Dean Smith's assistant.

But Kansas... Kansas is where he grew up as a coach, where he established himself as one of the greats in his field, where he enjoyed 15 hugely successful seasons before bidding it a tearful farewell last April.

It was an exit filled with human drama and colored by raw emotion. There was the famous epithet he delivered on national TV after his Jayhawks lost the national title game to Syracuse, and another day when he was so stressed by the decision he faced that he simply vomited.

One moment he was leaving and the next moment he was staying, and even now, six months removed from the moment he told his Jayhawks he was going.

He has said that in the months that have passed, "the emotional part of it is gone because I'm the North Carolina coach, I'm not the Kansas coach." But in a recent conversation he continually belied that claim, talking of his first years in Lawrence and remembering how his early Jayhawks teams failed to fill fabled Allen Fieldhouse.

But the last seven years, the job was always jumping. Williams recalled how students would attend a game there on Saturday, depart at the end, wait for the cleanup crew to finish its work and immediately start

lining up for a game that wouldn't be played for another nine days.

None of this is unexpected from Williams, who is unabashedly emotional, who cries after season-ending losses, who says of himself, "I know I'm corny, but I don't mind that."

Williams now coaches the 10th-ranked Tar Heels, who will face No. 11 Illinois Tuesday night in Greensboro, N.C., as part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. He is trying to resurrect a once-proud program that went 27-36 and was shut out of the NCAA tournament the last two years under former coach Matt Doherty.

Williams also is concerned about his team's lack of depth and the expectations surrounding him and it. But he can't help it. His thoughts keep returning to Kansas.

"I loved that place so much, and I don't think you ever get over something like that," he said. "I was there for 15 years. It's not like I was there for a couple of years and left."

He has offered countless reasons for choosing Carolina, after turning it down three years earlier. Returning to his roots. Fulfilling a dream. Family. Dean Smith.

That is a clear reference to the problems he had with former Kansas athletic director Al Bohl, whom the school fired in a final attempt to keep Williams from leaving. When that failed and Williams still chose to leave, he was pelted by a firstborn of emotion from fans and former players. Fans branded him a traitor. Players spoke of their anger. Williams understands.

Junior guard Keith Langford, the most outspoken Jayhawk, called Williams upon seeing his comments in print.

Williams now cares about North Carolina more than anything. There can be no mistaking that.

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which school would be counted, and the Golden Eagles didn't want to allow the opportunity for them to pick SIU.

"I have never heard of anything like that," Kowalczyk said after attempting to clearly explain the situation.

"I could apply pressure to force them to fulfill our contract. I could pursue it further when it comes closer to determining

our schedule."

Kowalczyk declined to say what schools he is looking at now but did say nothing is too promising at the present time.

He tried, though to no avail, to schedule games against schools such as Vanderbilt, Louisiana Tech and Northern Illinois, but all had their schedules finalized.

He said he prefers to have the Salukis play one Division I-A game.

"We are trying to stay as close to Midwest as we can," Kowalczyk said.

"But the circumference of the circle is expanding."

"661 could apply pressure to force them to fulfill our contract."

— Paul Kowalczyk
SIU athletic director

The worse-case scenario would be very similar to the 2003 schedule, which was watered down by two Division II schools and two from I-AA just to fill out an 11-game schedule.

Games against Division II schools could hurt the Salukis at the end of next season if they are on the bubble for making the I-AA playoffs.

» SPORTS FLASH

2004 Hall of Fame class announced

The SIU Athletic Department announced its Hall of Fame Class of 2003-2004 Tuesday. The six-person class, which will be inducted in a ceremony Jan. 30, includes Oyd Craddock (football, 1976-79), Steve Heckel (men's golf, 1966-69), Sterling Mahan (men's basketball, 1987-91), Jamie Schutteck (softball, 1994-97), Doug Shields (baseball, 1987-90) and Rob Siracusanu (men's diving, 1992-95).

Craddock started 43 of 44 games in his career and was a three-time all-conference selection. He was named First-Team All-MVC in 1977 and earned second-team honors in 1979 and 1978. He was also named to the conference's all-academic team in 1979. Craddock recorded 426 tackles in his career and ranks second in that category in school history. He also ranks third in career interceptions at SIU with 11.

Heckel, who has been the head professional and co-owner of Crab Orchard Golf Club in Carverville since 1972, led the 1968 team with a 73.6 stroke average and was the only Saluki

chosen to compete in the NCAA post-season tournament. As a professional golfer, Heckel was a PGA Championship qualifier in 1987 and a U.S. Senior Open Championship qualifier in 1996, 1998 and 1999. He served as the Gateway PGA Vice President for 12 years and was the Gateway PGA Player of the Year in 1988. He is also a member of the Southern Illinois Golf Association Hall of Fame.

Mahan ranks among the career leaders at SIU in numerous statistical categories including ninth in points (1,503), eighth in 3-pointers (113), third in free throws made (383), second in steals (171) and fourth in assists (381). He was a First-Team All-MVC performer in 1990 and was named Second-Team All-MVC in 1991. He also made the MVC All-Defense team in 1990.

Schutteck was a three-time First-Team All-MVC performer (1994, 1996 and 1997) and was the conference's Most Valuable Player in 1997. Schutteck ranks first at SIU in career wins (69), complete games (73), winning percentage (.754), shutouts (23) and RBI (130).

Shields played outfield for the Salukis and was a member of the 1990 team,

SIU's last to make an NCAA tournament appearance. He was named Third-Team All-America that season and led the team in home runs (9) and RBI (64). He stands fourth in career RBI (166), second in career games played (236), third in career at-bats (781), fourth in career runs scored (169), third in career hits (256), fourth in career doubles (46) and third in career total bases (373). He was named First-Team All-MVC in both 1989 and 1990 and led the '89 team in hitting with a .364 average.

Siracusanu was one of the world's top divers in the early 1990s and was a seven-time All-American on the 1- and 3-meter boards. He competed in four NCAA meets in his four years and led SIU to three top-25 finishes at the NCAAs. He became the first diver since Greg Louganis to place a new dive in the NCAA rulebook. Siracusanu holds SIU pool records on the 1-meter (341.48) and 3-meter (386.47) boards in a dual meet (six dives) and on the 3-meter (583.50) board in a championship meet dual (11 dives). He also holds school records in the 1-meter dual (376.40) and championship (547.72) and 3-meter dual (427.40) and championship (597.05) dives.



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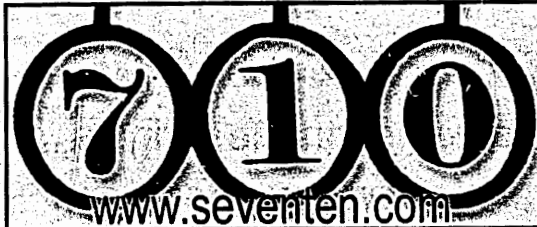
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Junior guard Stetson Hairston floats above a defender during the SIU men's basketball team's home opener Nov. 26. Hairston and the Salukis will attempt to tie the nation's longest current home-court winning streak tonight against SEMO.

» MEN'S BASKETBALL

SEMO to test Salukis' winning streak tonight

SIU looks to shut down Indians' Gonner, Griffin, balanced offense

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"He definitely gives them that combo forward and has athleticism that causes match-up troubles for a lot of different people."

— Matt Painter
 head coach, SIU men's basketball

Tonight, LaMar Owen will attempt to do what he was brought here to do.

Despite his early season offensive success, the 6-foot-5 Owen, a junior college transfer, was recruited to the SIU men's basketball team to guard the numerous athletic power forwards of the college basketball world, the type of players that lit up the Salukis last season.

Owen will be handed the unenviable task of trying to shut down Dainmon Gonner, Southeast Missouri State's leading scorer and rebounder, tonight when the Salukis (3-0) play host to the Indians (3-1) at 7:05 tonight at the SIU Arena.

The 6-foot-6 Gonner, a transfer from Hutchinson Community College, has the body of a post player, but his offensive game isn't limited to the interior.

"He definitely gives them that combo forward and has athleticism that causes match-up troubles for a lot of different people. He is very strong," SIU head coach Matt Painter said.

"What kind of separates him from other [power forwards] is the fact that he can shoot the perimeter shot and put the ball on the floor. He's got a very good intermediate game, so he's gonna be tough for us to handle."

Owen watched Gonner play when both teams were at the junior college national tournament, but tonight Owen will get a chance to get to know Gonner personally.

"He's a very good player," Owen said. "He's gonna be a person that we're going to have to look forward to stopping and defending very well because he's a player that can make plays. [Painter] brought me here to defend some of the great players, so I'm gonna get down and do my job and hopefully stop him."

"He's a great player, so I'll try to do what I can." But to notch a win, SIU will have more than just Gonner to concern itself with. Physical

SEMO senior center Brandon Griffin tallied 22 points and 11 rebounds in last season's meeting between the two teams, an 85-69 Saluki win. Griffin averaged 11.9 points and 10.5 rebounds a game last year.

Junior guards Derek Winans and Brett Hale, both of whom averaged double-figure scoring last season mainly on the strength of their outside shooting, complement SEMO's interior presence.

But with two of their three games this year having been on the road, at Wyoming and Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Salukis aren't exactly an inexperienced bunch.

So with the return home, the Dawgs will have some extra motivation to defeat the Indians for the 10th time in the last 11 games.

With a win, SIU will extend its home-court winning streak to 29 games. Thanks to a Western Kentucky home loss last week, SIU would be tied with Duke for the longest current home-court winning streak.

The Salukis haven't lost at home since February 2001 and, with school being in session, the arena will undoubtedly be much more intimidating than it was in the home opener Nov. 26. That can only help the Salukis, who've proven they can win on any court.

"When you're away, you got all the fans rooting against you, heckling you," freshman guard Jamaal Tatvm said.

"When you're at home, you got a lot more support and it's a little bit easier, and plus you want to defend your house and not let anyone come in and take what's yours. So you have that pride on the line."

Tonight's game against SEMO begins at 7:05 at the SIU Arena.

» FOOTBALL

Athletic Department still searches to fill schedule

SIU football may have three non-conference games left to fill

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Less than a week after the SIU football team was knocked out of the playoffs, Athletic Director Paul

Kowalczyk is scouring the Midwest to fill three holes in the Salukis' 2004 schedule.

Originally, the schedule had Kansas and Tennessee Tech of the Ohio Valley Conference on the non-conference schedule along with the yearly game versus Southeast Missouri State and one Division II school.

"Ideally we'd be done by now, but that obviously is not the case,"

Kowalczyk said.

The plans went awry in the month of November, when Kansas accepted the invite to play in the Tangerine Bowl and Tennessee Tech requested to be released from their game against Salukis. Though Tennessee Tech signed a contract to play SIU, Kowalczyk said he will honor their plea.

Kansas ended the regular season 6-6, but the Jayhawks used

a Division I-AA win against Jacksonville State to count toward their final record, canceling the SIU contest. Teams in I-AA are only allowed to use a win against a I-AA team once in a four-year span toward meeting bowl requirements.

The Golden Eagles request stems from Tennessee State, which joined the OVC a few years back under the condition the school

could continue playing against past rivals twice a year. For the Golden Eagles, one of Tennessee State's "classic games" overlaps the game they were scheduled to play with each other. Therefore, Tennessee Tech has to count one of their non-conference games as a conference game to replace the TSU contest. The OVC athletic directors decide

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