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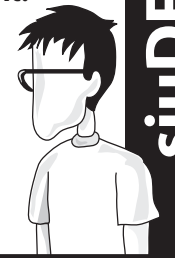
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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER 5, 2007

Insurance helps pay for abortion

Students able to receive help for alternative surgeries through SIUC insurance

Christian Holt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Female students worried about alternative surgeries may have a benefit they didn't know about. The student health insurance, which all students are covered by

unless they have outside insurance and fill out a refund form, covers 80 percent of up to \$500 for an alternative surgery per person. James Hunsaker, insurance administrator, said this includes, but is not limited to, a surgical abortion. But because the plan does not

cover prescription pills, it also does not cover pills that would have the same effect as the surgery. Hunsaker said the plan does not cover prescriptions because they wanted to make the plan as affordable to students as possible and if prescriptions were included the plan would be too costly. He also said, although there are alternative surgeries for males that would be covered by the insurance, men cannot use their insurance

money for to a woman's abortion. Hunsaker said he only sees between five and 10 abortion claims come through each year. According to the health insurance plan, which can be found on the SIUC Web site, "any services rendered outside of the Student Health Center must have a referral by a Student Health Center provider." See ABORTION, Page 9

Threatened program gets renewed funding

Federal government admits mistake when it first denied money

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The future of a university program threatened with the loss of money has become more secure. The McNair Scholars Program, which lost federal funding in September, has seen its funding approved for the next four years after an appeal to the federal government, said the program's associate director, Julia Spears. Spears said she recently found out the university's application for the \$220,000 per year needed to support the program was approved by the Department of Education. The program, which prepares low-income, first-generation students and those from underrepresented populations for graduate school, must reapply for federal money every four years. SIUC's program, which directly involves 18 students, is only 4 years old, and this was the first time it had to reapply for funding, Spears said. Although there was no formal appeal process for the program, Spears said the university submitted a rebuttal to the department's decision anyway. The program's application initially earned a score of 98.33, and a score of 98.67, a third of a point higher, was required for renewed funding.

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Toren Hill walks away from the stretcher of motorcyclist Kevin Coran after the two SIUC students collided Tuesday morning outside 1135 Lincoln Drive. Coran's roommates, who he called to the scene after the collision, were unable to comment about his condition.

Students deal with stress of December

Local counselors say depression increases during holidays

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Elvis sang about a "Blue Christmas," but Mary Swanson deals with the concept 24 hours a day. Swanson is the Adult Crisis Coordinator for Southern Illinois Regional Social Services. SIRSS mental health counselors visit Jackson County emergency rooms when summoned by hospital staff. Instances of severe depression and anxiety seem to peak during winter holidays, Swanson said. Reasons for the increase include family conflicts and financial problems, both of which come to a head during the gift-giving season. Winter-related depression may also be associated with

It seems a little odd because we are all supposed to think that Christmas is fun and a happy time to get with family.

— Barb Elam, coordinator of the Wellness Center

Seasonal Affective Disorder. The National Institute of Mental Health defines SAD as a form of depression related to the decrease in natural light during the winter months. Barb Elam, coordinator of the Wellness Center, said the disorder is characterized by increased appetite, change in sleeping habits, lethargy and feelings of guilt; however, the disorder's most effective treatment — light — can be found anywhere. Elam said exposure to sunlight would provide the most relief.

See DEPRESSION, Page 9

Center helps fight finals pressure

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The self-described most wonderful time of the year, the holiday season, can also be the most stressful and unhealthy time for students. As most university students are under full siege of final projects, final exams and the daunting task of finding seasonal jobs to pay for accumulating bills, many are susceptible to stress. Barb Elam, the Wellness Center's stress management coordinator, said she is concerned about students' habits during finals week and offered suggestions for healthy ways to manage exam stress. Elam spent the majority of a Monday lecture speaking about dealing with exam stress by walking students through relaxation

See STRESS, Page 9



Barb Elam, Wellness Center stress management coordinator, speaks with students about dealing with stress during finals. The seminar was held in the Wellness Center auditorium. JASON JOHNSON DAILY EGYPTIAN



# Council approves cab fare increase

Attucks director accuses Cole, Council of being misinformed

**Barton Lorimor**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale cab drivers may get the pay increase for which they have been waiting.

A request by Rob Taylor, operator of Carbondale Moonlight Taxi, to increase cab fare in Carbondale by a dollar was approved by the City Council Tuesday night. The increase will go into effect beginning on Dec. 17.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said the request is fair because rates have not been increased since September 2000.

Cab fares in Carbondale are much lower than those in Chicago, but the cost of maintenance for vehicles are the same and have been continually rising as well, Taylor said. Such increases are reasons Taylor said he had to turn his company into a one-man operation.

"It is not uncommon for cities to regulate cab fares," Taylor said.

The measure approved also asks city officials to reconfigure a map currently dividing the city in order to be less confusing. Taylor said the cab services in Carbondale would be better if they began using meters to designate the due fare, instead of a confusing map that would require a driver with extreme knowledge.

Though most of Tuesday night's agenda went smoothly with few



**Robert Taylor, a Carbondale taxicab driver, proposed a one dollar fare increase to the city council to counter rising fuel prices.**

STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

citizen comments, debates began when the Council was asked to approve a measure that would financially support worthy community organizations in the fiscal year 2009 budget.

Richard Hayes, of Attucks Community Service, said the Council did not know the entirety of the organization's progress in correcting tax violations. Such violations, Hayes said, could put members of the organization in prison.

Mayor Brad Cole said Hayes'

tone and accusations had hurt Hayes' wishes to have the city finance Attucks in the 2007 fiscal year budget.

"I am only being passionate," Hayes said.

The original measure, as well as a motion made by Councilman Steven Haynes to instantly fund Attucks with a requested sum of \$69,000, failed. It would not have approved financing the organizations, but to move applications to a review by city officials, Cole said.

The council also authorized

Cole to enter into a contract with Public Management Consultants, LLC of Lake Bluff.

The firm would assist the city's nationwide search for a new city manager. Doherty announced his June 30 retirement date earlier this month after 16 years of serving as city manager. Cole said he would like to have the new city manager sign a contract by May 2008.

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## Obama urges college students to vote in Iowa

**Amy Lorentzen**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRINNELL, Iowa — Despite criticism from a few rivals, Sen. Barack Obama on Tuesday kept pressing out-of-state students attending college in Iowa to return over their holiday break and vote in the Democratic caucus on Jan. 3.

"Don't listen to them, don't listen to them," he said of the critics. "Don't let somebody tell you that you are not part of this process — because your future is at stake, and America's future is at stake."

Speaking at a concert hall packed with students at Grinnell College, he said students who attend school in the state have established residency by doing so and are able to take part in the caucuses. The Illinois senator is polling strongly among young people in Iowa and could have much to gain in the close presidential nomination race from coeds willing to cut short their holiday and take part in the caucus.

Democratic rivals are divided over whether Obama is playing by the spirit of the rules. Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chris Dodd have criticized the effort, with Dodd saying, "That may be the way politics is played in Chicago, but not in Iowa." Clinton said she's encouraging people who live and pay taxes in Iowa to show up. But John Edwards said the rules are "fairly liberal" when it comes to out-of-state students caucusing.

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## WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

## Congressional Democrats locked in public relations battle on Iraq money

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and congressional Democrats are locked in a struggle over Iraq spending, with neither side budging and each calculating that their argument will be the one to resonate with voters.

For both sides, this rhetorical tug-of-war has become a question of leadership on national security issues and who is more committed to the troops.

"It's unconscionable to deny funds to our troops in harm's way because some in Congress want to force a self-defeating policy, especially when we're seeing the benefits of success," Bush said in a Rose Garden speech on Monday.

## US officials say Iran nuclear program stopped in 2003

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new U.S. intelligence report concludes that Iran's nuclear weapons development program has been halted since the fall of 2003 because of international pressure — a stark contrast to the conclusions U.S. spy agencies drew just two years ago.

The finding is part of a National Intelligence Estimate on Iran that also cautions that Tehran continues to enrich uranium and still could develop a bomb between 2010 and 2015 if it decided to do so.

The conclusion that Iran's weapons program was still frozen, through at least mid-2007, represents a sharp turnaround from the previous intelligence assessment in 2005. Then, U.S. intelligence agencies believed Tehran was determined to develop a nuclear weapons capability and was continuing its weapons development program. The new report concludes that Iran's decisions are rational and pragmatic, and that Tehran is more susceptible to diplomatic and financial pressure than previously thought.

## ENGLAND

## British teacher arrives home from Sudan after being pardoned in teddy bear case

LONDON (AP) — A British teacher jailed in Sudan for letting her students name a teddy bear Muhammad as part of a writing project arrived home Tuesday after being pardoned and said she was "very upset to think that I might have caused offense to people."

Gillian Gibbons told reporters after arriving at London's Heathrow Airport that she was looking forward to seeing her family and friends.

"I'm just an ordinary middle-aged primary school teacher. I went out there to have an adventure, and got a bit more than I bargained for," Gibbons said at a brief news conference.

"I don't think anyone could have imagined it would snowball like this," she added.

## AFGHANISTAN

## US military leaders worried al-Qaida is stepping up activities

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates plans to talk with NATO military leaders about increasing levels of violence in Afghanistan amid concerns by U.S. defense officials that the reason may be an escalation of al-Qaida activity.

On his third trip to Afghanistan, Gates said he has not yet seen data on any uptick in al-Qaida activity, but increasing levels of violence in the country are clear and that he plans to talk about it with other defense leaders from NATO nations operating in Afghanistan.

Gates was expected to meet with key country leaders, including a Tuesday visit with President Hamid Karzai, as well as talk to commanders about conditions across the provinces.

As if to underscore the concern, a suicide car bomber targeted a NATO convoy in Kabul on Tuesday not long after Gates had passed along the same road, which had been closed to other traffic while Gates was traveling on it. NATO said 22 civilians who were near the blast were wounded.

# Storm leaves behind flooded homes



A shopping center is completely underwater, including Wal-Mart on the right in Chehalis, Wash. Flood waters from the Chehalis River inundate southwest Washington on Tuesday.

STEVE RINGMAN  
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CENTRALIA, Wash. — A storm that battered the Pacific Northwest for two days moved on Tuesday, leaving behind flooded homes, fallen trees and washed-out roads, including the region's largest highway, which was covered with 10 feet of muddy water.

The storm, which killed at least five people, lashed the area with high winds and heavy rain, and forced authorities to evacuate a flooded Oregon town that was cut off by landslides. Tens of thousands of people were without power.

In Centralia, Wash., police used small boats to evacuate neighborhoods inundated by floodwaters from the Chehalis River that were the consistency of chocolate milk.

Firefighters finally persuaded Katrina Puris, 25, to flee her home late Monday as her neighbors' cars floated down the street. She had been reluctant to leave with three children under five in the house.

As the family huddled with about a dozen other people in the back of a truck on the way to high ground, Puris said her kids fared better than she did.

The same river left three miles of Interstate 5 under water, closing the region's major north-south thoroughfare. Although rain eased overnight, runoff continued to feed the river, which crested at record highs, breaking a record from 1996, when flooding closed the freeway for four days.

State officials hoped to open the highway Thursday, but were waiting to see what damage the flooding

“It's pretty devastating, and you can only imagine what it was like for the people trying to get out.”

— Chris Gregoire  
Washington Governor

might have done.

In Oregon, a mountain timber town called Vernonia was largely cut off by landslides, but National Guard trucks with high clearance were able to get in. Troops used inflatable rafts to evacuate flooded residents from the small community on the Nehalem River, about 35 miles northwest of Portland.

The storm, the last of three severe weather systems to smack the region, moved into British Columbia on Tuesday and began to dissipate, the National Weather Service said. The

earlier storms carried heavy snow to the Upper Plains, the Midwest and the Northeast.

The weather service said 3 to 6 inches of rain had fallen across much of western Washington. The 24-hour rain total for Bremerton, Wash., was 10.78 inches.

"It's pretty devastating, and you can only imagine what it was like for the people trying to get out," Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire, said during a tour of the damage. Gregoire declared a state of emergency, as did the Oregon governor.

## Bush says intelligence reports aren't vigilant

Terence Hunt  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Defending his credibility, President Bush said Tuesday that Iran is dangerous and must be squeezed by international pressure despite a blockbuster intelligence finding that Tehran halted its nuclear weapons program four years ago.

Bush said the new conclusion — contradicting earlier U.S. assessments — would not prompt him to take off the table the possibility of pre-emptive military action against Iran. Nor will the United States change its policy of trying to isolate Iran diplomatically and punish it with sanctions, he said.

"Look, Iran was dangerous, Iran is dangerous and Iran will be dangerous if they have the knowledge necessary to make a nuclear weapon," the president told a White House news conference a day after the release of a new national intelligence estimate representing the consensus of all U.S. spy agencies.

On Capitol Hill, congressional Democrats said they hoped the

report would have a cooling effect on the administration's rhetoric, which they said was hyped and counterproductive. At a campaign debate in Iowa, seven Democratic presidential candidates stood in agreement that the United States should shift its focus with Iran to diplomatic engagement.

"They should have stopped the saber rattling, should never have started it," said Sen. Barack Obama,

D-III, New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said Bush "should seize this opportunity." But she also said it was clear that pressure on Iran has had an effect — a point disputed by rival Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware.

While U.S. intelligence about Iran has changed, Bush showed no inclination to alter course. Iran continues to produce enriched uranium that could be transferred to a secret weapons program, he said.

"So, I view this report as a warning signal that they had the program, they halted the program. And the reason why it's a warning signal is that they could restart it," the president said.

## Coral reefs get zapped with electricity in fight against global warming

Joseph Coleman  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PEMUTERAN BAY, Indonesia — Just a few years ago, the lush coral reefs off Bali island were dying out, bleached by rising temperatures, blasted by dynamite fishing and poisoned by cyanide. Now they are coming back, thanks to an unlikely remedy: electricity.

The coral is thriving on dozens of metal structures submerged in the bay and fed by cables that send low-voltage electricity, which conservationists say is reviving it and spurring greater growth.

As thousands of delegates, experts and activists debate climate at a conference that opened this week on Bali, the coral restoration project illustrates the creative ways scientists are trying to fight the ill-effects of global warming.

The project — dubbed Bio-Rock — is the brainchild of scientist Thomas Goreau and the late architect Wolf Hilbertz. The two have set up similar structures in some 20 countries, but the Bali experiment is the most extensive.

Goreau said the Pemuteran reefs off Bali's northwestern shore were under serious assault by 1998, victims of rising temperatures and aggres-

sive fishing methods by impoverished islanders, such as stunning fish with cyanide poison and scooping them up with nets.

"Under these conditions, traditional (revival) methods fail," explained Goreau, who is in Bali presenting his research at the U.N.-led conference. "Our method is the only one that speeds coral growth."

Some say the effort is severely limited.

Rod Salm, coral reef specialist with the Nature Conservancy, said while the method may be useful in bringing small areas of damaged coral back to life, it has very limited application in vast areas that need protection.

"The extent of bleaching ... is just too big," Salm said. "The scale is enormous and the cost is prohibitive."

Others note the Bali project is mostly dependent on traditionally generated electricity, a method that itself contributes to global warming. Goreau himself concedes it has yet to attract significant financial backing.

Nonetheless, scientists agree that coral reefs are an especially valuable — and sensitive — global environmental asset. They provide shorelines with protection from tides and waves, and host a stunning diversity of plant and sea life.

# Freshmen make friends and better grades

**Allison Petty**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nearly 30 percent of this year's freshmen are enrolled in the Center for Academic Success, a program for students who do not meet university admissions standards, but more students may need the help.

Seymour Bryson, director of the center, said 757 students currently receive tutoring, advisement and academic coaching from the center.

Students who fall below some admissions standards, such as ACT score or class ranking, may be selectively admitted into the university through the center, Bryson said.

In other words, those students cannot attend the university unless they agree to receive academic support.

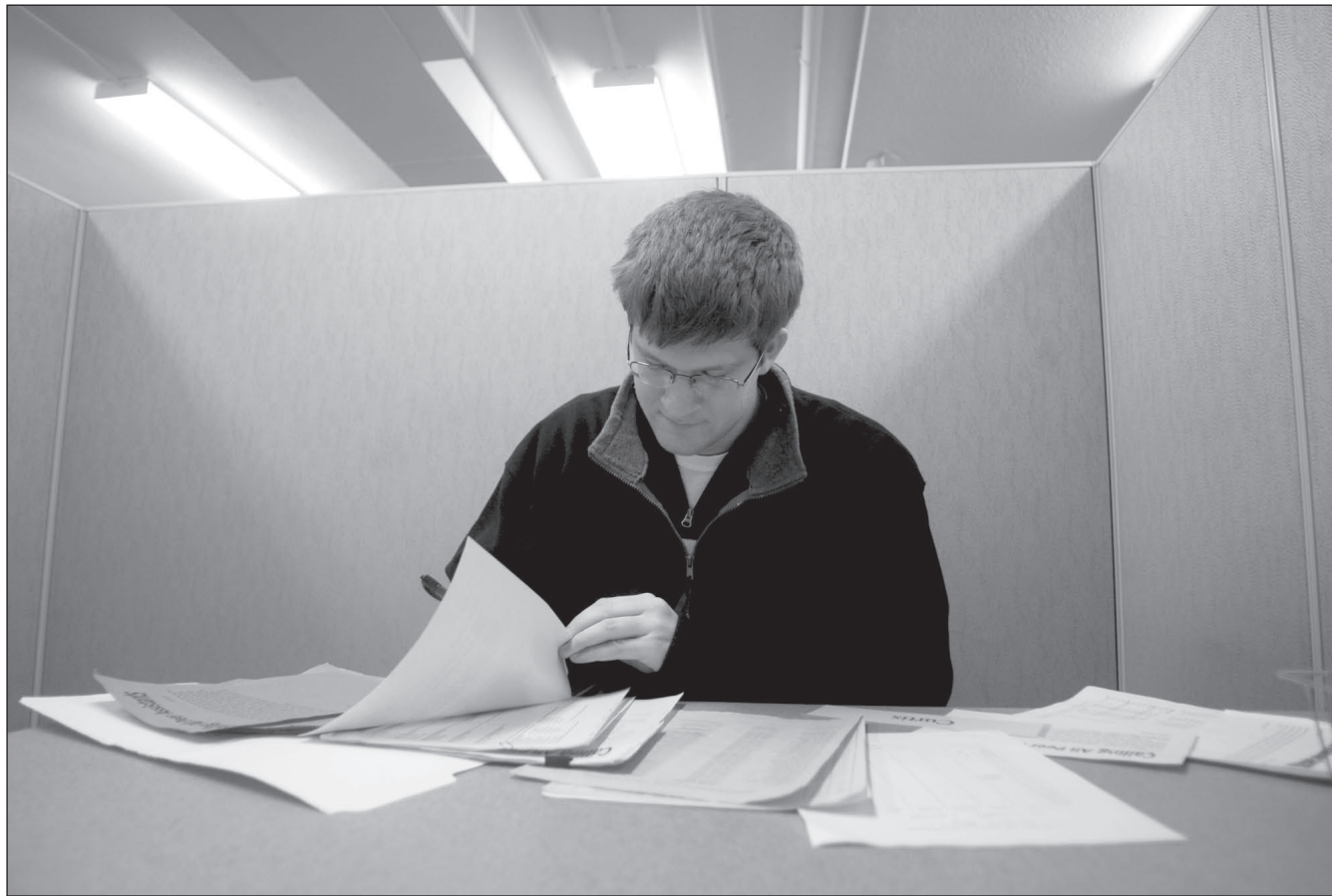
But Bryson said some students who might qualify for the center are admitted directly into their colleges and do not receive the center's help.

A change in university admissions standards, which included increasing the ACT composite requirement for automatic admission to 22 and placing a greater emphasis on high school class rank, took effect in fall 2006.

Katharine Suski, associate director of admissions, said the university has changed its review policies along with its standards.

For the first time this year, class ranking and ACT requirements are not published with other admission guidelines, Suski said. Instead, admissions personnel have begun a more comprehensive application review process.

Suski said admissions staff review each student's application and determine, along with the center's staff, whether the student would benefit from additional help.



**Curtis Sehy, a junior from Effingham studying radio-television, and peer assistant for the Center for Academic Success, looks through a folder of papers after a tutoring session Monday at Woody Hall. Sehy became a peer assistant after he was tutored through the program his freshman year.**  
THOMAS BARKER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

**“We all joke in here. We all laugh. We have a good time. We are serious when we’re in our sessions, but we have fun.”**

— Curtis Sehy  
peer assistant for the Center for Academic Success

“We want to find people who can be successful with the support we have to offer here,” Suski said. “We are not in the business of taking people’s money so they can fail.”

The program has existed under various names, including the Center

for Basic Skills, since 1969. Bryson has been the director since that time.

Undergraduate and graduate students act as academic coaches for students in the program, Bryson said. Additionally, students must take a course called University 101, in

which they learn about such subjects as career preparation and time management.

Bryson said students not enrolled in the program could still receive help from the center, which is located on the first floor of Woody Hall, C Wing.

Curtis Sehy began as a participant in the program.

Now he serves as a peer assistant, helping freshmen acclimate to university challenges.

Sehy, a junior from Effingham studying radio-television, said stu-

dents have thanked him for helping them improve as much as a letter grade in some classes.

In addition to providing academic support, students at the center become friends or even a second family, Sehy said.

“We all joke in here. We all laugh. We have a good time,” Sehy said. “We are serious when we’re in our sessions, but we have fun.”

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GUEST COLUMNS

## A union with no teeth and no real power

**Charles Groce**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

SIUC graduate assistants have a right to know what's in their proposed GA United contract, which is up for ratification on Dec. 10 by a very small union membership of less than six percent of GA's.

For those unaware of GA United, it is the union graduate assistants work with to negotiate their contracts.

Some of the more interesting provisions of the contract are the following:

- GA United agrees with SIUC that the minimum credit hours for GA's should be raised from the current minimum of six to eight hours. The effect of this is SIUC gets more money from our variable fees (per hour fees) and GA United makes SIUC happy.

- GA United endorses the ridiculous Illinois state so-called Ethics Tests. I don't think GA United has any business legally binding GA's to this controversial issue.

- The contract proudly declares our coming raises of 3 percent this year, 6 percent next year, and 4 percent the following year, but the contract doesn't address the outlandish fees which graduate students have seen grow and grow over the last few years.

After having done the math, I've found that based on my own salary this year as a GA with the Department of Mathematics, the proposed raise of three percent will not even cover the rise in fees from last year to this year, let alone cover a significant portion of the total fees I pay per semester.

Therefore our "raise" for this year is to be gobbled up by the rise alone in fees from last year to this year.

What's to prevent this from becoming the fate of next year's 6 percent raise? Not the GA United contract, that's for sure. I suppose we will be depending on the good will of SIUC administrators and their number crunchers on that one. Noting that variable fees rose 42.6 percent from 2006 to 2007, I think we can accurately predict what will happen to our so-called raises over the next few years.

And there are other problems with the contract; little provisions here and there which are beneficial most of all

to SIUC and the union bureaucracy of GA United, its parent union the Illinois Educators Association, and its parent union the National Educators Association — expensive dues that go to these parent unions to be used for lobbying, a declaration of GA United solidarity with SIUC against a strike under any circumstances, and there are more.

I attended Wednesday's GA United "Informational Meeting," one of only two audience members, in an obscure room on the second floor of the Student Center with these concerns and my proposals for amendments to the contract.

Among these was a demand for a freeze on the rate of fees so that we actually do get a raise, and a demand that the credit hour requirements stay at the Graduate School's current minimum of six hours.

GA United answered that the university wouldn't agree to these provisions, as they had already tried during year-long negotiations. Basically, they said they didn't have the numbers to put up a fight and that GA's don't care about these issues.

But I extend these proposals to the rest of the GA's. GA United is saying that you don't really care about these issues and that you are apathetic about your economic condition as a GA at SIUC.

Is this true? I don't think so. To me, GA United's position implies that perhaps they are unfit to lead.

I propose contract ratification voting rights be extended to all GA's at the university as a show of good will from GA United, not just GA's who give them money for the right to vote. Every GA should know also that, even if you're not a member of GA United, this contract legally binds you to its provisions.

If we are to live in a democracy, all GA's should be given the right to vote on these issues and GA United should not use this issue as a way to gaining membership. GA United is doing an atrocious job as our union, and we GA's shouldn't have to give them money to say that. It just isn't right.

*Groce is a graduate assistant and doctoral student in the Department of Mathematics.*

What's to prevent this from becoming the fate of next year's six percent raise? Not the GA United contract, that's for sure.

## GA United is making excellent progress

**Ron Fields**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

GA United will host its second informational meeting on our tentative agreement with the university on Friday from 4-6 p.m. in the Student Center Illinois Room.

Voting on ratification will begin at the end of that meeting with a full day of balloting on Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Student Center Activity Rooms C and D.

I encourage all graduate assistants to participate in this democratic exercise. Only dues-paying members are eligible to vote, but you may join GAU by signing the appropriate forms at the meeting Friday or even at the polling place Monday.

During the GA United meeting on Nov. 28, individuals did bring up some interesting points, which I feel could use a little clarification for all those who may have similar questions.

First of all, our contract does contain a "No Strike/ No Lockout" clause, which prohibits graduate assistants and GA United from implementing or participating in a strike. This is required by Illinois State Law to be in every union contract. Essentially, for the duration of our three-year contract, we agree to do our jobs and uphold our end of the bargain.

At the end of our contract, if we do not have a new one, we can strike if necessary in order to encourage the university to adopt our proposed measures if such action is appropriate and approved by the membership.

Second, our contract does provide stipend increases of 3 percent, 6 percent, and 4 percent each year over the course of our three-year contract. Although this is not as much as many of us had hoped, and probably will not cover the

potential increases in fees to come, three things must be kept in mind:

- Prior to this agreement pay raises were not guaranteed each and every year for graduate assistants;

- The agreement is for a 25-percent pickup of primary health care fees in 2008-2009 and 50-percent payment in 2009-2010. This is the first recognition by the university that the increase in fees directly affects grad assistants' pocket books.

We are taking baby steps toward the future of all GA's on campus, and I believe our earliest steps are more than satisfactory.

- Finally, the problem of fee increases is directly related to the State of Illinois not funding Higher Education at the appropriate levels. This requires us to build a strong union that can partner with the Board of Trustees in the fight for more resources for SIUC.

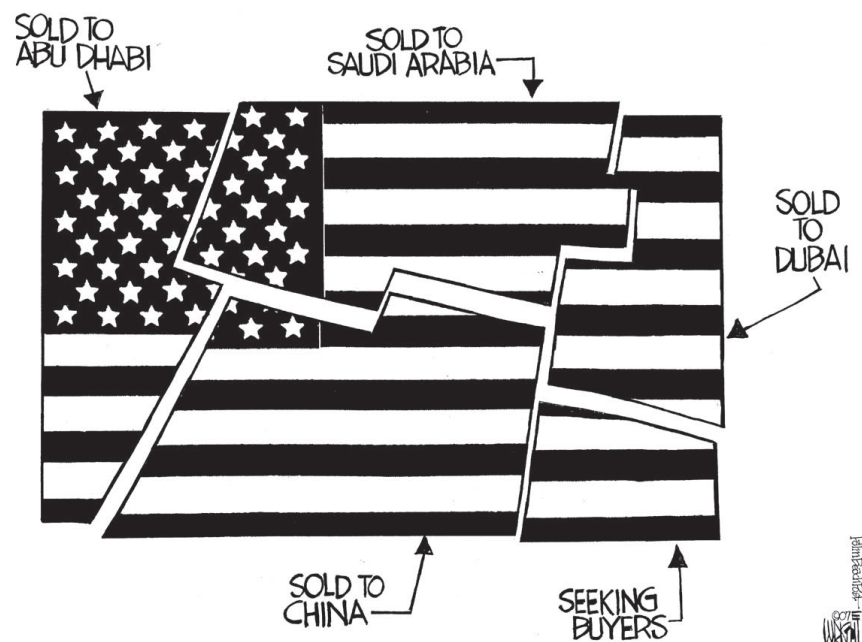
We must remember we are a young organization. We are taking baby steps toward the future of all GA's on campus, and I believe our earliest steps are more than satisfactory.

In three years we go back to the table, and with a stronger GAU, we'll be able to negotiate a contract that builds on the positives of this agreement and fix some of the problems that will still be with us in three years.

To have successfully negotiated a contract for graduate assistants — a contract that guarantees academic freedom, stipend increases, health benefits, grievance procedures and our union rights — is a tremendous first step toward building a successful union.

We are here to safeguard the rights and privileges of graduate assistants, and we only stand to benefit from ratifying this contract.

*Fields is a doctoral student studying English and president of GA United.*



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### WORDS OVERHEARD

“ Racism is nothing more than the belief that race indicates inferiority. ”

**Dr. Derek Martin**  
assistant professor in sociology  
in a free panel discussion hosted by the Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority Monday night

## GUEST COLUMN

# Worried about a paper?

**Don Mullison**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I frequently hear students stressing over writing assignments, so I investigated the Writing Center. It is truly a wonderful resource.

The Writing Center staff offers free one-on-one tutoring and can help you with virtually any writing assignment imaginable. Whether you are writing a brief essay, a term paper, a resume, a research paper or even a dissertation, the Writing Center can help.

The Writing Center's very helpful staff made me feel I was in good hands from the very beginning. I arrived somewhat embarrassed about not yet having a written draft for them to help me with.

A friendly staffer informed me they could help me even at this "pre-writing" stage of the process. He said they often help visitors with idea generation, identifying an audience, clarifying purpose, finding

research sources, and outlining, as well as the later stages of the writing process.

He and other staffers fielded a host of questions for me and showed me a number of handouts designed to help with my particular writing assignment. Each staff member I talked with was friendly, polite and well-informed, and I was pleased to hear they would also be able to help me with later tasks such as organizing and developing my paper, as well as editing a draft.

I have always felt insecure about grammar and punctuation, and was relieved to see they had a variety of handouts to help with such things as commas and tense agreement — these and other grammatical

feats I have yet to master.

I wouldn't want to give you the wrong idea about the help they offer. They don't correct your mistakes or

do your work for you. Rather, it is part of their philosophy to guide you and teach you strategies for dealing with the writing concerns you bring them, such as learning to edit your own papers. The staff is trained to help you learn

strategies for effectively dealing with all stages of the writing process.

In fact, the tutors seem to be exceptionally well-prepared to help. I learned from their frequently asked questions guide that their staff is made up of graduate assistants

in English and Linguistics, as well as a number of experienced and specially-recommended undergraduate tutors from various departments. All tutors must take part in intensive training before they come to the Writing Center, and they receive special training throughout the semester.

I learned from the tutoring staff that you could meet with a tutor for a one-time, 50-minute help session focused on your current writing concern. Or, you can arrange to meet at the same time every week with the same tutor for as much of the semester as you wish to tackle larger writing issues.

In fairness to the Writing Center and its capable staff, I should say they are not responsible for punctuation, grammatical or any other errors in this column. After all, I received only one unofficial session, and they never saw a draft.

*Mullison is a psychologist at the Counseling Center.*

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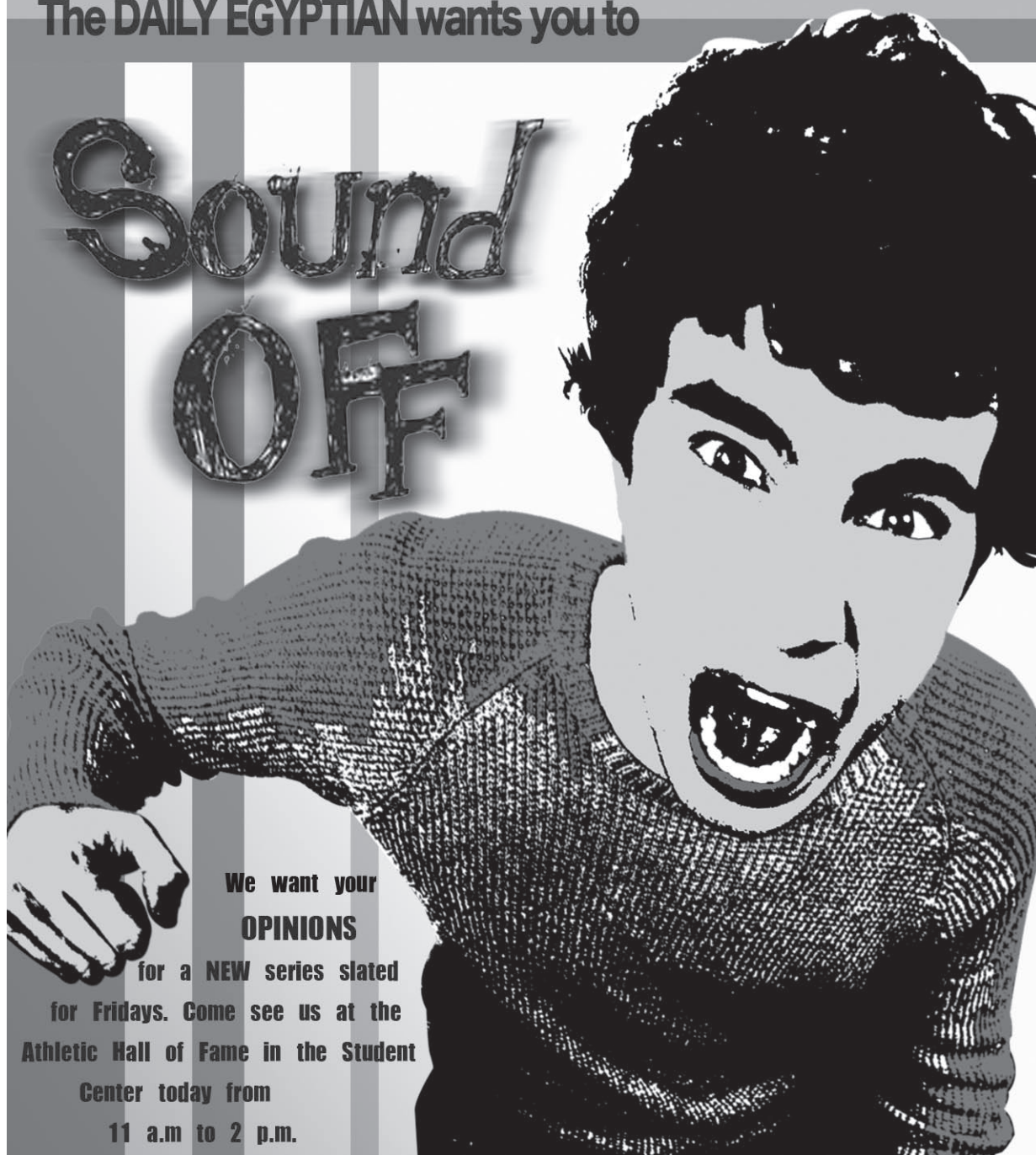
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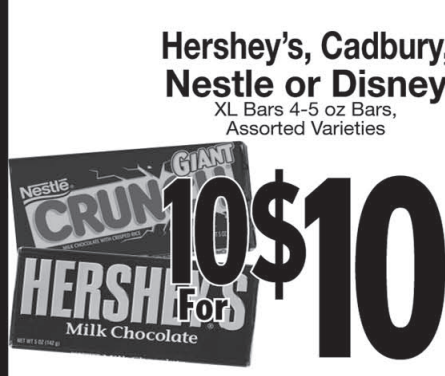
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Hunsaker, however, said a patient doesn't need a referral for this procedure.

Even though Hunsaker said he doesn't see very many abortions turned in for insurance reimbursements, the Hope Clinic in Grannite City reports a majority of patients they see are between the ages of 18 and 25.

Sally Burgess, executive director for the Hope Clinic, said abortion

costs range from \$340 to \$1,500.

That would mean the least amount of money a student would have to pay for an abortion with the help of the student insurance would be \$68.

Burgess said the clinic is always looking for ways to help women who would not be able to afford the procedure.

"College students often fall into that category. There is funding available for people who meet certain guidelines," she said.

Some students said they believe

the idea of student insurance covering procedures such as abortion is unnecessary.

Kumberly Milan, a senior from Chicago studying elementary education, said she does not think this operation should be covered.

"It's something you are doing to yourself," she said. "I think it should be the responsibility of the two people involved."

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**PROGRAM**

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"We felt like our score was inaccurate and that it didn't reflect the proposal, and we wanted to make sure that the Department of Education truly wanted to dispense of our program based on a third of a point," Spears said.

The students involved in the program initially expressed disappointment at the news the program could go under, she said.

"Until last week it was very somber in here," said Spears, who said her position would have been eliminated with the absence of the program.

The Department of Education responded recently, admitting a reviewer made a mistake when analyzing the program's application. The program's actual score should have been high enough to receive funding, according to a letter from the department to SIU President Glenn Poshard.

Graduate Dean John Koropchak said the students in the program typically do research, giving them good experience to help prepare them for graduate school. Many of the students also choose to go to graduate school at SIUC, he said.

"We don't require them to, but a lot of them get to working with

the faculty here and realize they've got really good opportunities with those faculty and they decide to stay," he said.

Donald Hughes, a senior in the program, said he was the first person in his immediate family to attend college, and the program has helped him navigate the university system and prepare for graduate school.

"It's overwhelming and sometimes it can be kind of frightening to do the whole thing by yourself," Hughes said.

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**DEPRESSION**

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Sufferers of the disorder could also find solace in full-spectrum light, which simulates the visible and ultraviolet spectrum of natural light, Elam said.

She said the center had a machine that produced the light, but the treatment is inconvenient because full-spectrum light bulbs are now sold inexpensively on the Internet.

Some students told Elam they felt better after using tanning beds, but Elam said that solution was only temporary.

"Tanning beds are not full-spectrum light so they may give you a temporary lift, a psychological lift," Elam said. "Plus it's bad for your skin and it could potentially be cancer-causing over the long haul."

Anti-depressants could also provide help for SAD sufferers, Elam said.

She said the Wellness Center also sees an influx of stressed-out students

**Down for the holidays?**

• Keep a regular sleep schedule. "I know...people just want to kind of hibernate," Elam said. "If they're getting up, being active, and sleeping on a regular cycle, they will feel better."

• Exercise. "Taking a walk is a good thing, particularly for people who are cooped up," Swanson said. "We go home from work and it's dark. We get up in the morning and it's dark. I think it's nice to have some outside time with some sunshine."

• Lay off the eggnog. "It is common over the holidays that people want to

party and have celebrations, but that comes at a risk," Elam said.

• Don't freak out. Many students experience unnecessary stress when they worry about buying presents for friends and family, Elam said. "We encourage people...to not get caught up in the materialism and to remember what the holiday is really about,"

• Seek professional help.  
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around the holiday season.

"It seems a little odd because we are all supposed to think that Christmas is fun and a happy time to get with family," Elam said. "But quite honestly, it's a very stressful time."

Attention to mental health is especially important for college students, Swanson said.

"Adolescence and early 20s is the

age when many mental illnesses seem to surface or get very noticeable like psychotic disorders," Swanson said. "We do see some of that and those kids don't know what's going on because it's a new thing for them."

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**STRESS**

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techniques — including deep breathing, progressive muscle relaxation and visualizing pleasant imagery.

Tracette White, a sophomore from Chicago studying psychology, said she has severe test anxiety and has trouble sleeping. She said she is going to try progressive muscle relaxation, or individually relaxing each of her muscles, to help her fall asleep and hopes the technique will help her test-taking as well.

"I've done the deep breathing before a test and trying to psych myself positively and it came out pretty good," White said. "Just relaxing my muscles, that's what I'll probably try before the tests, too."

Elam said adrenaline, including adrenaline caused by test-induced stress, can help students feel motivated and focused. Too much stress can cause an increased level in cortisol, a chemical referred to as the "stress hormone," which Elam said can bring students down.

"Going down can be either physically: I get sick, I catch a cold, I don't wake up, I'm eating too much, I'm not eating at all, I'm sleeping too much, I'm not sleeping at all; or it can be emotional: I'm really irritable, I'm really panicky or anxious; or it can be mental: I can't think clearly," she said. "So stress affects us in different ways,

maybe all of those ways."

For students whose stress affects them physically, Elam recommended physical stress relievers like exercise, hot baths, a massage or stretching. Students affected emotionally or mentally should write journals, read self-help books or speak with friends, family or a counselor.

Stress, which increases cortisol levels, can cause weight gain. Therefore, treating stress before it becomes severe is essential, Elam said.

"If you really feel like you've been anxious or depressed, it's interfering with your functioning and has been for a couple weeks or it's very intense, even if it's less than a couple weeks, I really encourage you to get more aggressive and get more help," Elam said.

Anxiety and depression are the most common and most treatable mental health disorders for college students. Elam said some students try to deal with final exams using Ritalin and Adderall, both of which are potentially harmful amphetamines. The drugs are categorized with cocaine and speed and have similar physical and mental health side effects, including a risk of dependence, stroke, high blood pressure, heart attack and hallucinations.

"When those are prescribed for you, it's based on your physical condition," Elam said. "I've seen people

have panic attacks on those and feel very uncomfortable and they're not at all able to study better. In fact, they feel pretty miserable and increase their stress."

Caffeine is a safe substitute, Elam said, as long as it is not consumed in excess.

Antwon Westbrooks, a senior from Chicago studying information systems technology, said he drinks SoBe energy drinks and coffee to stay up later.

Elam recommended a positive attitude, following a set study schedule that includes short breaks, avoiding alcohol and recreational drugs, and not skipping meals.

"I make a plan for what days and times I need to study," Westbrooks said. "Then I choose which classes I need to study for first, so that I can put it all together into a time management to be able to get it all done."

Elam said the Wellness Center welcomes students who need help dealing with finals stress.

"A lot of stress is very personal," Elam said. "It's handling the stress, you know, how do we relax? There's infinite ways. There's no one size fits all."

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# Counterfeit money circulates in Carbondale

Some stores refuse to accept \$100 bill

David Lopez  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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For more than a year now, counterfeit \$100 bills have been circulating throughout Carbondale, said Officer Randy Mathis of the Carbondale Police Department. Within the past few weeks, the counterfeit money has become so widespread that some businesses have refused to take \$100 bills.

Counterfeit bills were reported from various locations around Carbondale in November. Mathis said once a case is investigated, the investigation is turned over to the U.S. Secret Service.

Sam Nasar, owner of Wise Guys Pizza and Sam's Café, has had some run-ins with the phony money before and said someone tried to pass off a fake \$100 bill as recently as the Sunday before Thanksgiving break.

Nasar and his brother, Kamal, spotted the fake bill after a regular customer tried to pass the bill off at

both locations.

"My brother said, 'This is a bad one, we have to take it,' and called the police, but I don't think any arrest happened," Sam Nasar said.

Given the customer's regularity at the store, Nasar said he did not believe the customer was aware the bill was false. Nasar said before that

"I didn't know about it; it looked real. I would think working in a restaurant for so long I would know what a fake looks like."

Tammy Wooley, an employee at the Egyptian Corner Gas Station, said she knows of several incidents in which customers tried to use counterfeit money in her year of employment at the gas station, with the most recent one occurring two weeks ago.

"It's happened about three times since I've been working here," Wooley said.

Mathis said some of the bills may have been bleached and then had

their denominations changed. This would potentially fool a counterfeit detection pen, since these pens only verify the authenticity of the paper used.

If you have received a counterfeit bill, federal law states there is no reimbursement for returning a counterfeit bill to authorities.

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— Sam Nasar  
owner of Wise Guys Pizza and Sam's Café

For weeks now, area McDonald's locations have posted signs on their front doors stating they would no longer accept any bills larger than \$50.

Lynn Petzoldt, a spokesman for Short Enterprises,

which owns the McDonald's on East Main Street, said the restaurant would be lifting the ban today and start accepting \$100 bills.

"We feel it's safe now," Petzoldt said.

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# Medical helicopter vanishes in Alaska

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Authorities launched a search Tuesday for a medical helicopter that vanished while carrying a patient and medical crew.

The LifeGuard Alaska helicopter, which was heading from Cordova to an Anchorage hospital, disappeared Monday sometime after 5:18 p.m., authorities said. The helicopter crew had made a satellite phone call

around that time, but it was not a distress call, said Coast Guard Lt. John McWhite.

A patient, pilot, paramedic and nurse were aboard the helicopter, said Providence Alaska Medical Center spokeswoman Becky Hultberg. Their names were not released.

The helicopter's last known position was Esther Island in Prince William Sound, about 75 miles southeast of Anchorage, said Lt. j.g. Johna Rossetti. The trip from Cordova to Anchorage is about 150

miles by air.

A Coast Guard cutter left Cordova just before 5:30 a.m. Tuesday and was making its way through Prince William Sound, Rossetti said. Bad weather had hampered search efforts overnight.

The patient's condition and the reason for the flight were not immediately known.

LifeGuard Alaska is an air ambulance service operated by Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage.



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# Can a bold new 'eco-city' clear the air in China?

**Kristi Heim**  
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SHANGHAI, China — To the residents of China's most crowded and populous city, the air on nearby Chongming Island has an unfamiliar quality: It's fresh.

About an hour's ferry ride from the edge of the city, the island's farms and fishing villages are a world apart from the pollution that pervades modern life in China — and increasingly spills out beyond it.

A steady breeze rustles through lush green marsh grass, the only sound besides the chirping of migrating birds at the mouth of the Yangtze River. Fields of watermelon and cabbage stretch for miles.

"It's the last piece of undeveloped land in Shanghai," said Yan Yang, who grew up in this city before going to work for Seattle architecture firm Callison. "It's a treasure."

The island may be lodged in the past, but it soon could leapfrog into the future. It's here that Shanghai developers plan to build what they say will be the world's first sustainable "eco-city" on a plot three-fourths the size of Manhattan.

Called Dongtan, or East Beach, the project attempts to channel China's voracious demand for housing and energy into a radical new model: a city that eventually supports half a million residents, recycles almost all of its waste, produces its electricity from wind turbines, solar panels and biofuel, and ferries people around in hydrogen fuel-cell buses and solar-powered water taxis. Construction is set to start next year, and city planners hope to complete the first phase by 2010, when visitors flock to Shanghai for the World Expo.

If it succeeds, Dongtan could be a model not only for China but for the rest of the world. Or it could be another grand idea that failed in practice, an example of how China's relentless drive for economic growth can torpedo even a high-profile environmental project.

China's environmental problems and massive energy needs affect everything from global warming and oil prices to the air quality in Western Washington state. But they also open the door to innovative solutions.

Seattle-area experts, including venture capitalists, urban planners and architects of green buildings, are helping to lead the way. For many, it's more than a business proposition. They believe that only by bringing the best technology and ideas to bear on China's environmental crisis can the world avoid disaster.

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**China desperately needs help in cleaning up its environment, not only for its own sake but for the world.**

— Patrick Tam  
co-founder of the Seattle global-health nonprofit PATH

who now works for the first venture-capital firm in China focused on environmental business.

The scale and ambition of Dongtan exceeds anything Gary Lawrence took on in his former jobs as Seattle's planning director or Redmond's city manager.

Lawrence directs urban-sustainability strategies for the engineering and design firm Arup, which was hired to create the eco-city by the for-profit investment arm of the Shanghai government. London-based Arup also engineered China's Olympic stadium, national aquatics center and other high-profile projects in Beijing.

"There needs to be an example

for all of China of what ecological design actually means," said Lawrence. Chinese leaders "have to find a way to grow cities to accommodate population increases and movement of people without exacerbating their water shortages and their energy shortages."

After decades of neglect, Chinese leaders are starting to take action to improve the environment ahead of the country's coming-out party to the world at the Beijing Olympics, less than a year away.

By temporarily shutting down factories and limiting traffic before the games, Beijing will put on a clean face for a few months.

For the Olympics, "they're definitely going to achieve blue skies," said Wen Bo, China director for the group Pacific Environment.

But if the country doesn't take permanent action to stem the deeper crisis, he said, "environmental challenges occurring now will be too difficult to solve within a couple of years."

China is on track to overtake the United States as the world's largest emitter of carbon dioxide, if it hasn't already, though the U.S. still consumes more energy overall and six times as much as China per capita.

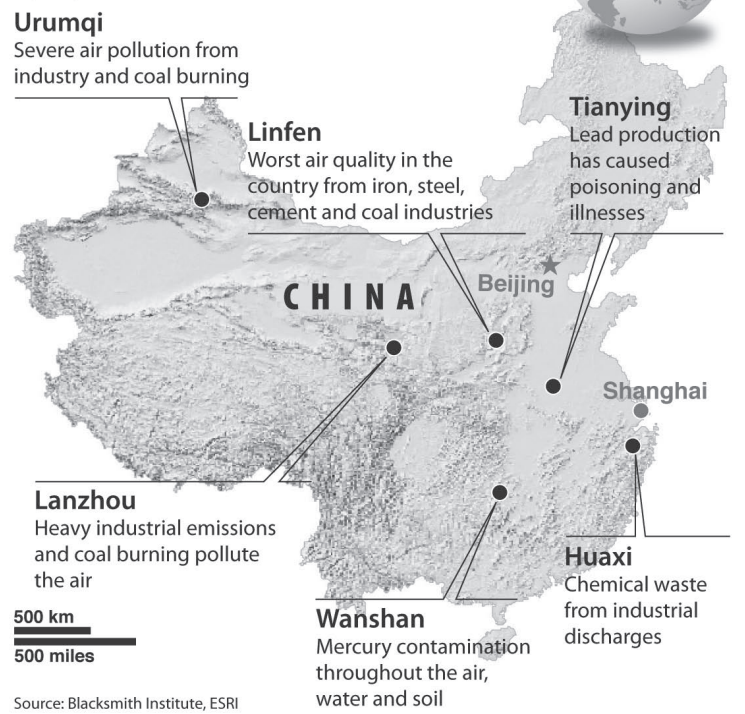
China itself is suffering devastating health effects. Air pollution in its largest cities is blamed for about 300,000 premature deaths a year.

Political factors complicate the question: China's leaders need to keep the economy steamrolling forward to maintain social control. Yet a growing sense that the government is poisoning its own people through poor environmental protection has set off mass protests.

Earlier this year, after decades of industrial pollution, one of China's largest lakes developed a dangerous algae bloom, forcing authorities to cut off the water supply to Wuxi, a city of 5 million people near Shanghai. The smell was so foul that even boiling the water

## Most polluted cities in China

China is home to six of the 30 most polluted cities in the world. Health issues and environmental damage cost China almost 6 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP), according to the World Bank.



didn't help.

In Shanghai, which is cleaner than many of China's other large cities, dealing with foul air and water has become a way of life.

"In Seattle when it rains, it washes your car," said Yang. "Here when it rains, it gets your car dirtier."

At home he has two water-filtration systems — one outside the building and one on his kitchen faucet — and then he boils the water.

The explosion of automobiles and apartments is also a culprit in the country's degradation. Rural populations are moving toward urban centers in record numbers, and more Chinese families can afford to live on their own instead of sharing space with several gen-

erations. In a land once dominated by bicycles, the number of cars is expected to reach 50 million soon, with 1,000 new cars a day hitting the streets in Beijing alone.

At Dongtan, Arup has a rare chance to create a green city from scratch and plot a new way forward. The ultimate planned community, it's designed to show how growing crops, disposing waste, producing energy and providing transit can be integrated to work like an ecosystem and be as close to carbon neutral as possible, Lawrence said.

The energy will come from wind turbines, agricultural waste and solar panels. Dongtan's power plant will burn a material found here in abundance: rice husks.



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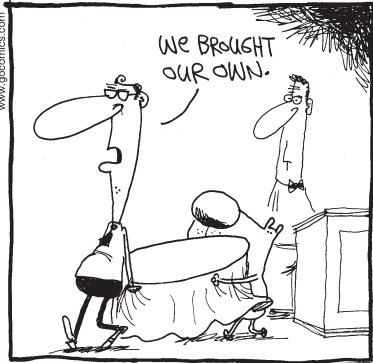
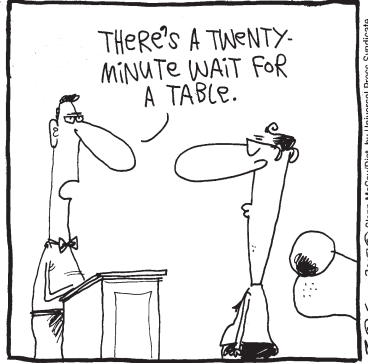


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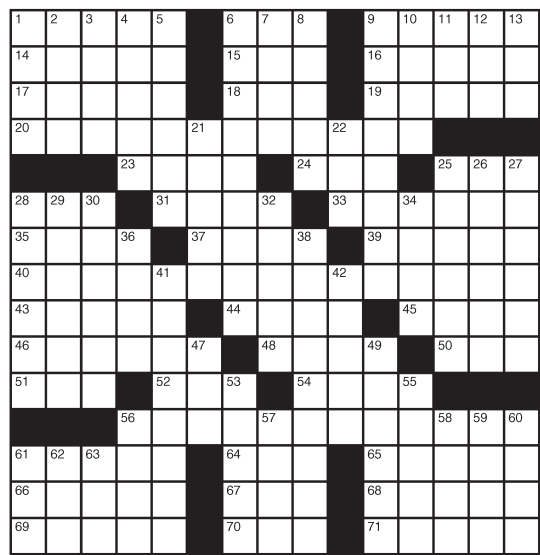


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  - 6 Eng. honor
  - 9 Temperate
  - 14 Non-social type
  - 15 Learning org.
  - 16 "A Bell for \_"
  - 17 Minneapolis suburb
  - 18 Response time
  - 19 Navigational system
  - 20 Sign of a shun?
  - 23 Go away!
  - 24 USNA grad
  - 25 Obese
  - 28 NYSE overseer
  - 31 Asian oxen
  - 33 Inscrutable
  - 35 Gillette blade
  - 37 Acquires
  - 39 Dine at home
  - 40 Far north post-wedding event?
  - 43 Grassland
  - 44 Satiric Mort
  - 45 Old Atlanta arena
  - 46 Employ
  - 48 Blend
  - 50 Ninny
  - 51 Actress Ruby
  - 52 Med. care plan
  - 54 Food fad
  - 56 Jazz record



- By Philip J. Anderson 12/5/07
- 70 Easterbrook or buyer?
  - 71 Act division
  - 5 balance
  - 6 Casual
  - 7 spectators
  - 8 Bald raptor
  - 9 Marketing agent, casually
  - 10 Smell
  - 11 "Cheers" setting
  - 12 Spanish queen
  - 13 Cey of baseball
  - 21 Carmichael of "Stardust" fame
  - 22 Genetic code letters
  - 25 Mohammad's daughter
  - 26 Negatively charged atoms
  - 27 Davis Cup game
  - 28 Blessed
  - 29 Constituent of natural gas
  - 30 Cower
  - 32 Fulton's power
  - 34 Stoic philosopher
  - 36 Pond growth
  - 38 On the agenda
  - 41 Domestic fowls
  - 42 Psychologist
  - 47 Standup comic
  - 49 Impedes
  - 53 Earthenware vessels
  - 55 Gin's partner
  - 56 Stage signals
  - 57 Population center
  - 58 Make a motion
  - 59 Lively enthusiasm
  - 60 Last breath
  - 61 Worn-out piece of cloth
  - 62 Building wing
  - 63 Successor of the OSS

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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**By Linda C. Black**

**Today's Birthday.** Others look to you for advice and leadership this year. You'll be brilliant at the job. They'll get farther than ever before.

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 a 9** — Make a shopping list with your partner of what you'd be, do and have in your own perfect world. You won't get all that stuff right away, but it gives you a bigger objective. And you might really get it.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6** — A hug from a person who loves you means more than anything to boost your spirits. It works the other way around, too. Be the instigator.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7** — Go along with another's suggestion. This won't turn out to be more work than you can afford to do. Together, the job will go quickly. It'll even be fun.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6** — Finish your projects as quickly as possible and clean up your messes. Make time and space for an affordable at-home romantic evening.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8** — Close the deal, make the sale, don't procrastinate. Then spend a quiet evening at home in as much luxury as you can muster. Life is good.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7** — Continue to get a few things for your place. Your plans are nearing completion. As you well know, part of good design is knowing when to quit. Get it the way you like it, and then have a cup of tea.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8** — Reading is the prelude to writing. Appreciating art challenges you to pick up a pencil or brush. Let yourself have fun at this assignment. You don't have to color within the lines.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7** — Your hidden agenda is working out quite well. Using what you already have stretches your buying power. Abundance is your reward.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7** — A brilliant, unexpected solution occurs, just in the nick of time. You may have to get rid of something in order to get something better. Don't hesitate.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6** — Life's getting a little easier, with friends who understand what you've been going through. Time with them is well justified. They help you keep your spirits up.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8** — Theory is good to have, of course. It can be quite inspiring. Every once in a while, however, it has to be modified. You'll soon have the opportunity to do exactly that.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6** — The lure of far distant places is about to drive you crazy. It's not a very good idea to simply run away. Somebody needs what you provide, so put those dreams on hold. This is a good exercise.

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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8	5	2	9	3	4	1	7	6
1	6	7	5	8	2	4	3	9

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Booked hotels leave families frantic over graduation weekend

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Gloria Bode says check back tomorrow, but don't be 'fashionably late.'



## 'Alive' almost as good as real thing

**Audra Ord**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Daft Punk**  
"Alive"  
Release date: Dec. 4, 2007  
Record Label: Virgin Records  
www.daftalive.com



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Most music enthusiasts know live concerts are infinitely better than CD recordings.

Through your headphones, you just can't recreate the experience of bumping against thousands of sweaty bodies, the cacophony of screaming fans and loud, thumping music and the almost tangible haze of smoke hanging over the venue.

Chances are you're not going to be hoarse and deaf the day after listening to your favorite band on your iPod.

For many fans, though, a live album is as close as they're going to get to the real experience.

Fortunately, fans of Daft Punk now have an answer to their prayers: "Alive 2007," "the hardest, best, fastest, strongest live album ever ... or at least since Alive 1997," according to the group's Web site, www.daftalive.com.

"Alive 2007" is the French electronic duo's second live album, though they have released three studio albums.

The album features the singles

"Human After All," "Technologic" and "Around the World," as well as many other Daft Punk favorites.



3 out of 5 stars

Even those unacquainted with most of Daft Punk's work can recognize popular club songs

"One More Time" and "Harder Better Faster Stronger" — the song on which Kanye West's "Stronger" is based.

"Alive 2007" is already at the No. 2 position on the charts in France and is No. 8 in Great Britain.

For fans of electronic, rave house beats and those looking for a simulation of a live concert experience, "Alive 2007" is très magnifique. The only things missing are the robot costumes.

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## A 'Carnival' you won't want to resist

**Jakina Hill**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Wyclef Jean**  
"Vol. II Carnival: Memoirs of an Immigrant"  
Release Date: Dec. 4, 2007  
Record Label: Columbia Records  
www.wyclef.com

The good news is Wyclef Jean's "Vol. II Carnival: Memoirs of an Immigrant" isn't bad.

The bad news is the album isn't bad if it's being compared to a band of trumpeting elephants.

Then again, that may just sound a tad bit more pleasant than Wyclef Jean doing his screech-rap thing.

The elephant comparison may be a bit extreme considering Wyclef at least always tries to convey a message within the music. Much of his album falls flat on first listen and takes some getting used to in order to hear the strengths of

the CD.

On songs like "Slow Down," Wyclef makes obvious yet effective metaphors about Hurricane Katrina and a misguided young lady.

Metaphors about Katrina seem to be a popular trend among rappers, at least for the time being, along with collaborations with either Lil' Wayne or T-Pain.

Being that Lil' Wayne seems to collaborate with everyone, it's no surprise to hear him on a record — of course making metaphors about Katrina — and you guessed it, another young lady, and that's not even the same song mentioned earlier.

The real surprise comes when you notice T.I. has an executive producer credit on the album. His appearance seems like a ploy to

make the album seem good if a fan favorite such as T.I. is backing it.

Unfortunately, "Carnival" does not live up to those expectations, though it does have a few songs that merit a listen among the wreckage.

"King and Queen," featuring Shakira, and "What about the Baby," featuring Mary J. Blige, are two songs that may beg to be given a second listen.

Once you're able get past the noise and the bad music, you get right to the face of what his music is all about. It's a colorful blend of many different genres of music and just as many ethnic influences all at the same time. The sound may take some getting used to, if at all possible, but it's worth a try.



2.5 out of 5 stars

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## Pulse Picks from the Pulse team

### Alicia Wade

1. "Alive" by Daft Punk. Everyone loves a live album because it's like being at the concert no matter where you are. It's even more groovy to hear the electronic group that way.
2. "Rufus Does Judy at Carnegie Hall" by Rufus Wainwright. A live CD of the mellow yet powerful singer is just the trick for relaxing and smiling the week before finals.

### Jakina Hill

1. "M.A.D.E." by Scarface. Scarface is just a plain, old classic. After having proved himself as a lyricist time and time again, I'm sure the new album will deliver more of the Scarface everyone loves.
2. "The Big Doe Rehab" by Ghostface Killah. Ghostface is hilarious, even when he has a serious record. The way he delivers takes a bit of the edge off, making him more than tolerable.

### Audra Ord

1. "Alive" by Daft Punk. Though I'm not a huge fan of techno rave music, this album is the perfect soundtrack to the dance parties my roommates and I throw for ourselves every once in a while.
2. "The Big Doe Rehab" by Ghostface Killah. Because sometimes you just need a little Ghostface in your life.

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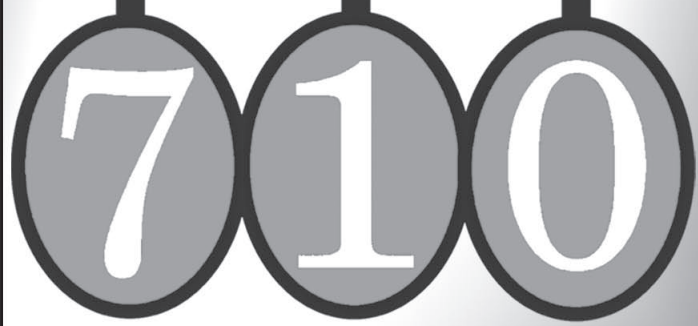
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# Compliance conundrums

Officer strives to keep athletics legit with NCAA

Scott Mieszala  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Amanda Taillefer peeked her head into Christian Spears' office and asked about the status of her check.

Spears is the assistant athletic director for compliance, but Taillefer wasn't asking a question about eligibility.

The SIU women's tennis player said she was owed money to cover the cost of moving off campus, and asked Spears just because she knew he would know where to get the check.

"He always knows," Taillefer said. "I always ask him if I have any questions."

SIU recently went through the recertification process with the NCAA, which takes place every 10 years. With the basketball seasons now underway and the football team in the NCAA Division I Football Championship, Spears' job keeps getting busier.

Spears said he makes himself available whenever a coach or student-athlete has any questions at all.

He helps student-athletes retain eligibility and aides the Saluki coaches with NCAA rules and guidelines, such as in recruiting.

Spears said he recently fielded a call from the president's office, which was looking to give an engineering scholarship to a prospective student who is also a cross country runner.

"The job never really ends, because the questions that get asked can really put our school in a sticky situation if they're not asked," Spears said.

## Recruiting

Another person who regularly calls Spears is SIU softball coach Kerri Blaylock, who said he is always available.

"He will answer any questions about anything from recruiting periods that I'm on to eligibility questions to anything that, really, we need," Blaylock said.

The NCAA has lots of rules regarding recruiting prospective student-athletes, such as how often the coaches can contact the players and when it is permissible.

Spears has a recruiting chart he gives to all Saluki coaches, and a folder for each recruit where the coaches can list all the information and how many times the recruits have been contacted.

Recruiting is too high-profile now, Spears said, so the compliance office has to make sure the coaches are aware of all the rules.

"Our coaches want to win, but they want to win with integrity," Spears said. "They follow everything that comes out of the Saluki compliance office, they really do. They take it to heart, and we try to make it as easy as humanly possible for them to understand the rules."

Spears outlines some NCAA rules in the folder, and gives all coaches a color-coded chart that uses the same equation the NCAA does to determine eligibility.

SIU football coach Jerry Kill said all coaches are accountable for a lot regarding recruiting, and the folder containing all pertinent information makes for a simple life on the recruiting trail.

"When you've got everything in one place, it makes it a lot simpler than having to keep track of three or four different situations," Kill said.

## Communication

When a student signs a National Letter of Intent with SIU, the time



Christian Spears, SIU's assistant athletic director for compliance, works with athletes and coaches to ensure they both abide by NCAA rules.  
THOMAS BARKER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

“If the kid's on scholarship and if he doesn't pass the clearing house, he doesn't receive a scholarship and therefore he's not in school, and it's just another kid that doesn't have a chance for a college education because financially, he needed it.”

— SIU football coach Jerry Kill

frame for that differs from that of admission, which requires Spears' office to communicate well with the Financial Aid Office.

"Oftentimes we're issuing a scholarship or a contract to a prospective student-athlete prior to him even applying to the school," Spears said.

Spears also works with Records and Registration, the SIUC scholarships coordinator, University Housing and the Registrar's Office — which shares a database with the compliance office.

"We only have 375 student-athletes, but they touch every single area within the university system," Spears said. "It kind of keeps you on your toes. You could have some great interaction with those people."

## NCAA investigations

Spears said a few years back, the SIU softball team came under scrutiny after a booster laid off an employee, and the former employee made allegations against the softball program.

Blaylock said the allegations were that some softball players were being paid for hours they did not work. Blaylock said Spears had to go back and review the pay stubs and the hours the players worked, although the allegations were not true.

Spears said this was not fair to the student-athletes or the program to be involved in an NCAA investigation.

There was also a 70-page document involved.

"That was a pretty sticky situation, but we came out free and clear," Spears said. "But you still have to go through the process, and the process sure isn't any fun."

While Spears was a graduate assistant at Ohio State University, the school went in front of an NCAA committee on infractions.

So while Spears has never gone in front of a committee physically, he has the experience of preparing the paperwork.

"Some people think it's a good thing for a compliance person to have the experience in going in front of the committee on infractions," Spears said. "But if you're in that situation, your school has just violated NCAA rules — significant ones — so there's substantial penalties attached to that."

## The waiver process

Alex Smith, a freshman cornerback on the SIU football team, took an agricultural course in high school, a class his school classified as a science course.

The NCAA, however, did not consider it a science course, and Spears had to file a waiver on Smith's behalf.

"We spent a good, solid couple days on that issue," Spears said. "The thing is that we exhausted all the appeals that were available, and it actually went to an initial eligibility waivers committee."

The committee is a group outside of the NCAA, Spears said, and it's rare an appeal is overturned after the NCAA has repeatedly denied it.

"We got that group and that group made the good decision, and figured out, hey, there's a person involved here, and this person's situation doesn't fit the legislation," Spears said.

Smith was able to keep his scholarship and athletic aid as a result of the ruling, and is eligible to practice with the Salukis this season.

Kill said Spears was persistent to find a way to help Smith pass the clearing house and be eligible for his scholarship and athletic aid.

"If the kid's on scholarship and if he doesn't pass the clearing house, he doesn't receive a scholarship and therefore he's not in school, and it's just another kid that doesn't have a chance for a college education because financially, he needed it," Kill said.

Spears also helped SIU volleyball outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger get a redshirt after she tore her ACL last

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Coaches on the recruiting trail are limited in their contact with recruits by the NCAA, with contact allowed beginning in the sophomore year of high school for men's basketball recruits and junior year for women's basketball and football recruits.		
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<b>Telephone calls</b> • One per month through July 31	<b>Recruiting materials</b> • Sept. 1  <b>Telephone calls</b> • April call permissible on or after Thursday after Women's Final Four • One during each of the months of May and June • One on or after June 21 after junior year • Three during month of July after junior year	<b>Recruiting materials</b> • Sept. 1  <b>Telephone calls</b> • One between April 15 and May 31
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season as a freshman.

The claim was originally denied because Berwanger had played in more than 20 percent of the Salukis' season, but Spears filed a new waiver after the NCAA changed the limit to 30 percent.

"The biggest thing he did was just keep us informed on the change in legislation and stayed on top of it to make sure we had an answer quickly so we can plan what we're going to do," said volleyball coach Brenda Winkler. "That's the most important, as a coach, that somebody's com-

municating with you."

Berwanger said she appreciates Spears' help and was excited when her redshirt was approved, which will give her four full seasons with the Salukis.

Spears said being able to remedy situations for coaches and players gives him a "great deal of satisfaction," when he knows he did right by the coach, student-athlete and program.

"So there's some job satisfaction there. It's not just all wagging fingers at people, telling them what they can't do," Spears said. "It's like helping their program be successful."

# Saluki Insider

With nearly every team still eligible for consideration, who will nab the six playoff spots in the NFC?



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"Dallas will roll, Green Bay will stumble in, and Tampa Bay and Seattle will come out on top of their sketch divisions. Minnesota will challenge Green Bay late and carry the momentum from A.P.s return to a wild card. The Giants will likely make it in, but will continue to be relegated as the token one-and-done."

"The four current division leaders, with the Cowboys and Packers taking the bye. The Giants locked up a wild card berth with their easy schedule. The race for the final playoff spot is a mess, but my money is on the Vikings. The Bears' destiny is still in their hands — though that might not be a good thing."

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"Well, obviously the Cowboys, Packers, Buccaneers and Seahawks will all clinch playoff spots. As for the two wild card spots, the Giants are probably a for-sure shoo-in, and it will be a toss up but I like the Cardinals' chance on taking the final spot."

**GUEST COMMENTATOR: JOHN RANDLE**

"I haven't really been keeping up on that side. I've been more on the (AFC). I know the Cowboys will make it for sure, and probably the Packers. I've seen them play ... I don't think Detroit will get in, probably not the Bears or the Saints either ... Either way, I don't think anybody from the NFC will be able to match-up well with the AFC this season."

— SIU running back John Randle



**SALUKI TRACKER**

**Bart Scott**



Former Saluki linebacker Bart Scott recorded eight tackles Monday, when his Ravens nearly upset the undefeated New England Patriots. When New England scored the go-ahead touchdown with 44 seconds to play in the game, Scott cost the Ravens 30 yards on the ensuing kickoff, including a 15-yard penalty for picking up the referee's flag and throwing it into the stands. This season, Scott has 66 tackles and one sack.



Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered? E-mail: editor@siude.com

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**DE:** (Former teammate and current New York Giants running back) Brandon Jacobs.

**CT:** The beast.

**DE:** In last week's 15 minutes, when asked to describe you in one word, teammate John Randle said you were "fast." Do you think you're the fastest guy on the team?

**CT:** Hands down.

**DE:** What's your favorite sports movie?

**CT:** Love and Basketball.

**DE:** Which sport is your least favorite?

**CT:** Hockey.

**DE:** What's the one thing you miss most about home when you're here?

**CT:** The food.

**DE:** What would be your dream job?

**CT:** To have my own spa on a beach somewhere.

**DE:** What is your biggest pet peeve?

**CT:** Leaving hair in the sink.

**DE:** What's one of the craziest things you've ever seen in Carbondale?

**CT:** Halloween. A guy dressed as Moby Dick, another guy dressed as a ninja turtle and a woman was dressed up as a Playboy bunny and she didn't have any clothes on. That's the craziest, off-the-wall thing I've seen.

**DE:** If you could switch places with any person in the world for one day who would you choose and why?

**CT:** I would say my little cousin William. He always looks up to me and he always tells me that if he had the opportunity to do something he would do it a whole lot better than me so I'd give him a chance to see what he'd really do.

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In actual fantasy news, Oakland halfback Justin Fargas has solidified himself as a productive running back, and Cardinals' receiver Bryant Johnson has performed well with injuries to Larry Fitzgerald and frustrating fantasy receiver Anquan Boldin. Fargas and Johnson are worth giving starts to this week.

But if you really want to go out on a limb, pick up and start Jets quarterback Kellen Clemens. He's played well in spurts, posting a 91.7 quarterback rating against the Dolphins, and he has a favorable matchup Sunday against the Browns.

Don't sour on Carson Palmer just yet, either. He turned in a stinker in Week 13 but will face

the Rams defense Sunday.

Last week, St. Louis had the pleasure of facing the Falcons, who have made plenty of defenses look like the 2000 Ravens this season — the Panthers, Vikings and Buccaneers, to name a few.

Whatever you do, don't forget about the history being made in front of us. It's impossible to forget that the Patriots are chasing an undefeated season, but keep an eye on the Lions, Dolphins, and maybe the craziest playoff chase in history that involved so many 6-6 and 5-7 teams in the mix for the final NFC spot.

Now I just wish I could end a column like Tom Brady ends press conferences: "He said two questions. I'm outta here. Bye guys."

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**Tigers reach preliminary agreement with Marlins to acquire Cabrera and Willis**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Detroit Tigers reached a preliminary agreement Tuesday to acquire All-Stars Miguel Cabrera and Dontrelle Willis from the Florida Marlins for a package of six players, an unexpected blockbuster trade that developed quickly at the winter meetings.

In a huge deal that took the spotlight away from Boston's pursuit of Johan Santana, Florida gets lefty Andrew Miller, outfielder Cameron Maybin and four other prospects from the Tigers, a baseball official with knowledge of the talks said on condition of anonymity because the trade had not yet been finalized.

Willis was on vacation when he heard the news. "I'm in Mexico right now with my family. I'm kind of busy," he told The Associated Press.

The Marlins also receive catcher Mike Rabelo and right-handers Burke Badenhop, Eulogio De La Cruz and Dallas Trahern. The players involved must pass physicals for the deal to be completed.

"It's very serious, but nothing is finalized yet because some issues need to get worked out," Tigers manager Jim Leyland told the AP.

Florida didn't even approach the Tigers until Tuesday morning. The Marlins told the Tigers they could have both stars for those six players, then Detroit called back about two hours later and agreed, the baseball official said.

"If it does happen, obviously they're getting two very good players," said Yankees manager Joe Girardi, who managed the Marlins in 2006. "Miguel Cabrera is one of the finest hitters in the game. He can do so many things with a bat, whether you want him to hit a home run for you, you want to hit and run, work the count, get on base. And Dontrelle Willis has been one of the premier lefties in the National League."

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**FOOTBALL**

# SALUKI FLASHBACK: 1983

Salukis attempt to mimic success, attendance of 1983 championship team

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As he sat in the stands of McAndrew Stadium watching the SIU football team advance to its first semifinal playoff berth since 1983, Joe Lenzini was disgusted with what he saw.

Lenzini, a 1984 SIU alumus, had no problem with the Salukis' performance on the field during their 34-27 win Saturday. In fact, he said it was one of the greatest wins he'd ever witnessed in the stadium.

The most disturbing thing about the game, Lenzini said, was the visibility of the bleachers.

For the most significant game in McAndrew Stadium in 24 years, only 6,560 fans were in attendance — the second-smallest number of fans in attendance at a home game this season.

The lowest figure came in the Salukis' second most significant game, the first-round playoff victory against Eastern Illinois, which garnered only 6,124 fans.

More than 3,000 more fans attended the Salukis season-opening blowout against Quincy, an NAIA team.

The most disappointing segment of the stadium was the bleachers normally reserved for student fans, which Lenzini said made him flash back to a similar game nearly a quarter-century ago.

Lenzini was an SIU student in 1983 when the SIU football team made a similar postseason run on the way to its only national championship in school history.

More than 8,000 fans attended the Dec. 3 quarterfinal victory against Indiana State that year despite 34-



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**ABOVE: SIU attempts to block a kick** while a small number of fans look on. Attendance for SIU's quarterfinal game against Massachusetts Saturday was 6,560, making it the second least attended game this season.

**BELOW: SIU fans attempt to keep dry during SIU's 23-7 quarterfinal playoff victory** against Indiana State Dec. 3, 1983. More than 8,000 fans attended the game despite 34-degree weather and constant showers.

degree temperatures and pouring rain, according to DAILY EGYPTIAN archives.

Lenzini said it seemed like there were more fans than that in attendance at the game, as the student bleachers were packed to the brim and the stands shook up and down by what seemed like a foot with the collective excitement of the crowd.

The celebrating fans even rushed the field to tear down the goalposts, despite discouragement from university administrators, according to the archives.

For the Salukis' next home game that season, a semifinal matchup with Nevada-Reno Dec. 10, more than 12,000 fans came out to support the team despite similar conditions in a regional broadcast on CBS.

Several fans carried signs featuring the CBS logo as they watched the team rally to a championship berth, according to the archives.

Lenzini said he hopes to see a similar turnout for the nationally televised ESPN game

at 3 p.m. on Saturday at McAndrew Stadium regardless of the weather.

"This is football weather," Lenzini said. "This is just getting in to the best time of year."

Also encouraging student turnout is the athletic department, which set aside an unlimited amount of free tickets for students with a valid student ID, athletic director Mario Moccia said.

Roughly 20 donors contributed the money for the tickets, Moccia said, to encourage a large turnout for the ESPN opportunity.

Students must pick up tickets at ticket offices in advance or pay the \$6 student admission at the gates on gameday.

SIU football coach Jerry Kill said the opportunity to fight Delaware (10-3) for a shot at the NCAA Championship game in Chattanooga, Tenn., could display the school on a national level and is important for the region.



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"It's an ESPN game," Kill said. "It's not ESPN2 or anything like that, it's ESPN, 3 o'clock, national televised all over the country, and this a great opportunity for southern Illinois to show what the fan base is and how excited they are about athletics."

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**Ticket information**

An unlimited number of students can get free tickets to Saturday's semifinal game with a valid student ID. Students can pick up tickets at the Athletic Ticket Office in Lingle Hall from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Early tickets can also be picked up with a student ID starting at 9 a.m. Saturday. Kick off is set for 3 p.m. and will be broadcast live on ESPN.

**15 MINUTES WITH...**

# Craig Turner

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 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior cornerback and return specialist Craig Turner is in second place on SIU's all-time kick return yards with 1,508 yards after recording 99 yards in the Salukis' quarterfinal playoff win against Massachusetts Saturday. Turner averages 11.1 yards per punt return, 27.1 yards per kick return this season, was a preseason Buchanan Award candidate, given to the best defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision.



Starting all 13 games this season, Turner has recorded 61 tackles, four pass deflections, two fumble recoveries, two blocked kicks and one interception return for 45 yards.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN sat down with Turner to discuss his best accomplishment at SIU, which players talk more trash on the field and his biggest pet peeve.

**DAILY EGYPTIAN:** You used to be a running back. Do you enjoy carrying the football more or defending it?

**Craig Turner:** Carrying it.

**DE:** What's the greatest accomplishment you've made in your career at SIU?

**CT:** Helping my team reach the playoffs my freshman year.

**DE:** Do you ever get nervous before kickoff?

**CT:** All the time.

**DE:** Who talks more trash on the field: the corners or receivers?

**CT:** Corners.

**DE:** Who is the best player you

have ever covered?

**CT:** I'd say Alan Turner even though he's on my team. He's a guy with tremendous speed. You never know what he's going to do and he's hard to read and just a tremendous man.

**DE:** I'm going to list a few of your teammates and give me the best words that describe them: (Junior safety) Clayton Johnson.

**CT:** Hard-headed.

**DE:** (Junior defensive end) James Cloud.

**CT:** Off-the-wall.

**DE:** (Senior linebacker) Trevor Moe.

**CT:** Hands.

**DE:** (Senior wide receiver) John Randle.

**CT:** Smooth.

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Craig Turner

**FANTASY**

# The bigger picture

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Too often, fantasy sports become too big of a distraction from the bigger picture.

People never cheer for their fantasy players to do well against the team they root for, but other things can be missed in the chase for fantasy dominance.

The Vikings' Adrian Peterson made his return Sunday and posted 126 total yards and two touchdowns. Lost in the shuffle is that the Lions lost their fourth straight game, and the possibility of them losing the rest of their

games is very real.

They have a pretty tough remaining schedule, and right now their playoff bandwagon is wrapped around a tree about to catch fire.

But because this is a fantasy column, start Tony Romo, Terrell Owens, Patrick Crayton, Marion Barber and Jason Witten against Detroit this week.

And that concludes "Who's Burning Detroit?" As if you wouldn't start those players anyway.

Miami still hasn't won a game, unwillingly chasing the 1976 Buccaneers for a place in infamy. I'm like the opposite of the 1972 Dolphins, who celebrate when the last undefeated team loses every season.

The Lions started 0-13 in 2001, and ever since then I've wanted to see an NFL team go winless. I wonder if Steve Spurrier, who quarterbacked those infamous Bucs, shares my thoughts.

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