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JULIA RENDLEMAN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

City fines Cali's owner \$2,500 Defense lawyer says mayor had conflict of interest

Justin Lange
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The owner of Callahan's, Cali's and Stix received a \$2,500 fine from the city Tuesday, but his lawyer said the recommendation made by Mayor Brad Cole should be dismissed because of a conflict of interest.

The Carbondale Liquor Control Commission voted to fine Greg Knoob, owner of Knoob Enterprises, Inc., for failing to deter illegal activities that took place in the parking lot outside Cali's, formerly Southern Illinois Nightclub, on July 13. Assistant City Attorney Jamie Snyder said Knoob's staff allowed a large crowd to gather outside the establishment, which led to charges of cannabis possession, public drinking and fighting.

During statements made to the commission, Knoob's attorney Alfred Sanders said the charges should have been thrown out. Cole should not have acted as a hearing officer who recommended how to decide the case because the mayor was present at the July incident, Sanders said.

Sanders said he had photo and video evidence that Cole was in the parking lot at the time.

"If the mayor wants to investigate, he should be called as a witness," Sanders said.

Snyder said a lack of control was the main reason for the fine. Bouncers passed their responsibility off to city police when they kicked the unruly patrons out of the nightclub, he said. If Knoob cannot control the number of people his establishment accommodates, he should hire more staff members, Snyder said.

Knoob asked police officers near Pinch Penny Liquors to help break up the fight when he realized it was beyond his staff's control, Sanders said.

Cole acted as hearing officer for the commission at a meeting with Knoob and his defense Oct. 21 to assess the proposed violations. Cole made a recommendation to fine Knoob's business \$2,500 at Tuesday's meeting.

Some commission members said they could have made a more informed decision if they had known more of the information presented at the Oct. 21 meeting.

Both Councilwoman Mary Pohlman and Councilman Lance Jack said they had questions that could have been answered.

"Where do we draw the line on liability?" Jack asked.

He questioned who should be held responsible for the incident because several establishments, including Pinch Penny Liquors, share the parking lot.

Councilwoman Corene McDaniel said it is not normal procedure for the commission to talk to the defendant before the commission hearing.

All establishments should be held responsible for illegal activities that take place on their premises, McDaniel said.

Jack asked McDaniel if she should be held responsible if an individual were to stop in her yard to sell drugs.

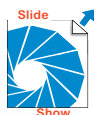
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Alton Addington built his home on Carbondale's East side entirely out of scrapped metal. Addington said the majority of

scrap came from Gary's Metal in Carterville and he has reused such items as steel, a jailhouse door, a fireman's pole, metal screens and aluminum panels called "drops."

Addington says reusing means that new products do not have to be made to accommodate his needs and is a form of recycling that keeps landfills from filling.

Addington has worked for the past seven years on bringing his design to life and last Christmas opened his door to the public during Carbondale's Holiday Walk.



For more metal work photographs, visit our slideshow at siuDE.com.

Students scramble for finals after break

Shaneika Booker
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kate Lulinski was one of many students who had a hefty serving of schoolwork to go along with her Thanksgiving break.

Thanksgiving break occurred two weeks before finals this year, forcing many students to study during their break and prepare for final exams and projects, or risk cramming their study sessions into one week.

Lulinski, a senior from Chicago studying advertising, said that she enjoyed her week vacation but was overwhelmed.

"Everyone's stretched really thin, and the preparing for finals gets really overwhelming," Lulinski said. "I just can't wait for Christmas break."

On the Web

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— Donny Debernardi
 senior from Ottawa studying advertising

Donny Debernardi said he was also frustrated about the break schedule.

Debernardi, a senior from Ottawa studying advertising, said the schedule was crazy.

"We should just start the semester early. Then we could have a six-week mega break," Debernardi said.

The university has extended hours at the library and campus computer labs, and implemented 24-hour quiet hours in the residence halls for finals week.

Morris Library is extending its regular operating hours two hours to accommodate students.

The four Communication Resources Center labs, which are located in Faner Hall, Applied Sciences and Arts Building, Rehn Hall and the Communications

Building have not extended their hours but are open late for students who would like to do some late-night studying.

Shantell Sutton, a resident assistant at Mae Smith Hall, said University Housing would also try to help students in finals week.

On-campus housing will extend its regular quiet hours of 9 p.m. on the weekdays and 11 p.m. on the weekends to 24-hours per day starting finals week.

Sutton, a sophomore from Chicago studying administrative justice, said quiet hours go into effect Sunday.

"Quiet hours are good because many students like to study in their rooms and they should be able to without any interruptions," Sutton said.

University Housing is also **See FINALS, Page 2**

offering "Crunch Time" for students who are stressed during finals week. Crunch Time starts Thursday and offers students the benefit of enjoying late night snacks or massages from the Wellness Center. It will also provide on-site tutoring from the housing staff.

Students are also given the option of a breakfast or dinner menu in the dining halls from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and a full breakfast menu from 7 p.m. to midnight during finals week.

The Wellness Center will also provide multiple activities and services beginning Monday and continuing through the week. Some activities include stress management, massages and aromatherapy.

Barb Elam, interim assistant director of the Wellness Center, said center staff members issued surveys to see what students stress about during finals week.

CRUNCH TIME

Students are invited to take part in Crunch Time events Thursday to help them prepare for finals. Students can enjoy late-night snacks and beverages, massages at the Wellness Center, and on-site tutoring. The dining halls will offer a full breakfast menu until midnight for students, starting Thursday.

Crunch Time Contacts:

Paula Wilkerson at 453-6354
 Alfred Jackson at 453-6748

End of semester tutoring

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Wednesday
 Lower level Lentz Hall, 7-9 p.m.
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 7-8 p.m.
 MATH 140 and other math classes

Thursday
 Lower level Grinnell Hall, 7-9 p.m.
 ACCT 220, PBL 115, ZOOL 115 and other biology classes, CHEM 106, CHEM 140 and other chemistry classes, PSYC 102

WELLNESS CENTER

Monday - Friday
 Student Health Assessment Center in the Student Center. Massages, aromatherapy, stress reliever CDs and "bio dots," which can help students determine their stress levels.

Sources: University Housing, Wellness Center, Black Togetherness Organization

PABLO TOBON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Robotic Saluki wins head-to-head national competition

Student-built Dawgscalator places second overall

Kathleen Richards
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Dawgscalator is the newest Saluki to lead SIUC to victory.

The robot, which was built by SIUC students, was the winner of the head-to-head competition and overall runner-up in the National Association of Industrial Technology Robotics Conference in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 21.

Every January, a challenge is announced for the conference's yearly head-to-head competition. Teams of students at schools across the country build robots to compete for the given challenge, said Haley Constable, a senior from Herrin studying industrial technology, who worked on SIUC's team.

The group has been designing and building the Dawgscalator since the challenge was announced, she said.

This year's head-to-head challenge required robots to pick up balls in the center of a square and drop the balls in a bucket. Two robots at a time competed to pick up the most balls within a given time limit.

SIUC's robot used a conveyor belt to grasp and lift the balls to the height of the bucket. The robot was the

only one to use that method, said Joe Buchanan, who worked on the robot. He said other robots were built with vacuums or grabbers.

Winning the competition was not easy as the group faced a number of challenges while building the robot.

"We would fry electrical components," said Buchanan, a junior from Bement studying industrial technology.

In addition to designing and building the robot, the team had to raise money to cover the robot's \$2,000 cost.

The group received money from the Industrial Technology Department and the Dean's office, as well as donations from alumni. They also held hot dog sales as fundraisers, Tyler Madding said.

Madding, a senior from Decatur studying industrial technology, said the group was especially thankful for the money they received to fund the project.

"Without them, this wouldn't have happened," he said.

Bruce DeRuntz, a professor in industrial technology and faculty adviser for the team, said this is SIUC's second year competing in the robotics conference.

"Last year they weren't as successful," he said.

DeRuntz said he thinks the project is beneficial to students because

they get to learn about teamwork and project management as well as the technical aspects of building the robot.



EVAN DAVIS ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Joe Buchanan, a member of the SIUC chapter of The National Association of Industrial Technology demonstrates how the Dawgscalator works while Bruce DeRuntz, the chapter's director, and his teammates watch.

Jerry Teel, a senior from Dixon studying industrial technology, agreed about the project's usefulness.

"It makes you understand why you learned certain things in class," he said.

The experience seems to be pay-

ing off for two senior team members who have already accepted jobs as project managers, DeRuntz said.

The Dawgscalator's future seems less positive. After being on display in the engineering building, the

robot will most likely be scrapped for parts the team can use in next year's competition, Teel said.

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Tearful Israel mourns six victims of attack



DION NISSENBAUM ~ MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Mourners place the body of Rivka Holtzberg in a cement-lined grave on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem on Tuesday. Rivka and her husband, Rabbi Gavriel Holtzberg, were among six Jewish victims of last week's attack in Mumbai who were buried Tuesday.

Matti Friedman

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KFAR CHABAD, Israel — Thousands of grief-stricken Orthodox Jews prayed and wept Tuesday before the shrouded bodies of Israelis killed in Mumbai, joining the national mourning in a ceremony broadcast on TV and attended by Israeli leaders.

The six died when gunmen on a deadly three-day rampage through the Indian city struck Chabad House, the Mumbai headquarters of the Jewish Chabad-Lubavitch movement, last Wednesday. Six Israelis were among the 172 dead.

A crowd gathered at Kfar Chabad, the movement's Israel headquarters, to mourn Rabbi Gavriel Noach Holtzberg, 29, and his 28-year-old wife, Rivka. The two were outreach envoys dispatched

to Mumbai as part of the movement's attempt to bring its brand of Judaism to Jews across the world, running an open house aimed mainly at Jewish travelers and merchants.

The couple left a 2-year-old son, Moshe, who was rescued by his Indian nanny. Rivka was six months pregnant when she was killed, a Chabad spokesman, Avraham Berkowitz, said Tuesday.

The crowd of thousands at their funeral included Israel's president, Shimon Peres, the country's chief rabbis and other top government officials.

“We will answer the terrorists.”

— Moshe Kotlarsky
Chabad rabbi from New York

He pledged to rebuild the Mumbai center and name it after the Holtzbergs. Chabad operates thou-

sands such outreach centers around the world.

The Holtzbergs' bodies — hers wrapped in a shroud, his in a prayer shawl — rested on benches on a dais nearby. Coffins are not used in Jewish funerals in Israel.

Their small son, who returned to Israel on Monday with the nanny and the bodies of his parents, was not present. At a tearful ceremony held at a Mumbai synagogue before their flight, the boy called out for his mother in a scene that was repeatedly broadcast on Israeli TV.

“You don't have a mother who will hug you and kiss you,” Kotlarsky said, his eulogy alternating between Hebrew and English. But the community will take care of the boy, he vowed: “You are the child of all of Israel.”

The only other surviving member of the family, Moshe's brother, has Tay-Sachs, a terminal genetic disease, and is institutionalized in Israel. The Holtzbergs' eldest son died of the

illness.

The Holtzbergs lived in Israel and Brooklyn before they moved to Mumbai in 2003. Rabbi Holtzberg also had U.S. citizenship.

The grimness of the funerals, and the national attention, was deepened by the conviction that the victims died because they were Jews.

“It's a very difficult feeling because we know this was targeted against us,” said Eliahu Tzadok, 41, who attended the funeral of another victim, 38-year-old Leibish Teitelbaum, in Jerusalem.

Teitelbaum, a U.S. citizen who lived in Jerusalem, was a member of Satmar, an ultra-Orthodox sect that does not accept Israel as a Jewish state. Several thousand mourners, most of them bearded men with sidelocks and garbed in long black coats and black hats, packed the main square, narrow alleys and rooftops of Mea Shearim, a large Orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem, for his funeral.

Chained teen shows up at California gym

**Michelle Locke
Marcus Wohlsen**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRACY, Calif. — A Girl Scout leader and her husband were arrested after an emaciated, terrified and nearly naked 17-year-old showed up at a gym with a chain locked to his ankle, saying he had just fled his captors, authorities said Tuesday.

Police were also seeking the boy's aunt who had an outstanding felony warrant against her for an earlier alleged assault against the teen.

The boy, who authorities said ran away from a Sacramento foster home last year, came into the In-Shape Sports Club in Tracy on Monday wearing only boxer briefs and covered in what appeared to be soot, gym manager Chuck Ellis said. Tracy is about 70 miles south of Sacramento.

Ellis said the teen was scared someone was going to come after him and asked to be hidden.

“He said, ‘Don't let them get me, don't let them get me,’” Ellis said. “He was totally terrified.”

The boy said he had been held captive for nearly a year, Ellis said, adding that he looked as if he were only 10 to 12 years old.

Police arrested Kelly Layne Lau, 30, and Michael Schumacher, 34, late Monday after questioning the couple. A subsequent search of their nearby home found further evidence implicating them, Tracy police spokesman Matt Robinson said.

They were booked on charges of torture, kidnapping and child abuse, and were set to appear in court Thursday, according to online jail records. The couple were being held at San Joaquin County jail on bail of nearly \$1.2 million each.

Police still were seeking Caren Ramirez, 43, the boy's aunt, on suspicion of participating in the alleged abuse, Robinson said. Investigators were trying to figure out the connection between the couple and Ramirez, who authorities believe occasionally visited their home.

Lau and Schumacher's four young children, two of whom were home when police arrived, have been placed with Child Protective Services, authorities said.

Lau started serving as a local Girl Scout leader sometime in September, after a background check turned up nothing to cause concern, said Pam Saltenberger, chief executive of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California.

According to neighbors, the couple seemed to lead lives that revolved around their children.

Jennifer Foster, 33, said she and Lau became acquaintances through their children, who were neighborhood playmates. Foster said she first noticed an older boy with the family about a year ago.

Thai airports to reopen after ousted by court

Ambika Ahuja

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BANGKOK, Thailand — Anti-government demonstrators in Thailand declared victory Tuesday and said they will end their occupation of the country's two main airports after a court decision forced the country's prime minister from office.

While an estimated 300,000 travelers stranded by last week's air-

port takeovers breathed a bit easier, the question of who will hold power in a democratic Thailand remained unanswered.

The protesters — who seek to eliminate the one-person, one-vote system — left open the possibility of more unrest saying they will return to the streets if political change does not occur. At least six people have been killed and scores injured in clashes in recent months.

Also unclear was the extent of

damage the weeklong airport blockade inflicted on the country's economy, which relies heavily on tourism.

But none of that seemed to matter Tuesday as members of the People's Alliance for Democracy, which led the protest, reveled at the fall of Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat.

“We will party all night long before leaving tomorrow,” said Saisuri Pantupradij, a 45-year-old woman who camped out at

Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi international airport. “It's sad to say goodbye, but our job here is done. So we must go home.”

She and four other women, all wearing yellow feather boas, were dancing and singing karaoke to a Thai folk song in the main hall of the airport terminal.

Around them, thousands celebrated, waving Thailand's red white and blue flag, and cheering their nation, their king and themselves.

WASHINGTON

Ford Motor Co. asks Congress for \$9 billion line of credit

WASHINGTON — Humbled and fighting for survival, Detroit's once-mighty automakers appealed to Congress with a retooled case for a huge bailout Tuesday, pledging to slash workers, car lines and executive pay in return for a federal lifeline. GM said it wouldn't last till New Year's without an immediate \$4 billion and could drag the entire industry down if it fails.

General Motors Corp., asking for as much as \$18 billion to keep afloat and survive even worse economic storms, painted the direst portrait to date of what could happen if Congress doesn't quickly step in.

WASHINGTON

Gates signals willingness to move ahead on U.S. pullout from Iraq

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates signaled a willingness Tuesday to forge ahead with two key priorities for the incoming Obama administration: accelerating the U.S. withdrawal from Iraq and shutting down the Guantanamo Bay detention center.

As the only Republican Cabinet member asked to stay on by President-elect Barack Obama, Gates told reporters that military commanders are looking at ways to pull troops out of Iraq more quickly in light of the 16-month timetable that was a centerpiece of the Democrat's campaign.

ATLANTA

Georgia Senate runoff could decide balance of power

ATLANTA — Georgia's seemingly endless U.S. Senate campaign was in its final hours Tuesday as voters had their say in a race that will help sway the balance of power in Washington.

Republican U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss faced Democrat Jim Martin in an extra-innings campaign that drew national political heavyweights from both parties. The runoff between the former University of Georgia fraternity brothers was necessary after a three-way general election prevented any of the candidates from getting the necessary 50 percent.

PHILADELPHIA

Obama vows to listen to governors and to act swiftly on helping states survive the recession

PHILADELPHIA — President-elect Barack Obama promised swift action Tuesday on an economic plan “to solve this crisis and to ease the burden on our states,” and he cast governors as his partners in crafting a recession-rebound strategy. “This administration does not intend to delay in getting you the help that we need,” Obama said as he met with the chief executives of most states and sought to rally bipartisan support for an economic stimulus.

A guide to FAFSA

Applications available at beginning of year

Demarcus Hamilton
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students will fill out the final six-page version of the application that requests college dollars at the federal and state level beginning Jan. 1.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, allows students who need help paying for college to seek grant and loan money from the government. Students who apply for the 2009-10 school year will be last who can use a paper form to apply for aid, as the process will move entirely online next year.

The new FAFSA application has been reformatted to reduce some of the questions and make the process less time-consuming, said Linda Clemons, director of the financial aid office at SIUC.

Beginning next year, the paper application will not be available and is not being sent to campuses, Clemons said.

"They are encouraging students to do it online which is definitely faster than a paper document," she said.

To shorten the application time, there is a worksheet in the financial aid office that provides the majority of the information students will need for the application, Clemons said. After filing the work booklet with information and transferring it to the computer, the process now takes a mere 10 minutes, she said.

Clemons outlined the necessary steps students need to take to apply for the financial aid, which is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Get a PIN.
Clemons said before students begin the free application, they must acquire their personal identification

number. If a student has already applied for FAFSA, he or she will use the same PIN. If students haven't used a PIN before, they will be directed to the Web site that provides the PIN, Clemons said.

For students who are dependent, their parents must fill out the FAFSA form to request a PIN as well. Most students younger than 24 years of age are generally dependent.

Get tax forms ready.
When students get into the system, they need to have their tax and other income forms ready because the application requires them. Other information requested includes: full name, address, Social Security number and driver's license information. The Web site is pretty good at making sure students don't put in incorrect data, Clemons said.

List desired schools.
In filling out the form, students can list all the schools they want to receive the information. The Web site allows an unlimited number, but the paper form provides room to list only four schools.

After students follow these steps, the form goes through several channels before money is awarded.

Sent to government for eligibility.
After students complete the FAFSA, it is sent to the federal government, which determines family contribution to tuition and loan eligibility. It is then sent to the schools the student listed to determine the total cost of attending each school. Because each school's tuition is different, the govern-

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— Linda Clemons
director of the financial aid office at SIUC

ment calculates tuition costs for each school to determine the loan amount.

FASFA form given to both federal and state levels.
In addition to getting federal aid, a student may also receive aid from the state if the school of choice is a public institution.

Offer is made.
After the government decides a student's contribution and loan eligibility, an offer is made. If students accept the offer, they must go through a brief loan counseling session.

Loan responsibility given.
Loan counseling can be delivered over the Internet informing students of their responsibilities in taking a loan. It can also be administered over the telephone using touch-tone to answer multiple-choice questions, or students can have the packet sent to them in paper form. Some schools offer a more personal session, which counsels students in groups.

Students can also apply for an "unusual circumstances" form that will allow them to receive more money if their income is significantly altered by circumstances the FAFSA does not consider, such as high medical bills or a parent's recent job loss.

Clemons stressed that the federal student aid loan is exactly that — a loan. Students must repay it in order to prevent default. Clemons said consequences for a default on a loan could be burdensome.

"The government has the right to take you to court, garnish your wages, take your income-tax check and prevent you from working for federal civil services," Clemons said. "That's a host of positions you will be disqualifying yourself from."

Clemons said federal civil service jobs include working for the FBI, CIA, and many other federal jobs that are held in Washington.

But Clemons said there are several things put in place to help prevent students from a default loan.

Students can be eligible for deferment, which could help those who cannot find a job following graduation.

This allows students up to three years without paying on a loan without interest until they find jobs. Other reasons include being called to active duty for the military or having a baby. Deferment times allowed for these instances vary, she said.

If a student doesn't meet the deferment condition, he or she can receive forbearance, Clemons said.

"Interest does accrue and capitalize even though you don't have to make immediate payments. If something happens, call your lender and keep them updated on your status if something happens," Clemons said.

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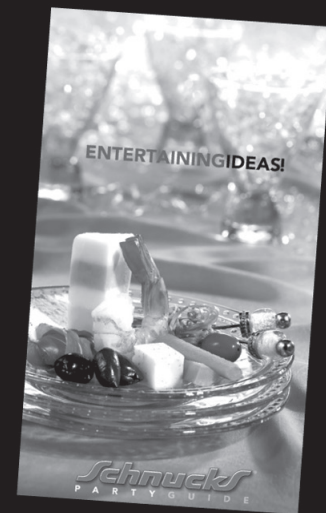


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McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Operator: Transition hotline, can I help you?

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O: Yes, sir, only seven more weeks until The One takes the oath!

C: Yeah, really looking forward to it. But I wanted to double-check something.

O: Ask away, sir. We have answers you can believe in.

C: I've been reading about some of the people who are going to help Barack Obama change Washington ...

O: The One.

C: The who?

O: The One. We don't say Obama. We say The One. We want all Americans to say it, in the spirit of national unity.

C: The One.

O: You've got it. Please tell your friends.

C: You betcha.

O: Oh, now, we don't say that.

C: Say what?

O: That expression you just used. I can't repeat it. This call is being monitored. But we're discouraging its use. We hope to have it officially banned next year, but for now it's just a request.

C: You mean, you betcha?

O: Please, sir. It hurts my ears. But, yes, that's the one. Not The One, of course. But that's the phrase I'm referring to. We looked back over the campaign tapes and realized that so many of the things the other side said had hateful and racial overtones. Not surprisingly, that includes pretty much everything they say in Alaska.

C: I had no idea.

O: I can't discuss all that's involved here, but the problems with that state go far beyond turkey abuse, I can assure you.

C: That was pretty freaky.

O: PETA is filing a lawsuit. But that's just a start. That poor bird was just a metaphor. We think there's a good chance we can get the Republican Party labeled a hate group and banned. In the spirit of national unity, of course.

C: Of course.

O: You betcha . . . Oh, shoot. I hope I didn't offend you.

C: I didn't know I was supposed to be offended.

O: You'll catch on. It's an education process. Now, sir, did you have a question?

C: Oh, yeah. The transition. Obama won, right?

O: The One.

C: Sorry. The One. The One won, right?

O: Of course The One won. How could he not? We had history, fate, destiny, karma, the media and Oprah all on our side.

C: That's what I thought. So what's with some of these people he's hiring?

O: Sir?

C: Hillary for secretary of state? Wasn't she involved somehow in the Clinton administration?

O: Very peripherally. We've determined that there was very little communication between the two, especially after a certain point in the second term.

C: That dude from Harvard who said women can't do math or science?

O: Larry Summers will head the National Economic Council. But after his diversity and sensitivity classes, he'll only be allowed to speak to The One. Otherwise, his all-female Secret Service detachment is authorized to smack him upside the head.

C: What about Bob Gates at the Pentagon? If we wanted a third term for the war criminal Bush, we would've voted for McCain.

O: Sir, you are going to have to watch your language. We don't use the B-word.

C: My dad's a conservative, and he likes these picks. My friends are talking impeachment. They tried calling Dennis Kucinich, but they can't get through.

O: There I can help. Yes, I can. You have to dial direct to the chip the aliens implanted in his head. Hold for that number . . .

Kevin Ferris is the assistant editor of the Editorial Page of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

THEIR WORD

On the way out, Bush administration pauses to wreak a bit of havoc

McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

The day after the election, President George W. Bush told President-elect Barack Obama he could "count on complete cooperation from my administration as he makes the transition to the White House."

Unfortunately, that lofty rhetoric has not been consistently matched by reality.

ProPublica.com and OMB Watch have set up sites tracking last-minute Bush rule changes to hamstring the incoming administration (see <http://www.propublica.org/special/midnight-regulations> and <http://www.ombwatch.org/arti->

[cle/blogs/entry/5494](http://blogs/entry/5494)).

Here are just two:

— **Shifting political appointees to protected civil service slots.** One example: moving a 30-year-old political appointee with a bachelor's degree in government to a civil service position where he will work on "space-based science using satellites for geostationary and meteorological data."

In a letter to Bush, Sen. Dianne Feinstein wrote that such moves "are undermining your public commitment to ease the transition by reorganizing agencies at the 11th hour and installing political appointees in key positions

for which they may not be qualified." She asked Bush to "halt any conversions of political appointees to career positions."

— **Weakening Clean Air Act requirements that older power plants that are being updated must install pollution control technology if they'll produce more emissions.**

Sen. Barbara Boxer, who heads the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, has written a letter asking the Bush administration to "withdraw this dangerous proposal," which would "result in substantially higher emissions of dangerous air pollutants, undermining the

Clean Air Act's public health and environmental protections."

A growing number of regulations such as these would take effect in the waning days of the Bush administration. Although the next president can overturn the rules, doing so can take years. This effort to hamstring the new administration makes Bush's words that "ensuring that this transition is as smooth as possible is a priority for the rest of my presidency" ring hollow indeed.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The government should be seen as a parent, looking after and caring for its children, not raising one as a legitimate son and one as a bastard.”

Sheik Khalid Adem

the leader of Jos, Nigeria,

where clashes between Christians and Muslims left at least 400 dead.

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INSIGHT



A stroll on the ocean floor

Photo column by
Emily Sunblade ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

An elderly woman walks along a beach as a light drizzle slowly approaches across the water.

What this picture does not show is the 100-step staircase this woman had to scale to reach the beach.

Why the staircase? This “beach” is actually the bottom of the ocean; normally the ocean would extend roughly 40 feet above this woman’s head. The beach is at Hopewell

Rocks, in New Brunswick, Canada. The eastern shore of New Brunswick is bordered by the Bay of Fundy, which is known for having the most drastic tide changes in the world. Twice a day the tides change here, leaving the height of a four

story building in their wake.

Ocean tides are controlled through the gravitational pull of the sun and moon. The moon’s pull is twice as strong as the sun’s because it is closer to the earth, even though the sun has a gravitational force 180 times larger, according to information from the Hopewell Rocks Visitor Center. The gravitational pull from the moon causes inertia to draw the water toward whichever side of the Earth the moon is closest to, which causes high tide. The

opposite side of the Earth also experiences this same inertia but at a lesser amount. Low tides are the result of when these two high tides occur on opposite sides of the planet.

Native American lore tells of a disagreement

about a dam between the beaver and the whale. The whale was annoyed by the dam’s location and tried to break the dam apart with its fin causing a great sloshing of the bay, which was believed to be the creation of the tide.

Hopewell Rocks is one of the most unique areas within the Bay of Fundy to watch the tidal changes. Large rock outcroppings have been worn away, which makes them thinner on the bottom; they are often compared to flower pots or mushrooms.

The dramatic tidal changes at the Bay of Fundy leave a great expanse of wet, muddy ocean floor exposed every few hours. After the tide goes out, rocks, shells, seaweed and other sea treasures can be seen that make up the unique ecosystem created from the changing water levels. People of all ages and walks of life, such as this woman, visit these beaches to get a firsthand glimpse of the ocean’s bottom.

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Saluki serves up enchantment

Magician describes tricks of the trade

Genna Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For most people, one red foam ball plus one more equals two. Josh Sucherman, who follows the rules of magic instead of math, often winds up with three.

Sucherman, a senior from Mundelein studying art education, has worked at Applebee's for more than four years. But lately, he has served up entertainment in lieu of food.

For the past five months, Sucherman has worked Friday and Saturday nights, performing magic tricks from table to table. The transition has been a success, based on many patrons' compliments, said Jason Rushing, a manager at the restaurant.

"We've had phone calls (about him), and people have called me over to the table and told me how much they enjoy it," he said.

Sucherman's magic mostly involves sleight-of-hand tricks using playing cards, coins and foam balls.

Rushing said the restaurant took a chance to let its former waiter perform magic. Managers knew it was something Sucherman has wanted to do since he began working there, so they gave it a try, he said.

Sucherman, 22, said he first became interested in magic on a trip to WGN-TV's "Bozo Show" on his ninth birthday.

"One of the gifts they gave away from the Bozo buckets was a 25-trick magic box," he said. "I went to the show specifically to win the box, but didn't end up getting it."

Sucherman said he didn't consider learning magic seriously until roughly two years ago. From there, it took months of practice to become good, he said.

"Practice is the backbone behind everything," he said. "People have no idea how much time goes behind the scenes



Josh Sucherman, a senior from Mundelein studying art education, practices card tricks that are part of his magic show. Sucherman, a former waiter at Applebee's in Carbondale, is now the house magician at the restaurant, performing up close tricks at people's tables.
EDYTA BŁASZCZYK
DAILY EGYPTIAN

for a three-second trick."

Alex Moats, a second-year welding student at John A. Logan College, said he was friends with Sucherman before he began practicing magic.

Few people took Sucherman's hobby seriously at first, but as time went on the magician grew more passionate. Moats, of Chicago, said that devotion earned his support.

Moats said he doesn't get tired of his friend's tricks because watching people's reactions never gets old.

"He's a good guy to have around at

a party or social gathering because he puts smiles on people's faces," Moats said. "Everybody likes to be entertained, and he's live entertainment, up close and personal."

Sucherman has performed at various events, from birthdays and receptions to cocktail hours, and said he sees a variety of reactions. When showing off one trick in which he makes a marked card jump to the top of a deck, he said reactions have ranged from screams to silent disbelief. People have also thrown the card back at him, he said.

Overall, there are a few main types of audience members, Sucherman said. —"Sour Sally," "Jealous Jimmy" and "Sam the Fan."

He said "Sour Sally" types don't like magic and won't pay attention, which makes things difficult with audience involvement. "Jealous Jimmy" types surface particularly when he performs for a couple, he said.

"Every table I go to with a couple, the guy always seems to get insecure," he said. "The girl will ask, 'How did you do that?' and the guy will say, 'Don't worry, I'll tell

you later.'"

Sucherman said he often remedies this by involving the man in the trick, letting him get attention back on himself.

"Sam the Fan" types, he said, are enthusiastic and enjoy all aspects of the magic.

Those enthusiastic audiences are his favorite, he said.

"Magic is something you're unsure of, something that you question," he said. "As much as fads go out over the years, I think magic will never cease to amaze people."

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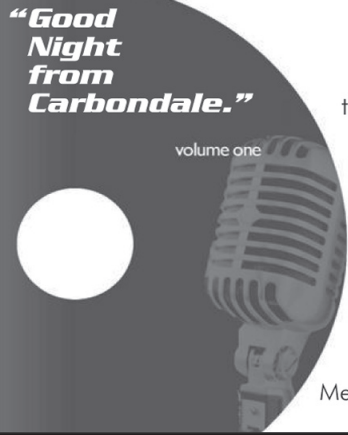
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Friday	12/5	Hangar 9: Rev. Peyton's Big Damn Band Cousin Andy's: Troubadours of Divine Bliss Copper Dragon: Mike and Joe Booby's: Himalayas, God's Safari, Ate Key West: Blues Bandits
	12/6	Hangar 9: NonStop Reggae Copper Dragon: Captain Morgan presents Hairbangers Ball Longbranch: Closing art auction for Kids For Kids' Sake 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; salsa dancing 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Booby's: The Bourbon Knights Key West: By Request DJ show
Saturday	12/7	Hangar 9: Sports on the big screen Key West: Ivas John Blues Band
	12/8	Hangar 9: Open mic
Sunday	12/9	Hangar 9: Dollar nite w/ Punk Soul Brutha

PULSE CHATTERBOX Empire Magazine just crowned Tyler Durden from "Fight Club" as the greatest movie character of all time. Who is your personal pick?

Wes Lawson

This is a tough one. Between Don Corleone in "The Godfather," Andy Dufresne in "The Shawshank Redemption" and Kirk Lazarus in "Tropic Thunder," it's so hard to pick just one. But because I am a college student, it is obligatory for me to say Donnie Darko rulz.

Audra Ord

Wall-E is probably the most adorable movie character of all time. I wouldn't say he's the absolute greatest, but that cute little animated guy is the most recent character I've seen in a movie, so he's my temporary No. 1.

Genna Ord

Definitely Wesley from "The Princess Bride." A swashbuckling, soft-talking, tall, dark and handsome man whose response to all my requests is "As you wish"? Perfect. Add in his ability to survive every danger of a fire swamp and return from being "mostly dead," and there's not even a close second.

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Longbranch raises money for Bengali children

Local coffee house reaches out

Wes Lawson
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Longbranch Coffee House is setting its sights a little farther this Christmas — it hopes to reach all the way to Bangladesh.

The ninth annual Kids For Kids' Sake art show and silent auction is this week at Longbranch Coffee House, with more than 300 pieces up for auction. All proceeds from the sales go to orphanages and schools in Bangladesh.

Carbondale resident Shema Jamaluddin, who coordinates the event, said the art show comprises professional artwork from Carbondale residents, submissions from 16 Bengali orphanages and Carbondale children, and gift baskets that were donated from various Carbondale businesses. The Bengali children have donated pieces since 2006, and Jamaluddin said she is thrilled to have them.

The event is run by the organization For Kids' Sake, which, according to its Web site, was started by a Bengali orphan in the 1960s. When he died in 1995, he bequeathed the operation to his grandfather in Bangladesh and another relative who lives in Carbondale.

"This connection helps maintain communication between Carbondale and Bangladesh," Jamaluddin said.

The money raised by the event, which in the past has been between \$4,000 and \$6,000, will be used to help both Bengali children and children in southern Illinois. According to the organization's Web site, as little as



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Kids for Kids' Sake silent-auction artwork hangs on the wall behind Tracy Robinson, a senior from Naperville studying creative writing, and Marcus Mader, a junior from Effingham studying cinema and photography, at the Longbranch Coffee House Tuesday. The silent auction will run at the coffee house until Saturday, with proceeds going to help children in Bangladesh.

69 cents can support a Bengali child for an entire day, including food and health care.

Jamaluddin was inspired to help because she wanted to educate the children of Carbondale about foreign culture and introduce art to the residents of southern Illinois.

"When I saw the orphans and I saw Bangladesh, I realized that this is important work, and it's one of the few things in life that I'm really passionate

about," Jamaluddin said.

Local artists, such as Carbondale residents Wahid Lewis and Hillary Chandler, have contributed in years past, primarily out of concern to raise money for the Bengali orphans but also to get their artwork seen by more people in the community.

"We make a difference in these kids' lives, so I think this cause is very worthwhile," Lewis said.

Jamaluddin said the bids have

already filled up entire cards, and there have been bidding wars on several pieces, including "The Cost of Revolution," a piece by a sixth grade Bengali student that depicts rebels in the wake of the 1991 Bengali independence.

"You won't believe the ages of some of the kids on the pieces," Jamaluddin said.

The closing ceremony is from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and includes

a presentation about Bangladesh by For Kids' Sake, some performances by local Carbondale children and a performance by Chris Mathien. For more information about the exhibit and auction, call Longbranch Coffee House at 529-4488. For more information on For Kids' Sake, visit <http://www.day-emi.org/forkidsake/bangladesh.php>.

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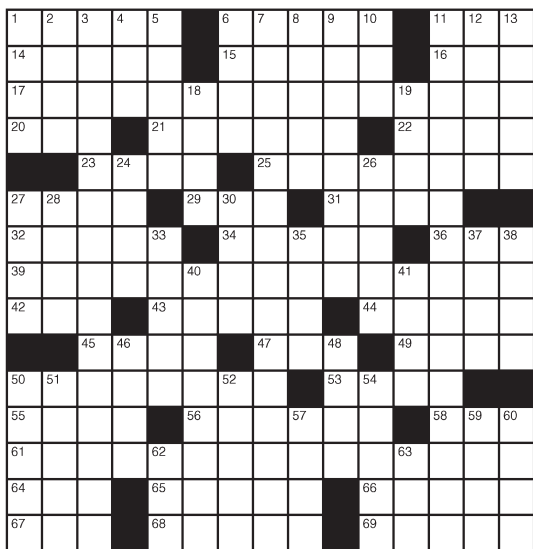
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 15 Bourgeois sculpture
 16 Prez on a penny
 17 Three lines
 20 Wonderment
 21 Like some cakes
 22 Avian haven
 23 ___-a-porter (ready-to-wear)
 25 Shows intestinal fortitude
 27 For two, in music
 29 N.T. book
 31 Sound of rippling water
 32 Judging group
 34 ___ on (mollycoddles)
 36 Single entity
 39 Three lines
 42 Be quiet!
 43 Skinfint
 44 Loudmouth lummox
 45 Minnow cousin
 47 Pen name
 49 Military meal
 50 Follow



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- 53 Martin or Kingsley
 55 Vietnam neighbor
 56 Twinings rival
 58 Hoodwinked
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- 66 At full speed, at sea
 67 Distressed exclamations
 68 Likewise
 69 G. Gordon ___
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 2 That was close!
 3 Three lines
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 6 Hook's underling
 7 Three lines
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — **Today is a 7** — The truth will be revealed. Better watch out; this also applies to you. If you have any secrets, keep them carefully hidden. Don't look toward the place you have them stashed away.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — **Today is an 8** — Your friends are there for you, and they'll be a big help. They think you can do anything, which is also nice. Encourage them and you actually won't have to do as much.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — **Today is a 7** — You're anxious to tell the world about a fabulous deal you found. That isn't necessary, and it could ruin the surprise. Tell one close family member, one who can keep a secret.

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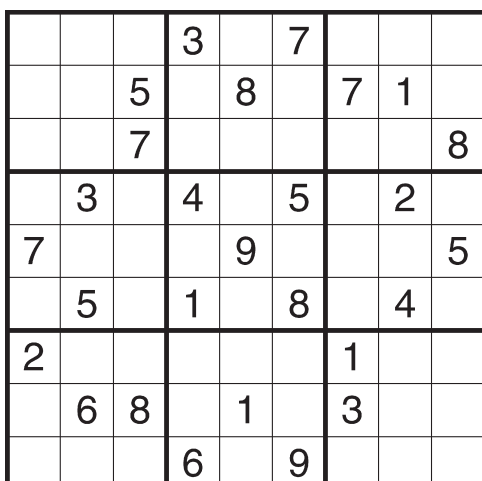
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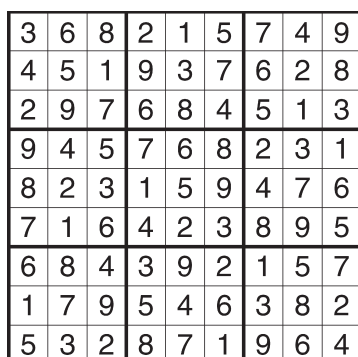
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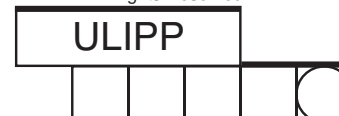
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Senior forward Tony Boyle defends Saint Louis guard Kevin Lisch. Boyle scored seven points and grabbed four rebounds in the Salukis' 64-48 victory over Saint Louis University.

WIN

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After allowing at least 70 points in its previous four games, the SIU defense played up to the standards for which the program has become known. Saint Louis (2-4) struggled shooting the ball against SIU's man-to-man defense. The Billikens shot 14-for-39 (35.9 percent) from the field and compounded its problems by shooting poorly from the 3-point line, making only three of its 16 attempts (18.8 percent).

Fay said the team's defensive effort was good throughout the game, and that helped SIU pick up the win.

"Our offense is as important as our defense, and our defense was a lot better tonight," he said. "That's definitely something that's real big for us: to shut them out, get the rebound and then get down court. We've got some ways to go, but we're going to get a lot better."

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— Carlton Fay
sophomore forward

The Salukis' defensive domination of the Billikens started from the opening tip as SIU opened the game on an 11-2 run within the first nine minutes of the game. SLU was kept off the scoreboard for about six minutes until senior guard Tommie Liddell III scored a two-point basket with 14:20 remaining in the first half. The defensive play of SIU in the first half keyed the team's success as the Billikens shot only 5-for-22 (22.7 percent) in the game's opening period.

Lowery said it was important to limit the scoring opportunities of Liddell and teammate Kevin Lisch, whose offensive efforts

helped SLU defeat SIU 56-51 last season. Liddell and Lisch finished with 12 and 13 points, respectively. However, they were the only SLU players to reach double digits in scoring.

The team is starting to come around and play the kind of defense the program has come to expect, Lowery said.

"I told them this is what it means to be a Saluki. You're exhausted at the end of the game, but you're happy you won," he said.

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Cincinnati Reds manager Dusty Baker said he would be interested in reuniting with Kerry Wood, who pitched for Baker when he managed the Cubs. Would this be a good idea for either party?



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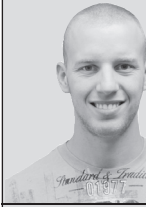
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It would be a great idea for Baker, who is managing a team that is not very good. Any time you can add a quality arm such as Kerry Wood, it is a plus (granted the price is right). But I doubt I'm the only one with the feeling that Baker would ultimately end up overusing Wood's arm like he did when they were both in Chicago. If I'm Wood, I'm ignoring Baker's wishes.

If I were Woody, I'd stay away from Dusty. It would be like returning to an abusive relationship, and unless Kerry loves visiting Dr. James Andrews, he would heed my advice and stay away from Dusty Baker. If he calls, don't even answer it, you might tear your rotator cuff.

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Yeah, when Dusty was the Cubs manager, he overused Wood, but Wood is no longer a starting pitcher. He's now a ninth inning pitcher. That's what Dusty would use him for, and Wood would be effective for the Reds in that role. I don't think it's a good idea for Wood though. He's on the back end of his career and the Reds are not World Series contenders. I think Wood wants to go someplace where he can compete for a ring.

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SWINGLER

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Swingler has also seen a spike in playing time. She averaged just 13.5 minutes per game last season, but is now logging 26.3 minutes per game this season.

The Teutopolis-native has taken advantage of the extra minutes and was unstoppable in SIU's first two games.

Swingler scored a career-high 28 points and added six rebounds in the Salukis' 85-77 win against St. Louis Nov. 14. She then followed the performance with her first career double-double, scor-

ing 26 points and grabbing 11 rebounds against Arkansas State Nov. 19.

Junior guard Lacie Ward, Swingler's teammate and roommate, said Swingler's success is largely because of the work she puts in during practice.

Ward said Swingler is one of the hardest workers on the team.

"She comes into the gym all the time," Ward said. "She always wants to work on her post up against bigger players because she's one of the smaller post players in the conference."

Swingler averaged 18 points per game as a senior at Teutopolis High

School, where she helped lead the Wooden Shoes to a 103-27 record as a four-year starter. She broke the 1,000-point barrier as a junior and was a three time all-state honoree.

Swingler said she has since matured into a better basketball player after becoming a Saluki.

"I'm a lot quicker, more athletic and more in shape, and over time my body has allowed me to jump higher and run faster," Swingler said. "I've also become more disciplined and know more about basketball."

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PLAYOFFS

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"Usually you end up getting a recruiting class that somewhat reflects your senior class," he said. "There are a couple areas where we would like to have some help and we have to find those guys."

Once thing is for certain, though. Lennon will not follow the wait-and-see approach he had last season, when Lennon said he did not know if his philosophies would click with the offense and defense.

"The first year was like walking through a dark room; you're not quite sure where the furniture is and if you might stub your toe," he said.

"You were just hoping certain things would work. Now we have a much better feel of what we can do going into next year."

Lennon could use the junior college circuit, which former SIU head coach Jerry Kill used to bring the likes of running backs Warner, Arkee Whitlock and Brandon Jacobs, among others.

Warner said the program is on the rise and should be able to contend for years under Lennon.

"It's on the uphill," Warner said. "It can't get worse than what we had this year and we had a great year. He'll recruit and they'll be back next year competing for the conference championship."

Lennon, though, said he would prefer to use a junior college transfer only if he needed to plug a hole immediately.

"If I bring a junior college player in, I want to have him basically in a position where we have a void in the program and we need some immediate help and has the potential to play early in his career," Lennon said. "You don't want to bring somebody in and sit them on the bench. That is where you have to have a good feel for your current team and not bring in a lot of players that may not play."

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BENCH

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Other reserves, such as junior forward Christian Cornelius (seven points), Clemmons (six points) and freshman forward Anthony Booker (five points) also contributed solid play with significant minutes.

Senior forward Tony Boyle, who has started every game this season and scored four points in SIU's win, said the Saluki bench is vital to the team's attack and is relied upon to contribute as much as the starters.

"Our bench has to shut theirs out," he said. "That is the game plan every time. When our guys come in, they have to bring the same energy and discipline and hard work."

Cornelius, who has averaged

2.2 points per game this season, seemed more comfortable in the post position, which should significantly help the Salukis with the absence of center Nick Evans, who continues to mend a broken left wrist.

Cornelius scored five of his seven points and proved valuable when sophomore forward Carlton Fay was off the floor.

Lowery said Cornelius and the rest of SIU's big men took advan-

tage of several mismatches, which played a major role in the win.

"Christian was effective," Lowery said. "We gave our big guys so many touches tonight and we used them in different matchups. We have to learn to use those mismatches to control tempo and know when we can push it and when we have to slow it down."

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BASKETBALL

Saluki defense returns in win

From left, Kevin Dillard, Justin Bocot and Wesley Clemmons chase down a loose ball during the first half against Saint Louis University. The Salukis defeated the Billikens 64-48 to snap a three-game losing streak.



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Nine Salukis score in 16-point win

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A shakeup in the SIU men's basketball team's starting lineup brought a change in results, at least for one night.

Freshman guards Ryan Hare and Torres Roundtree cracked the starting lineup for the Salukis and solid defensive effort followed as SIU defeated Saint Louis, 64-48. The win snapped the Salukis' three-game losing streak.

SIU head coach Chris Lowery said the team's practices leading into the game helped turn around the defense's recent struggles.

"It was their way for five games, now it's going to be my way for the rest of the way," Lowery said. "We were giving up 72 points a game and I let some things slip,

but things were going to change."

SIU (3-3) had nine different players score in the game, led by sophomore forward Carlton Fay, who scored 17 points. It is the third time this season Fay has led the team in scoring. Freshman guard Kevin Dillard scored nine points off the bench and senior guard Bryan Mullins scored eight points to go along with five assists.

It was the first time Dillard came off the bench since the Salukis' 80-73 win against the University of Massachusetts Nov. 12.

SIU proved to be a better team throughout the stat sheet. The Salukis outscored the Billikens from the free-throw line (27-17), in the paint (22-8) and off the bench (30-9). It was the kind of all-around effort the team had lacked in its recent losses.

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Saluki bench scores 30 points to snap losing streak

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SIU head coach Chris Lowery decided to alter his starting lineup Tuesday in efforts to shake a three-game losing streak, but it was the Saluki bench that paid dividends in a 64-48 win against Saint Louis.

Guards Kevin Dillard and Wesley Clemmons were both given seats on the bench to start the game, allowing Torres Roundtree and Ryan Hare to take the court.

Dillard and Clemmons had both been mainstays in the Saluki starting lineup while Roundtree and Hare had started a combined three games.

The result was a 30-point

outburst by the SIU reserves that helped surge the Salukis to their third win of the season.

"The bench was great," Lowery said. "We had several guys that came in and contributed and made sure we did things the right way."

SIU's bench outscored SLU's 30-9 in the game and shot 50 percent from the floor, led by Dillard's nine points.

Lowery said keeping Dillard on the bench would allow SIU to maintain its tempo when it grants starting guard Bryan Mullins a break.

"Now Bryan can come out and we can have another ball handler instead of staggering (the two)," Lowery said. "That helps us because Bryan has already established how we will play, and Kevin can come in and do some of the things he has already established."

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VOLLEYBALL

Swingler a major role in Salukis' success

Sophomore forward leads team with 16 points per game this season

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The Salukis entered their 2008-09 schedule in need of a dominant go-to player after eight players left the SIU women's basketball program last season.

Just four games into the season, Katrina Swingler has taken the role head-on.

The junior forward has gone from being a relatively unknown freshman to a super sophomore, leading the team in scoring this season with an average of 16 points per game, quadrupling her per-game average from last season.

Head coach Dana Eikenberg said Swingler's improvements are a direct result from her experience.

"She has a year of the physical nature of being a post player at the Division I level," Eikenberg said. "A year in the system has helped

give her some confidence."

Swingler is shooting an astounding 64 percent this season after making just 48 percent of her shots last season.

But perhaps even more remarkable is Swingler's free-throw shooting. She has missed just one free throw in 19 attempts this season after shooting only 50 percent last season.

Swingler has also doubled her rebounding average from 2.4 rebounds per game last season to five boards per game this season.

Swingler said her biggest improvements to her game came in her defense and shooting.

"I'm not going to say it's good yet, but it's better than it was last year," Swingler said. "Another improvement came in my shooting. I have my shot down pretty good compared to what it was last year."

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Katrina Swingler, a sophomore forward, listens to head coach Dana Eikenberg in the Salukis' final exhibition game Nov. 11. Swingler, the youngest starter, is leading the team in points per game with an average of 16 points.

FOOTBALL

Lennon wastes little time in looking ahead

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SIU head coach Dale Lennon and his staff are already beginning plans for the 2009 season less than a week after losing in the first round of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

Lennon, who was awarded the Missouri Valley Football Conference's Coach of the Year award Monday, said his staff will waste little to no time in heading to the recruiting trail and will begin season-ending meetings to offer a glimpse into what the program can expect next season.

"We are immediately into that transition into recruiting," Lennon said. "We'll have some coaches hit the road shortly and have some season exit meetings with the players this week."

Lennon will hold a team meeting Thursday concerning the 2009 season, which the first-year head coach said is the next challenge. The meeting will be focused around expectations for next year and a recap of sorts from this season, which ended Saturday with a 29-20 loss to New Hampshire.

"One thing you want to do is make sure you have closure on the season and everyone understands where they are at," Lennon said.

The Salukis will lose 12 seniors to graduation next season, including seven starters. Among those set to graduate will be standouts such as linebacker James Cloud, wide receiver Damian Sherman, offensive guard Aaron Lockwood, center Mike Farrell and running back Larry Warner.

Lennon said the team would look to fill the voids where needed but said the team is fortunate enough to be selective because the team has a solid core of young talent waiting to plug the holes.

"If we have some blue chip opportunity, we will go on those regardless of if we need that or not," Lennon said. "But we are not in a desperate situation where we have to get it. We have no major holes to fill right now."

The Salukis should be able to fill Sherman's role rather easily as a majority of a solid receiving corps should return next season, including quarterback-turned-wide receiver Joe Allaria.

The offensive line, though, could be the most affected with the departures of Lockwood and Farrell, who both received all-conference honors.

But Lockwood, who has spent four years as a Salukis offensive lineman said the program should be in good hands with the talent that is coming up behind him.

"The guys they got coming back next year are very good and will have a good chance of making a long run and it should be exciting to watch," Lockwood said.

Lennon said he would not use his North Dakota connections to woo any top recruits from that area. Rather, Lennon said he will "start in our own back yard and work out from there."

Lennon said the team has received several commitments, but was unable to comment on any names or positions.

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