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Profs: Critique of student progress misleading

JULIE SWENSON
Daily Egyptian

An excerpt of a book printed in The Chronicle of Higher Education shows many undergraduate students fail to develop critical thinking, complex reasoning and written communication skills in college.

The book, "Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses" by Richard Arum and Josipa Roksa, is based on survey responses, transcript data and results from the College Learning Assessment, a test given to students in their first semester and at the end of their second year.

Arum and Roksa analyzed the results of more than 2,300 undergraduates at 24 unnamed universities and colleges across the country.

The authors said 45 percent of students in their sample didn't demonstrate noticeable improvement from pre-college scores during their first two years of college. The percentage decreased to 36 percent over four years, but the authors said the results are still a cause for concern.

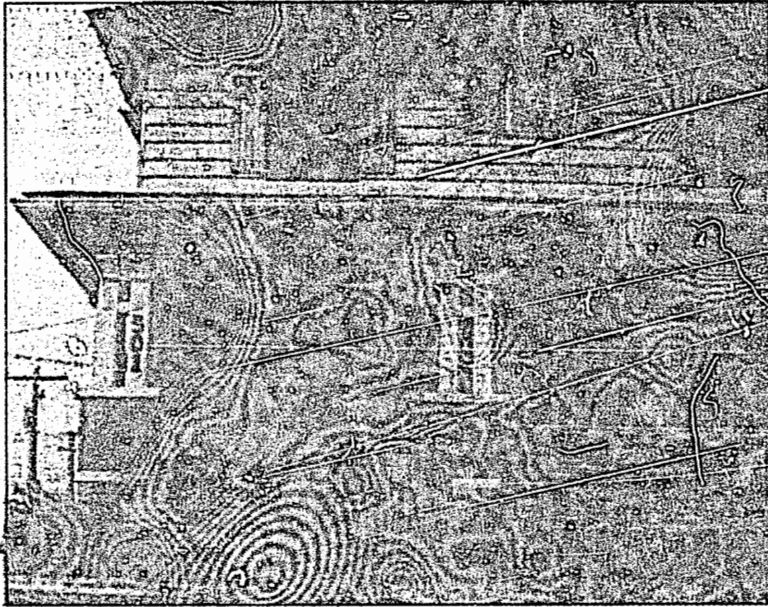
Factors that contributed to the decline include faculty and administrators pressed for time who didn't improve their teaching methods, and students who spent less time studying and more time working or doing non-academic activities, Arum and Roksa said.

While the authors emphasized the lack of retained information, they also highlighted students they characterized as "exceptional," who excelled in every setting of the two studies.

"Students attending certain high-performing institutions had more beneficial college experiences in terms of experiencing rigorous reading/writing requirements and spending more hours studying," Arum and Roksa said.

Lyle White, a professor and chair of the department of educational psychology and special education, said to take the results with a grain of salt. White said looking at the way the information was collected can not only give a better perspective of the results but also change what is seen as the obvious implications of the study.

The mail must go through



Kristan Wallace, substitute mail carrier and resident of Carbondale, delivers mail to 501 S. University Ave. as snow falls lightly Wednesday. While much of Illinois was buried in snow by late Tuesday, Carbondale received only minor amounts of snow and ice. A spokesperson from the Carbondale branch of the U.S. Postal Service estimated about 20 percent of the mail from St. Louis was received by Wednesday morning. Mail should not be affected today, according to the Postal Service.

GEORGE LAMBOLEY
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Civil unions could make campus, city more open

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

Bill Sasso said he hopes to someday live in a world where people value love and don't criticize who others love.

Sasso, minister of the Unitarian Church of Carbondale, said the church has affirmed gay and lesbian people since the 1970s. The church has long conducted union ceremonies, but they lacked the legal protections granted by marriages.

The church will perform civil union ceremonies legally beginning June 1, Sasso said.

Gov. Pat Quinn signed a bill Monday legalizing civil unions for gay and lesbian couples in Illinois. The bill extends to gay and lesbian couples the same rights that accompany traditional marriage.

Virginia Dicken, coordinator of the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender Resource Center, said the bill is a relief to many couples in the state, as well as those looking to move to Illinois. She said the bill will also have an influence on campus.

"I know that it will affect students who are wanting to come here," she said. "It will also affect students who are already here, as well as faculty and staff who are married in other states and now (have) their union

recognized in Illinois."

Scott Ramsey, a senior from Valier studying German, said he fully supports the new legislation. Ramsey is a secretary for the Saluki Rainbow Network, a registered student organization for the GLBT Resource Center.

"I feel that it is about time that Illinois pushes forward even if it is not gay marriage," he said.

Ramsey said the bill affects a small population of students on campus because most undergrads do not have long-standing partners and typically won't worry about marriage until after they graduate.

"As for the non-traditional students, graduate students and the faculty and staff, I think it will be a great thing, and (it) gives them a little bit of openness," he said. "Whether or not they can talk about it with their peers is different, but at least they can feel a little more comfortable."

Christi Hamilton, sexual health coordinator for the Wellness Center, said the bill has the potential to make students more comfortable about their sexuality. Changes in laws reflect societal shifts that could change peoples' views about gay marriage, but Hamilton said she doesn't think it will be that simple.

"I don't think this one act will make it simple for people to come out because it depends on

Rights for same-sex couples

- 1 States that allow one of these domestic partnerships, civil unions, or gay marriage
- 2 States that have legal or constitutional bans on gay marriage or other restrictions on legal rights for same-sex couples
- 3 States without specific laws banning gay marriage

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their family situation, their peer group and what community they are living in," she said.

She said while this is a huge step toward a societal shift in viewpoints, there will always be opponents.

Kathy Cafferata, ministries coordinator for St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Carbondale, said the church will not conduct same-sex civil union ceremonies.

She said the Catholic church's stance is best stated in a speech Pope John Paul II gave in March 2003.

"The common good requires that laws recognize, promote and protect marriage as the basis of a family, the primary unit of society," the former pope said. "Legal recognition of civil unions or placing them on the level of marriage would mean not only the approval of deviant behavior and the consequence of making it a model in present day society but would also obscure the basic values that belong to humanity."

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Correction

In the Tuesday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the guest column "Provost resignation demands explanation" was submitted by Gregory Wendt. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

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Labs, online tool added to help retain math students

“We wanted to make sure we had more students who passed math the first time and didn't have to repeat the course.”

— Rita Cheng
SIUC chancellor

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

This semester two classes in the math department are implementing a new online tool that should help students succeed, the department's top administrator said.

Math XL, an online resource provided by Pearson Publishing Company, is being used in all Math 107 and 108 courses. Data from the fall 2010 semester showed more students actually passing the courses because of the online homework help, said Gregory Budzban, chair of the math department.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said the two courses had more students withdraw or earn D and F grades than students at most institutions, and the use of technology should

help students improve.

“We wanted to make sure we had more students who passed math the first time and didn't have to repeat the course,” Cheng said. “Most students who failed math did not return to the campus.”

The online service is used to turn in homework and gives instant feedback and tutorials on how to do the work, but it is not an online course, said Dan Mussa, emeritus visiting assistant instructor in the math department.

He said there is a fee for the online service, but the book is no longer required. As a result, the course could actually save students money.

Mussa said 107 is a not-for-credit course that prepares students for 108, the college algebra course. Math 108 is the lowest-numbered math course students can take to satisfy the undergraduate core curriculum math requirement. Mussa said college algebra is often a stumbling block for a lot of students, who have to pass it to get into engineering and business math courses.

The course continues to follow a traditional three-hours-per-week model. Now instead of having three hours of lecture, there will be two hours of lecture and one hour in the

math lab, he said.

The class meets in the newly renovated math lab in Room 174 on the first floor of Morris Library. The renovation was funded by the chancellor's office, Mussa said.

“In the past when we were doing this, we had to find small labs around campus to try to get a class in, but in the end what we needed was a lab of our own,” he said. “This semester we are doing about four times as much as we have done in the past two years. We are significantly larger.”

Cheng said her office funded the lab renovation this semester to provide more computers for students and paid for the staffing of the lab to make sure all sections could be covered.

Budzban said the lab is open 41 hours per week and is fully staffed by a combination of graduate students, faculty and undergraduate supplemental instruction leaders.

He said the online service, the fully staffed lab, and the lecture periods give students a new support network for success that cannot be replicated in just a lecture hall.

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Using new online MathXL tool		
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Math 107	148	102, or 68.9%
Math 108	125	106, 84.8%
Combined	273	208, 76.2%

Course	Student's overall homework average below 80 percent	Students who completed course with grade success (A, B, or C)
Math 107	62	14, 22.6%
Math 108	49	24, 48.9%
Combined	111	38, 34.2%

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Locals look for exposure downtown

KAYLA KEARNS
Daily Egyptian

Those looking for art, wine and exposure may soon be able to find it downtown.

The Liquor Advisory Board will decide today whether to grant a class F1 liquor license to Carbondale Main Street in hosting the Downtown Art and Wine Fair on May 21 and Oct. 1. The Board will also review the second-quarter reports from the police department, fire department, and building and neighborhood services.

The fair, which will enter its fourth year in May, features local wines and wineries, crafts, musicians and foods, and is hosted by Carbondale Main Street as well as other local businesses.

Tim Waller, a member of the Downtown Art and Wine Fair

“The main incentive to doing these festivals is the exposure. A lot of the larger wineries expand on their advertising. We do local advertising and events during the summer, so these wine tastings are big events for us.”

committee that helps coordinate local attractions, said the October 2010 fair drew 1,000 people to Carbondale’s downtown area.

If the board denies the license, the sale and consumption of alcohol will be illegal on the premises. “It would pretty much eliminate it,” Waller said. “If you can’t have a liquor license, then you can’t have wine.”

Sonya Carlton, manager at Shawnee Winery, said the vineyard had a strong turnout in October where it saw an abundance of repeated business from SIUC students. But wineries typically turn

more profit on a regular business day, she said.

“The main incentive to doing these festivals is the exposure,” Carlton said. “A lot of the larger wineries expand on their advertising. We do local advertising and events during the summer, so these wine tastings are big events for us.”

Anders Hedman, owner of Hedman Vineyards and three-time vendor at the fair, said his vineyard, Inheritance Valley Vineyards, will not participate in the event this year, as the increase in the wine business has led him to

branch out to Marion instead of Carbondale.

Waller said the increased wine traffic has both positive and negative effects on his vineyard.

“It’s a double-edge sword. More wineries bring more people down, but new wineries are offering new advertising, and they offer special events that attract larger numbers. Smaller wineries don’t have the budget to spend that kind of money on advertising,” he said.

Booth and entry costs can sometimes be an issue for vendors when they attend festivals, but the

amount of time a winery puts into the fair is the most problematic, Carlton said.

“It’s a time-consuming thing to be at a certain area for long periods of time,” Carlton said. “It’s not all about profit, it’s getting your name and exposure out there and the profit margin will come later.”

Waller said the exposure local wineries obtain makes it worth the preparation time.

“It’s nice because (people) can come to the festival and sample many different types of wines that they might not have known about,” Waller said.

The Liquor Advisory Board meets at 5:30 p.m. today in the Civic Center.

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“I think every future educator needs to think about what their role is in the education of the next generation and what kinds of study skills they are teaching in their classrooms,” White said. “I think that’s one of the areas that we can improve in across the nation, both in public schools and in colleges.”

While training students to become teachers, he said he has found most students haven’t been exposed to classes that teach successful study skills. White said examining which study skills will best help individual

students is also beneficial.

Teaching those skills and critical thinking can help bridge the learning gap, White said. He said critical thinking involves taking time to learn as much as possible about a subject, not making quick judgments, having or getting experience in a discipline, judging facts and trends, and giving reasons for a decision.

White said having the confidence to take occasional risks, knowing what your strengths are, practicing verbal and written expression, and being willing to state an opinion and listen to others’ critiques of it are also important.

“As an educator, it’s troubling to me. I can’t substantiate their findings with the students I have worked with.”

— Clare Mitchell
assistant dean of Student Affairs in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts

Clare Mitchell, assistant dean of Student Affairs in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, said she and other faculty who read the excerpt had a “you have got to be kidding me” reaction. The research method and where the sampling of students came from were questionable to her, she said.

“As an educator, it’s troubling

to me,” Mitchell said. “I can’t substantiate their findings with the students I have worked with.”

Mitchell, who has more than 30 years of experience working with students, said several factors determine whether students develop the skills they need, two of which are students’ willingness to learn and whether they get to use what they learn in school.

She said students in mass communication and media arts apply what they learn in the classroom and use it in opportunities such as those at Unleashed Magazine, WSU Radio, WSU-TV, River Region News and the DAILY EGYPTIAN. This ensures they retain the information they learn.

However, higher education can always improve in terms of better serving students, Mitchell said.

“We can always improve,” she said. “I don’t think any system is perfect.”

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Dicken said under the new law, religious communities that do not wish to perform these unions will not be forced

to. She said some churches in Carbondale already perform unions and marriages for same-sex couples, and those churches will now be able to do so legally.

Maurine Pyle, director of the Gaia House Interfaith Center, said the bill not

only provides equality for homosexual people but also promotes acceptance.

She said young people emerging into adulthood are more open-minded about sexual differences.

“When I was a college student a

number of years ago, homosexuals had to be hidden and couldn’t have relationships out in the open like everyone else,” she said. “It is going to be a hard change for many churches and people, and they are going to have to adapt to this

emerging group of young people who have different ideas.”

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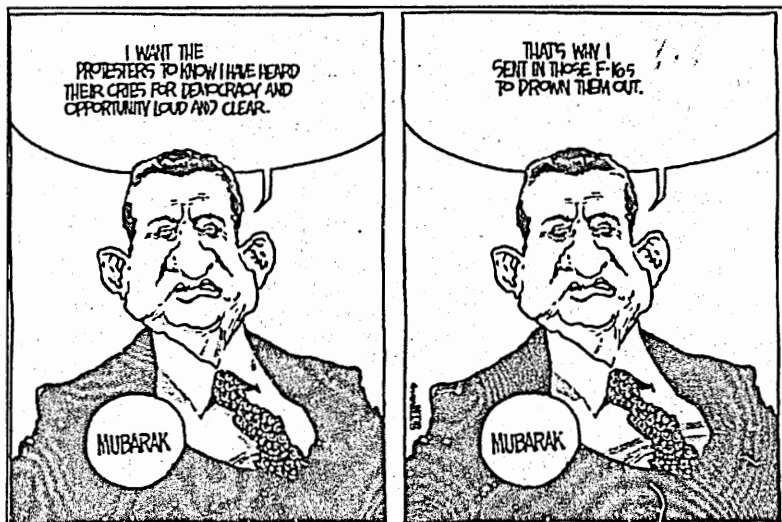
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GUEST COLUMN

Egyptians need more patience for revolution

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I was initially proud of Egypt's citizens for peacefully protesting their leader Hosni Mubarak. After 30 years of ruling the country, Mubarak failed to meet the needs of young Egyptians, who make up the majority. Unemployment rates are high and cost of living has gone up. Many of the young citizens have lived their whole lives under the rule of Mubarak, and with the rising awareness of democracy in other countries, they're ready for a change.

After protesting for more than a week, progress was made. Mubarak announced he would not be running for re-election in

September and his son would not become his successor. I thought this was something to celebrate, but protesters felt otherwise. They want Mubarak out of his position now, but I don't think they're seeing the big picture.

Successfully persuading the president to step down within a year is already a huge step for the country. While it may not happen overnight, citizens can be content with knowing that change is on the way. If Mubarak stepped down now, there would be a fight for power over the country, and Egypt would end up like Iraq — in a civil war. The religious and political group Muslim Brotherhood is already trying to re-enter the nation's political scene. While the

Egyptian branch of the group is usually considered peaceful, there is a possibility it could attempt to gain control of the nation amidst the chaos. If Egyptians truly want a democracy, they need to give it time. The transition of power and government will have to take several months if it's going to run smoothly. If Mubarak resigned now, someone would have to be elected in 60 days, and that's too soon for an adequate nominee to be properly chosen.

In reaction to the president's announcement, the protesters' behavior went primal. Riots broke out in Cairo between anti-Mubarak and pro-Mubarak supporters. There are thousands of anti-Mubarak protestors but only hundreds of

pro-Mubarak. People are throwing rocks at each other's heads, injuring more than 400 people by now with one person dead (1:27 p.m. central time, Feb. 2), and more to come. The military has not stepped in, and police will probably make an entrance soon, which will only make conditions worse since Egyptians have a general distaste for police enforcement. I don't understand why anti-Mubarak protesters are even responding to the pro-Mubarak group, considering their numbers are so small they won't make a difference. The anti-government group has, to an extent, already gotten what it wanted. The rest could be gained through negotiations. Violence is never necessary. In fact, where

I originally felt pride for the movement, disappointment has taken its place. They've come so far, why regress now? Instead of being respected for their successful movement, they'll now be treated with little freedom because they've chosen to act like animals.

This movement could be a revolutionary one. Other Arab nations could follow the lead of Egypt and take a stand once and for all for their people's rights. I just hope they don't follow Egypt's most recent example. If citizens insist on Mubarak resigning before September, they could make it happen. But first they need to calm down, unite and approach the situation like leaders rather than idiots in a crowd.

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Monthly southern Ill. K-9 training sharpens sniffers

“We have found a substantial amount of dope than we would have without the dog. And we’ve found a few bad guys on tracks.”
 — Nathan Moore
 Harrisburg Police Officer

BRIAN DENEAL
 Harrisburg Daily Register



Harrisburg Police Officer Nathan Moore leads his dog — a Dutch shepherd — on a tracking exercise.

BRIAN DENEAL | DAILY REGISTER

The dogs were barking in Harrisburg Wednesday. Some residents were scratching their heads after seeing all the police K-9 vehicles around town, at Whipper Johnson’s gym and at the roundhouse area at the north end of Veterans Drive.

The gathering of K-9 officers was part of the twice-a-month training schedule of southern Illinois police departments.

Sometimes the training involves as many as 10 officers and their dogs. Wednesday’s involved five: Harrisburg Police Department, Illinois State Police District 13, Illinois State Police District 22, two officers from Mt. Vernon Police Department and one Richland County Sheriff’s Deputy.

Harrisburg Officer Nathan Moore had set up three walls with a series of boxes or tubes attached to each. The boxes either contained narcotics or other substances and the dogs were to alert on those containing narcotics.

The dogs — Moore’s Dutch shepherd and other department’s dogs, of the malinois or German shepherd breeds — one at a time went through the drills and were rewarded by play with dog toys.

During the morning the dogs were at the weightlifting gym

of Whipper Johnson — also a Harrisburg Police Officer — where they were training in building searches.

“We did building searches for apprehension training,” Moore said.

A hide-and-go-seek game of sorts, the dogs would poke around through the building until they location the designated “bad guy.”

After the narcotic sniffing exercises the dogs did some tracking by following the scent of one of the

officers who was hiding in a grove of trees.

Then they did area search apprehension training, a specialized type of command that is rarely used, but is required.

In this scenario the officer hid in the tree grove wearing a bite sleeve. The dogs one at a time were ordered to search in the general direction to search for the “bad guy.” The dogs would run, searching, and once they picked up the smell of a human

would home in on him and grab the bite sleeve.

Moore said this technique would only be used in the case of a person fleeing police into a field or other secluded area — never in the city streets because of the possibility the dog could apprehend the wrong suspect.

The officers train twice a month as required by the U.S. Supreme Court. The training sites vary between the participating agencies.

Moore said the training is especially good for reminding dogs of the fundamentals — mainly drug searches.

“We have found a substantial amount of dope than we would have without the dog. And we’ve found a few bad guys on tracks,” Moore said.

Moore has used the dog in school and bus searches and said perhaps because young people now expect school property to be searched the dog rarely finds illegal substances.

Marion resident sentenced after drive-by shooting

BILL SWINFORD
 Daily Republican

“This is a door we don’t want to open. Drive-by shootings are a plague in urban areas and, until now, they haven’t been a problem here.”

— Sean de Mello
 assistant state attorney,
 Williamson County

MARION — A 2009 Marion High School graduate has been sentenced to prison for committing a drive-by shooting, but he has a chance to be paroled in as little as six months.

Christopher Gibbs, 19, pleaded guilty in December to a shooting on Polk Avenue in August. Thursday, he told Judge Phillip Palmer he was throwing himself on the mercy of the court.

“People are put in these facilities to learn a lesson,” said Gibbs, who has been incarcerated in the Williamson County Jail since the incident. “I truly am sorry for what I’ve done to the victim and his family.”

While riding passenger in a vehicle driven by a juvenile female, Gibbs fired multiple shots from a

40-caliber handgun at a parked car containing a driver and two passengers Aug. 22. While no one was struck by the bullets, one entered a nearby residence and was found lodged in a bedroom dresser.

Because of the guilty plea, no motive was ever entered into the court record.

Williamson County Assistant State Attorney Sean de Mello asked for the maximum 15-year sentence.

“This is a door we don’t want to open,” de Mello said. “Drive-by shootings are a plague in urban areas

and, until now, they haven’t been a problem here.”

Public defender Larry Broeking argued that Gibbs committed no prior felonies and qualified for probation. He said Gibbs has Asperger’s Syndrome, a condition that hasn’t been properly treated, and that incarceration would only make Gibbs subject to influences that would hinder rehabilitation.

After considering the arguments for 40 minutes, Palmer told both sides he agreed with them to some degree.

He said he believed Gibbs is truly

remorseful, “but I have to balance what is fair,” he added.

Palmer said he would recommend that Gibbs be admitted to the six-month Impact Incarceration program, commonly known as boot camp. The Illinois Department of Corrections will evaluate Gibbs and, if he is admitted and successfully completes the program, he will be released on a two-year mandatory parole.

If Gibbs is not accepted, or fails to complete the program, he will be admitted to the general prison

population and serve an eight-year sentence with credit for the five months served in the county jail.

No witnesses were called during the sentencing hearing. A written victim impact statement was submitted to Palmer on behalf of Robert Laudando, who attended the hearing and was one of three people in the vehicle Gibbs fired at.

Gibbs was on probation at the time of the offense for misdemeanor battery. His prior offenses include striking a female teacher in the face and urinating in another female’s drink.

“The thing I respect about Judge Palmer is he clearly explains the reasons for his decision,” de Mello said after the sentencing. “But, I will continue to ask for the maximum sentence if someone fires a handgun into a car.”

“Adopting the right attitude can convert a negative stress into a positive one.”

Dr. Hans Selze
Canadian endocrinologist,
regarding his studies on
stress response.

Reverend's Big Damn Band headlines Hangar

BRENDAN SMITH
Daily Egyptian

The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band is a rough and rowdy threesome from Brown County, Ind. The group's eclectic mixture of blues, country and rock 'n' roll puts a modern spin on sounds of the post-Depression era South. The Reverend himself spoke with the Daily Egyptian about inspirations, touring and his band's performance Saturday at Hangar 9.

Daily Egyptian: How long have you been playing?

Reverend Peyton: I am 29, and I have been playing since I was 12. With the Big Damn Band we have played all over the world — all the lower 48 states. I am so lucky. The fans have been so great, and I work every day to bring an even better show every time.

DE: I read that you initially tried a finger-picking approach to playing the guitar that led to a medical problem. Is there any truth to that?

RP: I am a fingerpicker now. It wasn't any style that led to my hand problems. It was just a little bit of (being) unlucky and anatomy. I couldn't play for a year and a half, but it made me a better player in the long run, (and) maybe even a better person.

DE: You performed the entire summer with the Warped Tour. What was that experience like?

RP: It was like being on rock and roll summer camp. It was a great time. All of the people with the Warped Tour are awesome, too. We were treated like family from day one.

“It looks like a party in a barn right? It was a party in a barn! All the people in the video were friends, fans and volunteers. It was a beautiful thing to be a part of — one of the best days of my life.”

— Reverend Peyton
of the Big Damn Band

DE: I read that you're inspired by a lot of classic country and blues musicians, such as B.B. King and Charlie Patton. Are there any modern blues bands that you're listening to?

RP: Country Blues artists like Charley Patton, Furry Lewis and John Hurt are my biggest influences for sure. I love great songwriters like John Prine, John Fogerty and Willie Dixon. I listen to all kinds of things. For contemporary blues, my favorites would probably be Robert Belfour, Jimbo Mathus, Derek Trucks and Mofro. There are many though; I listen to a lot of stuff.

DE: Listening to your music, it's hard to believe there are only three of you. Does the name Big Damn Band reflect the sound and attitude of the music?

RP: Yeah, I guess it does.

DE: Brezey plays the washboard, that's amazing in itself. But how does she play and light the board on fire?

RP: That is a trade secret. You never know what she is going to do.

DE: Speaking of fire, the last time you were in Carbondale you had to postpone the European leg of your tour because of a volcano eruption. How was it when you made it there?

RP: It was great, our best

European tour yet. Luckily, people weren't too sore at us for having to cancel. It was all on the volcano though. We would have made it in the spring if we could have. We had to wait until fall though.

DE: You were awarded the title of Kentucky Colonel. What was that experience like and how does it feel to have that title?

RP: I am very proud. It is the highest award the governor of Kentucky can give to a civilian. It is something I don't take lightly.

DE: In the video for "Clap Your Hands," you guys play in a barn with break dancers, jugglers and belly dancers. How fun was that shoot?


RP: It looks like a party in a barn right? It was a party in a barn! All the people in the video were friends, fans and volunteers. It was a beautiful thing to be a part of — one of the best days of my life.

DE: What can audiences expect from your show Saturday?

RP: This will be one of the first shows of the year, for us, so we are going to be so excited to get back to it. We are going to let it all out. It will be a party.

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Go! Team 'Rolling' on new album

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian



The Go! Team's newest release, "Rolling Blackouts," answers the question of what one would get if they were to combine cheerleader chants, inane rapping, Japanese pop and larger-than-life hooks that are catchier than they have any right to be.

Fans of the maitu-cultural pop group from Brighton, England, should not be shocked by this combination, but they should be relieved the band brings back the excessive use of samples and frantic nature that was missing from 2007's "Proof of Youth."

From the opening track "T.O.R.N.A.D.O.," The Go! Team blasts listeners with horns, drums

and crunchy guitar riffs while frontwoman MC Ninja spits lines faster than the human brain can likely comprehend. It's chaotic, but the euphoric pop is captivating in its overindulgence of pairing any and all sounds.

But it would grow tiring if all the songs on the 13-track album were over-the-top bombastic, so The Go! Team includes several slower tracks — and even instrumentals — in the mix. "Secretary Song" follows the opening track and is more of a melodic, girl-harmony breakup track. It's a clever balance between the two types of tracks that keeps the album fresh throughout. The bombastic tracks feel heavy and chaotic, and the slower tracks seem more tender and beautiful.

Although the album peaks after the first eight phenomenal tracks, The Go! Team has found

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a nice balance between sampling and writing original pieces. It doesn't match the pure energy and innovation presented on the band's 2005 debut "Thunder, Lightning, Strike," but "Rolling Blackouts" is a return to creative genius by one of the most eccentric pop groups performing today.

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Iron & Wine a near-perfect 'Kiss' of '70s folk

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Sam Beam has come a long way from the first Iron & Wine tracks, which were just his voice and a couple of string instruments on a 4-track.

With the release of his third album, "Kiss Each Other Clean," Beam has continued to develop the mid-'70s folk he perfected early in his career by incorporating

percussion, stand-out guitar solos, jazzy saxophones and piano. Some listeners who have been following Beam through his career may think the extra instruments and production would overpower the slow melodies and strength of Beam's voice that have made him an indie darling, but listening to this album will squash any of those concerns.

From the slow and tender opener, "Walking Far From Home," listeners are drawn into the emotional power Beam creates as

The album no longer has the stripped-down sound of Beam's old work, but it's thrilling to hear an artist evolve before the listener's ear. It is even better when that artist, through that change, creates music that transcends any genre.

he barely contains his excitement about the beauty he sees in the world around him. But now there is more layering over the tracks as Beam uses percussion and keyboards to accentuate the hooks and choruses alongside his voice.

Beam even goes so far as to include breakdowns within his songs for the first time. "Me and

Lazarus," one of the strongest songs he has ever recorded, contains a soaring saxophone solo that starts halfway through and continues throughout the rest of the track.

Though the sound has changed somewhat, "Kiss Each Other Clean" easily slides into Beam's catalog. The album doesn't have the stripped-down sound of

Beam's old work, but it's thrilling to hear an artist evolve before the listener's ear. It is even better when that artist, through that change, creates music that transcends any genre.

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NASA spots 54 potentially life-friendly planets

SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An orbiting NASA telescope is finding whole new worlds of possibilities in the search for alien life, spotting more than 50 potential planets that appear to be in the habitable zone.

In just a year of peering out at a small slice of the galaxy, the Kepler telescope has discovered 1,235 possible planets outside our solar system. Amazingly, 54 of them are seemingly in the zone that could be hospitable to life — that is, not too hot or too cold, Kepler chief scientist William Borucki said.

Until now, only two planets outside our solar system were even thought to be in the "Goldilocks zone." And both those discoveries are highly disputed.

Fifty-four possibilities is "an enormous amount, an inconceivable amount," Borucki said. "It's amazing to see this huge number because up to now, we've had zero."

The more than 1,200 newfound celestial bodies are not confirmed as planets yet, but Borucki estimates 80 percent of them will eventually be verified. At least one other astronomer believes Kepler could be 90 percent accurate.

After that, it's another big step in proving that a confirmed planet has some of the basic conditions needed to support life, such as the proper size, composition, temperature and distance from its star. More advanced aspects of habitability such as atmospheric conditions and the presence of water and carbon require telescopes that aren't built yet.

Just because a planet is in the habitable zone doesn't mean it has life. Mars is a good example of that. And even if some of these planets are found to contain life, it may not be intelligent life; it could be bacteria or mold or some kind of life form people can't even imagine.

All the celestial bodies Kepler looks at are in our Milky Way galaxy, but they are so far away that traveling there is not a realistic option. In some cases it would take many millions of years with current technology.

But what Kepler is finding in distant parts of the galaxy could be applied to exploring closer stars, astronomers say.

"Our grandchildren will have to decide what's the next step," Borucki said at a NASA news conference. "Do they want to go there? Do they want to send a robot?"

Before Wednesday, the count of

confirmed planets outside the solar system stood at 519. That means Kepler could triple the number. And those findings are from Kepler's scanning of just one four-hundredth of the night sky, so the actual number of planets out there is presumably hundreds of times greater, Borucki said.

That is exciting to astronomers, since the more planets there are, the greater the odds that life exists elsewhere in the universe.

Yale University astronomer Debra Fischer, who wasn't part of the Kepler team but serves as an outside expert for NASA, said the new information "gives us a much firmer footing" to hope for worlds that could harbor life.

"I feel different today, knowing these new Kepler results, than I did a week ago," Fischer said. She said Kepler "has blown the lid off of everything we know about extrasolar planets."

Another outside astronomer, Lisa Kaltenegger of Harvard University, called the findings "exciting good news."

Kepler also found that there are many more relatively small planets than there are giant planets. That is encouraging, too: Astronomers think a planet needs to be solid — rocky like

Earth or Mars — for life to develop. And very large planets are unlikely to be solid; they are more prone to be gas behemoths like Jupiter.

Sixty-eight of the planet candidates Kepler found are considered Earth-sized, including the first ones ever discovered to be smaller than Earth. An additional 288 planets were less than twice the size of Earth, which is still in that optimum zone for life.

Only five of the 54 potentially habitable celestial bodies are close to the size of Earth, while the rest approach the gassy giants of Neptune or Jupiter, Borucki said.

To be in the habitable zone, a planet has to be the proper distance from its star so that it could have liquid water on its surface, at least sometimes. NASA considers habitable-zone temperatures to be roughly between 0 degrees and 200 degrees Fahrenheit. The proper distance varies by star; smaller, weaker stars, for example, would require planets to be closer to be habitable.

Because of the various factors that could make planets more prone to life, University of California Santa Cruz astronomer Greg Laughlin created a formula that puts a dollar value on these far-off planets with the idea that the first planet that is incredibly simi-

lar to Earth would have a value of \$1 million.

Until Wednesday, the highest value Laughlin assigned to an exoplanet, which is what astronomers call a planet outside our solar system, was a measly \$158. One of Kepler's new discoveries is worth nearly a quarter-million dollars, Laughlin figures.

Kepler was launched in 2009 and orbits the sun between Earth and Mars. It needs time to find planets, identifying them by watching them repeatedly move past the star they orbit.

Kepler scientists are strict about calling candidate planets confirmed. Of 400 candidate planets announced last year, only nine of Kepler's discoveries had been confirmed before Wednesday.

Of the more than 800 new candidates, both in and out of the habitable zone, only six are confirmed, all way too hot for life. And they are strange — all densely packed and circling a single star. Five of them are closer to their star than Mercury is to our sun, and they move in precise circular and stable orbits.

That strange star system is 2,000 light years from Earth, according to a separate study published Wednesday in the journal Nature. A light year is nearly 6 trillion miles.

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EGYPT

US begins evacuation of nonessential staff in Egypt as foreigners scramble to leave

CAIRO — The US began evacuating nonessential government personnel and their families Wednesday, while crowds piled up at Cairo's airport as more than 8,000 people played the odds in hopes of securing a seat aboard a commercial airline that would allow them to escape the chaos engulfing Egypt.

Thousands of passengers were packed into the airport early Wednesday, with more expected to arrive in the early afternoon before the start of a curfew that Egyptian state television said had been pushed back to 5 p.m. The influx of passengers came as demonstrators demanding President Hosni Mubarak's ouster clashed with the leader's supporters — some riding horses and camels — in central Cairo in a fresh outbreak of violence in the week-old protests.

BRAZIL

Brazil, home to massive parties but also poverty, considers 'pursuit of happiness' amendment

BRASILIA — In a nation known for its jubilant spirit, massive parties and seemingly intrinsic ability to celebrate anything under the sun, is a constitutional amendment really required to protect the pursuit of happiness?

Several lawmakers think so, and a bill to amend Brazil's Constitution to make the search for happiness an inalienable right is widely expected to be approved soon by the Senate, which reconvened Tuesday. The bill would then go to the lower house.

WASHINGTON D.C.

Obama pushes Mubarak for faster change than Egyptian president offers, and praises protesters

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is prodigally Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to quickly loosen his grip on power, sternly telling the world that the longtime leader's transition from the presidency "must begin now."

Obama spoke at the White House not long after Mubarak, a key U.S. ally in the volatile Middle East, announced Tuesday evening that he would not seek re-election in balloting now set for September. But Mubarak said he would stay in office until then to oversee a political changeover from his authoritarian 30-year reign to an uncertain future.

Blood in Cairo square: Mubarak backers, foes clash

HADEEL AL-SHALCHI
Associated Press

CAIRO — Supporters of President Hosni Mubarak charged into Cairo's central square on horses and camels brandishing whips while others rained firebombs from rooftops in what appeared to be an orchestrated assault against protesters trying to topple Egypt's leader of 30 years. Three people died and 600 were injured.

The protesters accused Mubarak's regime of unleashing a force of paid thugs and plainclothes police to crush their unprecedented 9-day-old

movement, a day after the 82-year-old president refused to step down. They showed off police ID badges they said were wrested from their attacker. Some government workers said their employers ordered them into the streets.

Mustafa el-Fiqqi, a top official from the ruling National Democratic Party, told The Associated Press that businessmen connected to the ruling party were responsible for what happened.

The notion that the state may have coordinated violence against protesters, who had kept a peaceful vigil in Tahrir Square for five days,

prompted a sharp rebuke from the Obama administration.

"If any of the violence is instigated by the government, it should stop immediately," said White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs.


The clashes marked a dangerous new phase in Egypt's upheaval: the first significant violence between government supporters and opponents. The crisis took a sharp turn for the worse almost immediately after Mubarak rejected the calls for him to give up power or leave the country, stubbornly proclaiming he would die on Egyptian soil.

His words were a blow to the protesters. They also suggest that authorities want to turn back the clock to the tight state control enforced before the protests began.

Mubarak's supporters turned up on the streets Wednesday in significant numbers for the first time. Some were hostile to journalists and foreigners. Two Associated Press correspondents and several other journalists were roughed up in Cairo. State TV had reported that foreigners were caught distributing anti-Mubarak pamphlets, apparently trying to depict the movement as foreign-funded.

After midnight, 10 hours after the clashes began, the two sides were locked in a standoff at a street corner, with the anti-Mubarak protesters hunkered behind a line of metal sheets hurling firebombs back and forth with government backers on the rooftop above. The rain of bottles of flaming gasoline set nearby cars and wreckage on the sidewalk ablaze.

The scenes of mayhem were certain to add to the fear that is already running high in this capital of 18 million people after a weekend of looting and lawlessness and the escape of thousands of prisoners from jails in the chaos.



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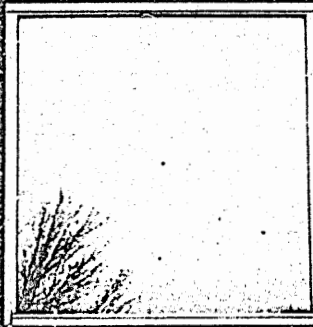
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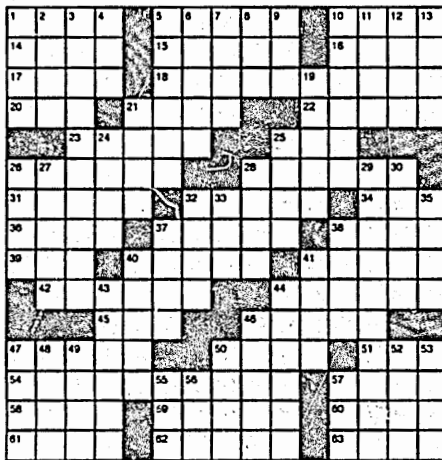


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 - Come up
 - Heartburn cause
 - Doing nothing
 - Recluse
 - Fuss & bother
 - Told a fib
 - Tom and ragged wound
 - And so forth: abbr.
 - Concluding musical section
 - Chops down
 - Defrosts
 - Relatives
 - Bits of parsley
 - Dirty, sloazy
 - Item on a relish tray
 - Narrow boat
 - Gymnast's pad
 - Shoestring
 - Indonesian fabric-printing method



- Nimble
- Greek letter
- Religious doctrine
- Flock members
- Firstborn of two
- Freak
- ___ for; select
- Signifies
- Seaweeds
- Ringlet
- Have debts
- Fixture outside a hair cutter's shop
- Privy to
- Wickedness
- Made of a cereal grain
- Jack or joker
- Not crazy
- ___ from; tear out of the hands of
- Antlered animals

- Blue-pencil
- Like appliances that must be plugged in
- Fury or scarlet
- Permits
- Highways
- Porcupine Indian
- Observe
- Blunder
- Be present at
- Spiral
- False deity
- P.r.t.s on
- Blazing
- Actor Nicolas
- Bee's home
- Nutcase
- Lone
- Partial denture
- In a ___; miffed
- Too businesslike
- Challenged
- Isn't able to
- Gobbled up
- Keyboard error
- Finest
- Part of the leg

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- Cone-shaped home
- Make alright
- Feasible
- "If it ___ for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all!"
- Pack animals
- Fortas & others
- Volcanic output
- Big smile
- Pigeon coop
- Labor
- Calls a halt to
- Argument
- Golf hole average
- ___ cream cone

Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stenhanie Clement

Today's Birthday — You can't handle anything this year. Make sure to keep challenging yourself, creatively and socially. Gather your resources and your expertise, and, with a little help from your friends, go for it. Be an artist, no matter your profession.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Today (and for the next three weeks) communication comes easily. Take advantage of this to bring other people into your projects. Thank them.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — The days ahead look promising. Your ambition and desire for perfection can take you far. Write down career goals and take action to realize them.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 9 — If you dream of moving to another continent, now it's the right time to do it. It will take courage, patience and thoroughness, but you can do it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Change gets showing up today. Although you feel more conservative, you jump into action. Invest in your own ideas, and you'll be pleased.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — It's a perfect day to recreate partnerships. Banish old wounds and invent something new with a business or sentimental partner. Why waste precious time? Play together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Focus your energy on completing projects, especially those that require focused skill. You're on fire and you want to get things done. Take your time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Continue your trip into self-discovery. Don't be afraid to be childlike. Paint with your fingers, maybe. Don't miss a chance to play in the snow.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — Learn from the challenges earlier in the day. Find your way home, eventually, to a comfortable chair for some serious lounging, complete with favorite treats.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Not everybody likes what you say, and that's okay. You can be respectful and still speak out. Don't be afraid to go public for what you care about.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Put your energy to work generating money. Rethink financial options, and be open to new income possibilities. Go for what you want, but don't step on anyone to get it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — You have everything going for you today. Don't fall asleep on your laurels and keep exploring creatively. Reward yourself by watching a good film.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Find a quiet place to sit and write down your thoughts. Concentrate intently. Enjoy the quiet time before the full speed coming ahead.

JUMBLE

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

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BEDRY

TULFAY

EBONGY

Answer:

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWERS: Jumbles: GOOSE OCCUR MARTIN INCOME
Answer: What she used to buy the ripest apple — COMMON "CENTS"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argilion and Jeff Krueck



OCCASIONALLY A FAMILY DOES THIS TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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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

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WEDNESDAY'S ANSWERS

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bulldogs use outside game to stomp Salukis

JUSTIN KABRES
Daily Egyptian

The Salukis slid a spot lower in the Missouri Valley Conference standings after Drake torched the men's basketball team with three in its 44-65 loss Wednesday.

Drake (9-14, 4-8 MVC) drained 16 three-pointers, making two out of every three shots behind the arc. The Bulldogs shot 16.7 percent better from the three-point line than they did from the free-throw line, making only 50 percent of their free-throws. By five minutes left in regulation the silent crowd would cheer when the visiting team missed a 3-pointer. Drake's leading scorer Rice Rayvonte led the way with five 3-pointers and 23 points.

"They just kind of caught on fire," Drake head coach Mark Phelps said.

Phelps said he didn't think his team had an advantage coming into the game, but offensively Drake was able to control the game.

"I didn't think we had a real advantage in screening and cutting in our offense. So we decided to spread it out and use the dribble to get some more space and a bit more rhythm," Phelps said.

The Salukis (10-13, 4-8 MVC) shot under 40 percent from the field and couldn't sink a single 3-pointer all game, going 0-8. Junior forward Mamadou Seck and senior forward Carlton Fay tried keeping the team afloat with 17 and 13 points respectively. The rest of the team only scored 14 points. The two combined to score nearly 70 percent of the Salukis points.

Coach Chris Lowery said the team lacks a sense of urgency, and the coaches need to find a way to get them fired up.

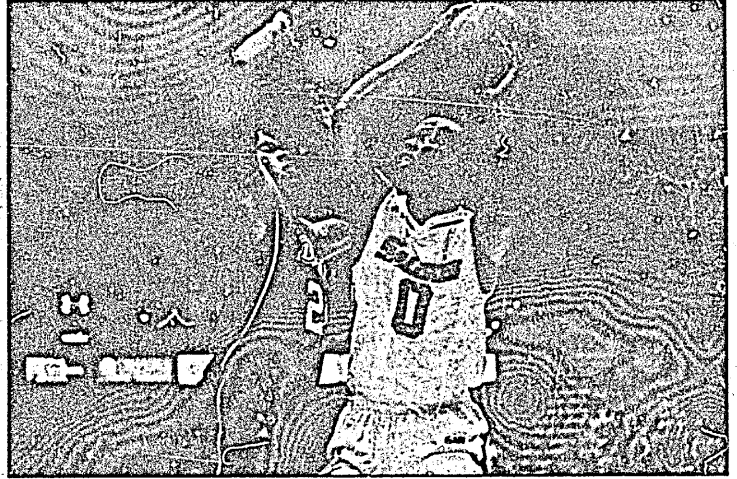
"We've never had an issue with effort like this," Lowery said. "Except for Fay and Seck. They've done everything we've asked of them."

Sophomore guard Kendal Brown-Surles led the team with four turnovers. On a fast break Seck passed the ball past one defender toward Brown-Surles. The ball touched both his hands but still slipped out of bounds. After the play, Seck looked at him and held his palms upwards. Lowery subbed out Brown-Surles about 45 seconds later.

Seck said he doesn't think he is being forced to do too much.

"I'm used to it," Seck said.

Center Gene Teague's stat line



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Junior forward Mamadou Seck attempts a shot during the Salukis' game Wednesday against Drake at the SIU Arena. The Salukis lost 65-44.

was nearly all zeros. The sophomore went 0-1 from the field, had no free throws and no points but did manage to produce one assist. Other than the latter, the only stats he did produce were two fouls, two turnovers and 13

minutes of playing time. Drake outrebounded the Salukis by six. "This is the worst defensive effort I've ever been a part of," Lowery said.

The Salukis will play Bradley Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at the SIU Arena. Justin Kabres can be reached at jkabres@dailyegyptian.com or 536-3311 ext. 266.

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Junior Malaikah Love, a pentathlon athlete who will compete in multiple events this weekend — the 60-meter hurdles, 60-meter dash, long jump and triple jump — said she wants a solid performance in all of the events as they help her prepare for the conference championships.

"They all help to do better in

the events that I will be doing at conference," Love said.

Sophomore distance runner Zach Dahleen took the title in the 800 at the meet last year and looks to compete at the same level to help the team improve.

"Everyone is looking for a good time," he said. "A lot of the time with track, if you focus on what you're doing, it will carry over into the rest of the team's performance."

Hayes said it is important to the

"We expect to get competition in all the different areas from all the schools; each school brings something different."

— Connie Price-Smith
coach

whole team and is hoping everyone, especially newcomers, get more comfortable and prepare for the upcoming meets. Including the Grand Valley State Big Meet Feb. 11-12 in Allendale, Mich.

"Hopefully, we can maintain our performances," she said. "We want to have everyone turn in good marks as we also prepare for the meet at Grand Valley, which should give us the push we need

to win the conference." Jacqueline Muhammad can be reached at jmuhammad@dailyegyptian.com or 536-3311 ext. 269.

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"I'm practicing on keeping my arms up and moving my feet more," Shannon said. "I want to get those blocks early on in the game."

With a game plan that demands hard work and a tough defense,

Tiber said she is concerned with her team's ability to match Creighton's speed and handle pressure the Blue Jays will likely apply.

"Creighton is a mature team," Tiber said. "One thing that does worry me is the fact that they press for most of the game."

With 15 turnovers last game,

"Creighton is a mature team. One thing that does worry me is the fact that they press for most of the game."

—Missy Tiber
coach

Tiber said the team will try to keep those numbers similar today.

"We took a couple steps forward against Indiana State; I

hope we just continue to progress in our maturity process," she said. The Salukis will hit the floor at 7:05 p.m. today against the Blue Jays at Creighton University.

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D.E. Daily Bark

Former Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre says he will root for the Packers in Super Bowl XLV. Do you believe him?

All cheese stinks to me, new and old. I guess he's loyal for wanting to see the team he spent most of his career with get to that level.

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After the concussion he suffered in Week 15 against the Chicago Bears, I don't think Favre knows who he is, much less who he wants to win the Super Bowl.

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First a cheese head, now a brown-noser. This guy just wants to be in some kind of positive light after this past year of destruction. I think he just wants people to see him as the good guy who is supporting his old team and not the guy who had one of the worst years in his career, possibly his life.

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FOOTBALL

Lennon unveils new recruits

Five players from Illinois, five from Missouri

JUSTIN KABBEES
Daily Egyptian

Dale Lennon and his fellow coaches secured a solid group of regional high school talent, with nearly half the football team's 2011 recruiting class coming from southern Illinois and the St. Louis area.

Lennon showed off the new class Wednesday in the John Paul Cook Club at the SIU Arena before the men's basketball game against Drake.

The class consists of 11 defenders, seven offensive players, a kicker, and three walk-ons. Six transfers will also join the team next season.

Although Lennon said he would like to red-shirt most of the recruits this coming season, there are a few players he and his fellow coaches think could contribute earlier, such as kicker Chris Adams, of Ballwin, Mo., who had 92 percent of his kicks downed as touchbacks, said Lennon. The rest were either squib or onside kicks, he said.

Lennon also said Tanner Crum, an offensive lineman from Mt. Carmel, has the potential to start. "He's a man playing with boys," Lennon said.

Offensive coordinator Phil Meyer said some of the class' six transfers have the possibility to start. "It's just really hard to tell this early," said secondary coach Travis Stepps.

Four of the transfers come from the Football Bowl Subdivision, and a pair come from Coffeyville Community College.

Three of the four FBS transfers come from BCS conferences, including offensive lineman Tucker Blanton from Florida, tight end De'Ron Flood from Purdue, and wide receiver Kevan Walker from Oregon State.

A.J. Hill, the younger brother of former SIU quarterback Nick Hill, who is the third-leading passer in school history, comes to Carbondale from Northern Illinois. He is a Du Quoin native.

Hill was recognized by The Southern Illinoisian as its Prep Football Player of the Year in 2008 after passing for 2,119 yards and received honorable mention All-State accolades from the Chicago Tribune.

Overall, the 2011 recruiting class comes from nine states.

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TRACK & FIELD



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Sophomore jumper Kasey Oceguera practices Friday and Saturday, the Salukis will host the SIU high jump Jan. 10 at the Recreation Center. On Invitational, which will include seven schools.

SIU looks to build strength at home

JACQUELINE MUHAMMAD
Daily Egyptian

The SIU track and field team will get the chance to compete in front of hometown fans Friday and Saturday at the Recreation Center as it competes in the SIU Invitational.

"We don't have very many home meets and having our family and friends there for the competition," senior sprinter Meredith Hayes said. "We're looking to put up good times, it's important that we perform well given the schools that are coming."

Coach Connie Price-Smith said the Salukis expect to face

strong competition from all sides throughout the weekend.

"We expect to get competition in all the different areas from all the schools. Each school brings something different," she said.

Seven schools will compete in the event, including the University of Memphis, Central Arkansas and SIU-Edwardsville.

The Salukis have maintained a steady pace throughout the season with senior Gwen Berry setting a new personal record for the women's weight throw Jan. 22 at the Gladstein Invitational and junior Jeneva McCall continuously placing in the top five in the same event.

Junior thrower J.C. Lambert is coming off his fourth consecutive weight-throw victory, and freshman jumper Kenya Culmer will compete in her fourth meet as a Saluki in the high jump.

With the Missouri Valley Conference State Farm Indoor Championships Feb. 26-27, the team is using this meet the same way they have used the others to prepare for conference championships.

"The MVC stands alone," Smith said. "It's important to a collegiate coach because it's our conference meet, and that's what we try to get ready for."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis seek to clip Creighton's wings

AUSTIN FLYNN
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's basketball team looks to carry the momentum it gained from their last game against Indiana State as it heads into today's game against the more-experienced Creighton Blue Jays.

Freshman point guard Brooke LeMar said the Salukis will need to play hard to get they can create easy layup opportunities, which might give them an edge against the Blue Jays.

"Just keep running, you know," she said. "The key is to just play hard."

Coach Misy Tibber said the team is still working on breaking opposing teams' press but has

also stressed playing as hard as it did Saturday against Indiana State, allowing more plays for guards freshman Renee Reed and sophomore Teri Oliver.

Oliver and Reed have been the leading scorers in the last two games, with Oliver scoring 27 points and Reed contributing 24.

LeMar said executing the plays the team practiced will lead to the players finding more open shots. Senior forward Katrina Swingler said she agreed with LeMar, and the team will have to focus on moving the ball to create openings in Creighton's defense.

"We're trying to set good screens and make sure the guards get open," Swingler said.

Swingler also said the Salukis have to play similar to their

game against Indiana State and play hard for 40 minutes without losing their heads.

The Salukis (2-18, 0-9 Missouri Valley Conference) will also need to play solid defense to keep the Blue Jays' (13-7, 7-2 MVC) offense in check.

With Swingler and freshman center CiCi Shannon as the two main defensive threats in the starting lineup, both said they will need to stay out of foul trouble early in the game. The two have sat out much of the first half in past games because of fouls, and both said they hope to stay in longer while still maintaining their defensive presence.

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2011 FOOTBALL RECRUITING CLASS		
PLAYER	POSITION	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
Chris Belts	DE	Mackwood, Mo./Mackwood Richmond Heights HS
Adam Brandt	DE	Stevens Point, Wis./Stevens Point HS
Kezmond Nyles	RT	Bessemer, Ala./McAdory HS
Eze Obiora	DE	Mandeville, La./College of DuSage
Kyle Coates	LB	Schubert, Ariz./Chaparral College
Cortland Durlap	TE	Flanagan, Mo./Hazelwood Central HS
Blake Mattson	CB	St. Louis, Mo./Arrowhead HS
Kevin Reed	OLB	Walden, Ga./Laney College
Kash Shadlesand	OLB	Clinton, Mo./Mountain Ridge HS
D.J. Cameron	DB	Florissant, Mo./Hazelwood Central HS
OTisio Thomas	DE	Tulsa, Tenn./Tulsa Trinity HS
Matt Upham	QB	Siddell, La./Salmon HS
Matt Vincent	QB	Hershey, Pa./Perryville HS
Israel Lampertz	WR/RS	Daphne, Ala./Daphne HS
Josh Sullivan	WR	Olatida, Fla./Arlitt Horne HS
Adam Fraebse	TE	Dunwoody, Ga./Mater Del Catholic HS
Tanner Crum	OL	Alt. Carmel, Ind./Carmel HS
Adam Vanderpool	OL	Kansas City, Mo./Park Hill HS
Go'ly Ward	OLB	Herrin/Herrin HS
Tyle Wisk	OL	Carbondale/Merton HS
Chris Adams	K	Ballwin, Mo./De Smet Jesuit HS
Tommy Moore	ATH	Springfield/Lamphear HS

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