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While changes to graduation commencement were made to improve the celebrations, some students said they prefer the events remain the same.

Some major changes to be implemented this spring include the elimination of the August commencement, and ceremonies will no longer be held at individual colleges but rather take place in three different commencements at the SIU Arena. The purpose of the adjustments, which were headed by Chancellor Rita Cheng, is to make the day more special for graduating students, she said.

The alteration of graduation traditions on campus arose out of concerns about the ceremonies structure.

“I don’t think there’s any argument around campus that the graduation shouldn’t have improvements,” Cheng said.

“When we looked across the country, we knew we had some things that needed some attention.”

Cheng said the graduation changes were also a part of her effort to improve the university’s image.

“We want to celebrate our pride with major events,” she said.

Cheng said she started the graduation review process by forming a task force.

Kimberly Leonard, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and co-chair of the committee, said the group met frequently to take an in-depth look at what could improve SIUC’s graduations.

“Our overarching objective was to see how we could make it more fun,” she said. “More pomp and circumstance.”

Another purpose of the review was to attract those who might not consider attending, Leonard said.

“Maybe if there were students on the fence about going to the commencement, they will attend now,” she said.

One example the task force looked into for planning the new event was having the August convocation on campus, which both Cheng and Leonard said was well-received.

“We’re trying to think of the commencement as the other side of the bookend,” Leonard said.

LAUREN DUNCAN
Daily Egyptian

Changes to consolidate ceremonies
Cheng: graduation changes will unify campus, majors

LEARNING TO BE A LEADER | Justin Gregg, a sophomore from Jonesboro studying history of education, learns battle drills Thursday by Keesnar Hall. The Army ROTC Battalion meets every Thursday for labs, where they go over principles such as marching, battle drills and land navigation.

LAUREN GROPP
Daily Egyptian

Express stations: Point system is fair

Students that live on campus with meal plans, often complain the amount of points it takes to buy an item at the express stations on campus doesn’t balance with the 10-point meals in dining halls.

When on-campus students don’t use all their meals at the dining halls by the end of the week, they have the option to spend their leftover points at Eastside Express, in Grinnell Hall or Lakeside Express in Lentz Hall.

More than 1,800 items are offered in the stations, including candy, soft drinks, milk, microwavable food and more.

The stores are popular, but students have a misconception about the way items are priced, said Peggy Connors, associate director of university housing.

“Ten meal points for the express correlates to $1.59. It’s not the same as a guest pass where their (meals) cost $8.50,” she said.

Students’ meal points for the dining hall help pay for (salaries), electrical, wages, housekeeping and more.”

Before, a student would have a weekly meal plan and, if the points weren’t used, the meals would be lost. In 1995, the point system was developed due to lack of meal usage and no rollover points.

Connors said before the points system came into place, only 56 percent of meals were used. Now 98 percent are used.

For a 12-meal plan, each meal is $8.58. For a 15-meal plan, each meal is $7.46; and for a 19-meal plan, each meal is $6.50.

Ed Wegman, a senior from St. Louis studying forestry, said the stations need to make prices more realistic.

“Everyone complains about the points. An entire meal is 10 points and a small snack like a box of 10 Little Debbie’s is also 10. I think that is ridiculous,” he said.

William Connors, known to students as Chef Bill, and food manager of university dining, said the way items are priced in the express stations is based off the items’ suggested retail price given by manufacturers.

SIU orders its items from a variety of manufacturers such as AMCON, U.S. Foods, Prairie Farms. Little Debbie’s and others, he said. Twice a week, SIU gets shipments of items the stations order, as well as an invoice from AMCON that builds its own display of items based on popularity, he said.

“We try to stick with the prices suggested by companies, unless I

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Author tells story of Illinois slave

LAUREN DUNCAN
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Even though Illinois was considered a slave-free state, Lydia Titus had to win her freedom four times while living within the state’s borders.

Even though the Mason Dixon Line placed Illinois into the free states, Lydia Titus and her family couldn’t be brought into Illinois during the early 1800s. Darrel Dexter, an Illinois state historian and school teacher from Cairo, shared stories gleaned from his research of slavery in Illinois on Tuesday at John C. Gryan Auditorium in Morris Library.

Dexter said he spent years working on research for his book, “Bondage in Egypt: Slavery In Southern Illinois.” Within his research, he said, he found there were a lot of stories of people like Titus who had to fight to be free of slavery.

In 1818, he said, there may have been close to 1,200 slaves in Illinois.

While the 24-year-old Titus was originally a slave, in 1807, she was stopped in Illinois while traveling between Missouri and Kentucky, where she was enslaved.

Dexter said Illinois slave owners had 30 days to bring blacks to the courthouse and make an agreement to servitude.

“If you lose that document, the slavery really wasn’t any different,” Dexter said. “You just weren’t technically labeled or called a slave.”

In his research, Dexter said he discovered Titus was rented out for slave work in Illinois while her owner was in Missouri, and after one year, she and her family ventured to Missouri. Soon after, her owner died and Titus moved with her owner’s widow to Ramey, Ohio.

Back in Illinois, Titus filed Illinois’ first-ever freedom suit, a legal petition filed in court by slaves seeking freedom, Dexter said. She charged her owner with assault and battery and false imprisonment, and argued for her freedom. After hiring attorney Edward Hempstead, Titus won the case and her first time at freedom.

In 1819, against Titus’ will, Titus was sold to a slave owner in Missouri via an illegal trade. The slave-owner amounted to 25 cents.

“Being a slave for 27 years, she received 25 cents,” he said. “But she and her husband didn’t care, because that’s of course more important.”

Titus went on to acquire a job, marry and have children. She and her husband purchased a farm in Caseyville, near abolitionist-populated St. Clair County.

But one neighbor of Titus was a slave owner and notorious kidnapper, Dexter said. Records show the neighbor took Titus to court, charging he sold a horse to Titus and she did not pay. Titus won the case. Soon after, she was kidnapped by her former master’s son, Elijah Mitchell.

Again, Titus filed a freedom suit. The defense attorney for the case was John Reynolds, who would later become governor of Illinois. Yet Titus still won the case.

Mitchell kidnapped Titus and her children and took them to Missouri, where he was told he could win in a case of keeping the family as slaves. Again, Titus won and she was awarded $250.

But Titus was sued for the fine of a lawyer’s fee after the case, and she had to auction a piece of her farm to pay the bill. After that, Dexter said, he hasn’t been able to find what happened to Titus.

Although Dexter said his students have expressed disappointment in not being able to know the end to Titus’ story, he said that her life can be looked at for greater meaning, even if the story doesn’t have an ending.

“One thing that personally I learned from Lydia Titus is that you can have your freedom, but somebody can take it away from you, too,” he said. “You have to be willing to stand up and fight when somebody tries to take your freedom.”

Dexter, who said he did much of his research at Morris Library, said his interest in Illinois slavery was prompted during his college years at SIU, when he did a lot of genealogical records and noticed the census records in southern Illinois counties showed slaves.

This sparked an interest in the Black History Month Committee and the African Studies department, said the professor. That’s how he found out about Titus and decided to research for Dexter to speak after meeting him through the Illinois Historical Society.

Dexter said people might be able to learn more from the fact that Titus’ story does not have an end.

“Then there are so many pieces of this story we will never know,” Dexter said. “I think we all need to understand that, because the ache of not knowing is supposed to drive us to learn more and more.”

The learning experience is what K’Lathan Jackson, a sophomore from Chicago studying radio-television, said motivated her to attend Dexter’s lecture. Jackson said that by learning about the history of slavery in the state, she found out that “this is something you don’t grow up every day. This happens every year,” she said. “Learning something new is always good for the future. Even though that’s something that you don’t fit in their existing schedule, but once the past makes up your future.”

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fighting to fly a kite

Luca Cruzat, of Carbondale, fights the wind Monday as she tries to photograph her handmade kites in Murphysboro. Cruzat said she was photographing the kites as part of her installation proposal for the Mid America Print Council Conference this November. Cruzat said the idea of flight was part of her inspiration to make the kites. “It’s a combination of things,” she said. “Probably a memory from childhood. As a child, a kite is the closest thing you can get to flying.”

ASHLEY ZBOREK
Daily Egyptian

The number of students enrolled in online classes increased 115 percent from last quarter despite specific feedback from the university’s overall enrollment decline.

While in some of the university community think online courses lack many positive aspects of the classroom experience, the university promotes taking the classes to stay competitive with other universities.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said she considers online courses to be an important component of any higher learning institution.

“Our competitors are embracing technology, enhancing student learning and expanding our reach of the university beyond the classroom,” she said. “It is important for SIU to step up and embrace the Internet.”

Most campus departments are represented by a variety of online classes.

Gayla Stoner, director of the Office of Distance Education, said today’s students are technology users who are learning from a global perspective.

“Online classes provide access to students through the same instruction as on-campus classes,” she said. “Also, if an on-campus student needs a course that doesn’t fit into their existing schedule, he or she may be able to add an online course.”

William Harms, a senior from Springfield studying psychology, said he has never taken an online class and never plans to.

“I like going to class, I like meeting new people and I like interacting with my professor,” he said. “There are so many things that the classroom environment provides that you would never be able to get out of a computer.”

Cheng said this blended learning allows students to incorporate technology and enhance rather than limit their learning experience.

Harms said it is obvious that human interaction will continue to dwindle with the way technology and society is going.

“People already have more friends on Facebook than they do in real life,” he said. “They already choose to text instead of call, and now they are choosing to go to school online.”

Cheng said online classes might be a different experience, but not a worse one.

Stoner promotes online classes because of their technological integrations.

“Technology opens doors to the entire world by providing diversity and access to other societies,” Stoner said. “More resources are available to the place-bound student through technology providing learning experiences not available without technology.”

Anne Townsend, a senior from Pekin studying recreation, said she has taken online courses and thinks they are OK.

“I prefer a real classroom. If I have a question, I can ask it directly and get an answer right away instead of waiting for an online response,” she said. “I understand why there are online classes, but I prefer having social interaction and hearing others’ perspectives.”

Stoner said there is more to the learning experience than curriculum. Online courses offer tools to enhance the learning styles of all students, she said.

“For example, a collaborative project offered online is an ideal way to encourage a peer-to-peer learning experience,” she said.

Cheng said the classes expand programs’ quality and allow for many more people to become students.

Stoner said although all types of students take online courses, online courses offer great opportunities for non-traditional students who require a more flexible schedule.

Josh Grey, a sophomore from Evanston studying radio-television, said he likes the idea of online classes.

“While I have not been able to take one yet, I really like the idea of convenience. Who wouldn’t want to take their class in their pajamas?” he said.

Grey said as far as the future of education goes, it will probably move along with technology and society.

“People are already replacing notebooks with iPads,” Grey said. “We’re moving toward the future, and part of learning is adapting to technology.”

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Online classes begin to show prominence

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Walmart may be a little cheaper than what’s in the express, but that’s because it purchases items in large quantities, he said.

He said university dining can’t buy retail items in large quantities such as Walmart, making AMCON more of a middle man. They supply for smaller quantities but charge a little more, making their suggested retail price more suitable for convenient stores.

He said if something doesn’t sell, the station will lower the price. However, they don’t have a full-time person dedicated to the system, so weekly sales would be really difficult, he said.

Peggy Connors said roller point problems were discussed about 10 years ago, but the university had concerns. Some students may use their meals quicker before the end of the semester and would have to pay for more food to last them the rest of their stay.

Bill Connors said he agreed.

“If many students had a lot of points leftover, there wouldn’t be enough products for everyone to use at all in time. The express can get cleaned out and can’t supply all students,” he said.

With 98-percent meal usage, Connors said roller point problems aren’t necessary because most students are using their meals.

Anna Greer, a senior from Washington studying zoology, said she wouldn’t want roller points. “I would just waste more points because I wouldn’t cash out at the end of the fall semester with 20 points at the end of the year and not be able to spend it all,” she said.

Bill Connors said the express offered selling sales such as items for one point to help students get more for their available points.

“He reassured me that I could get a roller item for one point a week with 200 in a case,” she said.

Connors said the express is a valuable tool offered for students.

“I think it’s a very flexible program, but the dining halls are better,” she said. “This is mainly for students who have a class conflict and the dining halls are closed. With the express being open till midnight, it’s really convenient for students who need last-minute items.”

Tricia Thompson, a sophomore from Chicago studying psychology, said the option is valuable.

“They have a lot of items and sometimes I don’t want to eat in the dining halls, I can just get a snack while going to class or a job search,” she said.

Peggy Connors said a lot of items in the station are by student request.

“That actually how this program grew from the very beginning,” she said. “It used to be in a small room with a small selection. Then it got popular and now we’ve expanded it to an actual store.”

She said the express stations have many benefits.

“We have items you can throw in your backpack if you’re on the go, as well as healthier food, for your dollar spent,” Chef Bill said.

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For us, it’s a big deal because we’re seniors this year. When something is new, it always affects the first ones.

—Timothy Brinson
senior from Michigan studying advertising
Regionalism: United we stand?

COLIN WOODARD  
Free Lance-Star

PORTLAND, Maine — In U.S. presidential campaigns, you can expect to hear a lot about the Founding Fathers, and how their ideals, intents and spiritual beliefs are allegedly in sync with those of whichever candidate is speaking of them at the time. In contentious times like ours, the Founders are regularly summoned from their graves to provide direction. If we could only recognize and embrace their instructions, the candidates argue, then we could find our lost sense of common purpose, revive our civic virtue, and finally return the Union to unity.

But these arguments are frustrated by the simple fact that the men who came together to confront a common enemy in 1775 and to craft an enduring alliance in 1789 were not our country’s founders, but rather the founders’ great-great-great, or great-great-great-great grandchildren.

The real founders — early-17th-century Puritans and Dutch West India Company officials, mid-17th-century English aristocrats, late-17th-century West Indian slave lords and English Quakers, early-18th-century frontiersmen from Ulster and the lowlands of Scotland, and so on — didn’t create an America; they created several Americas.

Some of these American societies championed individualism, others utopian social reform. Some believed themselves guided by divine purpose, others by freedom of conscience and inquiry. Some embraced an Anglo-Protestant identity, others ethnic and religious pluralism. Some valued equality and democratic participation, others deference to a traditional aristocratic order modeled on the slave states of classical antiquity.

As I show in my new book, “American Nations,” throughout the Colonial period these separate regional cultures regarded one another as competitors, and occasionally as enemies, as was the case during the English Civil War, when Royalist Virginia stood against Puritan Massachusetts, or when New Netherland and New France were invaded and occupied by English-speaking soldiers, sailors, and merchants.

Only when London began treating its colonies as a single unit — and enacted policies threatening to nearly all — did some of these distinct societies briefly come together to win a war of liberation and create a joint government. Nearly all of them would seriously consider leaving this new union in the 80-year period after the Battle of Yorktown; two went to war to do so in the 1860s; the Deep South and Tidewater.

All of these centuries-old cultures are still with us today and have spread their people, ideas, and influence across mutually exclusive bands of the continent.

America’s most essential and abiding divisions are not between red states and blue states, conservatives and liberals, capital and labor, blacks and whites, the faithful and the secular. Rather, our divisions stem from this fact: The Unit-of-Nations is a federation composed of the whole or part of 11 regional nations, some of which truly do not see eye to eye with one another. These nations respect neither state nor international boundaries, bleeding over the U.S. frontiers with Canada and Mexico as readily as they divide California, Texas, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia.

Despite the rise of Walmart, Starbucks, and the Internet, there is little indication that they are melting into some sort of unified American culture. On the contrary, since 1960 the fault lines between these nations have been growing wider, fueling culture wars, constitutional struggles, and ever more frequent pleas for unity.

Recognizing the presence and fundamental characteristics of these rival regional cultures makes our history a lot easier to understand. It illustrates why certain parts of British North America remained Loyalist in the Revolution — or tried to remain neutral — and often had different interpretations of what the struggle was actually about. It offers a much clearer explanation for the geographical alignments on the eve of the attack on Fort Sumter, when only one part of the future Confederacy had seceded and only one slice of the Union was willing to take up arms to stop them, and almost everyone expected the U.S. to break into three or four parts.

The same fault lines appear on county-level maps of most closely contested presidential elections in our history, and in recent congressional debates over health care reform, financial industry regulation, and the debt ceiling. You can see it in the contrasting policy records of (Yankeedom native) Mitt Romney and (Deep South-raised) Newt Gingrich and, indeed, the geography of their support in the early primary contests.

It clarifies our debates over immigration and the American identity, in which proponents of contradictory arguments each believe they are articulating longstanding American ideals. But what’s rarely understood is that each of these is rooted in a different regional cultural tradition. The Quaker-founded Midlands — a narrow slice of our heartland stretching from Philadelphia to Iowa — always saw itself as an ethnic mosaic, with peoples of many cultures and languages living side by side.

Puritan-founded Yankeedom — stretching from New England to the Upper Great Lakes states — argued instead that we were a melting pot into which immigrants were to be assimilated into Anglo-Protestant cultural norms. Calvinist work ethic and all. The Yankee idea looked perfectly insane from the vantage of El Norte, the Spanish borderlands in northern Mexico and parts of what is now the southwestern U.S., where the “Anglos” were the 19th-century immigrants.

For the past two centuries, federal politics has largely been a struggle between two shifting coalitions, one led by Yankeedom, the other by the Deep South. In recent decades, neither has been able to build a bloc large enough to control the levers of federal power on its own, which has made the great “swing nation” of the Midlands the kingmaker in our presidential contests. Midlander culture shares the Yankee emphasis on the common good, but is also deeply skeptical of government, wishing to let their communities in peace.

This has made its people ambivalent — and, thus, up for grabs — in the epic battles between the superpowers to their north and south. It’s no accident that most of the great battleground states have a great swath of Midland territory, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Missouri. Win over Midlanders and you’re likely to win a presidential contest; scare them with extreme positions to the left or right, and you most certainly will not.

Despite all this, our Balkanized federation has survived and, yes, thrived. But it has not done so because of shared fealty to a single American creed or a set of common principles held by our Founders, be they the 17th-century or 18th-century variety. Rather, it is because our leaders have brokered — and sometimes enforced — compromises between our disparate founding cultures. If we’re to succeed going forward, our representatives in the federal capital — from the president on down — will need to re-learn this dying art.
It takes two men to replace The Big Man

KILEY ARMSTRONG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It takes two men to replace The Big Man.
Bruce Springsteen announced Thursday that two musicians — Jersey Shore sidekick Eddie Manion and Clarence Clemons’ nephew Jake — will “share the saxophone mle” during the E Street Band’s “Wrecking Ball” world tour, which begins March 18 in Atlanta. 
The new “Wrecking Ball” album, which will be released March 6, is Springsteen’s 17th, and the first since the sudden death of the E Street Band’s saxophonist last summer.
The long-awaited, and much-speculated-upon, sax decision also included news that singers Cindy Mizelle and Curtis King, trombonist Clark Gayton and trumpeter Curt Ramn will tour with E Street, along with newcomer Barry Danielian on trumpet.
Jake Clemons, son of a former Marine Corps band director, began performing with his family as a child, and his career was championed by his famous uncle. Eddie “Kingfish” Manion is a longtime saxophonist with Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, a group that has cross-pollinated for decades with Springsteen and E Street. He was with the horn section during Springsteen’s Tunnel of Love tour in 1988 and also played with the Seeger Sessions Band, along with Ramn and Gayton.
Manion recently told New Jersey’s Star-Ledger that he had sometimes been urged to “just sound like Clarence Clemons, … But you couldn’t. Nobody could sound like that. He had a sound of his own, and that’s what made him great.”
The decision on how to fill the Big Man’s larger-than-life role in the E Street Band was not an easy one. The personal and professional aftershocks from the devastating June 18 loss have not subsided. His sax was a pillar of the E Street sound; Clemons also was the band’s spiritual center.
His comrades have struggled through the healing process, offstage and on.
Last July, E Street’s Steven Van Zandt joined Southside Johnny Lyon and his Jukes for an outdoor musical tribute to Clemons in Asbury Park, N.J. Instead of a moment of silence, the mayor led the crowd in a moment of noise in the Big Man’s memory. Manion poured his heart into Clemons’ most famous solo, “Jungleland.”
E Street’s equally broken-hearted Nils Lofgren dedicated his album “Old School” to Clemons, and has included references to him in live performances of “Miss You Ray,” a song originally written about Ray Charles.
The selection of a Southside stalwart for the tour doesn’t come as a total surprise. Lo you recently let it slip to an interviewer that Springsteen was “stealing” some of his famously big brass section. But in interviews that followed, Van Zandt sidestepped the subject, suggesting there was no done deal yet.
Humanitarian crisis deepens in Syrian city of Homs

ELIZABETH KENNEDY
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Between blasts of rockets and mortars, fire, Syrians used loudspeakers to call for blood donations and medical supplies Thursday in the stricken city of Homs, where a weeklong government offensive has created a deepening humanitarian crisis.

Government forces are trying to crush pockets of violent resistance in Homs, the epicenter of an 11-month-old uprising that has brought the country ever closer to civil war. The intense shelling in restive neighborhoods such as Baba Amr has made it difficult to get medicine and care to the wounded, and some areas have been without electricity for days, activists say.

"Snipers are on all the roofs in Baba Amr, shooting at people," Abu Muhammad Ibrahim, an activist in Homs, told The Associated Press by phone.

"Anything that moves, even a bird, is targeted. Life is completely cut off. It's a city of ghosts," he added.

As he spoke, explosions could be heard in the background.

"The bombardment has not eased, day or night," he said, asking to be identified by his nickname for fear of reprisals. "Do you hear the sound of the rockets? Children have been wounded, elderly with extreme injuries."

Hundreds of people are believed to have been killed since early Saturday in the heaviest attack the city has endured since the uprising began in March, activists said.

"This brutal assault on residential neighborhoods shows the Syrian authorities' contempt for the lives of their citizens in Homs," said Anna Neistat, associate emergencies director at Human Rights Watch. "Those responsible for such horrific attacks will have to answer for them."

Human Rights Watch also said eyewitness accounts, as well as video reviewed by the group's arms experts, suggest Syrian government forces are using long-range, indirect fire weapons such as mortars.

Such weapons "are inherently indiscriminate when fired into densely populated areas," the New York-based group said.

The wounded have overwhelmed makeshift hospitals and clinics, and there were growing concerns that the locked-down city could soon run out of supplies.

"There is medicine in the pharmacies, but getting it to the field clinics is very difficult. They can't get the medicine to the wounded," Mohammed Saleh, a Syrian-based activist, told the AP by telephone.

Baba Amr, he said, has been without electricity since Saturday.

The assault on Homs began after reports that army defectors and other armed opponents of President Bashar Assad were setting up their own checkpoints and taking control of some areas. The reports could not be confirmed.

But the city is the capital of Syria's largest province, stretching from the Lebanese border to the Iraqi frontier. If rebel forces keep gaining ground there, some believe they could ultimately carve out a zone akin to Benghazi in eastern Libya, where rebels launched their successful uprising against Moammar Gadhafi last year.

Saleh said most of the government attacks have been "bombardment from a distance," with regime forces keeping armored vehicles out of the neighborhoods.

Fighters from the rebel Free Syrian Army have been firing back with rocket-propelled grenades and rockets, according to activists' accounts.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Local Coordinating Committees were trying to compile numbers and names of those killed Thursday. The LCC, an activist group, said up to 100 people were killed in Homs, but the toll was impossible to independently verify. The Observatory reported 46 deaths in Homs.

Activists also reported violence in the towns of Zabadani and Darayya.

As the bloodshed persists, the international community is searching for new diplomatic approaches to stop the protracted conflict.

The Syrian government blames the unrest on a foreign conspiracy by Israel and the West. It says armed gangs and terrorists are behind the uprising, not protesters seeking democratic change.

The uprising began with mostly peaceful protests but has transformed into an armed insurgency against Assad in many areas, raising fears the country is spiraling toward civil war. In January, the U.N. estimated an overall death toll of more than 4,500 since March. The number of children killed has climbed into the hundreds, said Radhika Coomaraswamy, the U.N. representative for children in armed conflict, adding that the situation was particularly harrowing in Homs.

Men charged after 43 puppies found in Chicago van

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Two Iowa men were facing charges after 43 puppies were rescued from cramped carriers without enough food or water from a parked van in southwest Chicago, authorities said.

The puppies came from a large-scale breeding operation in Iowa and were bound for pet stores in Chicago and New York, said Cherie Travis, director of Chicago's Commission on Animal Care and Control.

The Chicago Tribune reports that some puppies were only 6 weeks or 8 weeks old, and the breeds included boxers, huskies, Chihuahuas and Pekingeses.

Police spotted the van Tuesday and took a closer look after hearing barking. The animals were in about 10 cages, all of them dirty and filled with urine and feces, Cook County prosecutors said.

Two men were sleeping in the van.

Travis Wester, 22, and Larry Subject, 49, both of Britt, Iowa, were each charged with misdemeanor failing to meet animal owner duties and cruelty to animals, according to a statement from Chicago police. They were each ordered held on $10,000 bond pending a court hearing.

It was not clear if the men had attorneys. There was no telephone listing in Iowa for Wester, and a phone number for Subject rang unanswered on Thursday.

Animal Care and Control has had no previous contact with the two individuals arrested, Travis said. She credited police with being "alert and astute" to notice the puppies in the vehicle.

Animal Care is taking care of the puppies, and the dogs would not become available for adoption until ownership is given to the city by a court, officials said.

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1. One of many in a mall
2. Traditional rumor’s wear
10. When you... upon a star...
14. Easy slide
15. Remembered Texas mission
16. Flare encountered
17. Final word of a prayer
18. Well-mannered
20. Fellows
21. Crew members
22. Make amends
23. Lift with a crane
25. Lyrical work
26. Noisy lights
29. Commandos
31. Word in the names of most bowling alleys
32. Intensive aerial bombardment
34. Unused
36. Puts in
37. Miami... FL
38. Get away
39. Generous
40. Henry Cabot
41. Self-assurance
42. Disguising
44. Sculptured
45. Forget me... blue
46. Blue flower
47. Additive
48. Suddenly muscle contraction
50. Arrests
51. Capture
54. Like your action for which one incurs a penalty
57. Sinful habit
58. Linkletter and
Carney
59. Die out
60. Hotels
61. Robin’s home
62. Track events
63. Grows old

DOWN
1. Grand... bridge coup
2. 2 Residuce
3. Generous
4. Piggy
5. Keep bugging
6. Watchful
7. Food fish
8. Mischief maker
9. Part of a sack
10. Dim... stupid
11. Dope; lowdown
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13. Opening
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Taurus — Today is a 7 — Consult with partners over the next few days. Brainstorm and gather info. No need to make big decisions yet. Leave your money buried. Stay and finish up.

Gemini — Today is a 7 — Loved ones encourage you to take on a new challenge. Need an unsolicited suggestion. Choose privacy over publicity. There’s a temporary block, so rest.

Cancer — Today is an 8 — Your team is ready. Put their ideas into practice. The next two days are good for making changes at home. Save enough for the highest quality.

Leo — Today is an 8 — The pressure increases, but you have what it takes. Follow a strong leader. Everything starts to make sense. Don’t pour money down a hole. Begin something before ending.

Virgo — Today is a 9 — Get farther than expected, and discover new things about yourself. You’re entering a lucrative phase, but stick to your blueprints. Your actions speak louder than words.

Libra — Today is an 8 — Your confidence gets a boost later today. Getting clear on your purpose or focus inspires you to take action. Direct traffic. Listen to others who want to contribute.

Scorpio — Today is an 8 — Time to get your hands dirty with an art project. Find your creative side. What do you love? What tickles your fancy? If you’re lost, let a partner take the lead.

Sagittarius — Today is an 8 — Romance requires patience and flexibility now, but it’s well worth it. Balance short-term goals with long-term sustainability. There’s a test.

Capricorn — Today is a 7 — New energy propels you to create goals for the future and take action. Find a quiet place where you can concentrate, and think up some revolutionary ideas.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — Get ready for an adventure that could last into the weekend. The up the loose ends from older projects so you can launch a new one without looking back.

Pisces — Today is a 9 — It’s easier to concentrate now, especially in the financial realm. Why not get your taxes done early? Or at least go over the paperwork to see where you can save.

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Salukis to compete against top teams at Iowa Classic

Akeem Glaspie
Daily Egyptian

In a meet that includes several top schools, the SIU track and field team will compete in the Iowa State Cyclone Classic, a competition that began Thursday and continues through Saturday.

The meet features a field of more than 50 teams. The SIU women’s team entered the meet ranked 11th in the nation, up from 16th last week.

The only other ranked school competing on the women’s side is host Iowa State, which is ranked 14th.

For the SIU men’s track and field team, the competition consists of multiple top-25 ranked schools.

The highest-ranked team in the field is the University of Minnesota at 10th. Fellow Big Ten schools University of Nebraska and University of Wisconsin are ranked 16th and 17th respectively. Kansas State University also brought a nationally ranked team into the meet at 16th, and University of Iowa rounds out the nationally ranked field at 20th.

The competition features several stand out performers who have set NCAA records throughout the indoor season. In the men’s 400-meter, Nebraska freshman Rico Hall ranks ninth this season with a time of 46.93. Nebraska freshman Patrick Raedler ranks 20th in the triple jump with a 15.52 jump. In the pole vault division, University of Northern Iowa junior Daniel Gooits ranks 17th with a 17-4 ¾ vault.

Senior thrower J.C. Lambert is nationally ranked in the weight throw for the Salukis. He ranks third with a throw of 74-4.25 from the Jan. 13 Saluki Open. His closest competition could be Iowa senior Matt Barse, who recorded a 66-10.75 throw during the Feb. 3 meet.

The Saluki women are

Freshman thrower Curtis Wideman, middle, and throws coach John Smith, left, watch Saturday as Wideman’s teammates compete in the Saluki Invitational at the Recreation Center. The Salukis will travel today to Ames, Iowa to compete in the Iowa State Classic.

Field is stacked with nationally ranked competition; Nebraska senior Ashley Miller has a time of 4:39.11, which puts her 20th in the NCAA. Iowa senior McKenzie Melander will compete in the field as well after posting a 4:39.78 in March of 2011.

Iowa State brings two nationally ranked runners into the 5,000-meter event. Senior Bety Saina posted the second-best time in the nation last February with a 15:50.74 time. Cyclone junior Dani Stack’s time of 16:12.08 ranks her 21st in the nation.

SIU senior Malakab Love is the highest-ranked competitor in the long jump and the triple jump. She said she looks to continue her dominance after a strong performance in the Saluki Invitational.

Thrower Jeneva McCull is currently the highest-ranked weight thrower with her throw of 77-11.05. She is also the highest-ranked shot putter in the field, with Iowa State freshman Christina Hillman being McCull’s closest competition.

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Pink

Junior guard Teri Oliver said it’s important to help raise breast cancer awareness, especially for those who have loved ones affected by the disease.

“I believe raising awareness is important for females of all ages,” Oliver said. “Both my grandmothers had breast cancer. One lost her fight, and the other survived.”

Oliver said the Pink Zone game is important to her because it reminds her of her grandmothers’ struggles and how valuable it is to raise awareness for women with cancer.

Indigo Donnelly, a sophomore from Chicago studying fashion merchandising, said breast cancer awareness should be emphasized consistently throughout the year.

Donnelly has a pink breast cancer ribbon tattooed on her right shoulder to symbolize the fight for breast cancer. She said she has two family members affected by cancer, one survivor and the other deceased.

“We must raise awareness,” Donnelly said.

Kayak

Promptly after the briefing, we were pushed into the pool for an evening of disorienting rolls and swimmer’s ear.

Whitewater kayaks differ from recreational and sea kayaks by their size and agile handling, which is ideal for navigating rapids. However, the possibility of ending up underwater means learning how to roll upright before attempting to brace whitewater.

The spray skirt, a watertight cloth wrapped around the kayak’s cockpit, helps inside to keep the water out once upside down. To squeeze my 6-foot-3-inch frame into a whitewater kayak is as much of a task as the roll itself, but excuses don’t flip kayaks.

Resilience proves to be the key to a successful roll. As each flip gets harder and some muscles become a testament to a night with the Kayak Club, the ability to build one’s self up through trial and error helps detour future difficulties on the river in a way that only first-hand experience can.
Brandon Willingham
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women’s basketball team will switch its maroon and white jerseys for pink ones Saturday to create awareness for a serious cause.

The team will participate in the Coaches vs. Cancer movement for the second consecutive year, wearing pink attire to bring attention to breast cancer awareness.

Coaches vs. Cancer — a nationwide collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches that encourages teams to participate in the fight against cancer — will be highlighted by the annual SIU Pink Zone game Saturday at the SIU Arena against the Creighton University Blue Jays.

The Salukis will wear pink shooting shirts, jerseys and accessories to display both their involvement in and contribution to the cause.

According to the American Cancer Society’s website, more than 2,000 Division I, II and III college coaches participate in the program.

Coaches vs. Cancer has raised almost $50 million since 1998 to support the American Cancer Society, the website stated.

Coach Missy Tiber said joining other universities and schools across the country to raise breast cancer awareness is a good way for players to support all patients affected by the disease.

“It’s an initiative for all coaches, the players and the administration to embrace,” Tiber said. “What better cause to support and have the opportunity to help fight breast cancer? That’s just something we want to be a part of.”

Tiber said her aunt is a breast cancer survivor and, whether people are immediately affected by the disease or not, supporting the cause would help others.

According to the American Cancer Society’s website, an estimated 230,480 new cases of invasive breast cancer are diagnosed among women, as well as an estimated 57,650 additional cases of in situ breast cancer — early cancer that has not spread to nearby tissue — per year. Roughly 39,520 women are expected to die each year from breast cancer, the website stated.

Jessica Tezak | Daily Egyptian

The SIU women’s basketball team will support the fight against breast cancer during its 2:05 p.m. game Saturday in the SIU Arena. The players will wear pink jerseys and shoes while fans are encouraged to wear pink in order to create a “pink out” theme, according to the SIUC athletics website.

“Guys always want to use too much upper body. You snap your hips first, and then pull the rest of your body out of the water.”

— Alexis Irland club president

Zach Thomas, a junior from Algonquin studying criminology, practices whitewater kayak techniques Friday at Pulliam Pool. The Kayak Club meets to practice techniques and to teach beginners and people who are interested in the sport. Alexis Irland, the club’s president, said club involvement has given her an opportunity to teach the sport to other people and learn along the way.

Before tackling whitewater rafting, first-timers should get some instruction.

Both Irland and vice president Zach Thomas, a junior from Algonquin studying criminology, gave a brief tutorial on how to properly hold the paddle and eject yourself from the kayak if unable to roll it over.