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RYAN RENDLEMAN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

David Dardis is owner of the Rainmaker shop, which is located on the Makanda Boardwalk. Dardis, who has lived in Makanda for about 30 years, spends most of the day in the store, which is home to his metal sculptures.

A WEATHERED SCULPTOR

A walk into the Rainmaker shop might seem daunting at first. After all, a vulture-like sculpture hangs from one wall, and there are a few pieces of medieval weaponry scattered about other parts of the store, which is located on the Makanda Boardwalk.

But then there is David Dardis, metal sculptor and owner of the store. It does not take long to learn he is a well-known and well-liked figure in the town. His friends flock to the store with their dogs and hang outside of the storefront as he works during the summer.

Dardis, who has lived in Makanda for about 30 years, spends most of the day working in the store, which is home to his metal sculptures, as well as odds and ends including various metals, glass objects and cigarette butts.

Dardis incorporates a host of objects into his art, which can be anything from a fish with a light in its mouth to huge stars. When he tires from using a blowtorch, Dardis said he works on the maze located behind the shop. It has wooden walls, metal sculptures and a creek.

Speaker blocked from Newman Center lecture

Diocese bishop halts theologian's presentation

Madeleine Leroux
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

A lecture scheduled to take place at the Newman Catholic Student Center in April has been canceled after it was deemed inappropriate by the Belleville Diocese bishop.

Luke Timothy Johnson, professor of theology at Emory University in Atlanta, was scheduled to give a lecture at the center on April 20, but Belleville Diocese Bishop Edward K. Braxton blocked the presentation, citing a need to protect the teaching authority of the Catholic Church.

Johnson did not criticize Braxton for his actions, but said he wished there would have been an open exchange because he had not even picked the topic for his lecture yet.

Johnson has spoken and written in the past in support of the ordination of women and homosexual marriage.

Bishop Braxton could not be reached for comment, but the Belleville News Democrat reported Braxton responded to an editorial in *Commonweal*, a national Catholic magazine, which criticized his actions.

"I do not wish Catholic institutions or organizations to invite speakers into the diocese who have written articles or given lectures that oppose, deny, reject, undermine or call into question the authentic teachings of the magisterium of the Catholic Church," Braxton wrote.

Johnson said the issue was probably not personal, and he doesn't hold any ill will toward Braxton. It was simply unfortunate they could not communicate on the issue, he said.

"I suspect (Braxton) has a certain impression of me," Johnson said.

Johnson said a similar situation has happened once before and does not discourage him from speaking. There are other places to talk, Johnson said.

"I see the job of a theologian to teach truth as best he can," Johnson said.

Jeff Jenkins, campus minister of the Newman Center, said Braxton cited problems in Johnson's teaching of theology when blocking the presentation, but would not discuss specifics. The bishop is responsible for all teachings that go on in his diocese, Jenkins said, and therefore can make the decision of what it shared.

Jenkins said if Johnson were to be asked to the campus again, the invitation would not come from the Newman Center.

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— Luke Timothy Johnson, professor of theology, Emory University

University group proposes 'green' fee

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SIUC may soon be doing its part to reduce global warming contributions, but the proposal could increase student fees.

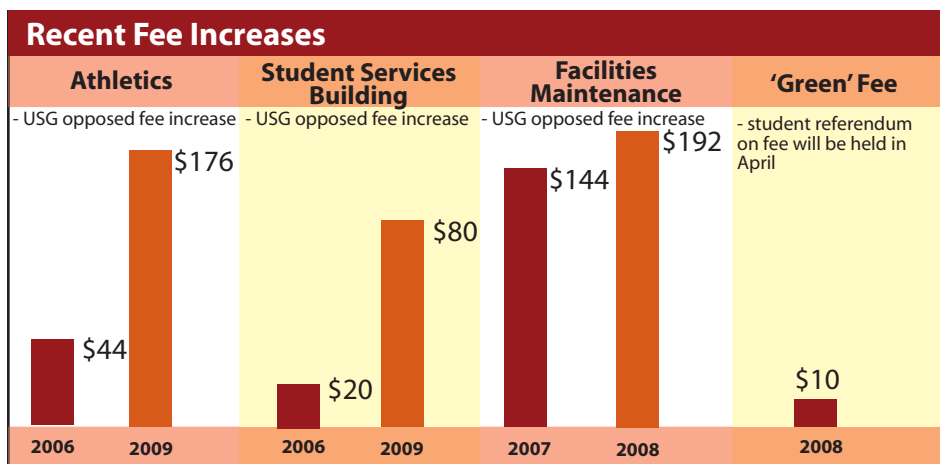
The Student Environmental Center, with members of Plant and Service Operations, has drafted a proposal to address global warming at the university. Project Eco-Dawgs, according to the proposal, aims at forming a "Sustainability Council" and establishing new fees for research and projects in renewable energy.

If the project is implemented, students could face an additional fee of 83 cents per credit hour for up to 12 semester hours. According to the proposal, this averages to \$10 per student per semester and would accumulate more than \$300,000 per year.

Megan Pulliam, a senior from Chatham studying Spanish, said the fee would only be implemented if it has student support. There will be a campus-wide student vote in April on the proposed fee.

"I'm confident that students will show concern for the environment," said Pulliam, who is also the campus's representative on the Board of Trustees.

Pulliam said if the students don't support it, the fee will be taken out of the proposal. Each part of the proposal is independent, Pulliam said, so even without the fees, a



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sustainability council could still be formed. Pulliam said the group is hoping to create the council by July.

But students aren't the only ones asked to contribute. Jon Dyer, a sophomore from Edwardsville studying geography and environmental resources, said if the student fees are supported, the faculty and staff would be asked to support an employee green fee.

"We're at a crossroads," Dyer said. "We're all in this together."

Pulliam said the proposal was reviewed by SIUC President Glenn Poshard Monday. Although Poshard would not be in charge of implementing the proj-

ect, Pulliam said he expressed interest in it a couple of months ago.

Dyer said Poshard suggested the proposal be presented to the Board of Trustees in April, after the student referendum. If students support the proposed fee, Dyer said it would possibly be implemented in fall 2008.

Chancellor Fernando Treviño said the university supports the project, but has some concerns to be addressed before any decision is made. The Physical Plant has already taken some measures toward making the university environmentally sound, he said.

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Questions raised in Cole Hall replacement

\$40 million price tag for plan under state scrutiny

Barton Lorimor
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A proposal to replace Cole Hall at Northern Illinois University has state officials and students asking about money and appropriateness.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich and NIU President John Peters announced plans to demolish the lecture hall, the site of a fatal shooting on Feb. 14. Blagojevich said the plan calls for the demolition of Cole Hall and a new facility elsewhere on the DeKalb campus.

David Rudduck, a spokesman for Blagojevich, said the new Memorial Hall would be 40 percent larger and cost \$40 million.

Jacob Humber, an NIU senior from Aurora studying economics, said he is not against the demolition of Cole Hall as it begins to fall apart, but thinks the state would be spending too much money on the project.

"I don't know how people could concentrate in class where this terrible thing happened," he said. "Not that demolishing it is necessarily a bad idea, but building a state-of-the-art building there is not necessary."

The proposal came five days after Blagojevich delivered his annual budget address and proposed the fiscal year 2009 spending plan

to state lawmakers. In his speech, Blagojevich urged members of the Illinois House of Representatives to vote in favor of the Capital Construction Plan, which would support state construction projects such as buildings at public universities.

The list of projects awaiting a capital plan includes \$21.8 million for completing the renovation of Morris Library, and \$54.5 million for a Transportation and Education Center for the SIUC aviation and automotive programs.

Rudduck said the money for Memorial Hall would be separate from the capital plan.

State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias said he agreed that the state needs a capital plan, but said the governor has a history of not considering other state agencies when proposing new expenditures such as Memorial Hall. He said the state is struggling to pay its bills even without funding the Memorial Hall project because of a deficit created during former Gov. George Ryan's term.

Giannoulias said demolishing Cole Hall would show the state will go as far as replacing a building as a measure of comfort.

Rudduck said the governor is pushing this project because of Cole Hall's age and condition.

Michael Behrmann, an associate professor in SIUC's automotive program, said his facilities, built in 1938, are beyond deterioration as windows and doors fall out of their rotten wood frames.



ADAM PERLY ~ NORTHERN STAR

A crowd gathers in front of Cole Hall Wednesday to hear Gov. Rod Blagojevich and NIU President John Peters speak. Blagojevich and Peters said the memories inside Cole Hall, as well as its deterioration, are valid reasons for its demolition.

"We're at a point where it's a waste of money to repair the building," he said.

Behrmann said the bunker-like buildings are being condemned since they were meant to be temporary structures. Automotive chairman Jack Greer said he did not wish to comment on Memorial Hall being separate from the capital plan, but said the automotive program was in "dire need."

Rudduck said the NIU proposal is not a matter of who gets a new

building and who does not.

"This was presented to us by President Peters," Rudduck said of the plan. "The governor has been very supportive of NIU's needs."

At a media event on Feb. 15, SIU President Glenn Poshard said the governor was one of the first officials to telephone Peters when news of the incident broke.

Humber said the mood on campus has improved since the shooting. He said students have displayed more unity and support after five

students were killed, and another 17 wounded by gunman Steven Kazmierczak, a graduate student at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, who received an undergraduate degree from NIU.

"It's definitely not completely back to normal, but I think it's actually a pretty good mood," he said.

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Grad assistants get extra cash

New contract takes effect on student paychecks

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Graduate assistants saw a small increase on their March paychecks, but many have several hundred extra dollars on the way next month.

A contract ratified by the Board of Trustees in January calls for a 3 percent increase in graduate assistants' salaries for fiscal year 2007, which extends from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008. The increase, which resulted in about \$35 to \$50 extra per month, took effect on paychecks received March 1.

But students who worked before February can expect retroactive payment for those months, said Ron Fields, president of GA United, the

graduate assistant union.

Michael MacBride is not happy about the contract's results.

MacBride, a doctoral student from Michigan working as a graduate assistant in the English department, said he was upset because the contract also increased the minimum credit hours graduate assistants must take from six to eight. He said the contract hurt graduate assistants more than it helped them.

"Honestly, nobody becomes a graduate assistant because they want to make a lot of money," MacBride said. "I would rather have my free time than make an extra \$40."

Fields said students could appeal to the director of graduate studies if they felt overwhelmed by their classes, and students who were writing theses or dissertations could choose to take six hours, according to the contract.

The 3 percent salary increase is

not unusual, because the university usually gives graduate assistants a similar increase each year, said John Koropchak, vice chancellor for research and graduate dean. Koropchak said the contract's provisions for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 — which included increases of 6 and 4 percent, respectively — were abnormally large.

David Wilson, director of the graduate school, said graduate assistants' salaries varied depending on their level of schooling and department of employment. He said doctoral students working in the physiology department earned the most at \$1,718, while master's students working in the College of Business and Administration earned the least at \$1,134.

Much of the extra cash graduate assistants would receive could go toward a potential \$287.20 per year increase in student fees, which would take effect next year if

Graduate assistant salaries			
	Monthly salary of highest earners	Monthly salary of lowest earners	
2007	\$1,718	\$1,134	*Projected income with 6 percent raise called for in graduate assistants' contract
2008*	\$1,821.08	\$1,202.04	** Projected income with 4 percent raise called for in graduate assistants' contract
2009**	\$1,893.92	\$1,250.12	

Source: David Wilson, director of the graduate school
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approved by the Board of Trustees at their April meeting.

Carol Henry, director of the Budget Office, said the university set aside \$373,000 to deal with the 3 percent increase. Next year's 6 percent increase would cost about \$770,000 on top of students' current salaries, she said.

Wilson said graduate assistants would qualify for a tuition scholarship that would pay for them to take as many as 15 credit hours next year. Currently, some graduate assistants only receive aid for nine credit hours.

Fields said representatives from the union negotiated with Wilson and other university officials for 10 months before the contract was ratified. He said the group left salary negotiations until last because

they were the most difficult issue.

He said GA United worked alongside faculty, administrative and civil service, and non-tenured faculty unions.

"We've all got each other's back. We're all sticking together," Field said, adding that the three unions totaled more than 3,800 employees.

Fields said he might not see the results of his hard work.

"I'm married, so my wife controls the purse strings. More than likely, I won't be doing anything with it," he said with a laugh. "But I'll tell you one thing — I will smile, and be happy."

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Ecuador breaks ties with Colombia after leftist rebel strike

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Ecuador broke off diplomatic ties with Colombia on Monday following that country's strike against leftist rebels inside Ecuador, the Foreign Ministry said.

"The government of Ecuador has decided to break off diplomatic relations with the government of Colombia starting today," the statement said.

Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa earlier on Monday vowed to take "stronger measures" against Colombia following the strike on Saturday that killed a senior rebel leader and 16 other guerrillas on Ecuadorean soil.

Correa also denied allegations from a Colombian official that a computer seized where rebel leader Raul Reyes was killed Saturday suggested Correa is deepening relations with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, Colombia's largest rebel group.

GAZA STRIP

Pilotless planes emerge as top Israeli weapon in aerial war with Hamas

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinians say they know when an Israeli drone is in the air: Cell phones stop working, TV reception falters and they can hear a distant buzzing. They also know what's likely to come next — a devastating explosion on the ground.

Palestinians say Israel's pilotless planes have been a major weapon in its latest offensive in Gaza, which has killed nearly 120 people since last week.

"Our experience is that the drone missile is successful in hitting its targets, and it's deadly," said Dr. Mahmoud Assali, a Palestinian physician who works in the emergency room of a northern Gaza Strip hospital that has often treated Palestinian gunmen hit by Israeli drones.

FLORIDA

Firefighter, gunman dead and five injured in Wendy's shooting

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A gunman wearing a jacket and tie wordlessly and randomly opened fire inside a Wendy's during the lunchtime rush Monday, killing a firefighter who'd gone back to fetch a missing meal tray for his child and wounding five others. He then turned the gun on himself.

"This was not a robbery. He didn't demand anything," said Paul Miller, a Palm Beach County sheriff's spokesman. "Looks like this was just another random shooting like we've seen around the United States."

The 42-year-old victim, a Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue lieutenant who was not in uniform, had met his wife and child at the restaurant, Deputy Fire-Rescue Chief Steve Delai said. The family had gotten their food and walked out, but the man returned because the free toy was missing from the kids' meal, he said.

ILLINOIS

Study outlines most dangerous circumstances for young drivers

CHICAGO (AP) — Car crashes are the leading cause of death for tweens and teens, and a new study outlines some of the most dangerous circumstances: Riding unbuckled with new teen drivers on high-speed roads. These were the three biggest risk factors contributing to car crash deaths for passengers aged 8 to 17, the study found.

While young drivers have higher chances of dying, the six-year study focused on nearly 10,000 children passengers who were killed in car crashes. More than half — 54 percent — were riding with a teen driver. Drivers younger than 16 were the most dangerous.

Also, more than three-quarters of the fatal crashes occurred on roads with speed limits higher than 45 mph, and nearly two-thirds of the young passengers were not wearing seat belts, the researchers found.

Landmark visit cements Iran's influence on Iraq



Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. David Petraeus, the top military commander in Iraq, chat while walking through the Green Zone Monday. The two top military officers met just weeks before Petraeus is expected to testify in Congress about how he feels the U.S. should move forward in Iraq.

NANCY YOUSSEF
MCCLEATCHY TRIBUNE

Anna Johnson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iran's firebrand president wrapped up his landmark visit to Iraq with a bit of added swagger Monday — insisting that U.S. power is crippling the region and portraying himself as the enduring partner of Baghdad's Shiite-led government.

The parting words and posturing — like nearly every moment of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's two-day

trip — was powerful political theater seeking to emphasize Iran's growing bonds with its former enemy. U.S. officials had a front row seat.

Ahmadinejad, the first Iranian leader to visit Iraq since Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution, had no direct dealings with American envoys or the military. But Washington and its Sunni Arab allies were high on his agenda — taking every opportunity to send messages about Shiite Iran's rising influence in the region and its special ties to Iraq's Shiite majority.

For Washington, however, this is not a new lesson.

The toppling of Saddam Hussein's Sunni-heavy regime opened the door for Iran's inroads into the nation it battled during a horrific 1980-88 war that claimed an estimated 1 million lives. The United States — despite having no diplomatic ties with Tehran and accusing Iran of aiding Shiite militias — opened groundbreaking dialogue with Iranian officials last year that acknowledged the Islamic Republic as a critical player

in Iraq.

The next step — from the vantage point of Washington and its Iraqi allies — is seeing whether Ahmadinejad's visit translates into a clearer Iranian role in helping stabilize Iraq at a time when violence is dropping and insurgents are under increasing military pressure.

"Iraq and Iran having been deadly enemies, and (Ahmadinejad's visit) shows they have turned a page," said Rand Corp. analyst and former U.S. diplomat James Dobbins.

Obama denies assuring Canada on NAFTA

Nedra Pickler
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Barack Obama said Monday that his campaign never gave Canada back-channel assurances that his harsh words about the North American Free Trade Agreement were for political show — despite the disclosure of a Canadian memo indicating otherwise.

According to the memo obtained by The Associated Press, Obama's senior economic adviser told Canadian officials in Chicago that the debate over free trade in the Democratic presidential primary campaign was "political positioning" and that Obama was not really protectionist.

The adviser, Austan Goolsbee, said his comments to those officials were misinterpreted by the author, Joseph DeMora, who works for the Canadian consulate in Chicago and attended the meeting.

In Carrollton, Texas, Obama told reporters: "Nobody reached out to the Canadians to try to assure them of anything."

Asked why he had appeared to deny a report last week that such a meeting had taken place, Obama said: "That was the information I had at the time."

In Ottawa, Prime Minister Stephen Harper disputed the contention of his political opposition that Canadian officials leaked word of the meeting to complicate Obama's chances or to favor Republican Sen. John McCain, who strongly supports NAFTA.

Harper told Parliament he was amused by the suggestion "we are so

all powerful that we could interfere in the American election and pick their president for them. This government doesn't claim that kind of power. I certainly deny any allegation that this government has attempted to interfere in the American election."

Harper said he has watched the U.S. campaign closely and believes all leading candidates from both parties — Obama, McCain and Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton — "would continue the strong friendship and partnership that Canada and the United States enjoys."

The original report by CTV in Canada suggested an Obama emissary had reached out to officials at the Canadian Embassy in Washington. Embassy officials artfully denied any such contact had been made with them.

As it turned out, the meeting took place in Chicago instead, with Canadian Consul General Georges Rioux and DeMora taking notes.

Obama said that one of his advisers had been invited by someone at the consulate to visit and discuss trade.

"The Canadian Embassy confirmed that he said everything I said on the campaign trail," Obama asserted.

"We think the terms of NAFTA have to be altered" to strengthen environmental and labor protections, he said.

The memo says: "Noting anxiety among many U.S. domestic audiences about the U.S. economic outlook, Goolsbee candidly acknowledged the protectionist sentiment that has emerged, particularly in the Midwest, during the primary campaign."

Burned luxury homes linked to ecoterror group

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WOODINVILLE, Wash. — Three seven-figure dream homes went up in flames early Monday in a Seattle suburb, apparently set by ecoterrorists who left a sign mocking the builders' claims that the 4,000-plus-square-foot houses were environmentally friendly.

The sign — a sheet marked with spray paint — bore the initials ELF, for Earth Liberation Front, a loose collection of radical environmentalists that has claimed responsibility for dozens of attacks since the 1990s.

The sheriff's office estimated that Monday's pre-dawn fires did \$7 million in damage to the "Street of Dreams," a row of unoccupied, furnished luxury model homes where tens of thousands of visitors last summer eyed the latest in high-end housing, interior design and landscaping. Three homes were destroyed and two suffered smoke damage.

Crews removed incendiary devices found in the homes, Snohomish County District 7 Fire Chief Rick Eastman said. Later, however, Kelvin Crenshaw, special agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Seattle, said there was no evidence such devices had been used.

The FBI was investigating the

fires as a potential domestic terrorism act, said FBI spokesman Rich Kolko in Washington, D.C.

No injuries were reported in the fires, which began before dawn in the wooded subdivision and were still smoldering by midmorning.

It's very disappointing to take a situation where we're trying to promote good building practices — Built Green practices — and that it's destroyed.

— Doug Barnes
Northwest division president of
Centex Homes in Kirkland

The sign left behind said in red scraggly letters, "Built Green? Nope black!" and "McMansions in RCDs r not green," a reference to rural cluster developments.

One alleged ELF activist is on trial in Tacoma in the 2001 fire-bombing of the University of

Washington's Center for Urban Horticulture. Investigators had no evidence linking the fires to the trial, Seattle FBI agent Fred Gutt said.

The homes that burned were between 4,200 and 4,750 square feet and are on sale at prices up to nearly \$2 million.

One of the people involved in the project said the homes used "green" techniques such as water-pervious sidewalks, super-insulated walls and windows and products made with recycled materials, such as carpet pads.

"It's very disappointing to take a situation where we're trying to promote good building practices — Built Green practices — and that it's destroyed," said Doug Barnes, the Northwest division president of Centex Homes in Kirkland.

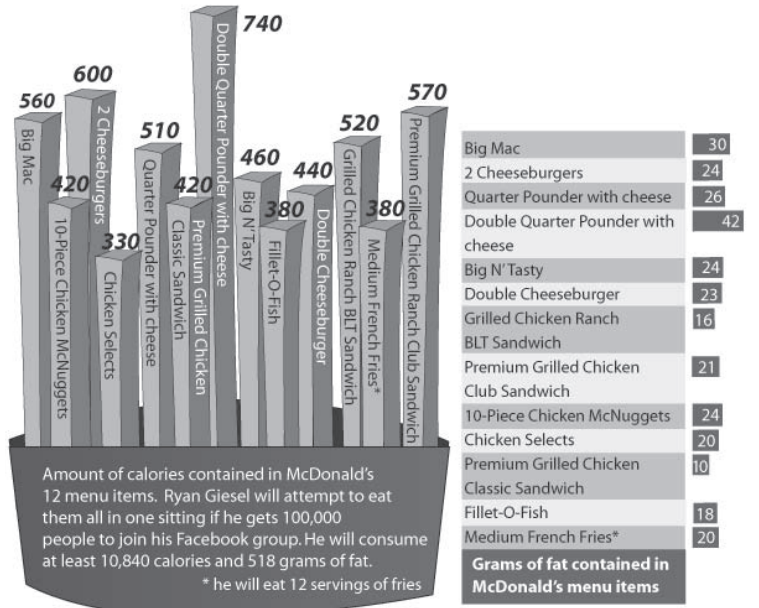
Student to chow down for charity

Ryan Giesel, a freshman from Elmhurst studying kinesiology, takes a bite of a Big Mac Sunday afternoon at the Student Center McDonald's. Giesel started a Facebook group where if he gets 100,000 guests he will consume all 12 meals on the McDonald's menu in one sitting.

JAKE LOCKARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN



Ryan Giesel's McDonald's Facebook quest



Source: www.mcdonalds.com/usa.html

Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lindsey Smith
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ryan Giesel wants to gain four pounds in one day. Giesel, a freshman from Elmhurst majoring in kinesiology, has made international news with a Facebook group promising he would eat all 12 McDonald's value meals in one sitting if 100,000 people joined. Giesel said he and Mark Gronck, a freshman from Elmhurst studying business, created the group as a joke. However, as word of their plan spread, the friends developed a plan to raise money for charity. According to the terms stated in the group's information, Giesel

would not be able to get up once he has started eating but will be able to drink at his discretion. If he completes his mission, Giesel would consume at least 10,840 calories and 518 grams of fat, not including any calories or fat from the ketchup he is likely to use. Radio station Kelly 95.3 FM in California was one of the media outlets that took notice of Giesel's quest. "He would have to run 82 miles at a pace of 1 mile in eight minutes or go on a 90-hour lovemaking marathon (almost four straight days) to burn off all of the fat," said the station's Web site. John Rich, a graduate assistant

athletic trainer, said it could be physically impossible for Giesel to finish all 12 meals. Giesel probably would not experience long-term health problems, but the amount of fat and calories would more than likely leave him feeling sick for the next few days, Rich said. Its recent membership explosion during the past week could make Giesel's challenge a reality. Giesel said the membership raised more than 10,000 members in the past four days. The group had 29,366 members as of 5:47 p.m. Monday. At 10 p.m., there were 30,194 members. He said he looked forward to the feast, hoping it would happen within the next few months. The wall on Giesel's group is lit-

tered with people wishing him luck, as well as those speaking negatively of his intentions. But the criticism doesn't faze Giesel, who said he is confident in himself. He said he practiced expanding his stomach and had already devoured six of the meals at one time. Giesel said the entire event would be recorded and posted on the Internet, but the footage could appear on television as well. Giesel said he received messages daily from the media, the first of which came from ABC's "Good Morning America." However, Gronck and Giesel have turned their idea into more than just a Facebook prank. They said a Web

site, <http://www.12mealsorbust.com>, should be up and running within the week. It would include a blog and media page, as well as a section where people or businesses would be able to pledge money for each meal Giesel eats. Giesel said he would donate the money to the Ronald McDonald Charity House. He said McDonald's management would consider sponsoring him if the group grew. When asked what he hoped to get out of his mission, Giesel remained humble. "A stomachache, I guess," he said. Lindsey Smith can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 255 or lgsmith@siu.edu.



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Megan Pulliam and Jon Dyer, members of the Student Environmental Center, discuss Project Eco-Dawg with SIU President Glenn Poshard. The project's aim is to reduce the university's contributions to global warming.

PROJECT

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"Obviously, we want to be ecologically friendly," Treviño said. It's a long process to make a final decision on the issue, Treviño said, but ultimately the decision will not be left up to him, but the Board of Trustees. Whether or not the green fees pass, Dyer said the main pur-

pose of Project Eco-Dawgs is to develop a plan to reduce carbon emissions and achieve climate neutrality. "Regardless of (the fees), we need a long-term climate action plan," Dyer said. "This is an issue of our generation." Madeleine Leroux can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 270 or mleeroux@siu.edu.

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OUR WORD

Think before you spend

If it's not broken, don't fix it. Or so the old adage goes.

Consider this our message to Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who is urging the Illinois legislature to push through a \$40 million plan to tear down Cole Hall, the site of Northern Illinois University's shootings, and build a new and significantly larger replacement.

The funds to raze Cole Hall and rebuild would normally come from the state Capital Construction Bill — part of a plan that has been in limbo for the last six years. The bill is where such university projects would land.

The governor, however, has bypassed this system and created a separate proposal, similar to the \$25 million CTA bailout in November. At the time, he exercised executive power to funnel taxpayers' money into the mismanaged system.

This time, it's up to the legislature.

The state's tight budget has subsequently triggered tuition hikes and fee increases for higher education institutions across the state, with SIUC as no exception. The Board of Trustees just

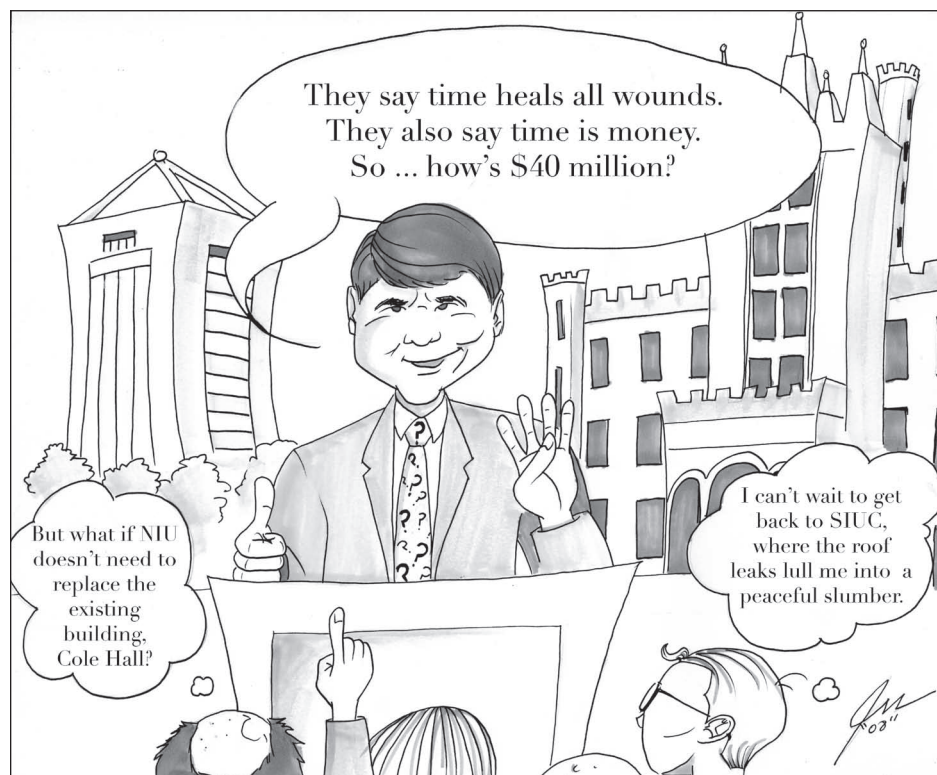
met last week to discuss increasing the university's price tag. The College of Business and Administration might actually raise its tuition more than \$1,000 for future students.

It would be callous to say, "Hey, while you're throwing money around, why don't you throw some our way." We were not victims of a shooting spree. The air of innocence and safety remains mostly unblemished on our campus. And we, like most, fully support endeavors to create a worthy memorial.

We can see how it's easy to contend that no price could be too high to help restore what the NIU community has lost.

Unfortunately, a knee-jerk plan centered on spending \$40 million lawmakers have essentially told every other state university and agency is just not available is not the answer. It's irresponsible and unnecessary. The state can hardly pay its bills as is, thanks in part to former Gov. George Ryan's shady tenure.

Virginia Tech still uses Norris



Jory Moore ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hall, the main site of its shooting that claimed 33 lives last year. They converted the second floor into a center for peace studies and violence prevention. An intermediate memorial, a half-circle of stones with the victims' names, has been constructed in the campus quad.

Blagojevich seems to have the right intentions with this plan, but then again, who wouldn't? There is simply a degree of duty that our state can't afford our governor to lose sight of.

We can only hope our state legislature doesn't either.

AN OFFICE WITH A VIEW

Let's talk about talking

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that I took all of them personally.

Some people told me not to take it personally. It was kindly suggested that I might take things too personally sometimes. But if I sit and contemplate it, I don't think I do. When I take things personally, it means I really care, right?

And if I really care, I can't help but take things personally.

I've worked at the DAILY EGYPTIAN for five semesters now. College life isn't mine without the DAILY EGYPTIAN being part of it. I spend more time in the newsroom than in my own apartment.

Naturally, something I've devoted so much time and energy to has become part of me.

Would I change anything that happened last week, however

unhappy it made me? No, mostly because I believe everything happens for a reason, and lessons I should have learned long ago have finally made me realize what I should do.

Criticism and advice, when both are fair, is something I welcome in my newsroom. Lately,

criticism seems to be a one-way street more often than not. I'm going to do my best to speak to everyone involved — whether in a mistake, controversy or something good — so I know the whole story before offering my opinions.

I want to knock down the walls in and around the newsroom. Not only figuratively, but literally. I want to encourage all you readers, if you have any questions you want answered, let me know.

Communication is important in all of my relationships. I realize I don't always hold up my end of the deal. I'm going to try to spend more time talking and listening and less time complaining about things I can't change. I'm also going to try to be more understanding when I feel like those I love could have, and maybe should have, talked to me about something.

From now on, I'm going to take special care driving down my side of the sometimes bumpy road to good relationships, and hope everyone tries to do the same.

Lohman is a junior studying journalism.

This past week I learned a valuable lesson I've learned time and time again already. This time, though, I think it sank in.

What was this infamous lesson I've been (I'm ashamed to say) simply letting travel in one ear, glance off my brain and continue out the other?

Communication is a two-way street. An important two-way street that probably should be busier than it is.

The situation that really made this sink in was a combination of occurrences that involved friends, coworkers, mentors and some people I consider all of the above. I could maybe blame some of it on unexpected occurrences, but the details of what happened and why it happened aren't important.

The important thing to know is

I want to knock down the walls in and around the newsroom.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Honoring others brings us together

DEAR EDITOR:

The editorial in Wednesday's issue of the DAILY EGYPTIAN on efforts to rename a street in Carbondale after Martin Luther and Coretta Scott King indicated that if a committee came together to restore the R. Buckminster Fuller Dome home, such effort would also receive support from your editorial board.

I wanted to let more people know that there is a group working to restore "Bucky" and Anne Hewlett-Fuller's Dome home on South Forest Street in Carbondale. The not-for-profit group is called RBF Dome.

RBF Dome was incorporated in 2002. In 2003 the Carbondale City Council unanimously voted to add the Fuller Dome Home to the city's historic register and in 2004 granted a special use permit to create a "home museum."

Our work has resulted in the dome's recognition by The Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois as one of the "10 Most Endangered Properties in Illinois" in 2004. In 2006 the property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We're currently working to secure National Landmark status that will put the organization in the position to obtain the funds necessary to restore the dome to the condition that it existed in when the Fullers resided in the struc-

ture (1960-1971).

RBF Dome members are collaborating with a number of offices at SIUC, including the Library's Special Collections division, the Department of Art and Design and the Department of Radio and Television to revitalize the Fuller legacy at SIUC. Our President, Cornelius Crane, hosts a weekly WDBX radio show dedicated to Fuller's vision. Thanks to committed and talented volunteers, we have restored four sections of the Fuller-designed fence that surrounds the property.

We have a lot going on and a lot of people and groups to thank, including the City of Carbondale, the Carbondale Park District, the Carbondale Preservation Commission, the Arbor District, White and Borgognoni Architects and especially former SIU Design Department faculty member Bill Perk, who purchased and donated the dome to RBF Dome.

If anyone is interested in working on the dome's restoration and furthering the Fuller legacy please get in touch with us. Check out our Web site at: <http://www.buckysdome.org>.

The important thing about renaming a street in the Kings' honor or preserving the Fuller Dome is that it brings people together and, in so doing, dreams move forward to the next generation.

Mary O'Hara
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The campaign is going very well. Very, very well. Why, what have you heard?”

Hillary Clinton
presidential candidate
on a Saturday Night Live skit

THE BRIEFING ROOM

The social conservative cancer

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There is a disease that continues to plague American society and politics. This cancer bears the name "The Social Conservatives."

More specifically it is their actions, demands and absolute refusal to compromise on even the most innocuous issues that should be considered a betrayal of our founding ideology and the American people.

Make no mistake. They don't care one iota about what you or I think, feel or hold dear. They have no interest in finding common ground, or meeting in the middle. Compromise is a foreign term to them. They cannot argue otherwise, for the evidence of their social and political meddling bears this out to be the truth.

They live in a self-contained fantasy world where the end goal is to transform our society to reflect their religious and moral beliefs; anything short of this is unacceptable. If they don't agree

with it, you shouldn't be allowed to do it.

For the past eight years they have been beside themselves with joy because they had a champion in President Bush, a born-again Christian. He has been an ardent defender of the faith and of policies that unduly support and elevate Christian organizations.

From our Constitution to the Treaty of Tripoli (a treaty unanimously ratified by Congress in 1797 that specifically stated in Article 11, "the United States is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion"), and much more material by the individual founders, there is a wealth of evidence that supports the core belief held among them that religious freedom was a pillar of our founding ideology.

And while many of them were religious, they had the moral courage to put their personal beliefs to the side as they framed our doctrine, to ensure the nation they built would not be corrupted by religious convictions guiding domestic and foreign policy.

Among today's social conservatives, no such courage can be found. Their deepest desire

is to see their brand of religious morality become policy and law.

The founding fathers realized that for America to be a home for all, a land truly of the free, religion could not be married to government, which is one of the reasons why early settlers left Europe and came here in the first place.

Today's social conservatives are not encumbered by such elevated concepts as placing society above their own religiosity. Nor are they burdened with a belief in the concept of inclusion.

To them, if a child doesn't want to say "under God" during the pledge of allegiance, well then, that child can wait in the hall. We'll just have to forget that it's a tax-dollar funded, public school and as such has no business whatsoever engaging in any conduct that would deny a group of people from being included.

However, the social conservatives are in a dilemma. Their champion is soon due to ride off into the sunset, and they simply can't stand the likely republican candidate, Sen. John McCain.

They dislike him so much

that many conservatives have pledged to vote for Clinton before McCain. To them, a vote for McCain would be a vote to green-light an overhaul of the current core GOP values; to values that are more tolerant, inclusive and middle of the road. Values not based on Christian moral rigidity.

McCain does not long for a "puritan" America. He is willing to compromise, ready to reach out across the aisle and work with others of differing views.

It is this position that earned McCain the enmity of the religious right. They have no interest in any opinion or conviction that does not agree with their own. In fact, to the evangelicals, those who do not subscribe to their beliefs are morally corrupt, and beyond trust, doomed forever in hellfire.

If our nation is ever going to move forward, this tumor of divisiveness and inflexibility must be excised, and it starts by putting the nation before your own desires, or even those of your god.

Scapel please.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The story behind the street

DEAR EDITOR:

For several days now, we have been seeing references to the possibility of changing the name of one of Carbondale's streets to honor the memory of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr.

While this is an appropriate gesture, it seems that it is incumbent upon the name changers to take into account the thoughts and desires of a wide range of concerned citizenry.

The street we saw nominated for this honor in the Feb. 26 edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN was Mill Street. One of the gentlemen involved in this apparent movement was identified as being from Peoria. We sincerely doubt that the other two gentlemen in the photo were local.

What it amounts to, gentlemen, is that we, the long-time citizens of Carbondale and its immediate environs, are not particularly pleased about having a few short-term residents (i.e., students who by definition are short-term residents) deciding what we shall name our streets and which ones we shall name or rename.

Mill Street may seem to the non-historian to be a rather mundane or essentially meaningless name, but we refer you to Susan Maycock's book "An Architectural History of Carbondale, Illinois":

"Timber was plentiful and Carbondale's first buildings were of log construction, but Brush (Daniel H. Brush, the primary founder of Carbondale) early recognized the importance of providing sawn lumber

for construction.

Thus, in 1853, he dismantled a steam-powered sawmill and gristmill that he had been operating in nearby Alexander County and moved it up to a site near Carbondale, south of what is now Mill Street. This mill, which gave Mill Street its name, provided lumber for most of Carbondale's early buildings, including the first public school, Brush's house, his grain warehouse and the freight and wood house that he erected for the railroad."

Millstones from the gristmill can still be seen on the corner of Mill Street and Normal Avenue.

Carbondale has, historically, not been particularly effective in preserving its historic landmarks. The city should be commended for renaming a portion of University Avenue as Normal

Avenue a few years ago, but we should not be over-eager to change the name of one of our streets that has its own claim to historic significance.

To honor Dr. and Mrs. King is a laudable and appropriate action, but let us not deprive Carbondale of yet another of its few remaining historic entities to do so. Rather, why not find a street that is more historically contemporary to the Kings with which to honor them.

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Preserve our history first

DEAR EDITOR:

The early settlers of Carbondale lived in log cabins with a dirt floor. The first places of business were these homes and/or an adjacent lean-to shed.

The establishment of a local sawmill enabled them to build proper stores, hotels and other places of business. The increased prosperity allowed them to build new homes of sawn lumber. This obvious prosperity attracted new residents, which in turn led to more commercial construction.

As the town grew, it also attracted a place of higher learning and later the establishment of the Normal School (now SIU).

I believe this sawmill was the key ingredient which led to the Carbondale we know today.

I am a native of Jackson County and have a strong interest in the preservation of its history. Mill Street denotes and preserves some of this history. There are few features remaining in Carbondale that commemorate this early period of our history. The change of the Mill Street designation would be a drastic and irretrievable loss to the community.

Paying tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. is commendable, but why must we lose one bit of history to pay tribute to another?

Ken Cochran

Murphysboro resident

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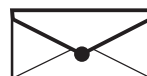
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Duo aims to bring beat back to Carbondale

Student hip-hop group to release second CD

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For local music fans looking for options other than cover bands and metal showcases, reprieve can be found in the familiar beats and real-life lyrics of a couple of local hip-hop artists.

Hip-hop duo Danny "Tic" Tock and Larry Hines, aka K.D. Murks, is bringing hip-hop

back to the Carbondale music scene with energetic live performances and the release of their second mix tape, "Prelude to a Million: Volume 2".

The pair is celebrating the release of its second CD with a party at Tres Hombres on March 22. The release party will also feature a

guest performance by local band Mathien. "I had this premonition of just trying to get a hip-hop movement going back down in Carbondale, because it's kind of been non-existent for a long time," said Tock, a senior from Dwight studying radio-television.

Tic Tock and K.D. Murks began performing together in October 2007 and have since gained recognition through playing shows and implementing what Tic Tock calls the "promotional beast." The effort, headed by manager Sarah Rivard, aims to implement word of mouth information channels and pass out copies of their CD.

Tock said the public enjoys their music

because they talk about real issues rather than the superficial topics industry artists cover.

Though their mix tape, "Prelude to a Million: Volume 2," incorporates mostly industry beats, Tock said that he and K.D. Murks are working to bring more attention to the lyrical side of the music instead of the beats.

Another aspect that draws the public to the shows is their high level of performance energy, said Rivard, a senior from Bourbonnais studying business marketing and business management.

"When it comes to stage performance, nobody comes close to these two," she said.

The duo released its first album in October 2007.

Titled "Prelude to a Million," it was essentially a compilation of songs the pair had been working on and decided to put on an album.

The new album involved more planning, Tock said.

"We focused a lot more on concepts for each song, instead of just rapping about whatever," Tock said.

Even people who don't like hip-hop or rap can find something they enjoy about the new album because of the crazy, eclectic background and diverse lyrics the group uses, Tock said.

"Volume 2" also incorporates more work from guest artists such as Chris Mathien of

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— hip-hop performer
Danny 'Tic' Tock



PROVIDED PHOTO

Danny 'Tic' Tock, left, and Larry Hines, aka K.D. Murks, perform.

Mathien and Jurisdiction.

Tock said the title of the album, "Prelude to a Million," signifies some of the goals of the artists, such as garnering a fan base of a million listeners.

"I think people see that and think, 'This is cool. They've got a black dude out there and a funny-looking white dude, and they're making insanely good hip-hop music,'" Tock said. "People don't expect it."

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For samples of the duo's music, visit their MySpace pages:

<http://myspace.com/authentictock>
and
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Hard to forget

Alicia Wade
DAILY EGYPTIAN

'Amnesia'
NBC

New episodes air 7 p.m. Friday on NBC

While multitudes of trivia game shows populate the airwaves, a new spin on answering questions and earning thousands of dollars debuted on NBC.

All "Amnesia" asks of its contestants is to answer questions about the topic they are bound to know the most about.

Themselves.

"Amnesia," hosted by the ever witty and dry comedian Dennis Miller, secretly asks those closest to the contestant, such as family and friends, to tell them all about the participant. The show then constructs questions from that information.

Contestants are asked such information about their lives such as, "What was the number of the quarterback of the team you were a cheerleader for in high school?" or, "Can you identify the door mat of your house from a collection of mats?"

It seems like an easy concept and that contestants would be earning astronomical amounts of money. But remembering the number of the room a contestant's father taught in at school for more than 20 years is a little more difficult than we would expect.

Contestants are not penalized for getting answers wrong until the final round. Every answer they get right puts money in their memory bank, which in the final round will be subtracted from if they get an answer wrong.

Watching "Amnesia" is in essence getting a glimpse of someone's life and what it took

to get them there. It's peripherally voyeuristic, but unfortunately can only be as interesting as a contestant.

If the participants are duds then this show can't hope to be interesting. Clever casting must be used in order to keep viewers tuning in.

Fortunately, "Amnesia" has a wonderful host in Miller, who offers jesting jabs at contestants every now and again. His comedic quips should keep viewers giggling and help make the show fun and high energy. Game shows, such as "Who Wants to Be A Millionaire?" "1 vs. 100" and "Deal or No Deal" operate by creating tension and take great amounts of fun out of their broadcasts.

"Amnesia" relishes in the fun one can have while reviewing his life without the heaviness of losing all the money

someone has earned until the end of the game. Even then, contestants can leave at any time and keep their memory

bank money. The ease of this show and how much fun contestants have is what makes it enjoyable to watch.

The program does lose a few points for not having a readily playable at home format like trivia-based shows do, but viewers can reflect on what may have been their high school quarterback's number or if they could pick out their doormat.

"Amnesia" just goes to show sometimes a not-so-serious show can give away serious cash and still be seriously fun to watch. With Miller's comedic charm and interesting contestants, it's doubtful viewers will forget about "Amnesia" any time soon.

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4 out of 5 stars

PULSE CHATTERBOX

According to the gossip column PageSix, writer of the Oscar-winning screenplay "Juno" Diablo Cody is considering tattooing "Juno" star Ellen Page's face on her body to commemorate the movie. What ode to a film would you have inked on you?



Alicia Wade

I would probably go with the volleyball scene in "Top Gun." Sun, sand and Anthony Edwards as the only beefcake pilot in a shirt — the way it should be.

Audra Ord

My movie tat wouldn't be an ode to a particular film. Instead, I'd get a back piece of Daniel Craig as James Bond and Matt Damon as Jason Bourne having an epic battle to determine who is more of a stud. I'm not really sure who would win that one ...



Devin Vaughn

It would probably be appropriate to pick a film I regret having watched, seeing as I would probably regret the tattoo in a year or so. I think I might have to choose a collage of all Michael Bay's movies.



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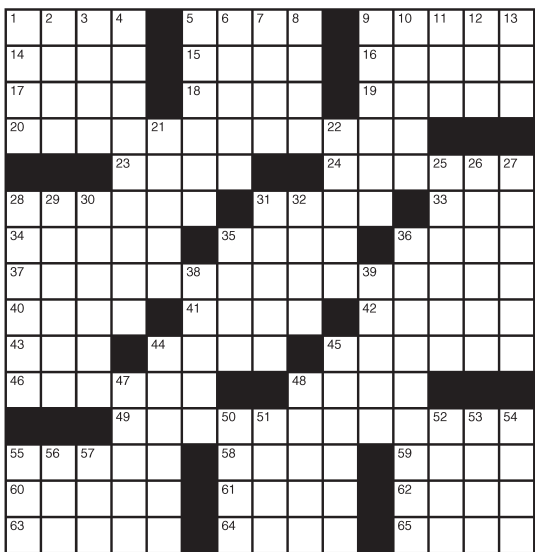
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Monday's puzzle

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — Your head is full of ideas this year, some workable and some not. Sort through them and develop a solid, practical plan. Once you've done that, the rest will be easy. To take the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — **Today is a 7** — Your friends are always eager to provide support and good advice. They're so eager, it may be hard to maintain any privacy. Be patient with them; they mean well.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — **Today is a 7** — There's something you've always wanted to do, but you were afraid to try. Put in your application again. It's still tough, but now possible.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — **Today is a 7** — You're really tempted to jump the fence and take off for greener pastures. Do get out and enjoy the scenery. Don't burn any bridges.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — **Today is a 7** — You're growing impatient regarding a financial matter, but that won't help. Go over the numbers carefully, even if there are lots of them.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — **Today is a 7** — You don't always have to be the leader. Sometimes you can relax and let somebody else take care of you. This is one of those occasions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — **Today is an 8** — You're exceptionally brilliant now in a workplace setting. There's more coming in every moment, because people like what you do.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — **Today is an 8** — They say when you do what you love, the money will follow. In this case, doing what you love could lead to a raise in your status. It's a double win.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — **Today is a 6** — Everybody's got an opinion, and you get to hear them all. Listen patiently, but don't let them decide how to spend your money.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — **Today is a 7** — It never hurts to have a carefully constructed plan. This is especially true if you're on a limited budget. Pretend you are if you aren't.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — **Today is a 7** — Pay attention to what you're doing on a shopping spree. By using your brains and staying cool, you'll get more for your money. And you'll get less that you don't need.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — **Today is an 8** — You're especially charming now, and brilliant by anyone's standards. Celebrate by getting yourself something you've always wanted.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — **Today is a 7** — You're doing a lot of thinking in your private time. Don't have it turn into worries. Help yourself get motivated to do something you've been resisting.

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because of her. She deserves every cheer more than I do."

Someone else who never quit was Scott's teammate Craig. Craig holds almost every single receiving record after a stellar career from 1996 to 1999. He holds the record for most receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns in a career, among other milestones.

Around the same time, Campbell was bringing the heat for the softball team. Campbell played from 1998 to 2001 and earned first team all-conference honors in three of those seasons.

Campbell said playing softball was a big part of her life and it still is today.

"It was a way of life down here," Campbell said. "I miss the pressure situations but I still

remain in contact with all my old teammates. We were a very close group."

Two inductees at least 10 years out of their athletic careers were Gally and Waltemate.

Gally was a nine-time All-American while earning national honors in nine separate events. He also competed in the NCAA national meet in two seasons where he earned top-10 finishes both years.

Waltemate is still one of the Salukis' finest pitchers more than 30 years since he last took the mound for the maroon. Waltemate is the career leader in wins with 28 and helped the team to two College World Series appearances. He was also drafted by the Montreal Expos in 1974.

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TRACK

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Riley won her third weight throw title, breaking her own record with a throw that measured 79 feet and 10.25 inches.

At the championships, SIU collected eight individual titles and several Salukis defended their titles.

Junior Bianca Stuart picked up her third-straight long jump title with a jump that measured 20-7 1/4. Senior throwers Riley and Joe Mueller defended their weight throw titles. Mueller's throw measured 65-8 3/4, surpassing the NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

While Stuart and Riley move on to the NCAA championships, Mueller and teammate Brenton Siemons move on to a final chance meet with throws coach John Smith. Siemons defended his 2007

shot put title with a throw that measured more than 58 feet — 4 feet longer than second place finisher, teammate Ryan Shumaker.

Brandon Deloney, Sammy Biggs and Jeff Schirmer contributed with individual titles in the 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash and 3,000-meter run, respectively. Schirmer also picked up another individual title, winning the 5,000-meter run as well.

Price-Smith said she was proud of the way the Salukis were supportive of one another and that type of encouragement helped spark the Salukis' success.

"They all wanted to do well as a team and it made everyone stronger," Price-Smith said. "I think the way to win a championship is to have a well-rounded team like that."

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"I can't say that there was one person that stood out more than the other because everyone competed hard."

— Connie Price-Smith head coach

SOFTBALL

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No. 5 Northwestern and Missouri Valley Conference foe Bradley.

The Salukis' (10-7) bats were hot early against the Westerwinders as Petty notched an RBI as she reached base on a Western Illinois error to give SIU a 1-0 lead after two innings.

Senior first baseman Lauren Haas scored another run in the top of the third but it was home runs by junior third baseman Katie Wagner and Haas in the fourth and fifth innings that would give the Salukis the 5-0 edge.

Freshman pitcher Nikki Waters threw a three-hit shutout for her fourth win of the season.

Senior outfielder Krystal Stein, who is batting .289 in the No. 1 spot, said the Salukis knew opponents weren't going to let them get an easy victory.

"You just have to take it one game at a time," Stein said. "We know anyone is competition, anybody can beat anybody"

Saturday morning marked the end to the Salukis' offense as they were shut out in the next two games against Kansas and No. 5 Northwestern.

Kansas' pitcher Valerie George blanked the Salukis and struck out nine in seven innings of work sealing the 2-0 victory for the Jayhawks.

But it was the loss to No. 5 Northwestern that gave the Salukis their longest standing deficit as they managed just one hit in a 3-0 loss.

Waters took the loss against the Wildcats but Blaylock said pitching was a strong point for the team and isn't taking the losses as negative.

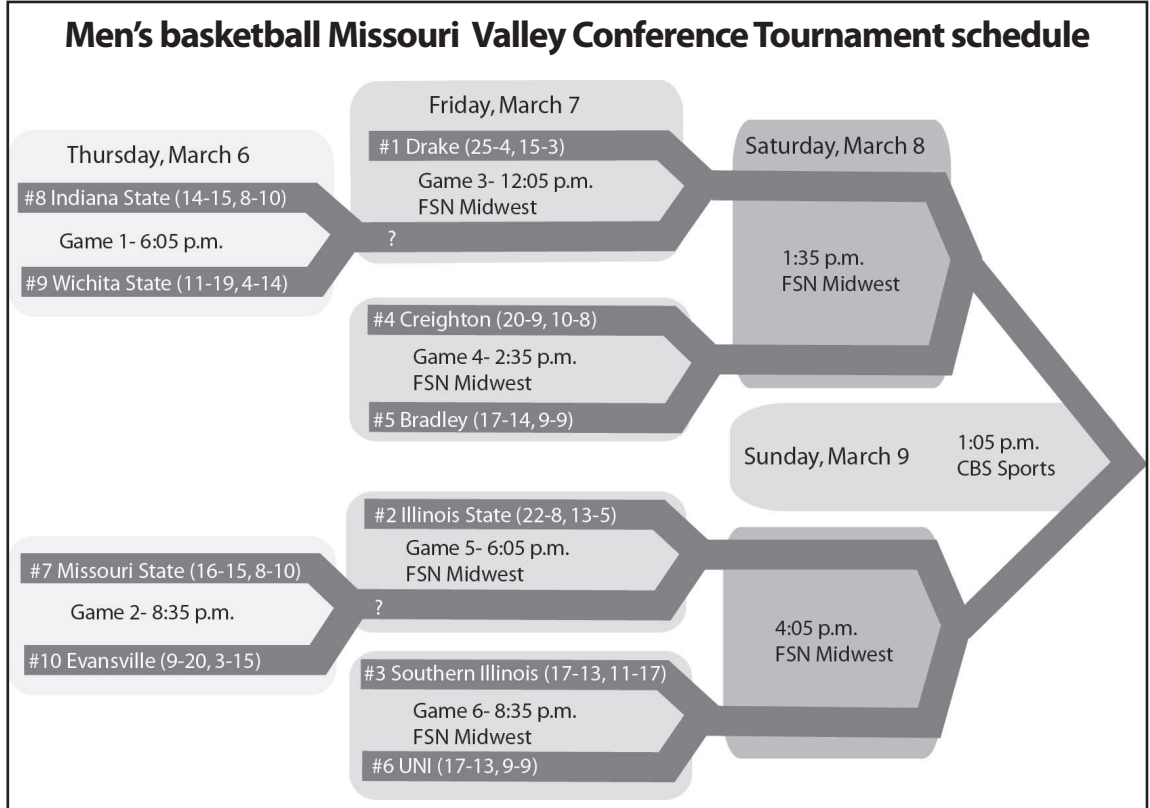
"We know we have a young team and we know a little inconsistent right now," Blaylock said. "We're just working towards conference to become more consistent."

The Salukis couldn't regroup in the final game of the tournament as they fell to MVC opponent Bradley in a non-conference matchup 5-3.

The Braves took a 3-0 lead into the top of the fourth when the Salukis ended their drought to score two runs but it wouldn't be enough as they committed three errors in the game.

Senior shortstop Becky Wegmann said the Salukis took the losses in stride and would use them to improve.

"It's like what Kerri said, we just don't get bad overnight, we're a very talented group of girls and its all in our heads," Wegmann said.



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"Roethlisberger proved his worth last season. He had a rough sophomore year but that is excusable because of the motorcycle accident he suffered. His strong performance last season proved he can be relied on, and as long as he can stay healthy I could see him winning at least one more Super Bowl within the next eight seasons."

"I'm on the fence on this one. We all know quarterbacks can prove to be inconsistent (e.i. Rex Grossman, Marc Bulger) but Roethlisberger has a few good seasons left in him and will probably prove me wrong and be outstanding next season."

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"Any time you can keep a franchise quarterback for an extended period of time it is a wise move. With all that money, Big Ben can buy that tall wide receiver he has been begging for all off-season and an offensive lineman to replace Alan Faneca and still have enough money to buy a house worthy of MTV Cribs."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Bart Scott



"This is, probably, sports-wise, the greatest moment of my life. Far greater than making it to the NFL, because this immortalizes you. People will walk down these hallways, and maybe I'll spark some little kid, who'll stop and read the bio, and find out who I was, what I accomplished, and realize that I went here."

— Baltimore Ravens linebacker Bart Scott on being inducted to the SIU Hall of Fame

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SWIMMING & DIVING

Saluki swimming comes up short

Sophomore swimmer Jameson Kuper swims laps during practice at the Recreation Center Jan. 23.
Kuper placed eighth in the 200-yard breaststroke and the team finished in fourth place at the Sun Belt Conference Championships in Nashville, Tenn.

DuVALE RILEY
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SIU men finish fourth in conference

Luis C. Medina
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Eighteen top-10 finishes weren't enough to carry the SIU men's swimming and diving team to its first Sun Belt Conference championship. The Salukis fell short of their championship aspirations, finishing fourth in the Sun Belt Conference Championships held in Nashville, Tenn., during the weekend. Missouri State duplicated the success of its women's team, scoring 688 points en route to the Sun Belt Conference title. The Bears women's swimming and diving team won the Missouri Valley Conference championship Feb. 16. Denver, Western Kentucky, Florida Atlantic and Evansville placed second, third, fifth and sixth, respectively.

Coach Rick Walker said Missouri State and Denver's early success put them in a situation to battle for conference supremacy, shocking the defending champion Western Kentucky. "I think (Western Kentucky) walked in there thinking it was theirs and I think they were stunned they were that far out," Walker said. "Denver and Missouri State got themselves in a nice little battle. They got up early and did better than what they were projected to do." Even though Denver finished second, it didn't go home empty handed. The Pioneers swept the awards ceremony, winning men's swimming and diving coach of the year, along with most outstanding swimmer and diver awards. SIU was able to find some success in the water, despite not posting any first-place finishes in the conference championships. The Salukis finished second in four events, including the 400 and 800-yard freestyle relays.

Senior Antonio Santoro's second-place finish in the 500 freestyle was the best individual performance by a Saluki during the first day of competition. Santoro also posted a third place finish Friday in the 200 freestyle. Junior Dennis Hedo finished second with a time of 1:37.94. Hedo, Santoro, Anthony Bousquet and Gareth McGee teamed up to pick up a second-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:00.69. Now that the season is over, Walker can begin to look forward to next year. He said he would sorely miss the outgoing seniors, but there were positives to come from that. "You can sit there and say 'Hey, look who we're losing,' or 'Hey, here's an opportunity.' And we'll look at this from an opportunity standpoint," Walker said.

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FROM THE stat books TO THE history books

Former Salukis enshrined in the Hall of Fame

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Bart Scott said all the screaming crowds and millions of NFL fans in Baltimore could not give him the same joy three simple words gave him in Carbondale.

Hall of fame. Scott, a former Saluki linebacker, headlined the 2008 SIU Hall of Fame class that was inducted Friday and presented at halftime of Saturday's men's basketball game. Former wide receiver Cornell Craig, swimmer Chris Gally, softball pitcher Erin Campbell and baseball pitcher Scott Waltemate were also included in the class.

Scott has found the most post-SIU athletic success out of the five inductees. He signed with the Baltimore Ravens as an undrafted

free agent in 2002 and went on to earn All-Pro recognition in 2006 when he recorded 135 tackles with 9.5 sacks and two interceptions.

Despite all his accomplishments in the professional ranks, he said being named to the SIU Hall of Fame has been his proudest athletic moment.

“This is, probably, sports-wise, the greatest moment of my life. This immortalizes you.”

— Bart Scott
 former Saluki
 linebacker and SIU
 Hall of Fame inductee

“This is, probably, sports-wise, the greatest moment of my life,” Scott said. “This immortalizes you. People will walk down these hallways, and maybe I’ll spark some little kid, who’ll stop and read the bio, and find out who I was, what I accomplished and realize that I went here.”

The road to immortalization for Scott was a rocky path. While SIU fans have grown accustomed to watching football excellence on Saturdays, Scott’s squads were not as fortunate.



BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Baltimore Ravens’ linebacker Bart Scott came back to Carbondale Friday to be honored as a Saluki Hall of Famer. Scott played football for SIU from 1998 to 2001.

In his time as a Saluki from 1998 to 2001, SIU compiled a record of 12-32 with the best season coming in 1999 when it went 5-6. It was that sort of adversity that Scott said pushed him to be a better football player and a better man.

Scott said he hopes he can inspire others to set their aspirations high and accomplish their goals.

“Right now my voice is as loud as it has ever been,” Scott said. “If you want to achieve anything you have to persevere and be relentless and be willing to pay the price. If you do that, who’s to say you can’t achieve it?”

The biggest inspiration for Scott has always been his mother. Scott said there were times he wanted to quit football when he was young, but his mother would

always push him to stay with it one more year.

Scott was unable to stay for Saturday’s presentation at halftime, so his mother stood in for him. He said it is what she deserved after all her years of hard work.

“She gets to experience what I do every Sunday,” Scott said. “I never quit anything and it was

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SOFTBALL

SIU goes 1-3 in home tournament

Dismore, Petty will be out for up to six weeks

Megan Kramper
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Smooth sailing seems to have surpassed the SIU softball team.

After opening the season at 9-4, the Salukis ended the weekend with a 1-3 record at home in the Coach B Southern Classic at Charlotte West Stadium.

But the biggest loss came in their lineup as senior outfielder Tiffanie Dismore and junior outfielder Chelsea Petty both suffered injuries that will require them to sit out at least four to six weeks.

The injuries happened Sunday afternoon when Northwestern pitcher Lauren Delaney struck Dismore in the face — which resulted in a broken jaw. Coach Kerri Blaylock said Dismore would undergo surgery today to wire her jaw shut.

The second injury occurred when Delaney hit Petty in the hand, which caused a broken thumb. Petty suffered a torn ACL last season as a redshirt player.

Blaylock will look to incorporate a variety of players in the positions left by Petty and Dismore including utility players freshman Chelsea Held and junior Katie Schmidt.

“Different people get a chance to shine now,” Blaylock said.

SIU opened the tournament on a more positive note with a 5-0 win over Western Illinois Saturday morning, but was held scoreless its next 19 innings, dropping the final three games of the weekend to Kansas,



Second baseman Alicia Garza throws out a runner during Sunday afternoon’s loss to Northwestern University. The Salukis went 1-3 in the tournament and will leave Thursday for Hawaii to compete in the Malihini Kipa Aloha Tournament.
 BRANDON CHAPPLE
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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TRACK & FIELD

Salukis compete but can’t take title

Luis C. Medina
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Despite walking away without the team title at the Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championships, the SIU track and field team was showered with top finishes and accolades.

The Salukis’ men’s and women’s teams had individuals score in all but five events at the MVC Indoor Championships held in Cedar Falls, Iowa, during the weekend. Host Northern Iowa scored a collective 315 points, securing conference titles for the men and women.

Coach Connie Price-Smith said she was pleased with how all of the athletes performed.

“Everywhere we had someone compete, I was impressed with their hunger to compete,” Price-Smith said. “I can’t say that there was one person that stood out more than the other because everyone competed hard.”

The Salukis’ second-place finish didn’t stop Brittany Riley from collecting more accolades. The senior thrower of Flossmoor picked up her third consecutive MVC Indoor Most Outstanding Field Athlete Award.

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