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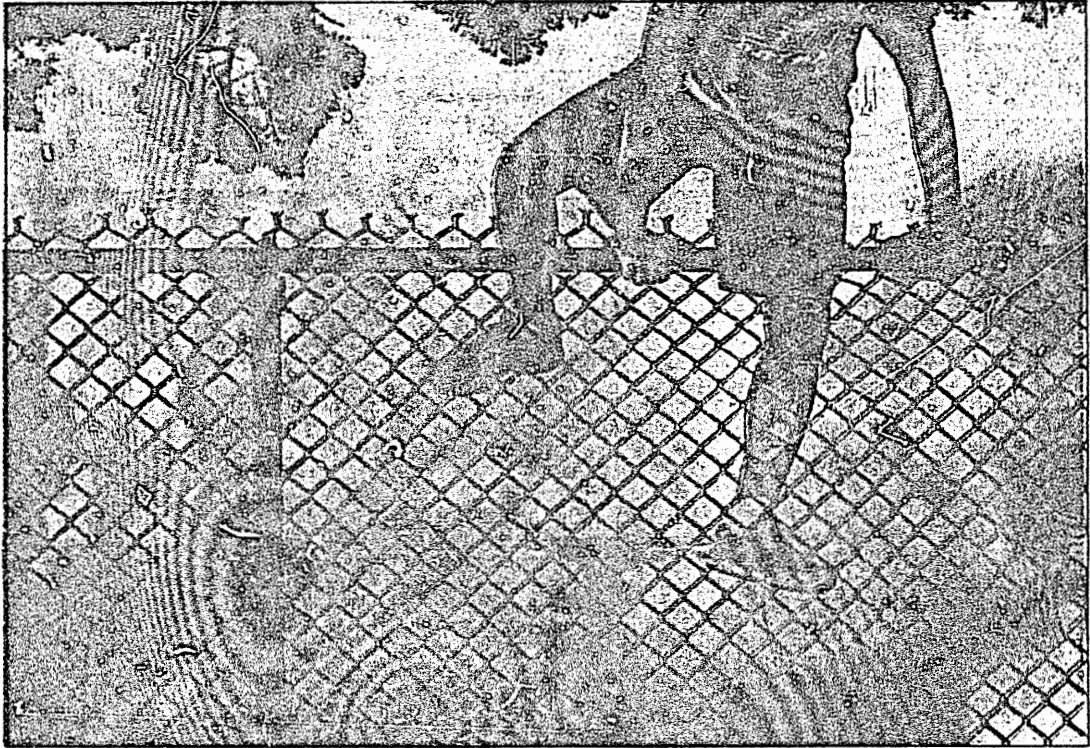
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Fence-scaling for soccer



Mitch Rakers, a junior from Brees studying computer science, climbs over a fence after retrieving a soccer ball Wednesday at Jean Stahr Field near Pulliam Hall. Rakers worked on his soccer skills with Michael Mlethke, a junior from Lake Geneva, Wis., studying business and John Tokarz, a senior from Chicago studying marketing. "We're just out here enjoying the weather and relieving the stresses of school," Tokarz said. Mlethke said he didn't play soccer in high school, but he is trying to get out and play a couple of days a week. "What's not fun to kick?" Mlethke said. JESS VERMEULEN DAILY EGYPTIAN

Housing land-use plan to alter residence halls

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

Students choose to live in suite-style buildings more often than community-style housing, Phil Gatton says.

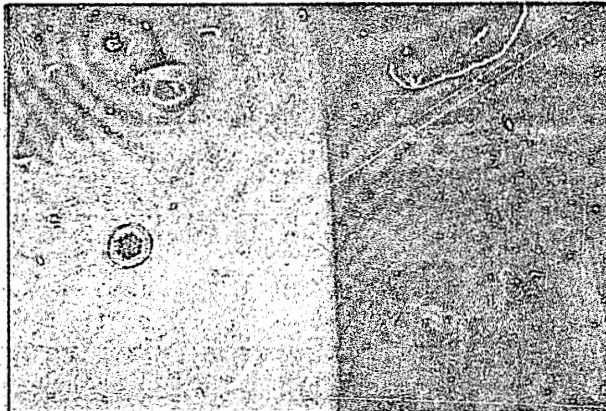
Most students do not like the community-style housing offered at the Triads in University Park because they grow up with more privacy, said Gatton, director of plant and service operations.

"Going away to college and sharing a restroom with 30 or 40 people is just not an attractive option anymore," he said.

Boomer Hall has not been used to house on-campus residents since 2009, and Wright Hall hasn't since 2007 because of a lack of students, who instead chose to live in the Brush Towers, University Hall and Thompson Point, said Julie Payne-Kirchmeier, director of University Housing.

DanYale Locke, a sophomore from Chicago studying English education, said she shared a restroom with everyone in her household growing up, but everyone was neat and clean. She said some students in the Triads do not clean up after themselves, and she heard from friends that some individuals clog the shower drains and toilets with tissue because they want to.

"I moved to the (Brush) Towers specifically because I didn't want to shower in a community shower," Locke said. "I



GEORGE LAMBOLEY | DAILY EGYPTIAN

An Allen Hall bathroom remains vacant and unclean Wednesday. Students have complained about living situations

didn't want a lot of nasty things to happen."

Alicia Carletto, a sophomore from New Orleans, studying social work, said the only thing she wanted was to adjust the thermostat in her building.

"During the wintertime it only has heat," Carletto said. "(Yet) in University Hall, you get to adjust your temperature on your own

in the Triad buildings and the lack of privacy in the communal bathrooms, specifically.

... but you can't do that in the towers."

A floor plan similar to the design of Wall and Grand Apartments, where there are two to three people to a restroom, is preferable to students, Gatton said.

"We've got a lot of new housing on the outskirts of campus," he said. "Ten years ago, there really wasn't a lot of new housing."

There have been 7,000 new housing units constructed in the past five years, Gatton said.

Payne-Kirchmeier said University Housing's planning committee would work with Brallsford & Danlvey, a facilities planning firm, this semester to discuss options for the area once the Triads are demolished. She said an exact model of how the building will look isn't available yet.

Renovation to Allen, Boomer, and Wright halls would be more costly than tearing them down, Gatton said. He said it would take six months to plan the deconstruction and renovation of the halls and as little as two months to complete the actual demolition.

"Planning for something like that takes a while," Payne-Kirchmeier said. "You don't just walk up to it, push a button and they all come down."

Factors to consider during the design process are the student population, the university's financial situation and the state's financial situation, she said.

New construction could take a while because the SIU Board of Trustees must approve it. Plans for a new building could take a year to design, while construction could take one or two years, Gatton said.

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HOUSING

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Payne-Kirchmeier said housing's 15-year land-use plan, instituted in 2004, needs to be revisited. Housing will determine what parts of the original plans are still possible based on students' needs and long-term benefits for campus residence halls, she said.

Housing proposed a 5.5

percent rate increase for tenants in Brush Towers, University Hall, Thompson Point and University Park to the Undergraduate Student Government Feb. 22 and the Graduate and Professional Student Council Tuesday.

The increases were proposed for fiscal year 2012 and would take effect for Thompson Point, Brush Towers, University Hall and the Triads in the fall 2011 semester if the board approves the increase May 12.

Payne-Kirchmeier said the increases are needed to maintain the Triads while they are in use.

She said housing has taken other steps to make students' time in the residence halls more pleasant and productive, such as restructuring the lobbies of the Brush Towers on the east side of campus and creating a full kitchen area in residence halls.

Locke said the addition of the kitchen allows her and other students to recreate meals they miss from home.

Payne-Kirchmeier also said wireless Internet would be installed in residence halls by August to better accommodate students who need to work on group projects.

Gatton said parts of the master land-use plan include tearing down Greek Row and building a new road

that would link the new buildings that may be built there.

Several administrative buildings for accounting, purchasing and the SIU Foundation would also be affected by the removal of Greek Row and Housing's land-use plan, he said.

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Anti-abortion groups adopt in-your-face tactics

JULIE CARR SMYTH
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Anti-abortion activists have recently conducted hidden-camera stings at clinics, put up a billboard declaring abortion the No. 1 threat to blacks, and on Wednesday performed ultrasounds on pregnant women in front of Ohio legislators.

Emboldened by new Republican majorities and a political climate they see as sympathetic, abortion foes are mounting a renewed assault on Roe v. Wade — and employing some in-your-face tactics to do it.

"They're trying to find a way to reframe this issue, and using this imagery is the way they're trying to do this," said Thad Hall, a political scientist at the University of Utah and author of a recent book on abortion politics. "It's very rational political behavior. There is survey data to suggest that when people see these images, it does affect how they view the viability of the fetus."

At the Ohio Statehouse, the anti-abortion group Faith2Action unveiled its "heartbeat bill" to outlaw abortions after the first detectable fetal heartbeat. If passed, it would be the most restrictive abortion law in America, affecting pregnancies as little as six weeks along.

Though it is almost certain to be challenged as unconstitutional

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— Kellie Copeland
executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio

under Roe v. Wade, which upheld a woman's right to an abortion until the fetus is viable, usually at 22 to 24 weeks, nearly half of the GOP-controlled House has signed on to it. Its prospects are not clear in the Senate, where Republicans also hold a majority.

Faith2Action rounded up two women early in their pregnancies and gave them ultrasounds before a packed House Health Committee hearing so legislators could see and hear the fetal hearts.

At the front of the hearing room, each woman, wearing a concealing gown, had her belly rubbed with a conductive gel, and a nurse then rolled the wand over it to produce the ultrasound image. The grainy, ghostly, black-and-white picture was projected onto a big screen, with the quivering heart highlighted in vivid colors. The gentle lub-dub of the heart could be heard over the room's sound system.

Ducia Hamm, executive director of a pregnancy counseling center in Ashland, Ohio, highlighted the picture with a laser pointer.

At one point, a spectator stood

up and flicked the lights off for a better view of the image, now a common sight to most expectant parents.

Rep. Nickle Antonio, a Democrat who opposes the bill, nevertheless thanked Hamm for bringing back memories of her own pregnancy.

Hamm said lawmakers could have simply listened to testimony on the stages of fetal development, "but we all know that words are great, but pictures are worth a thousand words."

Kellie Copeland, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio, said the presentation turned the hearing into a "circus."

"I have to hand it to our opponents on this: They're really good at getting attention," she said. "But they're really not good at paying attention to the needs of Ohio women."

The shock-value strategy is by no means new. Imagery designed to tug at heartstrings or disturb viewers is familiar to anyone who has driven along a highway and seen anti-abortion billboards featuring pictures of fetuses or

smiling infants. On the other side of the debate, abortion rights activists have handed out coat hangers or used pictures of them to symbolize the dangers of back-alley abortions.

But the anti-abortion movement has recently upped the ante in large cities including New York City and Atlanta, where billboards recently went up saying, "The most dangerous place for an African-American is in the womb."

Many blacks complained that the billboards were offensive and perpetuated stereotypes, and Planned Parenthood called it a "condescending effort to stigmatize and shame African-American women." The advertising company pulled the New York billboard last week.

In recent weeks, the California-based anti-abortion group Live Action released undercover video taken at a half-dozen Planned Parenthood clinics in New Jersey, New York and Virginia to make a case against the organization.

The videos show a man posing as a pimp and a woman posing as a prostitute seeking health services for underage sex workers. Planned

Parenthood fired a clinic manager who offered advice to the visitors. Planned Parenthood accused Live Action of "dirty tricks" and complained to the FBI, but the videos contributed to a push in Congress and some states to cut off funding for the women's health organization.

Last fall's elections gave the anti-abortion movement political gains by installing more allies in Congress, legislatures and governor's offices. In many states, legislators are now pushing to do such things as outlaw abortions earlier in a pregnancy, require ultrasounds before a pregnancy is terminated, and prohibit abortion coverage in insurance plans.

"I think the pro-life movement has probably had the upper hand in the last several decades in the production and dissemination of these images. I'm not sure I can say why," said Ziad Munson, associate professor of sociology at Lehigh University and author of "The Making of Pro-Life Activists." "I would assume many in the pro-choice movement would agree with me. They haven't been as successful at marshaling these images to their advantage for whatever reason."

The heartbeat bill's author, Janet Folger Porter, executive director of Faith2Action, defended Wednesday's demonstration against complaints it was a circus.

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"The American people's priorities are clear. They want to keep the government open, and they want to cut spending."

MICHAEL STEELE
spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, on Congress's narrow avoidance of a government shutdown, on Tuesday it agreed to a two-week funding extension that also includes \$4 billion in spending cuts

"Our journalists are constantly at risk of death."

DEMBELE AL SENI
spokesman for the nine newspapers in Ivory Coast that have closed down in protest over alleged harassment by supporters of President Laurent Gbagbo

Ohio Senate passes bill to restrict public unions

ANN SANNER
Associated Press

The bargaining rights of public workers in Ohio would be dramatically reduced, and strikers would be banned under a bill narrowly passed by the Ohio Senate on Wednesday.

A GOP-backed measure that would restrict the collective bargaining rights of roughly 350,000 teachers, firefighters, police officers and other public employees squeaked through the state Senate on a 17-16 vote. Six Republicans sided with Democrats against the measure.

Firefighters and teachers shouted "Shame!" in the chamber as the

legislation was approved.

The bill would ban strikes by public workers and establish penalties for those who do participate in walkouts. Unionized workers could negotiate wages, hours and certain work conditions — but not health care, sick time or pension benefits.

The legislation would also set up a new process to settle worker disputes, giving elected officials the final say in contract disagreements. Binding arbitration, which police officers and firefighters use to resolve contract disputes as an alternative to strikes, would be eliminated.

Republican Sens. Tim Grendell of Chesterland and Bill Seitz of Cincinnati spoke out against that

provision. Grendell said the process would turn workers into beggars before city councils and other officials who oversee them.

"No one can be a judge and advocate in their own cause," Seitz said. "That's called heads I win, tails you lose."

The bill passed a Senate committee after leadership replaced Seitz on the panel after he expressed disappointment in the bill, a move that secured the votes needed to get the legislation before the full Senate.

Extra chairs had to be brought in to accommodate the public attending the hearing. Prohibited from clapping, many wagged or waved their hands in response to pro-labor comments.

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— Tim Grendell
Ohio Republican Senator

The bill now goes to the state House, where the GOP holds a 59-40 majority. If passed there, it would go to Republican Gov. John Kasich, who has said he supports the effort.

During the debate, the chamber defeated Democrats' request to have the entire bill read aloud. GOP Sen. Scott Oelsgler of North Canton sided with Democrats on that issue, as he did on the bill.

The bill sponsor, Republican Sen.

Shannon Jones, said the bill, which would change a 27-year-old Ohio law, is long overdue and would help state and local governments control costs and that it is long overdue.

Jones said the bill is not an attack on the middle class, prompting snickering and coughs from members of the public in the crowded room. Democratic lawmakers pointed out teachers, pipelayers and public safety workers from their districts as the hearing began.

Calif. woman survives 35-mile ride on minivan hood

Associated Press

The woman desperately gripped a windshield wiper blade, her body splayed across the hood of the minivan as it raced down a Northern California freeway in the middle of the night, reaching 100 mph, witnesses said.

With the temperature hovering in the low 30s, Christopher Michael Carroll drove 35 miles from Manteca to nearby Pleasanton Saturday with his wife clinging to the hood, prompting 911 calls from at least two alarmed witnesses, police said.

Carroll, 36, was being held without bail Wednesday at the San

"She kind of goes with the van to try to stop him, gets up on the hood and is hanging on to the wiper blade. She obviously didn't think he would keep driving."

— Rex Osborn
Police Spokesman

Joaquin County Jail on charges of attempted murder, kidnapping and domestic assault, according to sheriff's department records.

Carroll got into the family's minivan around 12:30 a.m. Saturday after he and his wife had an argument at their Manteca home, said police spokesman Rex Osborn.

"She kind of goes with the van to try to stop him, gets up

on the hood and is hanging on to the wiper blade," he said. "She obviously didn't think he would keep driving."

Carroll sped through Manteca, got on the freeway and didn't pull over until he reached Pleasanton, Osborn said.

One witness followed Carroll most of the way and told police his speed reached 100 mph.

Eventually, Carroll slowed

down the vehicle, and his wife "was able to roll off," Osborn said. The driver following the vehicle took the woman to a nearby hospital, where she was treated for hypothermia.

Carroll returned home, where police arrested him a short time later, Osborn said. He is scheduled to appear in court Thursday, and authorities said they wouldn't know whether he has an attorney

until then.

The wild ride happened several days after Carroll was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance, Osborn said.

Police received a phone call Feb. 23 from a witness who reported that Carroll climbed into a 6-foot-deep trash bin in Manteca and was threatening to drown himself in the 5 inches of water that collected at the bottom, Osborn said.

"We went out there and talked to him for about an hour, and he was obviously on some kind of drugs," Osborn said.

Carroll was booked into county jail that afternoon and released the following day, he said.

WIRE REPORTS

PAKISTAN

Gunman kill Christian

Pakistan government minister who opposed blasphemy laws

ISLAMABAD — Assassins reportedly shot by al-Qaida and the Taliban killed the only Christian member of Pakistan's federal Cabinet Wednesday, spraying his car with bullets outside his parent's driveway. It was the second assassination in two months of a high-profile opponent of blasphemy laws that impose the death penalty for insulting Islam.

The killing of Shahbaz Bhatti, a Catholic in his 40s, further undermines Pakistan's shaky image as a moderate Islamic state and could deepen the political turmoil in this nuclear-armed, U.S.-allied state where militants frequently stage roadside attacks.

In pamphlets found at the scene of the shooting in Qaida and the Pakistani Taliban said they targeted Bhatti because of his faith and because he allegedly belonged to a committee that was negotiating the blasphemy laws.

Bhatti was ambushed early Wednesday afternoon outside his parents' home in the capital of Islamabad. The politician had just pulled out of the driveway when three men standing nearby opened fire, said Gulam Rahim, a witness.

Two of the men opened the door and tried to pull Bhatti out, Rahim said, while a third man fired his Kalashnikov rifle repeatedly into the dark-colored Toyota. The three gunmen then sped away in a white Suzuki Mehran car, said Rahim, who took shelter behind a tree.

LIBYA

Pro-Gadhafi forces retake oil port in rebel-held east, bombs weapons depot

BEIRUT — Forces loyal to Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi took control of a key oil installation and port on the coast of the rebel-held eastern half of the country Wednesday and warplanes bombed an ammunition depot on the outskirts of a nearby town also controlled by the opposition, witnesses said.

Gadhafi's forces are escalating a conventional offensive after government opponents over the past two weeks seized control of the eastern half of the country and several cities and towns in the western half near the regime stronghold in the capital Tripoli.

Tuesday, loyalists pushed back rebels from towns near Tripoli, where Gadhafi appears to be in full control. They also kept up military operations for a second straight day to try to retake Zawiyah, a city closest to the capital which is in the hands of government opponents. But rebels, backed by numerous army forces and their weapons, have managed to repel those attacks and hold on to Zawiyah so far.

Ahmed Jarrah, manager of the massive oil installation in the eastern town of Brega on the Mediterranean coast, said pro-Gadhafi forces retake control of the facility at dawn with heavy force. Brega is about 125 miles (200 kilometers) from Libya's second-largest city, Benghazi, the nerve center of the rebel-held east.

There are about 4,600 oil workers at the Brega facility and there had been at least one checkpoint around it which was seized by a small contingent of armed rebel forces from the area. But there were no reports of clashes between the two sides.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Report urges rethink of US aid in Afghanistan

Aphenistans less money, narrower focus, disaster relief

WASHINGTON — By pumping more than \$100 million into a hydroelectric plant, the United States sought to improve the lives of Afghans and win the hearts and minds of tribesmen and forces who might otherwise turn to the Taliban insurgency. Instead, a prominent security Pentagon adviser argued, the bungled endeavor ended up funding the insurgents while doing little to help the United States and the war and bring troops home.

The story of the Kojat dam, the largest U.S. aid project in Afghanistan, is emblematic of the U.S. government's faltering approach to development aid in Afghanistan, according to a policy brief by Mark Moyar, a former professor at the Marine Corps University and frequent consultant to U.S. and international forces in Afghanistan and the Midwest.

Development aid should be shifted to more directly help Afghan civilians. Less money should be accompanied by a narrower focus away from common good programs designed to fit the whole of Afghan society and accompanied by clearer security objectives behind each program, Moyar said.

Moyar's critique of the U.S. approach to aid and development in the nearly 10-year-old war will appear this week in an online scholarly publication, Small Wars Journal, which is widely read by military officers and academics.

He argues that grand gestures such as the dam have flopped, largely because development spending does little to increase popular support during an insurgency. Half the electricity from the project in the volatile Helmand province goes to Taliban territory, enabling America's enemies to issue power bills and grow the poppy, that finance their insurgency, he says.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Senate poised to send Obama a stopgap GOP funding bill with \$4 billion in spending cuts

WASHINGTON — In an early victory for Republicans, the Democratic Senate is voting to send President Barack Obama a GOP-drafted measure that cuts \$4 billion in spending as the price for keeping the government open for an additional two weeks.

Swearing bipartisan support is expected Wednesday for the measure, which includes the House Tuesday by a 335-91 tally. More than 100 Democrats broke with Minority Leader Harry Reid of California to support it.

The president is encouraged by the progress Congress is making towards a short-term agreement. White House press secretary Jay Carney said after the House vote. "Moving forward, the focus needs to be on both sides finding common ground in order to reach a long-term solution that removes the kind of uncertainty that can hurt the economy and job creation."

House speakers, however, Carney had floated a trial balloon for a four- or five-week measure that would provide a more realistic time frame for what promises to be highly contentious negotiation on a follow-up bill to set spending levels through the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30.

That balloon soon popped. "If there had been a conversation about this 10 days ago or two days ago, we might have had something to talk about," Republican House Speaker John Boehner said. "That the fact is we were forced to make our own terms."

Illinois gun-info debate grows, legislation stalls

JOHN O'CONNOR
Associated Press

A plan to prevent releasing the names of those authorized to have guns in Illinois stalled Wednesday, despite gun owners' burgeoning concern over privacy and safety prompted by the attorney general's opinion that the information is public record.

Gun advocates called for Attorney General Lisa Madigan to reverse her decree or for lawmakers to move swiftly to overturn it, and Republicans launched a petition drive to bolster the movement. Anti-violence groups countered that releasing the information is important to keep government accountable.

Members of the House Judiciary Committee on civil law voted 5-5 to halt a bill from advancing that would prohibit state police from making public the names of the 1.3 million holders of Firearm Owners Identification cards. The measure's sponsor, Republican Rep. Paul G. Gosnell of Chicago, says he will keep trying to get the bill approved.

Madigan's office ruled Monday night, in response to a public records request from The Associated Press, that the list of FOID cardholders is public record

“Having those records in the public arena is also helpful in making sure that local law enforcement and the state police are following up with those people who have FOID cards who should be prohibited purchasers

and must be disclosed. The permit holders' addresses and telephone numbers would remain private.

State police officials, who claimed that Illinois law bars the disclosure because it is an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, said they will challenge the ruling in court.

Madigan's decree refuted the police assertions about privacy and said officials had not proven their contention that making the records public would jeopardize anyone's safety.

The Illinois State Rifle Association disagreed. Director Richard Pearson said "there is no legitimate reason for anyone to have access to the information."

"The safety of our people is at stake here," Pearson said in a statement. "Once this information is released, it will be distributed to street gangs and gun-control groups who will use the data to target gun owners for crime and harassment."

Mark Walsh, campaign director for the Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, said there's more behind the issue than just publishing names.

"Having those records in the public arena is also helpful in making sure that local law enforcement and the state police are following up with those people who have FOID cards who should be prohibited purchasers," Walsh said. Federal law prohibits felons from possessing guns.

That's been the effect elsewhere around the country, particularly with statewide data about licenses issued to people who want to carry concealed weapons, which is allowed in most states but not Illinois. Among some exceptions

An investigation by the South Florida Sun-Sentinel published in 2007 found that 1,100 people who were given concealed-carry licenses in the first half of 2006 had earlier pleaded guilty or no contest to felonies but qualified

for guns because of a loophole in the law.

In Memphis, Tenn., The Commercial Appeal found at least 70 people in the Memphis area who had concealed-carry permits despite violent histories including robbery, assault and domestic violence. A firestorm erupted after the newspaper posted an online database in 2008 of names of all concealed-carry permit holders in Tennessee.

Legislatures in Florida and Tennessee have since voted to make information on permit holders private.

The Indianapolis Star found hundreds of people convicted of felonies or other "questionable" crimes in which people were subsequently granted concealed-carry permits. In some instances, it appeared the state police had a legal obligation to deny the permits.

A Madigan spokeswoman said the office had received "a couple

hundred" e-mails on the issue, with varying opinions.

The Illinois Republican Party launched a petition drive Wednesday to support legislation such as Stephens' to prohibit disclosure of the information.

"Illinois Democrats should stand up and shout down this Madigan attempt to take away our right to privacy, but they won't," state GOP chairman Pat Brady said in a statement to drum up support.

In the House, Stephens said he will have another chance before the committee with his bill. And a Senate version has yet to get a hearing.

Democratic Rep. Mike Zaleski of Chicago was among those urging Stephens to retool his legislation, with some suggesting he consider records aside from just the FOID cards. But Zaleski doesn't buy the arguments that disclosure would jeopardize gun owners if no addresses are released.

"The number of names that I look into every day that didn't do the person has the information and I'm sure, go through all these processes they'd have to go through to commit a crime like that," Zaleski said. "If it's the names alone, I side with the attorney general."

Quinn defends call for merging school districts

ZACHARY COLMAN
Associated Press

Gov. Pat Quinn defended his proposal to merge school districts on Wednesday, saying the money saved from cutting district administrators will put more teachers in Illinois classrooms.

Quinn said the state could save \$100 million by cutting the Illinois' 865 school districts to about 300. Illinois has the third-most school districts in the nation behind Texas and California, and about 200 districts have just a single school.

"We don't need as many folks at the top level," Quinn told reporters at the Capitol. "We need folks on the front line, in

teaching, imparting knowledge and making sure our kids get 21st century education."

Quinn said at least 270 superintendents earn more than his \$177,412 salary.

"I'm not sure we need so many of them," Quinn said.

With the state facing a possible \$10 billion budget deficit, many have suggested cuts to reduce spending. But Quinn has said the state has underfunded education for several years, and he has made improving Illinois education a priority. Quinn's proposals could allow the state to better satisfy some education programs, although they might not reduce overall spending.

Quinn proposed a 3.2 percent increase in education spending

from the state's general revenue fund. Education funding as a whole would decrease 3.9 percent because of the loss of federal funds, according to Quinn's budget proposal.

Matt Vanover, a spokesman for the state Board of Education, said the board has not taken a position on Quinn's proposal because it has not seen its specifics. But he said the organization "recognizes the need to carefully consider district consolidation in certain context."

Quinn also stood by his proposal to cut state support for school transportation expenses. He said that would allow schools to transfer \$95 million to education programs.

Vanover said transportation

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— Pat Quinn
Illinois governor

already has been cut significantly. It was reduced by nearly \$140 million this fiscal year. The board requested a \$134 million increase in school transportation funding, which still would have fallen short of the fiscal year-2010 school transportation budget.

Under the plan, school districts likely would have to fund transportations to make up

the difference. Quinn has touted job growth and education as two of the top items on his agenda. He said investing in the state's students will lead to a better economic future.

"Jobs follow brain power," Quinn said. "We have to be a state that out-educates the nation. And our nation, we want to out-educate the world."

NILES

Former Niles mayor free after year in prison

A former suburban Chicago mayor is free after serving a year in prison in an insurance kickback scheme.

Nicholas Blase spent nearly a half-century as the mayor of Niles before resigning and pleading guilty to the fraud charges.

Blase told the Chicago Tribune on Wednesday he is anxious to become involved in "community" activities, though he is barred from holding elective office.

In January 2010, Blase admitted under his office for cover to cover business as a friend's insurance agency to the money was paid to his through a dummy company.

Prosecutors said Blase, who was mayor of Niles for 47 years, pocketed \$1.5 million in kickbacks.

Blase was sentenced to a year in prison for the insurance fraud.

SPRINGFIELD

State to make \$3.2 million available for recycling

The state of Illinois is making \$3.2 million available to local government agencies and private businesses to beef up their recycling efforts.

In a statement released Wednesday, the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity says the money can be used for various programs that help save energy, reduce waste and create new "green sector" jobs.

The programs are funded through the Solid Waste Management Fund, which is supported by a surcharge on garbage being hauled to landfills around the state.

The DCEO administers a number of programs, such as the Illinois Recycling Grants Program, which provides matching grants to local government agencies and businesses to pay for additional recycling projects.

CHICAGO

Former Chicago superintendent explains why he quit

Former Chicago Police Superintendent Jerry Wells tells WLS-TV that he "decided" to leave his job Tuesday because he wasn't sure if he would be on the job the entire last two months of Mayor Richard Daley's administration. Tuesday was the last day of his 3-year contract.

Daley has said he wanted Wells to stay beyond Tuesday but on Wednesday, Wells explained in an interview that he did not know how long he had on the job because staying on the job would mean putting off explaining why he quit.

Wells says he did not want to stay on the job and quit suddenly he had been replaced.

CHICAGO

Illinois ranks 8th nationally in green buildings

Illinois ranks 8th nationally for the most green buildings per capita.

The U.S. Green Building Council released its list on Wednesday. Illinois has 1,097 square feet of LEED-certified (commercial) and institutional green buildings per capita. That's based on 2010 census information. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

Washington, D.C., led the council's list with 25.15 square feet per person, followed by Nevada with nearly 15 square feet per person. Other states that made the list include New Mexico, New Hampshire and Oregon.

GRANITE CITY

Man killed in southwestern Ill. apartment fire

An apartment fire in southwestern Illinois' Granite City killed a man.

The name of the victim of the Wednesday morning blaze was not immediately released.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports firefighters managed to pull the man out of the blazing apartment building. County's coroner says the victim died at a hospital.

Granite City Assistant Fire Chief Tom Lipson says the fire was caused by the blaze.

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GUEST COLUMN

Protesting at soldiers' funerals unfair

TARA KULASH
sophomore studying journalism

Sometimes I just want to pull my hair out when I think about the ignorance that is tolerated in this country.

The Supreme Court just voted 8-1 to give the Westboro Baptist Church the right to protest at soldiers' funerals. Not only was this the wrong decision, but it's also disheartening that the vote was by a landslide.

If you haven't already been delightfully exposed to the Westboro Baptist Church's theories, here's what you've missed: the extremist group was founded by Fred Phelps, a former civil rights lawyer with a spawn of 13 kids, 54 grandkids and seven great-grandkids. The church is actually mostly made up

of his large family. The group is aggressively anti-homosexual and expresses it by burning flags and holding protests with signs that say things like "Thank God for Dead Soldiers" and "AIDS cures fags." The members also shout offensive slogans at the funeral attendees. You might be wondering what dead soldiers have to do with homosexuality.

The WBC believes U.S. soldiers deserve to die because they are fighting for a country that accepts homosexuality. Even if I did agree with that stupid belief, why not protest the politicians that pass gay rights laws instead? They're targeting the wrong group, considering many of our troops are placed in this war despite their own protests and beliefs.

The case at hand was that of Albert Snyder, the father of fallen

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marine Matthew Snyder. The WBC protested Matthew's funeral and Albert sued the church in 2007 for emotional distress. Initially Snyder won the case, but with an appeal, the hate group came out victorious.

While Chief Justice John Roberts doesn't actually agree with the church's philosophy, he stated, "Snyder could see no more than the tops of the signs when driving to the funeral. And there is no indication that the picketing itself in any way interfered with the funeral itself."

So what? I guess Roberts is trying to argue for the idea "out of sight, out of mind," but if I

were to tell you not to think about bananas, what would you think about? Most likely bananas. Just because the protest wasn't in plain view doesn't mean it didn't affect the friends and family of Matthew Snyder at the funeral.

Only Associate Justice Samuel Alito stood up to the injustice.

"In order to have a society in which public issues can be openly and vigorously debated," Alito said, "it is not necessary to allow the brutalization of innocent victims like the petitioner."

This isn't about freedom of speech. It's about the personal attack by a hate group toward mourning families. Whether or

not I agree with this war (which I don't), I still support our troops no matter what. It's disappointing that men and women are dying for our country and we can't allow their families a simple private ceremony to help with the grieving process.

Losing a son or daughter has to be one of the hardest obstacles someone could face; why should parents have to be tortured any further?

Forty-eight states have filed in support of the Snyder family. I'm so disappointed that the majority of our Supreme Court felt otherwise. While this inbred cult is spitting ignorance, soldiers that "deserve to die" are protecting its freedom of speech. I say that's a bit sick and twisted. There's a reason the majority of this country is in favor of Snyder. The others just need to catch up.

STAFF COLUMN

Uncle Sam prefers dealing his own dope

KYLE AKEN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Forget baseball, America has a new favorite pastime. And though it still involves small white spheres, it lacks the wholesomeness of the ball park. The new ticket to entertainment is vendied by Uncle Sam's own personal pushers, the pharmacy. Strangely enough, you will not find these dope dealers in a seedy alleyway or an abandoned warehouse. These substance peddlers have nestled themselves comfortably on the cushion of Republican legislation.

If these bigwig enterprisers can cram fistfuls of narcotic feel-goods down our throats, then why do they turn around and hassle the humble, small-business street seller, belting out life sentences to those pursuing the same dream by the same means?

After all, America is still a free market, right? These man-procured pills can be just as, if not more, harmful to the average person than any street drug. Many of the drugs with Uncle Sam's seal of approval are inspired by the street drug and are often manufactured to be more potent

than their illegal relatives.

I felt compelled to inform the always-pious Uncle Sam of these discrepancies; surely he would see that America is going against the very concepts that make it great.

I decided to track down Uncle Sam and found out, with a bit of concern, that he was located in the Mecka & Co., Inc. building. This happens to be a powerful pharmaceutical company — a coincidence, right? Disconcerted, but not deterred, I pressed on. As I made my way through the luxurious hallways of the Mecka offices, I overheard a strange conversation.

"Well, Mr. Magic Johnson, just slap on that patch and you won't have to worry about that mean old HIV virus anymore! By the way, we can't cash checks under a million dollars," a man in a lab coat divulged.

The athletic black man answered, "Wow, just a patch. How long have you had this?"

The scientist sighed, "Oh we got it about the same time we made the virus." The conversation was abruptly ended as the door was closed by a grim-faced secret service agent.

Finally, I made my way through the labyrinth of conspiracies, arrived at the big man's office and opened the heavy oak door labeled "World Police."

What awaited me behind that door was more shocking than anything I had encountered on my odyssey to the office. A young boy draped in the American flag sat with a disgruntled face on an ivory throne with the word "Proletariat" carved into the headpiece. A Chinese woman sat to his left, manhandling his fingernails. To his right a stuffed Cherokee Indian's face was frozen in horror. A black business consultant stood at his side, a shock collar clinging snugly to his neck.

The boy looked up, locking eyes with me. He huffed, "If you're with the church, tell them I've already merged religion with state as much as I could get away with. Haven't you ever heard of a Republican filibuster?"

I shook off my bemusement and focused on my rekindled anger. "Actually, Uncle Sam, I'm with the press, and you've got a lot of explaining to do! How can you sit idly by while thousands of people are wrongfully imprisoned

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for selling narcotics while this company profits from the same means on a regular basis! Isn't this a textbook definition of a monopoly? And by enforcing these victimless crimes, how are we any different from a Fascist society? Wouldn't you say the war on drugs is no more sophisticated than the Salem witch hunts?"

Uncle Sam smiled and said, "Oh, you must be new." He then pressed a button on a large remote and an Arabic nurse entered almost instantly.

"Already time for your next feeding? They're getting closer together, aren't they?" the nurse asked.

She scowled, and pulled out a syringe filled with an inky black substance. I watched, horror-stricken, as Uncle Sam injected it into his veins. "He's hypopetroleum glycemc. If he doesn't get oil every few hours, all his systems begin to shut down,"

the nurse explained. "Want more?" the teenage titan asked. I declined, but he pressed on. I finally accepted, as Uncle Sam's eyes glinted with guile.

"You want this bacon-wrapped burger, too?" he asked.

I nodded vacantly as my eyes began to dilate, and took a delicious, grease-saturated bite, letting the consumer euphoria wash over me.

Why was I here again? Uncle Sam turned to his consultant and said, "Works every time. Get him out of here. Something tells me that's the end of his line of questioning."

The nice man dragged me out of the office, politely tossing me face-first into the street. These painkillers feel great — much better than thinking does. I wonder where I can get more.

Editor's Note: The opinions expressed in this column are solely those of Kyle Aken.

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Illinois governor still backs Obama's health law

CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press

Illinois forged ahead with implementing the nation's new health care law Wednesday with support from its Democratic governor.

Just back from a national governors meeting in Washington, Gov. Pat Quinn started reviewing a plan to roll out key components of the law. Submitted by a council Quinn appointed, the plan proposes new reins on health insurance companies and an online marketplace where people could shop for insurance.

"In Illinois, we do not see the (Affordable Care Act) as an alternative or distraction to the urgent need for jobs and economic growth," Quinn said in written testimony submitted to a congressional committee Tuesday. "We see the law as a vital part of our economic recovery."

Quinn's embrace of the health care law stands in contrast to

many Republican governors, who are worried about added costs to state budgets. While the federal government would cover about 95 percent of the cost for people who would be newly entitled to Medicaid in 2014, states would pay the remainder, and the federal share eventually would drop to 90 percent.

States have varied widely in their responses to President Barack Obama's key domestic policy initiative, which requires that all Americans have health insurance beginning in 2014 or pay a penalty.

Some Republican-led states have refused to implement the law after a federal judge in Florida sided with a lawsuit by 26 attorneys general who argued it was unconstitutional. Other states are going beyond what the law requires. Minnesota is expanding Medicaid early, three years ahead of the law's requirement. And Vermont is exploring a single-payer health care system

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— Pat Quinn
governor of Illinois

— a strategy Congress rejected.

The law, enacted almost a year ago, has been lucrative for Illinois, bringing in nearly \$290 million to state agencies, non-profits, nursing schools and hospitals. Wednesday's recommendations come from a panel of the heads of Illinois agencies that will be involved with its implementation. The panel's report estimates more than 1 million now-uninsured Illinois residents will get health coverage by 2014.

Of those, 500,000 to 800,000 will be covered under the state's Medicaid program with mostly federal funding. Another 200,000 to 300,000 will buy coverage through the online health insurance exchange, with

premiums subsidized by the federal government.

The Web-based exchange would be a quasi-governmental entity selling insurance products to both individuals and small employers. It would be governed by an independent board. The start-up costs would be paid by the federal government.

Like a Travelocity for health insurance, the exchange would make it easier to comparison shop.

"Consumers will be able to make those choices in 15 to 20 minutes sitting at home, on a computer," said Illinois Department of Insurance Director Michael McRath, a vice chair of the task force.

The report also recommends

legislation to give state regulators the authority to approve or deny health insurance rate increases and to force insurers to spend 80 to 95 cents of every premium dollar on providing health care, or pay rebates to customers.

It suggests amending state law to make it easier to create non-profit, member-run health insurance cooperatives. In Illinois today, companies selling health insurance are all for-profit.

The council held public meetings around the state and received more than 100 comments before releasing its recommendations.

Some early benefits of the health care law were rolled out last year in Illinois. More than 1,000 Illinois residents now receive health coverage through the state's new insurance program for people who'd previously been denied coverage because of pre-existing medical conditions.

Emanuel: Fake Twitter wasn't always so far off

SOPHIA TAREEN
Associated Press

It turns out the profanity-laced fake Twitter feed chronicling Chicago Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel's mythical adventures wasn't too far off.

"There were many times when I said, 'My sentiments exactly, the real Emanuel joked Wednesday on WLS-AM during an event with the feed's creator dubbed 'The Twitter Summit.'"

The tweets on (@)MayorEmanuel — which navigated a plot involving Emanuel, a duck, a puppy, an intern and President Barack Obama's political adviser David Axelrod — were so popular during the mayoral race that they attracted more than 39,000 followers, more than the real Emanuel had on his feed.

Emanuel said he first heard of it when several friends said they thought it sounded like him.

"A number of people thought it was close enough to my old voice," Emanuel said, jokingly emphasizing "old."

The mayor-elect has a reputation for swearing that's been mocked on Saturday Night Live, The Daily Show and elsewhere, even though Emanuel stayed expletive-free on the campaign trail.

The former White House chief of staff even called the fake feed, which ended after the Feb. 22 election, an outlet for the "craze" in Rahm.

Dan Sinker, an assistant journalism professor at Columbia College in Chicago, said he started the Twitter feed as a joke for a few friends. He said Wednesday that he was nervous to meet

Emanuel, which the mayor-elect quickly diffused.

"Dude, you have tenure, I already called on it," he said.

Emanuel also pledged to give \$5,000 to Young Chicago Authors, a charity of Sinker's choosing. Emanuel had promised to do so

when the identity of the Emanuel impersonator was revealed.

When show hosts Roe Conn and Richard Roeper asked Sinker if he was concerned about his Chicago citizenship after meeting Emanuel, Sinker quickly said he lives in the suburbs.

That's when Emanuel, who underwent a lengthy residency challenge with hearings and an Illinois Supreme Court decision to be eligible for the ballot, stepped in.

"We're not doing residencies in Chicago anymore," he said.

Partnership aims to help Midwest industry

KENTHOMAS
Associated Press

The Obama administration is creating a \$4.5 million partnership between the private sector and government to help Midwest manufacturers access high-tech computing to speed up design cycles for future products.

The White House said Wednesday the funding would create a partnership to develop high-performance software for smaller manufacturers and suppliers, helping them reduce the time needed to develop new products sought by large companies. The program is part of a larger focus by the Obama administration on innovation and competitiveness to build long-term economic prosperity.

"What we can do is use this modest amount of money to start this thing off to make some important progress in

developing this software and as it gains momentum, we would expect it to grow in size," said Ron Bloom, a White House adviser on manufacturing policy.

The partnership will bring together large corporations, government agencies, universities and manufacturers to develop the high-performance software. The software is aimed at helping small and medium-size manufacturers in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio conduct modeling and simulation of future products and materials. Officials said it could shorten the product development cycle to 8 months from 14 months for most suppliers.

Administration officials said \$2 million in funding from the Commerce Department would be matched by \$2.5 million from companies such as Deere & Co., General Electric Co., Lockheed Martin Corp. and The Procter & Gamble Co.

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“I knew there'd be only one [survivor] someday. I didn't think it would be me.”

Frank Buckles
the last surviving U.S. veteran of World War I
who died on Sunday
at age 110

“It turns out that not everybody wants to be president.”

Deval Patrick
the second-term Massachusetts governor
saying he's not interested in the job of
Commander-in-Chief

Nighty Night returns to Carbondale

BRENDAN SMITH
Daily Egyptian

After a few months out of the local music scene, indie rockers Nighty Night are back to conquer Carbondale. The band is known for crafting crisp, shimmering folk tales of life in the backwoods small towns of southern Illinois. Bassist David Allen spoke with the DAILY EGYPTIAN on life in Carbondale, recording new material and the group's upcoming performance Saturday at Hangar 9.

DE: Egyptian: There's a British television show called "Nighty Night." Is that where the band name comes from?

DA: Allere: I joined the band after they'd already decided on the name, but I can tell you that it's not from that TV show. I don't think anyone until recently knew that the show existed.

DE: I know that you are all officially Carbonites now, but what is your relation to the campus?

DA: Four of us graduated from SIU; one is still a student. I graduated two years ago with our drummer, guitarist and singer. Our other guitar player is still a student.

DE: So, having started off as students and now graduates, how has it been playing shows and building your fan base from the ground up?

DA: It's been a good process. Most of us are from the area, so we have a large group of friends that have been coming to our shows from the very beginning. But it's been interesting to watch it grow ... now when we play I don't know most of the people. But we just kind of play shows and whoever comes, comes

and we're happy. More and more people keep coming, which is cool. I think it's a lot of students but also a lot of members of the community.

DE: You guys are an unsigned act. What is it like doing all the things that go into being a band without a label?

DA: For us it is pretty much all good because we like to do everything ourselves. We book our own shows (and have) gone on two national tours that we've booked all ourselves. We make our own recordings and put them out however we want. It's very natural for us to fill those positions and try to do things by our own means. The other side to it is that we haven't put out a full-length record yet, so we haven't had the opportunity to be signed with a label. We did put out a seven-inch LP with a label in Bloomington, Ind., but it wasn't a record deal or anything.

DE: You play with Small Time London Thug as well?

DA: Yes I do. Actually, I play in Small Time London Thug and the drummer and I also play in another band together. Chris, who plays guitar, plays in another band called The Sprickets.

DE: How does that work? How do you all manage that?

DA: Pretty easy. We're part of a community of bands and musicians in Carbondale. We all play music together a lot and help each other out, so I mean it's really pretty natural. We're all friends and appreciate each other's musical abilities so we all just play in bands together. It's really helpful, actually, because we can all play shows together.

DE: So, with you playing in three different bands, what are the

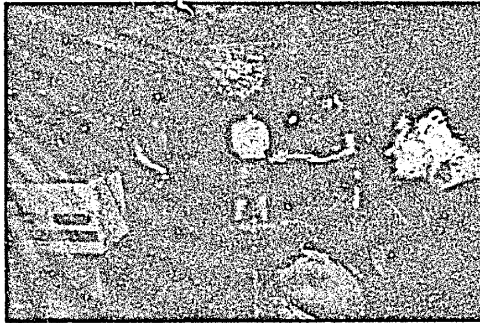


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Folk-rock band Nighty Night plays Feb. 25 for a crowd at Skihouse. The local band, four SIU graduates and one current student, will be performing Saturday at Hangar 9.

differences in each group?

DA: Man, they're so different. Being in a band is like being in a relationship. It's a kind of complicated and personal thing. The dynamic of the group is really different, depending on the group of people. Other than the fact that our music sounds different, the people make it a different experience.

DE: You guys are playing South by Southwest in a couple of weeks right?

DA: Well, we were going to do that but I think we may have decided not to go. At South by Southwest we would have kind of just been playing for fun. We weren't playing any really high-profile shows or anything we were just going to play with some friends. ... But it was going to be expensive and kind of stressful, and we had the chance to record over spring break, so we're raising

a cabin for the week and recording a new album.

DE: Is the album going to be completely new material or stuff from your live sets?

DA: It's completely new material, although we have played it for the last couple of shows. We've released our first seven-inch record and went on a tour of the West Coast and the Midwest for a month the summer before last. That following winter we went to the south and eastern parts of the United States for the same material. Around that time we were playing a lot of shows in Carbondale with bands that were coming through, so we weren't having a lot of time to work on new material. ... This past summer and fall we stopped playing shows for eight months and

just completely worked on new stuff. So the show we did at Hangar 9 in January and Love at the Glove that next week were the first shows we've played with an entirely new set. But this weekend at Hangar we're playing all of our old songs as well as the new ones.

DE: Is there a particular sound to this new record?

DA: Yeah, I guess you could say it's more mature. I feel like it's a little darker and a little more intense. With the first record we were just learning how to play together, and whatever happened, happened. With this one, we have a much better idea about how we want it to sound and to really hone in on that. It's more stylized, and we have more control of what we're doing.

DE: There are a lot of Nighty Night fans on campus, as well as plenty of aspiring musicians. What would you say to those students who are trying to make it as a band?

DA: I would say go for it and just do it. That's the best advice you can have. Everything that we've done, it's been on our own. We didn't know how to put out a record, but we wanted to, and we figured out how to do it. We didn't know how to go on a tour or know any other bands, but we just winged it, and it ended up working. What I will say is that there's a really great arts community in Carbondale. It's a very open place and not as closed off and pretentious as other cities. I think everyone involved in the community is always looking for new bands, artists and faces. There are a lot of younger people on campus who aren't familiar with our work, and hopefully with this show we can reach out to them.

Dropkick's 'Style' another barroom classic

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Dropkick Murphys
Going Out In Style

★★★★★

The Dropkick Murphys are not one for musical evolution. For six albums, the group has stuck to its tried-and-true blend of punk, Irish folk story and sing-along pub hits.

Their new album, "Going Out In Style," is more of the same —

and that is a good thing.

While their sound has never changed, the Dropkick Murphys are the masters of what they do. They've always had the hard-hitting verses and blasting choruses one could imagine being sung off-key in Irish bars across America, and what makes the Boston band stand out is the heart and spirit in its songs.

Vocalists Al Barr and Ken Casey are not good singers, but their bark-like delivery adds edge to the more punk-type songs, and an everyman sensibility to the more traditional

Irish folk songs. While "Going Out In Style" follows a more conceptual path, telling a loose story about the clearly departed fictional Cornelius Larkin, the subject matter is still similar to most other Dropkick Murphys songs. Tracks focus on the bonds of brotherhood, importance of family and love and getting drunk and enjoying some Boston Red Sox baseball. It's simplistic, but there's just enough difference to the lyrical style so it doesn't feel like a retread.

To accompany the vocal styling is the group's traditional and

strong musicianship. Though it sounds as though it'd be chaotic, the group's banjos and bagpipes, as well as electric guitar and drums, flow together effortlessly, creating a loud and powerful sound few other bands can create. With their crunchy guitar riffs, drum rolls and bagpipes that sound like horns blasting from atop a mountain, songs such as "Hang 'em High" and the title track have a sense of energy to them that could make a listener stand up and start a bar fight.

"Going Out In Style" is unique,

though, for its use of guests, including NOFX's Fat Mike and a near-album-stealing performance from the Boston himself, Bruce Springsteen, on "Peg O' My Heart."

It is a great comfort to know there are artists out there who know what they do best and stick to it. With "Going Out In Style," the Dropkick Murphys show they are still masters of the pub anthem.

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Women's slow start speeds up in streak

TREY BRAUNECKER
Daily Egyptian

Although the women's tennis team had a slow start at the beginning of the season, its recent four-match win streak shows the team is ready for competition, coach Audra Nothwehr said.

The team started out its season losing its first three matches, but even with the team suffering its first losses, Nothwehr said the players never let it affect their mood. She said the main focus from the season's start was getting players back into a good rhythm after the winter break.

Nothwehr said the players

needed to prepare for the spring matches with constant drilling.

"Tennis is a game of repetition," Nothwehr said. "You get better by hitting the ball, so the time and the amount of practice has definitely helped us out."

Nothwehr said speed and endurance certainly help in tennis, but there's more to being a good tennis player than just being able to move around the court.

Attitude and acceptance play a major part in a person's ability to play the game, Nothwehr said. She said her players had to accept losing a few matches at the start of the season as part of the improvement process.

6 Try not to let my emotions get the best of me when I'm playing a match. As long as I keep my composure, I can play at my best.

— Jennifer Dien sophomore

Sophomore Jennifer Dien said she could have easily lost her match Sunday against Murray State's Lindsey Wiseman if Dien hadn't tried to keep calm during the meet.

"I try not to let my emotions get the best of me when I'm playing a match," Dien said. "As long as I keep my composure, I can play at my best."

Dien said the team has improved

its game since the beginning of the season and thinks the team is prepared for the upcoming matches Friday against both Saint Louis and Austin Peay.

Sophomore Melanie Delsart said the team would have to compete with Saint Louis' endurance players and Austin Peay's strong hitters. She said the players need to focus on their speed and returns in order to

win both matches Friday. "We've been working hard on our singles, and we're starting to show how well we can compete with the other teams," Delsart said. "We just needed a couple of matches to work everything out."

Nothwehr said the team isn't intimidated by the fact it has to play two teams in one day.

"We're coming for more," Nothwehr said. "We're pretty evenly matched with both teams, so we're ready for some good competition, but we're in there to win."

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Serena Williams treated for blood clot in lungs

RACHEL COHEN
Associated Press

Serena Williams' absence from tennis could stretch to almost a year after two new health scares — a blood clot in her lungs followed by a hematoma — have added to her injury woes.

Her agents confirmed Wednesday that Williams was diagnosed with a pulmonary embolism last week and later needed treatment for a hematoma. The 13-time Grand Slam champion hasn't played an official

match since winning Wimbledon last July because of a foot injury she sustained not on the court but at a restaurant.

Her latest health problems have been "extremely hard, scary and disappointing," Williams said in a statement. "I am doing better. I'm at home now and working with my doctors to keep everything under control. I know I will be OK but am praying and hoping this will all be behind me soon."

"While I can't make any promises now on my return, I hope

to be back by early summer. That said, my main goal is to make sure I get there safely."

People magazine first reported on Williams' condition, quoting spokeswoman Nicole Chabot as saying Williams underwent "emergency treatment" Monday for a hematoma suffered as a result of treatment for "a more critical situation," the pulmonary embolism.

The 29-year-old Williams was treated at a Los Angeles hospital then returned to her home in the city.

"Thankfully, everything was

caught in time," her agents said in a statement. "With continued doctor visits to monitor her situation, she is recuperating at home under strict medical supervision."

Williams' mother, Oracene Price, tweeted: "Thank you for your concern. She is fine."

The tennis star attended Sunday night's Elton John AIDS Foundation Academy Awards Viewing Party. On Tuesday night, Williams posted on her Twitter account, "Tough day." A few minutes later, she tweeted Kim Kardashian.

The younger sister of seven-time major champion Venus Williams has been out of competition since she cut her right foot on broken glass at a restaurant shortly after winning her fourth Wimbledon title July 3. Her comeback has been repeatedly delayed by complications with the injury.

Williams had surgery after initially hurting her foot and pulled out of the U.S. Open. She resumed practicing in September but kept pushing back her return and needed an additional operation in October.



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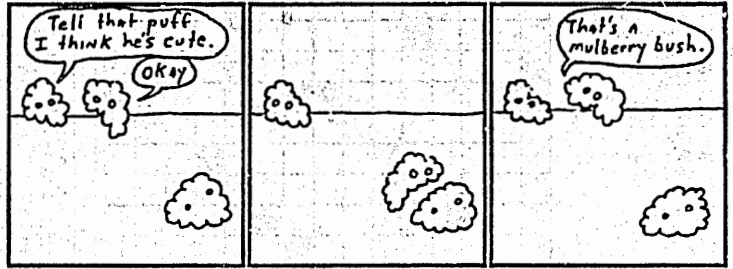
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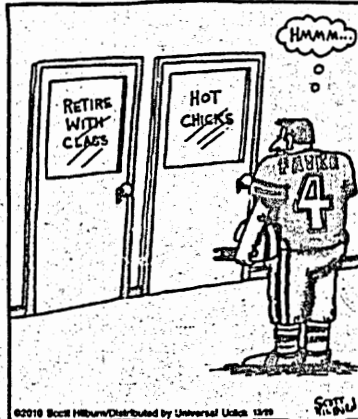
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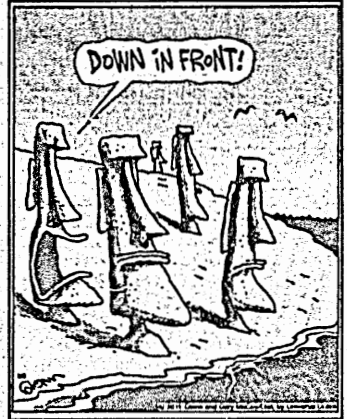
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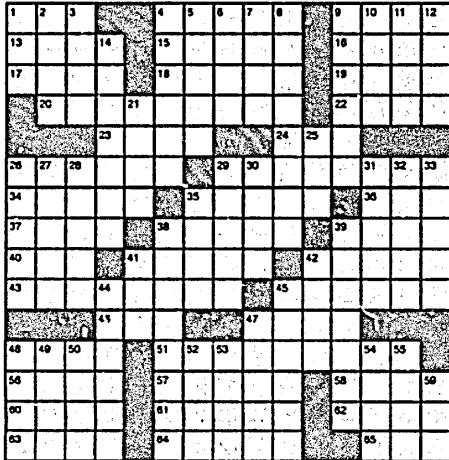


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Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clament

Today's Birthday — It promises to be a very romantic year for all Pisces. Follow your heart in all areas of your life, from work to family life. Be open to long-term commitments and to growth. Consider what you really love.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Today is a perfect day for meditation and soul searching. Find time to get away from noise, even the kind that you can't hear, and just listen.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Listen to a friend, even if they seem like a hopeless dreamer. Let go of a fear by inspecting and researching it. Throw your hat over the fence, and jump after it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 9 — Write blueprints for a vision. Your reputation is on the rise. It may translate into a new career, a raise or new discoveries that pay off nicely.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Dreams empower. Listen to your environment. Go on an adventure smell the flowers; look under the rocks. Be like a three-year-old. Don't be afraid to ask "Why?"

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Take it easy today. The more you learn, the more you discover you don't know, and that's a good thing. Keep it up. Stick to the facts, even when tempted to embellish.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Today you may be torn between wanting to be alone, and wanting to be with others. While you're running it out, go burn some calories. No excuses.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — New information opens up new possibilities. Avoid distractions for great productivity. You're the king of the jungle today. Be a good and just ruler.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You'll have to study to comply with a new request. Make sure you leave time for play. Release your inner child and creativity flourishes. Don't worry about results yet.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Listen to your dad's advice. He'll help you discover a hidden truth. It's a good day for spring-cleaning, to clear out the winter dust. Make space for this new possibility.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — Get in communication with an elder in your family or community. You'll never be as young as you are today (nor will they). Imagine success in something important to you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — You're part of the solution. It's a great day to make some dough, but remember that money can't buy love. Be grateful for what you have, and stay active.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — The moon is in your sign for the next three days. It's a good time to pull forward, appreciate what you have and shoot for what you want. Your aim is true.

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LOWERY

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SIU plays at 6:35 p.m. today against Illinois State in the play-in round of the tournament at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis. If the team loses, it will be the fourth consecutive year the Salukis have lost their first game of the conference tournament.

Lowery, who was named head coach in 2004, is 6-5 all-time at the conference tournament. The last time SIU won a conference tournament game was in 2007, the year the team advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament.

The Salukis split their two meetings with the Redbirds this season. Senior forward Carlton Fay scored a career-high 33 points and hit the game-winning three-pointer at home against the Redbirds on Jan. 9. Fay is the team's leading scorer and third-highest in the MVC, averaging 15.4 points in conference games. However, in the last two games he has only 13 points.

"He kind of wore down mentally," Lowery said.

Fay recently was named to the Honorable Mention All-MVC team, but Lowery said he knows Fay was disappointed he only made honorable mention.

"He's still had a good career here, and we're glad he decided to come here," Lowery said. "He's



Men's basketball coach Chris Lowery speaks with junior forward Mamadou Seck in between plays during the Salukis' 63-59 win against Illinois State Jan. 9 at the SIU Arena. Athletic director Mario Moccia said rumors about the university or private donors buying out Lowery's contract at season's end are untrue. STEVE BERCEZYNSKI/DAILY EGYPTIAN

been a tremendous kid since he's been here."

Junior forward Mamadou Seck made the All-Newcomer team. Seck averaged 10.9 points and 8.4 rebounds against conference

teams this season.

A loss today would end the Salukis' season and leave the team seven games under .500. If SIU wins, it would play top-seeded Missouri State Friday.

Moccia said he doesn't know exactly when a decision about Lowery's future would be made.

"It may not happen Sunday, but we will review (the program) in a short period of time," Moccia said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Seniors keep spirits high

AUSTIN FLYNN
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's basketball team aspires to end its 17-game losing streak as the 2010-11 season wraps up with two home games, senior forward Nneka Nwani says.

The Salukis have not won a conference game this season, and with only two chances remaining, coach Missy Tiber said she has stayed optimistic about her developing team.

Tiber said she thought the game Sunday against Illinois State, where the Salukis lost 87-62, was the best she had seen the team all year as far as playing together, and she plans to build on that going into the final two games of the season.

"I think now these kids have a sense of belief in not only themselves, but their teammates, and in what we're capable of doing here down the stretch," Tiber said.

SIU (2-25, 0-16 Missouri Valley Conference) will begin the final two-game set against the Wichita State

Shockers (14-13, 8-8 MVC) at 7:05 p.m. today. The Shockers are on a three-game winning streak, and sophomore guard Teri Oliver said they will be tough competition.

Oliver also said Wichita State is very quick and athletic, and all of its players are looking to drive the ball to the hoop.

"We're going to have to keep them in front of us and play straight-up D," Oliver said.

Freshman center CiCi Shannon said past mistakes such as getting into foul trouble early will be something she hopes to overcome in the final two games of the season.

"These next few games, me and (Katrina Swingler) both are going to move our feet and make smarter decisions on defense," Shannon said.

The Salukis' final game of the season will be Saturday against the Missouri State Lady Bears (19-9, 10-6 MVC), who have won their past two games and are ranked fourth in the conference.

Oliver said a couple of goals need to be met in the last two games of the season before the team heads into the

State Farm MVC Tournament at the end of the year.

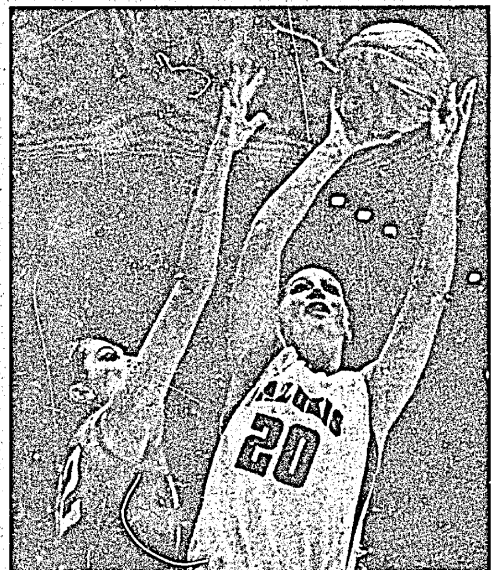
"The first game, it's time to show people what we're really capable of doing ... then keep the goodness from the first game going, and to be confident and ready to go for the tournament next week," Oliver said.

Tiber said she wants nothing more than for the team's seniors to leave with a win this weekend because of all the hard work and time they have spent with the program.

Nwani said she wants these last two games to be the best she has ever played in her life and hopes to leave nothing to chance. She also said she wants to scare some people in the conference tournament at the end of the season.

"I feel like the only way to salvage this season and to actually get something to be proud of is to go as far as we can in the tourney," she said.

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Senior forward Katrina Swingler goes up for a shot Feb. 19 against Illinois State at the SIU Arena. The Salukis will play their second-to-last conference game of the season at 7:05 p.m. today against Wichita State at home as they look for their first conference victory.

SWIM

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"The race doesn't start at the beginning of the championships. It starts at the beginning of the year with our first practice, and knowing that we've put in the effort, everything should fall into place," Kruse said.

The men are 3-0 in conference meets and believe they have a good chance at capturing the title. The men will host six schools, including last year's champions, Eastern Michigan University.

Senior and co-captain Tony

Briske said it's a great feeling to be able to host the championships, and the team is excited.

"Everyone is excited because we know we have the opportunity to win the conference," Briske said.

The Salukis placed fifth in last year's meet at Eastern Michigan.

Junior swimmer Justin Wolfe will return after missing last year's championships because of an injury. This year Wolfe has several of the fastest times in the conference. Kruse will also look to defend his title in the 200 meter freestyle, and Matt Parsons will contend for titles in each

of his three individual relays.

Although the team is used to three-day meets, with the home advantage members must make sure they remain focus and stay motivated.

As a captain, Briske said he takes part in the responsibility of making sure the team is prepared.

"Everybody is really disciplined, and as a captain I must help to make sure that everyone is excited and ready to go and will show the (opponents) no mercy," Briske said.

Briske said the first day of the meet is a chance for the team to make a

significant impact on the competition.

This will be the first time in five years the men's team has hosted the conference championships.

Freshman George Minkel is set to compete in the 500, 200 and 100-yard freestyle and said he is eager to show what the Salukis could do.

"I'm nervous, excited, pumped. I'm everything. The chance to win a conference championship in our home pool is amazing," Minkel said.

Most would consider the Salukis a fairly young team, but members say they should be taken seriously. "Every team has guys that will

definitely win one or two events, but it's about the depth a team has," Kruse said. "The guys that contribute one, two, or three points will add up and win the championships."

Preliminaries start at noon each day. A full schedule of events is available on the conference website at www.mvc-sports.com.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Moccia: Buy-out rumblings misleading

JUSTIN KABBEIS
Daily Egyptian

Rumors about the university or private donors buying out men's basketball coach Chris Lowery's contract and sophomore center Gene Teague quitting the team are untrue, Athletic Director Mario Moccia said Wednesday.

"Dispelling rumors is like pulling weeds," Moccia said. "You pull one, but another one pops up somewhere else."

Moccia said an official season review process won't occur until after the season.

The men's team is 57-65 in the past four regular seasons. This season, SIU experienced its worst losing streak since the 1996-97 season and has lost 11 of 14 games since Jan. 12.

Like every year, Moccia said the entire program will be reviewed at the end of the season. He said it would not be an individual review of Lowery but rather an overall evaluation of the team.

"When you have multiple disappointing seasons in a row, you have to take everything into consideration," Moccia said. "When the season ends, we will let things play out."

Moccia said although he's heard rumors about donors pooling contribution money or making donations to buy out Lowery's contract, he doesn't know who would or would not contribute until next season.

Greg Cook denied rumors that he was going to contribute to buying out Lowery's contract. Cook is a regional business owner who, along with his wife, Nancy, donated \$1 million to the Saluki Way project in 2008.

"None of that is true, and I am not sure where those rumors originated," Cook said.

One of the many hurdles the Salukis faced in recent games was the absence of Teague, their 6-foot-9, 290-pound center.

Moccia and sports information director Tom Weber said Teague did not quit the team, but he hasn't played the past three games. Teague and two other players were suspended for three games Feb. 4 after they were charged with battery for shooting teammate Davante Drinkard and an unidentified male student on campus with an Airsoft rifle.

Lowery said he is unsure if Teague will play in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, which begins today. Even though Teague's suspension ended Feb. 16, he did not dress for the final two games of the regular season. In those games, the Salukis' opponents combined for 68 points in the paint.

Lowery said university and academic requirements bar Teague from playing; however, Teague did play five minutes Feb. 16 against Indiana State, his first game after the suspensions expired.

During his suspension, Teague kept his warmup uniform on and sat on the sidelines with the other suspended players, but he wasn't on the bench for the last two games.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Peter Gitau said by law he can't release details about Teague's situation. SIUC spokesman Rod Sievers also dispelled the rumors about Teague quitting.

"If Teague had quit the team, (the athletic department) would have told us," Sievers said.

Ten players have quit the team since Lowery has been head coach, including guard Kevin Dillard and forward Anthony Booker at the end of last season.

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SWIMMING & DIVING



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An SIU men's swimmer works on his breaststroke during practice Wednesday at the Edward J. Shea Natatorium. The Salukis will face off against six other schools this weekend in the Mid-American Conference Men's Championships at home. This will be the first

time in five years that the Salukis will host the MAC Championships. "The competition will be stiff and everyone's contribution will matter," junior Matt Kruse said. The meet will begin at noon today with the preliminaries and will end with finals at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Men aim to win MAC finals

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At the end of a team meeting Wednesday, swimming coach Rick Walker left the men's team with some lasting words to prepare for the Mid-American Conference

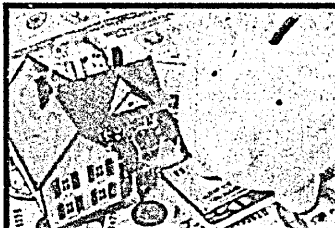
Championships.

"This meet is your reward for all the hard work that you've done this season," Walker said. "It's time to get your paycheck."

Junior Matt Kruse said those words from Walker left the team feeling confident. He said the

swimmers and divers know they have put everything they have into their practices this season, and he thinks their hard work will produce a good outcome.

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