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## Deferred maintenance deficit up \$25 million

**Joe Crawford**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The university's deferred maintenance deficit has swelled to more than \$350 million, up about \$25 million from a year ago, the SIUC maintenance superintendent said Thursday.

The amount of money needed for maintenance projects has risen about \$200 million in the past 10 years, and a large increase in money from the state is necessary to reverse the trend, Superintendent Scott Pike said. Currently, the university only receives \$1.5 million per year to reverse the problem, he said.

Physical Plant Director Phil Gatton said state budget cuts have affected SIUC's ability to keep up its buildings, and \$1.5 million per year is not near enough to fix the problem.

"We're really not even keeping up with inflation anymore," he said.

The SIU Board of Trustees passed a \$144 facilities maintenance fee last month to help combat the increasing deficit, but Gatton said the money would first have to go toward paying increased utility bills.

The revenues from the fee will help chip away at the massive bill, he said, but other sources — such as state and federal grants — also need to be pursued before the problem can be properly addressed.

Gatton said the university has put off numerous large projects, including replacing the deteriorated roofs of Faner Hall and the Agriculture Building, because of a lack of money. He said the cost of replacing the roofs would be roughly \$1 million and \$500,000, respectively.

Both roofs are beyond warranty and are leaking consistently, Gatton said. He said he would like to replace the roofs this summer, but the projects still need state funding.

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## In remembrance

Small group honors those who died in past year

**Danny Wenger**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The candles lit Thursday afternoon symbolized memories of SIUC students who died during the school year.

A group of about 14 people gathered in the Newman Catholic Student Center to remember friends they have lost since the beginning of the fall semester. Friends of the students who died spoke of their lives, sang and read poetry as part of the ceremony.

Fredanna McCormack, an international student from Sierra Leone, helped organize the event. She was a friend of the late Ryan Harris and said she wanted to do a service for him.

"The desire actually came from having a memorial service for Ryan Harris," she said. "But as I talked to other people, it made more

sense to actually do a memorial that covered all the students that passed away in the SIUC community."

Harris was a business student from Bolingbrook. He died in February after being electrocuted by a microwave.

Willie Walker, a senior studying industrial technology from Chicago, sang a rendition of "Balm in Gilead" as part of the service.

Another student who was honored was Hidenori Yamagishi, a Japanese native who came to SIUC in 2004. He drowned in Lake Kinkaid in August just two weeks after graduating. He received his degree in history.

Amoneeta Beck was a friend of Yamagishi and said the two met at SIU-Niigata in Nakajo, Japan.

"He came up to me," Beck said. "He was the very first person there that talked to me without being obligated to talk to me."

Beck said Yamagishi studied several hours a day and had interests in various topics.

"He worked so hard at school," Beck said.



ANTHONY SOUFFLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

**TOP: The Rev. Joseph Brown leads a closing prayer during a memorial service Thursday evening at the Newman Catholic Student Center to remember those students who died this year. After hearing from friends of the departed, Brown encouraged them to reach out to their fellow man and to cherish life.**

**ABOVE: Melique Hoover, a graduate student in physics, listens to Brown speak during the memorial service. Hoover spoke about his friend and neighbor, Ryan Harris, who died in February.**

"He studied hard, he was interested in several things. He studied languages, he was writing a book. His roommate said he was a machine."

Jessica Yorama, who passed away last November because of complications related to

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## Finalist calls campus quandaries 'our problem'

Gupta says he wants to lead university until he retires

**Sean McGahan**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Though Yash Gupta had only been on the SIUC campus for one day, he spoke like he was patrolling his home turf Thursday.

Gupta, the third of four chancellor finalists to visit campus, continually referred to the university community as "we," and mentioned problems facing the campus as "our problem" during an open forum with faculty in the Student Center Auditorium.

The professor of operations management and former dean at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business highlighted the need to increase

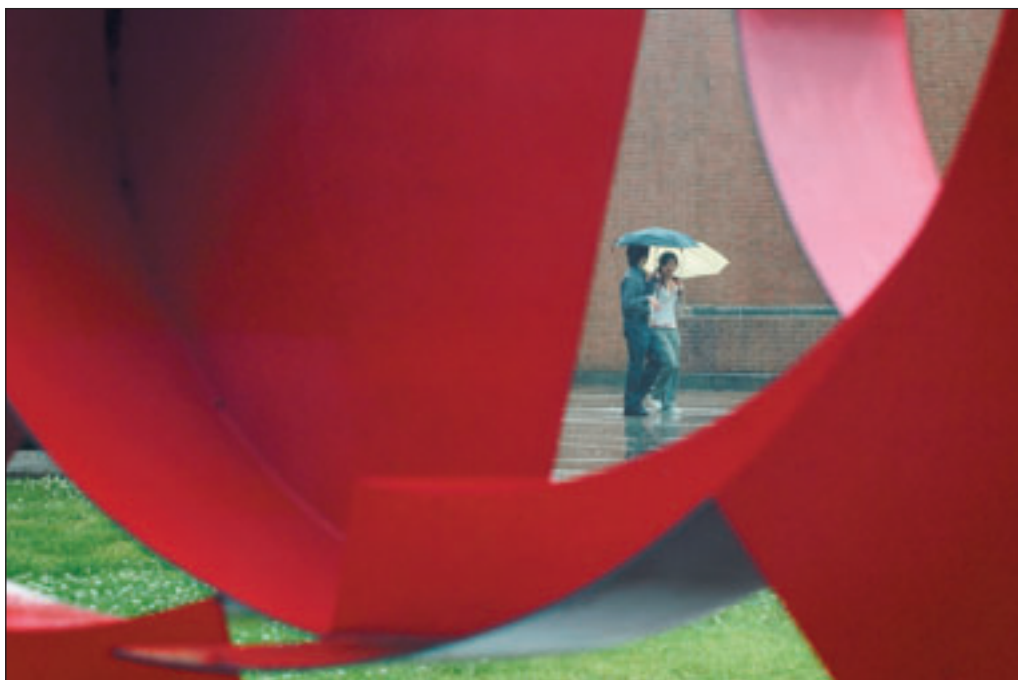
accessibility and affordability for students, increase fundraising and figure out the declining enrollment at the university.

Gupta rattled off statistics he sees as concerning for the university pertaining to enrollment and the state of fundraising — including the fact that the university has roughly 213,000 alums, but less than 18,000 who belong to the Alumni Association. He said that figure is detrimental to fundraising and the overall state of programs.

"Alumni must be engaged to be able to comply to the philosophy as needed, to be able to provide the resources necessary so that people don't drop out of classes because of the lack of resources," he said.

The former dean said he has been a successful fundraiser in his past positions, and knows the ways to attract money. He said the state and private corporations also need to be made accountable, because

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**Pedestrians, seen through the 'Mitotic Geometry' sculpture, walk in the rain Thursday afternoon between Life Science II and Lindegren Hall. Forecasters are predicting more rain today with highs in the mid-70s.**

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**International AIDS Candlelight memorial speakers: Dr. Ella Lacey and Steven St. Julian**  
 • 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the Carbondale Downtown Pavillion  
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Man accused of attempted murder in crash**  
 BENTON (AP) — A Benton man was accused Thursday of trying to kill a longtime southern Illinois sheriff by slamming a stolen car into the law enforcer's vehicle while fleeing other authorities.  
 Tom Dinn, Franklin County's state's attorney, charged Dale Slaton with six felonies — two of them alleging attempted murder — in connection with a string of events Tuesday that included an Interstate 57 crash that severely injured Johnson County Sheriff Elry Faulkner.  
 Faulkner, 60, remained attached to a respirator Thursday in the intensive care unit of a hospital in Cape Girardeau, Mo., said his brother-in-law, Neal Watkins.  
 Authorities say the 33-year-old Slaton stole a car in Benton, about 100 miles south-east of St. Louis, and had an altercation with one of his brothers, James Slaton, in nearby Ewing.  
 After getting the stolen car stuck, the suspect snatched another vehicle and eventually led authorities on a 12- to 15-mile chase northbound on Interstate 57 at speeds that reached around 100 mph, authorities said.  
 Faulkner was transporting a prisoner when he heard radio traffic of the chase and pulled over to watch. Franklin County Sheriff Bill Wilson said Faulkner had parked his vehicle along the interstate's southbound shoulder when Slaton, headed north, apparently veered suddenly across the grassy median and slammed into the sheriff's car.  
 Slaton and the prisoner in Faulkner's vehicle sustained slight injuries.  
 The attempted-murder counts relate to Slaton's separate encounters with Faulkner and James Slaton. He was jailed Thursday on \$1 million bond, and he also faces two counts apiece of aggravated vehicular hijacking and aggravated battery.

**Police: Man with human skulls didn't break law**  
 CHICAGO (AP) — A Chicago man can't understand why anyone would call the police to report he was boiling a human skull in a pot of water on the stove.  
 And now, after checking out what sure seemed like a promising lead — a human head in bubbling water — police say what Brian Sloan was doing was about as illegal as boiling hot dogs.  
 "It doesn't seem to be anything nefarious at this time," police Lt. Perry Nigro said. "As weird as it is, it doesn't seem like anything is wrong."  
 Officials at the FBI and the Food and Drug Administration came to the same conclusion that no laws were broken. It turns out, Sloan, who had not one but four human skulls in his apartment, buys and sells human bones — for medical research — on eBay, the auction Web site.  
 "There are thousands of anthropologists, medical professionals and interested people who want to study anatomy through human bones," said Sloan, who were visited by police after one of Sloan's previous visitors called them Tuesday. "It's not that unusual."  
 The skulls, about 70 to 80 years old, according to police, were purchased overseas. And thanks to an examination by the Cook County medical examiner's office, potential buyers can rest assured there was no sign of trauma to any of them.  
 If, that is, Sloan gets them back to sell them. The medical examiner's office continued to hold them on Thursday and said it was unclear when or even if they will be returned.

**Daley proposes changes in review of allegations**  
 CHICAGO (AP) — Mayor Richard M. Daley said Thursday that the agency that reviews officer-misconduct allegations should report directly to him instead of the police superintendent, hoping to quash the perception that rogue officers aren't held accountable.  
 The mayor's proposal, which will be introduced at next week's City Council meeting, comes after a spate of embarrassments that includes a videotaped beating of a female bartender, allegedly by an off-duty Chicago police officer. Four businessmen also say they were beaten by six off-duty officers.  
 "We must assure every Chicagoan that we are doing everything possible to prevent abuse by police," Daley said.  
 A police watchdog group and several attorneys have complained that the police department has done little to stop abuse by officers, and they have pushed for an independent review agency to investigate allegations of misconduct. Police Superintendent Phil Cline recently announced he will step down once his replacement is found.

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# Lights, camera, click: New Web site spikes interest among students

**Amber Fijolek**

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students soon will have another place to log on for hours of browsing pleasure.

Flix55 — a video-posting site where students can share uploaded videos and win cash prizes — will be launched soon with a special site for SIUC. The date of its online appearance depends on the number of users that join during the summer.

SIUC's involvement in the program began only two weeks ago, but the word has already made its way on campus at various events and through group invitations on Facebook. There will be an information tent this Saturday at the Spillway in Murphysboro to register students and spread the word.

The site's creator, Mark Altchiler, asked the sales marketing fraternity Pi Sigma Epsilon to be on-site endorsers of the new product.

Altchiler said he felt most students were knowledgeable with the

Internet and would welcome the new site.

Flix55 users will also have access to professional videos and TV clips, such as the ones from the Extreme Sports channel. The site markets primarily to students and is collecting college sponsors nationwide to expand its user-base, but any member of the online community is permitted to sign up.

Amanda Shreffler, a junior from Manteno studying business management, one of the project managers for Pi Sigma Epsilon, said there about 300 people signed up.

"It's like a sense of belonging for SIUC students to get together and upload their videos and look at them, and be like, 'Hey that's my classmate,' and 'Hey, that's my best friend,'" Shreffler said.

Students can visit [www.siu.flix55.com](http://www.siu.flix55.com) to register. Registration requires an email address, but incoming president of Pi Sigma Epsilon Jennifer Spengler, a senior from Orland Park studying marketing, said the purpose

is not to send junk e-mail, but rather to notify users of the site's future launch.

Because it's so new, students are not sure what to make of another social network.

"It's kind of hard for us to promote, because we haven't really seen it yet," said James Gross, a junior from Chester studying finance. "We're just trying to get the word out so people will visit it later."

Gross said the site appeals most to video enthusiasts, but is certain it will attract more users curious to see the submitted clips.

Thomas Lieto, an undecided freshman from Monroe, Mich., said he wouldn't post a video, but would

like to watch videos posted by peers.

"I'll have to look into it, see what it's all about," he said.

Some students took interest in the possibility of cash prizes for the video of the day, week, and month. Winners would be decided based on criteria set forth by the site Webmasters.

"That'd make me want to go on there and check things out," said Jacob Pruiett, a junior from Penfield studying forestry.

Spengler said it is important for SIUC to be one of the first schools associated with a site for students to have a better chance at winning a prize.

"It's a big deal for SIUC," she said.

But Shari Helminski, a junior from Fox Lake studying finance,

thought cash prizes made it less appealing.

"If people were doing it for money and stuff, it might become less creative," she said.

Until the site is up and running, it is uncertain how the site will change student's net surfing habits, but the idea is drawing interest on campus. As SIUC is known for having strong media programs, students such as Brandon Geier, a junior from Roselle studying radio-television, are excited to hear about the site.

"It sounds like a good idea, because other people from the university can now see what I've been putting my hard work and time in — in class and side projects by myself," he said.

Geier posts videos on YouTube and thinks Flix55 will field more comments from his fellow students.

"Its great exposure for radio-television students who want to get their work out there," he said.

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junior from Roselle  
studying radio-television

## SIUC officials fight party image



Matt Speed

*undecided freshman from Florida*

"I really don't go to party. It really was for football. I think we really don't have parties, good parties. I'm hoping that it will get to be a big party school, but I don't think it is."

Some say social atmosphere can boost enrollment

**Alejandro Gonzalez**

DAILY EGYPTIAN

As SIUC takes steps to eradicate its long-standing party image, many wonder what the fuss is all about.

Carmen Suarez, interim associate vice chancellor for enrollment management, said she believes the university has rid itself of a party image as a result of redirected marketing efforts. She said the university could be whatever the students make it.

"This is an institution of accomplishment, and you can be a part of it too. That's the new message," she said.

Suarez said students go to parties because they want to, not because of the school.

"This isn't about the institution and its party image," she said. "It's you all, that are here as our students collectively — what image do you want for your university?"

Suarez said some people see SIUC as a party school because of memories of past Halloween celebrations that still linger.

"SIUC has not been good at marketing and owning its image that it is not a party school," she said. "If we have a party school image out there, it's our own fault for not marketing who we really are."

SIUC alumnus Harold Koplowitz said attempts to eliminate the party image could actually be detrimental to the university's enrollment.

The author of "Carbondale After Dark" — a book centered on the history of the city's Strip in the 1960s and '70s — said the university climate has changed, but the amount of parties haven't.

"The student partying looks the same, but the

place itself is totally different," he said.

Koplowitz said when he was a student the school was a known for its parties because of riots and its amassing of 30,000 visitors every Halloween. He said a party image isn't bad for a university, and could actually increase enrollment.

"Any publicity is good publicity in a way — any way to get the kids down here," he said. "I know SIUC is losing enrollment. I wonder if that's because Carbondale is starting to lose its image as a party school. Maybe there's a sort of a correlation, the more cops try to crack down on Halloween and turn the Strip into a parking lot, the less a attractive it becomes to students."

Koplowitz said SIUC gives a good education, and partying only adds to the university experience.

"Sometimes they just got to live with the image and realize it's not all bad," he said.

Haseeb Abdul, a graduate student from India studying public health, said he chose the school because of academics, but also heard about the party image. He said the notion holds true, but is not a bad thing.

"Partying is a part of American culture, and I think it's not at all a negative image to be a partying school," Abdul said. "You just don't go to work through your days, because it is a five-day week society. You have two days to freak out."

Kaitlin White, a junior from Neoga studying architecture, said the party image the university holds is too extreme, and the school is not as outrageous as some may think.

"I think the image is a lot worse than it actually is," she said. "People see Carbondale as huge party place and I don't think it's really as bad as other college towns I've been to."

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## FBI launches inquiry into immigration rally violence

**Jeremiah Marquez**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The FBI will open a civil rights inquiry into the Los Angeles Police Department's actions at an immigration rally at which officers cleared a park by wielding batons and firing rubber bullets, the bureau said Thursday.

The preliminary inquiry seeks to determine "whether the civil rights of protesters taking part in the May 1st immigration rally were violated," according to an FBI news release.

Police Chief William J. Bratton had said earlier Thursday that he planned to meet next week with the FBI to see whether a bureau probe of Tuesday's clashes at MacArthur Park was possible.

"I have no issues with the FBI coming in ... and taking a look at it," he said.

The FBI probe is the fourth official investigation of the violence. The U.S. Department of Justice will review the bureau's results and decide whether to initiate a full-fledge investigation.

Police investigators plan to review extensive video of Tuesday's rally, where police clashed with a crowd in MacArthur Park, wielding batons and firing 240 rubber bullets.

Bratton said in an appearance on CBS's "Early Show" that he was "not happy" when he watched videotape of the events.

The chief said he hoped a federal review would show the department has nothing to hide while dispelling any claims that police had targeted immigrants or immigrant rights activists. Rally organizers decried the police behavior as brutal.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, on a trade trip in Mexico City, vowed to fully investigate the matter, saying he was "very disturbed" by what he saw.

"In police departments in major cities across the nation and around the world you'll often see situations like this," Villaraigosa told reporters. "The difference is we will investigate — make no mistake about it."

The clashes started around 6 p.m. Tuesday, when police tried to disperse demonstrators who moved into a street, according to rally organizers and reporters. Officers used batons to push the crowd back to the sidewalk after several people threw rocks and bottles at them, then cleared the park, authorities said.

News images showed police hitting a TV cameraman to the ground, shoving people who were walking away from officers and injuries from the rubber bullets. Bratton has said the use of force occurred while officers were trying to deal with 50 to 100 "agitators" who were trying to provoke police.

A police order to disperse probably wasn't effective because it was in English and given from a helicopter, Bratton said Wednesday. Many at the protest were Spanish speakers, he said.



Dillon Behm

*senior from Coello studying automotive technology*

"I think there are a lot of students here that like to go out and have a good time, but for the most part, I'd say the security does a pretty good job of keeping everything controlled. But everyone likes having fun and there's not really a problem with that as long as no one get hurts and people get their work done."



Elizabeth Williams

*sophomore from Mt. Vernon studying physical therapy*

"Honestly, I think every school has some sort of party scene. I don't think it's that bad. Occasionally on the weekends I go out but I'm not a huge partier."



Krystn Brooks

*pre-med freshman from Country Club Hills*

"It's not really that bad. It's just like every other school. I think people come here because they know it's a party school."



Frank Esparza

*sophomore from Chicago studying business*

"I guess you got to know when to play and when not do. It's nice school. Enrollment is down people from the lack from the school when trying to bring people down here, as far as recruiters. It is somewhat of a party school but I don't think it should affect anybody's decision as far as coming down here."



Haseeb Abdul

*graduate student from Hyderabad, India studying public health*

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## WIRE REPORTS

## WASHINGTON

## Obama gets Secret Service protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Secret Service said Thursday that Democratic Sen. Barack Obama was being placed under its protection, the earliest ever for a presidential candidate.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff authorized Obama's protection after consultations with the bipartisan congressional advisory committee, according to Chertoff spokesman Russ Knocke and the Secret Service.

Secret Service spokesman Eric Zahren would not provide details of what led to the extra security, but said, "I'm not aware it was based on any threat." According to the Department of Homeland Security, there were no known threats and Obama requested the protection.

## VENEZUELA

## Chavez threatens to nationalize banks

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Thursday threatened to nationalize the country's banks and largest steel producer, accusing them of unscrupulous practices.

"Private banks have to give priority to financing the industrial sectors of Venezuela at low cost," Chavez said. "If banks don't agree with this, it's better that they go, that they turn over the banks to me, that we nationalize them and get all the banks to work for the development of the country and not to speculate and produce huge profits."

It was not clear if Chavez was only referring to Venezuelan banks like Mercantil Servicios Financieros CA and Banco Provincial SA, or if he was also aiming the threat at major international banks with subsidiaries in the country, such as Citigroup Inc. and Spanish banks Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA and Banco Santander Central Hispano SA.

Chavez also warned the government could take over steel producer Sidor, which is majority controlled by Luxembourg-based Ternium SA. Shares of Ternium fell 3.9 percent to \$26.15 in U.S. trading after Chavez's comments.

## VIRGINIA

## British queen arrives in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II arrived Thursday for the commemoration of Jamestown's 400th anniversary and praised the cultural changes that have occurred since she last visited America's first permanent English settlement 50 years ago.

The last time the queen helped Virginia mark the anniversary of its colonial founding, it was an all-white affair in a still-segregated state. Thursday's visit was starkly different.

"Over the course of my reign and certainly since I first visited Jamestown in 1957, my country has become a much more diverse society just as the commonwealth of Virginia and the whole United States of America have also undergone a major social change," the queen said in speech to the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond, the first stop on her visit.

"The melting pot metaphor captures one of the great strengths of your country and is an inspiration to others around the world as we face the continuing social challenges ahead," she said.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine said the message couldn't be more timely or appropriate.

## IRAQ

## Military says it killed al-Qaida leader

BAGHDAD (AP) — U.S.-led forces killed a senior al-Qaida operative in Iraq believed responsible for the kidnappings of Westerners, including a Christian Science Monitor reporter and a slain peace worker from Virginia, a military spokesman said Thursday.

The Islamic State of Iraq, an umbrella group of Sunni insurgents that includes al-Qaida, confirmed in an Internet statement that its official spokesman, Muharib Abdul-Latif al-Jubouri, had been killed.

The U.S. Embassy, meanwhile, said a rocket attack on Iraq's Green Zone on Wednesday killed four foreigners — one from the Philippines, one from Nepal and two from India — who were working for a U.S. government contractor. It was the third straight day that extremists used rockets or mortars to hit the area where Iraq's parliament meets.

## Republicans focus on Iraq in debate

Liz Sidoti

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — Republican presidential contenders called for persistence in the face of adversity in Iraq Thursday night in the first debate of their campaign, warning that a quick exit could work against U.S. interests.

"We should never retreat in the face of terrorism," said former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani. "Terrible mistake."

Sen. John McCain of Arizona said the war effort was now on the right track, although he said that until recently, the war had been "terribly mismanaged" by the Bush administration. "Terribly mismanaged," he repeated for emphasis.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney also said the United States

must support the government of Nouri al-Maliki to combat terrorists.

"I want to get our troops home as soon as we possibly can, but at the same time we don't want to get them out in such a precipitous way that we have to go back," he said, warning that too hasty a departure could lead to chaos in the region.

Giuliani, McCain and Romney were the first among 10 equals on the debate stage at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library — the men with the most money and the best approval ratings in the polls more than eight months before the first 2008 national convention delegates are picked.

Also on stage were Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas; former Govs. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas, Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin,

Jim Gilmore of Virginia, and Reps. Tom Tancredo of Colorado, Duncan Hunter of California and Ron Paul of Texas.

Reagan's widow, Nancy, attended the debate, listening as the men vying to become the nation's 44th president said they were the rightful successors to her husband, the 40th.

"His philosophy was a philosophy of strength," Romney said.

Speaking of Iran, Giuliani said "they looked in Ronald Reagan's eyes and in two minutes they released the hostages." That was a reference to the U.S. hostages released from captivity on the day of Reagan's inauguration in 1981.

He didn't mention other hostages taken on Reagan's watch — those seized in Lebanon and kept for years.

The opening moments of the

debate dealt with Iraq, and the calls for continuing the U.S. military involvement that so far has claimed the lives of more than 3,300 U.S. troops.

Then, eight presidential hopefuls called for an end to the military involvement that so far has claimed the lives of more than 3,300 U.S. troops.

MSNBC and The Politico co-sponsored the debate, moderated by MSNBC's Chris Matthews.

Missing were three Republicans still weighing whether to run — Fred Thompson, the actor and former Tennessee senator; Newt Gingrich, the ex-House speaker from Georgia, and Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska. They also weren't slated to participate in two more debates — in South Carolina and New Hampshire — in the next month.



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip acknowledge the crowd in Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia on Thursday.  
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## Officer killed in failed hijacking

Andrea Rodriguez

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAVANA — Fugitive army soldiers tried to hijack a plane bound for the United States on Thursday and killed a military officer they took hostage during the failed attempt, the Interior Ministry said.

The ministry blamed U.S. policies that the communist government says encourage Cubans to emigrate to the United States and also said it was a result of Washington's tolerance of violence against Cuba.

The incident began before dawn when the fugitives commandeered a regular city bus near the airport and forced it to drive inside and onto the tarmac of terminal 2, which services charter flights between the Cuban capital and the United States. The exact destination of the plane in the United States not known, but most charter flights out of Terminal 2 fly to Miami.

Army Lt. Col. Victor Ibo Acuna Velazquez was killed aboard the plane but there were no crew members or passengers on board at the time, the ministry statement said.

"Despite being unarmed, he heroically tried to prevent the commission of the terrorist act," the ministry statement said of officer killed.

The other passengers on the

commandeered bus were unharmed and the two fugitive soldiers were arrested.

The incident comes amid an ongoing political campaign by Havana accusing the U.S. government of protecting its archenemy, Luis Posada Carriles. Cuba alleges the 79-year-old Cuban militant of involvement in a deadly airline bombing three decades ago and a string of Havana hotel bombings in the late 1990s.

Hundreds of thousands of people marching in Havana on Tuesday to mark May Day protested against the recent release from U.S. custody of Posada Carriles.

"The responsibility for these new crimes lies with the highest-ranking authorities of the United States, adding to the long list of terrorist acts that Cuba has been the victim of for nearly half a century," the ministry statement on Thursday said.

Caridad Carbonel, who has lived in the shadow of Havana's airport for 34 years, said she was awakened by gunfire and saw a vehicle roll onto the tarmac through a side checkpoint.

"Last night, there was a terrible shootout," the 68-year-old said, adding that she saw ambulances swarm the area and had heard about the death of a military officer several hours before Cuba's government confirmed it Thursday evening.

## Bush aides negotiate war issue with Dems

Anne Flaherty

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush's top aides sat down with Democrats on Capitol Hill Thursday to discuss the Iraq war in the first serious overtures by both sides to cooperate.

Ultimately, however, no deal was struck and the White House responded bitterly to a proposal offered by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.

The two sides came armed with ideas and notebooks and talked for some 45 minutes. They agreed to meet again early next week and not to divulge details to

outsiders in the spirit of cooperation.

"There is nothing off the table — including timetables" to end the war, reported Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. "Nothing."

The round of meetings came two days after Bush vetoed \$124.2 billion legislation that would have funded wars in Iraq and Afghanistan but also would have ordered troops to begin coming home from Iraq by Oct. 1.

Democrats said they were acting on a mandate from voters to end the war. But without the necessary two-thirds majority to override Bush's veto, they're having to rethink their approach.



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCCLEACHY-TRIBUNE

President Bush winks to someone in the audience as he takes part in the National Day of Prayer ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington on Thursday.

**CHANCELLOR**

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the university provides them with the most valuable product they need — graduates for the workforce.

Gupta also addressed faculty concerns about his commitment to the university in light of the fact that he left his job as dean at USC after 19 months to pursue a president job at another university.

He said the decision to resign his post was a difficult ethical choice for him, but he felt it was right because he wanted to focus on one goal.

Gupta said he would be more committed to the top post at SIUC if named chancellor.

"I can tell you that I will stay here as long as I'm needed, and as long as we're having fun together," he said. "If you have no fun, you don't want to stay, because they don't want to keep you. My intention is to be able to retire from here."

Gupta also said he would be extremely involved in the campus life, getting feedback from students and faculty in informal gatherings.

"You will see me more often in your school than you will want to," he said.

Linguistics professor Usha Lakshmanan said she was encouraged by Gupta's approach to university problems such as fundraising.

"I think you're going to have a snowballing effect," she said. "It's not just the chancellor doing this, but you create the right conditions and environment where each person feels



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**Yash Gupta speaks to faculty in the Student Center Auditorium about his plans if he is selected as chancellor.** Gupta is currently the professor of operations management at the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business.

each one thinks they themselves has something at stake, and I think that would improve."

Lucy Kim, a former graduate student from Korea in linguistics who received her master's degree last year, said she is heading to USC pursue her doctorate next year and wanted to see what a leader at her new school had to say about her old school.

She said as an alumna of SIUC, she was encouraged by Gupta's desire to promote the university.

"I really strongly felt that he could

bring out the color of diversity that SIU represents, and the impact that we can have not only in the short term but for a long time," she said.

Kim said she would like to see Gupta come to SIUC.

"I'd actually like to see SIU evolve a lot more than what we are now, so I'd be happy to see a strong leader from a great institution come to SIU," she said.

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epilepsy, was remembered as an active person.

"She was involved in so many things," M'Cormack said.

M'Cormack said she knew Yorama through the Master's of Public Administration program. Yorama also worked for two years as a reporter for the DAILY

EGYPTIAN and she interned at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

Mikal Donaldson was the fourth student honored Thursday. He was a senior from Chicago studying communication design and died of pneumonia in March.

The Rev. Joseph Brown closed the ceremony, talking of remembering the lives of the students who died and encouraging those

in attendance to reach out to other students.

"Remember, everybody has a story," Brown said. "For the rest of this week, I don't care who you walk past, look at them because somebody is their mama's boy or girl who may be thinking, 'I'm invisible. I do not matter.'"

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The recent increase in deferred maintenance has been partly because many of the campus's buildings were constructed during the 1960s and have reached the age where they need to be revamped, he said.

"It's kind of like buying a car," he said. "You've got a certain expected life and at some point in time, you have to start doing some major repair work."

Large projects, such as the major

renovations to Morris Library, are major steps towards reducing the maintenance backlog, he said.

Gatton said the university has been able to pursue energy efficiency projects — such as replacing more than 30,000 lights across the campus — because they pay for themselves in the long run with decreased utility costs. Projects, such as those to replace roofs, do not have the same incentive, he said.

Sarah Armbruster, a junior from St. Louis studying German, said most of her classes are in Faner,

and she often hears other students complain about the leaky ceilings and stained walls in the building.

The eyesores are distracting at times, she said, but the university shouldn't spend money on superficial changes to buildings when other areas are not properly funded.

"They can make this place look pretty, but if they don't have good faculty it's still not going to be a good school," she said.

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**Undergraduates to represent SIUC at research conference**

Enough money received for Seattle trip

**Chris Klarer**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After a few bumps in the road, two SIUC undergraduates have received enough university money to cover the travel costs to represent SIUC at a national conference of scholars, department of speech communications chair Nathan Stucky said Thursday.

Speech communication students Lauren Lamb and Nichole Nicholson said earlier this week they were worried they would not receive enough university assistance to present their performance at the Society for Disability Studies' annual conference in Seattle.

Lamb, a junior from Seneca studying speech communication, said Thursday she and Nicholson received at least \$800 — which would cover their travel and registration costs.

"I am so relieved," said Nicholson, a junior from Ottawa studying speech communications. "But more than anything, because disability studies is an interdisciplinary field, I am so encouraged that we are getting support from so many folks and departments in the university."

Lamb said the money came from a variety of sources, including the speech communication department, the College of Liberal Arts and an anonymous SIUC alum, among others.

Stucky said the funding received is encouraging.

"Sometimes (the university) can pick up a little bit more of the tab, and sometimes it's out of pocket a little bit, but that's standard," he said. "I think we'll be pretty close to the ideal by the end of it."

In addition to the money gained during the week, some funding has also been lost, Lamb said.

Kathleen Plesko, director of Disability Support Services, withdrew \$300 in funding for the trip because of the "misrepresentations" in a report by the DAILY EGYPTIAN Tuesday in which Lamb pleaded for funding, according to an e-mail Plesko wrote to Lamb on Tuesday.

"I was willing to try to help, but

the article was a disservice to this academic community," Plesko wrote.

When contacted Thursday, Plesko said she would not comment on the matter further because it was against her professional code of ethics to discuss specific individuals or cases.

Stucky said he did not personally find anything offensive in Lamb or Nicholson's statements in the report.

"I didn't interpret the comments from Lauren and Nichole as condemnation of the university, but just as calling awareness to the issues," he said. "Some people read stuff and take it one way and other people read it another way."

Seymour Bryson, associate chancellor for Diversity, also pulled \$400 after the story was printed, Lamb said, but later reinstated the donation.

Bryson said his actions were a result of miscommunication between Lamb and Stucky in requesting the money, and when the matter was resolved, he donated the funds he originally intended to give.

"(Lamb) made a case that this is a legitimate professional activity," Bryson said. "At this university, when people approach a situation like that, the majority of the time, even this late in the year, they'll try to find some funds to help a person."

Bryson said he imagined Plesko and others were angered because they probably felt attempts to help undergraduate students receive research funding were undermined in the story.

"When someone slams them, all the good they've done seems to go out the window," he said.

Lamb said she is looking forward to the opportunity to present at the conference and is relieved the base level funding has been found, despite all the confusion.

"Nichole and I are very grateful for everyone's support and for people who have come forward this week with support or well wishes," she said.

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HER WORD

# Don't be afraid to speak out

**Andrea Zimmermann**  
 STAFF COLUMNIST

My favorite bumper sticker is on a car usually in the Communications Building parking lot. The quote, "Dissent is the highest form of patriotism," is often connected to national politics, but it can apply to SIUC as well.

Just as patriotism should not be narrowly defined, speaking out about the university's plans and actions should be encouraged throughout the system. Ideas and opinions should never be squelched in the name of cooperation.

We should all have the same goal — to make SIUC live up to its full potential. To some degree, that takes cooperation. However, teamwork does not always mean agreeing just so we can move forward.

Academia should be an open market of ideas, but in my past four years, I've watched as more and more dissenters are bullied into silence. This disheartening trend could lead to SIUC's ultimate ruin. We need opposing voices at the table, because out of that diversity, the best ideas are born.

However, I have seen flashes of constructive dissent during my four years here.

In 2004, Student Judicial Affairs prosecuted former student Marc Torney for a slew of charges in connection with a die-in protest against the Iraq War. The charges sparked debate about campus free speech, politics and a broken judicial affairs system. While a typical SJA hearing consists of a handful of people in a small room, Torney's had to be held in the SIU Arena because 100 protesters, a representative from our congressman and Illinois' future Green Party gubernatorial candidate all flocked to the student's defense. In the end, he was cleared of all charges, and SIUC's free speech policies changed.

In fall 2006, SJA kicked nine freshmen off cam-

pus after a student was beaten. Slowly, most of the students' charges were overturned and they were allowed to come back to school. Outrage and stories of similar experiences emerged quickly. A grassroots group was started to address the SJA issues and the Undergraduate Student Government helped negotiate with the administration to take another look at the conduct code.

We haven't seen a true resolution yet that will protect future students from the clause about interim separation, and this issue is dangerously close to succumbing to SIUC's waiting game.

Some university administrators and professors like to entertain themselves with this pastime, and it is easy to do with students because of our television-induced short attention spans. We get angry, and we organize. Then we get shut down, discouraged, and distracted, and we forget.

Need some examples?

How about the 30-year struggle to establish a major for Black American Studies? What happened to the committees charged to fix our student government systems? Which drawer or trashcan did the university throw the report and recommendations ordered on the gay community after our former chancellor made inflammatory remarks about same-sex unions? What ever happened to the university's apology for police confiscating a student's film or the report from the Inspector General that SIUC apparently received earlier

this semester?

These are just a few.

Students are at fault as much as anyone else. Most of us see our tenure at the university as temporary vacations during which we scoop up our diplomas and move on.

As students, we are important members of this university. Without us, there would be no sweet state jobs for all of those professors, administrators and staff.

If they don't want you to sit at the table, make them do it anyway. Remember the squeakiest wheel gets the grease.

The worst thing that can happen to SIUC is that we would allow this cycle to continue. Our university is in its current state because as a community, we let the trustees, the president, the chancellor, administrators, professors or fellow students go unchecked.

A caveat to all of this is to keep priorities and agendas straight. Do not resort to name-calling or faceless "groups" of people who attack a chancellor or a dean. Stand up for your convictions and don't be afraid about going public. Too often it seems these dissenters would rather burn down the institution than help it.

I say all of this not to smear the university or disillusion anyone from wanting to be involved. SIUC was my first-choice university and although I graduate next week, I will always be a proud Saluki.

Now it's your turn to help make it even better.

*Zimmermann is a senior from Alton studying journalism.*



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Relay proves SIUC is more than a party school

DEAR EDITOR:

I was very disappointed to not see an article about Relay for Life in either Monday or Tuesday's edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN: Not only is it a huge event that many people spend all year fundraising and planning for, but it is also a good opportu-

nity to portray SIUC in positive light and as something other than just a party school.

Numerous students and a dozen Greek organizations were present at Relay, showing the community that most students are willing to give up a night on the town to help out a great cause.

Not to mention the almost \$70,000 that was raised for cancer research, the beautiful luminary ceremony and the celebration of numerous cancer survivors.

**Elizabeth Shaw**  
 undecided freshman

## Intramural official named All-American

DEAR EDITOR:

Just recently, Intramural Sports sent an official named Deveon Stiff to the American Collegiate Intramural Sports National Basketball Tournament at Chapel Hill, N.C.

Stiff received an automatic bid to nationals after receiving Illinois state basketball official honors at the Nike sponsored Extramural State Basketball Tournament in February.

The Intramural Sports Department wants to congratulate Stiff for receiving All-American Official honors at Nationals this year.

Stiff is the first Intramural Sports official to receive national honors and was voted as one of the top officials among all Intramural Basketball officials nationwide by an official committee made up of several Division I Collegiate Basketball officials.

Again, congratulations to Deveon Stiff.

**Charles E Ferguson Jr.s**  
 Intramural Sports

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## WORDS OVERHEARD

"It's just sad because she is just an amazing talent. There's going to be a lot of disappointed people, unfortunately."

**Lori Stettler**  
 director of the Student Center  
 on turning people away from Maya Angelou's lecture

# Transition for senior class

## The Counseling Center

GUEST COLUMNIST

In a very short time, the stress of final exams will be a distant memory and most SIU students will be embarking on their plans for the summer. For our seniors, however, this end-of-the-year experience will be marked by a significant event: Graduation! The way each graduating senior experiences this significant event is individual and unique. Some Salukis say they can't wait to graduate, while others say they are sad and anxious to leave campus and life as a student.

Most students experience graduation with a variety of emotions including excitement, fear, pride, anticipation and even anxiety. However, uncertainty about the future is an experience that is more common for seniors. Even those seniors that have a game plan, such as starting a job or attending graduate school, still may have stress regarding the unknown. This is also

a time when questions naturally arise about relationships, finances, family and geographical location. Many graduating seniors feel pressure to answer questions about what is next for them when asked by family, friends, professors, etc. The reality is that most seniors have way more questions than answers!

Trusting in one's own ability to make decisions and to know what is the right path to take for the future is challenging for everyone, especially college seniors. Somewhere along the way, college students have gotten the idea that graduation marks a magical dividing line between the carefree life of a student and the stark realities of adulthood. Actually, the divide is much more subtle, and as with most other growth and change, this too is a gradual process.

For graduating seniors, one way to manage your anxiety during this unique time is to be aware of your reactions to stress. This includes your physical, emotional and behavioral experiences. We know that in

times of major change, we can be more emotional, less motivated and easily distracted. Acknowledging that this is a tough time can be all you need to keep some of what you are feeling in perspective.

It can also be helpful to think about how you have dealt with significant life changes in the past. Try to remember what worked for you as well as what didn't help you. Try and give yourself a break and don't expect yourself to have all the answers to your future. Remember that the rest of the class of '07 doesn't have them either!

It is also important to say goodbye to certain people, places and things that have played a significant role in your life over your past four (or more) years. Bringing closure to your college experience will help you accept new challenges and boost your confidence in your ability to

make sound decisions. Many graduates find that participating in senior events and graduation celebrations provide a sense of completion and pride in your accomplishments. Remember that change, even positive change, can be stressful. It is

**The reality is that most seniors have way more questions than answers!**

important to take care of yourself at this time. Make sure to eat well, get sleep and to exercise. Spend quality time with friends, and remain optimistic about what lies ahead. The transition from college to the next step in your journey can be an exciting time.

Taking care of yourself, making healthy choices and being mindful of your feelings can make it even more enjoyable.

It's not too late to talk to a counselor who can help you during this challenging time.

*The Counseling Center is located in the Student Health Center.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Advance passes would have worked for lecture

DEAR EDITOR:

To begin, I would like to thank the Student Programming Council for bringing Maya Angelou to SIU. It is not very often that we get to have speakers of such renown on campus. To have her come was especially exciting, and a needed distraction as we all prepare for finals, first-year reviews or graduation. I did not actually get to see her, however. Instead, I spent an hour waiting in a queue, only to be told that I would have to watch Ms. Angelou via

live video feed in a separate auditorium far removed from where she was actually appearing. Some might have thought this better than nothing, but for me, this entirely defeated the point seeing and hearing her speak.

My first instinct was to wonder if those tasked with planning this event had made a poor decision in using the Student Center ballroom, rather than the SIU Arena. But this is a matter of hindsight. I for one was surprised by the turnout, and I think the event planners were as well. The real failure was in the decision not to control the number of spectators through ticketing. If they had required individuals to obtain an advance pass, whether free of charge or at cost, they could have been able to regulate the

crowds and avoid having to turn away scores of disappointed people. But by choosing open admission without seat reservations, they left themselves open to disaster.

They were unable to anticipate the turnout, and quickly discovered that the venue they had chosen was wholly inadequate. Consequentially, many were denied an opportunity, which, considering the age of Ms. Angelou, might well prove to be once in a lifetime. Future event organizers should take this as a lesson and plan accordingly.

**Brian Rose**  
 graduate student in mass communication and media arts

### Poor preparation for Angelou

DEAR EDITOR:

On Wednesday, many students were turned away from Maya Angelou's public talk. Students that were turned away showed up early and spent hours waiting in line to get in. They let 1,500 people in to the public talk, but I wonder how

many were actually students at SIU? To me, I believe the students should have had access first since the \$40,000 paid to Maya Angelou comes out of student fees.

SIU really should have considered the fact that Maya Angelou would draw in a huge crowd. I know it was not an option to do the public talk in the Arena. SIU asked Maya Angelou to speak in the Arena and she declined the offer.

But they really should have found a better way for the amount of people who wanted to come see Maya Angelou talk. Maybe a live feed outside the

ballroom for people who didn't get in would have left a lot less people unhappy and disappointed.

Many students had found out about this public talk weeks and even a few months in advance. Students, like myself, had been planning to go since they found out because they are admirers of Maya Angelou. Some students, unlike me, came to write a paper on her speech. SIU had very poor planning for this event in my opinion.

**Erin Kressner**  
 freshman studying advertising

### Angelou phenomenal, not immortal

DEAR EDITOR:

After being turned away from Maya Angelou's lecture, I heard and participated in several exchanges beginning with the question, "How long did you wait in line?"

I applaud the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, the Fine Arts Activity Fee, the chancellor's office, the Black Affairs Council and the Student Programming Council for scheduling a visit by Dr. Angelou.

I am baffled that those same groups chose to schedule the lecture in such a small venue. Why was Dr. Angelou's visit announced months ahead of time, advertised extensively and significant articles/interviews run in local newspapers when the chosen venue was woefully inadequate to accommodate the turnout?

Maya Angelou is indeed a phenomenal woman, but I don't think she is immortal. I was quite disappointed to be turned away, but I have seen and heard Dr. Angelou twice. I was more sorry to see the number of young people denied what was perhaps their once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see and hear that phenomenal woman in person.

**Gaye Auxier**  
 Murphysboro resident

### Violence doesn't discriminate

DEAR EDITOR:

It is disappointing that the USG decided to reject the proposal to disband the transit service. By supporting that service, USG is sending the message that men are solely responsible for violent crime and that women are incapable of protect-

ing themselves without special considerations. I'm wondering what the USG and other supporters of the transit service would recommend for the men who have been mugged, beaten, stabbed and shot in this area over the years.

USG's vote says that these men have failed at being men because they didn't defend themselves like they should have. If this is really an issue about late-night safety, then the service should be available to anyone who feels unsafe, even if most men would refuse because of the social stigma. Otherwise, the USG and anyone else who supports the women-only transit service should have

the courage of their convictions to say explicitly that men are the sole source of violent crime, are undeserving of special consideration for their safety and must continue to fund this service in reparation for their gender's history of brutality and violence.

Or they can accept the truth that violence doesn't discriminate by gender and that a general solution to late night safety issues is needed for everyone's benefit.

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## Veronicolumn A farewell to Carbondale

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These pasts four years have really flown by. I truly can not believe that I will be graduating in eight days.

When I was approached about doing a column on entertainment, I will admit that I was a little apprehensive. While I do have strong opinions about everything in the world, I was concerned that I wouldn't have enough things to talk about.

But I was wrong. There are so many other topics that I wished I could have spoken on but didn't get a chance to. I also really didn't know how people would respond to my different take on popular stories in entertainment.

However, to my surprise, people seem to love it. I can be in the most random places and someone will come talk to me. That is the biggest ego booster. I have been

in Payless, Wal-Mart and even Health Services, and people of all ages will tell me that they love the way I look at current entertainment events.

And all this time, my mother has told me that my mouth would get me in trouble. I can actually say that she was wrong about something.

Working at the DAILY EGYPTIAN this past year has truly been an eye-opening experience. Just like in school, on this job I have made new friends, sources and enemies. Now that I'm leaving, I must say what I will miss about college life.

I'll miss Spring Out, free barbeques, Homecoming, Player's Ball, dorm life (while it was fun), parties, step shows, comedy shows, Dr. Smoot (best teacher ever!), drunken people on the Strip, shopping at Wal-Mart at 2 a.m. and, most importantly, the low rent.

But I won't miss Mae Smith fire drills, fights at parties, the extremely hot summers in Carbondale, Saluki Express and term papers. I'm sure there's more, but this is a happy farewell.

But before I leave, I have to tell all of you some of my last-minute thoughts on topics in entertain-

ment, politics and life.

— Let's stop calling each other the "n" word. It's tired and embarrassing. Hip-hop isn't to blame for the country's issues with crime, misogyny and racism. Let's also look at the current state of the country.

— There's nothing wrong with a little gossip. Just don't let it control your life and affect your friendships.

— Don't be afraid to speak to people (especially aspiring journalists). I couldn't have written a word of this column without talking to new people everyday.

— Last but not least: Obama '08! The future is now and its time for a black president. That doesn't have anything to do with entertainment, but it's certainly relevant.

Now that college is over, the question is, what's next? And like many college graduates, I have no idea.

But I'm not worried. As long as I continue to work hard, remain outspoken and stay nosy, I'm sure I can survive the cutthroat world of publishing.

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Holla!

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<b>Friday</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Club 51 North</b> — Motive for the Soul, Syns of Poor King, Ghosts on Fire <b>Pk's</b> - Long John Thomas and The Duffs	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8</b> Start filling up your kiddie pools for the summer
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Club 51 North</b> — Sean Shiel with special guests <b>Hangar 9</b> — Station, Ernie Henderson <b>Pk's</b> — New Ledge Band <b>Mugsy McGuire's</b> — Crunch Haven VII- Syns, Social Slave, The Hateful Dead, Zuul and Annillate The Hero	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Pk's</b> — Bone Dry River Band
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Key West</b> — Ivas John Band	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Pk's</b> — Bone Dry River Band <b>Hangar 9</b> — Defined Perception and Alabaster Brown
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Hangar 9</b> — Open Mic	<b>Friday</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Pk's</b> — Left Arm <b>Hangar 9</b> — Rum Runners <b>Cousin Andy's</b> — Happenstance <b>Club 51 North</b> — Veladdiction, Oblivious, Hard Times

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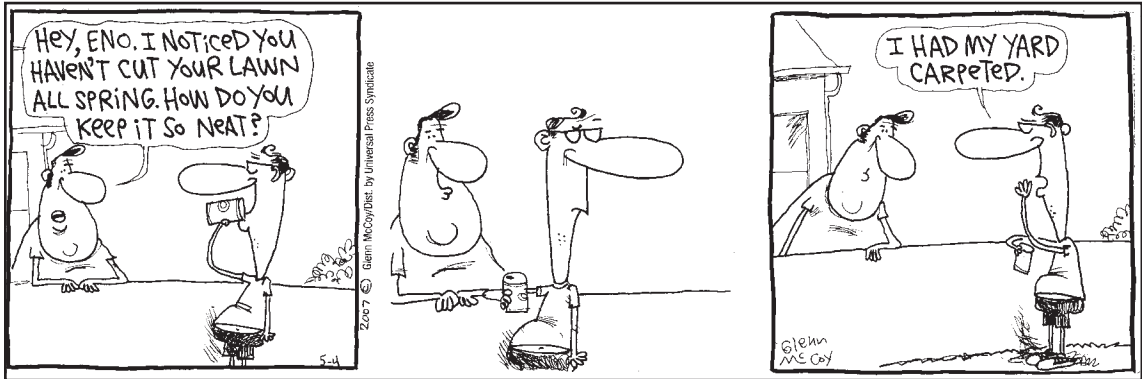
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**Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7** - Only involve the people who can help fix what's broken. There's no need to alarm the people who just get in the way.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8** - Count your money now, and you'll discover an added bonus. There should be enough to get a special treat. The more you find, the bigger the treat.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6** - Your best move now is to get someone else to take over the tricky parts. A person with different expertise finds your "impossible" task easy.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8** - Keep cranking, you're doing fine, making the most of what you have. Clean up the mess, finish on time and collect your reward.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6** - Continue to be cautious, in public anyway. In private, you can say what you want, but do watch out for reporters.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6** - Conditions are good for cleaning house. Get rid of all the gunk, no matter where it lurks. You'll feel so refreshed when you're done.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6** - This is one of those days when everything that can go wrong will. It's one mess after another. Hang in there, all ends well.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9** - There's lots of money coming in now, but be careful what you do with it. Don't gamble. Take your winnings and gracefully walk away.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7** - You're still doing a lot of work and not making very much money. You're gaining confidence and status, though. That ought to count for something.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5** - Don't let somebody else's emergency become your problem. If it's your business, be extra careful to get your contract in writing. Get the money up front, too.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7** - Count your winnings carefully, to avoid being cheated. Some of this money will be yours to spend, but some of it goes to others.

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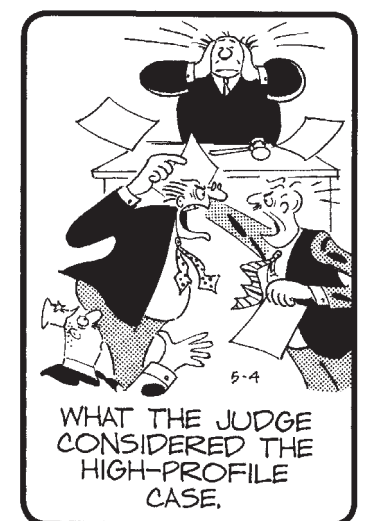
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Derby dream turned into nightmare

Beth Harris  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - The Kentucky Derby begins with 20 horses stampeding three-eighths of a mile before squeezing through the first turn. No matter how crazy Saturday's race starts, there's little chance the finish will be as wild as it was 50 years ago.

"I don't think there was ever that good a race," 94-year-old trainer John Nerud recalled Thursday. "I've never seen that in my lifetime."

The 1957 Kentucky Derby is remembered as horse racing's version of baseball's "Shot Heard 'Round the World," the dramatics triggered by the late Bill Shoemaker, considered the sport's greatest jockey. He was aboard Gallant Man and gaining on rival Bill Hartack and Iron Liege as the two horses dueling down the stretch.

Upstairs in a clubhouse box, Nerud slapped owner Ralph Lowe on the back and said, "Go down to the winner's circle and get your roses and take them back to Texas."

Then, something incredible happened.

As the horses passed the sixteenth pole, Shoemaker inexplicably stood up in the irons on Gallant Man, misjudging the finish line. It happened so quickly, hardly anyone noticed at first. In

a flash, Shoemaker bounced back into the saddle and began riding hard again.

But Gallant Man couldn't overhaul Hartack and Iron Liege, who won by a nose.

"I never figured out why he pulled up. He was one of the greatest riders ever," Nerud said from his home in Long Island, N.Y. "I didn't know what happened at the time until it was over."

Come Saturday, he'll be watching the 133rd Derby and cheering on Street Sense, trained by 65-year-old Carl Nafzger.

"Carl is one of my protoges," Nerud said. "Every one of them is my friend, but Carl, I kind of put him on the right track. I gave him some horses that could run about 25 years ago."

Nafzger won the 1990 Derby with Unbridled and credits Nerud for much of his success. Besides sending him good horses, Nafzger said Nerud gave him the confidence to stick to his own training theories and helped even more by keeping demanding owners off his back.

"He taught me so much," Nafzger said. "You can never fail, you can only learn. That's the way I live."

Street Sense is the early 4-1 second choice in a full field of 3-year-olds entered for Saturday's race. Curlin, the 7-2 favorite, is unbeaten in three starts, but with a 50 percent chance of thunder-

storms forecast, things could get interesting. Street Sense finished third in his only race on a sloppy track; Curlin has never raced in mud.

The Churchill Downs track was rated "fast" on May 4, 1957. The night before, Lowe told Shoemaker that he dreamed a jockey on one of his horses misjudged the finish line and lost the race.

"Not me," Shoemaker replied.

But the very next day, race day, he did just that.

"I knew," Shoemaker would write in his 1988 biography, "I had made a big boo-boo."

The blunder earned him a 15-day suspension, not just because Shoemaker pulled up the horse but, according to Nerud, because he lied about it afterward. Shoemaker originally claimed the horse took a bad step, but relented after being confronted by the stewards. The strange thing is he wasn't even supposed to be aboard Gallant Man in the Derby.

Nerud insisted that John Choquette should ride the horse, at one point telling Lowe, "You want another jockey, you can get another trainer, too."

In that year's pre-Derby Wood Memorial race, Choquette rode Gallant Man and lost by a nose to Bold Ruler and Eddie Arcaro. Shoemaker was in that race, too, but his horse hit the gate and was injured, leaving him without a Derby mount.

BASEBALL

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George, a freshman, picked up a save in both contests — including his ninth save this season in the finale, when the Salukis (28-16, 8-7) completed their first sweep of Missouri State in school history.

"We continue to hope that we get quality starts to get us into the seventh or eighth inning so we can go to Reinhart," Callahan said. "If we don't get that kind of start then we've got to somehow bridge the gap, and that's where we've been inconsistent, trying to get from our starter to Reinhart and ultimately George."

Joy (4-2) is tonight's probable starter for SIU, while Adams (10-2) figures to take the mound at 12:30 p.m. in Rosenblatt Stadium.

"I'm pretty confident coming into this weekend," Adams said.

"Rosenblatt's an amazing stadium, so you know the whole team will be pretty pumped up for it, and I've been looking forward to playing at Creighton at Rosenblatt."

Adams added it psyches him up to pitch on the road.

"I kind of like pitching on the road because, you know, the other team has all their fans there and they're all against you," Adams said. "And it kind of pumps me up because they'll say something to you and they're all on you throughout the whole entire game."

Senior Jordan Powell, Sunday's probable starter for the 1 p.m. game at the Creighton University Sports Complex, picked up a no-decision his last time out on April 29, shutting out Missouri State for four innings before departing with two outs in the fifth inning. He ultimately allowed five earned runs in 4.2 innings, but the Saluki offense

battled back from the five-run deficit for the 10-8 win.

SIU lost 13-5 to Illinois Tuesday, as freshman pitcher Tyler Chaote started the game and exited in the third inning, pitching 2-2 innings and allowing seven earned runs.

Callahan said the loss to Illinois is what can happen when the Salukis don't get a quality start, as the Illini scored three runs in the second inning and four runs in the third.

"The Illinois game is very indicative of what happens if you don't get a quality start," Callahan said. "We're down 3-0 in the second inning, we come back in the bottom of the second, hit a two-run homer to pull within one and we go right back out in the top of the third and we walk a guy and then we bean the next guy. It sets a tone."

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## Saluki Insider

This weekend is sure to have its memorable moments. Will Oscar De La Hoya defeat Floyd Mayweather? What will happen in Game 1 of the Bulls-Pistons series? What will you be watching this weekend?



**SCOTT MIESZALA**

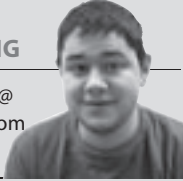
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"I try my best and watch the Bulls whenever they're even on TV, so a series against the Pistons will be a no-brainer. Then there's the other NBA Playoff games, and then there's the White Sox. So really, it won't be much different than any other weekend for me, except I might watch that fight."

"I'll be doing a lot of reading for my Media Ethics class but I hope to catch the Bulls wailing on the Pistons in Game 1 at the Palace in Auburn Hills. I don't care much for boxing but if I didn't have to pay \$40 to buy it on pay-per-view, I'd check it out. The White Sox will be on WGN Friday so I'll be watching that as well."

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"First I'll start put by watching the Bulls pummel the Pistons in Game 1 Saturday afternoon, followed by Mayweather beating the tar out of De La Hoya. It could be a toss-up on who is bloodier at day's end but my money is on the Pistons. By the way, I called Golden State winning the series last week, so no surprises there."

## SALUKI 'Quote of the Week'

Dana Eikenberg



"I've talked to a lot of people since Jody (Adams) left and I've been on the phone non-stop. I probably have the highest phone bill in the entire university."

Saluki women's basketball coach Dana Eikenberg on how much time she spent looking for a new associate head coach.

**Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?**

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Salukis welcome new associate head coach

**Matt Hartwig**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women's basketball team didn't take long to replace former associate head coach Jody Adams, who left to take the Murray State head coaching position in April.

The Salukis recently announced Megan Lanham as the new associate head coach Thursday, and she will take over full time June 1. Lanham spent eight seasons as an assistant coach at Indiana State as the recruiting coordinator.

Lanham said it was time to step out of her comfort zone in Terra Haute, Ind., and learn how to run a different type of program.

"I thought SIU would be a good fit because when Dana (Eikenberg) got the job at Southern, I knew she'd turn it around, and watching her work ethic, I really wanted to be a part of that," she said. "The commitment the athletic department has is very appealing, and during the interviewing process, I clicked with the entire

coaching staff."

As associate head coach at Indiana State during the 2006-07 season, Lanham helped the Sycamores to a 19-11 season, which ended in a loss to Creighton in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament quarterfinals in Des Moines, Iowa. Indiana State won the MVC regular season title in the 2005-06 season while achieving a school record 27 victories.

Saluki coach Dana Eikenberg said Lanham will kick-start the recruiting process.

"We feel our recruiting is at an important stage and she'll help there immediately and she'll also help us out on the court, specifically the offensive end," Eikenberg said. "Megan came in after I left Indiana State and she's someone I observed on the road as very detail oriented and organized and she's someone I have a lot of respect for."

In addition to her on the court accolades, Lanham's resume off the court is impressive as well.

The Sycamores' 3.61 GPA

ranked second nationally at the end of the 2005-06 season. Since 2001, they have had a top-three GPA nationally each season.

Junior center Laura Rudolphi was named MVC Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the 2006-07 season.

The Salukis moved quickly to replace Adams, who took the Murray State job April 17. Adams handled the recruiting program at SIU and a quick move means the Salukis will have someone in place when recruiting opens up in July.

Eikenberg said she is realistic enough to see why Adams was in demand as a head coach.

"She has the pedigree because she went to Tennessee and won a national championship under (Pat Summitt), who I would consider the greatest coach in the country," she said. "Obviously, the quick amount of time it took to resurrect this program certainly moved Jody up the line at Murray State."

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## SOFTBALL

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"Some of my family will be there so that will be important to me," Scoggins said. "But every game this time of year is important and we are going to try to not let it get in our heads that these are last home games."

The Saluki offense is led by

freshman second baseman Alicia Garza and sophomore catcher Jayme Wamsley. Garza is batting .370 with a team high 12 doubles, while Wamsley has 10 home runs and is third in the MVC with 39 RBIs.

Freshman outfielder Katie Wilson has a chance to grab the single-season home run record at SIU. Her 13 home runs are two shy of the record.

Blaylock said the team has to be

ready for Wichita State if the Salukis want to capture first place.

"They are a good team and they are concerned with helping out their season," Blaylock said. "We have to play with a lot of energy. They are really hot right now, but we are too. We are going to go right at them."

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**SOFTBALL**

# SIU takes final shot for first

Salukis hosts Shockers to cap regular season

**Jeff Engelhardt**  
THE DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU softball team has a chance to win the Missouri Valley Conference regular season championship Saturday.

The No. 21 Salukis will host Wichita State in a three-game series beginning at noon. The series marks the final conference games for both teams this season.

The Salukis, if victorious, would need Bradley to win two out of three games against Creighton this weekend to drop the Bluejays from first.

SIU coach Kerri Blaylock said the Salukis cannot worry about standings.

"You basically have to go through this every year. There is always shifting in the standings at the end of the season," Blaylock said. "The only thing we can really control is ourselves, so we are going to work hard on trying to do that."

The Salukis (37-11, 16-5) could also fall out of second place if they lose two of three to Wichita State and if Illinois State sweeps Missouri State. Second place is a coveted position, since the top two seeds receive a bye in the first two rounds of the MVC tournament.

Wichita State (34-26, 16-8) should give the Salukis all they can handle, coming into the series as the hottest team in the MVC, winning 16 of its last 18 games. The Shockers swept Kansas in a doubleheader Wednesday, winning 1-0



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The softball team unites before a play against Bradley Sunday afternoon at Charlotte West Stadium. The Salukis are scheduled to play Wichita State Saturday at Charlotte West Stadium.

and 6-4.

Wichita State ranks second in the MVC in runs with 257, hits with 423 and doubles with 68. The Shockers are also patient at the plate with 149 walks, tops in the MVC.

Britnee Barnett and Cynthia

Verhulst lead the Shockers on offense. Barnett is second in the MVC with 65 hits, while Verhulst has 13 home runs and 38 RBIs.

The Salukis will combat the Shockers with their MVC-leading pitching staff. Senior pitch-

ers Cassidy Scoggins and Ashley Hamby have a combined ERA of 1.72 and 337 strikeouts, which should exploit a Shocker offense that has the most strikeouts in the MVC with 330.

Saturday will also be the last time

that Scoggins and Hamby step in the circle at Charlotte West Stadium.

Scoggins said while it will be a special day, she has to stay focused on helping the team win.

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**BASEBALL**

# Salukis look to ground soaring Bluejays



**Cody Adams pitches during the SIU vs. Missouri State game Saturday at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis will play at Creighton this weekend.**

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Limiting mistakes may be the only way for anybody to beat the Creighton Bluejays right now.

SIU heads to Creighton, the winner of 11 games in a row, for a three-game set against the Bluejays, beginning at 7:30 tonight.

Against a team playing this well, Saluki coach Dan Callahan said SIU will have to limit its mistakes.

"When I say limit mistakes, I'm talking about all phases of the game," Callahan said. "I'm talking about limiting our base-on-balls when we're on the mound; I'm talking about limiting our errors on defense."

Creighton (30-11, 12-3) boasts the top fielding percentage in the Missouri Valley Conference, converting 97.9 percent of its chances. On the other hand, SIU has committed the most errors in the MVC with 80.

The Bluejays' winning streak began with a 3-1 win at Kansas State on April 11. Their last loss was April 8 at No. 10

Wichita State.

Northern Colorado was the last team to play Creighton, getting swept in three games, when two Bluejays — first baseman Darin Ruf and left fielder Brandon Knox — knocked in four RBIs.

The Salukis' success starts with the starting pitching, Callahan said, which was integral in SIU's last conference series, a three-game sweep of Missouri State. Starting pitchers Shawn Joy and Cody Adams came through with quality starts in the first two games, something Callahan said is key for the Salukis.

SIU is 6-0 against conference opponents when it has a starter turn in a quality start, and 2-7 in the conference when the starting pitcher fails to do so.

Pitchers Ian Reinhart and Bryant George were the only relievers used in the April 27 and April 28 wins hosting Missouri State, combining for 3.2 innings pitched, two hits, a walk and two strikeouts in the two appearances.

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