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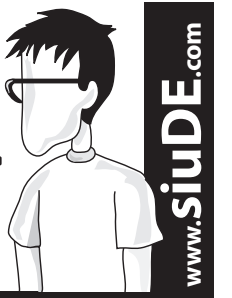
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Israelis celebrate country's 60th birthday



JAMES DURBIN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hedva Eliud, left, and Judi Nacinovic dance as part of the 'Israel at 60' festivities at the Carbondale Civic Center Sunday. The event celebrated the 60th birthday of Israel as a country and commemorated the nation's heritage with traditional music, food and dance.

Israelis strive to erase misconceptions

Lindsey Smith
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Most people like to keep their age on the hush.

The country of Israel is shouting it out loud.

The Jewish Federation of Southern Illinois, Southeastern Missouri and Western Kentucky sponsored the "Israel at 60" festival, a celebration of Israel's 60th birthday, Sunday in Carbondale's Civic Center. Roughly 50 people of all ages enjoyed a miming presentation, Israeli music, folk dancing, arts and crafts, and the opportunity to buy Israeli jewelry, books, food and coffee offered by the five performers and vendors from Israel.

"The fact that Israel is 60 today is really something that is not to be taken for granted. We could have easily disappeared from the face of the earth a day or two after we declared our independence," said Revital Yona, 32, an Israeli Emissary for the Jewish Federation.

Yona, who is in America for only a year, said there are many misconceptions about Israel in the media.

"When you say 'Israelis', many people who have never been there think of images from a battlefield, but the reality strikes people when they go there for the first time," Yona said.

Both Yona and Sara Faye Marten,

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Students bike for orphans in South Africa

Madeleine Leroux
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Three seniors are celebrating the end of the school year by biking across America while raising money for orphans in Africa.

James Ellenberg, Eric Alvarez and Mike Kanvestel are gearing up for a 4,200-mile trip on their bikes, from Yorktown, Va., to northern California. The trip will raise money for Engage Africa, a missionary project to aid orphans in South Africa.

Abby Hunt of Springfield said she and her husband Jeff began Engage Africa this year. Hunt said the two are missionaries to South Africa and spent two years living there. They consider it their mission to help children who are considered "un-adoptable" because they are HIV positive or have full-blown AIDS, Hunt said.

Ellenberg, a senior from Springfield studying business management, said Alvarez was originally planning a cross-country bike trip by himself, but the more he talked about it, the more he and Kanvestel became interested.

"It's definitely a thing that's going

to be just kind of a transition point in our lives," Ellenberg said. "After college, before we start our jobs — there's really no other time when we're going to be able to take 10 weeks off."

Ellenberg said the trip would start July 10 and take eight to 10 weeks, with the cyclists riding about 80 to 100 miles per day. Alvarez said donations would be split in two, half going to Engage Africa and the rest helping to fund the trip.

Alvarez said he's not expecting the donations to cover the actual expenses of the trip and is anticipating most of the trip to be self-funded.

"We're assuming that even like half the money we raise is not going to be enough to fund the whole trip," Alvarez said.

Kanvestel, a John A. Logan Community College senior from Mount Prospect studying construction management, said his brother did a similar trip four years ago, which inspired him to do the same.

"I just figure if I'm going to go home and work for a living, I might as well do something cool before I start,"

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EMILY SUNBLADE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

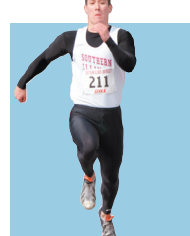
Mike Kanvestel, a senior at John A. Logan Community College from Mount Prospect studying construction management, is one of three students biking across the country to raise money for Engage Africa. Engage Africa is a missionary project raising money for orphans in South Africa.

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 Disaster relief found on the runway.
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siUDE.com Question: What should the university do regarding offensive opinions left on non-university web sites using SIU e-mail accounts?

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CALENDAR

Division of Continuing Education

The Individualized Learning Program is offering extended testing hours (last available time to schedule is 5:30 p.m.) for students on the following dates: today until Friday. On Saturday, testing starting at 10 a.m. and last available time to schedule is noon. To schedule a test, please call 536-7751.

Family Vacation Night

- 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. today at the campus boat dock
- Boating and family fun for everyone, free and open to the public

SIU Amateur Radio Club Meeting

- 7 p.m. Tuesday at Quatro's
- Last meeting of the school year
- No admission, anyone interested in radio is invited

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

Submit calendar items to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266.

CORRECTIONS

If you spot an error, please contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 253.

POLICE REPORTS

There are no suspects in the theft of a Logitech Cordless desktop set from the Student Health Center between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday.

There are no suspects in the theft of an Acer laptop computer from the fourth floor study lounge in Allen III between midnight and 12:42 a.m. of Friday.

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NEWS BRIEFS

LaHood to run as Republican National Committee committeeman

PEORIA (AP) — Retiring U.S. Representative Ray LaHood says he plans to run for Republican National Committee's Illinois committeeman.

The retiring Peoria congressman is stepping down from his congressional seat after seven terms.

He says assuming the new role would be a way for him to stay involved in politics. If he is elected at the Illinois Republican Party's June convention in Decatur, LaHood would replace Robert Kjellander.

Kjellander's leaving at the end of his term. The Springfield lobbyist's name has been featured in the ongoing corruption trial of political fund-raiser Antoin Rezko. Kjellander hasn't been charged in any wrongdoing, but prosecutors claim he received over \$800,000 in consulting fees for the sale of state bonds.

A message left Sunday for Kjellander was not immediately returned.

State creates Seismic Task Force to prepare for earthquakes

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — The state is creating a panel aimed at improving earthquake preparedness.

The Illinois Seismic Safety Task Force will assess how high-risk portions of the state have prepared to minimize earthquake damage. The group will also give Gov. Rod Blagojevich recommendations on how to monitor earthquakes and increase the state's readiness.

Last month, Illinois was rattled by a 5.2-magnitude temblor and a series of aftershocks that were centered in far southeastern Illinois. The earthquakes caused minor damage.

The Illinois Seismic Safety Task Force will be lead by the heads of the Illinois Division of Insurance and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

The group will hold its first meeting this June.

Cubs reach deal with hold-out rooftop club owner

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs have settled a dispute with the owner of a trio of nearby rooftop clubs who refused to share profits with the team.

Friday's truce between the team and club owner Tom Gramatis ends a legal battle, which included threats from Wrigley officials to erect windcreens that would have blocked views from the rooftop seats.

Under the agreement, Gramatis will continue to pay 17 percent of his profits from two rooftop clubs through 2023. He'll also pay the team an undisclosed annual sum for profits from his Ivy League Baseball Club.

The two sides say they're glad they've reached an agreement.

There are 16 rooftop clubs that surround Wrigley Field and share their profits with the team.

East St. Louis logs its sixth killing of the year

EAST ST. LOUIS (AP) — East St. Louis police say a man found stabbed to death is the city's sixth killing this year.

The body of 24-year-old Cornelius Goss Jr. of East St. Louis was found Friday near a vacant home.

Authorities say he had been stabbed in the neck and chest.

Police Chief Michael Baxton says the body appeared to have been there for five or six hours.

There is no word yet on possible suspects or a motive in the killing.

Last year, East St. Louis had 31 homicides.

Suspect charged in burglary of state lawmaker's office

ALTON (AP) — Police believe they have found a suspect in the burglary of an Illinois state lawmaker's Alton office, but the legislator's computer taken during the break-in remains missing.

Madison County prosecutors charged 34-year-old Mark Vann of Alton with nine burglary counts involving a string of break-ins between April 20 and Thursday.

They include an April 24 burglary of Democratic State Representative Dan Beiser's local office.

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Walkers take to the runways



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Strollers roll past Tate Aviation's hangar at Southern Illinois Airport during the 5K Disaster Relief 'Run-A-Way Walk' Saturday. Roughly 50 people participated in the fund-raiser hosted by the American Red Cross Little Egypt Network.

Students, community members participate in 5K for disaster relief

DeMarcus Hamilton
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Walkers flocked the Southern Illinois Airport runways in Herrin Saturday morning to support American Red Cross Disaster relief.

Roughly 50 people showed up for the

fundraising event, and the airport shut down all but one of the runways for the three-mile walk. The American Red Cross Little Egypt Network held the event to raise money to provide free relief to disaster victims.

The network was given the name Little Egypt because of a famine that occurred in northern Illinois in the mid-1800s. People came to southern Illinois for grain products, and it was compared to the Israelites who went to Egypt for food during famine, said Sandra Webster, director of the network.

"This is the second time in three years that we have done this. We're trying to make it an

annual event," said Gary Shafer, manager of the seventh-largest airport in the state.

Registration for the event included a free T-shirt with the \$25 individual registration fee and \$100 for a team of five. After the walk, participants snacked on bagels while viewing Southern Illinois' \$85,000 Emergency Response Vehicle, which is used in disasters in the hangar.

"One of the agreements in getting an ERV in a region is to report to a disaster within two hours of notification," Webster said.

The vehicle, housed in Herrin, has been to several disaster sites including Ground Zero

and Katrina.

Area Red Cross workers help with more than wide spread disasters.

"My in-laws had a fire and the Red Cross helped them out a lot," said Norma Gwaltney of West Frankfort.

Ama Hapke, a graduate student studying public administration who helped coordinate the event, said the fund-raiser was especially necessary after all the recent flooding in the region.

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Kentucky Derby runner-up euthanized



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Track personnel attend to Eight Belles after she broke down after the finish of the 134th running of the Kentucky Derby Saturday at Churchill Downs, in Louisville, Ky.

Filly collapses with two broken ankles

Richard Rosenblatt
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A day after Big Brown blazed across the finish line, the snapshot of Eight Belles down on the dirt set off a raging debate that extended far beyond the Kentucky Derby: Is horse racing now facing an image crisis?

With the memory of Barbaro still fresh, Eight Belles' catastrophic breakdown Saturday put increasing focus on a sport already trying to overcome a decline in popularity.

Her death has raised thorny issues about the whole thoroughbred industry, including track safety, whether fillies should be allowed to run against colts, and whether horses are bred too much for speed and not for soundness.

A prominent animal rights group got involved Sunday, too, criticizing Eight Belles' jockey for whipping the horse and saying the second-place prize should be revoked.

But to horse people, it wasn't all that simple.

"To make it safer, don't race the horses, don't train them, then they'll live good lives out on the farm," Big Brown trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. said.

"But you have to train them for races, you have to run them and that's where the problems start to set in. They have to be asked to run and sometimes in a particular minute, they're asked to run when they're not ready to give it and then it hurts."

While Big Brown's bid to become the first Triple Crown winner in 30 years will certainly gain momentum in the next couple of weeks, Eight Belles and the sight of fans crying in the stands remained a focal point Sunday.

"Filly's Death Casts Shadow over Kentucky Derby," read The New York Times.

"Tragedy mars Kentucky Derby as the only filly dies after race," the Los Angeles Times' Web site said.

Churchill Downs officials were

unsure whether there had been a fatality in the Kentucky Derby. Superintendent Butch Lehr said there hadn't been one in his 41 years at the track.

The death of Eight Belles may have been rare because it occurred well after the finish line, but it's just the latest trauma to happen at a major race on national television.

Two years ago, Derby winner Barbaro shattered his fight rear leg at the start of the Preakness, with more than 100,000 people gasping at the site

of the undefeated colt in distress as he was led into an equine ambulance. Barbaro was euthanized eight months later after developing laminitis as a result of the injuries.

"It's difficult to accept, and we don't have all the answers," Scott Palmer, a veterinarian who helped attend to Barbaro on the track at Pimlico, said Sunday. "It's shocking to see something like that."

Now, there are more questions

about track safety.

Barbaro's demise helped push forward the installation of synthetic surfaces to replace traditional dirt tracks at several tracks, including Keeneland, Santa Anita, Arlington Park, Hollywood Park, Golden Gate Fields, Del Mar, Turfway and Presque Isle. A new on-track injury reporting program seems to indicate the surface is having the desired effect.

Reports by veterinarians at 34 tracks across the country between June 2007 and early this year showed synthetic tracks averaged 1.47 fatalities per 1,000 starts, compared with 2.03 fatalities per 1,000 starts for horses that ran on dirt.

But not everyone is convinced.

"This is a very big issue and needs to be discussed," two-time Derby winning trainer Nick Zito said. "You're changing the whole game. Big Brown ran on dirt yesterday, he's going for history. You can't tell me the Polytrack is history. It's not yet, there isn't enough data yet."

That's not saying Zito and other horsemen are not interested in making racetracks safer for both horses and jockeys.

Tragedy mars Kentucky Derby as the only filly dies after race.

— The New York Times headline

Cyclone kills at least 351 in Myanmar

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YANGON, Myanmar — A powerful cyclone killed more than 350 people and destroyed thousands of homes, state-run media said Sunday. Some dissident groups worried that the military junta running Myanmar would be reluctant to ask for international help.

Tropical Cyclone Nargis hit at a delicate time for the junta, less than a week ahead of a crucial referendum on a new constitution. Should the junta be seen as failing disaster victims, voters who already blame the regime for ruining the economy and squashing democracy could take out their frustrations at the ballot box.

Some in Yangon complained the 400,000-strong military was doing little to help victims after Saturday's storm.

"Where are all those uniformed people who are always ready to beat civilians?" said a trishaw driver who refused to be identified for fear of retribution. "They should come out in full force and help clean up the areas and restore electricity."

Myanmar, also known as Burma, has been under military rule since 1962. Its government

has been widely criticized for human rights abuses and suppression of pro-democracy parties such as the one led by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been under house arrest for almost 12 of the past 18 years.

Last September, at least 31 people were killed and thousands more were detained when the military cracked down on peaceful protests led by Buddhist monks and democracy advocates.

The Forum for Democracy in Burma and other dissident groups outside of Myanmar urged the military junta Sunday to allow aid groups to operate freely in the wake of the cyclone — something it has been reluctant to do in the past.

It would be difficult for other countries to help unless they received a request from Myanmar's military rulers.

"International expertise in dealing with natural disasters is urgently required. The military regime is ill-prepared to deal with the aftermath

of the cyclone," said Naing Aung, secretary general of the Thailand-based forum.

The storm's 120 mph winds blew the roofs off hospitals and cut electricity to the country's largest city.

Shari Villarosa, the top American diplomat in Yangon, said the storm's whipping winds and torrential downpour had caused "major devastation throughout the city."

"The Burmese are saying they have never seen anything like this, ever," Villarosa told The Associated Press. "Trees are down. Electricity lines are down. Our Burmese staff have lost their roofs."

At least 351 people were killed, including 162 who lived on Haing Gyi island off the country's southwest coast, military-run Myaddy television station reported. Many of the others died in the low-lying Irrawaddy delta.

"The Irrawaddy delta was hit extremely hard not only because of

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— Naing Aung, secretary general of the Thailand-based forum

WIRE REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

Yahoo shareholders vent frustration over rebuff of Microsoft's \$47.5 billion bid

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Yahoo Inc. Chief Executive Jerry Yang has gotten what he wanted: a chance to prove his company is worth more than the \$47.5 billion that Microsoft Corp. offered to buy the Internet pioneer.

It will be a daunting challenge, as Yang will be pointedly reminded Monday when investors are expected to show how little they think of Yahoo without a takeover bid on the table. Faced with resistance from Yang and the rest of Yahoo's board, Microsoft withdrew its offer over the weekend.

BAGHDAD

U.S. blueprint looks beyond war to envision high-end hub in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — Forget the rocket attacks, concrete blast walls and lack of a sewer system. Now try to imagine luxury hotels, a shopping center and even condos in the heart of Baghdad.

That's all part of a five-year development "dream list" — or what some dub an improbable fantasy — to transform the U.S.-protected Green Zone from a walled fortress into a centerpiece for Baghdad's future.

But the \$5 billion plan has the backing of the Pentagon and apparently the interest of some deep pockets in the world of international hotels and development, the lead military liaison for the project told The Associated Press.

AUSTRIA

Sister-in-law says Austrian man's wife didn't know daughter was in dungeon

AMSTETTEN, Austria (AP) — The wife of an Austrian man accused of holding their daughter captive for 24 years fought to keep the troubled family together but never knew their child was in a soundproofed cellar beneath the apartment, the wife's sister said.

In an exclusive television interview with The Associated Press, a woman who identified herself as Josef Fritzl's sister-in-law provided intimate details of the oppression inside the Fritzl home, describing him as a "tyrant."

The woman, who has pictures of herself with the family, asked only to be identified as Christine R. to avoid public attention and throngs of journalists seeking interviews.

Christine R. painted the most complete picture to date of her sister Rosemarie and her belief that daughter Elisabeth ran away from home as a 17-year-old to join a cult. That was about six months before police say she was locked into the windowless cellar.

KANSAS

Bush hails graduating high school class of Kansas town recovering from vicious tornado

GREENSBURG, Kan. (AP) — President Bush hailed the resilience of this town and its tiny high school graduating class Sunday, one year after a tornado barreled through with astonishing fury.

Never before had Bush delivered a commencement address at a high school, and his presence was meant to reflect how far Greensburg has come. From nearly total devastation last May 4, this town is recovering, and hope has been rekindled.

At the center of attention is the Class of 2008 — 10 boys and eight girls. They finished their senior year at a makeshift campus of trailers.

"We celebrate the resurgence of a town that stood tall when its buildings and homes were laid low," Bush said in his remarks at the temporary high school gym.

"We celebrate the power of faith, the love of family and the bonds of friendship that guided you through the disaster," Bush said. "And we celebrate the resilience of 18 seniors who grew closer together when the world around them blew apart."

Study highlights effects of capital bill

Barton Lorimer
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A study conducted by an SIUC economics professor about the effects of state-sponsored construction projects was presented to Gov. Rod Blagojevich Thursday.

Former congressman Dennis Hastert and SIU President Glenn Poshard used these results as proof of the positive effects a capital plan would have on the state.

Hastert and Poshard were appointed by the governor to recommend a piece of legislation the state's House and Senate could approve. The appointment came after the House shot down the Capital Construction Plan, which was valued at \$25 billion and used an expansion in gambling as the revenue source.

Subhash Sharma, the professor, said 443,596 jobs would be created with a payroll of nearly \$24 billion if the state spent \$25 billion on construction projects across seven years. Those jobs could be anything from a construction

worker to a semi-truck driver delivering construction materials, he said.

While lawmakers in Springfield debate how to pay for those projects, the state's list of construction and infrastructure needs continues to grow.

Sharma said he expanded his study to include the impacts of the state spending \$30 billion and \$35 billion instead. The study shows that as the state's spending gets higher, more new jobs would be created. Spending \$35 billion on construction projects could create up to 611,024 new jobs, he said.

He said it is important the legislature approves the construction projects before inflation has an even larger effect on how much the state spends.

"If this capital spending is not taken care of now, it will get worse," Sharma said. "Five or four years down the road, instead of \$25 billion it might take \$40 billion to do the same work."

If the state legislature could approve these construction projects, Sharma said it would mean money for new schools, improvements to the public universities and road improvements,

which he said includes bridge repairs.

Dave Gross, SIU government liaison, said Poshard and Hastert will not recommend the state spend less than \$25 billion.

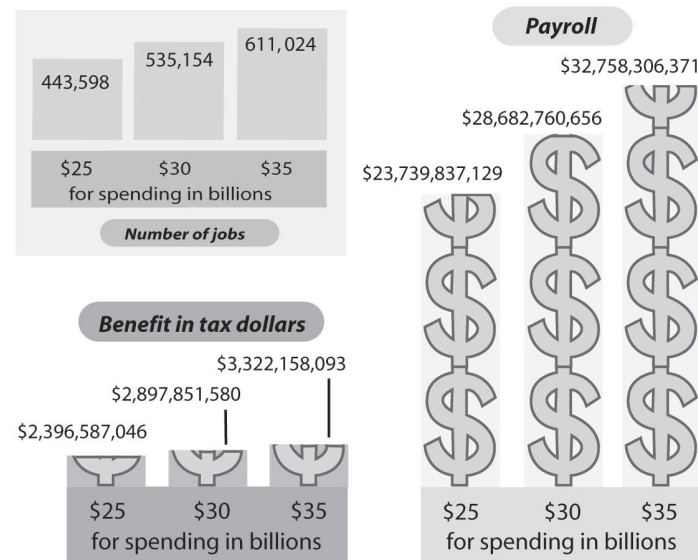
Poshard said he discussed how the state could raise the money to pay for these construction project in a meeting Thursday with Blagojevich, Hastert and state legislative leaders such as House Minority Leader Tom Cross and Senate President Emil Jones.

"At this point in time, there's no decision made about what revenues would be used," Poshard said. "And there was no sense that one was favored."

Selling a portion of the state's lottery, an expansion in state supported gambling and increases in the cigarette, license plate, motor fuel, property or income taxes were discussed as possible revenue sources at the meeting, Poshard said.

Gross said the legislative leaders will meet with members of their caucus within the week, and decide

Spending impact on economy



Source: Subhash Sharma, economics professor

Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

which revenue source they prefer.

Blagojevich has repeatedly said he would not approve the construction plan if it used an increase in property or income taxes as the revenue source. Poshard said all options, including a tax increase, were discussed Thursday.

According to an audio interview with reporters in Springfield, Jones echoed Poshard's comment, and said all options were being considered.

Both Poshard and Jones have been supportive of Blagojevich in the past.

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Words usually flow freely to me. I can flex my vocabulary muscles on cue and rattle off 17 synonyms for the word depressed.

On Tuesday night, all words escaped me.

That's when SIUC senior Ryan Rendleman died in a car accident. Ryan was a friend to all his co-workers at the DAILY EGYPTIAN and an inspiration to us all.

When I found out he died, my world shook.

Tears outran words.

He couldn't be gone; God must have taken the wrong Ryan Rendleman. This Ryan still had many things to accomplish, many lives yet to touch.

We were supposed to graduate and walk across that stage Saturday. After the ceremony, diplomas in hand, we would do our patented high-five — one slap up high, one behind the back, then one down low after a half-spin to finish it off.

You should have seen this high-five. We practiced it so much that it stung because we always made solid hand-to-hand connection. I would have loved for that high-five to happen again Saturday.

We won't have that celebration. Yet, we should still celebrate his life; Ryan lived an admirable 22 years worth celebrating.

More than two years ago, the old Ryan was with a different crowd. He said different words and acted in a different way.

I also witnessed the new Ryan. This Ryan wore a smile, would give you the shirt off his back in December and pay you for the gas for taking him to the hospital after giving you the shirt off his back.

The change was easy to see and easier to understand. Ryan found God. That made all the difference.

Through his death, Ryan taught me a lesson. The lesson is the same word I was searching for to describe Ryan on that cold, dark Tuesday night: conviction.

No matter what, he stood up for what he believed in. Many students bury that thing deep inside, whether it is their religious, personal or political beliefs. It's easy to confide in something without telling others. It's comfortable and no one challenges what you believe.

That isn't the route Ryan took.

On multiple occasions, he invited a newsroom of disgruntled journalists to his church. In the end, it's those actions — the ones that call for action — that count.

While at the DE, I hired dozens of people and in turn gave them jobs. Ryan shared his faith with them, dozens of others and, in turn, saved souls.

It isn't the popular thing to do. Ryan's conviction led him to it.

Ryan helped me prioritize my priorities. Oftentimes, I invest all my time into dissolvable things. My career and possessions trump my relationships and beliefs. Ryan had it right. He never lost sight of what he believed in.

Maybe that's why he's gone. God needed him more than we needed him because Ryan had already taught us so much.

He taught me about conviction. But Ryan left the world with a different word: restless. That was his last status update on his Facebook profile before he died.

Ryan is at peace now — in a place where trivial things like money, possessions and image don't matter.

Hopefully his lesson of conviction will stick with me and I can live my life like Ryan.

Then, one day, we can turn one more of those high-fives, this time in the sky.

Wilson is a senior studying journalism.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Financial aid takes scholarship money

DEAR EDITOR:

In regard to your article about financial aid, many students are also unaware that if they receive scholarships from sources other than SIU, and those scholarships are sent to their Bursar's account, that a portion (sometimes a major portion) of those scholarships will be taken by SIU's Financial Aid office to repay any grants or loans you received even if your loans are not in delinquency.

This has been the case with each scholarship I have been awarded in the past two years. To offset the cost of my education, 150-mile per day commuting expenses and living expenses since I am a single mother with children, I apply for every scholarship I possibly can. Two years ago I received a \$2,500 scholarship but the financial aid office took nearly half of it. Last year I received a \$500 scholarship of which \$240 was taken and recently I received a prestigious \$5,000 scholarship. I am willing

to bet Financial Aid will take nearly 60 percent of it again.

I wrote several administrators asking for assistance and was continually referred to Billie Jo Hamilton of the Financial Aid department. After speaking with Hamilton on the phone and explaining it costs me more to attend than the number set by SIU administrators in who knows what year, I was told "there was nothing she could do to help me."

I am positive the SIU administrators and the Financial Aid office fail to take into consideration the cost of living as well as gas, food and daycare have increased dramatically in the past two years. I apply for those scholarships because I need the money to attend classes daily and finish my degree, not because I want the money to party on the Strip or take spring break vacations to the beach.

Renee Torres

junior studying mortuary science

Groce's letter is reprehensible

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Charles Groce's letter condemning the efforts of GA United.

It is clear that Groce is aware that the GAs in this university have significant economic problems that need to be addressed. It is understandable if Groce is unable or unwilling to do something about these problems himself. After all, his primary concern should be to complete his studies and earn his degree.

It is, however, reprehensible that Groce is against the notion of other people uniting to deal with the problems he himself acknowledges exist. Sitting on the sidelines, refusing to join the union and then criticizing others who are willing to work together to help all graduate students, including Mr. Groce, does not help the GAs, and the university as a whole, progress.

Marvin Zeman

president of the SIUC Faculty Association

Killer trees finally gone

DEAR EDITOR:

The Recreation Center is a quiet place these days. At times it seems as if there are more people working in the Recreation Center than there are people are using the facilities to exercise.

In order to beef up usage the center generally ups the rates for community and students. Lately this tactic doesn't seem to be working. It seems, however, the Recreation Center has come up with the real reason for low usage of this facility — the killer trees that lined the sidewalk.

I am sure now these have been removed and all we have are stumps lining the walk way, we will not be afraid to avail ourselves of this facility. It took great innovative thinking to realize that the reason so many of us stayed away was because those trees were really scaring us. So now that you have solved the problem, raise the rates again and with the killer trees gone people will flock to the Recreation Center.

Celeste Williams

Murphysboro resident

Poshard should apologize

DEAR EDITOR:

Your report concerning the settlement of the ethics lawsuit is welcome news. These two faculty members refused to sign documents stating that they were guilty of violating state law concerning a time limit arbitrarily imposed after the re-election of a governor who hopefully will soon inhabit a similar residential accommodation of the type now occupied by his predecessor. Since Deputy Inspector Gilbert Jimenez accused those who swiftly completed the test of using "cheat sheets," without citing any evidence for this slanderous allegation, neither state nor SIU employees have been "treated with respect," as Professor Marvin Zeman notes.

Unlike the president of ISU (who rose from the ranks to achieve his present position and was not a politician), SIU President Glenn Poshard also did not

treat his employees "with respect" when he refused to defend them from such appalling allegations — to say nothing about respecting their constitutional rights nor allowing them due process when they were forced to sign documents incriminating themselves. Personally, I know of several tenure-track faculty members (and one graduate student threatened with losing his assistantship) coerced into signing this document. The least that can be done to conclude this appalling chapter of SIU higher administration bullying is for President Poshard to exhibit some form of last minute ethical integrity by apologizing to all who were forced to sign this document and giving assurance that such demeaning treatment will not occur again.

Somehow I doubt this will happen.

Tony Williams

professor of English

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are closer to the end of this problem than we are to the beginning."

Henry M. Paulson Jr.
U.S. Treasury Secretary
commenting on the state of the economy



IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

Living outside the house

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As this is my last column for the semester, I thought it might be apt to talk about living with roommates who aren't greek.

Many greeks at this campus share living quarters with each other, whether it be in an official house or otherwise. Unfortunately, I myself have never lived with one of my fraternity brothers, although I hope to remedy that situation shortly.

Let me take a step back and explain my rooming situation. I live with seven other swimmers, all guys, three of whom are from other countries. The international kids don't have much of a clue as to what a fraternity is, with the exception of one who is in love with the American Pie movies and thinks we are like Beta House.

There are three kids on my floor, two of whom I see about once a fortnight. One of my roommates hibernates during the winter, so as it has been getting warmer I have been seeing him around the house about every other day, which is up significantly from once a month. The other one I see maybe once a day, but the only reason I see him is because Jimmy John's knocks on my door with a delivery for him.

Then there is Tim. I always know he is home because he is usually yelling something ridiculous from the family room. Phrases such as, "Get at me, girl," "Pereneal" and "PHI KAPPA TAU!" have become standard vocabulary at my house. Tim and my upstairs roommate Chris can often be heard yelling the last one as long as I am in hearing distance. There

are a couple different variations of "PHI KAPPA TAU!," my favorite being Chris' rendition, in which he says it using his best Bruce Lee impression.

Tim is one of those kids who has a new hobby every week. From cup stacking to Wii games, Tim has pulled my roommate along for everything. There was a two-month period where he had the whole house doing Rubik's cubes, of which, yes, I learned, but only to spite him. He even built a fire pit in our backyard, only to be shut down by the fire marshal. Besides weekly hobbies, Tim devours roughly 1.7 pizzas, 10 bags of potato chips and one Hungry Man meal for lunch alone — and loses weight.

I could probably spend another 10 pages trying to explain Tim, but it would sell him short and I would digress far too much. Many times my roommates make fun of the fact I am in a fraternity, despite the fact they really liked all of my brothers whom they have met. The comebacks, "Well you're in a fraternity," or, "At least I'm not in a fraternity," or again "PHI KAPPA TAU!" have a seemingly negative context to them, as if I should be offended in some way when they say it.

I think it is statements such as these that really put into context how today's average college student, especially at this campus, views fraternities. Even though my roommates know both myself and some guys in my fraternity, they still attempt to use my membership as a tool of shame or degradation. With that being said, the best we can do is keep fighting the stereotypes our predecessors have left us by living our ritual.

Good luck on your finals and thank you for a wonderful year of being greek.

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TALK TO THE THUMB

My thumb's year in review

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Thumbs Up to the football team's magical run through the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. Despite falling just short the national championship game, the football Salukis captured the hearts of many in southern Illinois, some of whom got the chance to see playoff football in December for the first time in a very long time.

What a run, guys. Be proud of what you accomplished. A team that wasn't even picked to win the conference showed many critics they are one of the top teams in the country. It was an amazing run.

Despite losing a few keys pieces, next year's team will be back as the Salukis always seem to re-tool. I know I'm already excited for what Coach Lennon's 3-4 defense is going to do to the Gateway Conference opponents next season, hopefully proving that the basketball team isn't the only team on campus that can play defense.

Thumbs Down to Mother Nature and all the wacky weather she sent us this year. I almost don't know where to begin. Snow, ice, rain, more ice, rain, floods, an earthquake or two — you name it, we've seen it all in southern Illinois this school year. I'm hoping this summer doesn't add to the insanity with a blizzard or monsoon, but with the way things have gone this year, they are definitely within the realm of possibility.

Thumbs Up to the nearly-completed renovation of Morris Library. Even though there have been some bumps in the road (trust me, with a project that big and the amount of stuff the library has, there will be bumps), everything is starting to return to normal.

The staff has done a great job and I give a lot of credit to the students for making the adjustment of not having a fully functioning library during such critical times in their academic careers, i.e. senior

seminars, finals and research projects.

It hasn't been easy, but in the long run, we made it work and next year we are going to have a beautiful, fully functioning library to show for it.

Thumbs Down to the continuing instability in some of the top positions in the university. Although this isn't a new problem, it's troubling to me that in my four years here as a student I've seen three different chancellors.

Can we please find someone who sees some longevity in that position so we can move forward instead of constantly falling behind?

I'm all for trying to find another Delyte Morris type to run the university — someone who, in 50 years, we'll want to build a huge statue of because of how much he gave to the university.

Thumbs Up to the new, two-year agreement for the university's Civil Service employees. So much of what they do on campus goes unnoticed by many, but they are as essential to the mission of the university as everyone else. We couldn't do it without them.

Thumbs Up to everyone who is graduating this weekend. For some, I know they thought this day would never come. You did it, and you are now about to enter the world of a college graduate. No one can take that away from you.

Thumbs Down one last time to all you graduates not planning on attending the ceremonies.

You mean to tell me that at the end your four-, five- or six-year battle to get to this point, you aren't going to go to the ceremony?

That's like winning a gold medal and not showing up to hear the national anthem. This is your victory over SIU, and you should be there to walk the walk and pump your fist in the air, sing, dance or whatever it is you do after they call your name. Go to the ceremony. Trust me, it's worth it.

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Made of 'Iron'

Wes Lawson

DAILY EGYPTIAN

'Iron Man'

Rated PG-13

Starring: Robert Downey Jr.,
Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges,
Terrence Howard

Directed by Jon Favreau

Run time: 126 minutes

The summer movie season has officially begun. And if the rest of the summer features movies as good as "Iron Man," it will certainly be a summer to remember.

"Iron Man" doesn't deviate much from the generic superhero origin story, but it does offer great performances and a whole lot of fun. As far as superhero movies go, "Iron Man" is in the top 20.

Billionaire arms dealer Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is testing weapons in Afghanistan when his convoy is attacked and he is taken captive. His captors insist that he create a new breed of weapons, but Stark uses the available materials to fashion a suit out of metal, and he escapes.

Upon returning home, he decides

to perfect the design of the suit and with the help of his girl (Gwyneth Paltrow), his business partner (Jeff Bridges) and his friend (Terrence Howard), he sets out to save the world and whatnot.

Clearly, Favreau's film is not out to reinvent the wheel when it comes to telling a story. What he does well, along with his team of writers, is make a film fans of the comic books will love and newbies will be able to understand.

The plot doesn't necessarily go the way the audience expects it to, including how it identifies the villain.



4 out of 5 stars

There's a lot of humor on display here (especially when Stark is in the early stages of testing his equipment) and the action sequences are fantastic. Favreau also does a good job of fleshing out characters and avoiding stereotypes, turning Stark's cohorts into real people as opposed to stock characters who are there for the convenience of the plot.

The film really succeeds because of Downey Jr. In some ways, the film is almost a character study of Stark, but that's a little too high brow for a popcorn movie. However, Downey

Jr. brings a great deal of fun to the character, allowing him to evolve and grow. He doesn't become a superhero just because something bad happened to him, and the audience knows it.

Aside from Downey Jr., the supporting cast does well, especially Paltrow as Pepper Potts, Stark's long-time flirtation (again, a good dynamic between them).

Bridges and Howard are a bit more one-dimensional, but it certainly is good to see them getting work.

Curiously, despite all the fantasy and flying iron people, this film has a sense of urgency and reality that has lacked in many other superhero films. Stark's world is scarily close to our world, and we get the sense that something like this could actually happen. "Iron Man" is the first superhero movie in some time that has this going for it — a big summer blockbuster that actually has a substantial dose of reality. How's that for popcorn entertainment?

"Iron Man" is a wonderful start to what is sure to be a long running series of films. Be sure to stick around after the credits for some extra goodies.

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58, of Murphysboro, said they hoped the main idea people learned from the event is that Israel is a nation with abundant nightlife, natural beauty and culture — not just a nation raging with war.

"Israel is alive. Israel is vital and fun. It's very vibrant. It is not a war-torn state as often mistaken for. There are war-torn areas, with people living normal lives," Marten said. "The whole theme behind Judaism is to live. If you have a tragedy, you are going to pick yourself up and role your sleeves up and live your life. That's what Israel is doing."

Barbara Zemaitis, 24, of Murphysboro said being surrounded by Israel was an awakening experience, especially after being raised in southern Illinois. She said their lifestyle is just as fast paced as Americans', but they take the time to appreciate all that surrounds them.

"I spent time with an Israeli one morning and she told me, 'You wake up every morning not knowing if you're going to make it home or not, so you make your bed and kiss your mother goodbye,'" Zemaitis said.

A visit to Israel at least once in a lifetime is a must regardless of race or religion, said 27-year-old Rebecca Marten of Carbondale.

"They all know English and will speak English to you. They're very open and realize you're an American and are happy you're there because you're bringing them business, so it's helping their economy," Rebecca

Marten said.

She said a trip could be expensive, but there are many programs available to travel to Israel for free or at a low cost.

Wendy Low, a 14-year-old from St. Louis, said she has been to Israel three times and plans to return soon to visit her sister, a member of the Israeli army. She said the food is one of many Israeli items she enjoys.

Sara Faye Marten said the closest place to get Jewish food is St. Louis, so the event offered Carbondale an opportunity to get great food without wasting gas.

The popularity of a dish called "falafel" is similar to that of the American hamburger, Yona said.

Rebecca Marten said Israelis' love shopping as much as Americans do.

"They love Levi's. A lot of Israelis that I've met through summer camps and stuff, they come and look for Levi's. They look for cheap clothing too, because clothing over there is a lot different and a lot more expensive," she said.

Americans will see more of how Israel impacts American life soon, she said. Traditions, food and medical advances are a few pieces of Israeli culture that are slowly coming to the United States, Rebecca Marten said.

Yona said the struggle between Palestine and Israel impacts the Israelis in America almost as much as it impacts those from their home nation.

"(Israel's) aim and ours as well is to solve the conflict in peaceful ways, to have real peace, not just a piece of paper that an agreement is signed," Yona said.

ENGAGE

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Kanvestel said.

The three cyclists said they would pedal through Carbondale as part of their trip, riding down Illinois Route 13 in early August. Ellenberg said the brief stop in Carbondale would allow him to pack up his house and move before heading back on the road to California.

When the trip is finished, Alvarez said the group would probably stay in California for a few days before flying back to the "real world." Alvarez said he is looking forward to the trip being a life-changing experience.

"For the first time ever, we can do whatever we want," Alvarez said.

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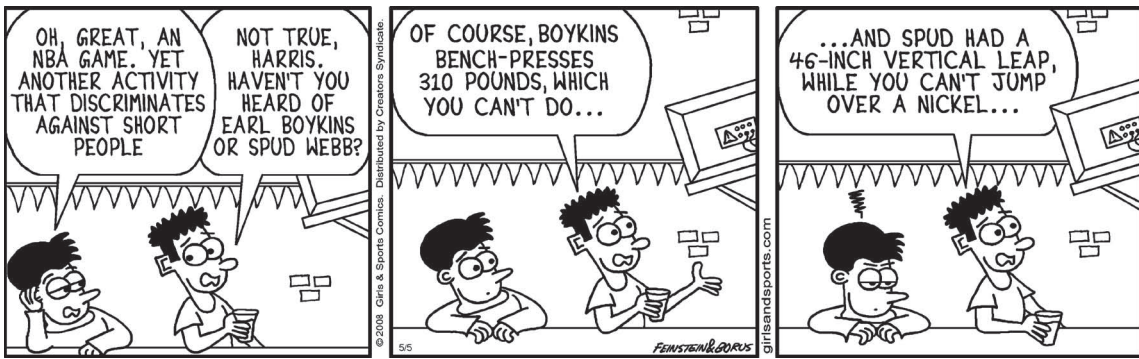
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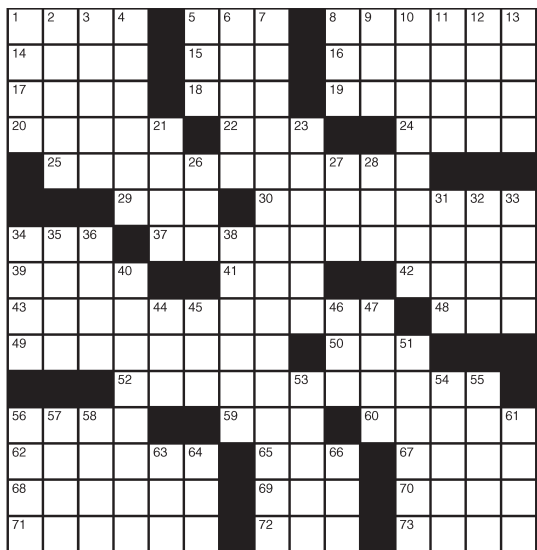
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Herring cousin
 - 5 Gaping mouth
 - 8 Jim Henson creation
 - 14 Bamako's land
 - 15 Paid player
 - 16 Off the ship
 - 17 Israeli weapons
 - 18 90 degrees from vert.
 - 19 Longs (for)
 - 20 Salami choice
 - 22 H.S. math
 - 24 Dele a dele
 - 25 1957 Braves pitcher
 - 29 Angler's entangler
 - 30 Sweet talker
 - 34 Roundball org.
 - 37 1989 A's pitcher
 - 39 Jason's ship
 - 41 Exist
 - 42 "Tristia" poet
 - 43 1993 Blue Jay DH
 - 48 Double curve
 - 49 Pod
 - 50 Granola morsel
 - 52 1980 Phillies third baseman
 - 56 Spreadsheet filler
 - 59 Dallas sch.



- 60 Unadorned
 - 62 Hit the big time
 - 65 Type of home loan: abbr.
 - 67 Word on diet foods
 - 68 Was in charge of
 - 69 Pressure unit
 - 70 Building wings
 - 71 Backslid
 - 72 Birth certificate info
 - 73 Some whiskies
- DOWN**
- 1 Insufferably complacent
 - 2 Witch
 - 3 Skirt shape
 - 4 Prevent from inheriting
 - 5 Velocity meas.
 - 6 Bellowing
 - 7 25, 37, 43 and 52A
 - 8 Derby month
 - 9 Employment
 - 10 Stage after the initial stage
 - 11 Nautical left
 - 12 Sea eagle
 - 13 Part of SAT

Friday's Puzzle Solved

R	A	R	E	R	R	H	O	M	E	D	I	C
A	L	O	N	E	E	A	R	O	V	I	N	E
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- 21 Between the sheets
- 23 Girls E-Mentoring Program
- 26 Actress Hagen
- 27 Little tyke
- 28 Hammer obliquely
- 31 Suffer from
- 32 Pupil maker
- 33 Postings at JFK
- 34 Catches forty winks
- 8 Derby month
- 35 Highland hillside
- 36 Chills and fever
- 38 Ballroom dances
- 40 Spinsters
- 44 1101
- 45 Grown acorn
- 46 Stunned response
- 47 Cloverleaf part
- 51 Farm machine
- 53 Blaspheme
- 54 Seven times a week
- 55 Earl or viscount
- 56 Willie Wonka's creator
- 57 Vicinity
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- 61 Capone undoer
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9					5							
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	2		5							1		
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		8	2	9		6						

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

Solution to Friday's puzzle

7	4	6	1	8	3	2	5	9
5	2	1	7	6	9	8	4	3
9	8	3	4	5	2	7	1	6
4	6	8	3	2	7	5	9	1
2	3	5	8	9	1	4	6	7
1	7	9	6	4	5	3	2	8
6	1	2	5	3	8	9	7	4
8	5	7	9	1	4	6	3	2
3	9	4	2	7	6	1	8	5

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — You're the voice of reason this year. People seek your advice, which you provide quite eloquently. You're charming, wise and persuasive. Travel conditions are excellent, too. It's a great year for adventures. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — **Today is a 6** — Great abundance can be yours if you play by the rules. Do the job you've taken on, even if it's tough. You can and you'll earn a ton of respect, as well as a lot of cash.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — **Today is a 10** — You are so cute, you could charm the paint off the walls. Ask for what you want and you're apt to get it. You can have more than three wishes.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — **Today is a 5** — Restraint is still advised. By now you should be used to it. This is good. Self-discipline is required in this phase to achieve success. In other words, tough it out.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — **Today is a 9** — If you're judged by the friends you keep, you're doing very well. Your friends are solid, dependable, practical and loving. They respect and admire you. Good work.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — **Today is a 5** — Provide comfort to a partner whose dreams don't quite come true. Looks like there's still some basic groundwork that hasn't been done. Offer your assistance.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — **Today is a 10** — Projects launched now will succeed enormously. They won't turn out exactly as imagined, however. Team effort is required, so collect an enthusiastic group.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — **Today is a 5** — You'll have the patience now to get your finances into order. You'll be richly rewarded for your efforts. While you're at it, organize the household finances, too.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — **Today is an 8** — It might be hard to find the right words, but that's not necessary. You and your partner know what you want to do and it's time to take action. Make the commitment.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — **Today is a 6** — There's plenty of work and the pay's pretty good. Take advantage of this situation. Provide good service and lots of it. You will be generously rewarded.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — **Today is a 10** — Compromises you've been seeking finally fall into place. It's almost as if the two of you have never disagreed. Celebrate by going to a restaurant you both like.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — **Today is a 5** — Slow and easy does it. You can't make what you want happen as quickly as you'd like, under these conditions. You can make progress, however.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — **Today is an 8** — You won't want to be bothered by any distractions. But friends call and loved ones need your attention. Don't worry, you can still complete the assignment.

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Senior outfielder Tiffanie Dismore stands next to her mother during senior day ceremonies April 19. Dismore is majoring in radio and television and hopes to get a job with a media outlet in Indiana after she graduates.

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Tiffanie Dismore

Senior Tiffanie Dismore has found success both on and off the softball field in her time at SIU.

Dismore was named to CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine academic all-district team in both the 2006 and 2007 seasons. The Lafayette, Ind.,

native had the team's longest hitting streak her sophomore season, was 11th in the MVC with 58 hits her junior year and is perfect in stolen base attempts this season.

Dismore is majoring in radio and television and said she has the same passion for working in news as she does for playing softball.

"I have always loved writing and I get to put that in to what I am

doing now," Dismore said. "You get to go out and meet so many people and you learn something new every day."

Dismore has worked for local media outlet River Region and hopes to land a job in Indiana where she interned over the summer.

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SWEEP

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Bradley (12-27, 4-19) cut into the Salukis' lead as sophomore Lauren Meister hit one over the fence in the fourth inning.

But the Salukis rebuilt their lead when a single by senior Tiffanie Dismore scored Haas to give them their final run.

Wagner said everyone is clicking offensively right now, which is something they lacked in the past.

"Now that the hits are all coming together it gives you more momentum," Wagner said.

The Salukis will return home to host the MVC tournament for the third time in school history and will play the winner of No. 6 Evansville and No. 7 Missouri State 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Blaylock saw the weekend as preparation to help the team push for a conference trophy and NCAA tournament bid.

"We just wanted to play well so that we could get ourselves ready to go for the conference tournament and I think we did a pretty good job of doing that," Blaylock said.

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CREIGHTON

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Etienne finished what junior starting pitcher Adam Curynski started and put Curynski and SIU (26-20, 7-11 Missouri Valley Conference) in the win column.

Curynski (3-1) picked up the win after throwing five innings of no-hit ball before departing after throwing 79 pitches.

He struggled to get out of the first inning after issuing a lead off walk and allowing the runner to reach third, but he registered consecutive strikeouts to get out of the jam.

Saluki coach Dan Callahan said the pitching staff created plenty of opportunities for the Bluejays (30-16, 13-8) to score but were able to work out of the situations.

"I was surprised because I didn't realize we hadn't given up a hit until we took Curynski out of the game," Callahan said. "I just happened to glance up at the scoreboard but when you throw (almost) 80 pitches you expect to get through the sixth or at least the seventh inning."

SIU freshman center fielder Chris

Murphy provided enough offense at the top of the order to get the win. Murphy went 3-for-5 with two runs scored and an RBI.

Sophomore right fielder Aaron Roberts made the Creighton pitching staff pay for intentionally walking Kelly twice by going 2-for-3 with a pair of RBIs.

It shows a lot about our mental toughness. We knew we needed to get a win today.

— Chris Murphy
 freshman center fielder

Zak Moore (4-6) took the loss after allowing a pair of runs in six innings of work. Moore walked two and struck out four.

The Salukis were swept by the Bluejays 5-0, 9-8, respectively, Saturday.

Murphy said the team was trying to get it together after the double-header sweep.

"It shows a lot about our mental toughness. We knew we needed to get a win today," he said. "The pressure is always on me as the leadoff hitter and I got some cheap hits but I was able to get on base for my teammates."

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Jerry Hairston Jr.

Former SIU shortstop/outfielder Jerry Hairston Jr. went 0-for-1 in a pinch-hit appearance Sunday. Hairston Jr. is hitting .333 off the bench for the Cincinnati Reds this season with three RBIs and a run scored.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered? E-mail: editor@siude.com

The Boston Celtics eliminated the Atlanta Hawks Sunday but without winning a road game. Can the Celtics win the NBA Championship if they keep up this disappointing road play?

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"Well the Celtics can't win the NBA Championship anyways, but they can win on the road. They will beat the Cavs in Cleveland, but the NBA Finals is going to be the Detroit Pistons against the winner of the Lakers, Jazz series. It would be awesome to see a team win a championship without winning on the road though."

"Losing on the road can kill a season (as many Saluki fans saw this season). I don't think they can do it, but they are the best team in the NBA and it's only one series. I think they can turn things around in round 2."

MEGAN KRAMPER
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"No way, you've got to win on the road because it proves you can overcome adversity. It takes a certain intestinal fortitude to beat quality teams on the road, and if you can't beat bad teams on the road, how can you beat the NBA's elite?"

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TRACK & FIELD

SIU captures two more meet titles

Regional qualifiers highlight the Salukis' final meet

Luis C. Medina
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While the SIU track and field team added to its collection of titles, individual accomplishments stole the spotlight at the Jesse Owens Invitational.

The Salukis captured two meet titles and garnered 22 top-10 finishes in their final meet of the regular season, held in Columbus, Ohio. Highlighting the finishes were several SIU athletes who were able to surpass NCAA regional qualifying marks.

Junior Bianca Stuart and senior Brittany Riley accounted for the Salukis' two titles during the second day of action. Stuart's jump, which measured 21-2, was good enough for a regional and Olympic B qualifying mark. Riley was victorious in the hammer throw, throwing 224-7 to surpass the regional and Olympic B marks.

Freshman teammate Rickael Roach joins Riley as a regional qualifier in the hammer throw and

the shot put. Roach, who finished in ninth place in the hammer throw and eighth place in the shot put, said it was exciting to have such an accomplishment against athletes who competed in power conferences such as the Big Ten and Southeastern Conference.

"There was a lot of tough competition out there for me," Roach said. "It was exciting to get this as a freshman. I wasn't sure that I would be able to, but now I want to qualify in discus and be able to qualify in all three of my events."

On the men's side, senior Brenton Siemons also regionally qualified in the hammer throw and shot put. Siemons finished in a tie for fifth in the shot put and 14th in the hammer throw.

Sophomore Thomas Smith joined Siemons as a regional qualifier in the shot put, finishing in seventh place with a toss that measured over 55 feet.

Freshman runner Emily Toennies provided the Salukis with another high mark, qualifying for the Junior National Championships

in the 5,000-meter run. Toennies finished in sixth place with a time of 17:36.45. Fellow freshman Shanna MacLagan placed 12th, finishing in 18:38.20.

Freshman Jake Deiters also surpassed a regional qualifying mark in SIU's final showing before the Missouri Valley Conference Outdoor Championships. Deiters placed eighth in the discus with a throw of 173-3. Not only did the toss surpass the regional qualifying mark, it now stands as his best throw of the season.

Deiters said it felt good to accomplish a feat like that so early in his career.

"It feels great, I kind of surprised myself," Deiters said. "It would be more exciting to win conference, but just to be able to go to regionals is pretty exciting."

The Salukis return to the track May 16 as they host the MVC Outdoor Championships.

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— Jake Deiters
freshman thrower

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BASEBALL

Salukis salvage series finale



Saluki pitcher Jimmy Cornell meets with catcher Mark Kelly and shortstop Scott Elmendorf during the eighth inning of Sunday's 5-4 win over Creighton. Cornell pitched a no-hitter until he was replaced in the eighth.

BRANDON CHAPPLE
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SIU drops two of three against Creighton

Matt Hartwig
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A potential no-hitter nearly turned into a loss for the SIU baseball team Sunday.

There were three wild pitches, three hit batsmen, eight walks and plenty of drama late in the game,

but the Salukis defeated Creighton 5-4 despite losing the no-hitter in the ninth inning.

With a 5-2 lead in the bottom of the ninth, junior reliever Daniel Wells hit the leadoff batter, walked catcher Brett Mieras and left fielder Michael Lam to load the bases and hand a messy situation to freshman pitcher Daniel Etienne.

Etienne gave up a single to center fielder Robbie Knight that drove in a pair of runs and broke up the no-hitter, but Etienne got first baseman Darin Ruf to pop out with two-on and two-out to pick up the first save of his career.

Etienne said he was mad he broke up the no-hitter but was pleased to get out of the situation with a win.

"I'm pretty sure I've never come into a situation like that before," he said. "I was pretty nervous but I tried not to show it. I wanted to come in and throw strikes because everyone was struggling to do that."

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SOFTBALL

SIU busts out brooms against Bradley

Braves outscored 24-7 in three-game weekend series against Salukis

Megan Kramper
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

In a season that had its share of ups and downs, the SIU softball team finished the regular season on a high note with a sweep over Bradley.

The Salukis (30-23, 15-8 MVC) outscored the Braves 24-7 en route to their final three-game sweep of the season to give them the No. 3 seed in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, which begins Thursday at Charlotte West Stadium.

Offense prevailed in all three Saluki wins as senior first baseman Lauren Haas led the way, going 8-for-10 to extend her hit streak to a career-best ten games.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said Haas is waiting for the right pitches and is approaching the plate well right now.

"She's (Haas) been pretty steady all year long and she is doing what a senior is supposed to do," Blaylock said. "She is just taking it game by game and trying to keep the same approach when she goes to the plate."

Junior third baseman Katie Wagner also helped the offense as she went 5-for-11 with three RBIs and her ninth home run of the season.

Blaylock said the offense came ready to play and put them in a good position to win the series.

The Salukis never trailed in any of the three games as they won Saturday's doubleheader with scores of 4-0 and 7-3.

Six Salukis recorded 11 hits — the most since April 5 against Indiana State — in game one as they crushed Bradley pitcher Ashley Birdsong, who threw a complete-game win over the Salukis March 2 in the Coach B Classic in Carbondale.

Starting freshman pitcher Nikki Waters was injured as a line drive struck her in the right knee in the top of the fourth. Junior reliever Katie McNamara entered the game to provide four innings of scoreless relief and earn the win.

Haas said going into the series, the team looked to get revenge



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Freshman Nikki Waters pitches during a doubleheader against Creighton April 21 at Charlotte West Stadium. Waters started the first game of a doubleheader against Bradley University Saturday in Peoria. The Salukis won both games.

against Birdsong. The meet with her earlier this season helped the Salukis capitalize on her during the weekend, she said.

The Salukis used a three-run fifth inning to help secure a 7-2 victory over the Braves in game two.

Freshman pitcher Danielle Glosson earned the win and improved her record to 8-8 as she recorded five strikeouts and allowed

just three hits. The Salukis clinched the sweep with a 5-3 victory Sunday afternoon as they used a three-run first inning to pull away from the Braves, which finished last in the MVC standings and will not get the chance to compete in the conference tournament.

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Seniors seek jobs beyond their sports

Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Every once in a while, a Saluki makes it to the biggest stages in sports.

Whether it is Brandon Jacobs winning a Super Bowl, Bart Scott making a pro bowl team or Walt Frazier being enshrined in the NBA Hall of Fame, SIU has plenty of connections to the professional leagues.

But for every Saluki who goes pro, hundreds have to cross over from the playing fields to offices.

SIU athletics had plenty of seniors making significant contributions to their teams this year, but those roles will be filled by different athletes next season as team captains and SIU record setters prepare to go pro in different careers.

Matt Ellis

Senior Matt Ellis served as the senior captain for the men's golf team that finished second in the Missouri Valley Conference this season. Ellis came to SIU from Meridian Community College in the 2006-07 season and finished 3-under-par in three tournaments.

The Madison, Miss., native was named captain this season and finished in the top-20 in six of 11 tournaments he competed in.

Ellis is majoring in health care management and said he chose the field because he always wanted to help people, and that his father was involved in health care.

"I won't graduate until December but my two options right now are grad school or playing on some smaller golf circuits if I can qualify in the U.S. Amateurs," Ellis said. "It was an honor to be a Saluki and I have built relationships throughout athletics and academics that will last past graduation."

Dion Coopwood

Senior guard Dion Coopwood may not have put in superstar minutes on game day, but his work ethic quickly made him one of the Dawg Pound's favorites.

Coopwood transferred from Upper Iowa for the 2006-07 season and made the Salukis' basketball team as a walk-on. Coach Chris Lowery said at the end of the year banquet that Coopwood's intensity and passion in practice led to his scholarship this season.

The Calumet City native said he worked hard for his degree after switching from engineering to liberal arts and plans on using it no matter what the future holds.

"I'm proud I am getting my degree and I am going to use it wherever I get a job," Coopwood said. "Coach Lowery and the whole staff really helped prepare me for things I have to deal with off the court and my time playing basketball here has been great."

Coopwood said he is weighing a few options, including taking a corporate management position or pursuing his passion for the barber-shop. He is also looking into interest from CBA and NBA Developmental teams.

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