Officials: Robbery motives unclear

Religious items stolen at Jewish Hillel House

MATT DARAY
Daily Egyptian

No price can be put on a person’s security or freedom of religion. But late last month, the Hillel House encountered a problem with both.

The Hillel House, a house used as a study home for Jewish college students in Carbondale, was robbed March 19. Since then, the house has taken precautions to prevent another crime from happening.

The SIU chapter is a part of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, an organization that provides opportunities for Jewish students at more than 500 colleges and universities to explore and celebrate Jewish identity.

Moriah Bradley, a graduate student in social arts from Skokie, said the motive of the crime is still unknown and it is unclear if it was a direct attack on the Jewish community in Carbondale. She has been the director of the Hillel House for a year and a half.

Along with minor electronics, the Hillel House had in Torah, the Jewish holy book containing the first five books of Jewish faith according to Moses, stolen.

Bradley said the Torah is very important to the Jewish community, not only because of its religious value, but because each Torah is hand-written on parchment in Hebrew and takes years to create. She said each Torah costs around $3,000.

She said the house will consider options to obtain a new Torah should the stolen one never be found, but it could never replace the first book.

The Hillel House has been working with police to strengthen security at the house, and there are plans to have new security ready for the fall semester, Bradley said.

She said the Jewish community of Carbondale has been emotionally supportive of the Hillel House and has helped set up meetings with Carbondale police.

The house is still open and operating as usual, she said.

According to police, the theft occurred sometime between 5 p.m. March 8 and 10 a.m. March 19 at the Hillel House. A $500 award is being offered for the Torah’s return, in addition to a Crime Stoppers reward of up to $1,000 for information leading to an arrest.

Animal rights advocates plan circus protest

SHARON WITTIKE
Daily Egyptian

Circus animals travel in cramped cages and get almost no time to relax, says a local animal rights advocate.

Amy Misner, a senior from Middletown studying zoology, said she is organizing a demonstration outside the Ringling Brothers Circus at the SIU Arena this weekend to protest the unfair treatment of circus animals.

Misner said she is not affiliated with any animal rights groups but is just a concerned student who wants others to know that the elephants and tigers are being mistreated.

“These animals are being shuffled all around the country,” she said. “Why don’t we just stop using animals for entertainment?”

She said her goal is to not prevent people from going inside the arena, but rather to change their minds about attending the circus in the future.

To rally support for her cause, Misner said she posted signs at Longbranch Coffeehouse, the Neighborhood Co-op and various buildings on campus.

She also started a Facebook page and is relying on word of mouth, she said.

Misner said she and other demonstrators plan to hold signs, pass out pamphlets and answer questions about the cause while they stand near the entrance of the arena.

Circus animals are forced to perform stunts that aren’t part of their natural behaviors, Misner said, and they don’t get time to walk around unfettered.

Don Bennett checks on a colony of bees Tuesday at Bass Farms in Cobden. Bennett was adding honey supers, which create more room for the bees to produce honey, to the hives. Bennett said he was hired by farm owner Bill Bass, to keep bees on his property to ensure his apple trees would be pollinated.

“Mr. Bass might have gotten by with whatever is out there right now, but he likes to have a little bit of insurance,” Bennett said.
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Lt. Stan Rano, an officer of the
Carbondale Police Department,
said the investigation is ongoing.
Reno said officers are still
seeking information about the
theft and working on the case. He
deprecated to comment on possible
suspects because of the status of
the investigation.

The stolen Torah has also
upset members of the Jewish
community at SIUC.

Joshua Shapiro, a freshman
from Grey’s Lake studying
communications, said the act
has infuriated him. Shapiro said
he thinks the Torah was stolen
as a direct attack on the Jewish
community. He said he thinks the
Torah wasn’t stolen by chance, and
the thief must have had a direct
motivation behind it.

Anyone with information is
asked to contact the Carbondale
Police Department or Crime
Stoppers. Anonymous tips can
be made at the Carbondale Police
Department’s website.

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She said circus-goers are
eronntly told the circus
helps conservation efforts of the
endangered species such as
Asian elephants and tigers, by
supporting endangered animal
breeding programs.

Misner said she believes the
circus only participates in the
breeding programs to repopulate
their own stock.

Ashley Smith, spokeswoman
for Ringling Circus, said animal
care is first and foremost to circus
management.

She said the circus and
animal rights activists have
fundamentally different beliefs.
Activists don’t want to see any
animals in cages at any time, while
the circus believes having people
interact with wild animals creates
a bond, and people become more
concerned about animal welfare,
Smith said.

“We see the circus as an
educational experience,” she said.

Smith said the trainers teach and
reinforce only the animals’
natural behaviors.

She said elephants stand on
the backs of other elephants in
the wild because they’re playing,
but when they behave that way
at the circus with music in the
background, people think it’s just
a silly trick.

“We’re entertainment, but we
believe that when people see the
animals as playful creatures, they
develop a bond,” Smith said.

She said the animals receive
excellent medical care. Ringling
Brothers has a full staff of
veterinarians, and she said the
animals get plenty of exercise,
eat the right foods and receive
preventative healthcare.

Smith said despite the
protests of People for the Ethical
Treatment of Animals and other
animal rights groups, the circus
has no plans to eliminate animal
acts from the show.

“Animals have always been an
integral part of Ringling Brothers
throughout the years, and they
are consistently one of the main
reasons families keep coming
back, year after year,” she said.

Bethany Ransom, a
Murphysboro resident, said in an
email that she protested last year
and intends to demonstrate again.

She said she became involved
because she is concerned about
animal welfare as well as the
safety of people attending the
circus, because restrained animals
might behave erratically and hurt
someone.

Ransom said there are circuses
that don’t use wild animals such
as the Cirque de Soleil.

Leah Williams, a Carbondale
resident, said she’d like to take
her 4-year-old son Matt to the
circus this weekend.

She said the protest wouldn’t
keep her from entering the arena
and said she didn’t think the
protest would be effective.

“I understand the cause, but I
don’t see the point. It won’t deter
me,” Williams said.

Misner said she thinks sooner
or later, animal rights advocates
will have an effect on Ringling
Brothers’ bottom line.

“I’m staying happy and
positive,” she said. “Hopefully,
they’ll get the message walking in,
and it may stick.”

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CAMPUS

Maurice Johnson, a sophomore from East St. Louis, was issued a Carbondale City pay by mail citation Thursday for possession of cannabis at Trueblood Hall and was released, according to a police report.

Kierra Rush, a freshman from Park Forest, was arrested Saturday on a failure to appear warrant out of Jackson County. The original charge was retail theft. Rush was unable to post bond and was transported to Jackson County Jail, according to a police report.

Non-student Brendon Alden, of Ottawa, was arrested Saturday on an original warrant out of LaSalle County for a probation violation and a failure to appear warrant out of Grundy County. The original charge was possession of a look-alike substance and intent to deliver. Alden was arrested at Wall and Grand Apartments and was transported to Jackson County Jail, according to a police report.

Non-Student Dominique Penn, of Crest Hill, was arrested Sunday at the SIU Arena on a failure to appear warrant out of Jackson County. The original charge was possession of Marijuana. Penn posted a $175 cash bond and was released, according to a police report.

Campus Police responded to a student report of battery Sunday. The student reported being approached by two unidentified males Sunday in Lot 94 and being battered by one of them. The victim did not require medical attention. The investigation continues, according to a police report. The suspect was described as a black male in jeans, shirtless with a tattoo on his chest that read "loyalty."

Ryan Wichham, a student from Evansville, Ind., was arrested Monday for aggravated battery at the Agriculture Building. The victim, a student, did not require medical attention, according to a police report.

Campus Police reported criminal damage to state supported property at the Plant Biology Greenhouse Monday. Police reported damage to a window and frame. There are no current suspects, according to a police report. Criminal damage was also reported in Lot 1 Monday.

An Apple iPhone was reported stolen Thursday at Smith Hall. There was a theft of over $300 Tuesday at Faner Hall, a backpack containing a Dell Laptop and textbooks was stolen out of the B Wing lobby. There are no suspects, according to a police report.

CITY

Police responded to a report at 6:10 p.m. Thursday of a traffic crash at the intersection of East Main Street and McKinney Drive. A vehicle driven by Stephen Pyle, 55 of Herrin, was eastbound on East Main when it struck a motorized wheelchair occupied by William Gowan, 29 of Carbondale, who was crossing East Main Street southbound. Gowan was transported to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale where he was pronounced deceased at 6:44 p.m. No citations have been issued and the investigation continues, according to a police report.

Police responded to a report of a vehicular burglary on the 600 block of West Freeman Street. An unknown suspect entered a vehicle and stole property sometime between 5:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. The investigation is continuing, according to a police report.

Residential burglaries were reported at the following locations.

800 block of East Grand Avenue
300 block of East Hester Street
800 block of West Mill Street
100 block of South Forest Street

All are still under investigation, according to a police report.

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Hunger is alive and well while Congress cuts programs

ELSIE SPECK
Carbondale resident

One in five U.S. kids go to bed hungry. For most of us that's hard to comprehend — but it is real. One wonders why, in a country which leads itself on being the richest and most powerful country in the world, we can let our children and families go to bed hungry.

Isaac 58:10 states: “If you give your bread to the hungry ... your light will rise in the darkness.” Our Congress is a long way off from letting its light rise but wishes to remain in the darkness of injustice as it is adding more children and families to the hunger rolls.

Congress claims that cutting the Child and Nutrition Assistance Program, which is commonly known as the Food Stamp Program, and knocking more kids off the school breakfast and lunch programs will help reduce the deficit. The programs, now under siege by Congress, has effectively helped millions of families survive tough days and at least put food on the table.

Instead of strengthening and supporting the program, Congress will squeeze it enough so that it becomes a block grant. In doing so, the program will lose a lot of its flexibility.

Why does Congress like to tinker with the lives and well-being of everyday Americans trying to make ends meet? If it is serious about deficit reduction, it needs to look at the behemoth called the Pentagon.

According to the Friends Committee on National Legislation, Congress approved legislation in 2011 that requires the Pentagon's spending to be reduced by $3 trillion during the next 10 years. The recent Ryan budget supported by many in Congress does not touch Pentagon spending.

This is some kind of a bad joke on the American taxpayers, all while they are aware that many of their siblings who struggle with the basics of daily life.

According to a March FCNL newsletter, the Pentagon has “lost, wasted, and misspent more than the total budgets of 5 other federal departments ... equal to $97 billion.”

Why are we so hell-bent on trashing the lives of the poor when wasted money could do much to reduce the deficit?

This trivial spending and wasting of federal dollars must be a concern to our community.

Our state receives federal dollars, and the more the Pentagon gets, the less the state gets in the form of block grants. The TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) is such a program.

Beginning July 1, Illinois will remove 3,000 families from the program. This will affect some 6,000 children, thus adding to the one-in-five children going to bed hungry.

These children will be at risk of inadequate nutrition.

It's all tied to the federal government and its priorities, and if those priorities are bombs over bread, bombs are going to win, and people go hungry.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Financial aid changes are not in best interest of college students

Dear Editor:

It's incredibly upsetting to read that financial aid will no longer be able to be applied to previous semesters. It is not the university's or the U.S. Department of Education’s responsibility, or place, to decide where or how students spend their money. The refund check is essentially leftover loan monies.

If students take out a loan in their own name, which they will eventually have to repay, they should be able to make their own adult decisions about how it is spent. I'm not saying all students are responsible with their refund check money, but there are students, like myself, who depend on that money to keep up with school fees. Those students should not suffer in the name of making other students more responsible. This is not just unfair. It’s wrong.

The U.S. Department of Education seems to have a misunderstanding of what students need in order to thrive. Our university should be doing what is in the best interest of SIUC students, and taking away the ability to apply financial aid to previous semesters is not in our best interest.

It is very disappointing to see our chancellor defend this decision instead of admitting a real need for being able to pay old bursar bills with financial aid money.

If the “intention” is to have students be more responsible by paying their bills on time, then make a mandatory course for students to take early in their schooling to educate them on responsible spending and the ins and outs of financial aid. That is what school is for, right?

I agree wholeheartedly with SIU President Glenn Poshard when he says that it will make it harder for middle- and low-income families to put their kids through school. I, personally, do not have financial support from anywhere other than the money I make from working or receive in loans. If a student couldn’t pay out of-pocket for tuition and fees, or go to the health center, where is this money supposed to come from?

Maybe I’m making assumptions, but the last time I checked, we are discussing financial aid. If this money is no longer able to aid the students paying for their schooling, what is it for? It seems to be increasing more and more difficult for students to remain students at this school, which is nothing less than counterproductive. If this university thinks enrollment is an issue now, a reality check (no pun intended) is coming sooner than it thinks!

Kendra Johnson
Senior studying social work and rehabilitation services

Pulliam Pool situation needs to be revisited

Dear Editor:

The input from the people who use the pools at Pulliam is very pertinent to the decision to eliminate or retain them. The pools are currently operating quite well and have for some time. It is my understanding that both pools could run for many years to come with minimal maintenance or restoration expense.

Every weekday, a diverse group of people, from university employees and their families to local residents, use Pulliam Pool. Many come to learn how to swim, while others come to treat and rehabilitate arthritis, cancer, heart conditions and a host of other disabling physical problems. Still, others swim and exercise in the pools to prevent such conditions. This reactive and proactive life-styleing of this diverse group of people would be ended by the closing of the Pulliam pools.

Therefore, a needs assessment should be conducted to include present and potential pool users. Perhaps the Marketing department has a few students who are looking for such a project.

Consideration should be given to expanding pool hours and changing fees relevant to future maintenance. As it is now, we swim during the noon hour, or when the 6:30 a.m. group convenes, pay nothing. Most, if not all, would be happy to pay to swim because the pools offer the only “warm” alternative to the Recreation Center’s “cold” water.

The diverse group of people who really need this kind of learning-to-swim pools and therapeutic pools do not want to see them eliminated, because they will never be replaced.

Nor will all the goodwill created over the years by SIUC’s service to the community via the Pulliam pools. The needs assessment is absolutely essential in order to clarify this situation and bring it to a successful conclusion.

John F. Snyder
emeritus associate professor of psychology

Alternative options need to be considered before closing Pulliam

Dear Editor:

It is heartening to finally hear public discussion about the impact the Pulliam Pool closure would have on the diverse communities that use them. I wonder why this was not solicited before the SIU Board of Trustees decided to close it.

Was the Board provided with a use-study of the pool? Was it informed the pool would be used more if it were open more than one hour each weekday? I use the pool several times per week. There are always at least two people in my lane.

If a use-study, as well as budget details of the $7 million “decommissioning” of the pools and basketball court, was made public, an informed discussion with input from affected constituencies could take place.

Does the $7 million include filling the pool and removal of building contents? Is an asbestos study necessary? Is it included in the budget? Has there been a review of other renovation possibilities, including the upcoming renovations in Woody Hall?

The current facility is a gem and should be treasured. It would be a shame to waste what we already have since SIUC could never afford to build a similar facility. Might alternative options be explored before tossing out the baby with the pool water?

Lilly Boruszowski
Associate professor of cinema and photography

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Kyle Triplett, left, Melissa Triplett, right, and their six-month-old son Joel Triplett, sit in the living room where their families’ band “the Banksters” practice. Kyle said he can play mandolin, banjo, and dobro, but most of the time he plays guitar. Melissa said she has been playing bass guitar since she was 16. Other band members include Melissa’s father and mother, Phil and Dorene Bankster, along with her younger sisters Emily and Alysha. “The Banksters” upcoming CD, “Looking Forward”, will be released June 1.

Please see www.dailyegyptian.com for the full story.

 Weird Wood

Cable TV sniffs out new audience

LAURANN WOOD

Daily Egyptian

It’s safe to say television quality has depreciated over the years, so it makes complete sense that producers are turning to dogs for increased viewership.

Ratings have to come from somewhere, right?

This new breed of television, called DOGTV, is a 24-hour cable network that airs commercial-free programming designed to keep canines occupied, relaxed and entertained while their owners are away, according to the network’s website. DOGTV aims to acquaint a dog with anything they might encounter on any given day and help protect against mental fatigue, depression and boredom, according to the site.

And here I thought Fido’s favorite TV show was “Furturama” this whole time.

Surely there are many dog owners who think their pets tune into a specific television show easier and longer than others. The reality, though, is that most of what a dog sees when watching analog television is a flashing screen, according to research conducted on dogs’ brains.

Rods and greens don’t register in a dog’s eyesight, so DOGTV cameramen kept that in mind when they altered the footage and crouched down on all fours for our furry friends. Editors also removed any high-pitched sounds that might pierce the dogs’ ears because those sounds can be very irritating to the canines, according to the research.

With all that in mind, one can’t help but wonder what a group of humans found fit for a dog’s viewing pleasure.

Well, one thing is for sure; it’s nothing like what we bipeds are used to. There are no loud booms, big bangs or rock concerts. At $4.99 a month, it’s more like slimy snails, a lot of painting and other playing and sleeping dogs. Shows are even refreshed daily to maintain variety in the dog’s lives.

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Thursday, May 3
Firebird - Mohsin 9 p.m.
Hangar 9 - Friday Geese Line w/ Matt toxin 9 p.m.
Sunflowers & Dandelions - 10:30 p.m.
Old Tapas Foundation Rocking Hall - Latin Ensemble 7:30 p.m.
Trio - Background Final - Last Alarm, Han Miz & Mike Cameron. Rancho Ball 9 p.m.

Friday, May 4
Peachy Keen Nite - Mike and Joe 10 p.m.
Roads Hill Winery - The Venturi 6 p.m.
Walker’s Bluff - Egyptian Company 7 p.m.
Firebird - Beyond Shot Music Projects 6 p.m.
Hangar 9 - Lucky Town w/ Country Grooves 9 p.m.
Blue Bear - Billy Dunlap
Tight End Lodge - Wash Blackburn
PK’s - Midnight Success 10 p.m.
Trio House - Great City Skaters 10 p.m.

Saturday, May 5
Hangar 9 - Spread 9 p.m.
Roads Hill Winery - Sun West 2 p.m. (The Nomads) 9 p.m.
Showcase Hill Winery - The Dirt Dial 4:30 p.m.
Walker’s Bluff Nite - Spring Live 7 p.m.
Firebird - Civil Twilight 8 p.m.
Copper Dragon - Cute Star 10 p.m.

Sunday, May 6
Roads Hill Winery - Sherry Hancock 1 p.m., The Fox John Band 6 p.m.
Little Egg and the Blue Inspirations 10 p.m.
Walker’s Bluff - Ana & Randy 7 p.m.
Bluesberry Hill - Andy Mitchell & Friends 8 p.m.
Blue Sky Vineyard - Eliot Ramsey 2 p.m.

FILM, THEATER & OTHER

Thursday, May 3
Seven Bit - Pub Crawl de Mayo Happy Hour 8 p.m.

Friday, May 4
Newline Cinemas - World Hunger Note 12:30 p.m.
Walker’s Bluff - Pop’s Dinner 4 p.m.
Touch of Nature - Yoga Rocks for Women through Misc 5

Saturday, May 5
Newline Cinemas - World Hunger Note 3:30 p.m.
St. Thomas Nace’s Cottages: Church - Armed Forest Ensemble at Knowlton Chapel 8 p.m.
Walker’s Bluff - Pop’s Dinner 4 p.m.
Walker’s Bluff - 70’s Disco 8 p.m.
Vino Jakarta Vineyard - Cesar De Mayo: Yellow Fever 7 p.m.
Winehouse Dream - Abraham Chavez Spotlight Night 3 p.m.
Carbonado-Finks Market at Watson’s Mall parking lot 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9
Hangar 9 - Flight Night at/ Church 9 p.m.
Roads Hill Winery - Beer Library’s Night 6 p.m.
Puzzled Up in Blue by Todd Santos

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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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2. A.C.
3. D.C.
4. E.D.
5. F.G.
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7. H.I.
8. I.J.
9. K.L.
10. M.N.
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**THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews**

**ACROSS**
1. TV’s Hatcher
2. Spend foolishly
3. African nation
4. All ___; finished
5. To no ___; ruthlessly
6. Computer screen image
7. Lemonade’s color, often
8. ___ pass; failed
9. Avoid; ignore
10. Walked through water
11. Athena or Aphrodite
12. Father, Who art in...?
13. Ms. Zitterweiser
14. Hand digit
15. Pot cover
16. Gem surface
17. Zinfandel or Chardonnay
18. Hallucinating drug, for short
20. Go over old experiences
21. Conjunction
22. Elegant bedroom
23. Daniel... Kim
24. High principles
25. Youth
26. ___ away; left
27. Hospital patient’s cry
28. Tennis court divider
29. Severe
30. Long stories
31. Card game
32. Beak
33. Yellow primrose
34. Part of the eye
35. Passion
36. Bee colony
37. Gentle; tender
38. Weaving frames
39. Concept
40. Crawling bugs
41. Perspiration
42. Emily or Markie
43. Down
44. Shirts & halters

**DOWN**
1. Wicked
2. City in Nevada
3. Annoying
4. Stick or heroin
5. Gang ho
6. Melancholy
7. Colored slightly
8. Sir — John
9. Pass out cards incorrectly
10. Keep
11. Pain
12. Gobbling & Rawls
13. Hotels
14. ”The...”
15. Boston
16. Put off for now
17. Engmas
18. Saw Sawyer’s creator
19. Adherent of Gandhi’s faith
20. Beneath
22. Apple drink
23. Dale or Linda
24. Molars, e.g.
25. Angeles, CA
26. ___ of, free from
27. Sheep’s cry
28. Cereal grain
29. Lends a hand
30. Torpedo boat or battle cruiser
31. Not wide
32. 47 TV’s “Hee...”
33. Linear
34. Toots, S. New York
35. Passport stamp
36. Common metal
37. Put in a sieve
38. Unusual
39. Wild
40. Multilayered new developments
41. Football scores
42. Mouse type
43. Pawn’s mother

### Wednesday’s Puzzle Solved

Aries — Today is an 8 — A quiet morning suits you. Take it slowly and carefully to avoid costly mistakes. Engage in a romantic activity later. Dust off an old poetry book. Get sucked into a good movie.

Taurus — Today is a 9 — Leave your money in the bank. A setback inspires you to try harder. Your quick wit is appreciated. You have inside information that could bring a nice bonus.

Gemini — Today is a 7 — Keep your head down, and you’re quite productive. Finish a project for a carefree evening. The conversation is just getting interesting, with art, music and beauty.

Cancer — Today is a 6 — Don’t bet on a fast-fetched scheme. Take on more work, even if it makes life more complicated. Disruptions at home could cause chaos, too. Accept offers of help.

Leo — Today is a 7 — No gambling (except lottery). Defeat gratification for later. Make connections with friends. A change of scenery together could lead to unforgettable moments. Catch a nice view.

Virgo — Today is a 9 — Carefully evaluate your economic situation. Don’t jump to conclusions without looking at all the facts. In the end, you may have more wealth than you thought.

Libra — Today is a 9 — You’re especially keen at examining errors. Figuring things out is part of the fun, and it’s also a great learning experience. Others speak well of you.

Scorpio — Today is a 7 — You pull through despite unexpected events. Your confidence is enviable (and contagious). Remember, you’re not the center of the universe. Contribute, and accept contributions.

Sagittarius — Today is a 7 — Invent new boundaries beyond the usual. Discover something when you clean up a mess. Love and be loved. Avoid going down the jealousy tunnel. No cheese there.

Capricorn — Today is a 7 — You may have to take a detour on your route to a perfect career but not without reward. Go beyond sightseeing to immerse yourself in the experience. Earn new skills.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — Not everything will happen as expected today, but that’s not a problem since you’re ready for adventure. Learn more about love in the process. This could be enjoyable.

Pisces — Today is a 7 — You’re inclined to challenge authority. You gain points for being respectful as well as being positive and supportive. Let them have a say in the matter.
Vertical Heartland, a chance at Draper's Bluff

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Eric Ulmer owns property that could easily be considered a climber's paradise.

Ulmer, an SIUC alumnus of Murphysboro, said when he purchased Draper’s Bluff — the property where he now lives with his family — nearly 16 years ago, the opportunity didn’t seem real.

“It was a chance to buy and preserve one of my favorite climbing crags,” Ulmer said. “To build a garden, throw some chickens down and make a home for my family below cliffs that have been around for thousands of years.”

With sandstone walls that rise higher than 100 feet, Draper’s Bluff sits above the village of Lick Creek in Johnson County. In years past, it’s been a popular destination for climbers throughout the Midwest. In 2005, a change to the Land and Water Recreational Use Act of Illinois made Ulmer more liable when allowing public access on his property for recreational use. Upon hearing of the change in 2009, Ulmer had to close Draper’s Bluff to the public.

After 13 years of public use under Ulmer’s ownership, the site’s closure left only Vertical Heartland, Ulmer’s guide business and climbing school, insured to climb the property.

Thaddeus Portz, president of SIUC’s climbing club, said he remembers the bluff’s closing to unsupervised public use as a sad time.

“It (Draper’s Bluff) used to be my favorite spot,” said Portz, a senior from Effingham studying engineering. “It was a sad day. I had to leave a lot of unfinished projects behind when it closed.”

Phillip Carrier, a climber from Carbondale, said because of Draper’s elevation, what makes it different from places such as Jackson Falls is that it is the only location in southern Illinois where multi-pitch climbing, or climbing with more than one belay point, is available.

Carrier said he has known Ulmer all of his life, and though he rarely climbs at Draper’s anymore, he has helped Ulmer and his wife Kathy guide an assortment of groups up the cliffs.

The two led a group of Girl Scouts from New Baden and a group of Boy Scouts from the Memphis area on a guided tour recently to climb the boulders and cliffs that surround their property. Ulmer said guide business for Vertical Heartland consists of mostly youth groups and middle aged white-collar guests. His climbing school, also located at Draper’s, used to teach technical skills to climbers who wish to venture out on their own.

“We don’t get many experienced climbers out here anymore,” He said. “Most college-aged climbers and guys who climbed out here previously aren’t interested in a guided tour.”

Ulmer said before his buyout, the cliffs future accessibility to climbers sat in a constant state of uncertainty.

Now, the only legal way to experience Draper’s Bluff is through Vertical Heartland’s guide service and climbing school.

Ulmer said he had no intention of ever having to close the land to public use, but as teenage Boy Scouts scaled the rock walls of Draper’s Bluff on what they called “their mission to become man scouts,” the look of satisfaction on their faces on their recent trip testified to the enduring power of Draper’s Bluff over the years and under the circumstances.

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Men’s golf finishes season in eighth place

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The Salukis ended their 2012 season in a loss Tuesday at the Missouri Valley Conference Championship tournament.

After three rounds of play both Monday and Tuesday, the SIU men’s golf team finished eighth of nine teams at the MVC Championship with a total of 926 points. The Salukis shot a final round Tuesday of 317, but it wasn’t enough for them to leave Hutchinson, Kan., with an MVC title in their possession. This final conference tournament gave men’s golf its second consecutive eighth place finish.

For the fifth consecutive season, the Wichita State Shockers won the MVC Championship title. The Shockers have finished in first or second place every year since 1996.

The Salukis didn’t leave the tournament empty-handed. Brandon Catledell led the team with a 232 point total, but junior golfer Jake Erickson was one of 10 individuals from the MVC teams who received All-Conference recognition. Erickson scored a total of 238 points during the tournament.

Erickson led the team in six tournaments this year and earned first-place finishes in two. Now, he is second in school history to win two tournaments in the same season, according to a Saluki scouting report.

Erickson also earned MVC Golfer of the Week honors three times this year, along with becoming the fourth player in SIU school history to have three weekly honors in a career.

In a Facebook post Tuesday, Erickson said he didn’t feel well during the morning of Tuesday’s tournament. He still continued to play through it.

Junior golfer Jeffrey Miller said Erickson deserves the honor he received because of his strong display of team leadership and overall commitment.

“He works just as hard as any of the other golfers on the team, if not harder,” Miller said. “He works as a leader, too.”

Now that the 2012 season is over, four seniors — Joe Goetzelhauer, Jared Harp, Jamie Stocks and Richie Williams — will not return in the 2013 fall season, but four of the Salukis top scorers will remain.

Erickson said he looks forward to his senior year with his remaining teammates.

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