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Farmers running low on feed

Region has more needles than haystacks

Alejandro Gonzalez

Horses and cows in southern Illinois may get a little hungry this winter.

After a summer drought and scorching temperatures, farmers in southern Illinois are experiencing a shortage of production. Among the victims of the unsoughtgrowing season are hay growers — in some areas, the hay crops have cut in half while prices have tripled. Some people are going to other states to buy hay for their animals.

“It’s pretty serious,” said Ed Varas, retired professor in plant and social science.

Hay production isn’t the only crop down. This season, peaches, apples, grapes, corn and soybeans were also sparse commodities in southern Illinois.

Meteorologist Doc Horsey said while August was the second or third hottest in southern Illinois history, the area had experienced about one-sixth of its average rainfall in July and August.

“The drought in southern Illinois did not start until mid-July, and that’s when the rain shut down,” he said.

Horsey said the dry and hot weather happens about every eight years.

“It appears we’ll have an early fall because tree leaves will change quicker,” he said. “Lakes are low, creeks are low, grass is dry and trees are beginning to change.”

Horsey said if rain falls on southern Illinois, crops will grow again. Along with dry weather, an April freeze killed many of the crops that were growing during March.

Southern Illinois drought, though, isn’t even the worst in the country. In Tennessee and Alabama, many farmers have been forced northward to get their hay.

Myron Albers, an instructor of agriculture systems, said his hay production is down about 50 percent.

“If we don’t receive some significant rainfall to stimulate the growth, we’re not going to have any potential feed for our animals for a period all the way into winter.”

On average, he grows about 170 round bails. The bails weigh about 1,500 pounds each.

Albers said he needs the hay to feed his bull and 15 cattle. He’s been feeding them on pasture grass, the land on the farm, but said if the drought continues, he would run out of pasture.

Albers said he hasn’t experienced such a shortage since 1988.

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Department declines to review dissertation

University investigation has yet to begin

Joe Crawford

The SIUC department that University President Glenn Poshard asked to review his doctoral dissertation has declined the offer.

The Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education chose not to investigate the accusations of plagiarism in Poshard’s dissertation, according to a statement sent Wednesday evening by University Communications Director Mike Ruiz.

“The department has concluded that a committee with broader academic representation would be more appropriate for this review,” said Dave Gross, executive assistant for government and media relations, in the statement.

The department’s chair, Brad Collwell, declined to comment on the issue Wednesday afternoon.

At a news conference Friday, Poshard announced he would submit his dissertation to the department, which awarded him his doctorate in 1984. Poshard said he would take the department’s recommendations and make any corrections needed to make the dissertation “consistent with the highest standards of scholarship.”

Poshard said he was not worried about being stripped of his doctorate. He said he made it possible for him to hold the position of SIU President.

John Koropchak, dean of the graduate school, said he did not know specifically why a department would choose not to review a dissertation.

“This is an unusual circumstance and it presents many challenges to any department that would be faced with this,” he said.

Koropchak said he had met with officials about the dissertation, but the university had not officially initiated an investigation into allegations of academic dishonesty against Poshard.

Koropchak said the first step in dealing with accusations of academic dishonesty — as outlined in the Student Conduct Code — is to have the department deal with them informally. Often the department chooses to have the work corrected, as Poshard proposed to do, Koropchak said.

He said the graduate school recently encountered a different case in which a former student used literary texts for his dissertation.

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Virtual U

Virtual learning experience brings students into a whole new ‘world’

Christian Holt

One of Pinckney Benedict’s students was kidnapped on SIUC’s campus Tuesday, but he laughed about it in his office Wednesday afternoon.

Luckily, the student was not physically on campus — she was in a virtual world with Benedict, a professor of English, who joined an innovative online universe in search of a new and exciting way to teach his students.

Benedict recently received a one-semester land grant from software company Linden Lab to build his Second Life virtual campus. Second Life is an online program designed to allow people to interact through their own virtual worlds.

Benedict said for most people to buy the virtual land he uses costs about $2,000, but the company sells islands to academic institutions for half price.

Universities also pay upkeep costs, such as server fees. These costs vary according to how many objects and buildings you have on your land, Benedict said.

Benedict said Second Life is just like the computer program The Sims except other people are playing the other Sims. The characters on Second Life are called Avatars.

Becca McCarthy, a senior from South Holland studying English, is in Benedict’s class and said even though she’d never really played video games, she enjoyed using

A screenshot from Second Life shows an Avatar and the required texts for an SIUC course.

Second Life.

“It’s pretty cool that everyone you meet is a real person somewhere instead of a computer character,” McCarthy said.

Benedict said the Avatars are a cool alter ego-type outlet for students and other participants.

“Avatars can fly, have some tails and wings, and the character can look however the creator wants it to look,” Benedict said.

Although SEUC is using Second Life as a form of learning at this point, anyone can use the program.

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**Chicago police: Person charged in drowning**

CHICAGO (AP) — Ace Hardware Corp. discovered an approximately $154 million shortfall in its books while preparing to convert from retailer-owned cooperative to for-profit corporation and likely will have to restate its financial results for the last five years, President and CEO Ray Griffith said Wednesday.

Ace has called off the conversion plan and is auditing its financial documents to help rectify an accounting problem which appears to date to 2002, Griffith told The Associated Press. The company may have to forego returning profits to store owners this year as a result, he said.

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student was accused of academic dishonesty and the matter was resolved at the departmental level.

The department can also recommend a formal hearing be held concerning the allegations, he said.

The Graduate Catalog outlines procedures for formally dealing with academic dishonesty allegations that include forming a five-member committee to hear the allegations. No member of the department, director, or any individual with which the charge arose is to be represented on the committee.

SUIC Chancellor Fernando Treviño said past students have been allowed to correct their dissertations after the fact, particularly if the accusations focus on the literature review, as they do in Poschard’s work.

“There are mechanisms that allow them to amend their dissertation, if it is deemed to be not of major significance,” he said.

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Apple unveils new iPod lineup

Eric Benderoff  McClatchy Tribune

CHICAGO — Less than two months after releasing the iPhone, already the nation's bestselling smartphone, Apple Inc. announced a sweeping update to its line of iPod music players today, including one model that can hold 160 gigabytes of music, movies or photos and another that looks like the iPhone, minus the phone.

The new iPod Touch is available in two versions, an 8-gigabyte model for $299 and a 16-gigabyte version for $399. It will be in stores later this month.

Like the iPhone, the Touch includes Wi-Fi, a Web browser and the “cover flow” software to virtually flip through your music collection. But perhaps to blunt criticism that the new iPod Touch is too similar to the iPhone, Apple also cut the price of its 8-gigabyte iPhone by $20 to $399.

“We’ve clearly got a breakthrough product and we want to make it affordable for even more customers as we enter this holiday season,” Jobs said.

Additionally, Apple announced that users can buy music through an updated iTunes music store via Wi-Fi, as well as log on to the Internet for free at Starbucks coffee shops.

While the iPod Touch looks exactly like the iPhone, its storage is puny compared to the new 160gb iPod Classic.

The “classic” moniker was added today by Jobs to distinguish between the various iPod models. The classic comes in two versions, an 80gb model for $249 and the 160gb for $349 version. Both models feature “cover flow” but the device is operated like previous iPods, with a scroll wheel.

“The biggest version will play 40,000 songs in your pocket,” Jobs said. The first iPod, released in 2001, had 5 gigabytes of storage and held 1,000 songs. Both of the new models will be available immediately, Jobs said.

The Nano got a facelift as well. The new version will play video, like the Classic 3iPods, but hold 4gb of content for $149 and 8gb for $199.

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Newest iPods

Apple's iPod family gets two new additions.

iPod touch

Screen 3.5 in. (8.9 cm), touch screen works as portrait and landscape

Battery 22-hour audio playback 5-hour video playback

Price 8 GB, $299; 16 GB, $399

• Built-in light sensor adjusts brightness of screen

• Wi-Fi wireless capabilities

iPod nano Third generation

Screen 2 in. (5.1 cm) 65 percent brighter than previous generation

Battery 24-hour audio playback 5-hour video playback

Price 4 GB, $149; 8 GB, $199

• 2.75 x 2.06 x 0.26 in. (69.8 x 53.2 x 6.65 cm)

• 1.74 oz. (49.2 g)

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Florida

Influential Christian broadcaster and megachurch pioneer dies at 76

The Rev. D. James Kennedy, a pioneering Christian broad-caster and megachurch pastor whose forceful personality and fiery rhetoric helped to fuel the rise of the religious right in America during the past five decades, died early Tuesday morning. He was 76.

Kennedy died at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., from complications of a stroke, his family said. It was confirmed on Dec. 28, according to Kristin Cole, a spokeswoman for the Kennedy family. He had not been seen in public for a year and a half. A week before he died, his retirement was announced Aug. 26.

Kennedy was once a pop singer and ventriloquist, but was known to millions through radio and television, where he exhorted Christians to evangelize in their daily lives, while communicating the message of the Second Amendment, the power of the Bible and a philosophy of a self-sufficient, anti-government sympathizer in the founding of the religious right, but did so often from behind the scenes, as attention focused on his allies, the Revs. Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell.

B-52 bomber mistakenly loaded with nuclear weapons

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Federal policemen lead off a terror suspect (center) at the Federal Supreme Court in Karlsruhe, Germany, on Wednesday. German and Danish police thwarted separate large-scale terror plots within 24 hours this week, both involving nationals who were in possession of bomb-making materials.

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Managers, customers worry about University Mall

More marketing, stores and food court choices could help

Roberto Alanic looked out from his restaurant’s cash register and saw the familiar sight of an empty food court.

The manager at China Master in the University Mall food court is concerned about the lack of traffic for his eatery, and the mall in general.

“For being a college town, it (the mall) doesn’t get much business,” Alanic said.

In 2005, University Mall closed its food court located in the center of the complex — in front of J.C. Penney and a new food court was opened on the backside of the mall, which has been plagued by low customer traffic.

However, even with the relocation of the food court, store managers like Katherine Watkins of Sunglass Hut, said their wing of the mall is still deserted.

“I don’t see more (traffic). I have a lot of people asking where the food court is, but I wouldn’t say it has increased my business,” Watkins said.

Many of the store managers said more advertising would be one way to improve food court traffic.

One of those managers, Gretchen Bradford at Steve & Barry’s, said University Mall needed more than small signs to inform customers of the food court’s existence.

“We get a lot of customers that come in and don’t realize there is a food court,” Bradford said.

Across from Steve & Barry’s, Manager Ryan Engel at Hollister Co. said the mall needs more “higher end stores” to draw a crowd instead of moving the food court.

Bradford said traffic in the mall has been on the rise since her store opened a year ago.

Responses from store managers were reflected by a group of three young customers that ate in the food court Saturday. Seventeen-year-old Brody McCauley of Du Quoin said he could not find the new food court during his first visit.

“I just walked for about twenty minutes,” McCauley said.

McCauley also said he preferred the food court at its old location, which is now occupied by Alongi’s Italian Restaurant.

Twenty-year-old Holly Thomason of Joliet agreed and was disappointed by the lack of “mainstream” choices, such as Subway or Burger King.

Thomason was also surprised University Mall did not have an anchor or major chain store next to the food court to draw more wanderers down the deserted hallway.

University Mall general manager Debra Tindall could not be reached for comment.

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Some take charge

Today the Daily Egyptian has just one question—who, exactly, is in charge of what?
The Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education has offi-
cially wiped its hands clean of reviewing SIU President Glenn Poshard’s dissertation—as it should.
Dave Gross, executive assistant to the president and media relations, may be the only person who has offered any reasonable observation to the public.
The department has concluded that a committee with broader academic representation would be appropriate for this review. Gross said in a state-
ment Wednesday.
No kidding. The graduate school has a policy in place for academic dishonesty—a policy the Daily Egyptian reported on in Tuesday’s edition. The policy calls for a five-
member hearing committee that would not represent the gradu-
ate school in question. It also indicates who should get the ball rolling on this in the first place.
According to this policy, charges “shall be initiated by the dean of the graduate school by letter to the individual… start-
ing the specific charges and the date, time and place for the hearing.”
In this case, the dean of the graduate school in question is John Kompchak.
To point any fingers. Whether the university fol-
lores through with these guide-
lines is what the public now awaits. One thing is certain: the amount of time it has taken to provide any answers has become unacceptable.
Not everyone is sold on something. The longer this university waits, the louder the laughs will be. And it sounds like someone is due for a letter fines his dean.

Safety is an issue

I f even one person does not feel protected in the com-
community they live in, it’s a problem.
So when more than 70 stu-
dents met with university offi-
cials (and proceeded to pseudo-
storm city hall) Tuesday night in the name of fighting unfair police treatment at the Daily Egyptian peddle left, Granted,DarylMcNeil’s story has come and gone over the last few days. There are numerous accounts of what happened. Carbondale Police Chief Bob Ledbetter will not comment on the police captured McNeil. It was late, and the incident happened outside of a bar after closing time.
Will we ever know the true story? Probably not.
However, the students of this university should seek answers — even if they have to talk to or what procedure they might have to follow.
And open channels of commu-
nication should already exist for these matters. Simply filing a complaint does leave this board a bit skeptical, however. And how can you blame us? We’ve all experienced the rigmarole that is bureaucratic paperwork in one way or the other.
In light of this cry for help and justice, we at the Daily Egyptian think both the city and the university should con-
cede to develop a better way to deal with such sensitive issues.
After all, this is not the first time the city’s police depart-
ment has caught flak for unfair treatment. In 2001, Carbondale police were accused of abusing Mace against SIUC students after a house party. Many students felt that, even though the Carbondale police’s use of Mace was unnecessary, the campus police would not hear the side of the student.
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Letter to the Editor

President Poshard’s great leadership

Dear Editor:
In 1948, Southern Illinois University welcomed its new President Deleyte Morris. Indeed Dr. Morris’ tenure was an unprecedented period of growth for our beloved university.
Today we are privileged to have again a visionary leader in Glenn Poshard. Dr. Poshard has lived his life serving the love for southern Illinois and for SIU. There is no argu-
ment that this time man is one of the most effective advocates for us that we have had since the days of Dr. Morris.

Words Overheard

“We want to know who is protecting us.”

Brandon Williams senior staff editor

at a meeting about police treatment Tuesday
Training may be the real reality check

Dear Editor:

Typically, I do not find myself writing to the DE in response to letters that are written by my fellow undergraduate students, but I feel compelled to address what was written about a student’s response to an incident involving police brutality. Yesterday’s letter titled “Reality check” admonished the protest and outcry of the student body towards the city of Carbondale’s police department, dismissing their concerns and the seriousness of the situation and defending the police officers actions towards Mr. McNeil as merely a “nuisance arrest.”

I, along with many of my peers, have seen in many classes over the past few weeks and watched our professors waste countless amounts of valuable learning time trying to figure out how to use some new program on Vista. Others claim it is something very simple such as locating some function tool needed to demonstrate a problem in class.

I, for one, will admit that I am not the most computer savvy person on this campus, but I know enough to get by and do what is required from me. I am not asking that the professors be the most computer savvy people on campus either, but it is too much to ask them to have a basic understanding of how the new system works because they are teaching hundreds of students each week. When half of my teachers this semester have told me classes numerous times they are going to request our help for students to learn how to use the new Vista program, that clearly tells me that there is an issue at hand.

Just another bar-related arrest

Dear Editor:

I have been following the accounts of the arrest of Daryl McNeil and have several points to make. On Wednesday, July 26, in an editorial, the Daily Egyptian discussed the change of how Carbondale Police treat some black students and implies that Carbondale Police treat some black students differently than they would treat students of other races. As an SIU alumna who has lived in Carbondale for more than 10 years, I’ve spent time at the bar. I’ve witnessed the Carbondale Police arrest bar-goers and sometimes those arrests have resulted in the arrestee being physically injured. Most of those arrestees were white, but the police did what was necessary to take them into custody, and on a few occasions, I’ve seen those arrestees end up bloodied.

So it would seem the Carbondale Police do not necessarily provide preferential treatment on the basis of race, and that being injured while resisting arrest is likely regardless of one’s race. In addition, some people become bellicose and possibly violent when drinking. No mention was made about whether or not Daryl McNeil was intoxicated, but the manager of Southern Illinois Night Club said he was causing a disturbance and refused to leave. It is hard to accept that a troublesome bar-goer would suddenly straighten up and willingly cooperate with police when arrested. It seems reasonable to believe the police’s account that Daryl McNeil was resisting arrest.

One might wonder why there has been no public outcry if other bar-goers of other races are sometimes injured while arrested. When I’ve seen bar-goers of my race get arrested, my thoughts are, “I’m glad they’re throwing the drinkers out,” and I think that is a common reaction. Do black-bar-goers think the same thing when they see other black throes thrown out or arrested? Judging from the existence of Tuesday night’s meeting, it is apparent that at least some see it as more than that. I think the arrest of Daryl McNeil should be viewed as just another arrest of a troublesome bar-goer rather than a racial injustice. Sometimes bar-goers get drunk. Sometimes they get thrown out for misbehaving. Sometimes they get arrested, and sometimes they get injured while being taken into custody. These are all facts of bar-going life, regardless of race, and should not be stowed with any more gravity than they are due.
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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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(Answers tomorrow)

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1 Lucky thing
6 Type of tarp or appliance
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20 Polka the tab
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Down
43 Nicotine
44 V.0.
46 Batteries
47 Bored
48 Goblet
49 To remove from
50 Tinkers
51 Batten
52 Finale of
53 Studio unit
54 A bit of
55 Safe
56 Quality
57 monster
58 Unknown
59 Pinnacle
60 Steal
61 Not been
62 Commercial
63phenomenal
64 is the report of
65 is not a sign of
66 is short of
67 is a little bit

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

No. 50: Kim

THE WEEK'S PUZZLES

Unscramble these four Jumbles to form four ordinary words. Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

RILLT
DADIE
CLOTKE
YONCOT

Answer: A

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The blog world has been quietly buzzing for the past few weeks about comments made by an unidentified Glamour Magazine editor. This editor made reference to Afros and dreadlocks being politically inappropriate. Apparently, they are dreadful and inappropriate for the office and have to go. Being yourself for a black person seems to not be in style.

If a woman decides to cut her relaxed hair and grow a ‘fro she becomes a walking ad for pro black ideals across America. What is so intimidating about a natural? And why is the way a person chooses to wear their hair still an issue in 2007?

After the whole Don Imus issue, where he called the Rutgers women’s basketball team “nappy-headed hos,” one would think the topic of black hair was on a permanent pause. Just like clothes and shoes, your hair can say a lot about you. People have stereotyped mohawks, mullets and dreadlocks alike. But the difference between the stereotypes on afros and mullets is that an afro naturally grows out that way and a mullet is a haircut.

So far there have been ugly, short and long hairstyles but none — unless you count skinheads — that are political. Personal statements have been made on everything from cars to buttons and the only thing they have in common is the choice of the owners to wear a button or their hair a certain way.

It’s time to focus on real issues that may or may not be appropriate for the workplace. Generally, when it’s time to enter the nine-to-five work world, many things are expected to get left behind that may have been “you” as a college student.

It would be inappropriate to wear holey jeans — holey anything for that matter — unwashed clothes, and that not showering thing has to go. A few fashionably late tips to keep in your closet. Coach clutch is that being “you” never goes out of style, and if your clothes and hair are doing most of the talking, it’s time to open your mouth.

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The 2007 NFL season kicks off today with the Indianapolis Colts facing the New Orleans Saints. What are the odds of the Colts repeating as Super Bowl champions?

“As a still disgruntled Bears fan, I’d love to give it the big squadoosh, but their chances are great. Manning finally shed his image as the guy that couldn’t win the big game by completely embarrassing the Imposters of the Midway in a sob fest that made me wish the NFL and AFL had never merged.”

“During the offseason, the Colts lost linebacker Cato June and cornerbacks Nick Harper and Jason David. Defensive tackle Corey Simon was released, and Anthony McFarland will miss the entire season. So there defense is arguably worse than it was when the Colts couldn’t get over the hump. It put it at 10 percent.”

“Highly doubt the Colts will manage to repeat this year. Peyton Manning is getting too old for the game. He needs to think about retiring before Eli starts putting up better stats.”

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Montell Clanton, a junior running back for Northern Illinois, carries the ball for the Huskies in their 16-3 loss to Iowa on Sept. 1. Clanton recorded 13 carries and 49 rushing yards in the game.

That’s our main key for this game,” Tillman said. “(Defensive Coordinator Tracy) Clarys has got us stuffilng the run and making them throw the ball. It’s going to work out good.”

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Salukis snap Leathernecks

Sophomore middle blocker Chandra Roberson spikes the ball Wednesday night against Western Illinois. SIU defeated Western Illinois to improve their record to 5-2.

Justin Stofferahn
Daily Egyptian

Kristie Berwanger defined momentum Wednesday night for SIU's volleyball team.

The junior right setter made key plays throughout the night to help lead the Salukis (5-2) to a 3-0 victory Davies Gymnasium in the team's home opener.

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New pitchers ready to take the mound

Salukis open fall season with fresh starting rotation

Megan Kramper
Daily Egyptian

A new era will begin on the mound for the SIU softball team this weekend.

Two new pitchers join the rotation along with one returning reliever, as the Salukis open the fall season at the Illinois State Fall Classic in Bloomington on Saturday and Sunday.

Freshmen Nikki Waters and Danielle Glosson will be taking over starting roles for the Salukis along with returning junior pitcher Katie McNamara.

Both Waters and Glosson are coming off stellar high school careers, where they both took their teams to state tournaments.

They both said they chose SIU to continue their softball careers largely in part of head coach Kerri Blaylock.

“I really, really liked Kerri. She made me feel comfortable,” Waters said. “She made me feel like she’d take care of me and help me grow.”

Glosson said she also felt a sense of trust with Blaylock.

“Other pitchers trusted her and they went far, so I feel like she, with decisions and pitch-calling, we’ll do better,” Glosson said.

Neither Waters nor Glosson only considered SIU to continue a career in softball.

Waters, who is from Hixon, Tenn., was also considering the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, which was the runner-up in the 2007 softball College World Series, and the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Glosson, a native of Winston-Salem, N.C., debated on University of North Carolina-Wilmington and Auburn.

Blaylock said Glosson and Waters are both great athletes, and she is glad they both decided to play at SIU.

“I see them fitting into our system really well,” Blaylock said.

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