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Durbin makes pit stop at SIUC

Joe Crawford  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A senator and a president met Wednesday afternoon at SIUC. Sen. Dick Durbin spoke with several area leaders and University officials, including SIU President Glenn Poshard at the Stone Center Wednesday. Durbin spoke with University officials about a variety of topics, including the proposed coal gasification plant and affordability of higher education.

Poshard stopped in Jamesboro earlier Wednesday to speak about a farm bill and is set to stop in Edwardsville tomorrow.

Sen. Dick Durbin and SIU President Glenn Poshard discuss the potential of a new SIUC coal gasification plant as well as upcoming bills to fund higher education. Durbin was in town briefly Wednesday afternoon to visit the president at the Stone Center.

Whether President Bush will sign the bill should it make it to his desk.

“Every time it comes out of the student loan industry and that’s a political subsidy,” he said.

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BETR to prepare students for disasters

Alejandro Gonzalez  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With the tragic events of Virginia Tech in mind, BETR is taking all possible precautions. BETR, which stands for Building Emergency Response Team, is a University program that trains SIU faculty and staff about the protocol to follow in the event of an emergency, such as a chemical spill, a bomb threat or a shooting.

In conjunction with the Department of Public Safety, BETR implemented an emergency procedure to evacuate University buildings, which were suggested to go on all University campuses.

Scott Miller, the Disaster Resource Coordinator, said the department wants to prepare themselves to minimize the chances of another tragedy similar to Virginia Tech. A new strategy was given in the case of a school shooting in the University’s Emergency Response Guide.

Miller said BETR has already gained more than 500 members on campus, including some students.

Alan Vaux, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said the Provost contacted all University deans to encourage them to tell professors to put the information on BERT.

While most professors obliged, not all of them inserted the information on BERT.

“Some faculty were a little concerned that they fully aware of what the procedures were themselves,” Vaux said.

Vaux said while he believes faculty and staff are prepared for emergencies such as fires, more training may be necessary. He also said the college needs more emergency radios.

“I think there’s a lot of training that needs to happen and we’re trying to get that up and running,” Vaux said.

Vaux said the colleges are also trying to integrate given response because some departments have many people in BERT while others have none.

Shannon Quinn, a sophomore from Warrington, Mo., studying mortuary science, said she likes the idea of BERT because of a reaction over a bag of sand that caused an evacuation of Lawson Hall April 25. She also said professors should put more of an emphasis on the program when reviewing their class syllabuses.

“All my teachers just mentioned it in passing,” she said. “I don’t think if something really happens that they’re going to have some thing set for us, except for follow them down the hall.”

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Pediatrician encourages lead scans for children

Concerned parents should not hesitate to screen

Barton Lorimer  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dr. Kurt Martin’s overall thought on the thousands of toys recently recalled by Mattel: don’t freak out.

Martin, a pediatrician from Carbondale Clinic, suggested that even though there is no reason to overreact, any parent concerned about a child’s interaction with lead should not hesitate to bring them in for a screening.

Some children that should get screened for lead are not (screened),” Martin said.

Martin-Fisher Price and other similar toy manufacturers have been criticized for their Chinese assembly lines using lead paint on products. This includes the Aug. 14 recall of a toy truck based off a character from the Pixar film “Cars” put out by Mattel. An investigation is also under way to determine if pieces of children’s jewelry pulled by associates at Hamley’s Toy Store in London, last week, contained 1,500 times over the international safety limit for lead content in paint.

Unlike some tests involving blood work for young children, a lead screening can only be done by a blood draw instead of a stick. Yet Martin said parents should bring their child in for a test rather than remain concerned.

“The consequences of waiting on a warning sign can be nasty,” Martin said.

Coincidentally, there are no warning signs parents can watch to know if their child has swallowed lead from a toy or any other source.

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Light at end of ‘tunnel of death’ almost here

Carden Carlson  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

We can finally see the light at the end of the ‘tunnel of death,’ Carlson said. “With the exception of floors six and seven, we will be done with the renovation in July of 08.”

Staff members are prepared to regain ownership of the fourth and fifth floors on Oct. 11, with the third floor soon to follow. Once staffs move in, they will prepare the floors for the spring opening for students.

Unfortunately, for those anxiously anticipating study areas on the lower levels, a new writing center and the addition of a coffee commons will have to wait.

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White clouds and blue sky crash against the arid brown landscape during a break in the construction activities Wednesday.

The unattractive and bare passageway around the library is one step closer to coming down.

Despite floods and collapses during construction, the third, fourth and fifth floors of Morris Library should be open to students this spring, according to Dean of Library Affairs David Carlson. Carlson, who has overseen the $82 million renovation project since its start in January 2006, said construction is ahead of schedule.

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- Free admission.

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- 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the Student Center.
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Food Network says 17th Street Bar & Grill has the best ribs in the nation

Monica Mason
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Food Network recently announced the best ribs are not in Memphis or Texas, but just next door in Murphysboro.

17th Street Bar & Grill owner Mike Mills said he has a lot to be proud of. He made his restaurant the World Grand Champion of barbecue in 1990, 1992 and 1994 and has just recently won the title of best ribs in the nation by Food Network. Mills continues to work hard to spread his barbecue chain and has opened restaurants in New York, O’Fallon, Sparta, Marion and three in Las Vegas.

“People to feel like they’re at home,” Mills said. “We want people to come in and have a good meal. I want people to enjoy themselves.”

Although the restaurant has gained national attention, locals still feel connected. Mike Porter and his wife Janet, both residents of Murphysboro, have been coming to the restaurant for years.

“This place has a little bit of a different atmosphere because it’s an old tavern and an old building,” Janet said.

The restaurant not only attracts locals, but people from many different places who have heard about the ribs and barbecue. Mills said people from all over call in ordering their famous barbecue sauce and dry rub, which is called Magic Dust.

Marin Eovaldi has been a waitress for the restaurant for more than two years and has been with the company for more than four.

“We have a visitor’s autograph book and we have signatures from people all over the world,” Eovaldi said. “I’ve waited on people from China, Russia, France… It’s not that they just come here for the ribs, but they know of us, so if they’re in the area, they stop by.”

Mills bought the restaurant in 1985, when it was just a small bar with a grill where they served burgers and barbecue sandwiches. In 1994 barbecue became the restaurant’s main focus.

As of now, Mills is working on a new restaurant he is opening in Sparta, but said it’s “not work when you like what you do.”

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Dean slams Mexico for second time, weakens ties TEGUCUGALPA, Mexico — A sharpening Hurricane Dean is expected to hit into Mexico for the second time in as many days Wednesday night, sweeping its deadly winds across to the Pacific Ocean, then weakened as it crossed the central mountains with rain that flooded houses along the west coast.

Coming ashore with top sustained winds of 160 km/h (100 mph), Hurricane Dean was considered a dangerous storm for many coastal towns. The tourism and fishing town of Tegucugalpa shook. After civil defense workers loaded the dead bodies onto army trucks and headed to inland shelters, they encountered strong winds and heavy rains.

Dean’s center hit the plains settled in Ohio as it drenched the central mountains. The impact of using so much paper to provide this kind of billing detail to customers does not make good business, said AT&T spokesman Ted Carr.

But he acknowledged frustration with the American manufacturer’s inability to bridge political divisions or stop the violence, trying to defend its safety with the facts gathered on the ground in Iraq. "We deserve credit for our brave men and women," he said.

The bill sure is complete, but I can’t get my head around it," said Matt. "Our troops are serving this country. It’s not up to the politicians in Washington, D.C., to say whether he will remain in his position. It is up to the Iraqi people whether they support him or oppose him and not a dictatorship."...
Veterans benefit from Disability Support Services

**Director sees need for an ‘intensive intervention’**

Ashley McIlvane  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Returning to the United States with a severe case of post-traumatic stress disorder and extensive hearing loss 27-year-old Army Sgt. Josh Geltz feeling somewhat out of place during his first semester at SIUC last spring.

After serving eight years in the Army, the Iraq War veteran thought "he could do it all on his own. Nonetheless, bouts of anxiety, flashbacks from various military experiences and general day-to-day stresses soon began to take a toll on Geltz's grades and marriage.

On his third semester later, Geltz now finds himself seeking assistance from SIUC's Disability Support Services, which provides academic and programmatic supports to students with both permanent and temporary disabilities.

Many services offered by DSS are especially beneficial to veterans with disabilities, including those with "invisible" disabilities such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, arthritis and various other physical and mental handicaps.

Numerous state-of-the-art equipment are available for students with disabilities, including alternative textbooks, assistive hearing devices and adapted computer equipment and software. In addition, test proctoring allows students extended exam time along with reading and writing assistance.

DSS also provides referral services for various medical services, ranging from medical and counseling services to specialized housing and recreational options, among others.

Despite the many services available to disabled veterans, DSS Director Kathleen Plesko sees a need for intensive intervention. Plesko said she hopes to employ a transition program for incoming Illinois veterans with service-connected disabilities from the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

According to a grant proposal for the program, it would help veterans with recently acquired disabilities gain the skills and confidence needed to make a successful transition out of military life.

Program objectives include registering for classes, making housing arrangements, campus tours and many other activities to help alleviate some of the stresses students might face during their first semester on campus. If the grant is approved, Plesko said she hopes to begin the program next summer.

John Lynn, assistant dean of the law school, said he hopes to work with DSS on the transition program. Lynn, who is a veteran of the Vietnam War, said SIUC has been a veteran-friendly university for as long as he can remember.

"Then back, SIU had a reputation within the state and within the service for recruiting vets, despite all of the stuff you read about," Lynn said.

Geltz said he hoped other veterans would take advantage of the services offered by DSS.

"I do encourage veterans not to be headstrong, not to try to conquer everything by themselves," Geltz says. "There is no negative stigma about it. They served their country and are entitled to these benefits. Nobody will think anything less of them."

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--- Josh Geltz  
Army sergeant

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**Guest Column**

**A disabled perspective**

Tanya Luciano  
*Guest Columnist*

Before I go on, I would like to say that for the most part, everyone at SIUC has been very helpful if they see someone that may be in trouble.

On Sunday, however, happened that was very concerning to me. One of my good friends who is in a wheelchair was going through Faler Hall when he rolled up on a ramp and accidentally tipped his wheelchair over and it fell on top of him.

His friend, who is also in a wheelchair, saw this happen and called for help right away. The more he called for help, the more he just walked right by as if nothing had happened. At this time my friend’s nose was starting to bleed. It took someone 10 minutes to notice the calls for help and to see that my friend was on the ground. The person picked the wheelchair up and made sure that he was OK before they took him to the Cardonale Hospital.

My friend was very lucky to only have a broken nose out of all this, and I personally thank the person who helped him up that day. The issue here is why did it take 10 minutes to realize that something was going on, and if they did realize it sooner, then why did people continue to walk by and ignore the situation? I believe this is a question that deserves an answer.

I know that people are busy thinking about the upcoming semester and I also realize that this took place during the weekend. Yet I refuse to believe that with as many people that travel through Faler during the day — seven days a week — no one failed to notice a person on the ground with a wheelchair on top of him. Are we, as a society, so into ourselves that we don’t even notice the other people around us?

If the answer is yes, then people, including myself, need to think about who they really are.

I would also like to point out that this is not the first time someone in a wheelchair has fallen in Faler Hall. It has also happened to me but luckily someone walking behind me saw it happen and got a second person to help him get up.

My purpose for writing this is not to pass judgment on anyone — it is just to help others see how they may unconsciously treat others, especially someone who is not that much different than them.

Luciano is a junior studying journalism.

**Letter to the Editor**

**Thanks for the vote**

Dear Editor:

What a no-brainer to pass a city half-percent sales tax increase to improve the city and the university. Let me restore: to improve the city, for you to see, the university is the city. The capital ‘C’ if not for SIU. A big THANK YOU to the presenters during the increase debate, though. These supposed intellectuals talked of mental health insurance, sidewalks, and public discourse. What a no-brainer to pass a city half-percent sales tax increase to improve the city and the university. For the most part, everyone at SIUC has been very helpful if they see someone that may be in trouble.

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Michael P. Norrington  
Carbondale resident

Some benefit from student health insurance  

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter from [author’s name] dated Apr. 21. Ms. Davis wrote she is “a student that has this on our current list and agrees with the idea.” The majority of students have “no need since they have the appropriate insurance care.” Ms. Davis is correct in saying that, in order to have the students, the students (or her parents) must be so reimbursed as to fill out a form and submit proof of other coverage.

As a graduate student who would be otherwise uninsured, I am thankful for the opportunity to go to Student Health Services and only pay $6.10. I am also sure that, given the number of older students at this University, there are many others who are equally happy to pay for free care. This fee is much less than the outside policy that, at $600 a month, may come with a $50,000 deductible (I know, I used to have one of these). Ms. Davis should also be thankful that her child, insurance or not, has the ability to go to the student health center for any need and enjoy one stop shopping. So what if there is a $1 charge to have a $243 charge filled. You should be thankful that as a parent that will enable your child to have necessary health care in a convenient location while attending SIU. It is also necessary to pay to ensure that your child will be able to obtain care needed that may prevent an illness from becoming worse and, possibly, resulting in the death of your child. If you don’t think this happens, look at the students who die from meningitis — an infection that is treatable if it is caught soon enough.

There is no need for an ill student to find a doctor in network deal, with co-pays and percentages and then have to go somewhere else to have a prescription filled. This makes it much easier for illnesses to be caught and treated early.

I ask that Ms. Davis, and all others like her, please get off their high horses and realize that the world does not revolve around them. What you may complain about may be something that others desperately need.

Carol Knight  
Graduate student in public administration

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**Words Overheard**

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Glenn Pooshard  
Mayor

In his plea to the City Council to pass the sales tax increase
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All parents can do is keep unsafe toys, especially those in recall, away from infants’ mouths.

Though he could not go into detail, Martin did say there had already been several patients with concerns about lead poisoning, but no cases have been reported or made public. In the meantime, parents of children with cavities or anemia — a lack of red blood cells — should be on extra alert. Anemia forces the body to absorb the toxic chemicals faster than the average human being.

Managers at local Wal-Mart Supercenters and Toys “R” Us stores refused to comment on any of the recalls and are redirecting all inquiries to corporate office phone numbers. Target in Marion did not respond to an e-mail sent last week for comment.

However, Martin said no toy manufacturer or retailer has ever notified him of potential health threats. He receives all alerts through newsletters sent out by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the Public Health Department.

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The aforementioned projects aren’t slated for completion until July. Student Center Administrative Director Lori Stettler said she is preparing to submit a request proposing a new dining contract for University. The new contract would be for Student Center dining as well as a coffee commons that would be included in the library renovations.

The request will ask companies — which Stettler said would likely include Chartwells, Aramark and Sodexo — to bid on a contract with University dining. A committee of faculty, staff and students will make the final decision.

“They will submit designs and different ways that it could be set up,” Stettler said. “When we get all of those in, we will sit down and look over the contract as a whole and look specifically at the coffee commons and make a decision on what meets students’ needs.”

She said the goal is to get a Starbucks-like facility with coffee and some small food options. The library staff will participate in this part of the negotiations to ensure that everyone’s needs are met, Stettler said.

Students living in University Housing will not have to worry about their dining plan changing as a result of the new contract because housing’s dining is on an entirely different contract.

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Texas executes 400th
Murderer 400th person to be executed since 1982

Michael Graczcyk
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A man convicted in the shooting death of a convenience store clerk became the 400th person to be executed in Texas since the state resumed capital punishment in 1982.

Johnny Ray Conner, 32, asked for forgiveness repeatedly and expressed love to his family and his victim’s family, who watched him through windows in the death chamber.

“This is destiny. This is life. This is something Allah wants me to do,” he said. “I’m not mad at you. When I get to the gates of heaven I’m going to be waiting for you. Please forgive me.”

“What is happening to me is unjust and the system is broken,” said Conner who spoke until the drugs took effect. He was pronounced dead at 6:20 p.m., eight minutes after the lethal drugs began to flow.

Conner was convicted in 1999 for fatally shooting Houston convenience store clerk Katharyn Nguyen, 49, during an attempted robbery.

Julian Gutierrez, a customer walking inside the store to pay for gasoline, interrupted the holdup, tried to run back outside and was shot in the shoulder. Nguyen was shot in the head.

Conner’s lawyers earlier Wednesday lost an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the lethal injection. In arguments rejected by the justices, Conner contended his trial attorneys were deficient and the system is broken, said Conner’s lawyers earlier Wednesday lost an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the lethal injection. In arguments rejected by the justices, Conner contended his trial attorneys were deficient and the system is broken, said Conner’s lawyers earlier Wednesday lost an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the lethal injection. In arguments rejected by the justices, Conner contended his trial attorneys were deficient and the system is broken, said Conner’s lawyers earlier Wednesday lost an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the lethal injection. In arguments rejected by the justices, Conner contended his trial attorneys were deficient and the system is broken...

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Durbin gets update on coal plan

Poshard said John Mead, director of the SIUC Coal Research Center, gave a presentation at Durbin’s request relating to FutureGen power plants and the proposed coal gasification plant at SIUC.

Poshard said the feasibility study for the proposed plant would likely be done in the next few days. Once the study is completed, Poshard said he and others from the University would meet with some high-ranking state officials, including Gov. Rod Blagojevich, about the project.

Durbin to take SIUC’s lead on broadband access

Poshard said he spoke with Durbin extensively about the Connect SI project, a plan headed by Poshard to bring broadband access to 20 counties across southern Illinois.

“(Durbin) wanted an update on that because he wants to use the model we’re developing here across the rest of the state,” Poshard said. “We’re really out on the cutting edge with that.”

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INDIANAPOLIS — Some Corn Belt farmers are starting harvests weeks early, worried that stormy weather now could cause damage to corn plants already suffering from a dry, hot summer.

“If we start getting a lot of wet weather with the wind, it could cause these stressed plants to fall over,” said Randy Greenwell, a farmer who has started harvesting his 7,500 acres of corn in Union County, Ky. “You have the potential of a lot of loss.”

The long string of hot days has pushed corn growth about a week ahead of the average time, so harvest will be a little earlier this year for much of the country, said Chris Hurt, an agricultural economist at Purdue University.

Greenwell, who has about 10 percent of his corn crop harvested so far, said Wednesday he would typically start the harvest in a few weeks. Farmers in dry parts of Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky are starting to harvest corn, although some are waiting.

An early harvest can come with a price.

Farmers like Greenwell must dry out the corn manually since it isn’t spending as much time drying on cornstalks. Greenwell says it costs him about $35 an acre in energy costs — or more than $250,000 total — to dry corn. But he’s willing to pay rather than worry about even bigger possible losses.

“It outweighs the loss potential,” he said.

Corn plants can stop growing because of stress from summer heat and drought conditions, said Roger Elmore, an Iowa State University corn specialist. Some farmers in the driest part of Iowa have considered an early harvest, but most of the state’s farmers plan to wait.

“We’ve got another few weeks to go,” he said.

Harvest times vary between states and regions. If corn plants became too stressed in drought areas, they begin to die and need to be harvested. Hurt said.

“The plant does everything it can and then says, ‘I’ve given up. I can’t go any longer,’” he said.

Storms that swept through Midwestern states this week have brought much-needed rain, but in some spots they also caused the kind of damage Greenwell fears. Once corn is knocked down, it becomes more difficult to harvest.

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For the proposed plant would likely be done in the next few days. Once the study is completed, Poshard said he and others from the University would meet with some high-ranking state officials, including Gov. Rod Blagojevich, about the project.

“Durbin” wanted an update on that because he wants to use the model we’re developing here across the rest of the state,” Poshard said. “We’re really out on the cutting edge with that.”

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INDIANAPOLIS — Some Corn Belt farmers are starting harvests weeks early, worried that stormy weather now could cause damage to corn plants already suffering from a dry, hot summer.

“If we start getting a lot of wet weather with the wind, it could cause these stressed plants to fall over,” said Randy Greenwell, a farmer who has started harvesting his 7,500 acres of corn in Union County, Ky. “You have the potential of a lot of loss.”

The long string of hot days has pushed corn growth about a week ahead of the average time, so harvest will be a little earlier this year for much of the country, said Chris Hurt, an agricultural economist at Purdue University.

Greenwell, who has about 10 percent of his corn crop harvested so far, said Wednesday he would typically start the harvest in a few weeks. Farmers in dry parts of Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky are starting to harvest corn, although some are waiting.

An early harvest can come with a price.

Farmers like Greenwell must dry out the corn manually since it isn’t spending as much time drying on cornstalks. Greenwell says it costs him about $35 an acre in energy costs — or more than $250,000 total — to dry corn. But he’s willing to pay rather than worry about even bigger possible losses.

“It outweighs the loss potential,” he said.

Corn plants can stop growing because of stress from summer heat and drought conditions, said Roger Elmore, an Iowa State University corn specialist. Some farmers in the driest part of Iowa have considered an early harvest, but most of the state’s farmers plan to wait.

“We’ve got another few weeks to go,” he said.

Harvest times vary between states and regions. If corn plants became too stressed in drought areas, they begin to die and need to be harvested. Hurt said.

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Some farmers harvesting early to avoid crop losses

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Local 9-ball team returns from national tournament

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If the National Team Championships were poker, then Mugsy’s #1 nearly made it to the all-sacred final table.

Mugsy’s #1, a local pool team, won the opportunity to compete in Las Vegas’ National Team Championships—a team pool tournament. It came five matches away from winning the $15,000 grand prize earlier this week.

Steve Gibson, Mugsy’s #1 team captain, and his six-man squad traveled to the American Poolplayers Association’s national tournament after winning the regional title in Cape Girardeau, Mo. They tied for 33rd place out of 333 teams to earn a total cash payout of $400.

Lethal Weapons from Chanute, Kan., the team that beat Mugsy’s #1, went on to win second place, where they were defeated by The Way We Were, from Trenton, NJ.

After a free pass to the second round, Mugsy’s #1 went on to beat its next three opponents in close matches.

“We started out rough,” Gibson said. “Our first match came down to sudden death.”

After losing against his first opponent in the first match, Gibson said he feared his team might not advance through the first round.

“When I lost that game I was upset, worried, scared. I just didn’t want us to go home yet,” Gibson said.

Fortunately, Mugsy’s #1 team member Jeremy Howell beat the next opponent in sudden death match to advance to the second round. Coincidentally, Howell was the same team member to sink the winning shot that got them to the national tournament.

Brad Robison, the team’s co-captain, said the team dynamic was what helped them get as far as they did.

“There’s always people losing a match here or a match there,” Robison said. “It’s up to the rest of the team to pick the other guys up.”

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Steve Gibson, of Carbondale, breaks during a game of pool with Brad Robison at Mugsy McGuire’s Bar and Grill Wednesday. Gibson and Robison both traveled to Las Vegas last week to compete in a nationally competitive 9-ball tournament. They tied for 33rd out of 333 teams.

“The guys that you count on may be having a bad day,” Richison said. “Anybody can win on any given day.”

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Blagojevich’s inaction leaves state budget in limbo

On Aug. 14, Blagojevich said he would approve most of the budget but cut $500 million in “pork and special interest spending” by the end of the week. He specifically criticized local projects inserted into the budget by each lawmaker.

“I think the reality is it’s tough to find $500 million in cuts,” House Minority Leader Tom Cross, R-Oswego, said Tuesday.

While Blagojevich criticized adding new member projects, Ottenhoff said he does not object to old ones that were promised in past years. She said the money has been set aside already, so including it again won’t bloat the budget.

The governor’s office could not say how much money is in question.

Madigan’s spokesman said the money was left out at the request of Republican lawmakers because most projects were for Democratic legislators. The money could be restored later, he said.

David Dring, spokesman for the House Republican leader, said the GOP objected to including large lump sums for the projects without details on how the money would be spent.
Pulse

C H A T T E R B O X

Question: Steven Seagal believes false allegations from the FBI about intimidating a reporter and his ties to organized crime ruined his career. Do you?

Alicia Wade: Sure the FBI tanked your career. I bet those domestic violence allegations and your foray into being a blues musician really helped your career too. Hey Steven! My mom loved “Under Siege.”

Eugene Clark: Steven Seagal’s downfall happened for three reasons, and none of them have anything to do with the FBI. First of all, I think everyone quickly grew tired of seeing Seagal play the exact same role during the “Hard to Kill,” “Marked for Death,” and “Out for Justice” era. There are now close to 20 actors who can play his notorious tough guy role, and finally, the infamous pony-tail, which is now ingrained in everyone’s head.

Jakina Hill: Spooky Seagal definitely intimidated that reporter. Have you seen him lately? He should be apologizing to the FBI.

Audra Ord: Is Hollywood ever going to grow up and learn that they’re the stupid ones? Maybe if Seagal wouldn’t have written, produced AND acted in the same movies, they wouldn’t have sucked so much and his career wouldn’t have taken the plunge. If the guy wants to place blame on somebody, all he needs to do is look in the mirror.

Come Hear from the Inspiration Behind the Film “The Pursuit of Happyness”

Chris Gardner

Thursday, August 23, 2007
7 p.m. SIU Arena (New Location)

Will Smith earned accolades—including an Academy Award nomination—for his portrayal of Chris Gardner in the hit movie “The Pursuit of Happyness.” But it’s Gardner who deserves recognition for beating the odds through hard work and determination to become a multi-millionaire and owner of his own investment firm.

Gardner’s drive for success paid off—literally—after he started as a trainee at a major stock brokerage firm in San Francisco. But not before he and his son spent nights on the streets looking for a place to sleep, all while trying to arrange day care and find food. His story of perseverance and self-empowerment is well known and widely praised.

Today, in addition to serving as CEO of Christopher Gardner International Holdings, he supports causes for the homeless and at-risk communities and raises awareness of other national and international issues.

Also, Don’t Miss Chris Gardner’s Book Signing Session
10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, August 23rd, SIU Student Center Old Main Lounge
Mr. Gardner will also sign books following his appearance at the SIU Arena
Like most fashionistas, I discovered an affinity for all things fashion early on in life. The journey into this enthralling world of beauty, fragrance and class began as a young girl. I did the usual dress-up in Granny’s clothes and jewels (as Granny was—and still is—the most fashionable granny on Earth). I designed and hand-stitched my Barbie a pair of knee boots because the pumps she was rocking just weren’t cutting it for me at the age seven, and I began to immerse myself in the pages of magazines. All this was more than just a precursor to a major in fashion design and journalism, but an intro course to life.

As a child of the ’80s, I’ve grown up in one of the most historically significant eras since Rudi Gernreich designed the “no bra” bra. Everything moves at the speed of light, and everything two years ago is not only out of style but obsolete. The fashion industry isn’t alone—music, print journalism and a bevy of other fields can attest to this.

For more than a year now we’ve been listening to models talk about how their jobs are being taken over by celebrities. When purchasing, burning or downloading music, you’re getting CD after CD of computerized songs. Times have undoubtedly changed as we students are the last wave of eighties babies to enter college.

Now that you’re in or back at college, take the time between figuring out where to get your hair done and why your roommate stinks to keep up with whatever growing trend there is in your major.

Remember: style mavens follow the rules but break them accordingly.

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Today's Horoscopes are brought to you by...

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Today's Birthday: The job you'll be doing this year is not easy but it ought to pay pretty well. Learn how to do business so you don't waste it. This might have to last you a while.

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 — You'll soon have the opportunity to take on more authority. Do it, even if there's not much more money in the deal. That will come later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — You've spent the last several weeks fixing up your place. Your assignment for the next four is to enjoy it immensely. Invite all the people you love.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — You could do quite well financially in the next couple of days. If you have real estate equity, good if you don't, take action to get some.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — Have you ever gone to a counselor? It's a good time to talk things over. It's not a good time for anything else. Just to a trusted friend.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 8 — Learn how to shop wisely. It's not a sign of poverty. It's one of the things you have to do to become fabulously rich.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Things that used to bother you won't seem quite so important soon. You're becoming more objective and more confident.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Start cleaning out your drawers. You'll find amazing things in there. With a little paint and elbow grease, you can give your place a whole new look. This will be fun.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Your energy levels picking up? Don't rush off this time. It's probably the day that the universe is trying to get you to do something with it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 8 — Money seems to be flowing into your pockets effortlessly. Actually it's more likely because of something you've already done. The effort part is in the past.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — You can make plans for a trip but don't go yet. There'll be too many complications popping up for the next few days. Prepare but don't rush to secure your vacation

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Money can come in from unexpected sources. You'll be delighted to hear. You can find the money to fund your enterprise. It is out there. Keep looking.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Somebody with an enormous help is now moving around your show. Share your appreciation and then get back to tying up loose ends.

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From the maroon to the green
Former SIU golfer breaks into the pros

Frankie Migacz
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When most 3-year-olds were eating animal crackers in the sandbox, Kyle Hosick was hitting chip shots out of the bunker.

Born in January 1985, Hosick, a Saluki alumnus, was practically teeing off out of the womb — 22 years and numerous scorecards later, the former Saluki is joining Hooters Professional Golf Tour during the winter session.

“After a kid, I loved golf,” Hosick said, “I played because it was fun.”

It wasn’t until his high school years Hosick really considered the possibility of going pro. By the time Hosick pulled in front of the Heisman Trophy nominee, but his sights were set on making a great success winning his first PGA alongside big name players such as Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson.

Hosick’s size has led to comparisons of former San Diego Chargers running back Darren Sproles.

“Having them in our backfield for explosive plays is good.”

In his first semester Hosick shot a stroke average of 74.4, second best on the team. Hosick’s tenure at U of I was studded with accolades and awards — including Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar, a two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection, five top-10 finishes and a career stroke average of 73.94.

Throughout his SIU career his numbers decreased as his trophy case continued to grow.

Hosick started playing golf at 4 years old, and later, the former head coach Mike Small, Hosick honed his game.

“Kyle was a great student athlete,” Small said. “Not only did he excel on the green but he did very well academically with the challenge of academics were a plus.

Hill said it isn’t his stature that reminds him of the smaller backs in the Gateway Conference.

“Karim is an itty-bitty back,” Hill said. “He’s fast, and he brings something to our team that we have not had for a while.”

Complementing Warner is Karim, the group’s power runner. At 5-feet-9-inches, 205 pounds, Karim said Karim brings strength and power to the backfield.

A transfer from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Junior College, Karim rushed for 978 yards and scored 10 touchdowns as a sophomore, and 994 yards and 15 touchdowns as a freshman.

Hill said it is clear both backs could bring a great amount of speed to the team.

“They are probably the two fastest guys on our team,” Hill said. “Having them in our backfield for explosive plays is good.”

Both Karim and Warner have received a large amount of carries in practice and could look to get a chance under the lights when the Salukis face Quincy on Aug. 30. In SIU’s last game against an NAIA opponent, 9 players recorded rushing attempts. Essentially, NAIA opponents give coaches a chance to judge underclassmen such as sophomores Naji Shinksha, Todd Tidwell, Jonates Goran and freshman Lucien Walker, who may also get a shot.

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Saluki Insider

On Wednesday, Rawlings named its all-time Gold Glove team based on a fan vote. Members ranged from Hall of Famers Johnny Bench and Ozzie Smith to current players like Ken Griffey Jr. and Greg Maddux. Who do you feel was left off the team that should have been voted on?

I would put Roberto Alomar at second base. But what about Wes Parker winning the fan vote at first base? These aren't the same fans that voted Vince Carter as an all-star starter in 2003, when he had only played 15 games to that point. Maybe if the fans voted on the Gold Glove, Rafael Palmeiro never would've won one while hitting 155 games.

My vote for best gold glover goes to Moises Alou for his unorthodox batting gloves. Cubs fans will remember Alou as the hard-hitting outfielder who once famously exclaimed, "If peeing on your hands is cool, consider me Miles Davis."

I'm going to go back to my roots and say Jim Edmonds. The man is a phenomenal outfielder and I personally have seen him make some outstanding catches. It does make me feel better that Griffey only edged him out by 9 percent in the voting.

RUNNERS

Senior Kevin Doran and sophomore Jeff Schirmer should also put up strong times and be among the top five.

With Mohamed, Doran and Schirmer all but set in the starting five, freshmen Dan Dunbar and Kyle Kirchner could stay in the mix with returning veterans for the remaining two scoring positions.

The women's team, meanwhile, which placed second in the MVC last season, will look to find leadership after losing a bulk of its roster to graduation.

Eleven freshmen and sophomores make up the team, giving the women's side one of its youngest teams in history.

“This really scary, but yet really exciting,” said senior Merry Lanker about the number of underclassmen on the team.

Lanker, who is often referred to as the team's "mom" is one of just three seniors on the team and should be heavily relied upon for leadership.

She gives us advice and we can talk to her," said sophomore A'Se Ret Dokubo.

Dokubo and sophomore teammate Nefeteri Williams should look to be the top two runners on the women's side while freshman Ryan Eichelberger could be a top contender on the team and in the conference.

The team will begin its season with an inter-squad meet on Aug. 31 at SIU and against competition at the Panther Open at EIU on Sep. 9.

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Saluki Tracker

Jason Fraser pitched for the first time in a week in the Toronto Blue Jays’ 6-4 loss to the Oakland A’s Monday. Fraser, a former Saluki, allowed no runs on one hit and struck out three in two innings of work. Fraser is 1-3 on the season with two saves and a 4.14 ERA.

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Allen vies for starting role

Senior Goforth nurses hamstring injury

If SIU wide receiver Justin Allen can't play himself into a starter's role, he might find himself a little more playing time holding field goals.

Allen, a senior, practiced with the first team Tuesday while senior receiver Phil Goforth nursed a hamstring injury. Wide receiver coach Brian Anderson said Goforth — who weighs in at 205 pounds — is susceptible to muscle pulls because his muscles are wound so tight.

Head coach Jerry Kill said Allen would get plenty of playing time at receiver regardless of whether or not he starts, but Allen said he's still vying for the starting role.

"I would love to do that, I really think I could help the team," Allen said. "But we got a bunch of good guys. So whoever starts is going to get the job done.

Allen came to SIU after playing quarterback at Northeast Oklahoma A&M. He was converted to wide receiver with the Salukis, catching nine passes for 124 yards last season.

Kill said the decision on who holds the starting role is also a little dicey because his wide receivers vying for snaps.

"We need to get depth," Kill said. "Sometimes, some guys being banged up, as long as they're not banged on Thursday or Saturdays, you're OK."

Kill said senior quarterback Joe Allaria at No. 2. "We've never been too keen on saying starter or whatever because we're not going to say the quarterback or athletic, running back Jhon Randle, is also a little banged up, but the weaker at wide receiver can help some freshmen receivers vying for snaps."

"We need to get those younger guys to get depth," Kill said. "Sometimes, some guys being banged up, as long as they're not banged on Thursday or Saturdays, you're OK."

Senior wide receiver Justin Allen attempts a catch at football practice Tuesday. Allen caught nine passes for 124 yards last season.  

Second-string speed shows skill

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