Mayoral candidates raking in the dough

Professor: Spending may lead to higher voter turnout

Andrea Zimmermann

Carbondale’s upcoming race for the mayor’s office is shaping up to be an expensive one. According to the Illinois State Board of Elections, Mayor Brad Cole and Councilwoman Sheila Simon are leading the four candidates with $23,450 and $9,930, respectively. Jessica Davis has raised about $3,000 and Pepper Holder said he has raised some money, but did not disclose the amount.

The most recent report includes money collected from July 1 to Dec. 31.

“I would say this is going to be one of the more expensive campaigns,” said Jackson County Clerk Larry Reinhardt, whose office runs local elections.

Dueling fundraising philosophies are at play in the top two candidates’ campaigns. Simon has limited all donations to $50 per person, saying she doesn’t want large contributions to influence her. Cole, the incumbent, said he wants people to feel free to decide how much they want to donate.

“I believe in letting people make wise decisions and contributions they want,” Cole said. “It’s part of exercising their free speech in supporting candidates.”

During Cole’s first successful campaign for mayor in 2003, he raised $44,770 — nearly twice as much as his opponent, Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan.

He won by 21 votes.

In this year’s race, Cole is facing a larger field of opponents. He said he doesn’t have an ideal amount he wants to raise.

Many of the same people who contributed to his 2003 campaign have lined up to fill Cole’s coffers again. Bars such as Sidetracks and Gatsby’s II Bar and Billiards; property owner Woodruff Services; and contractor E.T. Simonds Illinois

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Lock it up: City’s burglary rate on the rise

Carbondale burglaries

Homes in Carbondale are about 75 percent more likely to get burgled than those in Champaign and Urbana, according to the most recent Illinois State Police records.

The city’s burglary rate is also more than two times higher than Bloomington’s, a figure some townsmen attribute in part to neglected housing and ineffective locks on doors.

Carlson’s student population also contributes to the high crime rate, Arbor District Neighborhood Association leaders say. Student rentals can lack the maintenance needed for security, and housing can be prone to crime when students leave their homes vacant during university breaks, the leaders say.

Tom Grant, a division manager for the city’s development services department, said the department performs mandatory rental inspections. If residents find problems the department will investigate.

“Typically we go out to see if the complaint is legitimate, and we take the opportunity to write up any violations,” Grant said. “Usually it turns into a mandatory rental inspection.”

He said the city checks rentals every three years and a rental inspection should be done before moving in.

When city officials find violations the landlord is contacted and given 30 days to repair it. After the time is up, if the repair is not complete, a judge sets a fine. Landlords are charged every day after the initial 30 days until the repair is finished. Fines range from $50 to $875 a day.

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Morris to cut journal subscriptions

Tight budget leaves no room for rising cost of materials

Sarah Lohman

The library budget is nearly stagnant budget are forcing material prices to rise. Material subscriptions are up 10 percent greater than our budget will allow,” Logue said. Carlson said roughly 10 percent of the library budget is spent on books in one year.

The deficit will be distributed among the departments on a per cent basis, he said. In the past, the department chair would receive a list of their journals and the cost of each and tell the library which they would like to cut, he said.

This year, administrators looked at subscription records for the past five years, Carlson said. All subscriptions that increased by 50 percent in cost were recommended for cancellation.

If the department determines the title cannot be canceled, the department must cancel an equivalent amount in other serials, he said.

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“It’s just really frustrating because I want to know there are certain things I can count on,” Petr said.

She said the list her department got did not include all the journals she and other students depended on.

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The library is planning to cancel subscriptions to some material because of budget concerns.

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Dueling fundraising philosophies

Carbondale Police Officer Randy Mathis said the department offers free home inspections to make homes safer.

“As long as [they’re] a resident of Carbondale, I can make an appointment to meet them at their residence and review their lighting, landscaping and locking systems to reduce the potential of crime,” he said.

Mathis said inspectors look for areas that criminals could use to hide. The inspection also advises residents on the best locks for their home. The inspections are 10 percent greater than our budget will allow,” Logue said. Carlson said roughly 10 percent of the library budget is spent on books in one year.

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Police reports

Criminal damage to a vehicle occurred at 8:30 p.m. Friday in Lot 94. There are no suspects at this time.

A theft under $500 of a backpack occurred at 2:00 p.m. Friday at Lawson Hall. Two textbooks in that were in the backpack have been recovered. There are no suspects at this time.

CORRECTIONS

In Monday’s issue of the Daily Egyptian, the excerpt quoted on page 14 should have been for swimming coach Rick Varless, not sports information.

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Poet among lineup of spring semester speakers

Alison McCabe
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Renowned poet and author Maya Angelou is part of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute’s spring semester lecture series. Angelou is scheduled to speak May 2 at the Student Center in an event co-sponsored by the Student Programming Council.

The poet and author is known for her many books, including autobiographical works “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” and “Children Need Traveling Shoes.” “She carries an air about her that makes you want to get involved and want to listen,” said Brigette Wikaten, an administrative assistant in the department of radio and television. “She knows what she’s talking about, too.”

She has garnered a fellowship from Yale University, a Grammy for a spoken-word album, nominations for a Tony Award and the Pulitzer Prize for her collection of poetry, “Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water ’fore I Die.” Angelou read her poem “On the Pulse of the Morning” at for President Bill Clinton’s inauguration in 1993.

SPC lecture director Alexis Allen said she believes Angelou’s speech is something that can spark the interest of a wide range of students. “We really try to plan for the whole student body, and we feel lucky to have gotten so much support from different organizations on campus,” said Allen, a graduate student from Sullivan studying business administration.

Along with Angelou, speeches by top Illinois politicians and programs aimed at student activism are scheduled throughout the semester.

At 7 tonight in the Student Center Ballroom D, a panel including former Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar is set to discuss future of moderates in state and national politics.

Edgar, former New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman and former Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson will talk about the impact of moderates in office and American voters.

“There’s a lot of interest in whether political moderates will remain a force in national and state politics,” institute director Mike Lawrence said.

State Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie, the highest-ranking woman in the Illinois General Assembly, is set to speak April 2, and Illinois House member Art Turner, the highest-ranking black legislator in Illinois, is scheduled for a Feb. 19 lecture.

“Why the Caged Bird Sings” and “All God’s Children Need Traveling Shoes.”

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Maya Angelou speaks at the Democratic National Convention in 2004. She will speak May 2 at the Student Center as part of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute’s lecture series.

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Jim Edgar (D) Illinois Governor, 1991-1999
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The future of moderates in office and American voters.

We should be interested in their insights and opinions, since they are directly influencing public policy in Illinois,” Lawrence said.

Other events include Youth Government Day on March 24 in Springfield — an effort to give insight and support to Illinois high school students who are interested in public service.

A conference discussing low employment rates among disabled SIUC alumni is scheduled for Feb. 16, with disabled graduates discussing their experiences in the working world.

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**WASHINGTON**

**Giuliani moves closer to presidential run**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rudy Giuliani, the former New York City mayor whose popularity soared after his response to the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, moved closer to a full-fledged campaign for the Republican presidential nomination on Monday.

The two-year-term mayor filed a “statement of candidacy” with the Federal Election Commission and indicated that he would seek the presidency as a Republican.

Despite being immensely popular in national polls, Giuliani faces hurdles to securing the Republican nomination. His popularity is based on a moderate stance on social issues, excluding abortion, which many conservatives oppose. His views have been criticized by social conservatives who are a crucial voting bloc for the Republican Party.

Giuliani’s campaign has been marred by controversies, including his handling of the 2001 terrorist attacks and his past support for gun control measures. These controversies have put his candidacy in jeopardy, but his popularity among the Republican base remains solid.

**Bush sends Congress $2.9 trillion budget plan**

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday unveiled a $2.9 trillion spending proposal that devotes billions more to fighting the war in Iraq but pitchses on programs promised to voters now running Congress.

Bush’s spending plan would enable his first-term tax cuts permanent, at a cost of $3.0 trillion over 10 years. He is also proposing $78 billion in the government’s big health care programs — Medicare and Medicaid — over the next five years, by increasing premiums for high-income Medicare recipients.

The release of the budget in four massive volumes kicks off months of debate in which Democrats, now in control of both the House and Senate, will have a chance to change and improve the administration’s proposals.

**New York**

**Criminal charges filed in bombing wreck that killed 20**

QUEENSBURY, NY (AP) — A case line owner and the captain of a boat that capsized in 2005 in upstate New York, killing 20 elderly tourists, were indicted Monday on criminal misdemeanor charges.

A grand jury charged both Shoreline Cruises owner Edward Shore and Capt. Richard Paris with criminally negligent operation of a vessel, a charge that carries a $2,000 fine and a year in jail.

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**Uranium enrichment units built in underground Iranian complex**

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Technicians have assembled two small uranium enrichment units at Iran’s underground Natanz complex, officials said Monday. The move underscored Tehran’s determination to produce fissile core of nuclear warheads.

The fissile core of nuclear warheads.

**Iraq**

38 more civilians killed by bombers and gunman

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Violence raked Baghdad Monday as an Iraqi general took charge of security operations in the capital and Iraqi police and soldiers manned new roadblocks — initial steps indicating that Tehran would start assembling the fissile core of nuclear warheads.

The move underscored Tehran’s defiance of a U.N. Security Council ban on the program, which can be used to create nuclear arms.

Bush the Iranian leadership and the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency had said recently that they were close to securing the Republican nomination on Monday.

The agreement with several agencies and $1 million will be used to reimburse the administration’s proposed plan.

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FOX returns

Mediacom, Sinclair reach agreement on retransmission fees

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mediacom subscribers need fret no more after suffering a nearly month-long absence of their favorite FOX shows.

On Friday, FOX affiliate KBSI and My Network affiliate WDKA returned to the sets of Mediacom subscribers throughout Carbondale after Mediacom and Sinclair Broadcast Group officials reached an agreement in their dispute over retransmission fees.

The stations had been missing from Mediacom’s lineup after Sinclair, owner of KBSI and WDKA, pulled its programming Jan. 6 because it was not satisfied with Mediacom’s offers to transmit its feed over-the-air programming.

Randy Hollis, Mediacom’s senior manager of government relations for the Missouri-Kentucky region, said an agreement was reached between the parties late Friday afternoon, allowing the programming to return to the air Friday evening.

Hollis declined to comment on the terms of the agreement, but said it will be in effect until December 2009.

Sinclair Vice President Barry Faber did not return calls for comment.

Hollis said he was not aware of any rate increases to Mediacom customers resulting from the agreement.

Hollis refused to speculate on the reason Sinclair returned to the bargaining table, but the Associated Press reported Mediacom officials said Sinclair wanted to return its 40 percent loss of viewers before February sweeps — a period that traditionally generates more advertising revenue.

Hollis would not comment on customer loss over the period, but said Mediacom encourages those who may have cancelled service because of the dispute to return to the company.

The AP reported Mediacom was losing about 5,000 customers per week nationally because of the dispute, according to estimates by industry analysts.

Joseph Novelli, a junior from Elmhurst studying zoology, said he was thrilled to learn FOX had returned.

He said he watched FOX programming every night until he returned from winter break and it was not available.

He was confused, he said, and did not know who to blame for the inconvenience.

He said he hopes Mediacom does not raise its rates to combat future issues.

“I’m a college student,” Novelli said. “I don’t think I can afford that.”

He said Mediacom had been a helpful provider in the past, and he hopes that continues after the dispute.

Whatever they did to get FOX back, keep it up, or else people are going to [be upset],” he said.

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Mediacom vs. Sinclair

Oct. 31 | Mediacom and Sinclair announce negotiation extension to Jan. 5

Sept. 28 | Sinclair sends written notice to Mediacom of intent to pull stations on Dec. 1 at 12:01 a.m.

Feb. 2 | Sinclair programming is brought back to Mediacom after negotiation is reached

Jan. 6 | Sinclair pulls programming from Mediacom stations at 12:01 a.m.

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NASA cuts endanger space efforts

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

America's space program will suffer a serious setback if Congress doesn't undo cuts in a misguided House-spending plan. The plan is a stopgap-drafted by the House's Democratic leaders to cover the rest of the budget year. It would slash $400 million — more than 10 percent — from the money NASA has been counting on to continue development of a successor to the space shuttle. With those Democratic leaders permitting only limited debate, the House approved the plan Wednesday. Unless the dollars for NASA are restored, the expected four-year gap — already too long — between the scheduled 2010 retirement of the shuttle and the launch of its successor, Orion, could widen by another year. That's another year that U.S. astronauts would be grounded.

A longer gap would further erode America's leadership in space exploration. It would delay the breakthroughs in science and technology that accompany spaceflight. Such breakthroughs have played a valuable role in this country's economic growth and global competitiveness. And with the military importance of space growing, national security also would suffer from a longer gap. Other countries, including Russia and China, are charging ahead with their manned space programs.

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin has warned that his agency could lose much of its skilled workforce if the interval between the shuttle's retirement and Orion's launch is too long. That's what happened in the 1970s, when the agency hemorrhaged talent in the gap between the Apollo and shuttle programs. House Republicans are griping that they didn't have any input into the stopgap-spending plan. It's hard to feel too sorry for them; their failure to pass a budget when they still had control on Capitol Hill opened the way for Democrats to put together their own plan reflecting their own priorities.

But in the case of NASA's funding, those priorities are shortsighted. The cut would be harder to fault if House leaders were reserving the dollars for deficit reduction, instead of steering it to other parts of the budget. The cut would have to be made at the state and national level. Springfield seems to have forgotten that there's a whole lot of state south of Interstate 64.

We call on the state to change their pattern and help this university succeed. To send more money to SIUC is to inject more resources, jobs and medical care to a region that desperately needs it.

The students, the faculty and southern Illinois will reap the benefits.

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IU President Glenn Poshard has a vision. He wants a university based on diversity, education and affordability. He wants libraries, lecture halls and laboratories filled with the latest electronic gadgets. He wants to push the Connect SI project and bring broadband access to southern Illinois. He wants SIU’s medical program to reach farther out into the community. He wants to see McAndrew Stadium rebuilt. We applaused this plan. His goals will make the university and southern Illinois a much better place. It will boost enrollment and better the quality of life for all of southern Illinois.

But to realize this plan, a lot of money will have to be spent. Money the university doesn't have. Speaking Friday at a meeting with the College of Education and Human Services, Poshard admitted that SIUC's faculty is paid between 10 and 20 percent less than faculty at other universities. He also said money has run short on Morris Library renovations and keeping the lights on will dent the budget even more.

Enrollment continues to drop — partly because students can't afford SIUC. More than $1 million has to be spent on scholarships to keep good students around. Around $1 million needs to be spent on marketing. And money keeps dwindling. Poshard said for every loss of 100 students, the university is out $1 million. Basically, less money means less students, which means less money.

To make ends meet, Poshard said he might have to ask colleges to cut resources. The broken desks and leaky roofs may have to stay. The temperature might have to be lowered in the winter and be raised in the summer. Broken projectors may not be replaced, and chalk might be traded in its own black market for trashcans to catch the drips from the leaking pipes.

This university cannot function or improve on a dwindling budget. Changes have to be made at the state and national level.

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But in the case of NASA's funding, those priorities are shortsighted. The cut would be harder to fault if House leaders were reserving the dollars for deficit reduction, instead of steering it to other parts of the budget. And because Orion is envisioned as the vehicle that eventually will carry astronauts to the moon and Mars, the cut looks suspiciously like a slap at one of President George W. Bush's signature initiatives. The House plan is headed to the Senate, where Florida Democrat Bill Nelson — a staunch advocate for the space program — is among several members seeking to undo NASA's cut. If they fail, they will need to seize other opportunities to restore funds for the agency. Those could come in a supplemental spending bill, or in the budget for the year that begins Oct. 1.

There are too many benefits to moving ahead on the next generation of space vehicles, and too many costs to delaying it.

The following editorial appeared in the Orlando Sentinel on Friday.
In December 1981, Britney Spears came into this world in thedeep southern state of Mississippi, born to working-class professionalparents. In what seemed like a realization of the American dream, shesaew on Star Search in 1992 when she was only 11 years old and laterjoined the New Mickey Mouse Club with future boyfriend Justin Timberlake andfellow diva Christina Aguilera. Jive Records picked up her demo tape when she was 16 andonly a year later, she was singing “Hit Me Baby One More Time” dressed in ahugely redisigned Catholic schoolgirl uniform in the halls of the same high school where the classicAmerican movie “Grease” was filmed.

After selling 76 million albums around the world, starring in her first feature film and gracing the covers of hundreds of magazines, her career collapsed at the ripe old age of 23. A few months ago I sat and stood in bewilderment behind my computer screen as Spears, two marriages and two children later, opened her legs to the paparazzi while giving them something to thumb up about right on the wall with Paris Hilton. Then it occurred to me that the new full fall of Britney Spears revealed the fundamental problems of American consumerism, from her contradictory roots as a Christian conservative, to her bubblegum sexiness, all the way down to the implosion of her personal life. The pursuit of profit and the reduction of all value in performance in the mainstream culture have characterized our lives since the late 1950s, but my generation was the first to be baptized in the total subsumption of this culture. Corporations now cultivate entertainers from a very early age to be marketed to the public, who are harvested for their financial resources like a forest is cut to grind and slice into raw materials. Britney Spears was not a human being to Walt Disney and her producer Marquis Mart. She was a product to be marketed, sold and subjected to planned obsolescence so that she expired when Jive Records found a newer, fresher product to sell to the masses. The Britney Spears culture transforms art into a commodity and makes human happiness reducible to the consumption of merchandise.

Don’t be scared of the health care culture

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Very rarely do you find a facility on campus that makes other colleges and universities jealous, but our university — in its current state of disarray from all the deferred maintenance — does have a building that other schools can only dream about.

Last year, when the Student Health Center opened its doors in January, SIU became home to the largest university health center in the nation, something that we should be proud of because it was the students who made the push to replace the outdated facilities on Greek Row.

As a student worker at the Student Health Center, I think that I have one of the best jobs on campus. However, over the past year I’ve found there are several misconceptions students have about the services we offer throughout the building.

By far the most confusing service to students is our Student Insurance Program. One thing many of you might not realize is that if you drop the SIU Insurance or if we are still able to use the clinic and all of its services for a $6.00 fee. Those services are paid out of the Primary Care fee that everybody pays and can’t be refunded, unlike the Extended Care fee.

If you do use the SIU insurance, remember that you must be referred to an outside physician by one of our doctors for the insurance coverage to work. In the event that you are back home and something happens, our insurance only covers emergency room/urgent care, so if you go to your everyday physician you won’t be able to claim the service on the SIU Insurance.

A piece of advice I’d like to give to all of you when coming into the clinic is to not walk in the door expecting to walk out with a miracle drug that will get you better. They will only give you antibiotics if you really need them, but will always do their best to treat the symptoms so that you can get back to your normal routine.

Another service that many students don’t realize is that our pharmacy can fill prescriptions from your family physicians back home, as long as you are an SIU student. They carry just about everything you would need and if not can order just about anything (with a few exceptions) at costs that may be cheaper. All these products offered in the pharmacy can be put on the passport bill (for those of you, like me, who run on a tight college student budget).

So in the world of Shel Silverstein, “If you have the measles and the mumps, a gas, a rash, and purple bumps, your mother is weeping, your therapist is dead, you think you’re going blind in your right eye”, you might want to go ahead and call the health center at 536-2391 to set up an appointment before things get any worse.

Fruth is a senior studying history.

Michael Kleen
Guest Column

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Every campaign is unique so it takes what it takes to win. I have no idea if I will put any more of my funds in, he said. Simon has gotten her $9,000 from her colleagues at SIUC, council hope- fuls Elizabeth Lewis and Mary Pohlmann, Councilman Joel Festler and the family of Illinois Appellate Judge Bruce Stewart. Several unsolicited checks came in after a story about her campaign ran in the Chicago Tribune, she said. Simon does not have to disclose the names of her contributors because Illinois law requires only donations that exceed $150 to beitemized. She said she is getting clearance from all of the contributors and plans to post all the reports on her Web site.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan was one of three people who threw a fundraiser for Simon in Chicago, but the other two, Falco and Ruff, did not. Simon said she expects the campaign to cost about $20,000. “I hope it doesn’t change into something that we would have to spend more money on,” she said. Davis said she has raised $3,000, but she raised the minimum require- ment in mid-January, just a few weeks after the deadline. She said she has raised enough money to cover the campaign’s expenses, which is what she hoped to do. Her largest donation was $150, she said. Holder said he has not raised anywhere near the amount of the other candidates.

“With limited funds, I haven’t been able to get signs up so people know I am there,” he said. “I think it is a tremendous opportunity to let their neighbors know what is going on.”

The next reporting deadline is March 1. He said he has already submit- ted his, which covers Jan. 1 through Jan. 28. He raised $6,180 in that time.

Spending on campaigns for Cure." Adams said students can earn credit hours by visiting Egypt or Greece for a two-week study abroad program. He said the trip pushes par- ticipants to examine how social issues dealt with life’s hardest questions, and then participants can reexam- ine their own beliefs. The program also offers many chances to partake in ancient traditions.

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Celebrity birthdays

1943: Director Michael Mann
1963: Comedian and actor Eddie Izzard
1962: Guns N’ Roses singer Axl Rose
1965: Comedian and actor Chris Rock
1969: Singer Bobby Brown
1974: Steve Nash
1978: Ashton Kutcher

1789
George Washington is unanimously elected to be the first President of the United States in 1789 and a second term in 1792. All that hard work and he gets put on the $1 bill. It’s all about the Washingtons, baby.

1938
"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was released, and becomes a major box-office triumph in 1938. Even though it is considered a classic, few people can successfully name all seven dwarves, and if you can, you are a dork.

1990
James “Buster” Douglas knocked out Mike Tyson in 1990 in what many consider to be a major upset. Surprisingly, Douglas left with both ears intact and no stupid tattoos could be seen on Tyson’s face.

1996
Chess player Garry Kasparov is defeated by IBM supercomputer Deep Blue for the first time in 1996. This would be the event that allowed machines to take over the world. Where were Keanu and Arnold when Garry needed them?

1997
O.J. Simpson is found to be civilly liable for the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman in 1997. Nearly 10 years later, he would attempt to publish a book about how he would have actually killed them. Real smooth O.J.

It’s a miracle!
A man who has been receiving disability payments in England since 1994, claiming he needs round-the-clock care, a wheelchair and two canes, was photographed by a TV crew running the London Marathon.

Oh, darling, that breeze feels so nice
A middle-aged man on vacation with his girlfriend at a family resort in South Carolina took an erectile dysfunction drug and immediately put it to good use. He took the lady out onto the balcony where he proceeded to make her feel like a natural woman. Their loud moans attracted the attention of the other guests who looked up and saw them and asked them to stop. They refused, as the man was being put into a police cruiser, he told a cop that he “didn’t see the problem.”

I’m free! Chomp!
A woman put her pet parrot’s cage on the front porch of her home in Alexander City, Ala., but the bird escaped, flew off and settled in a neighbor’s magnolia tree. While she tried to coax the parrot down, a red-tailed hawk swooped down and ate it.

One way to thin out the competition
A man applying for a job at a cabinet store in Bryan, Texas, encountered another man outside the store who was applying for the same job, so he stabbed him.

Hold on sir, I’ll be back
Police arrested two thieves who stole lottery tickets from a convenience store in Houston after one of them returned to the store to cash one of the tickets. The clerk told the man to wait, then went to the back of the store and called the cops.

How we expect this of the students, but you?
A couple, who showed up to register their children into the Texas school system, was arrested for possession of marijuana. School officials observed that the two were behaving suspiciously and called the sheriff’s department to report a “possible intoxicated parent.”

Ooh, a stairlift, wheee!
A company in England was fined for refusing to install a stairlift for a disabled employee, because “everyone would want to ride on it, and no work would get done.”

The Lord works in mysterious ways
A pastor was arrested for selling his church in Ripon, Calif., without telling the congregation.

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504 S. Beveridge
602 N. Carico
403 W. Elm #1-3-4
718 S. Forest #1-3
507 S. Hayes #2
509 S. Hayes
408 1/2 E. Hester
410 E. Hester
410 1/2 E. Hester
208 W. Hospital #1
703 S. Illinois #101
703 S. Illinois #102
703 S. Illinois #201
703 S. Illinois #202
703 S. Illinois #203
612 1/2 S. Logan
507 W. Main #2
507 1/2 W. Main A&B
400 W. Oak #1
410 W. Oak 2-35
202 N. Poplar #2
202 N. Poplar #3
507 S. Pooles #2
301 N. Springer #1-4
414 W. Sycamore #W
414 W. Sycamore #E
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406 W. Cherry Court
407 W. Cherry Court
409 W. Cherry Court
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310 W. College #2-4
411 W. College #5-6, 6-7
501 W. College #6-5
903 W. College #6-6
907 W. College #6-7
909 W. College #4
305 E. Crestview
506 S. Dixon
409 W. Elm
713 S. Forest
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113 S. Forest
718 S. Forest
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607 N. Allyn
609 N. Allyn
408 S. Ash
410 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #2, 3
506 S. Ash #3
514 S. Ash
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge
507 S. Beveridge #2-5
509 S. Beveridge #1-5
513 S. Beveridge #1-4
515 S. Beveridge #2-3 & 3
510 N. Carico
209 W. Cherry
309 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #1
405 W. Cherry
501 W. Cherry
605 W. Cherry
614 W. Cherry

Four Bedroom
609 N. Allyn
410 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #3
508 S. Ash #1
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beverly
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312 W. College #3
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Answer:

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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KISLY
RAWLEY
CAJEKT

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Answers tomorrow

Saturday’s Jumbles:

VOCAL
MALADY
GOITER

When the do-it-yourselfer summoned a plumber, he made — THE RIGHT “CALL”

Today’s Birthday (02-06-07).

Compromise is achieved this year. You get farther than ever before. It’s through the brilliance and good will of your team, led by your inspiring vision. Get busy. 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 5 — Keep an eye on your partner, so he or she doesn’t make matters worse. Make sure you’re both aiming at the same target.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — There’s not quite as much tension, partially because you’re getting smarter. Prove it, by not trying to fix something that already works.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You’ll naturally relax as more of the puzzle pieces fall into place. Don’t let down your guard completely, however. Keep your wits about you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — The problem is that you’re still busy, and you don’t want to be. You want to be curled up on your couch. Better get yourself a good laptop and talk the boss into working from home.

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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — The system you’ve helped set up should be beginning to work by now. You’ll see good results for a couple of days. Accomplish as much as you can.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — All the stuff you’ve been putting off is suddenly coming due. The good news is, there’s no trouble figuring out what you should do now.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Friends help you find many uses for your new skills. Do what you find fascinating and don’t worry about the money.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Search through your list of contacts to find the person who has what you need. A private transaction will be better this time than going public.

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Can’t find where that Funky Smell is coming from in your apartment?

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The SIU softball team was picked to finish second in the Missouri Valley Conference according to the preseason coaches’ poll.

Illinois State, the defending MVC champion, is picked to win the conference. The Salukis were three points behind. The Redbirds earned six first place votes while SIU earned three.

“I think that Illinois State is very deserving to be preseason No. 1 because of who they have back. They have two four-year starters on the mound, so that doesn’t surprise me,” coach Kerri Blaylock said.

Five SIU players were named to All-MVC players.

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SIU also defeated Wichita State 73-68 to open its conference sched-ule Jan. 1 at the SIU Arena. The Salukis are 10-0 at home this sea-son, but have not played a team at the same time their opponent was ranked.

Virginia Tech was dropped from this week’s rankings after being No. 16, picking up losses to North Carolina State and Boston College.

SIU defeated the Hokies 69-64 Nov. 26, but Virginia Tech was unranked at the time. The Salukis are set to play at No. 10 Butler Feb. 17.

The Salukis are tied for first place in the Missouri Valley Conference with Creighton (16-7, 10-3), which they play Saturday at the SIU Arena.

The game against Butler will not count towards conference stand-ings, and Lowery has said all season that the most important thing is winning the MVC.

“Our league is at a level where the conference winner is going to get a good seed in the NCAA Tournament,” Lowery said in January. “Everybody wants to say, ‘hey, we were ranked,’ but you want to say, ‘hey, I won our league when I was a senior.’ That’s important because people will never forget winning the conference and they’ll never forget going to the NCAA Tournament.”

SIU has won five straight MVC championships and qualified for the NCAA Tournament the last five seasons.

Since 1968-69, the Salukis have been nationally ranked 11 weeks, their highest ranking coming March 1, 2004. That season, the Salukis climbed to No. 15, remaining in the Top 25 for six weeks.

Lowery, however, said SIU couldn’t afford to be satisfied with the No. 21 rank.

“We can’t become complacent because we’re in the heart of our conference schedule right now,” Lowery said. “Every game is critical toward the success of our season.”

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Saluki Insider

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Saluki individual standings

Women’s weight throw — 1, Brittany Riley — 24.21m 2, Sasha Lawlor — 16.09 3, Jasmine Matthews — 15.45m
Men’s weight throw — 1, Joe Mueller, SIU — 18.58m 2, Brenton Siemons — 17.30m 3, Thomas Smith — 15.74m
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Men’s shot put — 2, Brenton Siemons — 16.95m 10, Trevor Poore — 15.45m 2, Matthew Rives — 8.93m 3, Brenton Siemons — 8.93m
Women’s triple jump — 1, Jadika Adams — 11.50m 2, Wordley Adams — 11.50m 3, Mary Mitchell — 10.83m
Men’s triple jump — 1, Antwon Stapleton — 14.58m 4, Geoffrey Danley — 13.48m
Women’s high jump — 5, Tracy Walker — 3.55 6, Ashley Ridings — 3.51m 7, Antwon Stapleton — 3.86
Women’s 60-meter dash — 1, Bianca Stuart — 7.55 2, Derrick Fisher — 7.21 3, Brandon Love — 7.13 4, Trenton McKinney — 7.14
Women’s 200-meter dash — 1, Tiffany Counts — 23.07 2, Jonathon Daniel — 22.85 3, Brett Brachear — 22.85
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Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered? E-mail de_editor@dailyegyptian.com

Men take first, women second at McDonald’s Invitational

McDonald’s Invitational Feb. 3 at the Recreation Center

STANDINGS
Men 1, SIU — 202 pts. 2, Memphis — 180 pts. 3, Austin Peay — 166 4, Jacksonville State — 150.87
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**Men’s Basketball**

**Salukis crack top 25**

SIU No. 21 in NCAA, earns first ranking in nearly a year

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

There are 336 in Division I men’s college basketball. This week, the Salukis can say they are one of the best 25 teams in the NCAA.

SIU penetrated the top 25 in the Associated Press Top 25 for the first time since Feb. 28, 2005, when it was ranked at No. 25.

“Salukis crack top 25” is riding a five-game winning streak, its latest performance this season with 14-3 points per game.

### Week 14 AP Top 25

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The next drive ended with another interception. The Bears’ Bernard Berrian was covered by a linebacker, but Grossman aired the ball to the Colts at the worst possible time. Nobody on the Bears could seem to tackle.

There’s no telling which of those was the most crippling. I just feel that if one of those things had been different, Chicago would be celebrating a Bears Super Bowl victory. The game was there for the taking, right up until the Desmond Clark drop on fourth-and-nine late in the final quarter. The turnovers and shoddy tackling are self-explanatory, but Benson adds another element to the offense — the element that kills the Colts. Anyone remember when the Houston Texans beat the Colts by eating up the clock and pounding them with Ron Dayne for 153 yards? Well, I like the Bears’ chances of doing the same thing with Benson instead of Dayne.

But when Benson got injured, suddenly the Bears had to try and beat Peyton Manning at his own game, only with Grossman throwing the ball 28 times. That’s bad news.

### Track and Field results

See SIU athletes performed this weekend, page 14