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Mayoral candidates raking in the dough

Professor: Spending may lead to higher voter turnout

Andrea Zimmermann DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 \$9,810, respective-

ly. 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 whatever 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, former 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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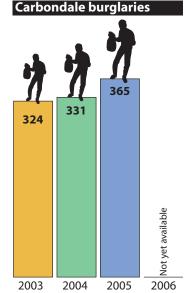


Danny Wenger DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 townspeople attribute in part to neglected housing and ineffective locks on doors.

Carbondale'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



Source: Carbondale Police Department Giorgos Maratheftis ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN



DAN CELVI ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sheena Neely, a second-year graduate student in music education, looks for magazines in the library on Saturday afternoon. The library is planning to cancel subscriptions to some material because of budget concerns.

Morris to cut journal subscriptions

Tight budget leaves no room for rising

increase for materials in the past six ment must cancel an equivalent years. At the same time, material prices

amount in other serials, he said.

Elizabeth Petre, a first-year doc-

with \$23,450 and **UITY ELECTIONS**

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. Grant said fines range from \$50 to \$750 a day.

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 available for students, renters and homeowners, he said.

Sandy Litecky, president of the Arbor District Neighborhood Association, said she encourages students in her area to get proper lighting, which is not required by city code.

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cost of materials

Sarah Lohman DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rising subscription rates and a nearly stagnant budget are forcing Morris Library officials to make some choices about the materials they offer.

The library will make some cuts to journal and serial subscriptions in order to balance the fiscal year 2008 budget, Dean of Library Affairs David Carlson said.

He said library officials are discussing what subscriptions will be cancelled.

The library has received a flat budget in recent years, said Susan Logue, associate dean of support services in library affairs.

Morris Library received a 3 percent budget increase last year, and Carlson said it was the only budget for the library have increased.

"The increases to subscriptions 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.

The deficit will be distributed among the departments on a percentage 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, adminis-

trators 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 depart-

toral student in speech communication and the president of the Speech Communication Organization, said she is concerned about the removal of the journals.

"It's just really frustrating because

I want to know there are certain things I can

count on," Petre said. She said the list her department got did not include all the journals she and other students depend on.

"We don't know if it's not up to be cut or if another department got it," Petre said.

Megan Farmer, a

senior from Shipman studying zoology, said she uses the library's journals every semester for zoology projects. She said losing a journal she uses regularly would be a small setback.

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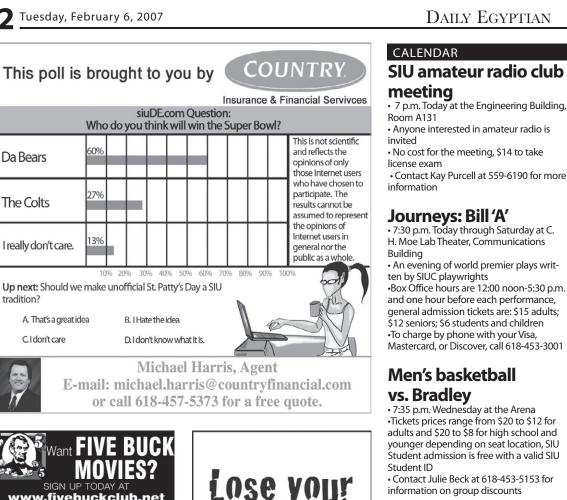
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NEWS BRIEFS

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USC kicker drunk when he plunged to death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Southern California kicker Mario Danelo was drunk when he plunged over a cliff to his death, but the coroner's office Monday was unable to say why he fell.

A toxicological report accompanying Danelo's autopsy report found he had 0.23 blood-alcohol level, nearly three times the legal limit in California.

The 21-year-old player was found Jan. 6 more than 100 feet down a rocky cliff in San Pedro. Police said from the outset that foul play was ruled out and his death was either an accident or a suicide.

The report also couldn't ascertain Danelo's state of mind before his death, but he "would have had to scale a wall to get to the strip of land before the steep drop of about 150 feet while under the influence of alcohol."

Danelo was a walk-on at USC in 2003 and received a scholarship two years later.

Missouri man accused of kidnapping was charged with forcible sodomy

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) — A Missouri man accused of kidnapping two boys and holding one for more than four years was charged Monday with forcible sodomy.

The charges were the first time authorities have openly accused Michael Devlin of molesting any of the children.

Devlin, a 41-year-old pizzeria manager, has pleaded not guilty to kidnapping charges. Last month, the search for 13-year-old Ben Ownby led authorities to Devlin's suburban St. Louis apartment, where they found the boy along with Shawn Hornbeck, 15, who had been missing since 2002.

Shawn was 11 when he vanished while riding his bike near his home in Richwoods. Ben disappeared after he got off the school bus in Beaufort on Jan. 8. A white pickup seen speeding away led police to Devlin, authorities said.

Lawyer withdraws from rape case involving **Bloomington policeman**

BLOOMINGTON, III. (AP) — The trial of a Bloomington police officer charged with four alleged rapes likely will be delayed after his lawyer withdrew from the case Monday, citing medical reasons.

Steve Skelton, attorney for Sgt. Jeff Pelo, said he would undergo surgery and a potentially lengthy recovery for a medical problem, which he described as serious but not lifethreatening.

Pelo, 42, was charged in July in a 35-count indictment that accuses him of assaulting three of his four alleged victims multiple times during one-night attacks, including 18 times during his last alleged attack in January 2005.

The 17-year department veteran has pleaded not guilty to all charges, including aggravated criminal sexual assault and stalking. Some of the charges carry prison sentences of up to 45 years.

Pelo remains jailed on \$1 million bond and is scheduled to appear in court again Feb. 26. He is on paid administrative leave and still collects his \$81,000 annual salary.

POLICE REPORTS

University

An attempted burglary occurred at noon on Friday at the Health Services Building. There are no suspects at this time.

A theft under \$300 of a backpack occurred at 2:20 p.m. Friday at Lawson Hall. Two textbooks in that were in the backpack have been recovered. There are no suspects at this time.

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

A theft over \$300 of a X-Box 360, controllers, I-pod and Nike sports bag occurred at 2:10 p.m. Saturday at Kellogg Hall 1st floor lounge. There are no suspects at this time.

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's issue of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the excerpted quote on page 14 should have been attributed to swimming coach Rick Walker. The $\operatorname{Daily}\operatorname{Egyptian}$ regrets this error.

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

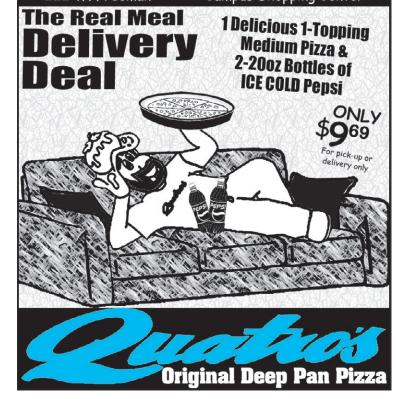
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Maya Angelou to visit university

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 "All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes."

"She carries an air about her that makes you want to get involved and want to listen," said Brigette Wiksten, an administrative assistant in the department of radio and television. "She knows what she's talking about, too."

She has garnered a fellowship

Spring lecture lineup

• The Future of Moderates in State and National Politics at 7 p.m. today at the Student Center Ballroom D

· Employing graduates with disabilities conference from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Student Health Center

• U.S. Rep. Art Turner at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Student Center Auditorium

• Barbara Flynn Currie at 7 p.m. April 2 at the Student Center Ballroom D

• Maya Angelou at 7:30 p.m. May 2 in the Student Center ballrooms

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 Diiie."

Angelou read her poem "On the Pulse of the Morning" at former 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 the 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



SAUL LOEB ~ MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

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.

politics," institute director Mike Lawrence said.

State Rep. Barbara Flynn Curie, 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 politician in Illinois, is scheduled for a Feb. 19 lecture.

"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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U.S. plans to make NYC flight restrictions

Changes come after Yankee pitcher's Oct. 11 death

Devlin Barrett THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Flight restrictions imposed around Manhattan after New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle crashed his single-engine plane into an apartment tower will be made permanent, according to new government documents.

by investigators.

"The pilot and owner was New York Yankee player Cory Lidle, and a California-based flight instructor was with him," the NTSB said, also identifying Stanger elsewhere as the "passenger/flight instructor."

Yet the agency does not spell out who was at the controls when it crashed, and due to the lack of data recovered from the plane, the NTSB may have trouble reaching a conclusion on that issue.

The issue of who was piloting the plane during the crash has major financial implications for Lidle's survivors. The life insurance policy Lidle received as a major league baseball player calls for a \$450,000 life insurance benefit and has an accidental death benefit of \$1.05 million.

The Future of Moderates in State and National Politics

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute Invites You To Attend



Jim Edgar (R)



Christine Todd Whitman (R)



Ben Nelson (D)

The plan for the rule change was revealed as the National Transportation Safety Board released papers Monday detailing its investigation of the Oct. 11 crash that killed Lidle and his flight instructor.

Included in the papers are toxicology reports showing that neither Lidle, 34, nor instructor Tyler Stanger, 26, had drugs or alcohol in their systems. The NTSB also found the airplane's global positioning device and cockpit display unit were too badly damaged by the fiery crash to reveal any information about the flight.

Lidle owned the Cirrus SR-20 plane, and had taken it for a midday trip past the Statue of Liberty and north up the East River. The plane apparently ran into trouble in attempting to turn around and head back south.

The NTSB's documents do not contain final conclusions about what caused the accident, but lay out the facts and evidence gathered

However, the plan — which applies to all big leaguers — contains an exclusion for "any incident related to travel in an aircraft ... while acting in any capacity other than as a passenger."

That could mean the Lidle family would not be eligible for the \$1.05 million.

After the accident, the Federal Aviation Administration temporarily ordered small, fixed wing planes not to fly over the river, which runs along Manhattan's East Side, unless the pilot would be in contact with air traffic controllers.

According to the NTSB documents, the Federal Aviation Administration on Dec. 12 "indicated that they would be proceeding with a rulemaking action to make the restrictions ... permanently effective."

Illinois Governor, 1991-1999

New Jersey Governor, 1994-2001

U.S. Senator - Nebraska via satellite

olls show the majority of Americans consider themselves to be in the "middle" when it comes to partisan politics. Yet, those on the extremes have a disproportionate influence when it comes to nominating presidential and statewide candidates in much of the nation.

As Joe Klein wrote in Politics Lost, "Both parties swan toward the extremes, since the extremists are the most adept at raising money and crowds, using direct mail, negative advertising, and the other dark arts of political consultancy."

Three highly successful political moderates - Republicans Jim Edgar of Illinois and Christie Whitman of New Jersey and Democrat Ben Nelson of Nebraska - helped influence national policy as governors in the 1990s. Today Nelson serves in the Senate, where he and several other moderates have formed a bipartisan bloc that has made a difference. The three of them, in a discussion moderated by institute director Mike Lawrence, will explore how a potentially powerful section of the American electorate can be energized and galvanized.

February 6, 2007 7 p.m. SIUC Student Center Ballroom D



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AUSTRIA

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, diplomats and officials said Monday. The move underscored Tehran's defiance of a U.N. Security Council ban on the program, which can be used to create nuclear arms.

Both the Iranian leadership and the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency had said recently that Tehran would start assembling the machines this month.

Iran says it wants to use the technology to generate nuclear power, but enriched uranium can also be used for the fissile core of nuclear warheads.

Speaking separately, a diplomat accredited to the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency and a U.S. official said that the two 164centrifuge cascades had been set up in recent days.

NEW YORK

Criminal charges filed in boating wreck that killed 20

QUEENSBURY, N.Y. (AP) — A cruise 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 and Capt. Richard Paris with failing to have enough crew members aboard the Ethan Allen tour boat when it flipped over in Lake George, sending its passengers into the chilly water. Paris was the only crew member aboard; state navigation law required at least two for the 47 passengers on board that day.

The charges are punishable by up to 15 days in jail and/or a \$250 fine.

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-term mayor filed a "statement of candidacy" with the Federal Election Commission, indicating that he would seek the presidency as a Republican.

Despite being immensely popular in national polls, Giuliani faces hurdles to securing the Republican nomination state by state. His moderate stances on issues such as gun control, abortion and gay rights do not sit well with hard-core social conservatives who are a crucial voting group in the nominating contests. His two divorces could be obstacles as well.

Bush sends Congress \$2.9 trillion budget plan

Martin Crutsinger THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON President Bush on Monday unveiled a \$2.9 trillion spending plan that devotes billions more to fighting the war in Iraq but pinches pennies on programs promised to voters by Democrats now running Congress.

Bush's spending plan would make his first-term tax cuts permanent, at a cost of \$1.6 trillion over 10 years. He is seeking \$78 billion in savings in the government's big health care programs - Medicare and Medicaid over the next five years, in part by increasing premiums for higherincome Medicare recipients.

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 for the first time in Bush's presidency, made clear that they have significantly different views on spending and taxes.

"The president's budget is filled with debt and deception, disconnected from reality and continues to move America in the wrong direction," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, the top Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, agreed with the bleak assessment of Bush's prospects of getting Congress to approve his budget.

Unfortunately, I don't think it has got a whole lot of legs," Gregg said. The president insisted that he had made the right choices to keep the nation secure from terrorist threats and the economy growing.

"I strongly believe Congress needs to listen to a budget which says no tax increase and a budget,



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Rep. John Spratt, D-SC, left, and Lloyd Doggett, D-TX, walk into the Cannon House Office Building with a copy of the fiscal 2008 federal budget in Washington .D.C., on Monday.

because of fiscal discipline, that can be balanced in five years," Bush told reporters after meeting with his Cabinet.

Just as Iraq has come to dominate Bush's presidency, military spending was a major element in the president's new spending request. Bush was seeking a Pentagon budget of \$624.6 billion for 2008, up from \$600.3 billion in 2007

Bush projected a deficit in the current year of \$244 billion, just slightly lower than last year's \$248 billion imbalance. For 2008, the budget year that begins next Oct.

1, Bush sees another slight decline in the deficit to \$239 billion.

To help achieve what would be the government's first surplus since 2001, Bush is proposing \$95.9 billion in savings in mandatory spending, the part of the budget that includes the big benefit programs of Social Security and health care.

Medicare, which provides health insurance for 43 million older and disabled Americans, would see the bulk of those savings - reductions of \$66 billion over five years. That would come about primarily by slowing the growth of payments to health care providers.

Of the Medicare savings, about \$11.5 billion would come from charging higher income Medicare beneficiaries bigger monthly premiums. Bush would seek to eliminate or sharply reduce 141 government programs for a five-year savings of \$12 billion. But many of those reductions he has proposed in past budgets — only to see them rejected by Congress.

Bush is also proposing to increase the maximum Pell grant, which goes to low-income students, from the current \$4,050 to \$4,600. Democrats are pushing for even larger increases.

Turner Broadcasting to pay city after hoax

Glen Johnson THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Turner Broadcasting Systems and a marketing company have agreed to pay \$2 million compensation and apologize for their advertising campaign that caused a widespread terrorism scare, the attorney general said Monday.

The agreement with several

a division of Time Warner Inc., and Interference Inc. also will issue a public statement accepting full responsibility and apologizing for the incident.

"Last week's events caused a major disruption in the greater Boston area on many levels - crippling public transportation, causing serious traffic problems, negatively affecting local businesses and perhaps most significantly, costing Boston and surrounding communities thousands of dollars," Coakley said. Turner issued a statement again taking responsibility for the "unconventional marketing tactic" and apologizing for hardships it caused for residents. "We understand now that in today's post-Sept. 11 environment, it was reasonable and appropriate for citizens and law enforcement officials to take any perceived threat posed by our light boards very seriously and to respond as they did," the statement said. The company said it was reviewing its policies concerning local marketing efforts and strategies to ensure that they are not disruptive or perceived as threatening. Authorities say two men were paid to hang the signs around the city. Peter Berdovsky, 27, and Sean Stevens, 28, have pleaded not guilty to placing a hoax device and disorderly conduct.

Arctic cold wave moves over northeastern plains

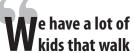
Roger Petterson THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A bone-chilling Arctic cold wave with temperatures as low as 42 below zero shut down schools for thousands of young-

sters Monday, sent homeless people into shelters and put car batteries on the disabled list

- 5 above zero at noon, up from 4 below - even closed its outdoor ice rink. "The irony is not lost on us," said city spokesman Brian Schwartz.

With a temperature of 12 below zero and wind chill of 31 below, Wisconsin's largest school district,



the risk.

Milwaukee Public Schools, also shut down, idling some 90,000 children. In upstate New York 34,000 kids

IRAQ

38 more civilians killed by bombers and gunmen

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Violence raked Baghdad Monday as an Iraqi general took charge of the security operation in the capital and Iraqi police and soldiers manned new roadblocks - initial steps indicating the start of the long-anticipated joint operation with American forces to curb sectarian bloodshed.

At least 38 people died in bomb and mortar attacks across the city Monday, 15 of them as they waited to buy gasoline when two car bombs blew up in quick succession in south Baghdad.

The violence was a sign of the difficulty facing the push that eventually will be able to call upon on as many as 90,000 American and Iragi troops and police in a third attempt to calm the capital in nine months.

state and local agencies resolves any potential civil or criminal claims against Turner and Interference Inc., said Attorney General Martha Coakley.

Authorities feared bombs had been planted when they found more than three dozen blinking electronic signs with a boxy cartoon character giving an obscene hand gesture Wednesday in Boston, Cambridge and Somerville.

The signs, part of a publicity campaign for Cartoon Network's "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," also appeared in nine other big U.S. cities in recent weeks, but created little interest. But in Boston, bomb squads responded to reports of the devices in a subway station, on bridges and elsewhere.

As part of the settlement, \$1 million will be used to reimburse the agencies and \$1 million will be used to fund homeland security and other programs. Turner Broadcasting,

from the northern Plains across the Great Lakes.

The cold was accompanied by snow that was measured in feet in parts of upstate New York.

"Anybody in their right mind wouldn't want to be out in weather like this," Lawrence Wiley, 57, said at the crowded Drop Inn Center homeless shelter where he has been living in Cincinnati. Monday lows in the area were in the single digits.

With temperatures near zero and a wind chill of 25 below, school districts across Ohio can-celed classes. "We have a lot of kids that walk to school. We didn't think it was worth the risk," Sandusky City Schools Superintendent Bill Pahl said. It was so cold that Toledo, Ohio

got the day off in to school. We didn't Rochester because think it was worth

of near-zero temperatures. Schools also closed in parts -Bill Pahl of Michigan. A

Sandusky, Ohio superintendent few schools closed

even in Minnesota, where February cold is the norm and people are accustomed to coping.

In northern Minnesota, the temperature crashed to 42 below Monday morning at Embarrass, 38 below at Hallock and 30 below at International Falls, the weather service said.

Veterinarian Wade Himes wasn't too concerned as he ate breakfast at the Shorelunch Cafe in International Falls.

"We get up and go to work, and people come and see us. I don't think anything changes that much. (You) just dress warm," said Himes, 69.

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 free, 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.

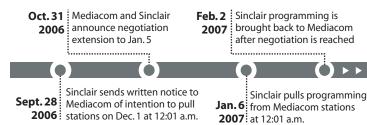
"I'm a college student," Novelli said. "I don't think I can afford that."

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



Nick Brimeyer ~ Daily Egyptian



Kelly McKibben, a second-year graduate student in ceramics, works on a bowl in the Student Center on Monday afternoon. McKibben is working on the bowl as advertisement for the Craft Shop in the Student Center, where she is the graduate assistant.

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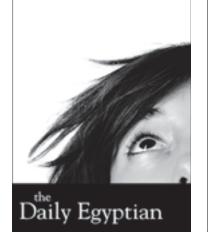


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OUR WORD

A plan without a means

IU President Glenn Poshard has a vision. He wants a university based on diversity, education and affordability.

He wants libraries, lecture halls and laboratories full of 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.

And he wants to see McAndrew Stadium rebuilt.

We applaud 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. \$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.

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 to 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.

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

THEIR WORD

NASA cuts endanger space efforts

other parts of the

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 The cut would

have played a valuable role in this country's economic growth be harder to fault and global competitiveness. And with the military impor-

tance of space growing, national were reserving the security also would suffer from a longer gap. Other countries, including Russia and China, are charging ahead with their manned space programs. NASA Administrator

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 if House leaders to pass a budget when they still had control on Capitol dollars for deficit Hill opened the way for Democrats to put together reduction, instead their own plan reflecting of steering it to their own priorities.

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.

budget. Michael Griffin has warned that his agency could lose much of its skilled work force if the interval between the shuttle's retirement and Orion's launch is too long. That's what happened in the

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

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.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

^{cc}Continue to be critical, because we need that.⁹⁹

John Dunn interim chancellor, discussing Poshard's goals for the university

Don't be scared of the health center

ANDY FRUTH

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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 all 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, you 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 most of you when coming into the clinic is to not walk in the door expecting to walk out with a miracle drug that will make you better. We all need to get over the mindset that when you get sick, doctors give you antibiotics and you'll feel 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 bursar bill (for those of you, like me, who run on a tight college student budget).

So in the words of writer Shel Silverstein, "If you have the measles and the mumps, a gash, a rash, and purple bumps, your mouth is wet, your throat is dry, you think your 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.

The Britney Spears culture

Michael Kleen GUEST COLUMN

In December 1981, Britney J. Spears came into this world in the deep southern state of Mississippi, born to working-class professional parents. In what seemed like a realization of the American dream, she appeared on Star Search in 1992 when she was only 11 years old and later joined the New Mickey Mouse Club with future boyfriend Justin Timberlake and fellow diva Christina Aguilera. Jive Records picked up her demo tape when she was 16 and

only a year later, she was singing "Hit Me Baby One More Time" dressed in a suggestively redesigned Catholic schoolgirl uniform in the halls of the same high school where the classic American movie "Grease" was filmed.

After selling 76 million albums around the world, starring in her own feature film and gracing the cover of hundreds of magazines, her career collapsed at the ripe old age of 23. A few months ago I sat and stared in bewilderment from behind my computer screen as Spears, two marriages and two children later, opened her legs to the paparazzi while giving them the thumbs up during a night on the town with Paris Hilton.

Then it occurred to me that the rise and fall of Britney Spears revealed the fundamental problems with American consumerism, from her contradictory roots as a Christian conservative, to her bubblegum sexuality, all the way down to the implosion of her personal life. The

pursuit of profit and the reduction of all value to performance in the marketplace have characterized our lives since the late 1950s, but my generation was the first to be baptized in the total submersion 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 clear-cut to grind and slice into raw materials. Britney Spears was not a human being to Walt Disney and her producer Max Martin. She was a product to be marketed, sold and subjected to

The Britney Spears culture transforms art into a commodity and makes human happiness reducible to the consumption of merchandise.

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 happi-

ness reducible to the consumption of merchandise. Britney Spears' music, like all popular art characteristic of this culture, appeals to the lowest common denominator for maximum marketability. But there are no redeeming qualities in this process. As revealed by Spears' tragic personal life, our consumer culture is destructive of human social relations, as the marketplace takes all precedence over every aspect of our lives.

Britney Spears unwittingly represents the very worst of American culture, but in the end, as her song says, "I'm a Slave 4 U."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Partying destroys SIU's image?

story is a student tossing up two Coronas, then so be it.

And yes, SIU is a party school. I refuse

don't! I believe in having a life outside of your studies.

I am a student at SIU who has a full urse load and is working two jobs. So on

DEAR EDITOR:

I would really like to applaud you on your editorial on Feb. 1. How dare those "finger pointers" blame you for doing your job! I absolutely love reading the DE. I think what director Todd Sigler and enrollment leader Carmen Suarez are failing to realize is that you are a newspaper. As a newspaper your job is to cover the stories, no matter what they are. So if the

believe that enrollment is low because potential students have an issue with that fact. I knew SIU was considered a party school before I even applied and look, here I am. The DE is great because it not only shows you the good of SIU, it shows the bad in hopes of making things better.

To Todd Sigler and Carmen Suarez, what exactly did you do when you were in college? Did you go to class then straight to your room to study everyday? Well I

the weekend, yes I party until I can't party anymore. Am I, too, destroying the SIU image? How dare you blast the DE for doing what you, yourself should be doing - giving students a voice so maybe things around here will change. And to you DE, congratulations on continuing to do what you do best, despite the criticism.

> L. Mo'Nique Kirkwood junior studying health care management

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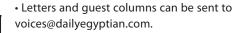
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DONATIONS

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Company Construction are among the donors on the most recent report.

Cole received \$1,000 from "good friend" Roger Claar, the mayor of Bolingbrook, and has added \$5,000 of his own money as well.

"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. very campaign

Simon has gotten her \$9,800 from her colleagues at SIUC, council hopefuls Elizabeth Lewin and Mary Pohlmann, Councilman Joel Fritzler 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 off her contributors because Illinois law requires only donations that exceed \$150 to be itemized. She said she is getting clearance from all of the contributors and plans to post all the names on her Web site.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa

"[Lighting] is encouraged, and

that's one thing that we encourage

students to do and contact their

Jane Adams, an anthropology

professor and member of the Arbor

District, said students in her area

north of campus are targeted more

"The homeowners are rarely

MORRIS

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landlord," Litecky said.

than homeowners.

Madigan was one of three people who threw a fundraiser for Simon in Chicago last month. Expect \$5,000 to appear on her next report with donors including Citizen Action/Illinois, a progressive advocacy group.

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 requirement 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 will put any more largest donation was \$150, she said. Holder said he has

— Brad Cole Carbondale mayor not raised anywhere near the amount of the other candidates.

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said.

"With limited funds, I haven't been able to get signs out there so

people know I am there," he said. The next reporting deadline is Feb. 13, but Cole has already submitted his, which covers Jan. 1 through Jan. 28. He raised \$6,180 in that time.

Spending on campaigns for

Carbondale mayor has increased dramatically in the last 15 years. Former Mayor Neil Dillard did not even disclose contributions on the state elections site until his race for a fourth term in 1999.

That race proved money is not always an indication of a surefire win. His opponent, Stix owner John Budslick, raised more than \$21,000, compared Dillard's \$8,800. Budslick lost 2,037-909.

Philip Habel, an assistant professor in political science, said it is a common assumption that large campaign contributions from companies and influential people can sway a candidate.

"I think one of the common claims that people have is that campaign spending would have an negative effect on democracy," he said. "The empirical evidence seems to suggest that is not the case."

Even though voters seem to be worried about increased levels of campaign spending, Habel said they are also more aware of the candidates. He said raised awareness can often lead to higher voter turnout, which could bode well for Carbondale's election.

"The idea is that elections with more money spent is correlated with higher turnout and some people see it as an indicator of better democracy," Habel said.

bothered," Adams said. "But the es must have locks on first-floor kids in their apartments, during windows and 1-inch deadbolts on breaks and even during the semesdoors. When students leave for vaca-

ter, they'll get ripped off." tions, Litecky said they should Adams said students are targeted more because they have newer inform neighbors and police. equipment, and they have poor home maintenance.

can do, they can let their neighbors "The maintenance of their know," Litecky said. "You can fill houses is often not good, so they out a form for the police departbecome easy to break into," Adams ment to tell them when you're gone and what lights will be on, and then City code specifies that housthey'll routinely check the place."

"There's a number of things they



Things to do in Greece and Egypt



Take a trip to Athens, Olympia and Crete to build sundials, reenact the trial of Socrates and perform an ancient play in an ancient theater.

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Giorgos Maratheftis ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sundials, mummies and philosophy

Ancient Legacies program takes students to Egypt, Greece

Ryan Rendleman DAILY EGYPTIAN

You too can become a mummy. This is just one activity students can take part in while visiting Egypt as part of the university's Ancient Legacies program, said co-director and philosophy professor Robert Hahn.

Nearly 1,500 people — including students, teachers and community members -have visited Greece or Egypt in the past 25 years as part of Ancient Legacies.

An informational meeting for this year's trips will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Ohio Room.

Hahn said students could earn credit hours by visiting Egypt or Greece for a two-week study abroad program.

He said the trip pushes participants to examine how societies dealt with life's hardest questions, and then participants can reexamine their own beliefs. The program also offers many chances to partake in ancient traditions.

When you're going traveling, think about what these ancient peoples knew," Hahn said. "When we discuss ancient astronomy and how anyone organized how the cosmos were structured, we're going to make sundials on the beach."

Hahn said the program is open to all. In fact, he said, several students have brought their parents. While this could be a turnoff to some, Hahn said it is a great time

who have loved you most all your life," Hahn said.

Nancy Ruff, an English professor at SIU-Edwardsville, said she has been to Greece and Egypt every year since 1999, when the program expanded to include SIUE. She also co-directs the program.

Her travels have allowed her to share her travel pictures with students and speak ancient Greek to her students, she said.

"I'm much more aware of how we can all use our senses to learn and how that makes it more fun and more appealing," she said.

Abdul Abulkhair, a junior from Saudi Arabia studying accounting and marketing, went to Egypt as part of Ancient Legacies in spring 2004. Even though he had been to the country five times, he said the university's trip was more informative because he learned how to read hieroglyphics and saw where different royalty was buried.

"I learned more in that one trip in two weeks than I have spending a month there," he said.

Abulkhair said he is traveling to Greece with the program in May and looks forward to learning about the culture and making more friends.

Hahn said \$10,000 in scholarships would be given to students for this year's trips — a first for the program. The two trips cost more than \$4,000 apiece.

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Farmer said she could still use Interlibrary Loan to get the articles. Interlibrary Loan finds other universities that have the publication and sends students a copy of the article. That process can take up to two weeks.

"I'm a procrastinator, so that would be bad," Farmer said.

Carlson said the library subscribes to more electronic journals than print, but the library can only cut the print journals because the electronic journals — which make up about 85 percent of the serials - can only be purchased as part of a package set.

"We're trying to move journals for which we may be getting print and electronic to just electronic," Carlson said. "That saves us some money."

Logue said the library saved roughly \$30,000 of the \$500,000 deficit this way.

Carlson said nobody wants to make these cuts, and the library would subscribe to more journals if they were affordable.

"I know it's not good and it doesn't feel good and nobody likes to go through this, but there are silver linings to this that are not readily apparent," he said.

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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.

weird

Stories far too strange

for Page 1

Mike Pingree

BOSTON HERALD



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.

> encountered another man outside the store who was applying for the same job, so he stabbed him.

1962: Guns N'

Roses singer

Axl Rose

Hold on sir, I'll be back

Police arrested 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.

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.

Mike Pingree is a columnist for the Boston Herald. Read a second "Looking Glass" column at www.pingreeslookingglass.com

Marathon.

Oh, darling, that breeze feels so nice

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

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,

1965: Comedian and actor Chris Rock

1969: Singer Bobby Brown

1974: Steve Nash 1978: Ashton Kutcher



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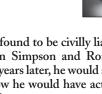
A man who has been receiving disability payments in England since 1994, claiming he needs roundthe-clock care, a wheelchair and two canes, was photographed by a TV crew running the London

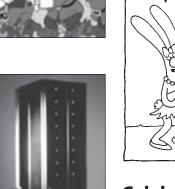
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that he "didn't see the problem."

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By Linda Black 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 a 7 - Your workload is increasing, though your paycheck's not getting fatter. Don't worry about that; it'll follow as you increase your skills.

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

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - 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.

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.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - You've probably finished most of the disagreeable tasks by now. Don't lose interest before the job's done, or you'll be in trouble again.

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.

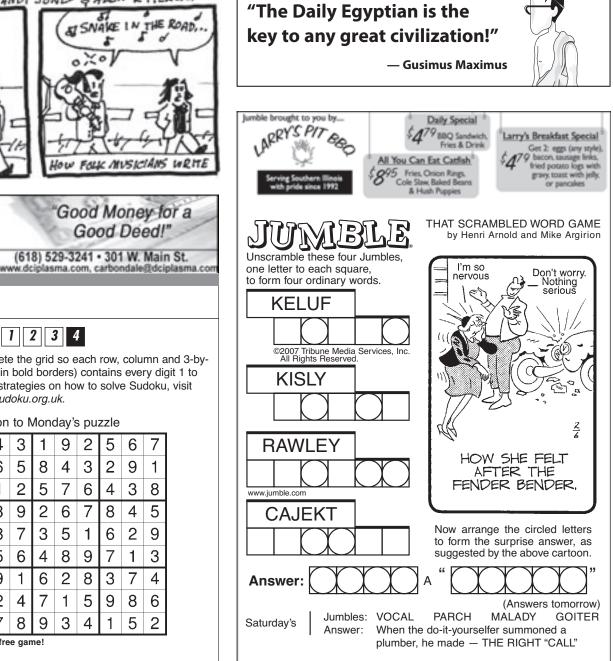
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - The person in charge of the money is feeling generous. If you're nice, which may not be easy, you could get a bonus. Don't make any jokes at this person's expense.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - You know where you want to go. Convince the others to help, and give them the credit when you arrive. This is definitely a team effort.

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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to finish second in the Missouri

Valley Conference according to the

MVC champion, is picked to win

the conference. The Salukis were

three points behind. The Redbirds

earned six first place votes while

The SIU softball team was picked

Illinois State, the defending





SIU softball picked to finish second

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 the All-Valley team as well.

Senior pitcher Cassidy Scoggins, senior catcher Amanda Clifton, junior third baseman Lauren Haas

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preseason coaches' poll.

SIU also defeated Wichita State 73-68 to open its conference schedule Jan. 1 at the SIU Arena. The Salukis are 10-0 at home this season, 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 standings, and Lowery has said all season that the most important thing is winning the MVC.

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 "Our league is at a level where toward the success of our season."

and junior outfielders Tiffanie Dismore and Krystal Stein made up five of the MVC's 13 players.

The Salukis begin their season Friday at the Jacksonville University Tournament with an opening round match-up against North Carolina-Greensboro at noon.

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Yet there was still a chance to win the next time Chicago had the ball. The offense was moving the chains, the Bears were gaining steam and I was gaining a little hope.

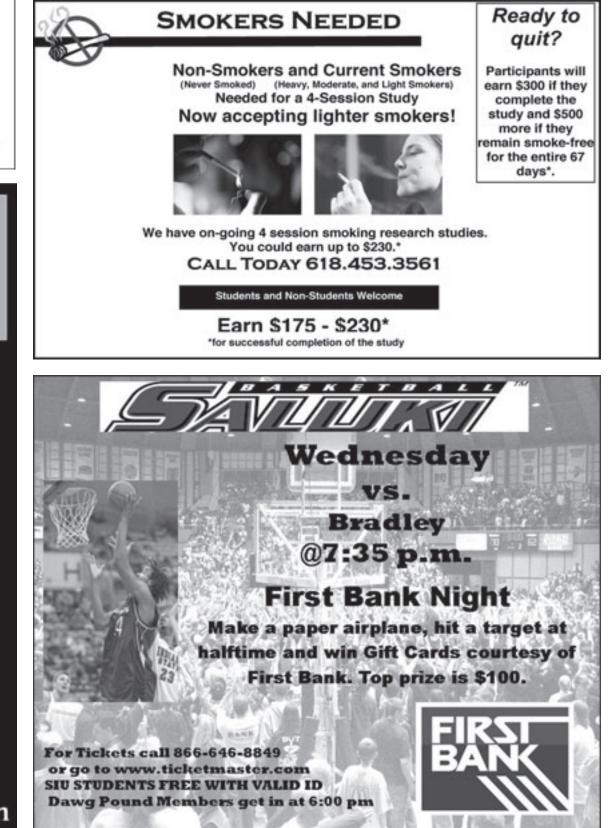
Then came Clark's drop on fourth down.

Game over. Until that drop, there was still a shot. This game had all the makings of the Monday night game against the Arizona Cardinals. The Bears had no business winning either game.

That was the difference for the Bears, obviously. They couldn't pull through in this one. Grossman could've been a hero, but too much went wrong and the Bears kept giving their opportunities to the Colts.

Ladies and gentlemen, your 2006 NFC Champion Chicago Bears.

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Saluki Insider

Brett Favre announced he will play in 2007, and on top of that said he would like the Green Bay Packers to attempt to trade for Oakland Raiders' wide receiver Randy Moss. How will Favre perform next season?



"Favre is still a quality quarterback in the league. Moss would be a good target for Favre.
Even if Moss does not end up in Green Bay, Favre should produce enough to keep the Packers somewhat competitive. He's not the quarterback he used to be, but he will put up solid numbers."

"I'd say about the same as he did this season, unless the Packers get Moss. I don't see how a player could dog it with Favre quarterbacking, and Moss would make Favre's job much easier. Personally, I hope this doesn't happen."





Former Saluki reliever Jason Frasor agreed to a one-year deal to remain with the Toronto Blue Jays. Frasor had a 4.32 earned run average and a 3-2 record for the Blue Jays. From 1996-99 at SIU, he recorded 278 strikeouts, which ranks him top-ten all-time.



"I'd love to see the Bears get a guy like Favre after seeing that Grossman disaster in the Super Bowl. He throws a lot of interceptions, but he had no one to shoulder the load on offense these past two seasons. If they get a guy like Moss, the Packers may give the Bears a run for their money in the NFC North."

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered? E-mail de_editor@dailyegyptian.com



TRACK AND FIELD 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 – 147
- 3. Chicago State 32 4. Saint Louis – 23 5. Lipscomb – 19

Women

- 1. Memphis 135 pts. 2. SIU – 118.5 3. Jacksonville State – 77
- 4. Austin Peay 42 5. Murray State – 20.5
- 6. Saint Louis 18
- 7. Lipscomb 14
- 8. Chicago State 8

Saluki individual standings

Women's weight throw — 1, Brittany Riley — 24.21m 5, Sasha Leeth — 16.08 7, Jasmine Matthews — 15.65m Men's weight throw — 1, Joe Mueller, SIU — 18.58m 3, Brenton Siemons 17.30m 4, Thomas Smith — 15.74m

Women's long jump — 1, Bianca Stuart — 6.19m 6, Judeka Adams — 5.25m Men's long jump — 1, Trenton McKinney — 7.23m 6, Geoffrey Daniel — 6.43m

Women's pole vault — 7, Amy Petty — 2.60m

Men's pole vault — 1, Brett Brachear — 4.45m

Women's shot put — 5, Brittany Riley — 13.43m 10, Sasha Leeth — 12.12m 12 Kirstin Smith — 11.17 Men's shot put — 2, Brenton Siemons

— 16.95 10, Trevor Poore — 10.04m 11, Matthew Rives — 8.93

Women's triple jump — 5, Judeka Adams



DuVale Riley ~ Daily Egyptian Blake Brachear, a senior studying physical education, clears a pole during the McDonald's Invitational Friday evening in the Student Recreation Center. Brachear placed first, vaulting 4.45 meters in the pole vault event.

Women's 60-meter dash — 1, Bianca Stuart — 7.75 **Men's 60-meter dash** — 4, Derrick Fisher — 7.12 5, Brandon Love — 7.13 6, Trenton McKinney — 7.18

Women's 60-meter hurdles — 2, Terry Counts — 9.21 6, Leslie Murillo — 10.35 Men's 60-meter hurdles — 4, Derrick Fisher — 8.66 6, Matthew Rives — 9.36

Women's mile — 2, Katie Birn — 5:09.57 5, Nefeteri Williams — 5:14.58 9, Sarah Rinker — 5:22.36 17, Tecora Duckett — 5:48.86 Men's mile — 4, Thomas Gentry — 4:29.32

Men's mile — 4, Thomas Gentry — 4:29.32 5, Tyler Bradford — 4:31.78 7, Jason Ordway — 4:33.60

Women's 400-meter dash — 2, Marquita Vines — 59.44 3, Kendra Deck — 59.71 11, Tracy Walker — 1:03.41 15, Jenny Bingman — 1:07.19 **Men's 400-meter dash** — 1, Sammy Biogs

Mueller — 2:24.55

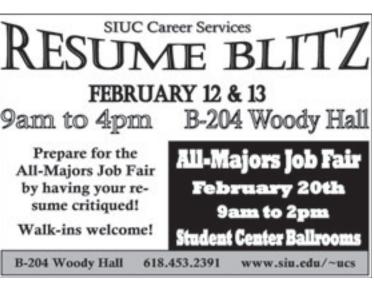
Men's 800-meter — 2, Greg McBride —1:57.26 6, Thomas Gentry — 1:59.36 7, Jason Brosseau — 1:59.49 12, Brandon Lukes — 2:04.84 17, Matthew Rives — 2:10.02

Women's 200-meter dash — 7, Terri Counts — 27.70

Men's 200-meter dash — 3, Brett Brachear — 22.86 5, Brandon Love — 22.88 7, Derrick Fisher — 23.07 8, Jonathon Daniel — 23.09

Women's 3,000-meter — 8, Amy Phegley – 11:05.72 14, Merry Lanker – 11:13.46 15, Brittany Whitelock — 11:14.00 **Men's 3,000-meter** — 2, Kyle Monroe — 8:54.59 7, Mark Bowman — 9:08.97

Women's 1600-meter relay — 1, SIU, Marquita Vines, Kendra Deck, A'Seret Dokubo, Nefeteri Williams, 4:01.21 5,



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Women's 800-meter — 4, Toni Whitfield — 2:18.99 8, A'Seret Dokubo — 2:22.09 10, Lindsay Wagner — 2:24.23 12, Brianna SIU, Tracy Walker, Toni Whitfield, Jenny Bingman, Brianna Mueller, 4:14.99 **Men's 1600-meter relay** — 2, SIU, Sammy Biggs, Jonathon Daniel, Brett Brachear, Antoine Jennings, 3:21.68 6, SIU, Jason Ordway, Thomas Gentry, Jason Brosseau, Greg McBride, 3:29.90



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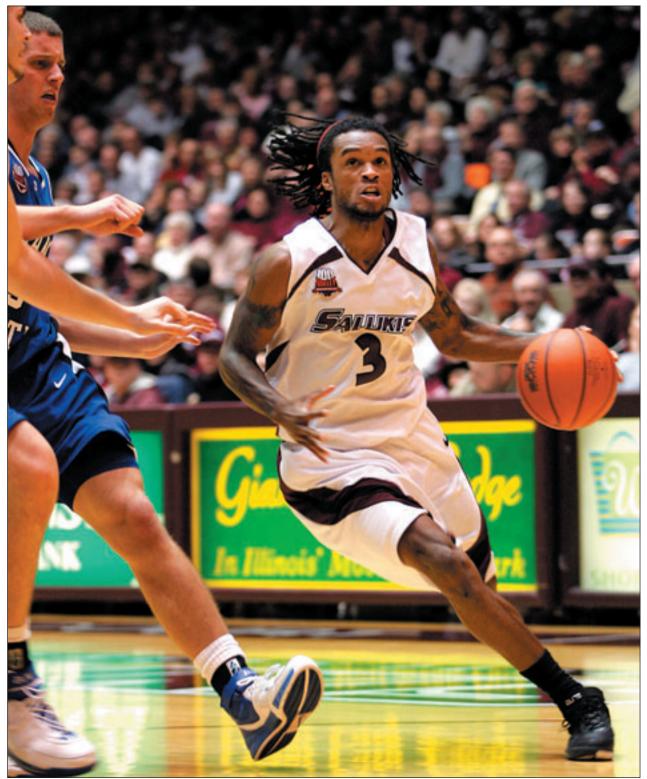
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Southern Illinois University

February 6, 2007

Men's Basketball

Salukis crack top 25



DUVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jamaal Tatum drives past an opponent during a game against Indiana State on Wednesday. Tatum is the Salukis' leading scorer this season with 14.5 points per game.





The Super Bowl had been over for two hours (score: 29-17, Colts), and I couldn't stop watching the Puppy Bowl on Animal Planet.

I couldn't help it. For some reason, it was strangely therapeutic just staring at the screen in between complaining about the Bears with my friends. The Puppy Bowl was my coping mechanism.

I've been unable to watch SportsCenter. I tried it, once, and caught the tail end of the Clippers-Raptors highlights. Then of course, it's back to Stuart Scott for more Super Bowl coverage. I saw the game. I know what went wrong.

Here's the short version: just about everything.

After Devin Hester's opening kickoff return for the touchdown and then Muhsin Muhammad's TD catch, it all went downhill. Cedric Benson got injured. Rex Grossman kept giving the ball back to the Colts at the worst possible times. 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.

Somehow the score was 22-17 after the third quarter and the Bears still had a shot, although it didn't seem like it. CBS kept showing stats which said the Bears were being dominated. I had been in a game-long battle with myself to keep my composure and not kick the deposit of six or seven cans on the table in front of me. In an effort to ensure getting his deposit on the apartment back, my buddy Rick had to remind me the deficit was only five. I muttered that I wished CBS wouldn't show the numbers anymore. Five seconds later, Grossman threw the pick that was returned for a TD. I didn't kick the cans. My hopes were deflated. It was no use. The next drive ended with another interception. The Bears' Bernard Berrian was covered by a linebacker, but Grossman aired the throw and Colt safety Bob Sanders picked it off.

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 poll for the first time since Feb. 28, 2005, when it was ranked at No. 25.

The Salukis (19-5, 10-3) sit at No. 21 in week 14 of the season.

"It's a nice reward for our players who have worked extremely hard to achieve this degree of success," coach Chris Lowery said in a press release.

SIU is riding a five game winning streak, its latest coming Feb. 3 in a 54-46 victory at Wichita State.

The Shockers were No. 8 in week seven, when they were 8-0 and had wins against George Mason, then sixth ranked Louisiana State and then No. 14 Syracuse.

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Week 14 AP Top 25	Week USA To
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Week 14 ESPN/
USA Today Poll
1. Florida (30) 21-2 774
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3. Ohio State 20-3 714
4. Wisconsin 22-2 662
5. North Carolina 20-3 631
6. Pittsburgh 20-3 624
7. Texas A&M 19-3 618
8. Kansas 19-4 518
9. Butler 22-2 510
10. Memphis 19-3 494
11. Nevada 21-2 450
12. Marquette 20-4 433
13. Air Force 20-3 388
14. Washington State 19-4 372
15. Oregon 19-4 351
16. Duke 18-5 282
17. Oklahoma State 18-4 219
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19. Alabama 17-5 144
20. Southern Illinois 19-5 132
21. USC 18-6 89
21. Notre Dame 18-5 89
23. Georgetown 16-5 76
24. Indiana 16-6 74
25. Texas 16-6 58

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