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# Spliced conductor kills power

**Richard Rauback, SIU Physical Plant worker, emerges from a hole, which was dug up to remove faulty wires that caused a power outage in five Evergreen Terrace buildings Wednesday night. It took 19 hours for Egyptian Electric to restore power to the buildings.**  
 DuVALE RILEY  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



## Evergreen Terrace residents left without electricity

**Barton Lorimor**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

An aged, underground cable between five university apartment buildings in Evergreen Terrace failed, causing power to go on and off throughout the day Wednesday. Brad Dillard, associate director of facilities for SIUC, said tenants of buildings 181, 183, 185, 187 and 189 reported power failure to the

University Housing office around midnight. A crew from Egyptian Electric and the SIU Physical Plant used heavy digging equipment to dig up a conductor in the middle of a grassy field among the powerless buildings that had been split. The conductor was a part of the wiring installed when the buildings were constructed. Dillard said it looked like the faulty conductor had undergone maintenance about 15 years ago. A worker from the power company said a spliced wire is "very uncommon." Syreeta Pondexter, a special education major from Chicago and resident of building 185, said her

apartment's power first went out at 2 a.m. for 10 minutes. Fifty minutes later, her power went out and did not come back until 7:30 p.m., she said. "I don't understand why it took so long to get the power back on," Pondexter said, who found the cold and darkness inconvenient for herself and her four-month-old baby. Residents were offered shelter with heat and electricity at the Recreation Center until power was restored, Pondexter said. A note on her building's door told residents the activity room in the area office was open for those affected by the power outage.

Evergreen Terrace is university housing for students with children, spouses or domestic partners. The complex was to receive \$1.3 million worth of maintenance from a 2006 Department of Housing and Urban Development grant. As crews began covering the repaired conductor with dirt, Dillard said he wanted to thank and congratulate them on a job well done. But the crew's response time was not pleasing to all. "This will be the last time I live here," Pondexter said.

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## Committee begins work on plagiarism procedures

### Group to design rules, procedures for SIU system

**Joe Crawford**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

A university group is beginning work this week to establish plagiarism procedures for the SIU system just a month after the university president revised his 1984 dissertation because of inadvertent plagiarism in the document. Lain Adkins, chairman of the committee to develop the procedures, said the 18-member group began discussing the issue on an Internet listserv this week. The group is aiming to submit its recommendations to the president's office before the end of the semester, Adkins said. "It's very much in its beginning stages," Adkins said of the committee's progress. Adkins said the committee was charged by SIU President Glenn Poshard's office to clarify the Working Guide for Plagiarism Policy, a document the committee composed last year when it had 10 members instead of 18. The group was also assigned to design plagiarism policies and adjudication processes for SIUC, SIU-Edwardsville and the SIU Board of Trustees, he said. The committee, which is composed of students and faculty from SIUC and SIUE, will split up by school to write the policies for the two campuses, Adkins said. Graduate School Director David Wilson said the school received the corrected version of Poshard's doctoral dissertation last month. Several faculty members, including English professor and plagiarism expert Gerald Nelms, reviewed the corrected dissertation before it was submitted to University Microfilm International, Wilson said. Dean of Library Affairs David Carlson said Morris Library received a copy of the dissertation, but it must be bound before it is put back on the shelf. A seven-member panel of

# Students encouraged to re-register before primaries

## Registration options still available for Super Tuesday

**Barton Lorimor**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Though recent history doesn't bode well for college-age voter turnout in Carbondale, an SIUC political professor said national trends might indicate an increase in student participation in the upcoming elections. The turnout of students eligible to vote in Carbondale has been disappointing in previous elections, said LeeAnn White, election supervisor

for Jackson County. The November 2006 gubernatorial election drew fewer than 400 ballots from voting precincts for students in the dining halls and Student Center. But John Jackson, a visiting political professor from the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, said the 2008 presidential campaigns of Barack Obama, Mike Huckabee and Ron Paul have caused a political involvement surge in young voters, which could be beneficial to those candidates in the primaries. "Illinois is going to play a large part in the primaries," said Larry Reinhardt, Jackson County clerk. "We hope students want to become a part of history and pick the next president."

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Ballot counting machines sit in the Jackson County courthouse where early voters can cast their ballots for the Feb. 5 primary election. County officials encourage students to vote.

Officials increase changes in Student Conduct Code.  
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POLICE REPORTS

Food was stolen from the Wham building's coffee shop between Friday 1:30 p.m. and Monday 7:30 a.m. There are no suspects at this time.

Lost or mislaid textbooks were taken from Bowyer Hall Monday between 7 p.m. and 7:30p.m. There are no suspects at this time.

Textbooks valued under \$300 were stolen from Abbott Hall between Dec. 19 and Tuesday at 2:45 p.m. No forced entry occurred and there are no suspects at this time.

NEWS BRIEFS

**Fire kills 2-year-old at home day care center**

CHICAGO (AP) — A fire at a home-based day care center in Chicago killed a 2-year-old boy, but five other children and a woman escaped.

No working smoke detectors were found in the house after the Wednesday morning fire.

Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said smoke prevented the day care operator from returning to rescue the child. The fire started in the basement of Porter's Playhouse and spread quickly, he said.

Firefighters found the boy under some clothing in a first-floor closet.

A battalion chief was taken to St. Francis Hospital and Health Center in Blue Island suffering minor smoke inhalation.

Neighbor Georgia Randle said she was driving by and stopped to help a woman she saw hurrying children out of the burning home.

She and the woman tried to find the last child, but the heat and smoke stopped them and she had to pull the other woman out, Randle said.

"It felt like I was trying to get to one of my own children," Randle said.

The Cook County medical examiner's office did not immediately release the name of the child.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services cited the home for three licensing violations in November, including a lack of working smoke detectors, said Kendall Marlowe, spokesman for agency in Chicago.

But Marlowe said the operator may have corrected that problem.

"The day care home was required to take prompt corrective action on all three violations," he said. "The fire department has confirmed that there were working smoke detectors in this home at the time of this tragedy."

**House approves amendment to give seniors free rides**

CHICAGO (AP) A key state legislative committee has voted to approve Governor Rod Blagojevich's proposal to offer free rides on mass transit to senior citizens.

The House Mass Transit Committee voted 16-5 Wednesday in favor of the free ride amendment that the governor added to a mass transit funding bill. Blagojevich has said he wouldn't sign that bill if legislators don't approve the free ride initiative.

Several committee members said they're angry at the governor for his last-minute addition to the bill. But they said they had no choice but to vote for it or risk forcing so-called "doomsday" service cuts and fare increases this weekend. The General Assembly is expected to vote on the amended bill Thursday.

**Fate of missing millionaire's estate pends judge's rule**

CHICAGO (AP) — Adventurer Steve Fossett's wife must take the witness stand before the missing millionaire can be legally presumed dead, a judge said Wednesday.

Fossett, 63, renowned for his trans-global balloon flights and other colorful exploits, vanished last September after taking off for a pleasure flight in a light plane from a small airstrip near Yerington, Nev.

Judge Jeffrey A. Malak told Peggy Fossett's attorneys, however, that he wants to hear testimony from her as well as some of the people who have searched for her husband before he rules on a request that Steve Fossett be legally presumed dead.

A long search found no trace of Fossett in the rugged Nevada terrain. Malak noted the National Transportation Safety Board already has issued a preliminary conclusion Fossett was killed in a fatal crash.

"This is the first step in the orderly administration of the estate," one of Peggy Fossett's attorneys, Michael LoVallo, said after Wednesday's hearing. He described the effort to locate Fossett and his plane as "probably the most comprehensive search that we know of that has ever occurred."

Peggy Fossett wants an order declaring her husband is presumed dead so she can transfer his estate, which contains substantial assets, into a trust. Fossett made millions of dollars trading futures and options on Chicago exchanges.

But Malak said issuing the order requires making an exception to state law that someone must be missing for seven years before he can be presumed dead. Malak said testimony he has requested might provide him with the substantiation he needs to make such a ruling, which he called "the fisherman's exception."

The veteran probate judge said he had made such an exception twice before and was sorry about it in one of those cases.

In the first case, he declared a man who set out to row a boat from the East Coast to Europe presumed dead. He said the man was spotted 300 miles off the coast of Ireland just before a major storm hit.

The man never was seen again. He said he coined the phrase "the fisherman's exception" in that case.

In the other case, Malak said, he declared a man presumed dead only to have a sheepish attorney appear before a few months later.

"He said, 'Judge, we have a problem,'" Malak said. "I said, 'What's the problem?' He said, 'We found him.'"

"Somewhere in the clerk's office there is an order I signed declaring someone legally alive," Malak chortled. He said attached to the order was a copy of a petition for divorce.

Malak told the attorneys to come back Tuesday at which time a date will be set for Peggy Fossett to testify.

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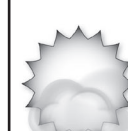

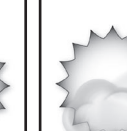
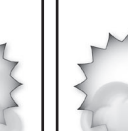


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# Mobile unit here today, new laws here to stay

Phases created for teen drivers have now taken affect

**Jakina Hill**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For students who can't make it to the Department of Motor Vehicles or who just want to avoid long lines, there may be a solution.

The Illinois Secretary of State's office created the Mobile Unit about three years ago to bring the convenience of the DMV to college campuses.

From 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. students and university faculty will be able to renew their driver's licenses and state identification cards, purchase their annual vehicle license plate sticker, or handle other transactions.

Jerry Prince, the downstate district field liaison for the Secretary of State, said they hope to help as many people as possible.

Prince said next year they hope to come to the school once a month, but it will take a while to get established.

"The first year is about educating people," Prince said.

If students cannot catch the mobile unit now, they will be back on campus on March 20 to offer the same services.

This is the second time the mobile unit has come to campus, but the first since the new Graduated Drivers Laws took effect on Jan. 1.

The new restrictions strengthen Illinois teen driver laws. Many of the existing laws have been revised but there are new additions.

Parental access to teen driving records is a new feature that allows parents to access their child's driving records while still maintaining the pri-



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**SIU Alumna Michelle Garnett (left) holds her one year old son Titus as he gives DMV employee Bianca Adams (right) a high five Wednesday afternoon.** The mobile unit will be at the SIU Student Center from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm today and will allow drivers to handle transactions in a more convenient manner than the traditional DMV experience.

vacy of the teen.

Henry Haupt, deputy press secretary for the Office of the Secretary of State, said there are multiple steps for the parent to go through to access their teen's records.

"Parental involvement is the key component," Haupt said. "Secretary White wanted to give parents a tool to help ensure their teens are safe drivers."

The process to obtain a driver's permit now has three phases. The first

includes many of the initial procedures and requirements. Major changes include the time a permit must be held an increase in three to nine months.

Haupt said the three-month requirement could mean the teen only drove in sunny weather conditions.

"Nine months allows the teen to gain critical driving experience through key weather conditions," Haupt said.

The second phase is the initial

licensing phase, during which the driver must maintain a conviction-free driving record for six months prior to turning 18 before moving to the full licensing phase. A traffic conviction during the initial licensing phase may extend restrictions beyond age 18.

The third phase is the full licensing phase, during which no age-related restrictions apply, except in cases where a driver fails to move from the initial licensing phase to the full licensing phase.

Jae Williams, a senior from St. Louis studying advertising, said he does not have a problem with the changes being implemented.

"The rules that they set out are for the best. They want to help the children protect themselves," Williams said. "However a lot of teens are probably going to be disappointed about that."

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## Safety first for move-in

Campus police try new measures to keep students safe

**Christian Holt**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kristina Lopez stood in the freezing cold with two friends who helped her move back into her Mae Smith dorm room.

Neither of Lopez's friends are students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale; however, both of them could move freely in and out of the residence halls Sunday.

The housing system normally requires students to use a magnetic key at all hours. Residents also must swipe an identity card between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 a.m. and visitors must have identification and be signed in at the front desk.

Visitors such as Lopez' friends and others were permitted to come and go as they pleased because the housing department decided to forgo the card-swiping security system normally in place for "regu-

lar" daytime hours during move-in weekend.

Beth Scally, associate director of university housing, said her department's reasons for unlocking the doors were justified.

"We always take into account convenience versus security and trying to find that perfect balance," Scally said.

She said she and her staff felt when there are so many extra people watching each floor, they had a good balance between ease and security.

Lopez, a sophomore from Batavia studying public relations, said the different security measures taken for move-in weekend were not a big deal.

Todd Sigler, director of the department of public safety, said he thought the housing department was only trying to keep move-in as convenient as possible for students.

Keys and sign ins aren't the only way the university works to keep its students safe on campus. Sigler said his department has established programs and features for students to utilize.

In the fall, SIUC police opened up the Night Safety Transit - a resource to give safe rides to stu-

dents - to males as well as females. The program was formerly called Women's Night Safety Transit.

Sigler said they plan to allow the changes to run for a year before making any permanent decisions. However, he said he was pleased with the response from male riders.

"I think we've got about a 40 percent male rider-ship," he said.

Sigler said in one four week period during the fall semester, the department saw an average of 35 riders per night. Due to the consolidation of two cars to one van, Sigler said the wait times have sometimes been a little longer than desired, but they still had an average of a 12 minute wait, which Sigler said he was pleased with.

Sigler also said the new lights at the Recreation Center help create a safer environment for students.

"If they feel safe, that's obviously a good thing," he said. "You don't want them to let their guard down though."

Sigler said, although his department does not have any new projects in store this semester, it would look at existing projects and maybe even projects for the near future.

When the library construction project gets closer to completion, Sigler said the department would look closer into projects such as parking lot expansion and extra lighting.

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## WIRE REPORTS

## NORTH CAROLINA

### FBI: Marine wanted in pregnant comrade's death said he would flee to Mexico

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A Marine suspected of killing a pregnant comrade told friends he would flee to Mexico to avoid being convicted of raping her, and investigators said Wednesday they are working with Mexican authorities to track him down.

A wide-ranging manhunt for Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean began last week, after authorities said he fled North Carolina and left a note in which he admitted burying the body of Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach, but said she committed suicide. The 20-year-old had accused him of rape.

Investigators found Lauterbach's burned remains, and those of her child, in a fire pit in Laurean's backyard and concluded she did not kill herself.

Court documents filed this week by the FBI state that Laurean, 21, told members of his Marine Corps unit he would flee to Mexico if it appeared he would be found guilty of rape. Laurean's wife also told authorities she believed he would head to Mexico if he was in trouble.

## WASHINGTON

### Republican hopefuls struggle for edge in uncertain race

WASHINGTON (AP) — The race ever more chaotic, four Republicans are angling for superiority in a fast-approaching presidential primary in South Carolina, a state known for rough-and-tumble politics and predicting the outcome of the GOP nomination.

Although Nevada holds caucuses Saturday as well, the spotlight is on the first-in-the-South primary; no Republican since 1980 has won the party nod without a South Carolina triumph.

"Truly anything can happen," Katon Dawson, the state party chairman, said Wednesday, hours after Mitt Romney won his native Midwestern state. "Michigan just shuffled the deck. It's a whole new game in South Carolina, and, with the undecideds, it can go any way."

The latest South Carolina polls show a close race. A flood of negative phone calls, hard-hitting mail and late-deciders could change that overnight.

Not even two weeks into voting, three candidates each have one major win thanks to three different constituencies, a reflection of a deeply divided GOP and the absence of an obvious successor to President Bush.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### McCain talks down critic of his 2000 opposition to Confederate Flag

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — John McCain on Wednesday sharply defended his opposition eight years ago to the flying of the Confederate battle flag over the South Carolina state capitol in Columbia, brushing aside protests that dogged him at campaign events and suggesting most people in the state don't want the issue reopened.

Several protesters aggressively waved Confederate flags at McCain's bus procession as it arrived for campaign events in Greenville and Spartanburg and passed out literature recalling McCain's April 2000 call for removal of the flag from atop the South Carolina statehouse.

The dispute became an issue in the 2000 presidential contest as McCain waged a losing battle in South Carolina against then Texas Gov. George W. Bush. The flag was subsequently moved and now is displayed elsewhere on the statehouse grounds.

McCain was confronted about the 2000 dispute at a town-hall style meeting by a questioner who said, "I'm one of the guys passing out the papers" and he believed McCain's position was wrong.

McCain said he "could not be more proud of the majority of the people of this state" who agreed the flag should be removed. Although the questioner, who identified himself as John William Hill, 51, of Charleston, got some scattered applause for his question, McCain's response produced a wave of applause that drowned out further comments from his critic.

Later, McCain told reporters, "I believe the issue has been resolved in the minds of the overwhelming majority of the people of South Carolina. You can tell from the crowd reaction. They don't want it reopened."

# Ex-congressman charged in terrorist conspiracy

Lara Jakes Jordan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A former congressman and delegate to the United Nations was indicted Wednesday on charges of working for an alleged terrorist fundraising ring that sent more than \$130,000 to an al-Qaida supporter who has threatened U.S. and international troops in Afghanistan.

Mark Deli Siljander, a Michigan Republican when he was in the House, was charged with money laundering, conspiracy and obstructing justice for allegedly lying about being hired to lobby senators on behalf of an Islamic charity that authorities said was secretly sending funds to terrorists.

The 42-count indictment, unsealed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Mo., accuses the Islamic American Relief Agency of paying Siljander \$50,000 for the lobbying — money that turned out to be stolen from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The charges paint "a troubling picture of an American charity orga-

nization that engaged in transactions for the benefit of terrorists and conspired with a former United States congressman to convert stolen federal funds into payments for his advocacy," Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Wainstein said.

Siljander, who served in the House from 1981-1987, was appointed by President Reagan to serve as a U.S. delegate to the United Nations for one year in 1987.

Calls to Silander's business in a Washington suburb went unanswered Wednesday. His attorney in Kansas City, James R. Hobbs, said Siljander would plead not guilty to the charges against him.

"Mark Siljander vehemently denies the allegations in the indictment," Hobbs said in a statement.

He described Siljander as "internationally recognized for his good faith attempts to bridge the gap between Christian and Muslim communities worldwide" and plugged the ex-congressman's upcoming book on that topic.

The charges are part of a long-running case against the charity, which had been based in Columbia,

**“For four years I have not seen a single piece of a document that shows anyone did anything wrong.”**

— Shereef Akeel  
IARA attorney

Mo., before it was designated in 2004 by the Treasury Department as a suspected fundraiser for terrorists. The indictment alleges that IARA also employed a fundraising aide to Osama bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks.

IARA has long denied allegations that it has financed terrorists. The group's attorney, Shereef Akeel of Troy, Mich., rejected the charges outlined in Wednesday's indictment.

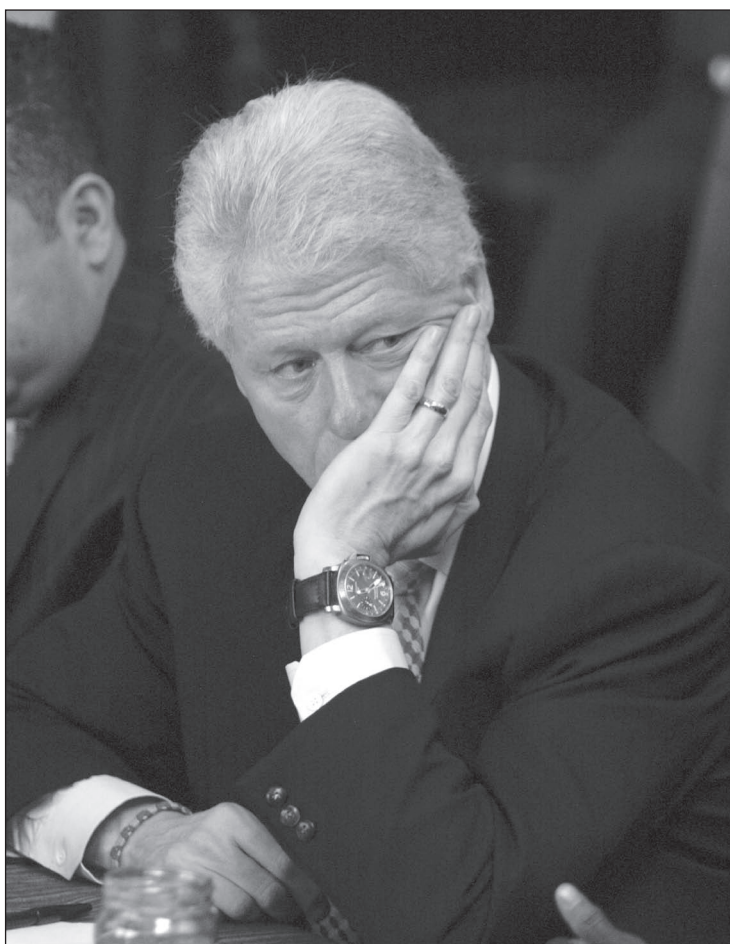
"For four years I have not seen a single piece of a document that shows anyone did anything wrong," Akeel said.

The government accuses IARA of sending approximately \$130,000 to help Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, whom the United States has designated a global terrorist. The money, sent to bank accounts in

Peshawar, Pakistan, in 2003 and 2004, was masked as donations to an orphanage located in buildings that Hekmatyar owned.

Authorities described Hekmatyar as an Afghan mujahedeen leader who participated in and supported terrorist acts by al-Qaida and the Taliban. The Justice Department said Hekmatyar "has vowed to engage in a holy war against the United States and international troops in Afghanistan."

Siljander was elected to Congress initially with the support of fundamentalist Christian groups, and said at the time he won because "God wanted me in." In 1983, he claimed that "Arab terrorists" planned to kill him during a pro-Jewish rally; the FBI and Secret Service said they knew of no such plot. Siljander attended the rally wearing a bulletproof vest.



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Former President Bill Clinton listens to audience questions during an appearance for his wife, U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, at a restaurant, in Oakland, Calif., on Wednesday. Hillary Clinton is in a tight three-way tie for the Democratic nomination in Nevada.

## Court battle could influence Nevada vote

Kathleen Hennessey

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — A last-minute federal court battle over caucus rules demonstrates just how important a tight three-way Democratic presidential contest in Nevada has become in the battle for momentum headed into Super Tuesday's votes.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards are in a statistical dead heat in polling here before Saturday's caucuses. And Nevada's sizable blocs of Hispanic, union and urban voters could provide an indicator of where the race is headed on Feb. 5, when hundreds of delegates will be awarded in states with significant minority populations.

By contrast, Republican candidates have stayed away from the diverse electorate and unfamiliar electoral landscape as Nevada voters weigh in earlier than ever before.

No major GOP candidate has set foot in the state for two months, and some Republicans are bracing for a possible surprise first-place showing by long-shot Texas Rep.

Ron Paul, the only Republican to broadcast TV ads in Nevada.

At issue in a federal court hearing Thursday is whether Democratic caucuses will be held in nine casinos along the Las Vegas Strip. The special locations were designed to make it easier for housekeepers, waitresses and bellhops in the state's biggest industry to caucus at midday near their jobs rather than returning home to neighborhood precincts.

The rules were unanimously approved by the state Democratic party last March and ratified by the Democratic National Committee in August.

But last Friday, six Democrats and a teachers union, which has ties to the Clinton campaign, sued to shut the sites on grounds they allocate too many delegates to one group. Of roughly 10,000 delegates to Nevada's presidential nominating convention, more than 700 could be selected at casino caucuses, depending upon turnout, which could make them more valuable than some sparsely populated Nevada counties, the lawsuit said. Four plaintiffs are on the committee that approved the sites.

## Lawmaker says tapes were destroyed over objections

Pamela Hess

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The CIA official who gave the command to destroy interrogation videotapes apparently acted against the direction of his superiors, the top Republican House Intelligence Committee member said Wednesday.

"It appears he hadn't gotten authority from anyone," said Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., speaking to reporters after the first day of closed testimony in the committee's investigation. "It appears he got direction to make sure the tapes were not destroyed."

Hoekstra said that raises the troubling prospect that there's a thread of unaccountability in the spy culture.

"I believe there are parts of the intelligence community that don't

believe they are accountable to Congress and may not be accountable to their own superiors in the intelligence community, and that's why it's a problem," he said.

Hoekstra spoke after the CIA's acting general counsel, John Rizzo, testified behind closed doors for nearly four hours as the first witness in what committee officials have said will be a long investigation.

"I told the truth," Rizzo said in a brief appearance before reporters.

The man at the center of the controversy, Jose Rodriguez, had been scheduled to appear Wednesday, but his lawyer's demand for immunity delayed his testimony. Rodriguez was the head of the CIA's National Clandestine Service, the CIA branch that oversees spying operations and interrogations. He gave the order to destroy the tapes in November 2005.

**“If you look at the documents, you get very close to a direct order (not to destroy the tapes) without it being, 'Jose, you're not going to do this.'”**

— anonymous congressional official

The tapes, made in 2002, showed the harsh interrogation by CIA officers of two alleged al-Qaida terrorists, both of whom are known to have undergone waterboarding, which gives the subject the sensation of drowning.

The White House approved waterboarding and other "enhanced" techniques in 2002 for prisoners deemed resistant to conventional interrogation. The CIA is known to have waterboarded three prisoners and has not used the technique since 2003. CIA Director Michael Hayden prohibited it in 2006.

A congressional official who

spoke on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation said the document trail the committee is following strongly suggests Rodriguez knew destruction would be against the advice and wishes of his superiors.

"If you look at the documents, you get very close to a direct order (not to destroy the tapes) without it being, 'Jose, you're not going to do this,'" the official said.

The official said the committee will try to determine whether any CIA officials suggested "with a wink and a nod" that the tapes should be destroyed.

# From border patrol to Carbondale police



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**Four-year-old Madison Haldeman (right) expresses her age** to Officer Christina Stange (left) of the Carbondale Police Department while mother Kathy Haldeman (center) looks on before the Carbondale City Council meeting Tuesday night. Madison Haldeman held an engraved Bible for Officer Stange while she was sworn in as Carbondale's newest police officer.

## Police welcome experienced officer to community

**Lydia Bargielski**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Christina Stange's 3-year-old son, Matthew, thinks he might want to follow in his mom's footsteps — that or be a baseball player.

Officer Christina Stange was initiated into the Carbondale Police Department at the City Council meeting Tuesday.

"I grew up always wanting to do some kind of police work," Stange said. "Whether it be federal, state or community... I always wanted to be in law enforcement."

Stange was previously stationed in Willcos, Ariz. for nine months working for the Border Patrol after living in Chicago.

Being a Border Patrol agent, she

said she focused on immigration, naturalization and drug law violations. She said police work is different because it focuses on traffic, ordinance and criminal Illinois statute violations.

Stange said she did not know anyone in the police department prior to transferring but since she has started training she has met many friendly coworkers.

Stange was born in Normal but said she moved around a lot when she was younger and many of her

family members live in southern Illinois.

Jan Cleveland, Stange's cousin and teacher, said their family is very excited to have her in southern Illinois.

"I think Carbondale is lucky to have her," Cleveland said. "She's a great officer and is very diligent and dedicated to her work."

Cleveland said Stange brings more qualities than just being a good police officer to the force. When Stange went out on patrol with

another officer, they picked someone up who only spoke Spanish. Stange is bilingual and was able to assist.

"We are very happy that she is joining us," said Deputy Police Chief Calvin Stearns, who is sitting in for Police Chief Bob Ledbetter while he is on vacation. "She brings valuable experience from working Border Patrol."

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THEIR WORD

## Obama and Clinton spar

McClatchy-Tribune

How can we not talk about race and gender? Barack Obama is trying to become the nation's first black president. Hillary Clinton wants to be the first woman to win the job. Race and gender shouldn't dominate voters' assessments of the two front-running candidates for the Democratic nomination. But it would be silly to pretend that those factors will play no role in this historic campaign.

They will, and that means that tender sensibilities will sometimes be offended. Rack it up to growing pains, as the pool for potential presidents is expanded. White men have long had a lock on the job. Moving beyond that exclusionary past is a sign of social and political maturity. But such momentous change doesn't come without controversy.

One flap arose recently when Clinton said that the Rev. Martin Luther King's dream only began to be realized when President Lyndon Johnson passed the Civil Rights Act. It was, no doubt, a comment on the value of presidential leadership, as the Clinton camp said. It's a good bet she didn't intend to alienate blacks, a key Democratic voting block. That would be political suicide, and Clinton is not given to self-immolation. But she did touch a nerve.

Many blacks are offended by the

suggestion that, despite the marches and beatings, arrests and deaths, civil rights gains were somehow handed to them by benevolent whites. Obama touched a nerve, too, when he said recently, and rather dismissively, that Clinton is "likable enough," which some saw as a gender-based dig.

Clinton and Obama each have to maintain a tricky balance. If Clinton is seen as too feminine, she risks losing male voters who might decide she isn't strong enough to lead the nation. But she can't run away from the fact that she embodies the hopes of a lot of women who want a female candidate who's different from the men she's campaigning against.

As for Obama, he will no doubt lose some white supporters if he dwells on his race, or on issues closely identified with blacks. But he'll lose black supporters if he plays down race too much and sidesteps those issues.

Those minefields aside, it's encouraging that a lot of men and women of all races appear to have moved beyond identity politics and are simply trying to decide who would make the best president.

*This editorial appeared in Newsday on Tuesday.*



STUDENT COLUMN

## A belated introduction, a continuing mission

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Welcome back, Salukis. I can only hope you had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends, as well as a much deserved break.

I began my column midway through last semester, and in the interest of diving right in I did not properly introduce myself. I also neglected to outline to you what I intended to do within these pages. As it is the New Year, I feel that now is the right time to do both, as they are linked to a better understanding of the path I wish to walk with you.

To know where we are headed I think it is helpful to know what direction I came from. I spent 10 years in Army uniform, and I recently returned from Germany, having lived there for three and a half years. I worked there as a Department of the Army civilian, helping families of deployed soldiers.

I lived there with my wife of five years

(when she wasn't in Iraq during her two tours there). She is an SIU alumna and earned her commission in the Striking Saluki Battalion. She is a captain now, and five months into her two year tour in Kuwait. Smart, kind, determined and tough, I know of no better representative of our Saluki spirit than her.

We have had former Salukis and others who know of SIU from Germany to Kuwait, Georgia and elsewhere, come up to us to talk of the wonderful experience of our school and surrounding area — make no mistake, SIU is a well known school. That bit of history out of the way, let me move to the here and now.

While you can imagine from my military and government service, as well as my previous articles that I have conservative leanings, (I do), in reality I am an independent. I cannot, nor will not, support a party's broad platform simply because of some irrational sense of duty to that particular party.

I can't compromise on ethical conduct,

nor will I allow for trade offs in regard to morality.

And I refuse to abandon the fundamental ideology that gave birth to this great nation — freedom. Individual freedom, social and religious freedom, concepts that in today's society are misunderstood, reinvented or even ignored.

I firmly believe that to align oneself with a particular party and to vote with blindness on issues simply because that person represents your party is to compromise, to trade off and to abandon those principles that were instrumental in placing America into its current position on the world

stage (I have already addressed the wisdom of that position in a previous article that can be found on the DAILY EGYPTIAN Web site, [www.siuDE.com](http://www.siuDE.com)).

That said, as the semester begins and we embark on this next round of learning and understanding, I hope you will allow me to take you along a path rarely traveled in this modern, politically correct era — the path of openness and honesty. The path can lead

to a more fundamental notion of freedom, of truth, of one's duty to nation and fellow citizens.

Let's see if we can't gain a better understanding of the issues of equality and fairness between the genders, and among the races and cultures. It is likely some frank discussion of certain topics will stub some toes along our path, but don't worry. It will be OK.

In our society, we're not used to walking the rugged trail. We would rather take the sidewalk. Together we will cover some rough ground, but please keep in mind that for us to see more clearly, for us to grow during our travels, this cannot be a one-way discussion.

Your opinion is important to me and everyone else who decides to walk with us. The debate, the discourse, is essential to the journey. You owe it to your fellow travelers to make your opinion known, whether you agree or disagree. We want to hear from you.

We need to hear from you so that we have a chance to end our journey with a better understanding of issues that impact us all, and not to end up right back at the beginning of the trail.

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Francis Lunn  
a general manager at Fulbright Securities in Hong Kong  
blaming the U.S. for the drop in global markets due to speculation of an American recession

## GUEST COLUMN

# Sobs, gulps and a few long sighs: Democrats articulate their views

**Dick Polman**  
McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

From the next Democratic debate in Las Vegas:

"It's truly wonderful to be back in this beautiful state," said Hillary Clinton, "and as I think about the natural splendor of Sunrise Mountain, just to the east of this marvelous city, and how every new morning announces itself above the mountain's highest peaks, well, it just (choke) always moves me deeply. I really just (choke) ... I'm sorry, may I have a moment here?"

"Speaking of being moved," Barack Obama quickly interjected, dabbing his eyes with a hankie, "I keep thinking how the pioneers

who traveled across this valley more than a century ago were actually spreading the promise of America, the same promise (gulp) that compelled my Kansas mother and Kenyan father (intake of breath) to inspire their son to, to, to ... (head bowed)"

"I am so moved by my own personal story as well," said John Edwards, seizing the opening, "because my daddy was a mill worker – have I mentioned that? – and he worked so very hard ... um ... (biting lip) ... to give me a better life (long sigh), but this is not about me, this election is about all of you out there, and I want you to know how much ah feel your pain (loud gulp) ..."

"Just a moment there," said Clinton. "It upsets me (teary

grimace) to hear you appropriate one of my husband's lines. And I wish the two of you would stop making fun of me, because speaking as a woman, (louder gulp) we are tired of hitting our heads on the glass ceiling, I mean, the injustice of it ... (anguished swallow) ..."

"Hillary," Obama admonished, "I would suggest to you that the travails of African Americans (muted sob) have been the greater injustice, if for no other reason

than that they were brought to America in chains (sorrowful swallow) ..."

"As women, our chains were invisible. Blacks got the vote after the Civil War, while we women (louder sob), regardless of race, were denied the vote until 1920. ... Excuse me. Does anybody here have a Kleenex?"

"Not a chance," said Edwards. "Kleenex is a trademarked product of a big corporation, Kimberly-Clark, and I have been fighting and beating the big corporations mah whole life (shoulders heaving, dabbing his eyes with his tie)."

"... "That's enough, all of you," the moderator interrupted. "Fine," said Clinton. "I'll reschedule my wracking sob for the closing statement."

"Tell ya what, John," said Obama, turning to Edwards, "I'll lend you my hankie if you lend me your eyedrops."  
"Done."

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## STUDENT COLUMN

# The treaty to end all peace

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So, you want to get into the angry bear pen alone, unarmed, with your hands tied behind your back? Really?

You want to take the gun away from the commander of the firing squad and place the weapon into your own hands, so that you can feel the smooth metal of the pistol before you pull the trigger and shoot yourself? You want to charge the armed tank with your sturdy water pistol at your side?

Well, I think it's stupid. But I guess I don't know much about politics.

I got home just in time to catch the last few sentences of the Republican debate in New Hampshire and was lucky enough to have a full earful of the Democratic debate. It provided more than one laugh, and a chance to pick apart an argument.

One question that ABC News mediator Charlie Gibson asked regarded a possible nuclear attack by another country. This concerns me, so I was interested to hear the Democratic response. Obama was first to answer.

His answer struck me as the most interesting, especially regarding how he worked in other motives with fighting terrorism. He stated that given his experience in the Senate, he would recommend reviving the "nuclear proliferation strategy."

That is a big, fancy term for destroying our nuclear weapons for the so-called good of society. The thought process seems to be that if one country begins to destroy its nuclear weapons, then the world will magically follow suit. It is like follow-the-big-brother syndrome. Unfortunately, the strategy does not plan for countries that refuse to follow the leader, and continue to hold on to their weapons. This would make the few who held on to their weapons very powerful; so powerful that they just may be able to hold sway over the larger countries such as the United States, which made a stand for "change."

It reminds me of a similar claim

by anti-gun advocates who insist that more gun regulations equal fewer guns for the bad guys. What they don't learn from history is that when you take away weapons from the good guys, the bad guys always find a way to keep theirs — and even make progress advancing their stockpile.

Obama did not just pull this strategy out of thin air. To give you a bit of history, let's go back to 1968. That was when Washington, London and Moscow signed the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. The treaty was ratified by the U.S. Senate in 1969, and entered into force in 1970. The treaty called for countries with nuclear knowledge to share this knowledge with the rest of the world for peaceful purposes only. It also called on these now-armed countries to gradually destroy their supply of nuclear weapons.

This treaty has been the basis for all dealings with nuclear weapons as far as the United States is concerned. So, if this treaty is close to its 40th birthday, why haven't we heard more about it? I always assumed such ludicrous bills and treaties got stuffed into congressional closets along with other skeletons. However, time has proven that given the right situation and people, anything can come to light.

I am not saying that Obama believes in total disarmament. I should hope no one would believe that, given the world that we live in. He just has the idealistic notion that destroying some of our nuclear weapons will benefit us in the long run.

Back to the debate. The question asked how to protect the United States from nuclear attacks. In response, Obama made it clear that, were he elected, there would be fewer means of defense. He would revive the 40-year-old treaty and begin destroying our only true method of self-defense.

Sure, our military might still have their rifles and maybe even their machine guns, if we're lucky, but not any weapon that would make our enemies think twice about attacking us.

There goes the United States, struggling to hold on to something, anything, while a little country with some nukes pushes it around.

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# Committee turns over code review

## Student Conduct Code revisions enter final steps

**Madeleine Leroux**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After almost a year, the review of the university's Student Conduct Code is finally near completion.

The nine-person committee in

charge of reviewing and revising the code gave a copy of its draft to Chancellor Fernando Treviño's office just before the break, said committee chair Paul Sarvela. Sarvela, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, said the code is still reasonably far from being finalized.

"I would probably say in the next couple of months we'll get it all wrapped up," Sarvela said.

According to Sarvela, decisions on the conduct code are now up to

the chancellor, who will then pass the proposal to an executive committee before it goes to the office of SIU President Glenn Poshard. Each will give their feedback on the proposed changes and return the proposal to the original committee.

Terry Huffman, director of Student Judicial Affairs, said some changes in the conduct code were made to incorporate institutional values, and cited the inclusion of the Saluki Creed to the conduct code.

"We went to a value-based code," Huffman said.

The Saluki Creed, available at the Student Affairs Web site, pledges Salukis to uphold the ideals of SIUC.

Huffman said other changes to the code include moving sections around and breaking them down to make them easier to read and understand.

"There were changes that ranged from general procedures and proceedings to the general wording of the code," Sarvela said.

But Carbondale attorney

Richard Fedder said he knows the code better than most and Student Judicial Affairs takes too many liberties in following it.

"The Student Conduct code uses clever words to pretend that it's protecting students' rights and it doesn't," Fedder said. "It is highly unfair on many points."

Fedder said students cannot trust the university to give them full protection when Student Judicial Affairs allows rules to be reinterpreted to their own liking.

"The question is this: Do you think it's okay for the university to arbitrarily throw you out of school if they feel like it? And I hope every student says no," Fedder said.

According to Huffman this was the first time Student Judicial Affairs asked for student input on the code revisions and there should be no surprises when it comes to the final changes. Sarvela and Huffman said, though it is not possible to please every student with the code revisions, all viewpoints were included to improve the code.

"It will not be the perfect code

and not everyone will be happy," Sarvela said. "I think, in the end, we will have a better code."

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### Committee turns over code review

- October 2006: Seven SIUC students accused of beating a fellow student were expelled due to procedures outlined in the Student Conduct Code
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**As a Saluki, I pledge to become a center of order and light.**  
I will respect the rights and property of others. I will know and understand the ideals and values of this community of scholars and will strive to incorporate them in my daily life. I will fulfill my responsibility as a citizen-scholar by striving to make this campus and community a better place.

## PROCEDURE

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SIUC faculty leaders reviewed Poshard's dissertation and its source material following anonymous claims in August that Poshard plagiarized portions of the document. In October the panel released a report that stated Poshard committed "inadvertent plagiarism" and should correct his mistakes.

Poshard did not return two messages for comment on the issue, but SIU spokesman Dave Gross said the president spent a considerable amount of time fixing the paper.

"It was important that he take the time and do it right," Gross said.

After the review committee recommended he make the corrections in October, Poshard

### Plagiarism at SIUC

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said in an interview with the Southern Illinoisan he expected the corrections would take about an hour to complete.

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## Simpson's bail doubled for breaking terms

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LAS VEGAS — Hands cuffed at his waist and a defeated expression on his face, O.J. Simpson listened to a judge blister him Wednesday for "arrogance or ignorance or both" for breaking bail terms in a robbery case.

"I don't know, Mr. Simpson, what the heck you were thinking, or maybe that's the problem — you weren't," Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass lectured as she doubled his bail to \$250,000.

Simpson's attorney, Yale Galanter, told The Associated Press in an e-mail late Wednesday that bond had been posted and that Simpson was expected to be released from jail within hours.

Galanter had earlier said Simpson would post the deed to his home.

The former NFL star had been ordered to have no contact with co-defendants or witnesses after he was freed on bail in September on charges of orchestrating the armed robbery of two sports memorabilia dealers at a hotel room.

Wednesday's brief custody hear-

ing was called because Simpson mentioned co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart while leaving a sputtering, foul-mouthed phone message two months ago for his bail bondsman, Miguel Pereira of You Ring We Spring.

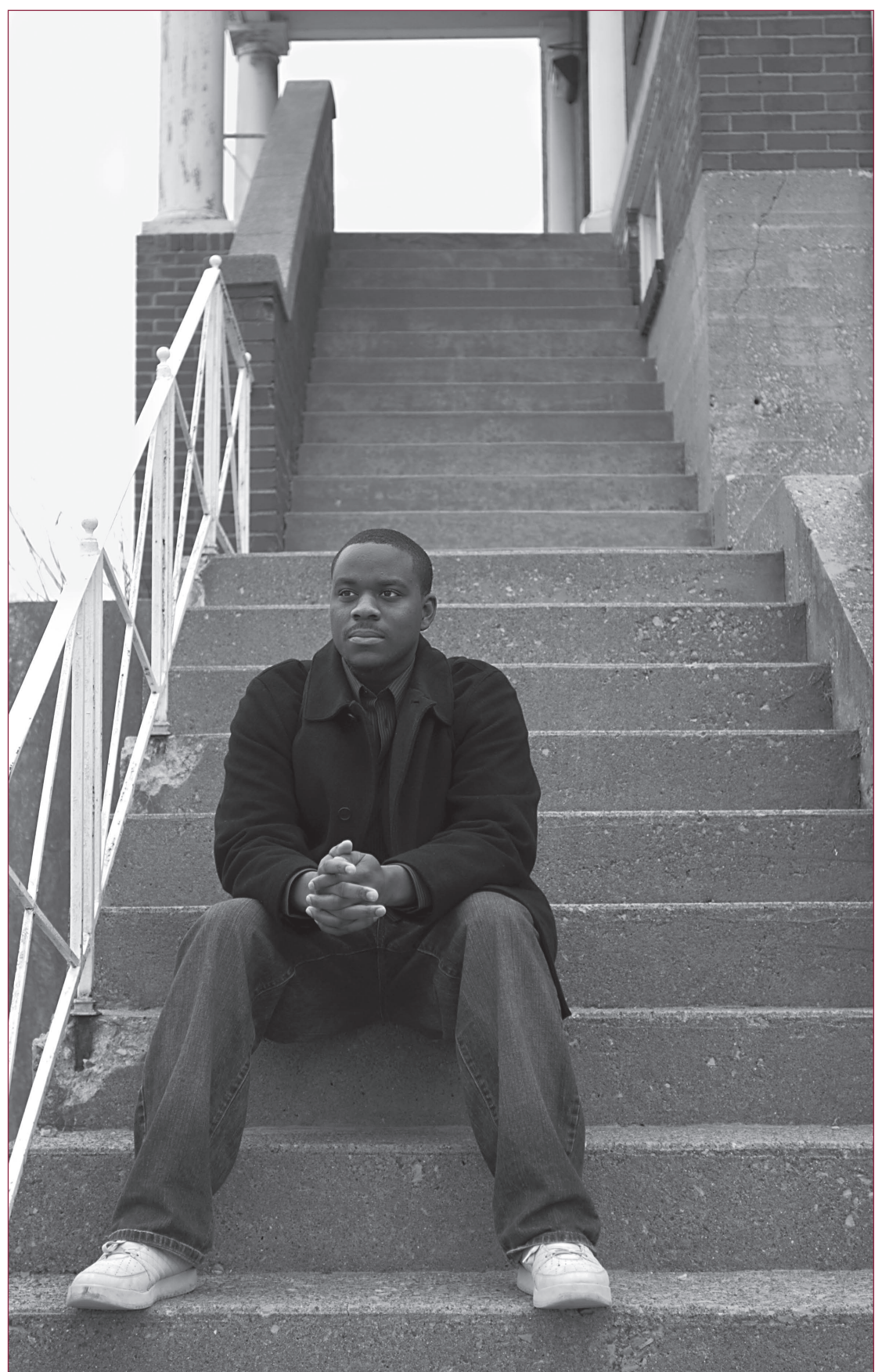
"I just want, want C.J. to know that ... I'm tired of this (expletive)," Simpson said, according to a transcript. "Fed up with (expletives) changing what they told me. All right?"

Though there was no indication Stewart received the message, prosecutor Chris Owens suggested it was threatening. The judge merely said she didn't like the tone.

"I don't know if it's just arrogance. I don't know if it's ignorance," she said. "But you've been locked up at the Clark County Detention Center since Friday because of arrogance or ignorance — or both."

Simpson, wearing a dark jail shirt and pants with orange slippers, grimaced as Glass announced she was doubling his bail. He spoke only when asked if he understood the terms.

"Yes, your honor," the graying football star said evenly.



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Gershom Offiong, a junior from Fairview Heights studying accounting, waits outside of Doyle Hall for his logic class.

# Former students appeal case against university

University accused of discrimination, unfair discipline

**Allison Petty**  
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Richard Fedder is still fighting. Fedder is the attorney representing three former students who filed an appeal after their lawsuit against the university was dismissed in August 2007. Nakia Collins, Monet Williams and Tequeira Johnson, all former members of the traditionally black Zeta Phi Beta sorority, filed a lawsuit in summer 2005 alleging the university discriminated against them and denied their rights during

Student Judicial Affairs disciplinary hearings.

Collins, Williams and Johnson were accused of hazing and found guilty by Student Judicial Affairs. Each was suspended for three years, with their transcripts frozen during that time. Williams' suspension was later reduced to two years.

"I feel very strongly that my clients were victims of an unfair procedure. They never did this hazing. It's completely bull," Fedder said. "I believe someone at the university actually thinks they did, but ... the more you investigate this, the more clear it is that nothing happened."

The plaintiffs claim the university discriminated against them and deprived them of the right to due process during disciplinary hearings, according to court documents. The

documents name five individual defendants: Walter Wendler, former university chancellor; Terry Huffman, director of Student Judicial Affairs; Khamisi Grace, hearing officer for Student Judicial Affairs; Nancy Hunter Pei, assistant to the vice chancellor for Student Affairs; and Chuck Leonard, a university police officer.

Fedder said vague wording and room for manipulation in the Student Conduct Code were largely responsible for his clients' situation. He added that he believed his clients received different treatment than white fraternities previously disciplined by the university.

Debbie Nelson, associate general counsel for the university, said she would not comment on specifics of the case.

"(The case) is in the process of appeal right now," Nelson said. "We still continue to vigorously defend the university and all of the defendants for the actions that were taken."

In five years as an attorney, Fedder has never represented a case at the appellate level. He said he is unsure about the outcome, but believes his clients' cause should be important to all students who value their rights to fair discipline.

"Do I think we're going to win? I'd say it's less than 50-50," Fedder said. "I think, however, our arguments are right. But being right doesn't always win."

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Sorority hazing appeal	
<b>Oct. 3 - 7, 2004</b>	According to court documents, Chantal Conley and Dominique Wilson were allegedly hazed while seeking admission to Zeta Phi Beta sorority. Conley later told police she had been punched, kicked and beaten with a wooden paddle.
<b>Nov. 1, 2004</b>	Conley informed Terry Huffman, director of Student Judicial Affairs, of the incident.
<b>Nov. 2, 2004</b>	Conley filed a formal complaint with university police and was interviewed by SIUC detectives, court documents state.
<b>Feb. 5, 2005</b>	According to court documents, university detective Chuck Leonard finished his official investigation.
<b>March 8, 2005</b>	Student Judicial Affairs received Leonard's findings, court documents state.
<b>March 25, 2005</b>	Student Judicial Affairs brought charges against students in regards to the alleged hazing.
<b>April 2005</b>	Court documents state that students participated in Student Judicial Affairs proceedings for several weeks at the end of April 2005. Nakia Collins, Monet Williams and Tequeira Johnson were found guilty of hazing and suspended.
<b>August 2005</b>	Collins, Williams and Johnson filed a lawsuit against the university.
<b>August 2007</b>	U.S. District Judge Phil Gilbert dismissed the lawsuit.
<b>September 2007</b>	Richard Fedder, the attorney for the three, filed an appeal with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois.

Michelle Arras - DAILY EGYPTIAN

## ELECTION

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Students like freshman Tara Dreyer, an 18-year-old physiology major from Chicago, are already getting involved. Dreyer is a volunteer at the field office for Republican-presidential candidate Ron Paul in Carbondale. The February primary will be the first election she is of age to vote, and said she plans to cast an absentee ballot.

A recent bill approved by Illinois legislators moved the state's primary election date to the first Tuesday in February, which is a month earlier than previous years. As a result, potential voters are scrambling to register and make their voices heard on the Feb. 5 election, which will feature primary

selections in the race for president.

White said voters still have a chance to cast their votes in the upcoming primary. The first step is to become a registered voter. The deadline for normal registration was Jan. 8, but a grace period is in effect across the state until Jan. 22.

To register in Carbondale, potential voters should visit the clerk's office at the county courthouse in Murphysboro. An applicant needs to have been a Carbondale resident for at least 30 days, a U.S. citizen and age 18 or older. Photo identification and proof of residence must be presented. White said those living in residence halls are considered residents as well. Voter registration cards will be sent to the applicant in the mail.

Voters who register during the

**Illinois is going to play a large part in the primaries.**

— Larry Reinhardt  
Jackson County clerk

grace period must cast their ballot at the time of their application. If the Illinois State Board of Elections rejects an application, the voter's ballot will not be counted.

If a student is already registered with another voting precinct, but still wishes to vote in the primary, White said she would recommend applying for an absentee ballot, or even switch their existing registration to Jackson County. No voter may be registered in two areas.

Gale Siegel, spokeswoman for the Cook County clerk's office, said she

did not know how many absentee ballots had been sent to SIUC students. She said voters from Cook County suburbs can download a mail-in application from <http://www.voterinfonet.com>. The site also has links to similar Web sites that service the City of Chicago and suburbs in Lake, DuPage and Will counties.

The deadline for absentee ballots to be mailed to voters from Jackson County is Jan. 31, White said.

Voters from Jackson County have been taking advantage of early voting, which began on Monday. Reinhardt

said Jackson County voters who know they will be away from their voting precinct on Feb. 5 have been taking advantage of the service instead of filing for absentee.

White said early voting will be set up at the Carbondale Civic Center for Jackson County from Jan. 22 to Jan. 24, and again Jan. 29 until Jan. 31. Early voters can also cast their ballots at the county courthouse any day, except for the holiday on Jan. 21.

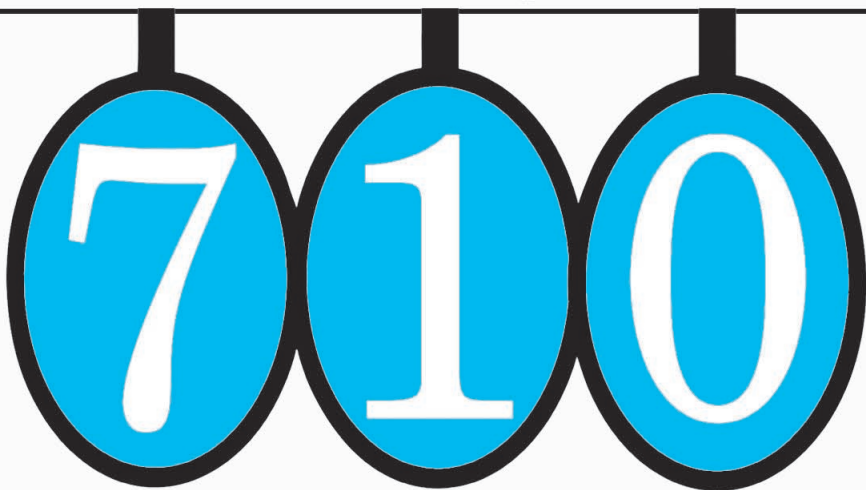
Charlie Howe, a community activist and candidate for district 115 in the Illinois House of Representatives, said it is important for students to be involved each year — not just during a presidential election.

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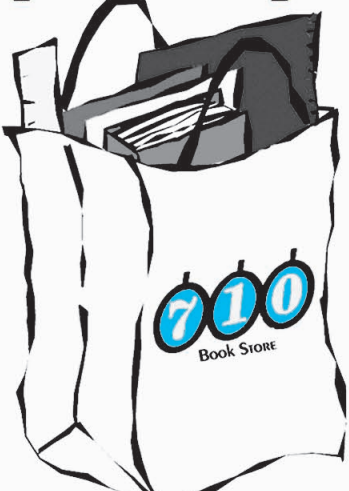


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# Funds TO FIX CAMPUS

SIU looks for ways to pay for deferred maintenance

Story by Brandy Oxford • Photos by Ryan Rendleman

**T**hey may not be able to navigate Faner Hall or know the best places on campus to take a nap, but the freshman class of 2007 is saving the university's crumbling structures.

Five years without state capital funding has left SIUC with about \$400 million in deferred maintenance. This means leaky roofs,

falling ceilings and crumbling structures all over campus. But the Facility Maintenance Fee, charged to all students who have come to the university since August 2007, brought in \$1.9 million its first year and some university officials think the fee could alleviate part of the problem.

Ali Omahen, a freshman from

Danville studying athletic training, said she understands why the fee is necessary.

"I have a class in Allyn and that building is falling apart," she said.

Because of the Guaranteed Tuition Stabilization Plan, which guarantees a set tuition rate throughout a student's four years at the university, this fee could not be charged to students already enrolled with the university when it was implemented.

It will therefore be phased in over four years. Phil Gattton, director of plant and service operations, said the fee should bring in about \$6.2 million in 2011 when the program is fully implemented and the majority of SIUC students are paying it.

The fee, which is \$12 per credit hour this school year, will increase about 3 percent every year.

"The president's office has asked us to come up with a plan and work with the academic areas for



**A piece of wood supports part of a falling ceiling** in one area of the nearly seven-mile-long underground tunnel system that connects buildings around campus. Amaro said the ceiling, which is deferred maintenance, is not hazardous but needs repairing.

priorities of how that fee should be spent," Gattton said.

He said he met with the deans of each college in December to determine their hopes for the fee, but the top priorities on the deferred maintenance backlog are about \$8 million in roofs needed all over campus.

Gattton said recent increases in utility costs have contributed to the problem.

"Our budget has stayed flat since 2001, yet cost has increased," he said.

Gattton said some of the money from the fee has been used to pay off about \$2 million

in utility deficit, but SIU President Glenn Poshard said he would like to see that money directed more toward deferred maintenance as the fee brings in more money.

"We're not getting capital renewal, so the deferred maintenance keeps getting larger," Poshard said. "We're not getting capital, so we can't build new buildings or renovate our buildings, like the library, sufficiently."

He said the cost of utilities has been incredible and PSO has been using the fee to cover that and deferred maintenance. "That's ridiculous,"



**LEFT: A water catcher, which funnels leaking water into a garbage can,** has been installed in a hallway at the Agriculture Building. **BELOW: Heat and steam from the pipes that run throughout the campus's underground tunnel system** have caused corrosion.



Poshard said. "The utility bills have eaten up a sizeable portion of that fee and, until we get a capital bill, we can't resolve that issue."

Gattton said the Physical Plant budget and utilities budget have been separated and the utilities are paid by the central administration.

State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Carbondale, said it is more than likely the capital plan will not move forward from

the House of Representatives for a number of reasons. This will be the sixth consecutive year the university has not received these funds.

Poshard said a lack of funding has greatly increased his concern about being able to keep up with the kinds of classrooms and laboratories that are needed to maximize learning.

"When you don't have the ability to build new buildings

with capital funds and when you don't have the ability to repair older buildings with capital renewal funds that are adequate, what you're doing is endangering the teaching and learning environment," Poshard said.

Kurtis Weiss, a freshman from Lake Zurich studying accounting and financing, said the fee and the deferred maintenance backlog are ridiculous.

"How is this a problem when they put up \$83 million for a football stadium?" he said.

Gattton said capital funding is not the university's only option for maintaining campus structures.

"They're also discussing the possibility of borrowing \$25 million by 2010 and using some of these funds to pay back that debt," Gattton said.

Duane Stucky, vice president for financial and admin-

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— Glenn Poshard  
SIU President

istrative affairs, said the completed 10-year plan to issue \$25 million in bonds in 2010 has not gone to the SIU Board of Trustees yet. Poshard has approved the plan, Stucky said.

"Instead of using the maintenance fee each year and addressing the amount of deferred maintenance that would allow you, it was decided that we want to make more progress in the next two or three years," he said.

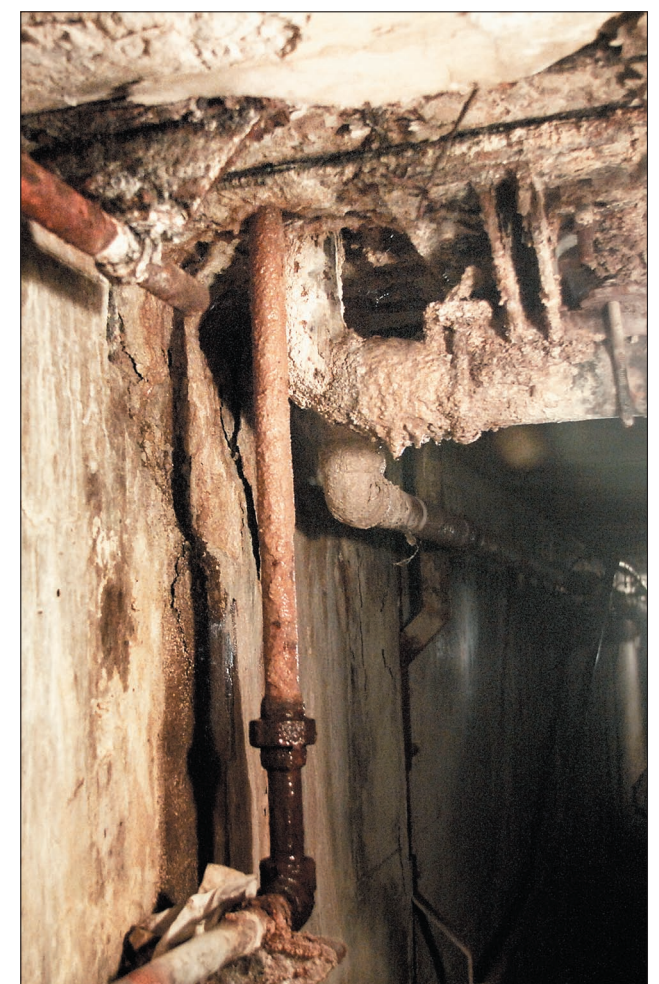
Stucky said selling bonds is the way universities borrow money by having mul-

iple people buy bonds and the university agreeing to pay them back.

"We would sell some bonds so there would be a significantly larger amount of funds available for deferred maintenance and that would give us a jump start," Stucky said. "What you're using is some of the maintenance fee you would have collected years later to fund that."

Barton Lorimer contributed to this report.

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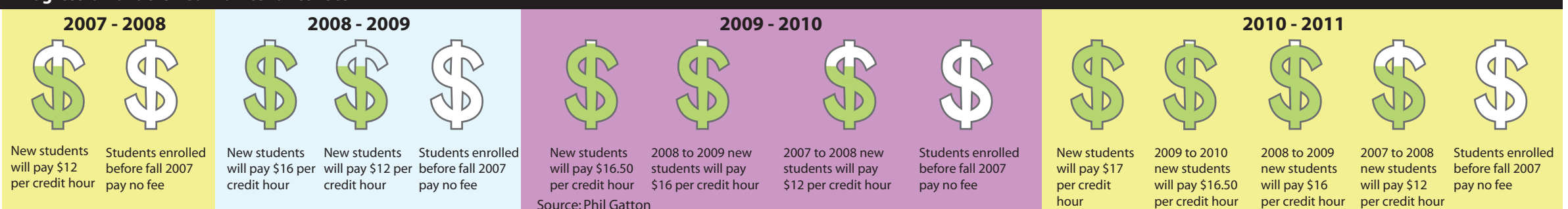


**ABOVE RIGHT: Missing and water-damaged ceiling tiles** are common in Faner Hall due to its leaking roof. **BELOW RIGHT: Rudy Amaro, a university pipe fitter welder** for nearly 14 years, said there are many deferred maintenance areas in the campus's underground tunnel system.



**Water damaged tiles, like this, plague the Agriculture Building.** These tiles can be found in many other buildings around campus including the Blue Barracks and Faner Hall.

### Progression of deferred maintenance fees





BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Zaneer Segu, a graduate student from Sri Lanka studying chemistry, removes salts** from protein mixtures in Neckers Hall Wednesday morning. Segu will then use a technique called mass spectrometry to gather information about the mixture's properties.

# Copper thieves target scraps, traffic lights for quick score

**Jim Suhr**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pat Barry's more than three decades in law enforcement has taught him that copper thieves often are cagey vultures, raiding construction sites of metal to sell for scrap and a quick score. But the boldness of the rip-offs in his turf lately has Barry aghast.

In Illinois' Will County near Chicago, thieves have snipped miles of electrified lines from along railroad tracks, risking life and limb and, in some cases, disrupting traffic along the rails to cash in on soaring copper prices.

"We haven't seen the real aggressiveness like this for some of these thieves" until recently, said Barry, a former law enforcer who's now the spokesman for Will County's sheriff's department. "But what it also tells you is that if they're willing to do that, they're willing to do it anywhere."

There's no shortage of evidence.

Around Council Bluffs, Iowa, the theft of copper wire from freeway lights is on the upswing, with roughly 11,000 feet of wire worth more than \$11,000 ripped from light poles, state transportation officials say. The thieves routinely have yanked out as much as 300 feet of the wire at a time, in many cases rendering stretches of the highway dark and dangerous.

"I think they're more brazen," even hitting high-visibility, well-traveled stretches, said Dena Gray-Fisher, an Iowa Department of

Transportation spokeswoman. "In talking to our colleagues across the country, there's a pattern of thieves trying to do this."

In Hillsborough County, Fla., two men have been accused of stealing a mile and a half of copper wire worth \$53,000 that CSX train operators in Jacksonville use to transmit signals.

Thieves are proving just as bold, if not resourceful, overseas.

In England, thieves recently tore out copper natural gas pipes from the sides of homes and other buildings, in some cases forcing the evacuation of two blocks of residences, a football club and a village hall as flammable gas leaked from the severed lines. English thieves have also made off with underground telephone cables to have the copper in them recycled.

In Australia's New South Wales, thieves on Monday stole hundreds of yards of copper wire worth \$5,000 from railroad signal poles.

Driving the lawless pursuit of copper is its price, which has tripled in recent years amid intense demand for the metal by rapidly developing countries such as China, India and Malaysia. Copper, 60 cents a pound in 2001, now fetches

more than \$3 a pound.

"It's very lucrative," Gray-Fisher said.

Scrap-metal thievery is not a new phenomenon, with robbers for decades stepping up their plundering of copper from vacant houses, businesses, construction sites, churches and even graveyards whenever the price of the metal goes up.

Over the past year or so, anything has been fair game — siding, gutters, spools of electric cable, pipes, even beer kegs. Some of the more brazen thieves have raided salvage yards, then sold the stolen metal back to the businesses.

Many states are trying to crack down with measures that, among other things, would require scrap dealers to keep detailed records on those who sell them metal, creating a paper trail that could lead to arrests.

But Barry, the sheriff's spokesman, suspects the choppy U.S. economy and a slowdown in homebuilding, meaning less copper-containing items out in the open, may force desperate copper thieves to look elsewhere for their booty. Two men arrested and charged recently in some of the Will County railroad thefts, for

instance, were jobless electricians, Barry said.

Such pillaging from railroads and freeway lighting can carry a human cost.

On freeways, motorists depend on good lighting when snowfall and drifting snow can make driving treacherous, Gray-Fisher said.

Wiring stripped from railroads may expose thieves to electrocution and motorists to malfunctioning crossing gates and signals, though Union Pacific's Mark Davis said many of those systems are backed up by batteries that, if power is cut, would keep the gates down or lights flashing until crews make the fix.

In cases when stolen wiring disables a railroad signal, train crews passing through the area are required to slow and report the problem to a dispatcher who sends out a repair crew.

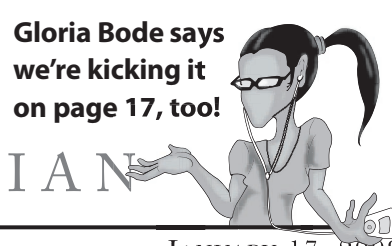
With some 32,000 miles of rail in the U.S., most of it west of the Mississippi River, Union Pacific doesn't have a shortage of wiring that's alluring to would-be thieves, Davis said. And though much of the wiring increasingly is buried fiber-optic line of no value to pillagers, Davis said there's no question the company's copper line is a hot commodity.

"I would say that normally we get a report of two, maybe three attempted thefts a month; it's now two or three a week," he said. "Besides being against the law, it's extremely dangerous. That's our concern more than anything."

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Gloria Bode says we're kicking it on page 17, too!

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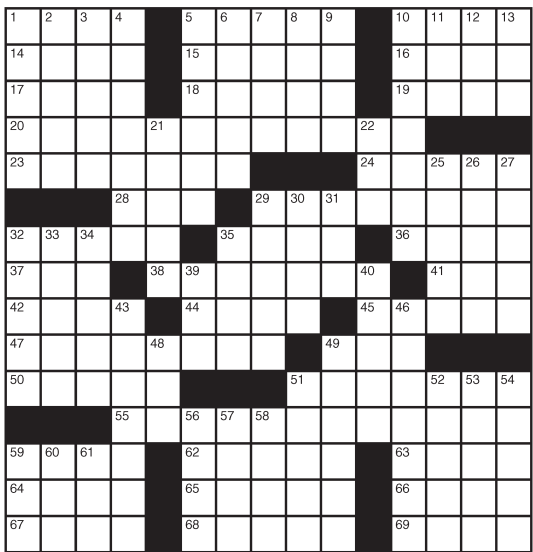
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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 Uris novel, "\_\_\_ 18"
  - 5 Latin-American dance
  - 10 Donkey or King follower
  - 14 Blue dye
  - 15 Toast toppers
  - 16 California wine county
  - 17 Cambodian currency
  - 18 Likeness
  - 19 Makes mistakes
  - 20 Start of a quip
  - 23 Drones
  - 24 Church recesses
  - 28 Give silent assent
  - 29 Part 2 of quip
  - 32 Staff symbol
  - 35 Kind of moth
  - 36 Gloomy
  - 37 Type of tuna
  - 38 Part 3 of quip
  - 41 Pindar poem
  - 42 Ashen
  - 44 Tiller
  - 45 More discourteous
  - 47 Part 4 of quip
  - 49 Have a little lamb
  - 50 Pitcher Dave



- By Alan P. Olschwang 1/17/08
- 51 Aggrandize
  - 55 End of quip
  - 59 Cairo's river
  - 62 Avid
  - 63 Woosnam and Fleming
  - 64 Takes advantage of
  - 65 Took the wheel
  - 66 Chevron rival
  - 67 Sacrifice play
  - 68 Binge
  - 69 \_\_\_-do-well
- DOWN**
- 1 Tudor queen
  - 2 Skull bone
  - 3 Rank below
  - 4 Finished
  - 5 Minted
  - 6 "Miami Vice" co-star
  - 7 Without ice
  - 8 Vincent van \_\_\_
  - 9 On the waves
  - 10 Patella protector

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



- 11 Thole insert
- 12 "Morning Edition" venue
- 13 Boastful talk
- 21 Sort of switch
- 22 \_\_\_d'Isere, France
- 25 Hair holder
- 26 Chopin piece
- 27 More achy
- 29 Veil material
- 30 Name: suff.
- 31 Kung \_\_\_ chicken
- 32 Guitar adjuncts
- 33 Sing monotonously
- 34 Old-time actress
- 35 Actor Schreiber
- 39 Eureka!
- 40 Heavenly prefix
- 43 DMV requirement
- 46 Perfect
- 48 TV movie channel
- 49 Main course
- 51 Ecole attendee
- 52 Exclaim loudly
- 53 Knight's weapon
- 54 Nightmarish
- 55 Nightmarish Belgian artist
- 56 G-men
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- 58 Borodin's prince
- 59 Crux
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**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6** — What else does your family want, to make life comfortable? Stock up now, while the sales are on. You won't have to shop again for months.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9** — You're teaching and learning simultaneously, to and from the same person. The exchange makes your head spin. Don't push; relax and let it happen.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5** — The routine may seem unbearable, at times, but you can bear it. Hard work makes you stronger. It also provides the coin, in this case, to buy yourself a nice vacation.

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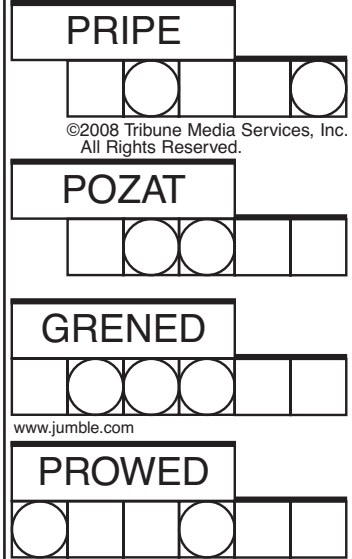
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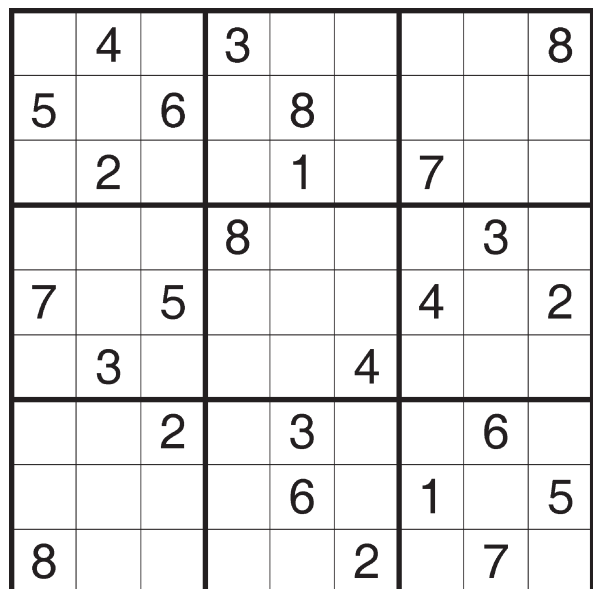
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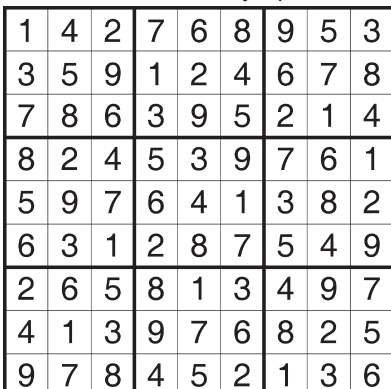
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# Dear Hollywood: Stick to stand-up



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Time to be blunt, Hollywood. Some people just aren't funny in movies — specifically Larry the Cable Guy.

Sure, he has had all kinds of fame as the bumbling, mumbling, flannel and ball cap wearing, redneck comedian often seen wherever Jeff Foxworthy is. And this columnist is more than willing to admit to laughing at his strange one-liners always ending in "Lord, I apologize for ..." when he has said something completely off-color.

And who hasn't, in a moment of verbal weakness, said "Git-R-Done," to someone?

But his comedy doesn't translate beyond his stand-up. So please, Hollywood, stop asking him to star in films that probably shouldn't have

been made anyway.

When he stars in films such as "Delta Farce," "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector" or his newest film "Witless Protection," set to release in February, he only helps to glorify a stereotypical redneck image, which is based on cultural ignorance.

Instead of having wit and knowledge drive these comedies, it is one dumb moment after another. "Dumb and Dumber" did it already, Hollywood. That was funny.

Larry the Cable Guy's "Witless Protection" endeavor looks to be about as bad as a movie could possibly be. The trailer is awful, filled with images of Larry hitting a woman, pelvic thrusting and causing a room of doctors to evacuate while giving him a body cavity search.

Oh, and there is no way to forget the gem of a one-liner after Larry has experienced a particularly rough handshake.

"Man my hand ain't been this sore since the first episode of Baywatch," Larry the Cable Guy bemoans.

Is this really the best humor you

could come up with, Hollywood?

This columnist is trying to be understanding, Hollywood. It's rough out there for you. Your writers are on strike and your actors are in solidarity with them. But sometimes, Hollywood, you just have to know a losing venture when you see one.

Audiences can only laugh at ignorance for so long. With witty and hilarious comedies such as "Juno" opening, we know you are capable of something better.

So don't shortchange your faithful audience with terrible movies that rely on ignorance and a redneck stand-up comic for a laugh.

Get a better script and funny actors, and let us know when you have a smart comedy worth seeing, Hollywood.

Oh, and keep Larry the Cable Guy off the silver screen. Please. He is a lot funnier late at night on Comedy Central when only infomercials are playing.

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## Weird news

Stories far too strange for the rest of the paper

**Mike Pingree**  
 Boston Herald

**I'LL BET IT WAS 'MATLOCK'**

Two old ladies were watching television in an assisted living facility in Seattle. When one of them changed the channel to a religious program, the other one stabbed her. "I don't know what they were originally watching," a police spokesman said, "but it must have been something really good."

**YOU SEE, DUDE, WE WERE FOLLOWING THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD ...**

A sheriff's deputy in Denver, who pulled over a car full of teenagers, immediately suspected they had been smoking marijuana. His suspicions were confirmed when he asked the driver where they were coming from, and he replied, "It's complicated."

**YOU WANNA SEE AN I.D.? THESE ARE MY I.D.**

A 23-year-old woman, driving drunk in Naples, Fla., ran another woman off the road, then, when they got out of their cars, vomited on her. When the cops showed up, she lowered the top of her dress,

flashing her breasts at them.

**WILL THAT BE FOR HERE OR TO GO?**

A man was arrested for shoplifting after he went into the Wal-Mart in Okaloosa, Fla., and drank two bottles of White Rain Hair Spray.

**POISONOUS? I'LL SHOW YOU POISONOUS... AARGHHH!**

During a nature walk in Badajoz, Spain, a man got into an argument with his friends about whether or not some mushrooms were fatal. He said they weren't and ate some to prove his point. He soon turned yellow and started vomiting. He is in intensive care.

**HEY, COME BACK HERE!**

Despite being confined to a wheelchair because his right leg was amputated due to heroin abuse, a man armed himself with a knife and attempted to rob people on the streets of Weston-super-Mare, England. He rolled up to several people and demanded their cash, but they

just walked away.

**I'M SURE I CAN CHANGE HIM ONCE WE'RE MARRIED**

A female guard at a jail in Pierce County, Wash., was fired after she embarked on a sexual relationship with a violent inmate she was supposed to be guarding. She says she loves the man, a bank robber who has assaulted other corrections officers with his own fecal matter and urine, and she is trying to make arrangements to marry him behind bars.

**MOMMY'S HOME ... WHAT ARE THE COPS DOING HERE?**

A Houston woman went to Nigeria to marry a man she met on the Internet, leaving her eight young children home alone. She planned to be back in a month or two at which time she will be arrested for child endangerment.

**WE JUST DON'T FEEL YOU'RE THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB**


An anger management counselor in Fife, Scotland, was arrested for beating up his girlfriend. He has been fired.

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**BASEBALL**

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Defensively, the Salukis ranked eighth in the MVC, but senior pitcher Shawn Joy said the defense is underestimated and should play well this season.

"It's not a matter of us playing with everybody because we know we can beat anybody now, so we're just ready to go," Joy said. "This team is mentally tough and physically stronger and an all-around better team this year."

After the last three seasons ended in 30-plus wins and near NCAA tournament bids, Callahan said this team could be ready to break the glass ceiling.

Callahan said this team is capable of a 40-win season and an MVC championship, which would lead to an NCAA tournament appearance.

"There aren't many NCAA teams that get in (the tournament) with 34 wins," Callahan said. "We finished tied for third in the league last year and our goal this year is to finish at the top of the conference and get to 40 wins and hopefully the postseason stuff will take care of itself."

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**Tyler Choate follows through on a pitch** during a bullpen session at Abe Martin Field Wednesday afternoon. The SIU baseball team was ranked 33rd in the nation by the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.  
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**DEFENSE**

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There are two major differences between this season and the 2006-07 season.

The non-conference slate has been more difficult to navigate and unexpected departures have forced the Salukis to rely on freshmen to pick up the slack.

Taking a page from the men's basketball team, SIU added major opponents both on the road and at home. Also like their counterpart, the Salukis have struggled against tougher foes.

Among the early season losses for the Salukis were Wisconsin-Green Bay, DePaul, Illinois and Western Kentucky.

All four teams are seeded in Charlie Crème's bracketology on ESPN.com, which attempts to predict the seeding for the NCAA Tournament in March.

Saluki coach Dana Eikenberg said she isn't disappointed with how her team started but is rather disappointed with the lack of leadership from key players.

"We just haven't made a strong commitment to being a defensive team, and to me, when you've been there and done that you should know what it takes to win games," Eikenberg said. "Our offense isn't going to let us play high-octane basketball with only six people in the rotation for 40 minutes so we have to refocus on defense."

The defense has been the biggest letdown statistically for the Salukis.

During the 2006-07 season, they were the No. 1 ranked scoring defense in the MVC at 63 points per game. In the 2007-08 season, SIU has slipped to eighth while allowing 70.3 points per game.

The Salukis have struggled to maintain their defense partly because of departures from their regular rotation.

At the end of the 2006-07 sea-

Women	Men
DePaul : 78-63 Nov. 10	USC : 70-45 Nov. 25
Illinois : 63-53 Nov. 18	Indiana : 64-51 Dec. 1
Western Kentucky : 88-71 Nov. 23	Butler : 57-55 Dec. 28
UW-Green Bay : 82-65 Dec. 29	Indiana State : 64-62 Jan. 12

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son, SIU figured to be in good shape with all but graduated forward Carlai Moore returning to the starting lineup.

But the July loss of sophomore forward Dana Olsen, who left the team to be closer to home, and the November departure of senior guard Debbie Burris because of a career-ending injury made the future more bleak.

Senior guard Jayme Sweere said position changes have made things difficult for everyone.

"You just got to roll with the punches because every season is going to have its ups and downs but we're handling it," Sweere said. "Honestly, we've moved on from it."

While SIU isn't in a prime position to capture its second-consecutive MVC title, the season is far from over thanks to the rapid development of a pair of freshmen.

Guards Ellen Young and Tanaeya Worden have picked up some of the scoring slack this season.

Young is averaging 13.4 points

per game and is the Salukis top active free throw shooter at 71 percent.

Worden had a game-high 18 points in SIU's 77-67 loss to Missouri State Jan. 12.

Young said she's known her role since day one and knew what everyone expected of her.

"I came from a running team in high school that relied on smaller players rather than the big post players," Young said. "So, it's sort of the same thing this year. It isn't that much different really."

The Salukis have a chance to make up ground this weekend as they take on two of the top teams in the MVC.

SIU will take on Drake and its conference leading scoring defense at 7:30 p.m. Friday at SIU Arena. On Sunday, the Salukis will take on Creighton at 2:05 p.m.

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**When you've been there and done that you should know what it takes to win games.**

— Dana Eikenberg  
women's basketball  
head coach

**BATTLE**

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be the consistent threat for the Salukis but he hasn't yet provided the offense needed to put them above .500.

With the loss of Jamaal Tatum, who averaged 15.2 points per game, no Saluki has stepped up to put the ball in the bucket on a consistent basis. Falcker has seen his slumps, including going scoreless for the first time since 2005 in the Salukis loss to Charlotte on Dec. 8.

Falcker has been swarmed by double teams all season long — preventing him from getting the ball in the rim. Scoring was the problem when the Salukis lost to Drake for the first time since 1999 on Jan. 2. Only junior guard Wesley Clemmons managed to score in double-digits.

The Saluki backcourt has also failed to make up for the difference when the Salukis have been stopped on the inside, though junior guard Bryan Mullins has improved his scoring from 6.3 points last year to 10.5 points this season.

ESPN personality Stephen Bardo, who announced the Salukis' preseason Maroon Madness event, said it has to be up to sophomore Josh Bone and junior guard Wesley Clemmons to step in and knock down important shots when the time comes.

"Those young guys, they just have to step in and assume the responsibility," Bardo said. "They don't have to carry the load, but Wesley Clemmons has to step in and hit the jumper when it's available or he has to drive when it's available. Bone is the same way, he has to step up and knock down a 'j' when it's available."

"They don't have to recreate anything — they just have to step up into their roles and trust in their teammates."

**Defense**

One of the most notable statistical changes this season is the number of points the Salukis defense has allowed.

Known for their defense, the Salukis have allowed their opponents to score an average of 61.8 points per game — 5.6 more points than last season, which in

many games has been the deciding factor.

SIU can't seem to fill the void in its defense after the graduation of Tony Young — who was second in steals for the Salukis last season.

Saint Louis coach Rick Majerus, whose team went on a 13-0 run in the final four minutes to defeat the Salukis Dec. 15, said the loss of Young's aggressiveness has been noticeable on defense.

**History**

The Salukis had one of the most successful seasons in Saluki history last season when they won the MVC regular season championship and a sixth-consecutive NCAA Tournament bid. The team finished the season with the highest national ranking in school history, which led to a No. 4 tournament seed.

The resulting national exposure and respect from MVC coaches and media, who unanimously picked the team to finish atop the conference, made a date with SIU this season was a large focus for nearly every opponent.

"We're SIU. We're going to have a target on our backs," Clemmons said in a radio interview after the loss to the Drake.

**Sealing the deal**

In most of the Salukis close losses, everything has come unglued when the clock winds down. In addition to the Saint Louis collapse, SIU let Indiana State fight its way into double-overtime in the Salukis 64-62 loss Saturday.

The heartbreaker to Butler is often blamed on Graves' late 3-pointer, but the Salukis' 3-for-12 performance at the free-throw line led to the loss of an extra cushion the Salukis needed in the final minutes of the game.

At the mid-point of the season, the Salukis have had a number of difficulties to overcome and will face more as they enter the bulk of tournament play and a push for their seventh-straight NCAA tournament appearance.

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## Saluki Insider

Former Cowboys assistant Tony Sparano accepted the head coach position in Miami Wednesday to start the coaching carousel in the NFL. Hot coordinators this year include Colts assistant Jim Caldwell, Ravens defensive coordinator Rex Ryan, Cowboys offensive coordinator Jason Garrett and 49ers assistant Mike Singletary. Who should get the job?



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"Well, Rex's dad was the mastermind behind the original Monsters of the Midway, so I would have to go with him. The Ravens would be crazy to let him go. It's hard to remember the last time Baltimore did not have a good defense and Rex had a lot to do with that. If he doesn't get promoted in Baltimore he would fit well with Washington."

"Rex's dad may have orchestrated the famed '46' defense Chicago used to win the Super Bowl but if that thinking was feasible, Brian Griese would have led the Bears to a Super Bowl this year because his dad did for the Miami Dolphins back in 1972. Singletary deserves a shot because he's the guy who actually played in the '46' defense and made it work."

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"I'm going to go with Caldwell. He oversees one of the more talented and prolific offenses in the NFL, and has more coaching experience than Jason Garrett. If your team is looking to improve on the offensive side of the ball, Caldwell is probably your man."

### STAT OF THE DAY

Saluki Men's Basketball



In its win against Evansville, the SIU men's basketball team shot 52.9% from three-point range. In its loss to Indiana State, the Salukis only shot 20.8% from beyond the arc.

53, 0.75, 85%, 73.2, 0.25, 96, 73%, 65, 3, 76, 0.225, 71,

Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered? E-mail: editor@siuede.com

### SWIMMING AND DIVING

## SIU heads south to prep for season



**Gareth McGee, a senior from Johannesburg, South Africa, completes a workout designed to increase muscle strength during team practice Oct. 15. McGee was on the All-Sun Belt First Team (200 IM).**  
JAMES DURBIN  
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**Luis C. Medina**  
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While most students dealt with freezing temperatures during winter break, members of the SIU swimming and diving team spent time in an outdoor pool.

The Salukis spent a week of their winter break in San Juan, Puerto Rico, training and preparing for their upcoming spring season that begins Saturday at Missouri State.

Coach Rick Walker said the trip was a good experience for the Salukis, who were able to take advantage of the warm weather and work in the Olympic training center as well as an outdoor swimming pool.

"All we could do is eat, sleep and swim," Walker said. "It brought the team together."

SIU did not compete in the

2008 Copa Coqui Invitational like originally planned, but continued to train in the world-class facility. Teams in the competition included Syracuse University, Bucknell University and the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez.

For junior backstroke competitor Dani Quarry, who posted 14 top-5 finishes in the 2006-2007 season, the trip to Puerto Rico was her first time away from the mainland.

Quarry said the trip allowed the team to be more focused. In their time away from the pool, SIU swimmers enjoyed a trip to the beach and shopping while visiting Old San Juan, which hosts most of Puerto Rico's central government.

"I was pretty tired and the next day we had a hard practice, but we had a lot of fun," Quarry said.

Senior freestyle and butterfly competitor Stephan Ackermann, who was a member of the South African National Team before coming to SIU, said he enjoyed his experience in Puerto Rico.

"We've been to Orlando the previous years and this was the first year for me to go to Puerto Rico," Ackermann said. "I wish they would do this every year."

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— Rick Walker  
swimming and diving head coach

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**BASKETBALL**

# SIU fights to regain control



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**Senior forward Randal Falker battles his way** out of a double team Tuesday night against Evansville. The Salukis have occasionally struggled to combat and capitalize on teams' frequent double teams on Falker, who has been pegged as the heart of the Salukis on offense. A lack of aggressiveness from Falker has been named as a reason for SIU's underachieving season by coach Chris Lowery.

## Early-season struggles carry over for men

**Megan Kramper**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

After the comparably seamless drives to the postseason of years past, this season has been an uphill battle for the SIU men's basketball team.

The sub-.500 squad has had its share of problems that have fans lighting up Internet chat boards and national media wondering what happened to the team that has made the NCAA tournament the last six seasons.

The members of the team and their opposition have offered several reasons for the slide from the national rankings.

## Non-conference schedule

To date, SIU has played the fourth-toughest schedule in the nation, according to several RPI ranking Web sites. In the non-conference schedule, the team dropped key home games against several Top-25 teams, including then-No. 15 Indiana and then-No. 16 Butler.

SIU did get its only win over a ranked opponent as it upset then-No. 24 St. Mary's at home, giving the Gaels one of only two losses on the season so far.

Rival coaches have noted SIU's rigorous schedule so far this season.

"Most teams in the country who play that schedule are going to be .500 or worse," Butler coach Brad Stevens said after his team beat SIU on a buzzer-beater by senior guard A.J. Graves. "And it's not a team that's going to be .500 long because they're really good."

## Scoring

It's no secret there has been a lack of a consistent scorer with this veteran squad, even though they have the Preseason Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year Randal Falker on their side.

Most expected the senior forward to

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## Critical weekend home games on tap for women

**Matt Hartwig**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Players have left the program, the schedule got tougher and it doesn't get much easier, but the SIU women's basketball team isn't ready to lay down in its defense of its 2007 Missouri Valley Conference championship.

The Salukis (6-8, 2-2 MVC) sit two games back in the conference standings with five teams ahead of them with 14 games remaining.

SIU's record has sagged compared to the 2006-07 season when it was 9-8 overall with a 5-1 mark in the MVC at this point in the season.

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**SIU women's basketball coach Dana Eikenberg shouts instructions at the team** during practice Monday morning in the SIU Arena. Eikenberg has been working the team's defense all week to prepare for Friday's game against Drake.

**BASEBALL**

# No. 33 Salukis refuse to rest on their laurels

**Jeff Engelhardt**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Collegiate Baseball newspaper didn't tell the Saluki baseball team anything it didn't already know.

The annual Fabulous 40 Preseason Poll ranked the SIU baseball team at No. 33 after the team's 34-win season and third-place Missouri Valley Conference finish.

SIU coach Dan Callahan said the national recognition is an honor that has the team excited to start the season.

"It's nice to be recognized on a national scale and we are appreciative," Callahan said. "I guess you could say it's a feather in our cap and it really means something to us. I'm glad it worked out that way."

The focus and work ethic of the Salukis that led to a 34-win season is already showing this year as the pitching staff has braved weather of 30 degrees or less on a daily basis to

throw bullpen sessions.

Pitching was a strong point for SIU last year as the staff finished second in the MVC with four complete games and third in the MVC with 17 saves. Preseason Brooks Wallace candidates Byrant George and Cody Adams will lead a staff that lost only one pitcher, Jordan Powell, during the offseason.

Senior pitcher Ian Reinhart was one of the Salukis unwilling to settle for last season's success and continued to work all throughout the summer. Reinhart had the most appearances for the Salukis last season and gave up only two homeruns in 40 innings, but that didn't stop him from honing his skills during a summer league in Virginia.

Reinhart said he didn't expect the Salukis to get that immediate attention but expects their ranking to be higher by the end of the year.

"I didn't think we would be ranked that high in the beginning of

the year," Reinhart said. "I thought we would be that high towards the middle of the year, though, because I knew we would get out there and prove some things."

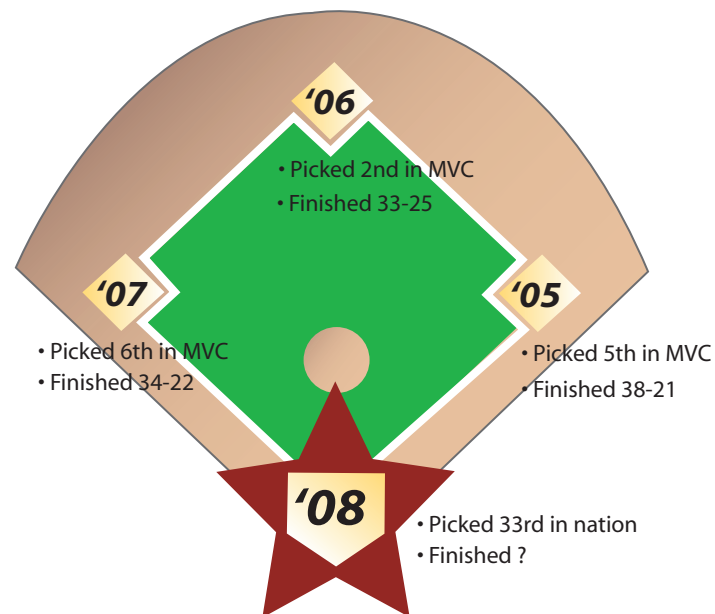
A major reason for the Salukis' preseason accolades is the amount of returning players. SIU lost Powell and outfielder Kevin Koski, but return the top offensive threats from last season. Junior Mark Kelly and sophomore Aaron Roberts return as the Saluki leaders in hits.

Callahan said while the offense is important, the key to the Salukis' success this season will depend on infield defense and how well they hold up at the end of the season.

Last season the Salukis had a streak where they won 19 of 22 games, but a 1-6 streak followed and prevented SIU from building any significant win streak for the rest of the season.

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## Preseason rankings



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