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Owner of Golgotha Tattoos Darren Ashbaugh, left, engravés red ink in the arm of Roger Shurtz, who was finishing up a tattoo of his girlfriend’s name Monday night in Carbondale. Shurtz also had his son’s name tattooed on his left arm during the same session. Golgotha Tattoos is one of five tattoo parlors in the city.

Carbondale Ink

SIUC student researches tattoos’ cultural meanings

Chris Klarer

College years can be some of the most formative periods in an evolving adult’s life. Many students have left the nest for the first time and are experiencing things they had not explored under the wing of their parents.

Some students choose to give the lessons they have learned a sense of permanence by getting tattoos to symbolically remind them of who they were, and who they aspire to be. This is what Joseph Oduro-Frimpong said he found in a study involving 15 SIUC students that investigated what the participant’s tattoos meant to them.

“I come from a culture where tattoos are not prevalent, so coming to the states and seeing all these tattoos on people drew my attention,” he said.

Oduro-Frimpong, a graduate student from Kumasi, Ghana studying psychology, said he could only find two main perspectives used to study tattoos in the past – those of medical and psychological.

“Tattoos are symbolic and they are communicative,” he said. “Knowing this lead me to look at communication theory, and tattoos had never been examined. So, that was the basis for me to do the study.”

Kate Balsley, a graduate student from Milwaukee, Wis., studying mass communication, was a participant in the study. She said getting a tattoo was popular at her high school.

“It was kind of like a right of passage, you know. We’re 18, we’re adults, we’re about to gradate and go out into the world,” she said. “I got my tattoo as an incentive to myself to change and rise above the problems that I was having.”

Brandon Augsburg

With another tattoo parlor moving in near campus, the ink in Carbondale might be drying up. Rocksteady Tattoos, located at 715 S. University Ave., opened recently as the fourth tattoo parlor in downtown Carbondale, and the fifth in the city.

The owner of Rocksteady could not be reached for comment, but others in the tattoo business say, despite the large, transient university population, four shops downtown may be too many.

Daren Ashbaugh, owner of Golgotha Tattoos, said having three shops in the city made things very competitive and had a big impact on business. The addition of the fourth parlor could put somebody out of business, he said.

“Three shops has a big impact on town,” Ashbaugh said.

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Marketing team sees ‘new start’ in overhaul

Brandon Weisenberger

The carpeted hallways and two floors of space in a Greek Row building are a far cry from the place SIUC’s marketing team used to call home.

In Benford Hall, writers, photographers, graphic designers, Web specialists and marketing whizzes work in close proximity in the new headquarters of University Communications. It’s a much different scene compared to the fall semester and many years before, when the department was dispersed in a half dozen white houses along Chautauqua Road and Elizabeth Street.

“We loved our little houses, but having everybody in one building, obviously that’s going to contribute to collaboration,” said Tom Wolf, chief of University Communications’ public relations arm.

The new locale — which puts experts in five areas under one roof — is part of a rebirth for a department criticized for its bureaucracy and lack of focus on promoting SIUC.

The title, University Communications, is new, altered from the lengthier moniker of Media and Communication Resources.

Much of the overhaul is in response to a fall semester analysis by a Washington, D.C.-based firm that declared the department needed to change because it did not properly market SIUC.

The SimpsonScarborough Company conducted the analysis when former executive director Sue Davis led Media and Communication Resources.

Davis, who in December took a new job researching how to promote the university online, did not return calls or e-mails for comment.

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Chancellor committee to narrow list of candidates

Sean McGahan

Final candidates to take the helm of SIUC are scheduled to meet with students, faculty and staff on campus in late April and early May. The chairwoman of the chancellor search committee said Monday.

Susan Ford, who was selected in December to head the 17-member committee to conduct the search for SIUC’s next chancellor, said she is pleased with the 15 applicants the committee has received and expects more to enter the mix before the Friday deadline.

“I feel good about the number of applicants. I feel positive about the quality of the applicants and I feel positive that we are on track,” said Ford, who is also chairwoman of the anthropology department.

Ford declined to discuss the names or current positions of the candidates, but said all applicants work outside of SIUC. She said she has received several nominations for interim Chancellor John Dunn to take the position. However, Dunn told the SIU president’s office when he took the position that he would not be involved in the national search.

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MOLINE (AP) — Investigators on Monday continued to look for the cause of a week-end fire that killed three people and seriously injured another man at a condominium complex in western Illinois city.

Rock Island County Coroner Sharon Anderson said Monday that William Davenport, Bill Lope Irizarry, 69, and John Hansen Jr., 33, died in the early Sunday blaze. She said the victims lived in different units in the 12-unit complex.

Witnesses reported hearing an explosion before fire gutted the three-story complex, said Moline police Lt. Jerome Patrick.

Authorities have not determined the cause of the fire, but Patrick said Monday there is “a high probability of some kind of explosion” based on witness accounts and physical evidence at the scene. He declined to elaborate.

Moline police and fire investigators sifted through the rubble Monday, aided by the state fire marshal’s office and insurance company investigators. Patrick said the investigation likely would continue through today.

It was the second fatal fire this year in Rock Island County. Authorities say 67-year-old John Elbadry died from smoke inhalation in a Feb. 5 fire at a 12-story apartment building in Moline.

Wal-Mart fires technician for tapping phone line

NEW YORK (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Monday that it has fired a Wal-Mart systems technician for recording phone conversations between the company’s public relations office and a newspaper reporter and then passing text messages without authorization.

The move is the result of an internal investigation that began on Jan. 11 when some one expressed concerns to the world’s biggest retailer about the matter, Wal-Mart said.

Wal-Mart’s internal investigation initially found that the technician had monitored and recorded phone conversations between Wal-Mart’s public relations staff and a reporter from The New York Times. The recordings were made over a four-month period between September 2006 and January 2007. Wal-Mart said it notified The New York Times earlier Monday.

During the investigation, the company said it discovered that, in separate instances, the same technician had intercepted text messages and pages including communications that did not involve Wal-Mart employees.

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TODAY

Partly cloudy

54° 33°

WEDNESDAY

Partly cloudy

52° 24°

THURSDAY

Partly cloudy

50° 30°

FRIDAY

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COUNTRY
Petitions available for
Illinois government
elections

- Deadline for submission March 23
- Available in USG office

Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra:
Stars of Altgeld

• 7:30 p.m. today at Shryock Auditorium
- Tickets are $19, $13 for senior citizens and children 15 and younger
- Free admission for SIU students with valid student ID

Talk `n` Jazz

• 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Starbucks in the Student Center
- Audio-illustrated lecture on the “Blue Note” sound of 1950s and 60s jazz, free admission

Justin Aymer in Concert

• 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesday at the Wesley Foundation, 816 S. Illinois Ave.
- Free admission

Cycle of violence

Presenter: Ms. LaSheila Williams

• 7 p.m. today at the Student Center, Illini Room
- Offers a look at the global dynamics of violence against women, free admission

Disarming on Iraq:
A firsthand account of the events leading up to the 2003 war

- 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Center, Ballrooms C and D
- Hans Blix coming to lecture
- U-card approved event

Submit calendar items to the Illinois Egyptian. Petitions available for submission March 23 for SIU students with valid student ID.

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Moline Police:

In Monday’s DAILY EDITION, the page 1 story “Vocalizing the vagina,” should have stated that proceeds from the event would go to the Women’s Center of Carbondale. The DAILY EDITION regrets this error.

NEWS BRIEFS

Report due on fatal blast at plastics plant

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — Federal investigators today are expected to release a long-awaited report on a 2004 plastics plant explosion that killed five people.

An April 2004 explosion at the Farmos Plastics plant near Bishop, about 25 miles east of Springfield, killed four workers and fatally injured a fifth, who died three weeks later. U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board spokesman Sandy Gilmour would not discuss the findings before they were announced.

But the board has said that the explosion followed an inadvertent release of the highly flammable chemical polyvinyl chloride. The plant manufactured polyvinyl chloride used in PVC pipe and other materials for construction, medical supplies and automotive parts.

Investigators said their review took longer than expected because of what they have called a large number of findings.

Forness agreed in 2006 to pay $5,000,000 in federal fines and hire safety experts to evaluate plants to prevent the plant.

Police: Explosion caused fire that killed three

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Firefighter Brad Lam picks up charred wood from the fence behind Memorial Hospital of Carbondale after a fire started at 4:08 p.m. Monday. Asst. Chief Gary Heern said a discarded cigarette might have started the blaze that sent thick black smoke and a strong smell of burnt rubber into the air.

Witness identifies fingerprints of slain 9-year-old

Curt Anderson

MIAMI — DNA evidence from a stained mattress and fingerprints from a pizza box link 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford to the man accused of abducting and killing her, forensic experts testified Monday.

Wesley Zackery, an analyst at the state crime lab in Tampa, said positive matches were made of prints of Jessica’s left thumb and defendant John Evander Couey’s two index fingers on the pizza box, found in Couey’s bedroom closet. Similar matches were found on a glass tabletop in the bedrooms, he said.

A crime lab expert on DNA, Roshale Gaytmenn, testified that Jessica’s blood and Couey’s semen were found on his mattress, including a mixture of the two in one spot. Similar DNA matches for Jessica and Couey were found on pillows recovered from the same room, Gaytmenn said.

Under defense questioning, Zackery acknowledged that six other fingerprints were found on the box but were never analyzed.

Couey, 48, is accused of sneaking into the Lunsford home — about 150 yards from his home — the night of Feb. 23, 2005, and abducting Jessica, then raping her and killing her by burying her alive.

Mark Lunsford, who testified last week, said outside court Monday it was “very hard” to sit through details of his daughter’s slaying. He said he will make a renewed push for legislation and government funding for initiatives cracking down on sex offenders.

Couey faces the death penalty if convicted of kidnapping, raping and killing Jessica.
CINCINNATI — No shred of evidence or testimony about Diana’s alleged fear for her life, the significance of a ring pur- chased by Fayed, and whether the princess was pregnant, law- yers said dur- ing the hearings at London’s High Court.

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Defining dishonesty

Sarah Lohman  
DAILY EAGLE

Three months after the committee formed, the SIU plagiarism committee is still working on writing a workable definition for plagiarism, chairwoman Lain Adkins said Monday.

Adkins said this is the first of three steps the nine-member task force assembled in December to address intellectual dishonesty and plagiarism policies throughout the university.

“Once we’ve defined the guidelines and that we’re going to work with, our next step is to review the discipline for the campuses and the system itself,” Adkins said.

Once the policies have been reviewed, the committee will make recommendations for change.

Adkins said the committee members had not yet decided how they would go about reviewing the policies. He said they would probably break up into subcommittees for each campus.

Adkins said he didn’t want to discuss the definition itself because it may change.

“What we’re coming up with now is a working definition which may be going to change as we keep learning new things,” Adkins said. He said the committee is learning just how complex the issue of plagiarism is.

“It appeared to be a more simple subject in the beginning to try,” Adkins said.

He said the committee is making progress and seems to be on schedule.

The committee plans to finish its report by the end of the semester or shortly thereafter. He said the original goal was to have it done by the end of the fiscal year.

SIU President Glenn Poshard formed the committee after announcing his plans to address system-wide problems with intellectual dishonesty.

The announcement came in light of plagiarism allegations against the chancellors of both the SIUC campus and at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

The 9-member committee will make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on its findings but will not make recommendations to the existing SIU plagiarism policies.

Poshard did not immediately return calls Monday.

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Rusty Bailey, left, a photographer for the university’s communications department at the University Communications offices in 2001 after a 22-month period of illness. Bailey is still working on writing a workable definition for plagiarism, chairwoman Lain Adkins said Monday.

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Uncovering the Definition

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For more meaningful reasons than were found in the study Bailey did.

But to people like her, tattoos can be something more personal than an affinity for “skull and crossbones.”

“IT’s just a part of my life, I’m going to grow from this experience and be a new person,” she said.

She turned this realization into a physical reminder by having a raven with the sun in its mouth tattooed on her shoulder. The image was inspired by a Native American story of a raven that rose out of chaos to create the world.

Odaloh-Freppolino said that all participants in the study had their tattoos in discrete, covetable pieces because most of the “professional community” is not accepting of tattoos.

“There are some people who still think that there is some sort of deviance about you when you have a tattoo,” she said.

Lots of students still get tattoos

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“I don’t know if the town is big enough to have shops in town and one outside,” Ashbaugh said. He said business at his shop, located at 703 S. Illinois Ave., flows in equal amounts with the student population.

When students are around during the fall and the spring, business is fairly consistent, but it drops off during the summer and over winter break, he said.

“The student population is always changing, so there is more people coming and going,” Ashbaugh said.

“As one cycle leaves, a new one is coming in, so there is always more people getting tattoos,” Rockridge, an artist at Tuff Luck Tattoos, located at 2355 W. W. St., said.

He said he did not expect Tuff Luck to feel the impact of another parlor because they tend to serve people who live outside of Carbondale.

Tuff Luck employs five full-time artists and two full-time piercers, and Zeigler said they pull in a lot of customers from Illinois Route 13.

Zeigler and Ashbaugh both said the shops in town focus heavily on the student population, so the piece of the pie downtown gets smaller each year as shops in other towns take business.

The other tattoo parlors in town are Dragon Master Tattooing, located at 227 W. Main St., and Hard Times Tattoos, located at 205 W. Walnut St.

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While University Communications adjusts to the overhaul, Ruiz said the department is fully functional since moving into Beimfohr Hall, which housed medical services before the Student Health Center opened in January 2006, during the winter break.

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ecent round-ups in California’s farm country have put the whole illegal immigration issue back on the front page. It’s likely to keep showing up there until our elected leaders get serious about a solution but don’t hold your breath waiting for that to happen.

The politics of the immigration problem are daunting for both Democrats and Republicans in Congress, who are not, by their nature, especially 201

esilently stubborn when it comes to tackling hard issues. Many conservatives shrug from anything that even hints at that filthy word “amnesty,” and many 203

icals are often focused entirely on body-slamming employers who hire people who are here illegally, ignoring other ramifications of the larger issue. It might be an interesting exercise to take them both up on their pet notions. Round up all the illegal immigrants and deport them, and simultaneously jail anyone who has ever employed an illegal immigrant. That would have several consequences: A national economy in the tank, a political backlash from millions of otherwise law-abiding citizens who suddenly find themselves behind bars and the subsequent defeat of every incumbent in the next national election. Two of those outcomes would be unfortunate.

The whole immigration debate is soured by years of cliché and misinformation: Illegal immigrants are irresponsible for huge increases in crime; illegals suck up billions in welfare payments; it’s all the fault of greedy employers; illegals deplete wages; illegals take jobs away from, upstaging American citizens; they pay nothing in taxes.

None of that is true.

But illegal immigration is not without its pernicious impacts. Schools are burdened by large numbers of immigrant children, who often move from one school to another several times during a school year. That puts huge pressures on teachers, administrators and facilities, and doesn’t do much good for the kids, either.

Illegal immigrants, lacking even the possibility of health insurance, often wait until illnesses have progressed to drastic stages, and then show up at emergency rooms. Public money usually ends up paying for most of their expenses, a burden on all of us.

At the same time, most are working and paying taxes. They have Social Security taxes taken from their paychecks, with no hope of ever seeing benefits in return. They rarely seek any of the services they help pay for, fearful that doing so would expose them to apprehension and deportation. They risk having their families separat

ed, as when illegal immigrant parents are torn from children who were born in this country.

In the meantime, the rest of us reap the benefits of their presence. They pick the crops, bus the tables and wash the dishes in restaurants, change the sheetrock in hotels and, increasingly, build the homes we live in. Their sole crime is that they crossed a border without the proper paperwork.

We can and must do better. President Bush has called for a rational approach that balances greater enforcement at the border with some mechanism for eventual legal immigration of immigrants in this country. That means some sort of temporary guest-worker program, with a clear and workable path to eventual legal residency and citizenship for those who qualify.

There is plenty to argue about in the details, but the general approach is not just sound, it’s realistic. Much more so than politically beguiling fantasies about employers behind bars and massive deportations.

The Senate passed a reasonable reform bill last year, but the House of Representatives, then in Republican hands, chose a more draconian approach, hoping that would pay off in the November elections. It backfired; several of the more hard-shelled Republican opponents of comprehensive immigration reform lost re-election bids.

But a Democrat-controlled Congress is no guarantee that reform is in the works. Democrats are as capable as Republicans of grandstanding instead of acting wisely. That’s how we came to have bipartisan support for such exercises as building an expensive border fence that would have little impact.

Enough of that. A serious effort is required to keep the nation’s doors open without having them battered down. If our elected leaders can’t summon the will and the wisdom to provide that effort, we ought to show them the door.

The following editorial appeared in the Fresno (Calif.) Bee on Sunday.

**Alternative regulations for tobacco**

**Chris Kleinlein**

I am writing this editorial in response to Thursday’s letter to the editor by Daniel Muehl-Miller, advocating the criminalization of tobacco practices.

Tobacco companies and their lobbyists follow some of the most willfully deceptive and dangerous business practices in U.S. history, and have contributed, sometimes exclusively, to the deaths of millions of smokers and non-smokers. I don’t think anyone can dispute that with a straight face, unless his or her career depends on it.

I am in favor of restrictions (including blunt, truthful package labeling, expressing the inevitability of addiction and disease), taxes, and incentives imposed by federal, state, and local governments designed to limit marketing tactics of tobacco companies, and to keep smoke away from those who choose not to be exposed to it, including the children of adult-smokers.

We have only begun to explore all of the legislative and regulatory options for the limitation of smoking to a personal or group decision. I would even take it a step further and suggest that DCFS be allowed to take action against parents who allow their children. It is, after all, an unregulated form of child abuse.

That being said, it is entirely possible, except in rare circumstances for adults, non-smokers to avoid tobacco smoke entirely, and on public property where this is not possible, legislation should step in to define non-smokers. In private establishments that allow smoking, people should have the choice to decide with their wallets whether it is worth the health risk to patronize that particular establishment or to work there. The right to put yourself in harm’s way for what you perceive as a benefit to yourself is your personal liberty as an American citizen and a human being. It is not the government’s role to evaluate and set your personal priorities such as health priorities versus your personal and financial wants and needs.

The danger in such thinking is that it advocates the regulation of personal behavior and disregards the possibility of legislative and regulatory tactics to keep non-smokers free of second-hand smoke. Fortunately, we have not yet explored every legislative and regulatory option short of criminalizing smoking. Would it be best to left to the legislation or the courts to decide what you take into your body? Fortunately, our elected officials probably won’t ever go down this road. If they did, it would provide an entrance to a dangerous new era. Here are some other things that would make us “pioneers of public health.”


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I am in favor of restrictions (including blunt, truthful package labeling, expressing the inevitability of addiction and disease), taxes, and incentives imposed by federal, state, and local governments designed to limit marketing tactics of tobacco companies, and to keep smoke away from those who choose not to be exposed to it, including the children of adult-smokers.

We have only begun to explore all of the legislative and regulatory options for the limitation of smoking to a personal or group decision. I would even take it a step further and suggest that DCFS be allowed to take action against parents who allow their children. It is, after all, an unregulated form of child abuse.

That being said, it is entirely possible, except in rare circumstances for adults, non-smokers to avoid tobacco smoke entirely, and on public property where this is not possible, legislation should step in to define non-smokers. In private establishments that allow smoking, people should have the choice to decide with their wallets whether it is worth the health risk to patronize that particular establishment or to work there. The right to put yourself in harm’s way for what you perceive as a benefit to yourself is your personal liberty as an American citizen and a human being. It is not the government’s role to evaluate and set your personal priorities such as health priorities versus your personal and financial wants and needs.

The danger in such thinking is that it advocates the regulation of personal behavior and disregards the possibility of legislative and regulatory tactics to keep non-smokers free of second-hand smoke. Fortunately, we have not yet explored every legislative and regulatory option short of criminalizing smoking. Would it be best to left to the legislation or the courts to decide what you take into your body? Fortunately, our elected officials probably won’t ever go down this road. If they did, it would provide an entrance to a dangerous new era. Here are some other things that would make us “pioneers of public health.”


Would it be left to the legislation or the courts to decide what you take into your body?
It’s all in the game

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If you were to ask students why they chose to attend SIU, I’m sure they would offer a variety of answers such as: it’s affordable, it’s close to home or that they offer a specific major or program that they were interested in. All it took for me, on the other hand, was an SIU basketball game on TV.

That night you could have matched the Dawg Pound up against any of our other student counterparts from universities across the nation. You could tell the students were charged up for the nationally televised game on ESPN from the very beginning, and the best part of it was it never stopped. The whole game the announcers wouldn’t stop talking about what a great environment the SIU Arena had and how great the fans were in southern Illinois.

SIU went on to win the game 66-62 after being down three at halftime. The Salukis were led that night by Darren Brooks who had 18 points and three steals. The game also featured solid contributions from current seniors Tony Young and Jamaal Tatum as freshmen. Tony had nine points and three steals and Jamaal chipped in with a 3-pointer and three steals.

I remember leaving my friend’s house that night thinking that SIU basketball was something special. The game was awesome, the fans were great and the atmosphere of the Arena that night was something that you don’t see at any other universities.

The game I saw on ESPN that night was what made me seriously look into transferring here after I was done at community college back home. Prior to the game, I had never thought about SIU as one of my college choices, but probably couldn’t have found a better school to attend the production. The game thought it would have been inappropriate and he didn’t want to see his daughter in such a production. Even though he didn’t know anything about the play, he still refused. But after constant debating and persuasion, my mother—a lovely debater—finally made himudge to come see me. I’ve been a huge fan of the Lady Skilabis. I’ve even attended a few games here and there. But this season, I caught one of the best games I’ve ever seen in my entire life. I’ve never been to SIU before and the best part of it was it never stopped. The whole game the announcers wouldn’t stop talking about what a great environment the SIU Arena had and how great the fans were in southern Illinois.

The game’s on the line and the ball is in your court SIU administrator, so put your game face on, run the offense and take it to the hoop and score so we can finally win the game against declining enrollment.

Fresh is a senior studying history.

The impact carries on

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What great performances for the Vagina Monologues last weekend? If some of you still don’t know what the Vagina Monologues are actually about, I’m rather disappointed. The Vagina Monologues is a play that celebrates female sexuality and individuality. The monologues are true stories told by women around the world.

It was the first time for me to actually view this production and it was better than I could have imagined. The faculty, staff and students that worked over a semester on this production did a superb job. The themes of moans made me laugh, and the serious stories made me teary-eyed every time I read them. I learned that we can’t judge a person like that, you know my messages is truly reaching out to the audience.

So my English professor first exposed me to the monologues; my freshman year at community college. She sought me out one day after I showed great passion on a women’s rights issue we were discussing in class. At that point, she invited me to take part in the production.

I didn’t know that much about the Vagina Monologues, but when I showed interest in it, I was nervous and caught off guard.

I found it surprising that my professor was using the word “vagina” in every other sentence. But I learned it’s not just about the sexuality of a woman, but how it is a part of the identity of a woman.

The group of women, including myself, had prepared for weeks for our production and with each rehearsal; it became more exciting and exhilarating to be a part of this production.

My mother knew about my participation in the production but my father didn’t. Once he found out about my extra-curricular activity at school, he wasn’t happy at all.

From there, it went downhill. My father decided we needed to attend the production. He thought it would have been inappropriate and he didn’t want to see his daughter in such a production. Even though he didn’t know anything about the play, he still refused. But after constant debating and persuasion, my mother—a lovely debater—finally made himudge to come see me. It was nerve-racking trying to prepare for the show and worry about what on earth my father was thinking while he was sitting in the audience. As my monologue “The Crooked Bradd” came up, I could see my dad in the middle of the audience. For those of you who did attend last weekend to see the Vagina Monologues, you know that the “Crooked Bradd” monologue is a rather depressing story.

As I finished the monologue and everyone began to applaud, I saw my dad standing up in the middle of the auditorium for me. He definitely understood why we were doing this and the importance to me, my mom and all the women in that auditorium that night.

When I saw the Vagina Monologues on Friday, it still had that effect on me — I was reminded again how important those women’s stories are and the purpose of this production: to end violence against women and girls.

The more people are affected by this global movement, the more people will understand and begin to change their perspectives. Congratulations to everyone that made the Vagina Monologues come alive last weekend. I’m sure I wasn’t the only one that was left in tears.

Dalo is a junior studying journalism.
SNEEZING SEASON

Facts, tips and trivia about allergies and asthma

How can you tell the difference between hay fever and a cold? Allergy symptoms are generally classified as mild, acute or severe. Among mild reactions are watery, itchy eyes; sneezing; and a constant runny nose. Moderate reactions can include itchiness and difficulty breathing. A severe reaction is a life-threatening emergency that can include breathing problems, dizziness, hives, a sudden drop in blood pressure, an asthma attack or unconsciousness. It requires immediate treatment.

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Celebrity birthdays

1940: "Texas Ranger" Chuck Norris
1957: Cave dweller Osama bin Laden
1958: "Basic Instinct" actress Sharon Stone
1970: Red Hot Chili Peppers guitarist John Frusciante
1972: "Crunch" bar spokesman and basketball player Shaquille O'Neal
1974: "Ghost Rider" actress Eva Mendes

Wayne Utterback

1959 The Barbie doll debuts and falls victim to older brothers everywhere through death by melting.

1966 John Lennon says The Beatles are "more popular than Jesus." Talk about bragging rights.

1982 John Belushi dies in a drug-related accident. Luckily, he had nothing to do with the commercial and critical flop that was "Blues Brothers 2000."

1997 The comet Hale-Bopp flies directly above the sun. A cult of crazies would kill themselves just to get a ride on the comet a few months later. A little late, don't you think?

2005 Dan Rather presents his final broadcast of the CBS Evening News. Contrary to popular belief, his retirement was not a hoax.

Weird News

Dude, I swear they were in there

Two young men, who had apparently been smoking lots of marijuana, called police to report that they were holding two burglars who had broken into their apartment in Reno, Nev. But, when the cops arrived, there were no burglars. The men explained that one of them woke up to find the bathroom door locked, leading them to believe the burglars were in there.

They slipped notes under the bathroom door to communicate with them. Police found the notes in the empty bathroom, and arrested the young men for possession of 22 grams of marijuana and 10 bongs.

A perfect couple: fartsie and drunkie

A heavily intoxicated British pop singer "blew her top," and threw a punch at her groom at their wedding reception after he asked her to stop drinking because she is seven months pregnant with their third child. They wound up sleeping in separate rooms on their wedding night, but her publicist explained that was because the groom had been suffering from excessive flatulence.

I said 'twin brother' but I really meant imaginary friend

A man accused of violent attacks against a police officer and two grand-jury witnesses as well as carjacking and solicitation to murder testified that all of the crimes he is accused of were done by his twin brother.

Alas, the prosecution proved beyond a doubt that he has no twin brother.

Five cents a pound times... 200 tons?

Two men in Macedonia stole two 30-foot bridges. They were caught when they tried to sell them to a scrap yard. The proprietor became suspicious when the thieves showed up there with 20 trucks loaded with 200 tons of steel.

Mike Pingree is a columnist for the Boston Herald. Read a second "Looking Glass" column at www.pingreeslookingglass.com
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603 W. Elm #1, 3, 4
718 S. Forest #1
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410 E. Hester
410 E. Hester
208 W. Hospital #1
703 S. Illinois #101
703 S. Illinois #102
703 S. Illinois #201
703 S. Illinois #202
703 S. Illinois #203
612 1/2 S. Logan
507 W. Main #2
507 1/2 W. Main B
400 W. Oak #3
410 W. Oak 2, 3, 5
202 N. Poplar #2
202 N. Poplar #3
301 N. Springer #1, 4
414 W. Sacamy #4
414 W. Sacamy #6
414 W. Sacamy #6
406 S. University #1, 2 & 4
504 E. Vermont
703 W. Walnut #1
703 W. Walnut #2

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503 N. Allyn
607 N. Allyn
616 N. Allyn
166 N. Allyn
408 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #1 & 2
514 S. Ash #2
514 S. Ash #5
502 S. Beveridge #2
512 S. Beveridge #2-7
408 W. Cherokee #1-7
508 N. Carico
602 N. Carico
608 N. Carico
711 W. Carico
311 W. Cherry #2
404 W. Cherry Court
404 W. Cherry Court
406 W. Cherry Court
407 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Cherry Court
409 W. Cherry Court
410 W. Cherry Court
310 W. College #2-4
401 W. College #5, 7
503 W. College #5-6

Three Bedroom

507 W. College #5-6
509 W. College #4
315 E. Crestview
506 S. Dixon
105 W. Elm
115 W. Forest
718 S. Forest #3
500 W. Freeman #2, 3, 5, 6
520 S. Graham
109 Glenview
514 S. Hays
406 W. Hester
408 1/2 East Hester
410 W. Hester
208 W. Hospital #1
703 S. Illinois #101
703 S. Illinois #102
703 S. Illinois #201
703 S. Illinois #202
703 S. Illinois #203
401 S. James
611 W. Kennicott
507 1/2 W. Main B
207 S. Maple
916 W. McDaniel
908 W. McDaniel
300 W. Mill #1-4
408 E. Mill
409 E. Mill
400 W. Oak #1, 3
402 W. Oak #6
501 W. Oak
507 W. Oak
300 N. Oakland
305 N. Oakland
311 N. Oakland
602 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park
202 N. Poplar #1
507 S. Poplar 1, 3, 5, 6, 7
301 N. Springer #1-4
913 W. Sacamy
919 W. Sacamy
1619 W. Sacamy
404 S. University #4
404 S. University #5
404 S. University #6
402 W. Hospital #2
208 W. Hospital #2
212 W. Hospital
401 S. James
611 W. Kennicott
610 S. Logan
113 S. Forest
303 S. Forest
109 Glenview
503 S. Hays
507 S. Hays #1
509 S. Hays
511 S. Hays
814 S. Hays
408 E. Hester
300 W. Hospital #2
408 W. Hester
409 E. Mill
413 W. Monroe
417 W. Monroe
6290 Old Murphysboro Rd.
400 W. Oak #1, 2
402 W. Oak #2 W. Oak
505 N. Oakland
511 N. Oakland
602 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park Lake
506 S. Poplar #2-5, 7
202 N. Poplar #1
500 S. Rawlings #5, 6
519 S. Rawlings #3-5
913 W. Sycamore
1619 W. Sycamore
402 W. Walnut
820 W. Walnut #1, 2
168 Water Tower Drive
504 S. Washington
506 S. Washington
406 W. Willow

Four Bedroom

609 N. Allyn
410 S. Allyn
504 S. Ash #3
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beveridge
506 S. Beveridge
209 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #1
501 W. Cherry
606 W. Cherry
614 W. Cherry
300 E. College
312 W. College #3
402 W. College #4
807 W. College
809 W. College
305 Cresyeville
506 S. Dixon
213 S. Forest
303 S. Forest
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409 E. Mill
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6290 Old Murphysboro Rd.
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509 S. Rawlings #1
519 S. Rawlings #3, 5
820 W. Walnut #1
504 S. Washington
501 S. University #2

Five Bedroom

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505 S. Oakland
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Today's Birthday (03-06-07). This year is about money—yours and other people's. You'll learn to treat it all as a tool to help you advance your intentions. Don't have any earth-shaking plans? Make some up. If you could, what would you? To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day; 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 5 - Let somebody else make the trip and bring back whatever you need. Even better, go together. That's more fun than going alone. And more effective.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Improve your skills and you'll soon see an increase in your income. It's not incoming yet, that's true, but it will be. Keep the faith.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Search far and wide for information; gather as much as you can. The answer you're seeking looks, at first, like it doesn't fit.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Your work routine should be pretty well established by now. Set the wheels in motion, so you can put your feet up and supervise.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Take time to relax. Catch up on the news with friends and family. Remember that supportive listening gains more information than talking.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - Your workplace is humming. Your money machine is cranking out abundance. Turn it up to full speed.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Your natural tendency is to flirt with a very attractive person. Doing it during business hours, however, is dangerous. Keep private things private.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - Your intuition's pretty good, even if you can't find the money or other valuables, wherever they're hidden, Just feel them out.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - You're charming, fascinating and intellectually stimulating. You don't give a fig about seeking, however. This is fine, if you're a professor of philosophy or independently wealthy. You really should be both.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Your next assignment requires a change in your attitude. Look at a task you thought was disgusting as an opportunity.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Travel conditions are good now, and meetings will be productive. Ideas suggested by the group will inspire you to take action.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Counting your money and paying bills is a bit easier now. There's also a link between doing that and gaining authority, which leads to making more money.

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AP All-state basketball
team begins recruiting

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Four Division I college recruits, including one repeat selection and one unanimous selection, help make up the first five on The Associated Press 2006-07 Class A boys basketball state teams, released Monday.

Mike Tisdale of Riverton is a repeat first-team selection. The 7-foot University of Illinois recruit missed seven games with a broken finger but came back to lead Riverton to a regional title. He averaged about 28 points, 14 rebounds, and five blocks on the season.

Robert Kreps of Muncie-Forty was the only player listed on two of the teams. The 7-2 Western Illinois recruit was named on all 25 ballots cast by a statewide panel of sportswriters, broadcasters and select Internet outlets.

American Heritage's固定资产

The 5-11 Illinois-Chicago signee, a third-team honoree as a junior, was averaging about 25 points, five rebounds, and five assists in leading Muncie-Forty into Tuesday night's Normal Supersectional.

Neither Kreps was expected to play in the supersectional game after undergoing an emergency appendectomy Sunday.

Two other first-team members also play for Sweet 16 teams.

Carlson Prep's Granville-Patton County County was averaging about 24 points, 12 rebounds and two blocks heading into the Supersectional. The 6-8 Southern Illinois recruit was named on all 25 ballots.

Lucas O'Ryan and Nashville won their third straight Supersectional title and Goodland's first Supersectional. The 6-7 Southern Illinois recruit was named on all 25 ballots.

The recognition comes after SIU won its first MVC conference championship, swept the major in-pool awards Feb. 10 in Carbondale.

Junior Julie Ju was named MVC Swimmer of the Year and senior Cristina Curteneanu was named Diver of the Year.

Walker said the recent accolades will probably mean more to the parents of the potential recruit but not the kids doing what they are supposed to do because they come here to get an education first and swim second.

They men's team achieved its highest ranking ever, finishing fourth in the poll with a GPA of 3.34, behind Evansville by one-tenth of a point.

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**SALUKI TRACKER**

Troy Hudson

Former Saluki basketball player Troy Hudson scored 26 points on 9-of-16 shooting Sunday in the Minnesota Timberwolves 124-117 loss to the Boston Celtics in overtime. He also had eight assists with two steals and two rebounds.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?

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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**BASEBALL**

**SIU catcher named conference player of the week**

Saluki sophomore catcher Mark Kelly was named the week's Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week. In four games last week, Kelly hit .417 with four runs scored, two doubles, a home run and eight RBI as the Salukis won on the road against Tennessee-Martin Wednesday in addition to winning two of three at home against Northern Illinois this weekend.

“Kelly is on a nine-game hitting streak and began last week hitting 5-for-6 with three RBI in SIU’s win over the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks Feb. 28. Kelly was the first Saluki to garner the award this season and it was the first time in his career Kelly was recognized by the conference.”

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**NFL**

**Bears’ Thomas Jones traded to Jets for draft pick**

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears reached a preliminary agreement to trade running back Thomas Jones to the New York Jets on Monday for a second-round draft pick. A person familiar with the trade told The Associated Press the Bears will give up a second-round draft pick, 37th overall, for Jones, who rushed for 1,210 yards and six touchdowns in helping the Bears make the Super Bowl. The person did not want to be identified because the trade has not been officially announced.

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Jones, the seventh overall selection in the 2005 draft by the Cardinals, started for 1,335 yards in 2005, becoming the second running back in Bears history to surpass 1,300. The other was Walter Payton.

He should fit well in the Jets’ offense, which ranked 20th last season, but got a spark from Laveran Washington. Washington is only 5-foot-8, 282 pounds and not considered an every-down back.

MLB

**Cubs pitchers return with mixed results**

(AP) — Mark Prior’s return answered some of his own questions about his arm, but created some about his effectiveness. Kerry Wood’s comeback was far more reassuring to other was Walter Payton.

Prior, who missed most of 2006 during a third consecutive season of injuries, started for the first time since August. He allowed three earned runs and got just four outs before Chicago manager Lou Piniella pulled his expected ace from the game win over New Orleans, then had 112 yards on 15 carries in the Super Bowl. He has one year remaining on his contract.

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Men's Basketball

SIU still ranked despite loss

Maintain top 25 position for 5th straight week

Scott Mieszala
Daily Egyptian

The Saluki basketball team is approaching history even after losing Sunday.

SIU is ranked No. 14 in the AP Top 25 and No. 13 in the ESPN/USA Today Poll, marking the fifth week in a row the Salukis have been ranked, one week short of the longest streak in SIU history, set in 2004.

The 2004 season was the previous school record for highest ranking, when the Salukis appeared at No. 15 in both polls. Last week, SIU was 11th in both polls.

The Salukis (27-6, 13-5) went 2-1 in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, winning in the first two rounds against Drake and Bradley before dropping the championship game to Creighton (21-10, 13-5).


The Salukis' loss also snapped a 13 game winning streak that began Jan. 20 against Creighton. SIU beat the Bluejays 58-57 on a final-possession basket by sophomore guard Bryan Mullins.

Creighton's MVC tournament championship guaranteed it a bid in the NCAA Tournament, to begin March 15.

The Salukis, having made the last five NCAA Tournaments and ranked in both major polls, are a virtual lock for the NCAA Tournament. But after Sunday's loss to Creighton, SIU's eventual seeding could take a hit.

Junior Felipe Villasenor, who went 10-31 at Sports Blast. Villasenor outscored his opponents 24-6 in singles play.

ESPN/USA Today poll

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MEN'S TENNIS

Salukis swing back

Jeff Engelhardt
Daily Egyptian

The SIU men’s tennis team showed they could take a punch and get up to hit right back.

The Salukis lost to Marquette 5-2 on Saturday but defeated Wisconsin-Oshkosh 7-0 Sunday in Milwaukee.

Junior Felipe Villasenor, who went 30-12 overall last year, led the Salukis in a sweep of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Sunday. SIU won all three doubles matches and took straight sets in singles play.

Saluki coach Dann Nelson said Villasenor would continue to be integral in SIU’s future success.

“He’s starting to play like he did last year,” Nelson said. “If he can continue to do that he can really help us down the stretch.”

The Salukis lost four of six matches in singles play to Marquette. Villasenor and junior Nick Bauer accounted for the two SIU wins.

Villasenor won his match in straight sets 6-4 and 6-2, and was able to overcome his opponents in singles competition 24-6. Bauer defeated Greg Sniorek who beat him last year at the same meet. Bauer won in three sets 7-6, 6-4 and 10-3.

Villasenor said he played the way he always plays and came out on top.

“I just did what I usually do,” Villasenor said. “I played with my forehand and went inside out and just hit hard.”

Saturday’s loss against Marquette was a familiar situation for SIU. The Salukis also lost 5-2 last year.

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