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# **Power outages hit southern Illinois**



Sakaham Puri, a seventh grade student at Unity **Point Elementary** School, and Rahul Puri, eighth grade student, complete their homework by candlelight during a power outage at **Evergreen Terrace** Tuesday. Rajnish Puri, the father of the two boys, said the power had been out since 6:15 p.m. EMILY SUNBLADE DAILY EGYPTIAN

Severe winter weather leaves many in the dark Madeleine Leroux

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tuesday evening storms had electrical workers struggling to restore power to roughly 2,600 people throughout southern Illinois, leaving one power company with more widespread outages than it had experienced in some time. Buildings across Carbondale, including the Stone Center, University Farms, Evergreen Terrace and buildings located on McLafferty Road, were without power as a result of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association outage, said SIUC spokesman Rod Sievers.

Buildings with electricity provided by the university were not affected, he said.

Egyptian Electric had a message played when calling an 800 number listed on the Web site. The message reported power outages in

# This storm has caused more widespread outages than we have experienced in some time.

executive vice president and general manager of Egyptian Electric

Carbondale, Marion, Murphysboro of restoring power.

"This storm has caused more widespread outages than we have experienced in some time," said Mark Stallons, executive vice president and general manager of Egyptian Electric. "All of our crews and staff will be working through the night to restore service."

Source: SIU Personnel Listing

cials at both SIU campuses to look

it's an issue that we have to resolve,

"It's an issue that's well taken and

at hiring more women last year.

Rajnish Puri, a resident of Evergreen Terrace, said the power went out at about 6:15 p.m. He reported the outage at about 7:45 p.m. and was told there was no estimated time of restoring power.

"They have no idea when it will be back on," Puri said.

Puri said he has lived in Evergreen Terrace for two years and said the power had gone out under similar circumstances last year.

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# University's top tier short on women

## The four most highly paid administrators at SIUC

Fernando Treviño,

Mark Stallons

Don Rice, interim provost

#### Joe Crawford Daily Egyptian

Female administrators are scarce at SIU, and the male who holds the top spot at the university said he recognized the problem some time ago.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said one of his main goals for the university is to address the disproportionately low number of women in high-ranking posts. Men hold 16 of the top administrative positions at SIUC, and many of the top jobs in the president's office are also without women.

"There is a problem and we rec-

ognize that there is a problem with gender inequity in the administrative ranks," Poshard said last week.

The chancellor, the four vice chancellors and the 11 deans on the Carbondale campus are all men. Males also hold the two vice president jobs immediately under Poshard.

With the high-ranking positions come higher salaries.

The 16 male administrators make an average of nearly \$200,000 each year, according to the university's personnel listing.

The highest paid woman who reports directly to Chancellor Fernando Treviño is Budget Office Director Carol Henry, who earns \$107,996 per year. Patricia Elmore, who took a position as interim associate provost for academic affairs last year, makes \$159,792 each year. Elmore is the highest paid woman who reports to interim Provost and Vice Chancellor Don Rice.

and other cities in southern Illinois.

company's Web site at 6:15 p.m.

reported scattered outages affecting

about 2,600 people. The statement

cited severe winter weather as the

cause of the outages. As of 9:01

p.m., there was no estimated time

A statement posted on the

Of the employees in Poshard's office with salaries of \$60,000 or more, there are 14 men and 10 women, according to the personnel listing. For those men — who hold the five highest paying jobs in the office — the average salary is \$129,685 while the mean pay for the women is \$87,946.

Poshard said he encouraged offi-



Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

but it's going to take some time to change it," Poshard said.

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**Sports Student Life** News Wellness Center Student group makes Who will be donning **SIU defends Defensive** illustrates dangers of a name for itself in Bitch a sweater for the Mr. **Player of the Year** drunk spring break. distinction. magazine. **Rogers celebration?** PAGE 9 PAGE 5 **PAGE 16 P**AGE **14** 

# NEWS BRIEFS



EAST ST. LOUIS (AP) — A slow-moving storm buried parts of Illinois under several inches of snow Tuesday, closing schools, snarling freeway traffic and leaving at least two people dead.

In Collinsville, east of St. Louis, police said a 68-year-old and a 71-year-old were killed about 10:30 a.m. when the car in which they were riding slid into an oncoming tractor-trailer's path.

Police said the crash happened as it was sleeting, and the roads were made hazardous by the storm that socked the region in two phases — first by pelting the area with sleet Monday night, then following that up with Tuesday's snow blitz.

Around the Mississippi River town of Alton, about 30 miles north of St. Louis, there were reports of 9 inches of new snow, National Weather Service meteorologist Ted Schroeder said. Other Illinois suburbs of St. Louis got 4 to 8 inches, he said. "Driving conditions are horrible," Schroeder said. "It is a mess."

Highway crews hustled to clear freeways that along certain stretches became mechanized ballets. Television footage showed one tractor-trailer sliding sideways under an overpass, jackknifing before coming to rest in a median near Caseyville. Dozens of other vehicles, many with four-wheel drive, found their way into ditches. In Alton, a salt truck overturned, leaving the driver with slight injuries.

# Abortion bill creates new standoff in Illinois Legislature

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Another fight is brewing at the state Capitol, and this one appears ugly from the onset.

Abortion rights advocates and foes are bracing for another clash in the Illinois House this spring over legislation spelling out that women have certain reproductive rights.

The bill's supporters call it a work in progress that won't necessarily advance this year. But already, the general idea is drawing a backlash from abortion opponents, who fear the true goal is a major expansion of abortion in Illinois.

"They see this as a window of opportunity," said Rep. David Reis, R-Willow Hill. "They are really nonstop. But so are we."

Few issues are as polarizing as abortion, and the latest debate demonstrates the mistrust between the two sides before work on the legislation even begins in earnest.

The measure, dubbed the "Reproductive Justice and Access Act," bars state or local governments from interfering with women's access to contraceptives or attempts to have an abortion except in limited circumstances.

Supporters, including Planned Parenthood of Illinois, say it's in response to concerns that a more conservative U.S. Supreme Court could chip away at women's rights to abortions and other key health issues.

"We want to make a clear statement that this state supports a women's right to choose," said Pam Sutherland, Planned Parenthood's executive director.

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie, the House Majority Leader and lead sponsor of the measure, says it's meant simply to protect women from being denied contraception or barred from getting an abortion.

But she acknowledges the measure faces a struggle.

It also would require comprehensive sex education to be taught in schools. which draws heated complaints from some conservative groups and lawmakers.

#### POLICE REPORTS

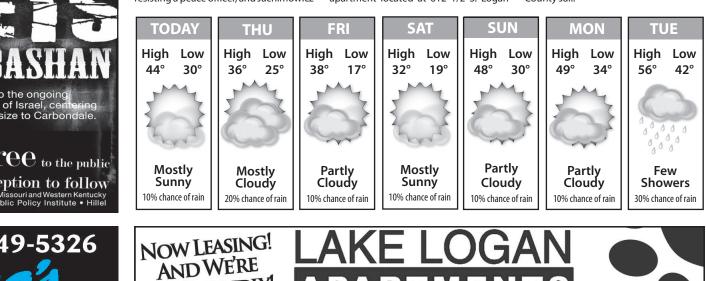
Two Carbondale residents were arrested Thursday morning when Carbondale police stopped a stolen white Dodge pick-up truck in the 900 block of West Main Street at 3:47 a.m. lan C. Jachimowicz, 28, and Jordan C. Lewis, 23, fled the vehicle. Jachimowicz was arrested shortly after, and Lewis a few hours later. Both men were arrested for resisting a peace officer, and Jachimowicz

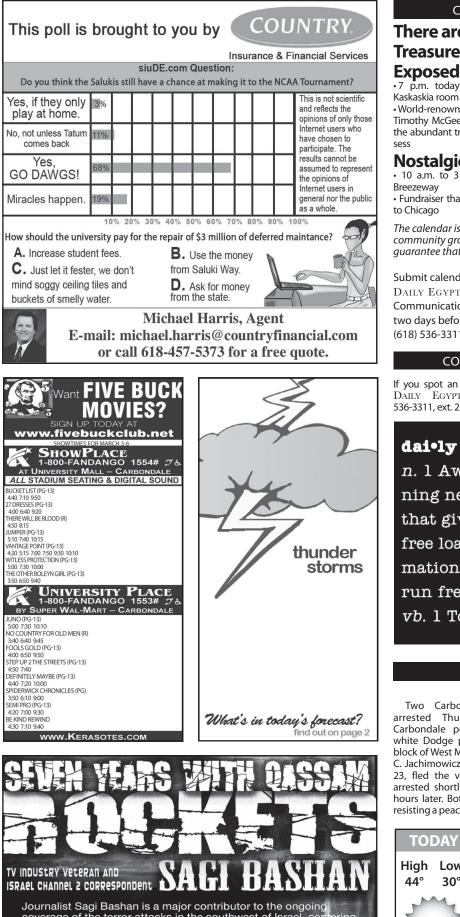
was released. Lewis was also charged for unlawful possession of a stolen motor vehicle and possession of a firearm and ammunition without a firearm's owner's identification card, and was incarcerated in the Jackson County Jail.

Information obtained during the investigation into the truck resulted in the issuance of a search warrant for an apartment located at 612 1/2 S. Logan

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St., where the following Carbondale residents were arrested: Joshua D. Brantley, 21, for obstructing justice and an Effingham County failure to appear on a warrant for speeding; and Matthew C. Stainbrook, 22, and Alexander J. Nelson, 22, for auto burglary. Brantley posted bond and was released; Stainbrook and Nelson were incarcerated in the Jackson County Jail.





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# **GPSC** may lose one officer position

Lack of funding puts strain on council's budget

## Allison Petty Daily Egyptian

Graduate and Professional Student Council could soon lose one of its three officer positions because of a lack of funding, GPSC President Steven Middleton said.

Middleton said the organization's three officers — president, vice president for administrative affairs

and vice president for graduate school affairs — receive tuition waivers as well as graduate assistant stipends. He said only the vice president for graduate school affairs receives money from the university, while the other two officers' paychecks come from GPSC funds supplied by the student activity fee.

"I don't think we should give up a line that the grad school is will-

ing to pay for," said Shelly McGrath, a doctoral student from Lansing who holds the position. "Nobody would be like, 'Hey, psychology department — you should cut some of your graduate assistants."

McGrath said her responsibilities included attending graduate council meetings and acting as a liaison between the graduate school and GPSC.

The graduate school typically

pays the stipend for the vice president of graduate school affairs, but some students are not eligible for the money, Middleton said.

Law students, medical students and master's students who have received a stipend from the graduate school for two years or doctoral students who have received a stipend for four years are not eligible to be paid by the graduate school, Middleton said. In those cases, GPSC must pay the salaries for all three officers, he said.

Stipends for the organization's officers currently amount to \$1,292 per month for master's students and \$1,402 per month for doctoral students. Paying

that salary for a year could put Nobody would be like, a heavy strain on the organization's budget, 'Hey, psychology which is about department — you \$80,000 per year, Middleton said. should cut some The problem of your graduate is more urgent now, Middleton assistants. said, because

- Shelly McGrath vice president for graduate school affairs fer \$93,000 of

its funding to Undergraduate Student Government this year. The DAILY EGYPTIAN reported

on Sept. 13 that the money had been misallocated over a period of several years because of a discrepancy in the way the student activity fee was distributed.

Until last year, the student activity fee was split between the graduate and undergraduate students according to the percentage of each cat-



James Durbin ~ Daily Egyptian

**From left, Vice President of Graduate School Affairs Shelly McGrath talks** with GPSC President Steven Middleton while Sara Samson, vice president of administrative affairs, looks on during a GPSC meeting Tuesday night. The officers presented reports, but the organization could not vote because a quorum was not present.

egory of students paying the fee. This created a problem because the fee is assessed according to the number of credit hours a student is taking, and the undergraduate students typically take more credit hours than graduate students, said Ed Ford, a graduate student from Carbondale.

Ford said he held all three GPSC officer positions during his time at the university, but believed he had been overpaid when working as the vice president for graduate school affairs. The position does not include enough responsibilities to receive a salary, Ford said.

Ford said he did not think it was fair for the organization to select officers for the position based on whether or not they were eligible to receive university funds.

"It's hard to budget from year to year because we don't know for sure who's going to be in that position next year and whether we'll have to pay for it ourselves," Ford said.

McGrath said she planned to leave the university in May, but still

did not want her position to be eliminated. She said she thought people who qualified to receive university funds should be the only ones to assume the position.

Middleton said the organization would likely discuss the issue at its next meeting. GPSC members met Tuesday night, but could not vote because a quorum was not present.

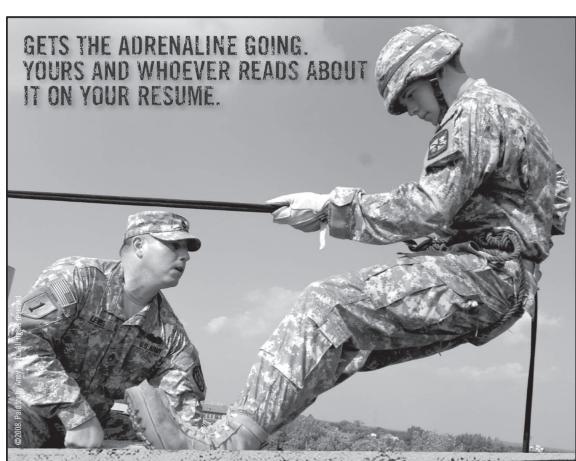
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# Military officials say Iran continuing to train, arm insurgents in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military officials accused Iran on Tuesday of continuing to train and arm insurgents in Iraq, while U.S. lawmakers said they were disappointed that Baghdad opened up its doors to the Islamic Republic's top leader.

"I think it's offensive," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's two-day trip to Iraq this week.

Iraq has "got every right to invite whomever they want. They're sovereign. But we have a right to express an opinion about it," added Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Levin's remarks come as the United States is struggling to combat Iran's growing influence in the region, and senior military commanders say it continues to provide powerful bombs to Shiite militias in Iraq.

"We have no doubt they are still supporting insurgents," said Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, the former No. 2 military commander in Iraq, at a Pentagon press conference. Asked if that was the greatest threat to stability in Iraq, he said, "If you ask me what I worry about most, I do worry about that as a long-term threat. And I think we have to, you know, constantly watch it."

### PALESTINE

# Leader rebuffs Rice on request for quick revival of peace talks

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — The U.S.-backed Palestinian president rebuffed the Bush administration's request Tuesday to quickly end a walkout of peace talks with Israel, saying Israeli military bombardment of civilians in the Gaza Strip is unacceptable under any circumstance.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said negotiations are the only solution, and defended Israel's right to seek out militants who use the tiny Hamas-held territory as a launching pad for increasing numbers of rockets targeting civilians in southern Israel.

"I understand the difficulties of the current moment," Rice said following meetings with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. "We all must keep an eye on what is important."

She won no public promise that Palestinians would end their boycott soon. U.S. officials say they understand his political predicament and predict talks will resume after a brief Iull. Abbas was not expected to relent before Rice leaves the Middle East on Wednesday.

"I call on the Israeli government to halt its aggression so the necessary environment can be created to make negotiations succeed, for us and for them, to reach the shores of peace in 2008," Abbas said. He was referring to the goal — stated at a U.S.-sponsored Mideast peace conference in November — of reaching an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty by the end of the year.

## Massachusetts

# Harvard University tests women-only hours to accomodate

# **Democrats duel while McCain clinches**

#### David Espo The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton won the Rhode Island primary Tuesday night and raced to a big lead in Ohio, but struggled to make a major dent in Barack Obama's delegate lead in a riveting Democratic presidential race. Arizona Sen. John McCain, an unflinching supporter of the war in Iraq, clinched the Republican nomination.

Clinton claimed victory in Ohio, and told cheering supporters, "We're going on, we're going strong and we're going all the way."

Obama won the Vermont primary, and the two rivals were locked in a tight race in Texas. No matter how it turned out, he said, "We have nearly the same delegate lead as we did this morning and we are on our way to winning this nomination."

Both Democrats took time out from their own race to call McCain — a Senate colleague — to congratulate him on his triumph in the Republican race.

The 71-year-old Arizona senator surpassed the 1,191 delegates needed to win his party's nomination, completing a remarkable comeback that began in the snows of New Hampshire eight weeks ago. President Bush invited him to lunch — and an endorsement — at the White House on Wednesday.

"We are in Iraq, and our most vital security interests are involved there," said McCain at a victory celebration nearly a decade in the making.

McCain's last remaining major rival, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, conceded defeat after a campaign that included a stunning victory in the leadoff Iowa caucuses on Jan. 3. "My commitment to him and the party is to do everything possible to unite our party, but more important to unite our country so that we can be the best we can be," Huckabee said in Irving, Texas.

With their remarks, first Clinton,

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**Abigail Smithson, 7, waits** for her parents to vote at the White Settlement Recreation Center Tuesday in White Settlement, Texas.

then Obama, sought to frame the race in the best possible terms for their own campaigns.

"They call Ohio a bellwether state, the battleground state. It's a state that knows how to pick a president and no candidate in recent history, Democrat or Republican, has won the White House without winning the Ohio primary," the former first lady said in Columbus.

Moments later, Obama stepped to the microphone in San Antonio. He said the outcome of the Texas primary might not be known until Wednesday, and he all but conceded defeat in Ohio. Either way, he added, it was the delegates that mattered.

Obama had 1,443 delegates,

according to The Associated Press count, to 1,351 for Clinton, with 2,025 needed to win the nomination at the party convention in Denver this summer.

The former first lady picked up at least 75 in the four primaries, and Obama gained at least 54. Nearly 250 more remained to be awarded, including 67 in Texas caucuses that began after the primary polls closed.

Clinton and Obama spent most of the past two weeks in Ohio and Texas in a costly, bruising campaign, with the former first lady questioning his sincerity in opposing NAFTA and questioning his readiness to serve as commander in chief.

Polling place interviews with voters in both states suggested the criticism hit home, showing Clinton was winning the votes of late deciders in Ohio and Texas, as well as Vermont.

Hispanics, a group that has favored Clinton in earlier primaries, cast nearly one-third of the Election Day votes in Texas, up from about one- quarter of the ballots four years ago, according to interviews with voters as they left their polling places. Blacks, who have voted heavily for Obama this year, accounted for roughly 20 percent of the votes cast, roughly the same as four years ago.

The economy was the No. 1 concern on the minds of Democratic voters in Texas, Rhode Island and especially in Ohio. But in Vermont, almost as many voters said the war in Iraq was their top concern.

# Venezuela moves troops to Colombian border

#### Toby Muse The Associated Press

CUCUTA, Colombia — Venezuela moved troops toward Colombia and turned away cargo trucks at border crossings Tuesday as tensions mounted over Colombia's strike on a leftist rebel base in Ecuador.

Ecuador also reinforced its border with more troops and sought international condemnation of the attack, which killed a top commander of Colombia's main rebel group and 22 other guerrillas. Colombia said documents found at the rebel base showed the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia were trying to acquire radioactive material that could be used for dirty bombs - and that Venezuela and Ecuador had deepening ties with the FARC. Venezuelan and Ecuador said Colombia was lying. The Organization of American States held an emergency meeting in Washington to try to calm one of the region's worst political showdowns in years. Colombia apologized for the attack, but Ecuador wasn't satisfied, calling for OAS to investigate. Colombian President Ălvaro Uribe said the International Criminal Court should try Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez for "genocide" for allegedly financing FARC, listed as a terrorist organization by the United States and the European Union. He cited documents in laptops Colombia

says were recovered at the jungle camp that apparently refer to a \$300 million Venezuelan payment.

Despite troop movements and saber rattling, Uribe said he would not allow his nation to be drawn into war.

"Colombia has never been a country to go to war with its neighbors," Uribe said. "We are not mobilizing troops, nor advancing toward war."

President Bush accused Chavez of "provocative maneuvers" and said the United States stands by the conservative Colombian government, its key ally in a region dominated by leftists. Bush said he personally delivered this message to Uribe during a phone call earlier Tuesday. Colombia has received some \$5 billion in U.S. aid to counter the drug trade and battle leftist guerrillas since 2000.

# Bush: 'Plenty of time' for peace deal before end of presidential term

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— George W. Bush

U.S. President

#### Ben Feller The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With only 10 months left in his term and Israeli-Palestinian talks collapsed over renewed violence, President Bush said Tuesday there is "plenty of time" to get a Mideast peace deal before he leaves.

"This is a process that always

walk out of peace talks.

But, said Bush, "Ten months is a long time. It's plenty of time to get a deal done." He noted that Rice was pushing the Israeli and Palestinian leadership to resume talks.

"I am optimistic that they can conclude tough negotiations," he said. "I'm still as optimistic as I was after Annapolis," the site of a

# Muslims at gym

BOSTON (AP) — Harvard University has banned men from one of its gyms for a few hours a week, a move to accomodate Muslim women who, for religious and cultural reasons, cannot exercise comfortably in their presence.

The policy is already unpopular with many on campus, however, including some women who consider it sexist.

"I think that it's incorrect in a college setting to institute a policy in which half of the campus gets wronged or denied a resource that's supposed to be for everyone," said student Lucy Caldwell, who also wrote a column in The Harvard Crimson newspaper critical of the new hours.

Student Ola Aljawhary, who is Muslim and works out elsewhere on campus but is not one of the women who requested the change, rejected that argument.

"The majority should be willing to compromise," she said. "I think that's just basic courtesy. We must show tolerance and respect for all others." The attack on Ecuadorean territory reflected Colombia's longheld frustration over the ability of rebels to take refuge across poorly patrolled patrols.

Uribe said he has provided Chavez with precise information on the location of FARC camps in Venezuela — one of which, he alleged, was home to rebel leader Ivan Marquez.

Chavez warned Uribe that any strike on Venezuelan soil could provoke war. But his forces would be outnumbered: Venezuela and Ecuador have about 172,000 active military troops between them. Colombia's U.S.-equipped, trained and advised military has more than 250,000. has two steps forward and one step

back," Bush said after meeting at the White House with Jordan's King Abdullah II. "We just need to make sure that it's just one step back."

Secretary of State Condoleezza

Rice is in the region this week trying to rescue peace negotiations from a low point.

Open warfare has engulfed the Gaza Strip in the last week. After Palestinian militants fired rockets into southern Israel, the Jewish state launched a major offensive in the Gaza territory that is controlled by the militant Hamas movement and used as a base for the rocket launches. The offensive prompted the moderate Palestinian leadership in control of the West Bank territory to

U.S.-backed international Mideast

peace conference in Maryland late last year.

Bush, noting his typical opposition to timetables, said he remains firm on getting a peace deal done: "There happens to be a timetable, as

far as I'm concerned, and that is I am leaving office."The president's term ends January 20, 2009.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has suspended peace talks in protest of an Israeli military offensive that killed more than 100 Palestinians in Gaza.

Abbas on Tuesday called on the Israeli government "to halt its aggression so the necessary environment can be created to make negotiations succeed, for us and for them, to reach the shores of peace in 2008."

# **Mission of 'Composters' anything but trashy**

# Class project turns into Bitch magazine profile

News

#### **Lindsey Smith** DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two doctoral students want to take social injustice out with the trash, and Bitch magazine wants to know more.

Janet Donoghue and Alison Fisher, two women's studies instructors, call themselves the Composters. What started as a project for their graduate class in "Performance, Protest and Surveillance" turned into a lifestyle of activism for the environmental and

feminine advocates. The satirical pair has received lots of attention in their quest to make people scratch their heads, so much so that they were chosen as this month's highlighted activist group in Bitch magazine, a publi-

cation designed to provide a feminist perspective on pop culture.

Fisher said the name of their group was born when she built a compost pile in class and then discovered she had actually broken the law by failing to contain the heap.

The two students took this experience with "compost" and turned the word into a metaphor related to nearly everything in society.

"We look to reframe issues like racism and homophobia and say

we can compost these," said Fisher, a speech communication doctoral student from Kirkwood, Mo.

Fisher and Donoghue have traveled across the country performing their own satirical skits. The Composters offer their audiences several suggestions and questions designed to spark thought and discussion.

"If (composting) works for banana peels and cucumbers, maybe it'll work for the war machine," said Donoghue, a speech communication doctoral student from Fairhope, Ala.

Fisher wrote the editor of the Bitch magazine and was contacted in October for an interview, she said. The result was a Composters' feature as this

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month's activist profile. Fisher said the magazine

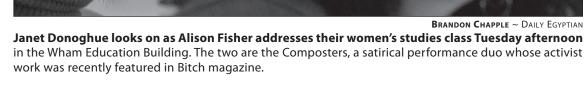
issues like racism and has meant much to her as an aspiring activist,

 Alison Fisher so much that speech communication she has often doctoral student quoted it in papers.

"If we were to be in any magazine, this would be the one," Fisher said. "It represents who we are and what we do."

Donoghue said the magazine came out Saturday, but they have not seen it because Barnes & Noble, the only Bitch magazine provider in Carbondale, has yet to receive this month's edition.

Bitch magazine is a selfdescribed feminist response to pop culture. To those who disapprove



of the magazine's title, its Web site, http://bitchmagazine.org, offered an explanation.

"Bitch' is an epithet hurled at women who speak their minds, who have opinions and don't shy away from expressing them, and who don't sit by and smile uncomfortably if they're bothered or offended," the Web site states. "If being an outspoken woman means being a bitch, we'll take that as a compliment, thanks."

The Composters' next performance is scheduled for 8 p.m. March 21 at Longbranch Coffeehouse on 100 E. Jackson St. in Carbondale. The presentation is free and open to everyone, though they will be accepting donations for the Nari Jibon Project, a training program that provides services and support for women.

Donoghue said they would present pieces of their past two scripts as well as a new skit, which she described as similar to the work of Steven Colbert.

BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Fisher said in the meantime those who are interested in the Composters' ideals might listen to their radio show "Take a Look at What Mother Nature's Wearing" on WBDX 91.1 FM, 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, or check out their Web site at http://thecomposters.com.

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# **THEIR WORD** So far, election breaks conventional wisdom

This has not been a good year for "conventional wisdom" in politics. That's what happens when people get involved. They triumph over pundits every time.

By now, the country was supposed to be heading toward November with Mitt Romney or maybe Fred Thompson, acceptable choices for the Republican "establishment," carrying the GOP presidential banner against U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, who had the most formidable money-raising machine

on the Democratic side (and a husband who was very helpful at that sort of thing). No Republican candidate

could win the nomination without appeasing the party's rightwing base, the experts said. No Democratic hopeful, the experts said, could buck the Clinton

campaign apparatus, and besides, didn't most of the party faithful feel the former first family was entitled to return to the White House?

And all of this was A campaign to be etched in stone as of the 24 primaries that was and caucuses on Feb. 5, "Super Duper supposed Tuesday." to alienate Instead, we have Arizona Sen. John people has McCain, at 71, taking the Republican actually nomination thanks engaged them. to hordes of independent voters

> who like his "straight talk" joining GOP pragmatists who realize he is the best chance for the party to win in November.

U.S. Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois, meantime, has forced Clinton into playing catch-up. Obama's message of hope and unity has captivated millions of voters, especially young people, who are bone-weary of the nation's political and ideological battles. Obama is also winning majorities of white voters, undercutting the "conventional wisdom" that minority candidates do better in opinion polls than in elections, when people make their real choices.

Primaries, especially on the Democratic side, have drawn impressive turnouts. A campaign that was supposed to alienate people has actually engaged them. The political establishments have been knocked for a loop by ordinary people getting involved - and giving money.

Whatever the outcome — and this election is far from settled — it has been a surprisingly healthy year for democracy. Forget "conventional wisdom." Create more tools to spur popular engagement, and let the people decide.

This editorial appeared in the Detroit Free Press on Sunday.



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# What the Health is Going On

# **Spring Break survival**

Plan ahead

to decide

how you will

may arise.

## WELLNESS CENTER

Spring break can be a good time to relax, catch up on studies or have fun with friends and family. Whether you stay in town or travel, break time is an opportunity to use hours out of the classroom to do something different. If you are traveling, avoid unwanted troubles with the following safety tips.

A main risk for serious injury is vehicle crashes. Avoid driving while drowsy, as this causes as many

accidents as driving while intoxicated. Even if you are in a hurry to get home or get to a vacation destination, make sure the driver is well rested. Pull over if

needed. Carry a small firstaid kit while



on the road. Include Band Aids, sunscreen, skin ointments, wet wipes and over-the-counter medications for pain. Keep hydrated if you will be in the sun.

If you plan to drink alcohol, drink water between alcoholic beverages, as alcohol is a diuretic. Drink for a buzz rather than a binge by limiting alcohol to no more than one beverage per hour. It will save your body empty calories that add up quickly, and save you potential stress from impulsive acts done under the influence.

Not drinking alcohol at all is recommended if you are driving, on medication, pregnant, underage, ill, psychologically upset or in a high-risk situation. Every year there are college students who get robbed, assaulted, lose wallets or find themselves in the hospital or jail because of excessive drinking. No one expects to end up with alcohol poisoning or going to court for tickets while on a trip; it isn't fun. Sexual decision-making can be compromised with alcohol use, so respect yourself

by keeping your boundaries in place. Make sure there is mutual consent for any intimate activity. Coming home from a trip with an STD or pregnancy may create an unexpected change for life.

Watch out for your friends, use a buddy system, and travel with your values and goals in mind.

Students who are not beachbound can use this time to bond with friends and family, write that paper you have been procrastinating or get ahead

> on reading assignments. Doing some schoolwork now may allow a less stressful spring after the break.

For some students going handle conflict home, family is a stressor. Plan ahead to decide situations that how you will handle conflict situations that may arise. Some college-age students who

are used to being independent feel pressured by problems with parents.

Have a back-up plan, such as leaving the house to exercise or go to the library to get out if things seem too tense. It is normal to feel a variety of emotions, such as irritation, anxiety or sadness in difficult family situations. However, a sign of emotional intelligence is an ability to control actions and use positive coping methods.

Those staying in town may enjoy the quieter environment; others may feel a little lost with fewer folks around. Most SIUC offices are open. This can be a good time to take care of needed business. For those who are bored, make a list of all the things you would like to do, but never have the time. Rent a yoga video, hike, learn a hobby, volunteer to help others less fortunate or find other noncostly ways to improve your life.

Diana Soliwon



For confidential help with stress, substances, sexuality, nutrition or self care contact the Wellness Center at 536-4441.

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<sup>6</sup>I'm not getting any younger. I wake up some days and think I can't even touch my toes."

#### **Brett Favre**

former Green Bay Packers quarterback commenting on his decision to retire after playing professional football for 17 years.

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# INSIGHT



# A pleasant surprise

Photo column by Ryan Rendleman ~ Daily Egyptian

B ryan Moss, a talented photojournalist, put together a quality and simple photography book called "PhotoSynthesis." Every page displays a beautiful black and white

photographers who dislike such dull images) will appear in the paper.

Sometimes the unexpected does happen — a pleasant surprise.

The SIU baseball team played at Abe Martin

image with accompanying type. The words and photographs work together to explain elements of good photography, as well as how to be a better photographer.

One component places more importance in a photographer's mind than technique.

"In every event, big or small, it's rewarding to watch for what happens on the edges," Moss states.

Events happen. Most of the time a photojournalist, myself included, will take the expected shots. If it is a basketball game, it is safe to assume an armpit will appear on the back of the newspaper the following publication day. If it is a meeting, a "vertical corpse" (as they are called by Field Sunday. I was the photographer. Truthfully, most of the game was not spent focused on the edges, but rather setting the home plate, first base or second base in the viewfinder.

Luckily, I happened to turn around.

Gracie Cameron stood near an embankment about 50 feet away. She held a tree branch in her hands and the sun beat down softly on her face. She was clearly lost in whatever thoughts young children are lost in.

On the edges was a beautiful picture of a child doing what children do.

Maybe I missed a base hit, but sometimes the edges are the more important event.

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# DAILY EGYPTIAN

# Students taught spring break safety

We want to show

still have a good time

and celebrate their

Wellness Center offers safety tips for alcohol, sex

#### Maria Capati DAILY EGYPTIAN

Regina Campbell normally has no trouble putting the ball in the hoop.

Åfter slipping on drunk-simu-lation goggles Tuesday, she had trouble even hitting the rim.

Campbell, a freshman from Kankakee studying administration of justice, was one of roughly 30 participants at the Safe Spring Break event Tuesday in the Recreation

Center. The event, sponsored by the Wellness Center, was designed to provide students information on how to make healthy choices over spring break.

par-Campbell ticipated in an exercise that strived to show how distorted the world is when

one has been drinking alcohol. Campbell said it was nearly impossible to play basketball when applying distorted goggles dubbed "fatalvision goggles.

"I can barely shoot or walk. There's no way I could drive," Campbell said.

Chris Duenas, an undecided freshman from Libertyville, said having students use the blurry and distorted goggles is a good way to

show a sober person how dangerous and distorted everything gets when someone is intoxicated.

The goggles attempt to show what the environment would look like with a blood-alcohol level of .15, almost twice the legal limit, Duenas said.

For example, it would take four drinks to reach the bloodalcohol level for a female with a body weight of 120 pounds and seven drinks for a male with a body weight of 180 pounds. He said he wants to help students be aware to drink responsibly and to take necessary precautions to stay safe.

Students looking to stay safe over spring break also participated in a "mocktail" station, which

served non-alcoholic drinks to show an alternative to vacation refreshments.

I that students can Michelle McLernon, outreach coordinator at the Wellness break without alcohol. Center, said Michelle McLernon the event was Wellness Center outreach coordinator designed to warn of the dangers of

> alcohol abuse but also show fun alternatives. "We want to show that students can still have a good time and celebrate their break without alcohol,"

McLernon said. McLernon stressed the importance of gaining information about skin care, nutrition, stress management, alcohol and sexual behavior. She passed out information

fliers, citing statistics from the



Counseling Center such as that 70 percent of college students engage in sexual activity when they normally wouldn't because of alcohol intake.

They also warned of the importance of safe sex for those who do choose to engage in sexual activity. Those seeking more information should contact the Counseling Jamie Barnhill, a senior from **Gurnee studying** recreation and leisure services, waits to shoot a basket wearing fatal vision goggles which simulated a .15 blood-alcohol content, twice the legal limit, Tuesday afternoon.The event Safe Spring Break was brought together by The Wellness Center to promote awarness of issues and temptations that happen to students during their spring vacations. EDYTA BŁASZCZYK DAILY EGYPTIAN

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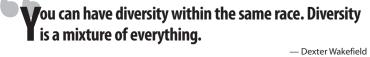
# Panel looks to diversify RSOs

Students discuss integration of student organizations

Luke McCormick DAILY EGYPTIAN

Inocencia Amarante believes diversity is more than just a word. Amarante was one of six panel members at a forum titled "Integration: Stirring the Melting Pot in SIUC Registered Student Organizations," which occurred in the Student Center Tuesday night.

Many of the hundreds of registered student organizations on campus have names that define them as applying only to specific groups or niches, such as the Black Women's Task Force or the Hispanic Student Council. The goal of the event was to make such organizations open to all even though their names may be off-putting to some. "Diversity is a lifestyle," said Amarante, an alumna with a doctoral degree in psychology education. "It's a world view."



associate professor of plant, soil and agricultural systems

would read one of the panel member's cards and act out a stereotype for the ethnicity that was on the card. The panel then attempted to guess which race was being stereoin the same race," Wakefield said. "Diversity is a mixture of everything."

The panel and crowd engaged in discussion about how it would be



Minorities in Natural Resources and Related Sciences organized the forum.

The evening began with an "icebreaker," which had panel members hold up a card they were not allowed to see. Each card bore the name of a different race.

A student or group member

typed.

The icebreaker sparked conversation about how stereotypes begin and what could be done to stop the process.

Amarante said people could be victims or perpetrators of stereotypes at any given moment.

The panel agreed that diversity went beyond racial issues.

Panel member Dexter Wakefield, associate professor of plant, soil and agricultural systems, said diversity would be achieved if he could walk into a room and see more than a few people who did not look like him.

But diversity is not all about how someone looks, he said.

"You can have diversity with-

possible for student organizations to be more welcoming to students of all races, even when the organization's name contained words like "black" or "Hispanic" in its title. Students took control of the discussion after this topic was raised.

Lionel Grant, a senior from Dolton studying zoology, said the best way to create diversity or integration in student organizations is for effective communication to take place.

"Effective communication is the key to all of tonight's topics," Grant said.

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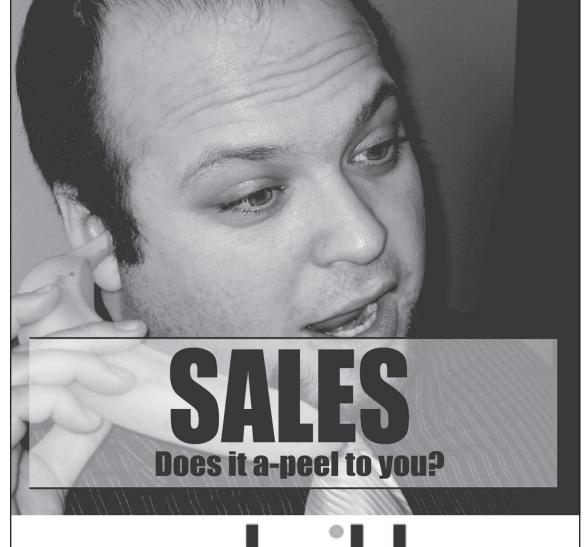
#### BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bryan Partak, a sophomore from Ottawa studying parks and recreation, fishes off the banks of Campus Lake Friday afternoon. Partak, an avid fishing enthusiast, is part of the Saluki Bassers, SIUC's fishing club who ranked No. 2 in the nation last year.





Danielle Rios, a sophomore from Chicago studying administration of justice, left, and Sarah McGuire, a junior from Rockford studying pre-med, watch as models display custom designed clothing and jewelry in front of an audience in the Civic Center Friday night. The performance showcased a line of clothing called 'Da Bomb,' a dream McGuire says she has had since eighth grade. The show had three sections to show off jeans, hoodies and casual wear and featured musical performances between each one. After the show, audience members were able to purchase any of the clothing and jewelry items they saw modeled throughout the night. Audience turnout was disappointing, McGuire said, but she is planning a repeat performance in the fall. JAMES DURBIN DAILY EGYPTIAN





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# 'Good Time' comes off a little sapp

Lovable Alan Jackson's 15th release all original

> Julie Engler DAILY EGYPTIAN

#### Alan Jackson: 'Good Time **Release date: March 4 Record Label: Arista Records** http://www.alanjackson.com

With a career spanning nearly 20 years and 15 released studio albums, Alan Jackson is becoming the Johnny Cash of today's generation of country music.

'90s hits, such as His

"Chattahoochee" and "Don't Rock the Jukebox," have become those timeless classics of modern country that simply can't be replaced. While he will never be as widely loved as Cash, Jackson isn't concerned: He's still a good ol' country boy.

On "Good Time," Jackson stays true to the old days of "bologna sandwiches on white bread" and country

music as traditional as it can be in today's mess of country music. Incorporating fiddle, banjo, steel guitar

and acoustic guitar, Jackson's approach to music is as laid-back as his southern country roots. "Good Time" is loose, carefree and enjoyable.

Jackson wrote all 17 songs himself, including the ballad about Jesus being a hillbilly in "If Jesus Walked the World Today," a nice change of pace from the seriousness of his love songs.

Most of the songs on the album are swooners, with Jackson more than willing to express his love for women. On "IWish I Could Back Up," Jackson expresses his wishes about wanting to go back in time to the beginning

to make everything right with his lifelong love. But Jackson still

has some honkytonk left in him. The opening title

track is a strong start, perhaps even enough to be a little deceptive of how the rest of the album will unfold. Jackson's use of instrumental hooks after nearly every line in the song are credulously country, and the electric

lead is a welcomed, energetic statement that isn't found a lot in this album. And just in case you missed the point, Jackson breaks it down for you — a lesson on how to spell "good time" correctly.

Jackson has always highlighted the more "attractive" aspects of the country

— as opposed to Brad Paisley's "Ticks" - and "Good Time" isn't an exception. Whether it's riding on country roads in "Country Boy," feeling the grass between his toes in "I Still Like Bologna," or "Laid Back 'N Low Key" on the beach, Jackson makes us wish we were there watching the sunset far from the city skyscrapers.

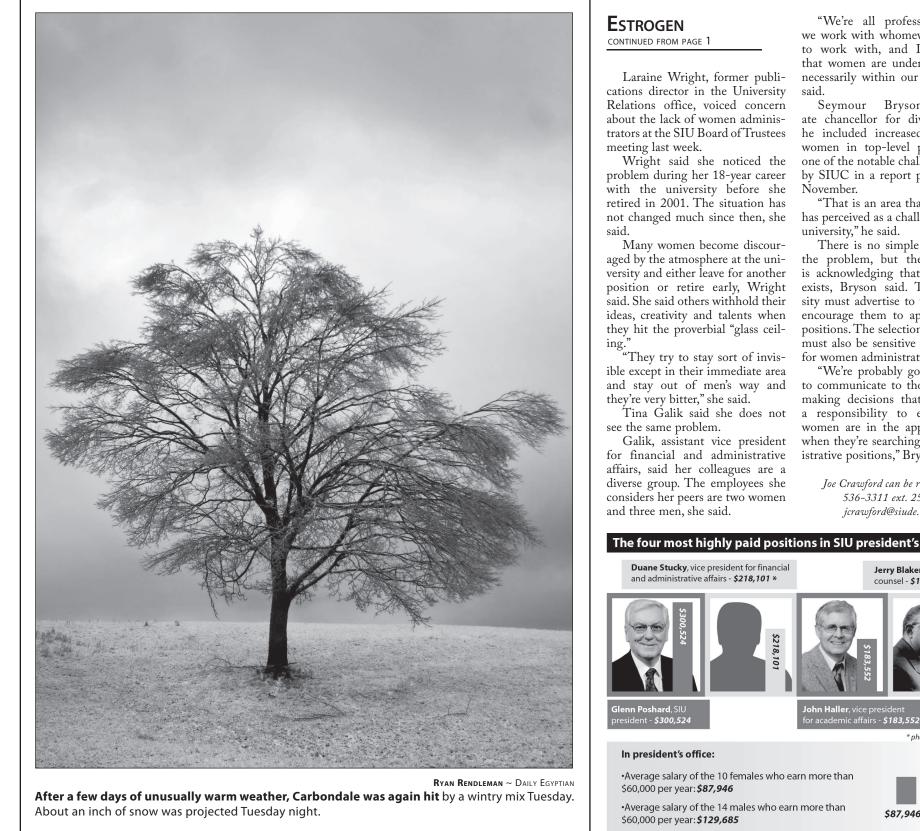
Jackson has become a little more "Laid Back" himself, but he still knows how to have a good time, whether with his friends or his wife; "Good



March 5, 2008

Time" reflects sentimentality and good humor, as Jackson's releases always have.

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"We're all professionals and we work with whomever we need to work with, and I don't feel that women are underrepresented necessarily within our office," she

Seymour Bryson, associate chancellor for diversity, said he included increased hiring of women in top-level positions as one of the notable challenges faced by SIUC in a report published in November.

"That is an area that this office has perceived as a challenge for the university," he said.

There is no simple solution to the problem, but the first step is acknowledging that a problem exists, Bryson said. The university must advertise to women and encourage them to apply for the positions. The selection committee must also be sensitive to the need for women administrators, he said.

"We're probably going to have to communicate to those who are making decisions that they have a responsibility to ensure that women are in the applicant pool when they're searching for administrative positions," Bryson said.

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# **Flogging Molly staying afloat**

Julie Engler DAILY EGYPTIAN

Flogging Molly: 'Float' Release Date: March 4 Record Label: Side One Dummy Records http://floggingmolly.com



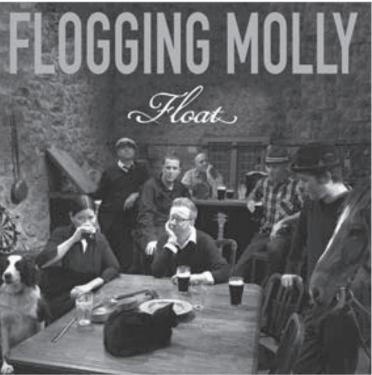
Irish rockers Flogging Molly don't tread much new ground on its latest release "Float." Similar to previous releases, the band is still energetic, pop punk and Irish.

Eleven songs are included in Flogging Molly's fourth studio album, each with the zeal and bluntness of modern pop punk while blending in the subtleties and beauty of traditional Irish instruments, such as the bodhrán and Uilleann pipes. Alongside those is a whole bunch of other fun stuff, such as banjos, mandolins and a few different versions of the guitar.

Flogging Molly is no doubt unique and multi-layered. But with just a small step up in instrumentation and sound, "Float" doesn't really convey much growth and progression in the band. Some fans who love the band just the way it is won't complain, while others might realize that with seven members and a whole slew of instruments, things could really get interesting.

But that may be the beauty of Flogging Molly, seeing as it doesn't want to be a progressive, cuttingedge band; the members just want to play music, have fun and stay true to their roots. In that sense, "Float" is perfection.

Several songs sound like traditional folk dancing songs on speed, such as the opening song "Requiem for a Dying Song" and "On the Back of a Broken Dream," which tells the tale of love and getting older. Musically, the album is upbeat and inspiring, with the pump of the drums and guitar diverging from the



melodic, slower flutes and strings.

"Punch Drunk Grinning Soul" plays with the drumbeat, hitting the snare a little late, just enough to throw off listeners and sound interesting and different. With an obsessively quick, acoustic intro, the song is dark enough to feel like a hangover but with the punch of pure, punk energy at the end with a violin serenade.

Slower songs - the only three being the title track, "Us of Lesser Gods" and "The Story so Far" show a softer, but not vulnerable, side of Flogging Molly. None of these songs are tear-jerkers, yet the strength of Flogging Molly's lyrics shine through.

The empowering, well-written lyrics are thought provoking and full of wisdom. "It's bitter the pill that you swallow to feel. I don't care what I lost, I just thank God I'm alive," sings Dave King in "The Story So Far," a song about mak**PROVIDED PHOTO** 

ing it through life by staying true to yourself, no matter how hard it

might be. "Float" offers advice for those who turn their backs on all they've got left in life. Other songs, such as "You Won't Make a Fool Out of Me," are more direct anthems to sing to those who bring you down. The band's message is overtly positive and addicting, perfect to shout or just keep inside.

"Float" is fun and a must-have for Flogging Molly fans, but those looking for something new from the band won't find what they're looking for.

With the album being released so close to St. Patty's Day, picking it up is a better way to celebrate Irish heritage than those cardboard leprechaun hats. Oh, and it goes well with beer, too.

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## THAT OLD BLACK MAGIC

A witch doctor was arrested in Nigeria when he was caught performing rituals at a tribunal examining rampant voter fraud and trying to determine winners in rigged elections. He said that he had been hired by a senior politician to endure the failure of a challenger's bid to unseat him.

## **DOES THE LADY WISH A 15-MINUTE RECESS?**

While sitting in the gallery of a courtroom in Queensland, Australia, during a trial, a man's cell phone went off, causing him to fumble desperately to turn it off. The ringtone was the sound of a woman experiencing heightened sexual ecstasy.

## FOURTH TIME'S THE CHARM

A man tried to convince an employer to hire him by arguing that he had been rejected three different times when he had applied previously, so he felt it was now his turn.

## This ought to stop `em

Officials put up a life-like cardboard image of a policeman in a supermarket in Derbyshire, England, to deter shoplifters. Someone stole it.

## THEY WERE FOR SHOW-AND-TELL, I SWEAR

A first-grade teacher in Valparaiso, Ind., showed up at school drunk. She also had two cans of beer in her purse.

# HEH-HEH, THEY'LL NEVER CATCH ME NOW ... KA-THUNK!

A burglar stole so much copper and nickel from an industrial warehouse in Ilkeston, England, that the suspension system in his van collapsed when he tried to drive away.

## NO, SIR, IT'S EAT, THEN RUN

A car collided with a bus in Houston at 7 a.m. The driver was eating oatmeal at the time.

## YEESSS! OH, GOD, YEEESSSS!

A woman was evicted from her apartment in Nuremberg, Germany, because her neighbors, even those in adjacent homes, complained that her frequent, loud lovemaking kept them up at night. Her landlady said the neighbors objected to the woman's "regularly, clearly sexually motivated, loud disturbances of the peace."

# **BOYS, PLEASE, THAT'S ENOUGH!**

During her birthday party at her home in Chicago, a woman's two sons, in their late 30s, got into an argument and stabbed each other repeatedly.



March 20 has the distinction of being promoted as 'Sweater Day' to honor Fred Rogers from 'Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood,' who died five years ago. The date falls on what would be Rogers' 80th birthday. With plenty of time to dig out a delightful cardigan, will you be participating in the event?



## Alicia Wade

I'll definitely be taking part in this event because I have a feeling seeing retro-patterned cardigans will make for a beautiful day

# one in the wilderness

**Devin Vaughn** DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bon Iver: 'For Emma, Forever Ago' Release Date: Feb. 19 Record Label: Jagjaguwar

http://www.myspace.com/boniver



There's something to be said for retreating into nature to separate oneself from society.

it. Guitar chords and Vernon's falsetto are basically all the listener can expect to hear throughout the record. Only the songs "Flume" and "For Emma" feature guest musicians, and their contributions are strictly kept to a supporting role.

Bon Iver's sound is one of quiet intimacy and gentle variations, bearing similarities to other contemporary folk artists, such as Iron & Wine and Sufjan Stevens.

In "Skinny Love," Vernon strums the guitar with wistfulness on par with "Ooh La La" by the Faces (Rod



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neighborhood — or at least a smirk or two. Here's hoping Mr. McFeely attends.

## Audra Ord

Initial reaction: No. Way. Second reaction: You'd better believe I'll be participating in this event! Mr. Rogers is the man. I'll even take special time out of my day to feed my fish like he did at the end of every episode.





## **Julie Engler**

For sure! I've been waiting for an excuse to wear the Argyle sweater vest I bought at the thrift store last year. Nobody could talk to a puppet like he could; I have to pay my respects.



Sorry, Fred Rogers, but I only celebrate the birthday of one Fred — Fred Durst. That will be Aug. 20. The celebration will involve me wearing a backward baseball cap and doing it all for the nookie.



Henry David Thoreau found serenity doing so in writing his seminal work, "Walden." Of course, Jack Torrance did the same in "The Shining" and tried to kill his family.

But I digress.

Justin Vernon, the lone man behind the recording name Bon Iver, returned to his native Wisconsin after parting ways with members of the band DeYarmond Edison. There, during a winter spent in a remote cabin, he recorded "For Emma, Forever Ago."

"For Emma" has an understandably simple and lonesome quality to

Stewart's band when he still had musical integrity) as he sings of a defunct love affair, "I tell my love to wreck it all. Cut out all the ropes and let me fall."

"The Wolves (Act 1 & 2)" takes on tinges of bluegrass gospel to exalt the song's naturalistic imagery, "Solace my game, solace my game. It stars you. Swing wide your crane, swing wide your crane. And run me through."

Other songs on the album evoke similar moods of longing and melancholy. In "Wisconsin," Vernon moans alongside a dreamily distorted acoustic guitar, "That was Wisconsin. That was yesterday. Now, I have nothing that I can keep. Because every place I go I take another place with me."

In isolating himself Vernon was able to put together a deeply personal and unique album, allowing his voice to shine through uncorrupted. "For Emma, Forever Ago" is an airy rumination on the transcendental side of life, the side one can only find by taking time out and redirecting one's attention inward.

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# 'Idol' stripper won't be disqualified

Derrik J. Lang THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — David Hernandez won't be stripped of his chance to compete on "American Idol."

A person close to the show,

who is not authorized to comment publicly and asked not to be identified, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that there were no plans to remove Hernandez from the Fox singing competition - despite the semifinalist's past as a male stripper.

The 24-year-old from Glendale, Ariz., once worked as an adult entertainer at Dick's Cabaret in Phoenix, appearing fully nude and performing lap dances for the club's "mostly male" clientele, strip club manager Gordy Bryan told the AP on Monday.

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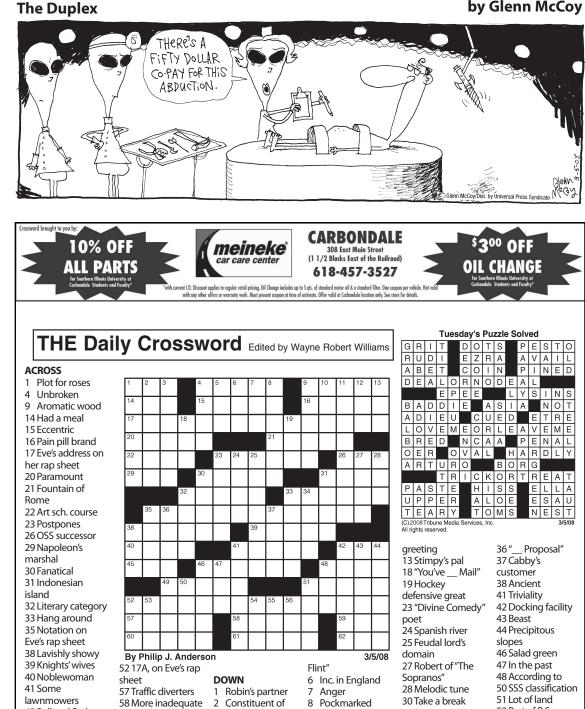
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# **By Linda C. Black**

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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 an 8 — The love of a true friend is one of your most valuable possessions. Make sure you let the person know how much you value the input.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Sometimes you're just too shy to ask the question that's on your mind. That will be less of a problem in the next few weeks. Be aware of your timing.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Be looking around for new career opportunities. Expand your influence. Check out all those foreign markets. You'll find something you can use.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — It's almost fun to do bookkeep ing now. It's calming, in a way. This is particularly true if it looks like you've made a big profit. If you don't see it yet, keep looking.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — A very efficient person has the whole thing figured out. Allow this individual to prove his or her case. It's quite possible that you'll profit from this argument.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Luckily, you enjoy your work. Hopefully, you find it fun. There won't be time for much less, so you might as well get into it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — A stroke of luck brings you something you've always wished you could have. Don't get stuck in material stuff; this could be about peace of mind.

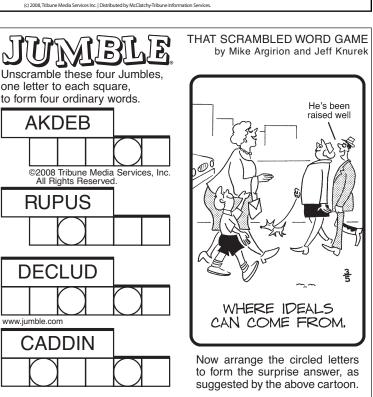
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Review all the alternatives before making your decision. Choose the option that benefits your family the most and you'll be satisfied.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) – Today is a 7 — Continue to study a subject you love, and you're likely to become an expert. This is the natural way of things. Relax and enjoy it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — You have lists, heaven knows, and a plan all worked out. Don't get excited and forget it all in the passion of the moment. Maintain objectivity.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Your self-confidence has grown by leaps and bounds, due to your recent successes. Go ahead and feel good about the person you've grown up to be.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — A loved one is getting more persistent. Turnabout is fair play. Find out what he or she really wants, and return the favor. Share your dreams



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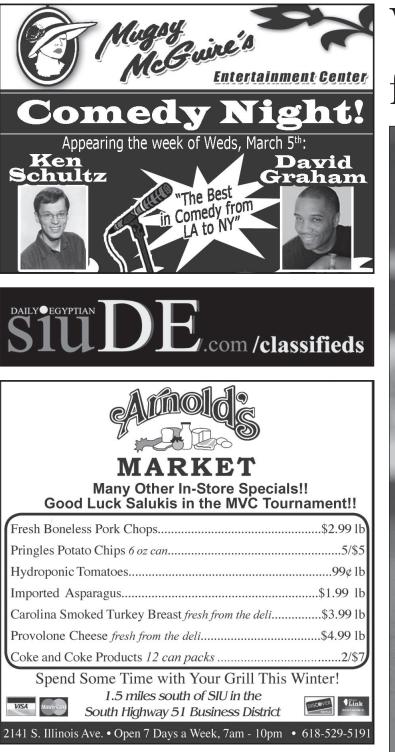
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# Weather keeps baseball off field for third time this season



Saluki second baseman Scott Elmendorf attempts to tag out Northern Illinois' Dave **Reynolds during** Sunday's home opener at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis defeated the Huskies 5-3. RYAN RENDLEMAN DAILY EGYPTIAN



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Just when it looked like the weather was getting warmer, another batch of snow and ice returned and engulfed Abe Martin Field.

The winter storm canceled the SIU baseball team's matchup with Middle Tennessee State Tuesday and the game has not been rescheduled. It was the third game canceled this season.

The Salukis (3-4) will take on the Blue Raiders 2 p.m. today at Reese Smith Field in Murfreesboro, Tenn. According to the Weather Channel temperatures should be in the low 50s.

This is the sixth faux home game of the season for SIU.

The Salukis had to move the home opening series from Carbondale to Cordova, Tenn., Feb. 22 because of the ice storms that covered the southern Illinois region.

The Salukis took one of three from Western Michigan in the three-game set at First Tennessee Field. The series was supposed to have a fourth game but it was not rescheduled.

Friday was the target date for the first home series of the year but poor field-conditions forced the Salukis to move their three-game series with Northern Illinois to Rent One Park in Marion.

SIU dropped the doubleheader to the Huskies Saturday and moved Sunday's game to Abe Martin Field.

The Salukis won their first true home game of the season 5-3.

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against Northern Iowa the last time the two teams met and will look to duplicate that Friday.

In the game against Butler, poor free throw shooting doomed SIU as it fell 57-55 in the final seconds to the Bulldogs. The worst performance from the line came against Northern Iowa in the teams' first meeting. The Salukis shot a respectable 13-for-18 from the line but let the Panthers loose as they went 29-for-40. Lowery said after the game there is no way to win when that many fouls are committed.

"We'd get so close, and then we'd do something to stop our momentum like make a bad foul or miss free throws," Lowery said.

Aside from the Illinois State game, the Salukis will look to continue their solid play from the 3-

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#### **Free throws**

The charity stripe has been the Salukis' best friend and worst enemy. In the five-game winning streak they averaged 73.1 percent from the line, but they have also fallen short.

point line, free-throw line and the bench when they take on Northern Iowa 8:30 p.m. Friday in St. Louis.

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Freshman tennis player Sebastian Rubiano delivers a forehand during practice Monday afternoon at Sports Blast. The men will compete at Murray State University Wednesday.

# Road-tested women's team comes home

# Luis C. Medina

DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU tennis will try to capitalize on momentum built from recent victories as it continues to compete against out-of-conference foes.

The Saluki women's team improved its record to 5-2 with victories March 1 and 2 in Paducah, Ky., against Indiana University-Purdue

# sweep since 2005.

Against Murray State the next day, SIU rebounded from losing two of three doubles matches by winning four of the six singles matches, defeating Murray State's top three seeds.

While the Saluki women return to host SIU-Edwardsville in their first home match of 2008, the men hit the

sporting a 4-3 record and winning three of its last four matches. The Salukis defeated Western Illinois in Macomb on March 2, 6-1, winning five of six singles matches and sweeping the doubles matches.

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SIU did not compete in doubles matches in its Feb. 23 match against IUPUI because of a time conflict, and was swept in its Feb. 27 match against Louisville. Coach Dann Nelson





University Indianapolis, 7-0, and Murray State, 4-3.

Coach Audra Nothwehr said she was proud of her players' performance in the sweep of the Jaguars.

"We did a good job of stepping in and taking the point. We really put pressure on them," Nothwehr said. "We took care of business and won big.

SIU did not allow IUPUI to score more than three points in a given match en route to its first road trying to duplicate the success of the women's team against Murray State.

The Racers host — Coach Audra Nothwehr SIU at 2:30 p.m. today in search of their first win in 2008. Murray State enters the match 0-4 overall, having been swept in three of its four losses. Its most recent loss came Feb. 23 against No. 13 Tennessee, 7-0.

SIU comes into the matchup

said sweeping the doutaking the point. bles matches gave the players an increased amount of confidence pressure on them. going into singles matches.

> "Today might be the best doubles effort we have had so far this year," Nelson said.

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**Men's Basketball** 

# Falker, Mullins named to All-Conference teams



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Senior guard Bryan Mullins defends Illinois State's Boo Richardson during Saturday's game at the SIU Arena. Mullins earned three postseason awards, including MVC Defensive Player of the Year. He is the fourth Saluki in five seasons to win that award.

#### **Megan Kramper** DAILY EGYPTIAN

In a season that had its share of

honored for their performances from the Missouri Valley Conference on Tuesday.

Senior forward Randal Falker ups and downs, two Salukis were was named first team and defensive

team all-Missouri Valley Conference while junior guard Bryan Mullins was named MVC Defensive Player of the Year along with being voted alldefensive team.

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#### Other Salukis picked all-MVC

Junior guard Bryan Mullins-Second team all-MVC, Defensive Player of the Year and All Defensive team

(11.6 points, 4.9 assists, 1.78 steals per game)

This is the fifth time in the past seven years a player from SIU has earned the Defensive Player of the Year Award. Falker won the award in 2007.

"It's definitely an honor just like the rest of them," Mullins said. "I always take pride in my defense and I'm definitely proud of it."

Mullins is second in the MVC in steals with 1.78 steals per game behind fellow all-defensive member Indiana State guard Gabe Moore.

The Salukis are known around the nation for their aggressive style of defense that has been dubbed "Floorburn U" since coach Chris Lowerv took the helm in 2004.

Mullins said the majority of Lowery's coaching style revolves around defensive production and making it a team effort, not individual.

"It's really a team concept and you know we usually have two or three guys on the all-defensive team every year so it's a credit to him and how he teaches us," Mullins said.

Falker was the only forward selected to the first team all-MVC as he recorded 12.7 points and 7.4 rebounds per game.

Starting out the season as the preseason MVC Player of the Year, Falker got double-teamed numerous times this season. He said having the target on his back was not bad for his game.

"It was just something you just have to see and say, 'Oh, this is what you all are going to do," Falker said.

Drake senior forward Adam Emmenecker was named the Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year while Creighton freshman guard P'Allen Stinnett was named Newcomer and Freshman of the Year. Creighton junior guard Booker Woodfox was voted as the MVC's Sixth-Man of the Year.

The all-bench team and mostimproved team will be selected today by a group of beat writers from around the league.

The Salukis will begin play in the MVC Tournament on Friday as they face off against Northern Iowa in St. Louis. Tip off is set for 8:35 p.m.

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# Lowery stresses points of emphasis

#### Jeff Engelhardt DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU basketball team could feel a different type of madness this March

If SIU leaves St. Louis without a Missouri Valley Conference championship, it could be looking at the National Invitational Tournament as opposed to a seventh-consecutive trip the NCAA Tournament.

While the Salukis lost their final game in a rollercoaster season, they proved they could string together wins as they had five victories in a row prior to Saturday's loss to Illinois State. The loss was due in part to the same three things that have dictated SIU's fate in previous games — 3-point shooting, free throws and the performance of the bench. The Salukis were outscored by the Redbirds 20-9 from the free throw line while hitting only four 3-pointers and getting seven points from the bench. Coach Chris Lowery has said all season that the team's success lies in the hustle plays and fundamentals. "The things that you don't get credit in the paper for - blocking out, diving on the floor, taking charges. That's what we need to do," Lowery said. The five-game winning streak was possible because of the Salukis' efficiency in those three areas. They will look to duplicate that streak when they take on the University of Northern Iowa Friday to open their attempt at an MVC Tournament run.

#### 3-point shooting

SIU seems to find success when it dials-up from downtown. During the five-game winning streak, SIU managed to shoot 46.4 percent from behind the arc with the best game coming against Northern Iowa when the Salukis went 12-for-20.

Lowery said 3-point shooting also has a major effect on other aspects of the game. Sophomore Joshua Bone and senior Matt Shaw are the Salukis' 3-point specialists, but when they miss their first attempts they often underachieve the entire game, Lowery said.



Senior forward **Randal Falker is** double teamed by Illinois State

Shaw proved Lowery's point Saturday when he missed his first shot and finished 2-for-11 from the field. When Shaw hit his first shot against Northern Iowa on Feb. 20, he went 8-for-9 from the field to lead SIU to a 67-47 win.

Lowery said Bone becomes a better overall player both offensively and defensively when he sinks his first shot. A missed shot won't scare Bone away from the arc, however, as he has attempted 148 3-pointers compared to 91 2-pointers duiring the season.

#### Bench

As far as senior Tyrone Green is concerned, the players off the pine make all the difference.

"If they don't play well, we don't have a chance to win," Green said. "As the bench comes together, the team comes together."

Green was a big part of the bench during the middle stretch of the season but his defensive prowess earned him a starting spot while Bone was moved to the bench to supply offense. The move was successful as the bench averaged 17 points per game during the five-game win streak.

The bench failed to spark the team against Illinois State and only scored seven points. The bench did notch a 13-point performance

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