Power outages hit southern Illinois

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 McLaflerry Road, were without power as a result of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association outage, said SIUC spokesman Rod Severs.

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 Evergreen Terrace and buildings located on University Farms, Evergreen Road, and buildings located on McLaflerry Road.

A statement posted on the 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 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.”

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

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 recognize 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 Tinoco is Budget Office Director Carol Henery, 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.

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 was encouraged officials at both SIU campuses to look at hiring more women last year.

“It’s an issue that’s well taken and it’s an issue that we have to resolve, but it’s going to take some time to change it,” Poshard said.

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There are More Black Treasures to be Exposed

• 7 p.m. today at the Student Center, Kikukawa room

World-renowned motivational speaker Timothy McGee will share his wisdom on the abundant treasures young blacks possess.

Nostalgic Snacks

• 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. today at the Foster Freedomway. Fundraiser that focuses on snacks native to Chicago.

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

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CORRECTIONS

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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 9:47 a.m. Ian 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 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 St., where the following Carbondale residents were arrested: Joshua D. Brintley, 21, for obstructing justice and an Effingham County felony to appear on a warrant for speeding; and Matthew C. Stainbrook, 22, and Alexander J. Nelson, 22, for auto burglary. Brintley posted bond and was released; Stainbrook and Nelson were incarcerated in the Jackson County jail.

Winter storm socked parts of Illinois, killing at least two people

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 couple crashed into an incoming 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 Monday night, then following that up with Tuesday's snow blizzard.

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 Schneider said. Other Illinois suburbs of St. Louis got 4 to 8 inches, he said.

"Driving conditions are horrible," Schneider said. "It's now." 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, asalt 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-Wilmette Hill. "But there are real nonprofits. But us 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 abortions to have an abortion except in limited cases, supporters say.

Supporters, including Planned Parenthood of Illinois, say it's in response to a trend that a more conservative U.S. Supreme Court could shift away from 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 sponsor of the measure, says it's meant simply to protect women from being denied contraception or forced 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.

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SAGI BASHAN

Journalist Sagi Bashan is a major contributor to the ongoing coverage of the terror attacks in the southwest of Israel, covering the attacks around the town of Sderot — a town similar in size to Carbondale.

For more info call toll free 877-714-6103

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Lack of funding puts strain on council's budget

**Allison Petty**

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 willing 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 a heavy strain on the organization's budget, which is about $80,000 per year, Middleton said.

The problem is more urgent now, Middleton said, because the organization had to transfer $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 category 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.

"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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Leader rebuffs the Bush administration’s request to open up its doors to the Islamic world’s leaders. But we have a long-term interest in seeing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict resolved, and we certainly do not want to see the peace process continue to be a sticking point, as Bush has suggested.

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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 activist group in Bitch magazine, a publication 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 month’s activist profile.

Fisher said the magazine has meant much to her as an aspiring activist, so much that she has often 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 self-described 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.

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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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 Hillary Clinton into playing catch-up. 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 campaign that was supposed to alienate people has actually engaged them.

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— and the people who had the most— have been knocked for a loop by ordinary people getting involved and giving money.

If you are in a hurry to get to a vacation destination, make sure the driver is well rested. Pull over if needed.

Carry a small first-aid kit while on the road. Include Band Aids, 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, undergo, 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.

Those staying in town may enjoy the quieter environment, others may feel a little lost with fewer folks around. Most SIUC offices are open.

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

Spring Break survival

Plan ahead to decide how you will handle conflict situations that may arise.

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 beach-bound 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 will allow a less stressful spring after the break.

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

Words Overheard

“I’m not getting any younger. I wake up some days and think I can’t even touch my toes.”

Bront Fair

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

A pleasant surprise

Photo column by
Ryan Rendleman — DAILY EGYPTIAN

By Ryan Moss, a talented photojournalist, put together a quality and simple photography book called "Photosynthesis." Every page displays a beautiful black and white 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.

Our 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 artist 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 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 Field Sunday. I was the photographer. Truthfully, most of the game was not spent focused on the children are lost in.

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.

Letters and guest columns must be submitted with author's contact information, preferably via e-mail. All letters are limited to 300 words and columns to 500 words. All topics are acceptable. All submissions are subject to editing.

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Students taught spring break safety

Wellness Center offers safety tips for alcohol, sex

Maria Capati
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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

After slipping on drunk-simulation 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.

Campbell participated in an exercise that started 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 “fatal vision goggles.”

“I can barely shoot or walk. There’s no way I could drive,” Campbell said.

Chris Diuens, 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, Diuens said.

For example, it would take four drinks to reach the blood-alcohol 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.

Michelle McLennon, outreach coordinator at the Wellness Center, said the event was 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,” McLennon said.

McLennon stressed the importance of gaining information about skin care, nutrition, stress management, alcohol and sexual behavior.

She passed out information flyers, 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 Center at 453-5371 or http://www.siu.edu/offices/counsel.

Regina Campbell could drive,” even when the organization’s vision is more than just a word.

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,” 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 is a life style we live.”

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 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 stereotyped.

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 within the same race,” Wakefield said. “Diversity is a mixture of everything.”

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

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‘Good Time’ comes off a little sappy

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.

His ‘90s hits, such as “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 of 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 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 “I Wish I Could Back Up,” Jackson expresses his wishes about wanting to go back in time to the beginning to make everything right with his life-long love.

But Jackson still has some honky-tonk 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 it clear 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 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 said.

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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The four most highly paid positions in SIU president’s office

- Average salary of the 10 females who earn more than $60,000 per year: $78,946
- Average salary of the 14 males who earn more than $60,000 per year: $129,685

Gloria Bode says plan your weekend with tomorrow’s calendar!
**Pulse**

**Chatterbox**

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 sweater-jacketed cardigans everywhere will make for a beautiful day in the neighborhood — or at least a trend of two. Here’s hoping Mr. McPeige attends.

**Audra Ord**

Initial reaction: No Way. Second reaction: Yuck! Completely?! Third reaction: Um, okay. Fourth reaction: This event Mr. Rogers is the man. I’ll even take special time out of my day to feel my face if he did at the end of every episode.

**Julie Engler**

For me, the idea of an excuse to wear the Angelina insouciant or I bought at the thrift store last year. Nobody could talk to a puppet face like he could to have my respect is

**Devin Vaughn**

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 rookie.

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**Flogging Molly staying afloat**

Julie Engler

**Daily Egyptian**

Flogging Molly’s ‘Float’

**Release Date:** March 4

Record Label: Dead Man’s Diary Records

http://flogginmolly.com

3 out of 5 stars

Irish rockers Flogging Molly don’t tread much new ground on its latest release ‘Float’. Similar to previous releases, the band is still energetic, purdy 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 satirical 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 progress for the band. Some fans who love the band just the way it is could have a hard time letting go. Musically, the album is upbeat such as banjos, mandolins and a few different versions of the guitar.

Several songs sound like traditional folk dancing songs on speed, such as the opening song “Requiem for a Dying Song,” and “Oh the Back of a Broken Dream,” which tells the tale of love and getting older. Finally, the album is upbeat and inspiring, with the pump of the drums and guitar drowning the melodic, slower flute and strings.

“Punch Drink 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 quiet, acoustic intro, the song is dark enough to feel like a hangover but with the punch of pure, punk energy at the end with violins 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, strength of the band’s lyrics through.

The empowering, well-written lyrics are thought provoking and full of wisdom. “It’s better the pill you swallow to feel. I don’t care what I lost, I just thank God for the nookie.” There’s something to be said for turning it 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 left to go. Other songs, such as ‘You Won’t Make a Fool Of Me,’ are more direct anthems to sing to those who bring you down. The band’s music is perfectly positive and addicting, perfect to shout to 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 as an apparent voter fraud and trying to determine voters in rigged elections. He said that he had been hired by a senior politician to endure the failure of a challenger’s bid to win.

**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 for a job. So, if the first was not his turn, then.

**The 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.

**Yessss! Oh, god, yeeessss!**

A woman was evicted from her apartment in Nuernberg, Germany, because her neighbors, even those in adjacent homes, complained that her loud lovemaking kept them up at night. Her landlord 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.

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**‘Idol’ stripper won’t be disqualified**

Derrick 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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**Alone in the wilderness**

Devin Vaughn

**Daily Egyptian**

Bonniver: For Emma, Forever Ago

**Release Date:** Feb. 19

Record Label: Jagjaguwar

http://www.myspace.com/bonniver

4 out of 5 stars

There’s something to be said for retracing into nature to separate oneself from society.

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

“For Emma” has an understandably simple and lonesome quality to it. Guitar chords and Vernon’s falsettos are basically all the listener can expect to hear throughout the record. Only the song “Flame” 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 the folk music of 70s rock bands.

“In Sinneyn Love,” Vernon strums the guitar with wistfulness on par with “Ooh La La” by the Faces (Rod Stewart’s band when he still had musical integrity) as he sings of a defunct love affair. “I fell in love with you when you were fourteen. Cut out all the rope’s and let me fall.”

“The Wolves (Act I & 2)” takes on tinges of blues gospel to retool the song’s naturalistic imagery: “Solve my game, solve 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 about a distant distanced 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 ramification on the transcendental side of life, the side one can only find by halting any time and redirecting one’s attention inward.

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — This year is about cleaning up old messes. As you do, you’ll make your life a whole lot easier. Objective and increasingly effective. Combine imagination with logic.

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 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 bookkeeping 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 something you’ve always wished you could have. Don’t get stuck in material stuff; this could be about peace of mind.

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

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — You have kids, house, knives, 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 a 8 — Your self-confidence has grown by leaps and bounds, due to your recent successes. Go ahead and feel good about the person you’re grown up to be.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — A lovely love is getting more persistent. Turnabout is fair play. Find out what he or she really wants, and return the favor. Share your dreams.

Sudoku

By the Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.uk.

Solution to Tuesday’s puzzle:

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 8 1 6 7 4 2 9 3 5
 2 3 7 6 4 5 9 1 8
 9 7 4 8 6 2 3 1 5
 1 5 2 6 8 9 7 3 4
 4 2 5 8 3 7 1 6 9
 3 9 1 4 5 6 8 2 7
 6 8 3 1 4 5 9 2 7
 5 4 6 7 2 9 8 4 3
 7 1 8 5 4 3 6 2 9
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Fill in the rest.
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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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 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 IPUI to score more than three points in a given match en route to its first 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 Salukis return to host SIU-Edwardsville in their first home match of 2008, the team hit the road trying to duplicate the success of the women’s team against Murray State.

The Racers host SIU at 2:30 p.m. today in search of their first win of the season.

“We did a good job of stepping in and taking the point. We really put pressure on them.” — Coach Audra Nothwehr

Tennis looks to keep momentum

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

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The Saluki men’s tennis team is looking to ride its recent momentum into a matchup against the Jaguars Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. The team has put together 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.

SIU did not compete in doubles matches in its Feb. 23 match against IPUI because of a time conflict, and was swept in its Feb. 27 match against Louisville. Coach Dana Nelson said sweeping the doubles matches gave the players an increased amount of confidence going into singles matches.

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

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Lowery stresses points of emphasis

Jeff Engelhardt

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 to the NCAA Tournament.

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 University.

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.

Coach Chris Lowery has said all season that the third success lies in the hustle plays and fundamentals.

“The things that you don’t get credit in the paper for — block- ing 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 dial-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 24-for-44.

Lowery said 3-point shooting also has a major effect on other aspects of the game. Sophomore Josh 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.

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 would scare Bone away from the arc, however, as he attempted 148 3-pointers compared to 92 2-pointers during 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 seven 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.

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 was second in the MVC in steals with 1.78 steals per game behind 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 “Floodbom U” since coach Chris Lowery 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,’” Falker said.

Drake senior forward Adam Emmenecker was named all-MVC Sixth-Man of the Year while Creighton freshman guard P’ Allen St','#39;inner 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 most-improved 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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