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Ron White fires up sold-out crowd

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Ron White said he could have never expected all of his fame as early as eight years ago.

"Eight years ago I lived in my buddy's attic, and I've been doing stand-up for the last 16 years," he said. "I was broke then, and now I don't know what to do with all my money. Apparently the IRS wants to know what to do with it too."

White took a stop in Carbondale Wednesday night, performing his popular brand of stand-up in front of a capacity crowd — more than 1,200 people — at the Shryock Auditorium. The event was put on by Southern Light Entertainment.

Chuck Vaughn, from Carbondale, said few comedians make him laugh as hard as Ron White.

"I've seen him perform at least four times on television, and every time I've seen him I laughed out loud while crying," he said.

After comedian Todd Sawyer warmed up the crowd, White took the stage and discussed a wide variety of topics ranging from his third marriage to golfer Tiger Woods' recent headline-making actions.

"Last week Tiger took the podium in front of the world for 15 minutes to explain himself," White said. "It would have been 14, but Tiger had to get his fix in during the conference."

White, who is best known as being part of the "Blue Collar Comedy Tour" alongside Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Larry the Cable Guy, came to Carbondale on the first leg of his tour. He shared



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Ron White, better known as "Tater Salad" by comedy fans, talks about his delicate parts Wednesday at Shryock Auditorium. Herb Voss, marketing and public relations

with the audience his experience in beginning his tour last week in Las Vegas, which he described as a combination of chipping his tooth, handling student dentists and arguing with a patron during the Cirque Du Soleil performance of "Love" — all fueled by alcohol.

Despite his fame, White said he still had some trouble adjusting to the rocketing income, something he partially blamed on the fact he only has a GED.

"I have a GED, and if you don't know what that stands for — well, you probably have one too," he said.

consultant for Southern Lights Entertainment, said tickets sold out just minutes after becoming available to the general public Monday.

Diana Keipp, of Murphysboro, said she had never heard of White until her friend gave her tickets, but looked forward to seeing what the hype was about.

"My intention tonight is to laugh a lot and hopefully jump on stage at some point," she said.

White was never joined on stage by Keipp, but may have made her laugh with his recollection of getting arrested last year in Florida for possession of marijuana.

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Proposed budget cuts lead to layoff plans

JEFF ENGELHARDT
Daily Egyptian

A triple threat of budget cuts, delayed payments and lack of federal money has university administrators prepared for the worst.

An amendment proposed to Senate Bill 1247 Wednesday would cut state universities' budgets by 10 percent for the rest of this fiscal year, possibly leading to a 15 percent layoff in the SIU system, SIU President Glenn Poshard said. SIU would lose \$23 million, dropping the operating budget from \$217 million to \$195 million.

Poshard, who testified against the proposal Wednesday, said while he expects the university to be fine this fiscal year, the uncertainty of fiscal year 2011 requires him to plan for anything.

"Now we're saying if all these worst-case scenarios present themselves in August, how many people and over what period of time will we have to implement furloughs and layoffs?" Poshard said. "I can't predict anything, but I promised I would keep the campus informed every step of the way."

Duane Stuckey, vice president for financial and administrative affairs, and Kevin Baime, vice chancellor for administration and finance, have started to develop plans should the worst-case scenario happen, Poshard said.

This is not the first time this fiscal year SIU has looked at furlough plans. He said when University of Illinois implemented furloughs earlier in the year, SIU administrators developed their own plan.

The university found if all employ-

ees eligible for furloughs took five days off it would save \$3 million. Because the university was behind \$120 million at the time, Poshard said it would have only made the situation worse.

Poshard said the university has two plans of attack to subdue the financial storm brewing in Springfield.

The university's first shot left a mark Wednesday as Senate Bill 642 passed through the Senate with 43 votes and will go to the House. The bill would allow state universities to borrow money in anticipation of state revenue, which Poshard said would help the university make payroll and avoid furloughs.

"Let's say we only have 50 percent of FY10 funds in August and Lord knows when FY11 money will come in, well, the borrowing authority could

offset that," Poshard said. "We believe we can survive these potential cuts in FY10 and FY11 with the borrowing authority."

The university would have to make a quick decision to use the authority as the bill would expire Aug. 31 if passed.

Poshard said the second plan of attack is to kill the amendment calling for a 10 percent cut this fiscal year. Poshard testified against the amendment Wednesday during a session of the Higher Education Committee. He said he does not believe the bill will make it to the governor's office.

SIU spokesman Dave Gross said it is difficult to determine the threat of the amendment.

"You don't know if it's real or not," Gross said. "This is part of the buildup to Gov. (Pat) Quinn's speech

next week. Is he going to propose the income tax increase or not? It will be a very different funding level for the university based on that decision."

Quinn is set to give his budget address March 10, Poshard said. Quinn's decision would have a major effect on the university's budget and could serve as another aid or threat depending on the choice.

"We don't know what he is going to propose. What we do know is 7 percent of the funding, the federal stimulus money, is not there next year," Poshard said. "He could say 'The votes aren't there, I may not propose it,' or 'I need to help save higher education.'"

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SIUC professor goes from twisters to testimony

Gilbert busy since Toyota findings

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Dr. David Gilbert said he isn't used to being in a spotlight.

The SIUC automotive technology professor's hometown of Tonkawa, Okla., smack in the middle of "Tornado Alley" covers just five square miles and has a population of 3,299. It's also about 1,300 miles away from Washington, D.C., where Gilbert testified last week in front of a congressional subcommittee regarding his preliminary findings on Toyota's sudden unintended acceleration problem.

The manufacturer has recalled more than 6 million vehicles in the past several months because of SUA.

After research that began nearly three weeks ago, Gilbert found what he called a "window of opportunity" for a fault, an instance of SUA, to be introduced to a Toyota vehicle's computer without being detected.

Since then, he's averaged about four hours of sleep per night, Gilbert said.

Fellow automotive technology professor Omar Trinidad, who helped Gilbert with the Toyota research, said Gilbert spoke to U.S. congressmen the way he speaks to his students.

"He's never fazed, and I respect that about him," Trinidad said. "He could stand up to that magnitude of an arena and still be himself."

The hardest part about his recent findings has been the constant attention by the media and others, Gilbert said.

"When I talk about my subject area, that's where I'm most comfortable," Gilbert said. "When you ask me questions about speculating on where this is going to go, I don't know. I'm in new territory."

When Tonkawa and Carterville met Washington, D.C., last week, Gilbert said it was "a little different."

The press was everywhere, he said.

"I've never seen so many cameras in one spot. It was just cameras everywhere. Everybody had a camera," Gilbert said. "Now I know how (congressmen) feel every day. There's always somebody with a camera. I don't know how they get anything done."

Gilbert said he still visits his father's farm in Tonkawa, where he spent his youth working on tractors and other farm equipment.

He spent his high school days working on antique cars and hauling his friends home from



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Professor of automotive technologies Dr. David Gilbert poses for a portrait Wednesday at the SIUC Division of Automotive Technology in Carterville. Gilbert recently testified in front of

the Subcommittee of Oversight and Investigations in Washington, D.C., about the Toyota recall under investigation. Gilbert began teaching at SIUC's Division of Automotive Technology in 1996.

a local airstrip after they wrecked Camaro's in races, Gilbert said.

"I had a pickup truck, so a lot of times what I did was pulling them all home after they tore stuff up," he said. "My friends all worked on their hot rods and I worked on my antique."

Automotive technology student Steve Massarsky said he recalls Gilbert telling stories about growing up in Oklahoma and fixing his car on the side of the road using "McGyver-type" tricks.

"He's probably one of the smartest instructors I've had in auto program," Massarsky said.

After graduating from Oklahoma State University with a master's in industrial arts education, Gilbert taught at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M college for 15 years before getting his Ph.D. at SIUC. He began teaching at the university's Carterville automotive technology campus in 1996, Gilbert said.

Having never parted with his passion for

antique cars, Gilbert owns a pair of 1931 Ford Model-A's and said he drives one of them regularly. He's always enjoyed the sights, sounds and smells of working on cars, so much so that he can tell if an older car has been started up in a garage just by the smell it leaves, Gilbert said.

"I kind of like the excitement when you start (a car) after you've had the engine live clear down and you get the paint burning off and some of the oil and stuff like that—that's kind of a cool thing," Gilbert said.

Electronic engine control, Gilbert's current specialty, started being implemented in his teaching curriculum in the early '80s, he said.

It's a whole new ball game if you want to modify any of today's vehicles, he said.

"That element where you could go out and tinker with your car and maybe improve it or take stuff apart and it was mostly mechanical and pretty simple, those days are pretty much gone," Gilbert said.

Gilbert said his students like the fact that he always pushes his them solve problems on their own.

Trinidad, once one of those students, said it's sometimes difficult to understand Gilbert because of the extent of his knowledge, but he allows everybody to catch up with him.

"There's a lot of professors that will speak in words that nobody could understand—but he has a really great gift of being able to explain things," Trinidad said.

Though he comes off as extremely serious and devoted, Gilbert is anything but predictable, Trinidad said.

Gilbert once walked through one of Trinidad's classrooms on Halloween wearing a werewolf mask, and he's been known to jokingly use Bible quotes to explain how to fix engines, Trinidad said.

"He pushes his students to the max, but at the same time he... definitely makes it entertaining," Trinidad said.

Massarsky said Gilbert always tries to get along with students on a personal level.

"He's a really laid back instructor," Massarsky said.

Gilbert said he always tells his students they will always have to adapt to new changes in the industry.

"I tell them in class the cars you're working on today aren't going to be the same cars you'll be working on 10 years from now, and I can say that with good conscience because I've seen it. I've seen a lot of changes," he said.

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Students still held responsible over break

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Whether traveling to Cancun, Panama Beach or Chicago, students are still representing Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

And a failure to live up to the standards of the university could result in students facing judiciary affairs, said Dean of Students Peter Gitau.

"We hold students responsible, whether they are on campus or off," Gitau said. "We may not be aware of all things that are going

on the other side of the country, but if we are made aware of a situation that took place, the student will face judiciary affairs.

"If the state is interested in what they did, you can bet the school is interested as well," Gitau said.

The Student Judicial Affairs office declined to comment and referred all questions about its policies to the Student Conduct Code.

According to the Student Conduct Code, students may face punishment if "off-campus conduct substantially interferes with the mission of the university including interference with the edu-

ational pursuits of its students, faculty or staff." The Office of Student Affairs holds the right to define any violations and whether it requires judiciary actions, according to the code.

Gitau said the university does not look to punish students because most cases are brought to the university's attention by newspaper articles or police reports. He said his biggest concern is violent and sexual acts fueled by alcohol.

"When you get alcohol involved, poor decisions are made," he said. Gitau said while students

would only face a slight reprimand for underage alcohol consumption, students who are involved in any sort of sexual assault could face up to a two-year suspension from school — regardless of whether the student faces criminal charges.

Despite the potential risk, some students said they would not change their springbreak plans.

Megan Gulley, a junior from Belleville studying geography, said she figured there was a policy implemented, but she would not let it affect her plans of going to Panama City Beach, Fla.

"I always planned on being responsible," she said. "It was always my intention to not be dumb and get arrested."

Gitau said he wants students to enjoy themselves, to be able to wind down from school for a week, but he just wants students to be safe.

"All I really want is for our students to be careful out there," he said. "Have fun, just don't do anything to get in trouble."

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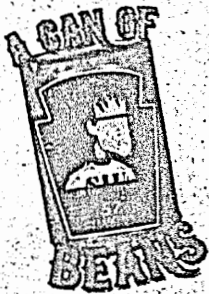
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Eric O'Shea, a freshman from Bloomington studying architecture, crouches to look at a model of a bicycle shop Wednesday in the Student Center International Lounge. Jamie Sexton, a Junior from

Pana studying architecture, said the projects belonged to an Architecture 352 class. They had been working on the models the entire semester, she said. "I can't wait to do this stuff," O'Shea said.

A guide to predicting the winners at the Academy Awards

TRAVIS BEAN
Daily Egyptian



"This weekend is a movie nerd's Super Bowl.

This Sunday, 2010's best movies will be rewarded at the 82nd Academy Awards. And, if you are like me, it means filling out the Oscar ballot and predicting the winners.

Many people do not realize the

Academy Awards are a science. The decision maker in the process is the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, and it consists of more than 6,000 movie business professionals. When academy members vote, they do not necessarily vote for their favorites. Instead, the academy members vote how they are "supposed to," by honoring the filmmakers and actors who have won major film awards throughout the year.

However, sometimes the Oscars can get political and the winners are harder to predict. Last year, Mickey Rourke won all the right awards and was in line to win Best Lead Actor. However, with the gay rights battle in full swing with Proposition 8 in California, Sean Penn ultimately took home the gold statue for his portrayal of gay rights activist Harvey Milk in "Milk."

So are you unsure of whom to mark on the ballot? Is your friend talking trash? Do not worry, here are

some shoo-ins and likely winners for this weekend's Academy Awards:

The Shoo-Ins:

Normally the hardest categories to predict, Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress are actually the easiest this year. Christoph Waltz will take home gold for his performance in "Inglourious Basterds," and Mo'Nique will win for her role in "Precious." They each have deservedly swept practically all the major acting awards.

Director Kathryn Bigelow will win Best Director. The Directors Guild of America awarded her top directing honors. Since 1948, only six directors have won that award and not gone on to win Best Director at the Oscars. Sorry Quentin Tarantino.

A few other categories are easily predictable. "Up" will win Best Animated Feature. "Avatar" will win a slew of visual-effects awards and "The Cove" will win Best Documentary. "The Hurt Locker" and "Up in

the Air" will take home screenplay awards after winning top honors at the Writers Guild of America Awards.

Likely Winners:

There is not a clear-cut winner for Best Picture. While "Up in the Air" took home the second-most Best Picture awards throughout the year, the race appears to be between "The Hurt Locker" and "Avatar."

"The Hurt Locker" is the safe bet. Unlike "Avatar," it has acting and writing nominations, which gives it a better chance. It has also won the most top honors throughout the year.

But is the academy going to skip on honoring the highest grossing film of all time? "Avatar" will also win many technical awards, which gives it a chance.

Best Lead Actor will probably go to Jeff Bridges in "Crazy Heart." He won at the Golden Globes and the Screen Actors Guild Awards, but George Clooney received critical acclaim for his performance in "Up in

the Air." Possible upset?

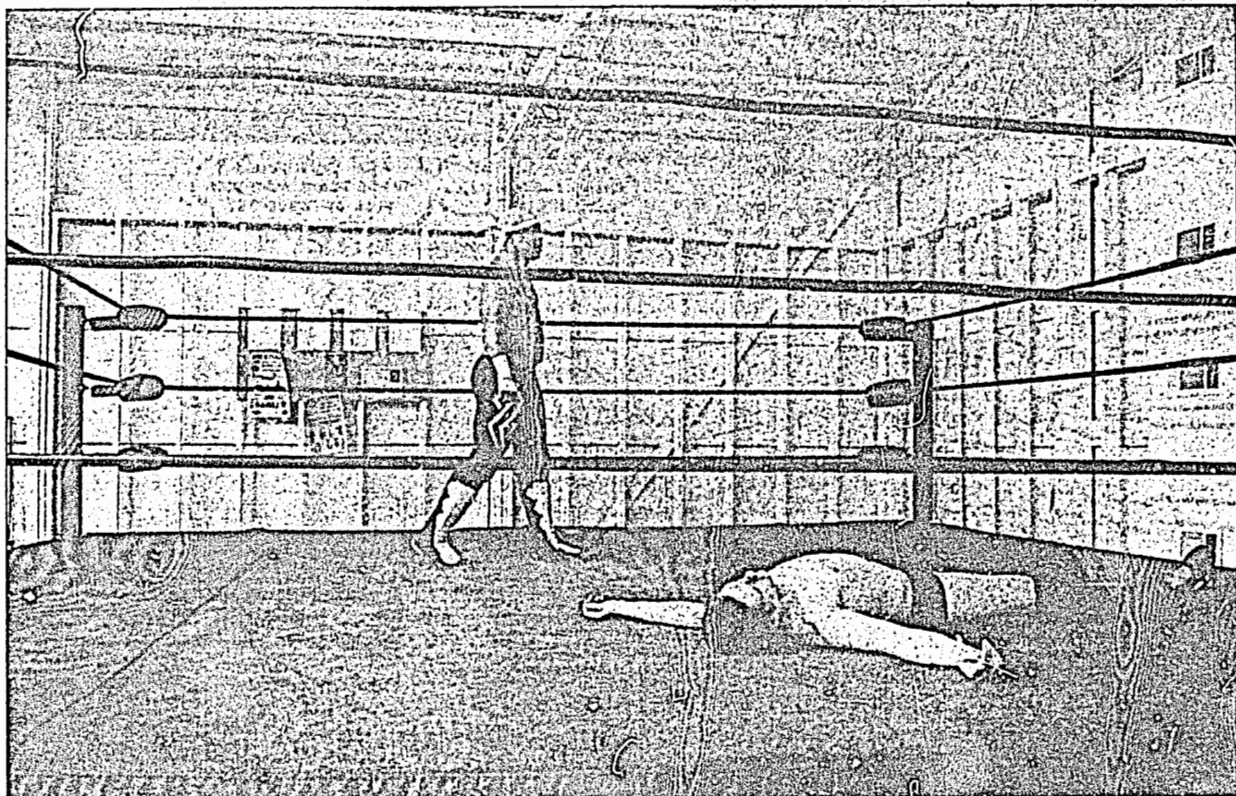
Best Foreign Language Film is usually a hard category to predict, but "The White Ribbon" has critical approval and little competition. Also, Best Original Song will probably go to "Crazy Heart," while "Up" will likely win Best Original Score. Best Cinematography is a toss-up, but "Avatar" will probably edge out "The Hurt Locker."

The Hardest to Predict:

The hardest prediction this year seems to be Best Lead Actress. While many consider it a two-way race between Sandra Bullock and Meryl Streep, they may split votes. This allows Gabourey Sidibe and Carey Mulligan into the mix. I predict the academy will honor the veteran Streep with her third win after 16 nominations.

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Longtime wrestler keeps fighting for fans



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Edmund "Livewire" McGuire, of Marion, circles Aaron Sullivan after taking him to the mat Tuesday at Extreme Martial Arts and Fitness in West Frankfort. McGuire has been a fan of wrestling since he was a child and said he has kept that with him to this day. He travels around southern Illinois to wrestle with various promotions.

DEREK ROBBINS
Daily Egyptian

Local grappler performs despite injuries

Edmund "Livewire" McGuire wrestles with pain each time he steps into the ring.

Wrestling takes its toll, even though the outcome of a given match is scripted, said McGuire, who has worked as an independent wrestler since 2002. The in-ring action can have physical consequences, he said, and while many wrestlers suffer injuries, he has been fortunate.

"My left knee bothers me on a daily basis; if I try to extend it, it cracks," McGuire said. "If I walk on it, it can sound like I am walking on sand. With pain, you just have to suck it up. It's part of the profession. I am lucky; it could be worse. Guys get seriously injured in our business all the time."

McGuire said when he walks, one of his knees makes a grinding noise as though he's walking on sand and occasionally making loud pops when he moves it.

McGuire said his injury came from hyper-extending his leg. He said he continued to wrestle on his leg and did not get it checked out.

Even through all the pain, McGuire, 28, from Marion, said he does it to entertain.

"I'm not out there wrestling to get a contract with the WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment), though I would definitely take the offer if they called," McGuire said. "I am out there to make people happy."

McGuire said he has been into wrestling since his childhood.

"I can remember going to wrestling events as a child and it was just amazing to me," McGuire said. "I love professional wrestling. Professional

wrestling is all I ever had, and it's all I have now. To be able to make kids feel the same way I did when I was young is special to me."

Even though he enjoys what he does, McGuire said his job is not glamorous.

"It's not the WWE. You're not going to stay in the Hilton or the Marriott; you stay in seedy motels," McGuire said. "You find a meal where you can get it."

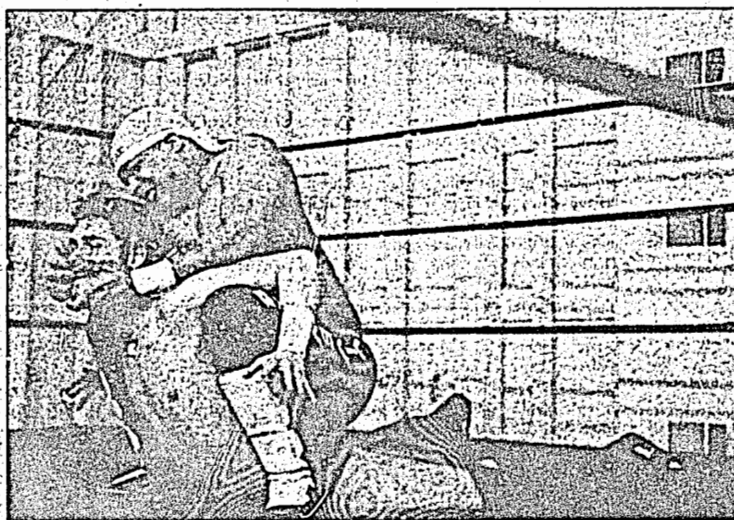
McGuire said because he is an independent wrestler, the amount of money he makes per show varies, but is usually around \$150. The pay usually depends on the amount of people the show draws, the stature of the wrestler, merchandise sales and the quality of his given match.

Despite the inconsistent pay, McGuire said wrestling is all about the experience. He said the more an individual wrestler puts into his or her career, the more he or she will get out of it.

"You can't go into it with a negative attitude," McGuire said. "Sometimes you'll work an event and there will be 40 or 60 people, sometimes less. You know the pay won't be good, but you have to perform the best you can."

One of the promotions McGuire wrestles for, All-American Pro Wrestling, travels around southern Illinois. Sean Chambers, the promoter for the company, said McGuire is invaluable to his business.

"He takes the business real seriously," Chambers said. "He will do everything he can to promote shows, such as get our posters out there to



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Edmund "Livewire" McGuire, of Marion, performs a camel clutch on Aaron Sullivan, of Benton, Tuesday at Extreme Martial Arts and Fitness in West Frankfort. McGuire said he does not wrestle solely for himself, but also to make other people happy and entertain them.

get people to come and see us. He is just a hard worker."

McGuire said promotions such as All-American Pro Wrestling are like the rookie circuit for major wrestling promotions such as the WWE.

Part of McGuire's duties as a long-working independent wrestler is to help develop younger guys, he said. Aaron Sullivan, an 18-year-old wrestler who goes by the name of AT Brookes, has wrestled for a year and holds dreams of joining a major pro-

motion some day.

Sullivan, of Benton, said he feels McGuire is the teacher to take him, that far.

"Ed is just the best," Sullivan said. "As far as teachers go, I would honestly put him up there with a guy like Harley Race (a former WWE wrestler). I have learned so much under him."

McGuire said he continues with the business because he loves it.

"Outside of my son, I can't think of one thing I love more than profes-

sional wrestling," he said.

McGuire said he does not wrestle as much as he used to and is instead planning to attend mortuary school at some point.

All-American Pro Wrestling will host a show at 7 p.m. April 10 at Bowen Gym in Carbondale. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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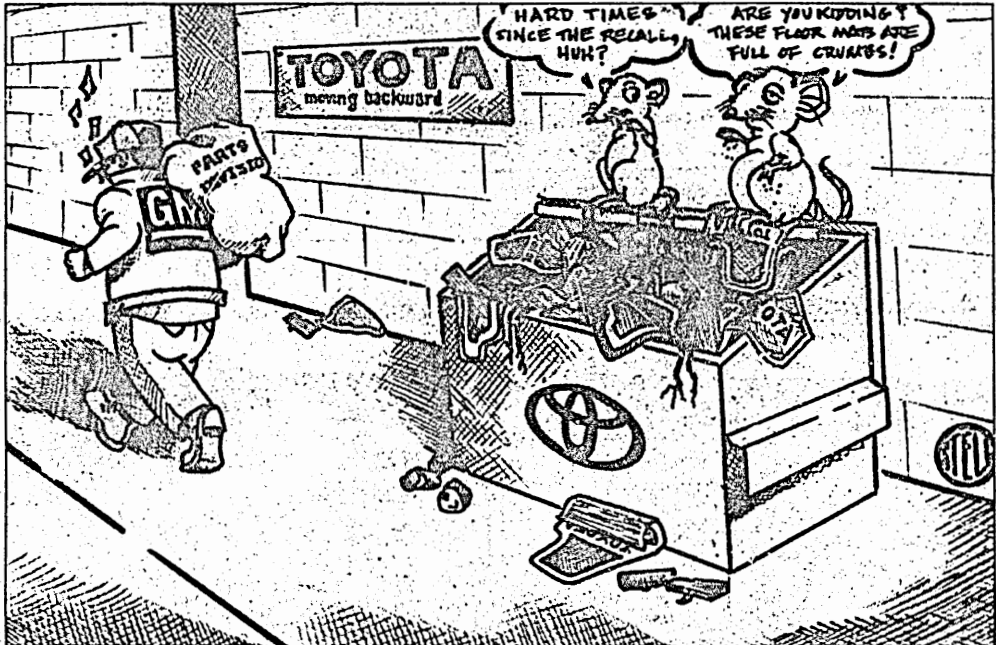
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OUR WORD



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Consumers know best

Toyota has taken a public beating for a mass recall of cars that have sudden unintended acceleration because of faulty foot pedals and oversized floor mats.

Or so they say. SIUC automotive professor Dr. David Gilbert is not so sure.

"You're not just going to be driving down the highway and suddenly a floor mat gets jammed underneath there and you take off. That's not the way it works," Gilbert said in interviews last week.

Gilbert, who owns a Toyota, has been testing Toyotas with assistant automotive technology professor Omar Trinidad since Feb. 11. The pair found that an instance of SUA could be introduced to the computer system in Toyota vehicles without the computer reporting it as an error.

Without an error code, the vehicle would not enter fail-safe mode, an emergency mode that decreases engine power, and the SUA would be allowed to continue.

But Toyota's top executives say they remain "confident that the computer system" error that Gilbert has discovered is not the problem.

Gilbert, however, has tested a

similar "fault" in a Buick model on campus, but the GM computer system picked up the fault every time and put the vehicle into fail-safe mode.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN asks why Toyota is not considering every possible glitch in order to expedite a solution to restore the consumer's faith in the Toyota product?

Maybe that is why Toyota, a leader in the automobile industry and a pioneer in going green, has slowly abandoned its motto of quality-over-quantity and ignored consumer concerns to focus on the bottom line.

This became evident when the public found out that Toyota was aware of this problem back in 2008, when several European countries reported it.

And this isn't the first time Toyota has faced criticism: In 2002, they blamed drivers for not getting recommended oil changes, and disregarded consumers' concerns of sludge buildup around the engine of several models until it became a class-action lawsuit in 2007.

Toyota's reputation for producing a reliable and quality product has been tarnished badly in the last few years.

In 1989, when defects were noticed in Lexuses, the company went to customers' homes to fix the vehicles at no cost to the consumer and gave them a rental to use in the meantime.

But Toyota's commitment to customer service was not always this bad. In 1989, when defects were noticed in Lexuses, the company went to customers' homes to fix the vehicles at no cost to the consumer and gave them a rental to use in the meantime.

So what has happened to the car manufacturer that has always been known for its quality and reliable product?

The DAILY EGYPTIAN hopes the university can work together with Toyota to solve the problem quickly.

Gilbert has no beef with Toyota. He is an educator — and Toyota consumer, — who is trying to help Toyota regain its footing. He will persist. Toyota needs to learn from its mistake and listen to its consumers.

Toyota's drive and success has been good for the auto industry, stimulating competition with its U.S. competitors.

Toyota and other foreign carmakers have forced their domestic

counterparts to build more economical and reliable cars. With Toyota falling back and weakening the competition, the DAILY EGYPTIAN fears domestic automakers will do only what they must, to produce a competitive vehicle.

And because Toyota has lowered the bar, it is easy for American carmakers to look good without having to do much. Competition produces a better product and a variety of choice, and it is safe to say that the quality of domestic cars has improved greatly with stiff foreign competition.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN hopes the U.S. auto industry uses this time to push forward with a leaner, more efficient product, and that Toyota survives this disaster and comes out the other end with quality and reliability intact.

Toyota consumers, such as Gilbert, are trying to keep an open mind. It would do Toyota good to consider every possibility before throwing it to the wind.

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Students shield Facebook pages from employers with name change

ANDREW KATZ
McClatchy Tribune

Some students worried about how their online presence will be perceived by a potential employer are taking the extraordinary security step of changing their names on the social network Facebook.

In this down economy, with heavy competition for jobs, college students and new graduates are among those joining an emerging national trend of modifying account names to elude snooping recruiters.

"I had an internship that required me to do it because I worked for a politician and I couldn't be associated with any kind of organization," said Emily Winchatz, a Capitol Hill intern and senior government and philosophy major at the University of Maryland, College Park.

"(Fellow interns) said my best bet would be to just get off Facebook altogether or change my name so I couldn't be searched," said Winchatz, who replaced her last name with her middle name on the network.

Andrew Noyes, public policy communications manager in Facebook's Washington, D.C., office, couldn't comment on this specific trend, but said information security is a "top priority" and the company constantly works to improve its systems for users.

Launched from a Harvard dorm room in February 2004, Facebook began as a way of linking students at the country's most elite universities, but quickly expanded by connecting workplaces, high schools and now the public, through by-the-second status updates, multimedia and "wall" posts.

Lauren Berger, who earned the nickname "Intern Queen" after completing 15 internships during her four-year college career, is familiar with the trend and discusses it often on her college speaking tour.

"It is too easy for them to not type in your name and look you up on Facebook when you apply for a job," she said. "If they see inappropriate content they might not interview you — they might not hire you."

Berger, who graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2006, said a handful of employers fired interns last year because of questionable content on their Facebook pages. She urged students to keep in mind that, if hired, they become a representation of that company and an "extension of the brand."

A January 2010 report commissioned by Microsoft that examined the impact of an online reputation on hiring practices supports Berger's assertions.

The "Online Reputation in a Connected World" report con-

ducted by Cross-Tab Marketing Services noted that 75 percent of recruiters said their companies had formal policies that required human resources teams to research applicants online and 63 percent had visited candidates' social networking sites before making any hiring decisions.

On the contrary, only 7 percent of Americans surveyed believed information about them online had affected previous job searches, the report states, while 70 percent of U.S. hiring managers said they had eliminated candidates based on what they found.

Andrea Donohue, who graduated from Maryland last May with a degree in French, was aware of companies that screened social networks for prospective applicants and ditched her Facebook surname to cloak her online identity.

"I was looking for jobs and I just didn't really want employers to be able to find me," she said, adding that she was also cautious about potential bosses having access to her page through mutual friends.

"I cleaned out my friend list because a lot of people on there were people I had one class with freshman year that I haven't talked to since," Donohue said. "I don't know if they're going to get a job with someone interviewing and they say, 'Oh, you know this person? Let me look at their profile.'"

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— Lauren Berger
2006 alumna of the University of Central Florida

Carol Vellucci, career center director at the University of Baltimore, understands students' unease, saying that most recruiters will check social networking sites when there's time to do so.

"Concerns about social media are definitely legit," said Vellucci in a statement. "We always tell (students) to be careful about what they post and where they post it." Jackie Sauter, web content manager at American University's Kogod School of Business, wasn't aware of the name-changing trend but said students should be apprehensive.

"In this day and age, almost every employer is checking people out on social networks," she said, but "if you pay attention to your privacy settings and you're vigilant about it, you can absolutely protect your privacy and still put forth a good image to a potential employer."

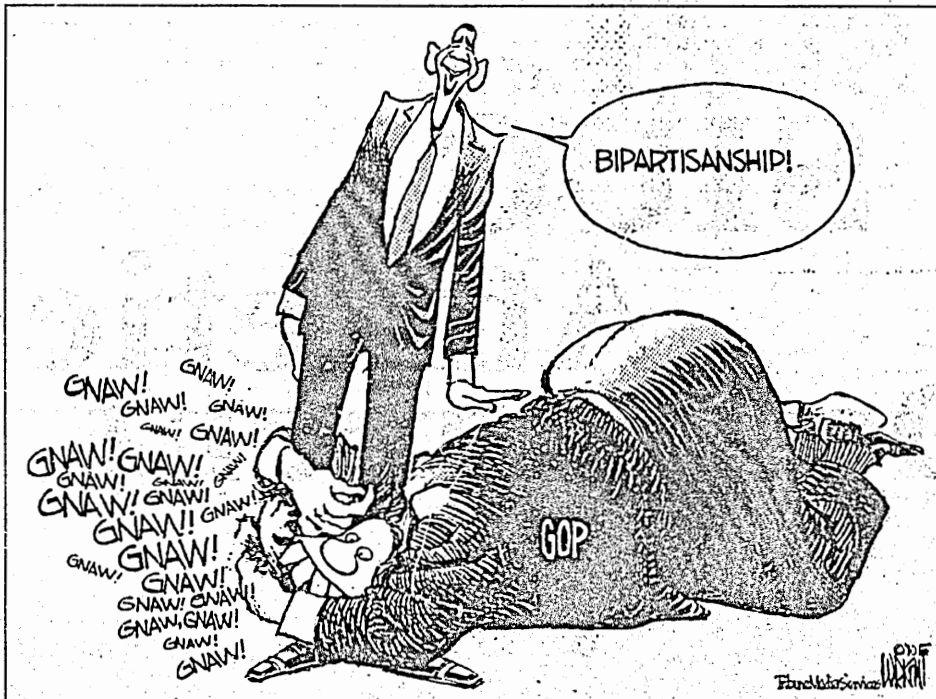
Sarah Barton, a senior at Stevenson University outside Baltimore, hadn't thought about changing her account name until a law professor recently acknowledged

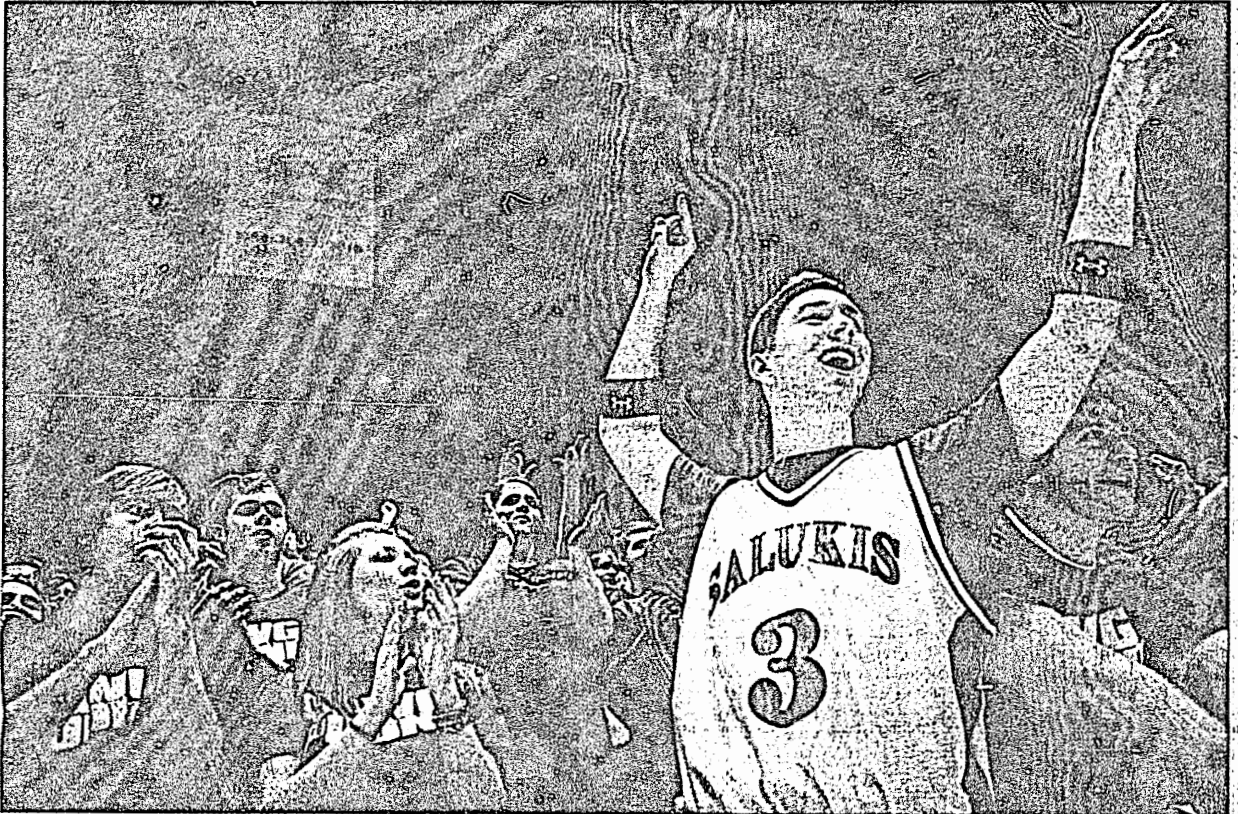
performing client background checks on Facebook.

Although she opted to merely adjust the viewer settings for her photos — partly because her middle name is so uncommon it could actually draw more attention to her page — the 21-year-old paralegal studies major said she knew of friends who had altered their names during job searches. Also an adjunct online journalism professor at UMCP, her alma mater, Sauter had a few extra tips to stay under the radar: adjust your privacy settings to remove profiles from searches, create a second page for professional contacts and restrict access to photos, as they can be "some of the most damning evidence on Facebook to a potential employer."

"There's a way that you can use your presence on a social network to help yourself," she said, "because at the end of the day, you control what information you're putting out there, so you don't really have anyone to blame but yourself if something goes awry."

EDITORIAL CARTOON





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Chris Pacanowski, a sophomore from Hoffman Estates studying architecture, cheers for the SIU men's basketball team during the Jan. 23 game against Illinois State. While

season-ticket sales for the men's basketball team have remained steady, Athletic Director Mario Mocca said single-game ticket sales were down about \$40,000 this season.

State of the SIUC Athletic Department

Story By
Stile T. Smith
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Economy leaves mark on budget, ticket sales

STILE T. SMITH
Daily Egyptian

As the university faces unprecedented financial uncertainties, the athletic department is seeing its share of cuts.

Mark Scally, associate athletic director for finance, said the university cut the athletic department's budget by a little more than 6 percent this year, which mostly affects salaries and the department's ability to fill vacated positions.

"What we've had to do is try and cover full time positions with graduate assistants, or just to double up the workloads for some of the people," Scally said. "We've had a position (in the business office) that's sat vacant for almost 18 months now, which is double the workload for one of our staff members. Now she has to cover two jobs instead of just her one."

Scally said the department has cut all "non-essential" travel, which has kept coaches and administrators from attending various conferences and meetings. The only traveling they do is to recruit and go to athletic competitions, he said.

Every expenditure the department makes now must also go through both Scally and Athletic Director Mario Moccia, Scally said.

"Whether it's a \$4 light bulb or a giant contract with a vendor, every single transaction is approved by Mario and myself to make sure we absolutely do need it, and there's no way we can defer it or do something different with it," Scally said.

Moccia said ticket sales are between \$20,000 and \$25,000 less than they were in fiscal year 2009. He said while most sports have actually seen an increase in ticket sales, basketball has seen a decrease.

"We're only down \$20,000 or \$25,000 because we sold more football tickets," Moccia said. "There was a significant decrease in individual game ticket sales."

Moccia said between 4,600 and 4,700 men's basketball season tick-

ets were sold this year, which was down by just one percent from last year, but the department made \$40,000 less in individual game ticket sales.

But Chet Savage, associate athletic director for external operations, said the department sold more men's basketball season tickets this year than in 2007, when the team went to the Sweet 16.

"A lot of those individuals who used to purchase single game tickets ... They're now full season ticket holders," Savage said. "So your season ticket holder revenue goes up, but you see a decrease in your single game sales."

Scally said the football team brought in about \$350,000 in total ticket sales for football, which compares to between \$320,000 and \$330,000 in the 2008 season.

While ticket sales have been slightly down for the athletic department, the football and basketball teams are receiving upgrades to their facilities. The first phase of the Sakuli Way project includes a new football stadium and the renovation of the SIU Arena, although none of the project's price tag comes from the athletic department's budget.

The first phase of Sakuli Way comes in at a price tag of \$83 million, with \$21.5 million coming from private donations, \$20 million coming from a tax imposed by the city of Carbondale, and the remaining coming from student fees.

The athletic department is now in \$45,000 debt to the university. When Paul Kowalczyk became athletic director in 2000, that debt was \$800,000. He was able to decrease the debt to \$175,000 by the time he left for the same position at Colorado State, and Moccia has been able to help decrease the debt to \$45,000 since taking the position in 2006.

But Moccia said he does not expect to decrease that debt any more this year, and he is just hoping to break even.

Scally said the athletic department fell into debt because of a decrease in ticket sales and the department spending money it did not have.

Scally said SIU also has not received as much money from the NCAA in recent years because of the MVC's lack of teams in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

Scally said for every game an MVC team plays in the NCAA Tournament, the conference gets one "unit." Each unit is worth about \$100,000.

When the MVC sent four teams to the field of 65 in 2006, with two of those teams making it to the Sweet 16, it earned eight units.

The MVC has received one unit each of the last two years.

Scally said SIU made \$318,000 last season for its one share.

"They take these units, divide the money up, and send them to the conferences on a six year rolling average," Scally said.

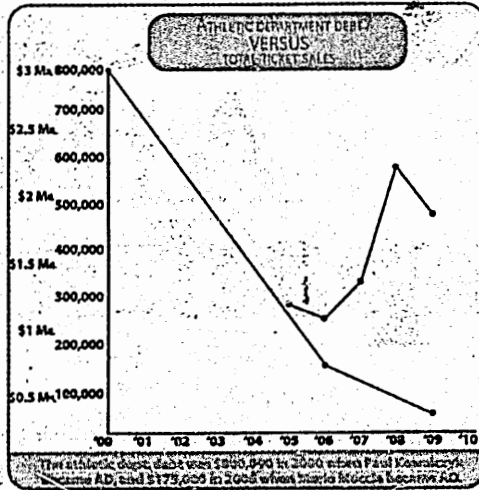
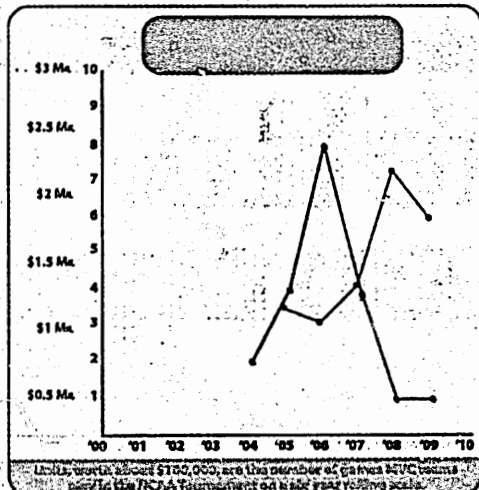
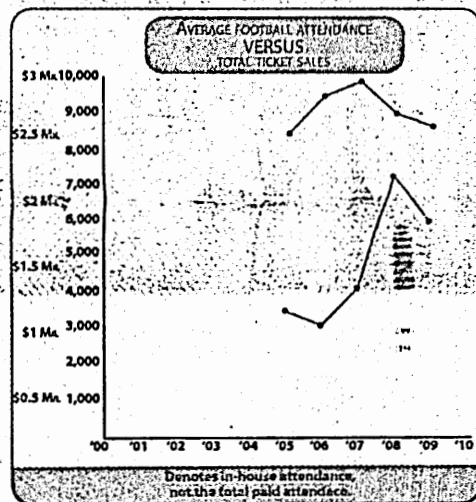
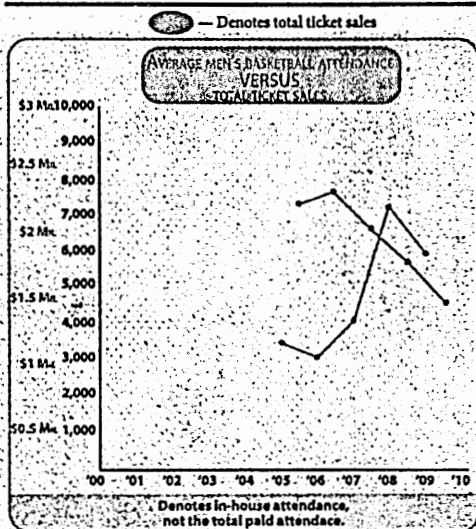
Scally said that money is sent to the MVC, divided into 10 shares and distributed equally between all MVC teams. But, for every game each MVC team plays in the NCAA Tournament, it gets an extra share. One team (in the NCAA Tournament) that are one and done, it's bad for business going forward for six years," Scally said. "We've got to get all the basketball programs, the entire conference back on the right track, then we all make money."

Scally said ticket sales and private donations would be the key to the department getting out of its \$450,000 debt.

"If all of a sudden the donors stop sending money, or we get more state budget cuts, or enrollment takes another nose dive, all those things can be devastating to us," Scally said.

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BUDGET BREAKDOWN



Units worth about \$100,000 are the number of games MVC teams play in the NCAA Tournament on a six year rolling scale.

The athletic dept. debt rose to \$800,000 in 2000 when Paul Kowalczyk became AD, and \$175,000 in 2006 when Mario Moccia became AD.

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SWIMMING & DIVING

Salukis hope to end championship drought

RYAN SIMONIN Daily Egyptian

The Salukis enter their conference championship meet hungry for a title other than Conference Rookie.

The SIU men's swimming and diving team competes today through Saturday in the Mid-American Conference Championships in Ypsilanti, Mich., for the first time since leaving the Sun Belt Conference.

Sophomore Steve Wood said the team wants to raise the bar as it competes in a new conference.

"Everyone knows they have to pull their own weight now," Wood said. "The seniors have been really good at motivating us and we all want to go into a new conference doing well."

Senior and captain Chris Gaffney said the team swims all year round for this one meet.

"All the hard work we put in serves a purpose, and that purpose is to swim faster than we ever thought we could," Gaffney said.

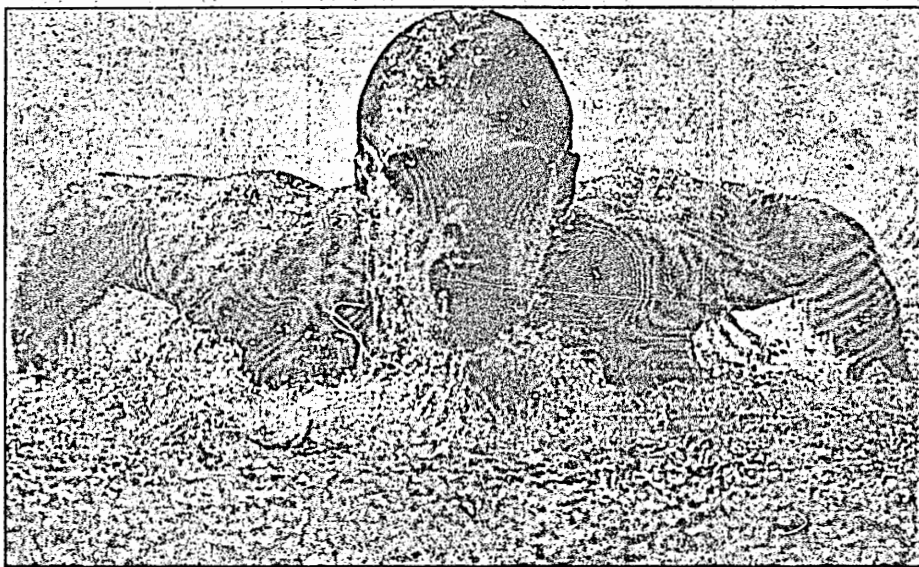
Gaffney said the team is excited, focused, motivated and prepared to execute.

"Right now in practice we are smiling, but I'm sure in the back of everybody's mind they are ready to go nuts and when we get there, we are going to be swimming all out," Gaffney said. "I wouldn't want to go into this meet with any other team than the guys I'm going with."

This is the first year the Salukis have competed in the Mid-American Conference, but they already are familiar with the competition from previous years.

Gaffney said the Missouri State Bears will be tough to beat as the team is among the best.

"To be the best we have to go through the best and Missouri State has proven time and time again



Sophomore Matt Kruse practices butterfly Monday at the Edward J. Shea Natatorium. The men's swimming and diving team will begin competition at the Mid-American Conference Championships Thursday in Ypsilanti, Mich. This is the first time the team has competed in the Mid-American Conference Championships. The men's team has not won a championship since 2004, when they were still in the Missouri Valley Conference.

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over the past couple of years that they are the top dog. We feel like we belong right there with them," Gaffney said.

Swimming and diving head coach Rick Walker said the team doesn't have to win every event to be successful at the MAC Championships. He said instead, it has to focus on itself and not on the other

teams competing.

"We need top-eight finishes because that is how we are going to score the big points," Walker said.

"The more top-eight finishes we have, the less of an impact another good team will have on us. That is our goal.

"We got to want it more. We got to be tougher.

We got to race," Walker said. "If I was a betting man, I am betting on my team because I think they can do that."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Season to wrap up with conference cellar-dweller

A little more than two weeks ago, the SIU women's basketball team lost its last home game at the pre-renovated SIU Arena to Illinois State on Senior Night.

However, the Salukis will be in a position to play 'Senior Night spoiler'

as the team takes on the University of Evansville in the Purple Aces' final home game of the year at 7 p.m. today.

The Salukis (4-23, 3-14 Missouri Valley Conference) defeated the Purple Aces (4-24, 1-16 MVC) 79-68 in their

first meeting Jan. 2 in Carbondale.

However, Southern has not won a road game since Dec. 16, 2008 — 69-68 against Central Arkansas — and the women have not won a game in Roberts Stadium since Jan. 27, 2007.

Regardless of the game's outcome,

Evansville has secured a last-place finish in the Valley for the first time since the 1997-98 season. It has also been 12 years since the Purple Aces doped out their regular season schedule, with a

home game.

The Salukis and Purple Aces have met on the hardwood a grand total of 40 times throughout their respective programs' history and the series is tied at 20 heading into Thursday's contest.

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McCall automatic for Dawgs in Nationals

TIMOTHY HEHN
Daily Egyptian

In middle school, Jeneva McCall ran hurdles while aspiring to be a weight thrower. Her coaches told her she didn't have the build.

She didn't listen.

Years later, she ranks as one of the top throwers in the nation.

"It came natural to me, especially the discus," McCall said. "When I started throwing, my competitive nature came out because my family was always really good at sports."

McCall's father was a boxer, whose career led her and her six siblings to spend equal time growing up in Illinois and Virginia from their childhood through high school years.

Spending her first two years of high school at Virginia's Bassett High School, McCall said she broke the school record in discus and came in fourth place both years in the state competition.

The next step in McCall's career happened by accident.

SIU throws coach John Smith was at the same state meet McCall was competing in as a Falcon for Thornridge High School in Dolton. The only problem was that he was there for someone else.

"I went to a state meet to watch a different girl who was one of the top throwers in the country... (but) I didn't like her from the very start," Smith said. "Then I saw Jeneva (McCall) throw as a junior and I forgot all about the other girl."

Smith's decision to recruit McCall turned out to be a good one.

In her freshman season in 2009, she earned All-Missouri Valley Conference honors in the shot put, discus, and hammer throw, and won a top-10 spot in every event at all but one meet.

Her All-MVC freshman campaign was capped by achievements like launching the second-farthest discus throw (180-10), tying for fifth best in the shot put (49-11.50), and tossing the ninth-longest hammer throw distance (183-02).

In her sophomore campaign this indoor season, McCall has won the weight throw six of the seven times she has competed. Her only loss in the event came during the first meet of the in-



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Sophomore thrower Jeneva McCall practices shot put Feb. 23 Missouri Valley Conference Championships. McCall won first place in both shot put and weight throw at the meet.

door season, the Fast Start Invitational, Dec. 4, to junior Gwen Berry, a fellow Saluk.

McCall's weight throw of 70-00.25 at the Gladstein Invitational, Jan. 22, ranks as the third-highest mark in the nation, and first place in the MVC, beating Indiana State junior Kelsey Hanley's second-place mark by more than two feet.

McCall has seen similar success in the shot put. Like the weight throw, she has taken home first place for the Salukis in six of the seven times she has competed, coming second only to Berry at the Grand Valley State Big Meet, Feb. 12. Her mark of 55-11.75 is also first place in the MVC, and ranks second on the national list.

"Being competitive all day, every day, and

being motivated all day, every day is what she adds to the team," Berry said. "Me competing against her all the time makes me better too, because it makes me go harder."

On top of all of her accomplishments, she was recently named MVC Champion in both the weight throw and shot put in the State Farm MVC Track & Field Indoor Championships that wrapped up competition Sunday.

"She has a great work ethic, and sometimes tends to overwork to the point where we have to stop her" head coach Connie Price-Smith said. "She works really, really hard and she is really dedicated to what she does."

McCall's nationally ranked marks earned her

automatic qualification into the NCAA Track & Field Indoor Championships, a feat nobody else on the men's or women's team has achieved.

"She has never been there before, which is always a factor," Price-Smith said. "I don't ever ask anyone to win the NCAA meet, we (throwers) just want to make the finals and hopefully she can make All-American."

The NCAA Track & Field Indoor Championships are set to take place March 26 and March 27 in Fayetteville, Ark.

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BASEBALL

Middle Tennessee State sweeps Salukis in home-opening series

RAY MCGILLIS
Daily Egyptian

Freshman left-hander Cody Forsythe sat the first three Blue Raider batters down before things went downhill for the SIU baseball team.

The Salukis dropped a 13-6 decision to Middle Tennessee State Wednesday at Abe Martin Field.

After making quick work of the first inning, Forsythe (0-1) issued four free passes and six runs before being pulled after 1.2 innings of work.

Head coach Dan Callahan said the freshman starter simply lost his focus after putting together a solid opening inning.

"(Forsythe) went from having a good outing to a poor outing in one inning," Callahan said. "Somewhere along the line his concentration level was compromised. We can't have that — we're not that good on the mound yet."

Saluki pitching has allowed 10 or more runs in the last three games and six out of seven games thus far.

Forsythe said the pitching staff needs to keep at it, as the struggles are not going to fix themselves.

"We can't just hope it's going to change, we have to make it change ourselves," Forsythe said. "Tomorrow will be a good day of practice, we'll get after it and try to get in some work heading

into this weekend."

In addition to the team's struggles on the bump, the Salukis (2-5) had difficulties in the field and committed four errors, which led to an equal number of unearned runs.

The Blue Raiders (6-1) racked up 17 hits and juniors Justin Miller and Will Skinner went yard for the second consecutive game. Skinner hit a solo shot in the third and Miller launched a three-run bomb in the following frame.

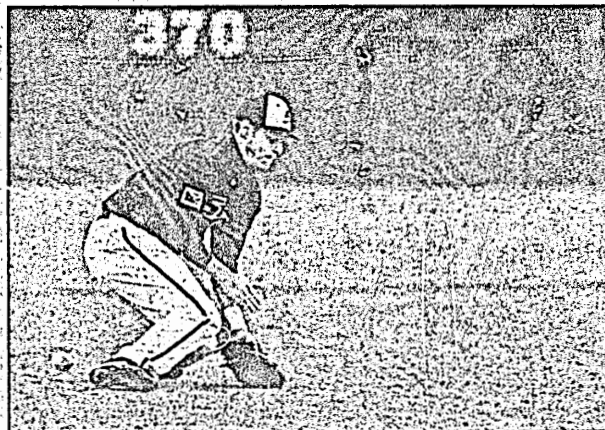
Also for the second game in as many days, Middle Tennessee State's starter made his first collegiate start against the Salukis.

Freshman right-hander Brandon Hall allowed two earned runs through 2.1 innings of work; however, junior Nick Montgomery (3-0) was credited with the win, contributing 2.2 innings of scoreless pitching.

After combining for 35 runs in the previous series against Jacksonville State, the Salukis spread 10 runs throughout their two-game series against Middle Tennessee State.

Senior center fielder Aaron Roberts said the Middle Tennessee State pitchers deserve credit for shutting down the Saluki bats, but the lack of production at the plate throughout the series falls just as much on their shoulders.

"We just weren't as patient offensively," Roberts said. "We should of hit them and we know it, but that's more on us than it is on them... We're



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Senior third basemen Tony Lapore can't handle a ground ball off the bat of a Middle Tennessee State batter Wednesday at Abe Martin Field.

off to a rough start, but there's nowhere to go but up from here."

The team will have one day of rest before a three-game series against Purdue University Friday at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis have not

played the Boilermakers since March 12, 1988.

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Saluki Insider

With the NFL Combine complete, players' stocks have risen and fallen for the upcoming NFL Draft. Who do you think is worthy enough for the Rams' first overall pick?



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Marc Bulger's days as a starting quarterback are over and have been for the past couple of seasons. The Rams already spent a first rounder drafting Chris Long at the DE position a few years ago and don't need Ndumukong Suh. My money is on Sam Bradford. I'm impressed that he has gained some weight and he looks like he is ready for the NFL.

I really miss the Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt combo, so it would be nice to get a seed started again for high-octane offense to grow. They need a quarterback and a wide receiver that can catch the ball. I would like to see Dez Bryant, a wide receiver from Oklahoma State, come over and make a big contribution. He is going to be amazing.



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Why am I the only person that thinks Colt McCoy is going to be a better NFL QB than Sam Bradford? Bradford can do a mean Marc Bulger impression by staring like a statue in the pocket, whereas McCoy at least has the ability to make something happen with his feet. Meh, it's the Rams, who cares?

MEN'S GOLF

Southern pulls into sixth at Grover Page Classic

RYAN SIMONIN
Daily Egyptian

Makeshift fire pits accompanied every other hole at the Grover Page Classic Monday and Tuesday as the golfers tried to stay warm in the wet and cold weather.

The SIU men's golf team heated up during its final round of play, moving up two spots in the ranks to finish with a team score of 920, which was good for sixth place out of 16 teams in its first tournament of the spring season.

Central Arkansas won the tournament again for the third time in four years by a team total of 847, while the University of North Alabama followed in second with 877 and Tennessee State University took home third with 891.

Senior Patrick Scheil said the team got off to a better start this spring than in the fall.

"We need to take what we can away from this match and build upon that," Scheil said.

Scheil (226) was the top finisher

for the Salukis as he finished the tournament tied for 17th out of 85 competitors, his fourth top-20 finish this year. He carded a 79 in his first round and settled in during his second and third rounds, with scores of 71 and 76, respectively.

Freshman Jeff Miller (230) finished 28th overall as he shot a 77 in his first two rounds and dropped a stroke on his third round for a 76.

"I had a blast in the entire tournament; the guys I played against were so much fun," Miller said. "I didn't hit the ball very (well) and I was all over the place, but my putter saved me."

Seniors Blake Driskell and Jordan Cox both ended up with identical three-round totals, posting a 232 to tie for 35th overall. Driskell shot a 78 in his first round, and improved in his last two rounds to capture a consecutive score of 77. Cox also improved over his three rounds as he carded a 78 in his first two rounds before he dropped to a 75 in the final round.

Cox said the tournament was a

learning experience for the team.

"We all took good stuff away from this week," Cox said. "The short game is definitely something we can work on because over the break you tend to lose your touch for putting."

Freshman Jake Erickson (247) rounded out the top-five finishers for the Salukis as he tied for 64th place. He carded an 83 in his first round and finished with an 81 and 83 in his last two rounds.

Head coach Leroy Newton said the team has a great attitude and remains encouraged. He said the team played well considering many of the teams it has played had started their seasons before Southern.

"We played some good rounds and for our first time being out this season we had to play on some awfully fast greens," Newton said. "We played smart and adapted well to the situation."

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Women's Basketball: Salukis travel to Evansville for their final game of the season.

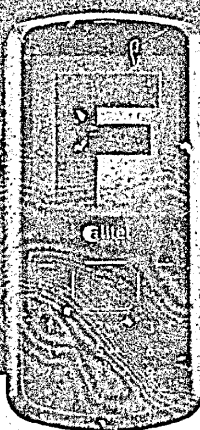
Swimming: The men's swimming team heads to Michigan for the conference championship.

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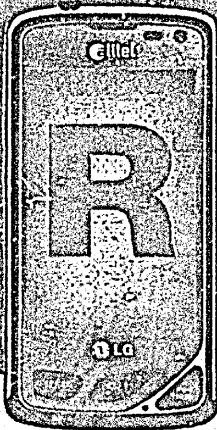
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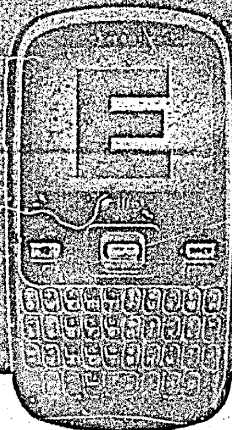
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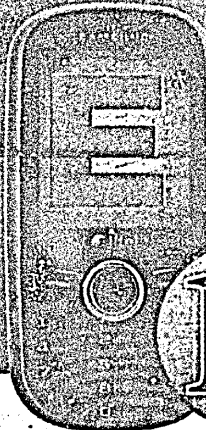
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