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## Student jailed for bomb threat

SIUE fraternity president raises concern with Facebook status

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An SIU-Edwardsville student posted \$1,000 bail Thursday after being charged with a bomb threat he wrote on the popular social networking Web site Facebook.

Stone's Facebook status read, "I'm going to bomb the school because it's obvious we cannot co-exist" Thursday afternoon, accord-

ing to the Alestle, SIUE's campus newspaper.

As of Thursday night, there was no Facebook profile for Stone under the SIUE network.

University police arrested Stone, a 21-year-old junior from Rochester studying history, Wednesday afternoon after one of his Facebook friends reported the threat to police, SIUE spokesman Greg Conroy said.

Conroy said the Facebook friend, who he would not identify, told authorities the location of the Edwardsville fast food restaurant where Stone worked. Stone was apprehended there.

Stone gave the police permission to search his van and on-cam-

pus residence, and after conducting the search the police determined Stone was not capable of following through with the threat, Conroy said.

Stone was charged by the Illinois State's Attorney's office Thursday with a special misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge. Conroy said the university also has the ability to punish the student.

"It could range from a slap on the hand to expulsion," he said.

The Dean of Students will conduct an investigation to see if Stone violated the SIUE Student Code of Conduct, he said.

Stone is also the president of the Edwardsville chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and his

actions could affect his status as president, Conroy said.

Conroy said he has been at the university 20 years and could not remember any arrests stemming from Facebook activity or any arrests made in correlation with bomb threats.

"In the past we've had one or two bomb threats during exam week, and they call in threats and hang up before we could trace it," he said. "In this event we were able to get the man's name because it was on Facebook."

Amanda Isringhaus, a junior from Okawville studying elementary education at SIUE, said she

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## Campus controls beaver population

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Although beavers across North America give birth during April and May, there won't be many beaver baby showers at Campus Lake this year.

The university routinely hires a local wildlife control agency to reduce Campus Lake's beaver population, Physical Plant Director Phil Gatton said.

The Physical Plant received a letter of complaint about the campus's beavers over the winter, Gatton said, and the university dispatched Easton's Wildlife and Mole Control of Murphysboro to exterminate the rodents in December.

"On one side I've got people that like the beavers and other people that say they kill all the trees around the lake and they ruin the habitat," Gatton said. "So normally once we start having beavers, we have them trapped."

Gatton said a beaver population pops up in Campus Lake

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## University preps for chancellor finalists

First candidate arrives on campus Sunday

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As the next potential leaders of SIUC prepare to visit the campus and its short-term leader anticipates confirmation for a top-post elsewhere, interim Chancellor John Dunn has advice for whoever takes his seat.

"I really do think that we are a campus that should be low walls, we should be friendly, we should be supportive of one another, and I think that's really got to be emulated at the top," said Dunn, who is waiting for a vote to confirm his appointment as Western Michigan University's next president.

The vote is expected to take place April 27 during the WMU Board of Trustees meeting, but Dunn said he expects to fulfill his commitment to be at SIU until the new chancellor is brought in.

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**Thad Jackson, a third-year graduate student from Galesburg** studying professional media practice, breaks down his camera setup before the rain after a Saluki softball game at Charlotte West Stadium. Jackson is filming the softball games in a multiple camera production style as part of his master's thesis.

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## Student brings new angle to Saluki softball

Multi-camera use delivers games online

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Thad Jackson's thesis project is getting him more than a master's degree.

The project — in which the graduate student films Saluki softball games in a multiple camera production style — is increasing exposure for the softball team, promoting the radio-television department and bringing parents closer to their children.

Jackson, a third-year graduate student from Galesburg studying professional media practice, began his project by researching the way bigger universities visualize their athletics in the media.

He said most of the schools he looked at stream their games online with multiple camera angles. This inspired him to use four video cameras, a switchboard and a few cameramen to bring online Saluki fans a window beyond the traditional one-camera approach.

Tom Hexamer, equipment facilities manager of the radio-television department, said Jackson's production resembles that of a commercial broadcast of a softball game more than a Webcast. He said he has attended all the games with Jackson.

Jackson said he couldn't have done any of the work without Hexamer and the blessings of the radio-television department and its equipment.

Adam Harris, a senior from Carrie studying radio-television, has worked as a cameraman for Jackson's project. He said he has learned a lot from helping Jackson and has had a lot of fun, too.

Jackson said the project is important for research, but that's not the most important reason he does it.

"I do it for the players — I

do it for the parents," he said, adding the parents have told him that he has allowed them to experience a part of their daughters' life they previously couldn't when they were unable to attend games.

Jackson said he does it for the athletic and radio-television department, too.

He said the hands-on opportunities could help bring in more students and give them more hands-on experience outside of the classroom.

Mike Trude, marketing director for Saluki athletics, has worked with Jackson on the project and said it is phenomenal for the department, especially in comparison to the streaming in previous years.

"You feel like you're right there at the game," Trude said.

Jackson said one camera remains stationary and tapes the entire game, recording each batter

**"do it for the players — I do it for the parents."**

— Thad Jackson  
graduate student from Galesburg

from both teams. He said the softball team uses the tapes to analyze swings and pitches.

Visiting coaches and parents have also requested copies of games, he said.

Hexamer said the potential exists to add commercials and promos to the stream and make the game more like a televised sporting event.

The work has gotten Jackson a job, too. He said the Southern Illinois Miners hired him on the spot when he told him about his work with the softball team, where he will do video production work.

Trude said the million-dollar question concerning the project is who will take over when Jackson graduates.

He said Jackson has set a precedent of what can be done, but he is unsure who will continue the four-camera video-stream.

"Somebody has to pick up the ball and run with it," Trude said.

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# Ballgames fuel alumni recruitment effort

MLB teams to hold summer SIU days

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In an effort to recruit more members and donors, two SIUC groups are headed to the ballpark this summer.

The SIU Alumni Association will host "SIU Day" at St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs games July 25 and August 19, respectively. The SIU Foundation, the university's chief fundraising unit, will host a similar event at a Chicago White Sox game June 9.

Although the Cubs ended up with the worst record in the National League last year, they still manage to sell out most of their games, making it a lot easier for the Alumni Association to recruit members, said Ed Buerger, executive director of the Alumni Association.

Buerger said about 30,000 alumni live in the Chicago area and many join the association to attend one of the baseball games.

"There are some that join the association primarily to have the opportunity to get that ticket," he said.

The Alumni Association usually sells the Cubs tickets in only a few hours, Buerger said. There are 1,500 tickets available this year.

"Those tickets will go out as quickly as we can handle the phone calls," he said.

Thanks to events such as the baseball games, the Alumni Association has increased its membership by 3.4 percent, Buerger said.

He said the association has more than 17,538 members out of 214,000 alumni all over the world. About 900 members are students.

Buerger said the tickets for the Cardinals game at Busch Stadium, which also requires Alumni Association membership, would sell out quickly, too. He said Busch Stadium provided 300 tickets.

Events such as the ballgames are not unusual, as the association held

61 events geared at recruitment in 2006, Buerger said.

Bryan Vagner, director of the SIU Foundation, said there are no restrictions to go to the White Sox game because the team doesn't have as large of a fan base as the other teams.

He said the event would be filled with entertainment, which includes a tailgate before the game, and there would be 400 tickets available in the upper deck.

Argus Tong, director of alumni programs, said the events are a great way to increase membership.

"Not only students, but also alums and that's a way we increase membership growth," he said. "We have an alum represented in every single state, so wherever you go there are Salukis, so we make it a point to get out there as often as we can."

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director of alumni programs



## SIU days at the ballpark

**Chicago White Sox** – The SIU Foundation will host the 6th annual SIU day at U.S. Cellular field on June 9. The Sox will play the Houston Astros. The deadline to buy tickets is May 1. Anyone can purchase tickets.

**St. Louis Cardinals** – The 23rd annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium takes place July 25. The tickets will be available May 16. Only Alumni Association members can buy tickets.

**Chicago Cubs** – The 30th Annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field on Sunday takes place August 19. Tickets go on sale May 23. Only Alumni Association members can buy tickets.

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## THREAT

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received an e-mail describing the event from university administrators Thursday. She said she wished the administration had a better way of getting the word out.

"I know e-mail, they probably have to do that, but they could have notified our instructors and our instructors could have told us that. I just feel like some schools don't make a big deal out of things, but something needs to start happening to let students know what's going on," she said. "Thirty-two students died because of it (at Virginia Tech), and I just think things would have went differently. Apparently people aren't just talking, because things are starting to happen in these schools."

Conroy said he did not know if the school shooting massacre at Virginia Tech, which claimed the lives of 32 students and faculty along with the shooter Monday, was considered in the way police handled the case.

"We would take any bomb threat seriously," he said.

Conroy said the case sends a message to all Facebook users.

"When you do it on Facebook it's there for all to see," he said. "The times they are a-changinging."

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## IRAQ

## Suicide bomber kills 12

BAGHDAD (AP)—A suicide bomber slipped past security barriers to kill 12 people Thursday, the latest in a wave of attacks that have shown the resilience of insurgents in the face of a U.S.-led crackdown on major violence in Iraq's capital.

The attack in a mostly Shiite district showed yet again the ability of insurgents to penetrate Baghdad's heavy security presence, a day after more than 230 people died in the worst spasm of mass killings since President Bush announced his plan in January to increase American troop levels in Iraq by 30,000.

Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, said an "open battle" was being waged for control of his nation.

Thursday's attacker blew himself up next to a fuel tanker within 500 yards of Iraqi President Jalal Talabani's home in the Karradah district. Talabani, a Kurd, was not believed to have been the target. Two Iraqi soldiers were among the dead, and 34 people were wounded, police said.

U.S. commanders urged patience, saying the nine-week operation was still just beginning. Three of the five brigades Bush ordered into Iraq to stem Baghdad violence have arrived, bringing the U.S. forces in the country to 146,000. Officials want the rest in place by June for a total of 160,000.

## WASHINGTON

## Representative resigns committee post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. John Doolittle, whose house was searched by the FBI in an influence-peddling investigation, said Thursday he will step down temporarily from the House Appropriations Committee.

The announcement by the nine-term California Republican came one day after the disclosure that agents had raided his home in Oakton, Va. In the search last Friday, the FBI had a warrant for information connected with a fund-raising business run by Doolittle's wife, Julie, that had done work for convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

"I understand how the most recent circumstances may lead some to question my tenure on the Appropriations Committee," Doolittle wrote House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio.

"Therefore, I feel it may be in the best interest of the House that I take a temporary leave with seniority from this committee until this matter can be resolved."

Doolittle's ties to Abramoff have come under scrutiny in the corruption investigation that has sent one former Republican congressman, Bob Ney of Ohio, to prison on a guilty plea to charges of conspiracy and making false statements, and produced convictions against two senior Bush administration officials and several congressional aides.

## NEW YORK

## Police hunt man in student torture

NEW YORK (AP) — It was an ordeal that lasted 19 hours. In that span, a man bound a Columbia University graduate student in her apartment, raped her, doused her with hot water and bleach, slit her eyelids and finally set a fire before fleeing, police said.

Police pressed a manhunt for the assailant in the April 13 attack, with investigators hoping any surviving DNA and a \$12,000 reward for information leading to an arrest would produce fresh leads.

The victim, who managed to free herself before the fire spread, was still in the hospital Thursday, police said.

The woman was nearing her degree at the Graduate School of Journalism when the attack occurred at her apartment more than 20 blocks north of the Ivy League campus in upper Manhattan, classmates have said. Dozens paid tribute to her Monday with a candlelight vigil.

Female students throughout the school were rattled, especially because the attacker was still on the loose, said Lindsay Miller, 23, an architecture student who, like the victim, lives several blocks from the campus.

## Gonzales can't sway skeptical senators

Lara Jakes Jordan  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Attorney General Alberto Gonzales struggled Thursday to convince skeptical senators he did nothing improper in firing eight federal prosecutors, losing ground as a second senator from his own party joined the calls for his resignation.

Republican as well as Democratic lawmakers challenged the embattled attorney general during an often-bitter five-hour hearing before the Judiciary Committee. Lawmakers confronted Gonzales with documents and sworn testimony they said showed he was more involved in the dismissals than he contended.

"The best way to put this behind us is your resignation," Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma bluntly told Gonzales, one GOP conservative to another.

Gonzales disagreed, rejecting the idea that his departure would put the controversy to rest.

Even with the White House offering fresh support, it was a long day for the attorney general.

Seventy-one times he fell back on faulty memory, saying he could not recall or remember conversations or events surrounding the firings. During breaks in the hearing, sign-waving protesters rose from the audience calling for him to resign.

Digging in as the day wore on, Gonzales defended his decision last year to oust the U.S. attorneys. Congress is investigating whether the firings were politically motivated, which the Bush administration vehemently denies.

"The notion that there was something that was improper that



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee to testify on the reasons and politics that motivated the firing of U.S. attorneys from the Justice Department on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., Thursday.

happened here is simply not supported," Gonzales said, adding that he would make the same decisions again.

Late Thursday, Sen. Jeff Sessions said in a telephone interview that the Justice Department might be better served with new leadership. "I think it's going to be difficult for him to be an effective leader," said Sessions, a Republican member of the Judiciary Committee and former federal prosecutor.

"At this point, I think (Gonzales) should be given a chance to think it through and talk to the president about what his future should be," Sessions said, adding that he was

most troubled by Gonzales' inability to recall attending a meeting at which the firings were discussed. Documents provided by the Justice Department show he was present at the Nov. 27, 2006, meeting.

Gonzales has provided differing versions of the events surrounding the dismissals, first saying he had almost no involvement and later acknowledging that his role was larger — but only after e-mails about meetings he attended were released by the Justice Department to House and Senate committees.

There was no doubt about the stakes involved for a member of President Bush's inner circle, and

support from fellow Republicans was critical to his attempt to hold his job.

Calling most of Gonzales' explanations for the firings "a stretch," Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham asked whether the dismissals simply came down to personality disagreements the Justice Department and White House had with the former prosecutors.

"You said something that struck me — that sometimes it just came down to these were not the right people at the right time," said Graham, R-S.C. "If I applied that standard to you, what would you say?"

## Senator: Iraq war is lost

Anne Flaherty  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Thursday the war in Iraq is "lost," triggering an angry backlash by Republicans who said the top Democrat had turned his back on the troops.

The bleak assessment was the sharpest yet from Reid, who has vowed to send President Bush legislation calling for combat to end next year. Reid said he told Bush on Wednesday that he thought the war could not be won through military force and only through political, economic and diplomatic means.

"I believe myself that the secretary of state, secretary of defense and — you have to make your own decisions as to what the president knows — (know) this war is lost and the surge is not accomplishing anything as indicated by the extreme violence in Iraq yesterday," said Reid, D-Nev.

Republicans pounced on the comment as evidence, they said, that Democrats do not support the troops.

"I can't begin to imagine how our troops in the field, who are risking their lives every day, are going to react when they get back to base and hear that the Democrat leader of the United States Senate has declared

the war is lost," said Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

The exchange came as the House headed toward a vote Thursday on whether to demand that troops leave Iraq next year. Last month, the House passed legislation that funded the war in Iraq but ordered combat missions to end by September 2008. The Senate passed similar, less-sweeping legislation that would set a nonbinding goal of bringing combat troops home by March 31, 2008.

Bush said he would veto either measure and warned that troops are being harmed by Congress' failure to deliver the funds quickly.

The Pentagon says it has enough money to pay for the Iraq war through June. The Army is taking "prudent measures" aimed at ensuring that delays in the bill financing the war do not harm troop readiness, according to instructions sent to Army commanders and budget officials April 14.

While \$70 billion that Congress provided in September for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan has mostly run out, the Army has told department officials to slow the purchase of nonessential repair parts and other supplies, restrict the use of government charge cards, and limit travel.

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— Mitch McConnell  
senate GOP leader

## Cho fits textbook school shooting case

Matt Apuzzo  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLACKSBURG, Va. — In high school, Cho Seung-Hui almost never opened his mouth. When he finally did, his classmates laughed, pointed at him and said: "Go back to China."

As such details of the Virginia Tech shooter's life come out, and experts pore over his sick and twisted writings and his videotaped rant, it is becoming increasingly clear that Cho was almost a textbook case of a school shooter: a painfully awkward, picked-on young man who lashed out with methodical fury at a world he believed was out to get him.

"In virtually every regard, Cho is prototypical of mass killers that I've studied in the past 25 years," said Northeastern University criminal justice professor James Alan Fox, co-author of 16 books on crime. "That doesn't mean, however, that one could have predicted his rampage."

When criminologists and psychologists look at mass murders, Cho fits the themes they see repeatedly: a friendless figure, someone who has been bullied, someone who blames others and is bent on revenge, a careful planner, a male. And someone who sent up warning signs with his strange behavior long in advance.

Among other things, the 23-year-old South Korean immigrant was sent to a psychiatric hospital and pronounced

an imminent danger to himself. He was accused of stalking two women and photographing female students in class with his cell phone. And his violence-filled writings were so disturbing he was removed from one class, and professors begged him to get counseling. He rarely looked anyone in the eye and did not even talk to his own roommates.

Cho, who killed 32 people and committed suicide at the Blacksburg campus Monday, cast himself in his video diatribe as a persecuted figure like Jesus Christ. Cho, who came to the U.S. at about age 8 in 1992 and whose parents worked at a dry cleaners in suburban Washington, also ranted against rich "brats" with Mercedes, gold necklaces, cognac and trust funds.

Classmates in Virginia, where Cho grew up, said he was teased and picked on, apparently because of shyness and his strange, mumbly way of speaking.

Once, in English class at Westfield High School in Chantilly, Va., when the teacher had the students read aloud, Cho looked down when it was his turn, said Chris Davids, a Virginia Tech senior and high school classmate. After the teacher threatened him with an F for participation, Cho began reading in a strange, deep voice that sounded "like he had something in his mouth," Davids said.

"The whole class started laughing and pointing and saying, 'Go back to China,'" Davids said.

# Crab Orchard changes refuge management plan

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge has a new plan for the next 15 years.

The refuge recently began a conservation plan to guide the management of the refuge for the next decade and a half. Among the main points of the conservation plan are eventually limiting camping to 14 days at a time, redefining the recreational fee structure and expanding "no wake" zones on Crab Orchard lake.

Individual refuge conservation plans were a provision of the Refuge Improvement Act in 1997.

Refuge Manager Dan Frisk said the new plan is Crab Orchard's first attempt at implementing a long-term management policy. He said the refuge would strictly adhere to the plan over its lifetime.

"It's really the plan, now, that directs us for the next 15 years," Frisk said. "We can't vary too much from it; I mean that's kind of our marching orders."

The conservation plan has 14 main points that are designed to find a happy medium between the refuge's four primary purposes — wildlife conservation, agriculture,

industry and recreation, according to the Crab Orchard Web site.

"We work hand in hand with all those purposes to make sure that one doesn't overburden the other," Frisk said. "Surely wildlife refuges, that's what we're about is wildlife, so that's kind of the overpowering one."

Frisk said putting a limit on camping would allow more visitors to use campgrounds. Each year over one million people visit the refuge making it one of the most popular in the country, but many of the best campsites are taken by long-term campers so only a handful get prime camping grounds, Frisk said.

A 14-day limit would also bring the refuge up to par on camping limits with other public campgrounds in the area. Within the next few years, Frisk said he also hopes to get the refuge's campsites on the national registration system, so visitors will have more options when planning a trip.

Recreation fees will also be restructured as a part of the conservation plan in accordance with a new national recreation enhancement program.

"A lot of these [fee restructures] are just trying to make sure we're being consistent across the

boards," Frisk said.

Most refuges around the nation are standardizing fees, and Frisk said all the money from the fees goes back into the refuge. He said the money is used to improve facilities in the area, including constructing new boat ramps and parking lots at Little Grassy Lake and Devil's Kitchen Lake.

Changes at the Image Marina along Route 13 are already underway. An equipment storage area has been removed and picnic tables have been added around the shore fishing area. That marina will be phased out over the next two to three years, Frisk said. Of the 80 boat docks at the Image Marina, 40 will be moved to the Play Port Marina and 40 will go to the Crab Orchard campground.

The Image Marina will be turned into a day-use recreation area called the Prairie Creek Recreational Area. Frisk said they will add a pavilion, a fish cleaning station and more boat ramps over the next few years.

There are different wake zones and new restrictions on Crab Orchard Lake as well, and Frisk said people could go to the visitor center to get detailed maps.

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The Image Marina at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge will be transformed over the next few years to become the Prairie Creek Recreational Center. The refuge is in the beginning stages of a new comprehensive conservation plan, which will guide refuge managers over the next 15 years.

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THEIR WORD

# The Iraq war deadlock must end

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Its legislation needs to include benchmarks and require regular reports from the administration on Iraq's success in meeting them.

Congress and President Bush seem headed for a showdown over Iraq, with the Democrats in charge on Capitol Hill determined to send a war-spending bill to the president that he is equally determined to veto. This political exercise will only prolong the deadlock over Iraq policy and delay more funding for U.S. troops. The two sides would be wiser to stake out common ground. There's ample room for a compromise to sustain U.S. forces but hasten the day when they can responsibly return from Iraq. The House has passed legislation that sets an August 2008 deadline for U.S. combat troops to leave Iraq. The Senate-passed measure sets a goal for withdrawal in March, but requires that combat

troops begin pulling out in 120 days. The president is vowing to veto anything but a "clean bill" with the money he wants without conditions. Deadline supporters lack a veto-proof majority, which means Congress would need to pass another bill to maintain funding for the war. Any legislation that requires a troop withdrawal would encroach on the president's constitutional authority as commander in chief, and would deny him and his military leaders the flexibility to adapt to changing conditions in Iraq. It would encourage the militias and insurgents behind the mayhem to wait out U.S. combat forces. But it would be a mistake for Congress to hand the president yet another blank check. It's too late for that after more than four years of war, much of it mismanaged. In January, when Bush announced the surge of U.S. combat troops now under way in Iraq, he declared America's commitment would not be open-ended. He cited steps Iraq's leaders would need to take to promote reconciliation among the country's warring factions, including fairly distrib-

uting the country's oil profits, holding provincial elections and easing rules that bar former members of the Baath Party from holding jobs. Ideally, meeting those benchmarks would take the steam out of the factional conflict in Iraq and let U.S. forces hand over control sooner to Iraqi forces. But the country's leaders have made scant progress toward the necessary goals. And Bush has not been pushing them hard enough. That's where Congress can play a constructive role. Its legislation needs to include benchmarks and require regular reports from the administration on Iraq's success in meeting them. That would make clear to Iraq's leaders and the White House that Congress' patience and wallet are running out. The president and congressional leaders face a choice: They can cement their divisions, or work toward a compromise to provide funding for U.S. troops while prodding Iraq's leaders to take control of their country. The responsible choice is clear.

*This appeared in the Orlando Sentinel on Wednesday.*

GUEST COLUMN

# Thoughts from a former Hokie

Andy McFadyen-Ketchum  
 GUEST COLUMNIST

*Editor's note: McFadyen-Ketchum gave this speech at Wednesday's vigil.*

I graduated from Virginia Tech four years ago. I heard about the incident there at 3 p.m. on Monday, and ever since then everything has been on hold. So I'd like to thank you for coming and, if I could, Virginia Tech thanks you for coming to this vigil tonight. I am now a graduate student here at SIU, and this morning taught my first class since the incident. Walking up to Pulliam Hall, I had to wait until a colleague could enter the building with me. I simply couldn't go in by myself. And I kept asking myself "Is this real?" This pain. This fear — the best word I can come up with to describe it. The last few days have been impossible. Seeing those buildings I used to walk past every day on TV, seeing those young people who lost their lives and those who now live

with this tragedy. Four years ago that would have been me. I used to take German classes in Norris Hall. I got my bachelor's in English and share an intimate bond with Virginia Tech and the English department and all the people there who were so nurturing and caring for me. In the last few days, I've spoken with friends who graduated with me from VT, some of whom I've not spoken with in years. It's been wonderful to hear from them, to learn the names of their husbands and wives and children, to hear about their careers and to hear their voices again. And we all agree that, yes, we are young, but we are all getting older. And as we grow older, things like this start happening. And it's always the same story. We think, "Things are getting worse." And this may be true, but for those of us still growing up and learning about the world, it's inevitable that the more people we meet, the more places we live, the more universities we attend and the jobs we do, this is simply a part of life. Tragedies will always happen.

Of course, we hope never to revisit such horrible events, but something will happen to all of us that's equally heartbreaking. And the question that kept coming up was "How can we live in such a world?" and "What can we do? How can we help?" I've been debating the answers to these questions in my mind the last few days. At the convocation on Tech's campus, poet Nikki Giovanni read a piece she'd written for the ceremony. She said we're not going to simply move on. No, we didn't deserve this in any way. We will fight, we will persevere, we will become better people and we will never forget. After she read — this is going to sound hokie, we are the Hokies after all — the student body literally cheered and began chanting "Let's Go Hokies," followed by clapping and then more cheering, just like we do here for our Salukis. It was one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen, to see my people respond so strongly with a symbol of unity. I want you to know how beautiful

It was one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen, to see my people respond so strongly with a symbol of unity.

Virginia Tech is, the campus, the people. I met the first girl I ever loved at Virginia Tech. I learned to climb mountains by scaling its buildings. I was nourished and I became who I was. I truly came into my own at Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech will always be a sort of Eden in my heart, and this place, this campus should be the same for all of you who are students here in Carbondale. The president was right when he said, "Schools should be places of safety and sanctuary and learning. When that sanctuary is violated, the impact is felt in every American classroom and every American community." Every moment you spend on this campus, make your own. Whenever you step into a classroom, treat it as your sanctuary, your place of refuge, your place of learning, and live each day to its fullest. *McFadyen-Ketchum is a graduate student in creative writing.*

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WORDS OVERHEARD

"I just hope everyone realizes this could happen anywhere."

Paul Alexander  
 SIUC junior from New York on the Virginia Tech. massacre



# Musician, student release feature film

**Mark Edmondson**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It was the second day on Ruvane Kurland's summer tour when the air conditioner on his tour bus broke.

Shortly afterwards, he stumbled across what he described as a "Deliverance" scene while lost somewhere in southern Indiana.

"I should have known," he said. "I should have heard the banjo."

Kurland's bus rolled to a stop outside a gas station that he described as the classic scene in any horror movie.

"They had a rusty car sitting next to the garage and half a school bus leaning up," he said. "I stop the bus and a dog kind of limps up to the door and looks at me."

Kurland and cinematographer Brad Holtzman, a junior from Glenview studying cinema and photography, departed the bus and asked two balding, meagerly-toothed gentlemen for help with his air conditioning malfunction.

Thankfully it didn't end like the movies, Kurland said. The gas station and body shop attendants were helpful, but did not have the parts on hand to fix the problem.

Kurland and Holtzman were way behind schedule, so they had to find their way back to the main road and suffer through the heat to get to their next gig in Frankfort, Ky.

Kurland described the event as a common one among independent musicians who embark on a cross-country tour on a limited budget.

**Debut information:**

The film will debut at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Murphysboro's Liberty Theater. Six String Ride, a joint project with Ruvane Kurland and local musician Steve Weirman, will perform after the premiere.

The DVD he and Holtzman produced on the trip became more than a documentary about Kurland's summer tour. It became what Kurland described as the "plight of indie artists."

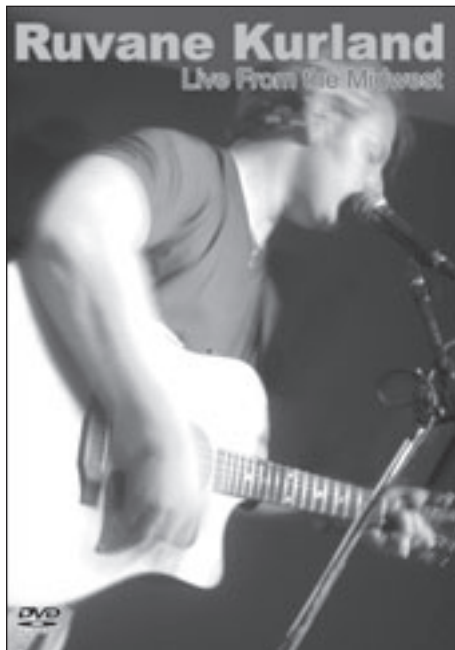
"I don't see myself as the focus anymore," he said. "I'm realizing that every indie artist goes through this."

The DVD was shot on consumer grade cameras borrowed from the university as part of Holtzman's independent study

project. Kurland chose Holtzman for the project because of Holtzman's limited experience on production, saying he wanted someone who hadn't been jaded by the film industry.

"Not everything is exactly the way you'd see it on MTV," Kurland said. "It's unique."

Holtzman said he has learned a lot from cutting 40 hours of footage to less than 80 minutes for the feature. He said he is espe-



cially proud of the production because he was able to put the film together without any professional equipment.

"It's an independent film, and an independent student film," he said. "With what we had to work with — our no budget — I think it turned out well. It brings out what an independent filmmaker can do."

## CHANCELLOR

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Dunn said he has learned a great deal since taking the interim position in November after Walter Wendler was removed from office.

He said he hopes the next leader is financially conscious, able to empower staffers and let them do their jobs.

Dunn also said he would do some things differently if he had it to do over again, specifically in dealing with the student fees passed April 12 by the SIU Board of Trustees.

The board passed all of the fee increases, even though Undergraduate Student Government supported only two of the 11 increases.

"I think how we are connecting and engaging students in that conversation, I think we need to do that earlier," he said. "We've got bright students here, and I think we got into a pattern somewhere back where it was just, we'll run these fees out, we know you're all going to vote no, so we just all wait for you to vote no and from there we have a no vote, and we put the board in an awkward spot and I think that's not the way it should be done."

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Dunn said he would recommend these changes and other advice to the four chancellor candidates who are visiting campus in the next few weeks, beginning with University of North Texas' School of Public Health Dean Fernando Trevino, who arrives on campus Sunday.

The nationwide search — which culminates when the four finalists visit campus from Sunday to May 5 — has a budget of \$150,000, said Assistant Vice President for Financial and Administrative Affairs Corey Bradford. As of March 31, \$36,519 of the payment has been paid off.

The majority of the payment went to the Chicago-based search assistance firm, The Hollins Group, Bradford said. He said the firm would receive a \$100,000 purchase order, plus the cost of travel for all candidates, when the search is closed.

The nationwide search for Wendler in 2001 cost the university \$125,339.72, with \$70,000 being paid to the search firm. The search for SIU President Glenn Poshard in 2005 cost the university approximately \$162,000, with \$96,000 being paid to the search firm.

Vice President for Academic Affairs John Haller said the search firm is essential to getting a diverse pool of candidates, as well as finding out about the candidates once they are chosen.

"They bring with them a network, they bring with them a pool of candidates, and with the experience they have they can get a great deal of information beyond what one might get with a letter of reference," he said.

Haller said this information comes in the form of in-depth background checks on the finalists, which the Hollins Group will share only with Poshard to help make his recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

"I don't think they would be able to get to the depth that the search firm can," Haller said. "If I were to call my counterpart, I'm only going to get certain information out of that, but when the search firm does it, there is the expectation, and the reality is they're able to penetrate that and get much deeper."

Search committee chairwoman Susan Ford encouraged all the people of SIUC to help gather information on the candidates, as well as meet them when they come to campus.

She said people can also help by filling out an evaluation of each candidate, which attempts to gauge leadership skills and other qualities. The evaluations will be passed out at all the meeting events and put together by Haller to give to Poshard to consider in his decision.

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### A deeper introspection

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I will admit that unfortunately I use the "n" word. I'm not proud of it, but I'm willing to admit it. It's a habit that many black people I know also have. It is really rather perplexing. I truly wonder where the use of the word by blacks originated.

This further reflection is the result of the tremendous amount of publicity from BET and other news sources about the Don Imus incident. Imus said he got the words that he used from rap music. He said black men are the ones who disrespect women so we shouldn't get mad at him for, just repeating the words.

So because some artists say derogatory statements, it's okay for him to call educated, collegiate athletes "nappy-headed hos"? No. Oprah had a two-part special this week discussing the use of not only "bitch" and "ho," but also the "n" word.

My parents rarely use the word, but I feel as if I've been surrounded by the word my entire life. I've learned about its impact in many of my history classes and books and from several elders in my community.

I have even felt the wrath of the word in an incident by the restaurant Ponderosa in October 2005. I had decided that after that day I would not use that word. But it has been a challenge. I never realized how hard it is to stop using a word that is ingrained in your vocabulary.

Some will say that it's the generation after the civil rights era that made the word so popular. That could be true, because most of the time you really don't hear older blacks using the word as much as the younger generation does.

Many would say that it is probably because I've been exposed to rap music, a genre known for its use of the word, my entire life. It could also come from watching Dave Chappelle or early Richard Pryor. Some of my favorite movies such as "Boyz in Da Hood" dropped the word frequently. But I don't agree. It's even in the Best Picture of 2006, "The Departed."

I believe there's more to it than that. Growing up in my neighborhood on the south side of Chicago, nearly all the kids and teenagers used the word. People use the word to describe lazy, ignorant people and to also describe friends.

Both Chappelle and Pryor had revelations that made them stop using the word. I think that perhaps this is my revelation.

Bottom line, the word just needs to be deprogrammed from the vocabulary of anyone who uses it. No one should be allowed to say the word. No one should even think of the word to describe a person.

The New York City City Council just passed a resolution to ban the use of the word in the city.

I think it's time for users of the "n" word to make a resolution.

# Japan plans August launch of lunar orbiter

**Eric Talmadge**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — Japan is set to launch its first lunar orbiter this summer, but exploring the moon is just part of the mission.

The other goal is to catch up with China, the new leader in Asia's space race.

Japan's space agency JAXA announced last week that the much-delayed SELENE probe will be launched in August aboard an H-2A rocket, the mainstay of Japan's space program.

JAXA says the SELENE project is the largest lunar mission since the U.S. Apollo program. It involves placing a main satellite in orbit at an altitude of about 60 miles and deploying two smaller satellites in polar orbits. Researchers will use data gathered by the probes to study the moon's origin and evolution.

"This mission will involve observation of the whole moon, not just parts of it," said

JAXA spokesman Satoki Kurokawa. "It is a very ambitious project."

The mission is a stepping stone in Japan's plan to more aggressively pursue space objectives — including a lunar landing and, possibly, manned missions in space. To raise public awareness, JAXA is conducting a "Wish Upon the Moon" campaign that allows people to send brief messages up with the orbiter.

Japan leaped ahead of Asia by launching the region's first satellite in 1972. Now it is struggling to keep up in the most heated space race since the Cold War competition between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

China launched its first manned space flight in 2003. A second mission in 2005 put two astronauts into orbit for a week, and a third manned launch is planned for next year. This year, China also plans to launch a probe that will orbit the moon.

Earlier this month, the country launched a Long March 3-A rocket that sent a navigation

satellite into orbit as part of its effort to build a global positioning system. The satellite is the fourth China has launched as part of the Compass navigation system, which is expected to be operational in 2008.

Japan, meanwhile, has met with one setback after another.

Last month, one of its four spy satellites became unresponsive due to apparent electrical problems. The three other satellites were functioning normally, but the failure left its multibillion dollar, long-awaited spy network with a big hole.

A mission to Mars had to be abandoned two years ago after the probe moved off course.

In January, JAXA gave up on a moon-landing mission. The Lunar-A probe, originally scheduled to lift off in 1995, was to plant two seismic sensors on the lunar surface, but development of the penetrator probes took so long the mission's mother ship fell into disrepair.





# 2,000-foot building plan approved

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The Chicago Plan Commission recommended the approval Thursday of a 2,000-foot tower that would be the tallest building in the country if a renowned architect's plan comes to fruition.

The city zoning committee is scheduled to vote next week on the design and site plan for the 150-story, twisting tower envisioned by Santiago Calatrava, a Spanish-

born architect known for designing the Milwaukee Art Museum addition and the Athens Olympic sports complex.

"This is a wonderful project, and everyone is very enthused," said Constance Buscemi, spokeswoman for the city's planning department.

Garrett Kelleher, executive chairman of developer Shelbourne Development Ltd. of Ireland, called the tower, which would feature 1,200 residences, "a unique building in a happening city."

If the city zoning committee approves the plan, the full city council would consider it May 9. If approved, construction would begin this spring, said Thomas Murphy, general counsel to Shelbourne.

While Murphy and Kelleher have declined to estimate the total development cost, real estate experts have put it at well over \$1 billion, the Chicago Tribune and Crain's Chicago Business reported in stories on their Web sites Thursday.



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**BEAVER**

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about every five years and the university has little choice but to have them killed.

"The problem is we can't take them anywhere," he said. "Nobody wants them."

Dennis Kiehna, a grounds foreman at the Physical Plant, said he has seen beavers in other bodies of water near the campus. Once they make a home at Campus Lake, he said the university is forced to take action.

"They've taken four- to six-inch trees and actually cut them down," he said.

Kiehna said he understands some people on campus and in the community resent the university's efforts to eliminate the population.

"There are the environmentalists that don't want to see anything change, so to speak," he said. "If Mother Nature is doing something, they don't want us to come along and mess it up."

Stephanie Boyles, a wildlife biologist at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, said killing beavers is a cruel and inefficient way to solve the university's problem.

"The sad thing is, it's not going to solve the problem," she said. "The problem will reinvent itself very, very soon."

As long as there are beavers in the

area, they will probably find the lake an attractive place to make a home, she said.

Boyles said the only way to keep beavers from coming back is to find out how they came into the lake and prevent their return. Installing a grate or a similar fixture at the entrance could keep them from getting in, she said.

"These animals are really great, watchable wildlife," she said. "There aren't too many watchable mammals in the United States that people can sit and enjoy."

James Johnson, a sophomore from Lincolnshire studying marketing, said he saw a beaver in Campus Lake several weeks ago. Johnson, who was fishing near a beaver lodge on the lake Thursday afternoon, said the rodents' presence was not a nuisance.

"They keep the fish healthy," he said. "The dams give them a good food source and hideout."

Joji Suzuki, a freshman from Moline studying architecture, said he understood beavers cause problems around the lake, but he did not support killing them. Relocating them would be more appropriate, he said.

"Obviously this is their natural habitat and you're killing them for just living their lives like they're supposed to be living them," he said.

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- 405 W. Cherry
- 612 W. Cherry
- 405 W. Cherry Court
- 406 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Cherry Court
- 409 W. Cherry Court
- 809 W. College
- 506 S. Dixon
- 115 S. Forest
- 303 S. Forest
- 109 Glenview

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# SIU basketball team honored at banquet

**Scott Mieszala**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

In the building that has played host to 79 wins for the Salukis since the start of the 2001-02 season, the SIU men's basketball team was honored Thursday.

The Saluki Basketball Awards Banquet was held in the SIU Arena, where the players and coaches remembered the 2006-07 season, which included school records in wins (29), NCAA Tournament seed (No. 4) and highest Top-25 ranking (No. 11), as well as the Salukis' sixth straight NCAA Tournament berth and third appearance in the Sweet 16.

SIU coach Chris Lowery said the fans, of which about 700 attended the banquet, will remember all the games the Salukis played, but the coaching staff will remember something different.

"We'll always remember the small things," Lowery said. "The traveling together, the jokes, sometimes like when Randal (Falker) said, like me cursing somebody out at practice, we'll remember those things."

All the players were honored, and departing senior guards Jamaal Tatum and Tony Young gave speeches before the awards were distributed and the highlight video was shown.

Young will leave SIU as the Salukis'

all-time leader with 107 victories and 138 games played.

The 6-foot guard was named to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Defensive team this season, along with sophomore guard Bryan Mullins and Falker, a junior forward.

Tatum was named the MVC Larry Bird Player of the Year, and Falker the Valley's Defensive Player of the Year.

Young and Tatum will both graduate in May, and Tatum will leave the Salukis as their seventh all-time leading scorer with 1,667 career points.

"It's been a blast here in Carbondale," Tatum said. "I had a great time on the court, off the court, in the classroom."



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**AG:** I like it because we have a lot of fun in the dorms. I live with my teammates, Katie Wilson and Allie Hanson, so that's been cool. It's good to live with some of your teammates and we got another girl in there that doesn't play but she's really cool.

**DE:** What do you think of

Charlotte West Stadium and how does it compare to other softball fields in the area?

**AG:** I like it because it's very homey and most places you go, like Evansville (Ind.) aren't the same way. I feel like I could live here.

**DE:** Who else were you recruited by?

**AG:** Well, I wasn't really recruited by Evansville but I've seen it from playing there. I was look-

ing at Louisville, Indiana, Eastern Michigan and Purdue.

**DE:** What's been the toughest adjustment for you?

**AG:** Being as far away from home as I am is tough. I have more responsibility and my mom's not there to take care of me anymore.

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## SOFTBALL

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SIU sophomore third baseman Katie Wagner hit two home runs in the Tennessee-Martin doubleheader. Wagner had not hit a home run since March 1, but is now third on the team with seven home runs.

Wagner said she doesn't really worry about home runs and just wants to get on base.

"I just try to put the ball in play as much as I can and if a home run comes, then it comes," Wagner said. "I have never really been a home run hitter before. It's nice when it happens, but I just try to make contact with the ball."

SIU continues to have the best pitching in the MVC with a team ERA of 1.52. Senior pitcher Cassidy Scoggins is 17-6 on the season with a 1.65 ERA and a team-high

164 strikeouts.

Scoggins has been battling a sore forearm the whole year, but she said she is used to pitching through the pain.

"It's been the same the whole year," Scoggins said. "It's just something I really have to battle through and not let get into my head during the game."

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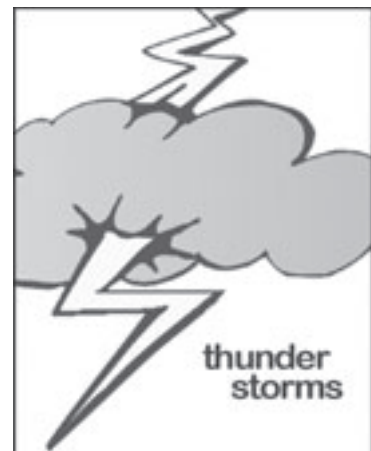
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### WOMEN'S GOLF

# Two of a kind: Lowder, Sutzer lead SIU in final conference tournament

**Josh Johnston**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women's golf team captured its seventh Missouri Valley Conference title under the leadership of two seniors.

The Salukis were in first place at the end of each day of the three-day tournament Tuesday, anchored by seniors Josie Lowder and Samantha Sutzer.

Lowder led the Salukis at the tournament shooting a 7-over-par 223, third best in the tournament. Lowder, sophomore Braidy Hood and junior Kelly Gerlach were each named to the All-Conference Team at the end of the tournament.

Lowder and Sutzer played in their last conference tournament of their collegiate careers. Lowder, a Petersburg native, said her grandfather's passing enabled her family to move near a country golf course in Petersburg. Lowder said her house was located near some cornfields and she compared the town to Carbondale.

Lowder said it was the change in scenery that sparked her interest in golf. "I just started hitting balls across the street," Lowder said. "It wasn't a big thing in my family, but my dad started

coaching me. I played golf in high school and the rest is history, I kind of started on my own, really."

In high school, Lowder won the state championship as a junior and opted to go to Alabama her freshman year of college.

After one year at Alabama, Lowder said she got homesick and was unsure if she wanted to play golf anymore so she decided to give her friend Sutzer a call.

"I called her and I was like, 'What could your coach do for me?'" Lowder said. "So I talked to coach, and coach Diane [Daugherty] was very open to me coming here and everyone was awesome. Me and Sam had played together since we were really little and it was just an easy change for me."

Once at SIU, Lowder earned All-Conference honors in 2005, led the team in stroke average with 78.2 and shot a career-low 230 at the MVC tournament as a sophomore.

Sutzer said her father was her inspiration to become a golfer. Sutzer's dad is a professional golfer and she said she would get up at 6 a.m. to go to the course with him.

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The SIU golf team huddles together after winning its seventh Missouri Valley Conference title Tuesday.

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## 15 minutes with — Alicia Garza

*Editor's note: 15 Minutes is a feature in which the DAILY EGYPTIAN sits down with an SIU athlete or coach for a brief interview that touches on sports and lifestyle.*

In this edition of "15 Minutes" we catch up with Alicia Garza, second baseman on the SIU softball team. She tells us about family, the hardest part of school and what she thinks of the dorm food.

**DAILY EGYPTIAN:** Tell me a little bit about where you're from.

**ALICIA GARZA:** I'm from Lafayette, Ind., which is about an hour north of Indianapolis.

**DE:** Did you always know you wanted to go to SIU or did something spark your interest?

**AG:** Well, Kerri (Blaylock) contacted me early in my high school career. I don't remember when exactly, but it was always there. I signed here my junior year.

**DE:** What made SIU stand out compared to other schools?

**AG:** I liked the field and Kerri a lot. Kerri made it seem like it was going to fit. When I arrived on my visit, I met all the girls and they seemed like a tight-knit group and it felt right. They were all really down to earth and they were a lot like my high school and travel teams. It seemed like it would be a good fit because it looked like the transition would be easier on me. I also knew Tiffanie (Dismore) because she's from Lafayette.

**DE:** How far away did you two live?

**AG:** I could pretty much walk through my backyard to get to her house.

**DE:** Did she play a big role in coming to SIU?

**AG:** When I was going to come visit, I talked to her a lot. When I came here to visit I talked to her for a while and it was a lot of fun. It makes it easier when you know someone's there, especially being four hours away from home.

**DE:** Has being far away from home been tough on you?

**AG:** It's been tough at times but it's kind of nice to get away from it. At the same time, when I hear about people that go to school here that live so close, it's tough. I can't really do that and I haven't been home since Christmas break.

**DE:** Do your parents come to visit you a lot?

**AG:** Yeah, they'll come to most of my games except the ones that are away.

**DE:** What do you think of the dorm food here?

**AG:** (Pause)...Ugh...we don't eat there a whole lot. But it's food.

**DE:** Where do you live here?

**AG:** I live over in Schneider.

**DE:** What do you think of that?

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### SOFTBALL



Cassidy Scoggins pitches the ball during the Sunday doubleheader against Missouri State.

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# Salukis on path to Panthers

## Team looks to take first in conference

**Jeff Engelhardt**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU softball team will have a chance to regain first place in the Missouri Valley Conference this weekend.

The No. 20 Salukis are heading to Northern Iowa to play a pivotal three-game series against the Panthers. The series is one of three conference stints SIU has remaining this season.

Scoggins said the Salukis should sweep Northern Iowa, helping them prepare for No. 18 Illinois State.

"Every conference series is always big," Scoggins said. "These are definitely three games we should win. So coming out of this weekend can give us a little boost going into Illinois State."

The Salukis hope to take the conference lead from Illinois State, which leads by half a game and will be traveling to face Creighton in a three-game series this weekend. Illinois State lost its most recent game, falling to Indiana State 8-7 in 11 innings on Wednesday.

SIU coach Kerri Blaylock said this series is just as important as their last and the Salukis will continue to take one game at a time until they reach their goal.

"I really don't know the difference

between the first series, the middle one and the last one," Blaylock said. "You better come to play every weekend and against everybody. All I know is we had a good practice (Thursday) and hopefully that means we'll play well."

The Salukis (33-9, 12-3) will have to face another opponent that is built on offense. Northern Iowa has 32 home runs, 155 RBIs and 297 hits this season. Panther pitchers Jen Larsen and Ashley Lepley lead the team on offense and defense.

Larsen is Northern Iowa's star freshman and leads the team with a .363 batting average with 41 hits and eight home runs. Lepley, also a first year Panther after transferring from Indian Hills junior college, has

a .288 average with eight home runs and a team-high 27 RBIs.

The pitching duo is better at swinging the bats than they are at silencing them. Larsen has a tendency to give up the long ball, surrendering 16 home runs on the season to contribute to her 3.91 ERA. Lepley is 8-10 on the season with a 4.49 ERA.

The Panthers (18-24, 5-10) pitchers will have their hands full against a Saluki offense that has 193 RBIs, 41 homer runs and 303 hits on the season. SIU's offense exploded in its last game winning 9-0 in six innings Wednesday against Tennessee-Martin.

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