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King project presses on after target date



RYAN RENDLEMAN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kenneth Walker, a junior from Oakland, Calif., studying psychology, signs a petition to rename Mill Street in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King. Bianca Jackson, right, spokeswoman for the Ambassadors of a Legacy Committee, gathered signatures Thursday afternoon.

Street renaming effort still in question on anniversary of King's death

Allison Petty DAILY EGYPTIAN

Exactly 40 years after Martin Luther King Jr. was shot while standing on a Memphis hotel bal-

cony, some students say they are still determined to honor his dream by renaming a Carbondale street.

Though the Ambassadors of a Legacy Committee originally planned to work with city officials to change Mill Street to King Street by today's 40th anniversary of King's death, the process has taken longer than expected, said Kouri Marshall, co-chair of the group.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said the proposal would not appear before the City Council until May, but Marshall said the group members are not disheartened.

They find inspiration, he said, in King's perseverance toward his dream.

"(King) had goals he set publicly and he had private goals as well, and whenever he did not reach those goals, he lifted himself up for the community and he kept moving," said Marshall, a graduate student from Peoria studying

public administration.

Doherty said the city mailed surveys to businesses and residents of Mill Street to determine whether the public supports the renaming. He said city officials would also consider the economic and historical implications of the change.

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Joe Crawford DAILY EGYPTIAN



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Reasons Treviño could be justly terminated

1. A deliberate or serious violation of his duties, or refusal or unwillingness to perform his duties to the best of his ability.

3. Any conduct that constitutes moral turpitude, or that would tend to bring public disrespect, contempt or ridicule upon the university.

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4. A deliberate or serious violation of any law, rule, regulation, Constitutional provision or bylaw of the board, or local, state or federal law, which violation may, in the sole judgment of Board and President, reflect adversely upon the university.

* Treviño's chancellorship could be terminated without cause, but the university would have to pay his \$290,000 salary until June 30, 2010.

Source: Treviño's employee contract with SIU

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Campus

Coroner gives autopsy results of student found dead on campus.

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Student Life EPA grant aims to study life in Campus Lake.

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Chancellor Fernando Treviño plans to meet with SIU President Glenn Poshard today to respond to serious concerns expressed about his job performance, the chancellor's attorney confirmed Thursday. Shari Rhode, Treviño's attorney,

said the chancellor and Poshard would be at the meeting, but she declined to comment on whether anyone else, including herself, would be present. SIU spokesman Dave Gross said the hearing would be closed to the public.

The informal hearing was sched-uled after Poshard placed Treviño on paid administrative leave March 12. Poshard said he made

> Pulse Dear Hollywood: Keep Mike Myers in his Aurora basement. **PAGE 12**

all the evidence into consideration before he makes any decisions going forward.

the decision after hearing serious concerns about Treviño's leadership from campus and community officials. The complaints started as early as August - the month after Treviño was hired, Poshard said.

Gross said he did not know when Poshard would make a decision about Treviño's future with the university.

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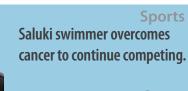
- Dave Gross SIU spokesman forward," Gross said.

If Treviño was terminated as chancellor, his contract calls for him to be reassigned as a tenured professor.

As chancellor, Treviño earns a \$290,000 salary and receives an annual housing allowance of \$27,500.

Treviño has not returned messages left on his cell phone since it was announced he was put on leave. Phone calls to his Texas home have reached busy signals since the announcement.

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The semester is half over!?

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Michael Harris, Agent

D. I am for a "green" campus

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NEWS BRIEFS

Chicago trucker gets four years after crash that killed eight women

WOODSTOCK (AP) — A Chicago truck driver has been sentenced to four years in prison for crashing his semitrailer into a tour bus and killing eight women in 2003. Vincente Zepeda was found guilty in November on reckless homicide charges and sen-

tenced in McHenry County Circuit Court Thursday. Zepeda told the judge before sentencing that he's not the same person since the crash

and he knows the women's families are suffering. He says it was an accident and he is very sorry

Zepeda had continued driving trucks after the incident. Now his defense attorney says Zepeda's commercial driver's license will be revoked.

The women were returning from Rockford when Zepeda struck the small bus from behind on October 1st, 2003.

Former officer acquitted of on-the-job misconduct with strippers

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — A former eastern Illinois police officer has been acquitted of sexually assaulting a stripper and official misconduct.

Forty-six-year-old David Lewis was convicted last October of assaulting the woman. She is one of seven strippers who say Lewis forced himself on them while working as a part-time officer in Belgium, near the Indiana border.

A judge later granted Lewis a new trial because the defense didn't receive a complete criminal history of one accuser.

Lewis still faces trial for each of his other accusers and dozens of charges. The counts range from criminal sexual assault to armed violence. He has pleaded not guilty.

Official: Teacher who abused students viewed pornography at school

URBANA (AP) - A school official says a former teacher who sexually abused 10 students at elementary schools in Normal and Urbana was once suspended for viewing pornography in his classroom

John Pye is assistant superintendent at the Normal school district, and he testified at a two-day sentencing hearing in Champaign County court that Jon Andrew White was briefly suspended in 2004 for looking at porn.

White will be sentenced Friday morning after pleading guilty in February to eight counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse for abusing students at an Urbana school in 2005 and 2006

White also has pleaded guilty to abusing two students in Normal, near Bloomington, in 2004 and 2005. He'll be sentenced there later this month.

Car hits house, leading to reptile roundup

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, Ill. (AP) — A car crash in the Metro East led to a reptile roundup. Police in Fairview Heights say a car clipped one house, then crashed into the basement of neighboring home occupied by a snake breeder.

You guessed it — the accident broke open several of the home's glass cages, freeing their slithery contents. Police say none of the 10 snakes were venomous, and it appears they've all been rustled up.

The car's driver was taken away in an ambulance to be treated for what were described

POLICE REPORTS

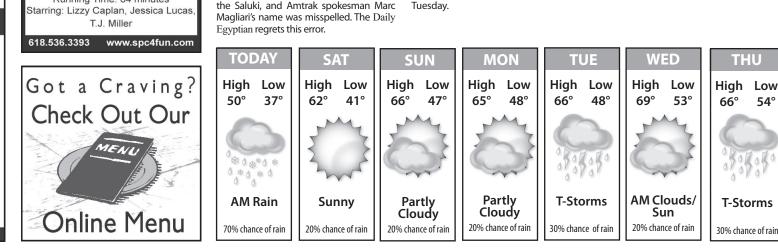
Demarcus Carlton, an 18-year-old SIUC student of Chicago, posted \$100 cash bond after police stopped him for driving under the influence of alcohol in front of 511 E. Walnut St. at 2:25 a.m. on Sunday.

Police have no suspects in the theft of a wallet outside of Lawson Hall at 6 p.m. on

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two days before event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266. as minor cuts and scrapes. The accident is being investigated. CORRECTIONS In the March 28 edition of the Daily Egyptian, the story "Amtrak searches for solution to potential service shut down" should have said nearly 97,000 passengers rode one of the three trains, which includes

Tuesday



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Drowning may have caused doctoral student's death

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Memorial service scheduled for Saturday afternoon

Madeleine Leroux DAILY EGYPTIAN

An autopsy suggests SIUC doctoral student Huaijun Meng may have drowned, the county coroner said Thursday.

The body of Meng, a 31-yearold from China studying electrical and computer engineering, was found Wednesday morning in a campus creek near Wright Hall. Jackson County Coroner Thomas Kupferer said an autopsy was performed on Meng's

body Wednesday night and preliminary evidence suggests Meng drowned.

Kupferer said Meng was found face down and fully clothed with most of his body submerged in water. There were no marks on his body to suggest foul play, Kupferer

said, and no evidence around the scene to suggest a struggle. There was also nothing to suggest that the body had been moved after death, he said.

"Everyone's kind of scratching their head going 'How did he end up in the water?" Kupferer said. We may never know the exact way he ended up (there)."

Kupferer said body fluids were taken and sent to a toxicology lab in Indiana for analysis. The final report on the cause of death will

be made after the results are received, which are Memorial expected in two to three weeks, Kupferer said. 4 p.m. Saturday Nothing found during the at Our Savior Lutheran Church autopsy suggests any illicit drug use, he said. -700 S. University

Bob Gray, senior pastor

of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Carbondale, said the Meng family would be holding a memorial service at 4 p.m. Saturday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, located at 700 S. University Ave.

Madeleine Leroux can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 268 or mleroux@siu.edu.



A student walks through campus Thursday afternoon with an umbrella to shelter her from the rain. According to http://www.weather.com, storms continue throughout the day today.

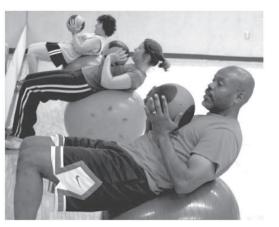
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Zimbabwe opposition offices raided



Zimbabweans flash red cards — used by soccer referees to indicate that a player is ejected - calling for the defeat of President Robert Mugabe at an opposition rally in Masvingo, Zimbabwe, March 16. March 29 elections pose the stiffest challenge yet to Mugabe's 28-year-rule. SHASHANK BENGALI MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

which an officer got several farms or if land was being neglected.

Diplomats in Harare and at the United Nations said Mugabe was planning to declare a 90-day delay to a presidential run-off to give security forces time to clamp down. The law requires a run-off be held within 21 days of an election, but Mugabe could change that with a presidential decree, a Western diplomat in Harare said.

MDC secretary-general Tendai Biti said hotel rooms used as offices by the opposition at a Harare hotel were ransacked by intruders he believed were either police or agents of the feared Central Intelligence Organization.

"Mugabe has started a crackdown," Biti told The Associated Press. "It is quite clear he has unleashed a war."

Reporters detained as state media hit Mugabe foes

Angus Shaw The Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Intruders ransacked offices of the main opposition party and police detained foreign journalists Thursday in an ominous sign that President Robert Mugabe might turn to intimidation and violence in trying to stave off an electoral threat to his 28-year rule.

Earlier, Mugabe apparently launched his campaign for an expected run-off presidential ballot even before the official results of Saturday's election were announced, with state media portraying the opposition as divided and controlled by former colonial ruler Britain.

Five days after the vote, the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission still had not released results on the presidential election despite increasing international pressure, including from former U.N. chief Kofi Annan, who recently mediated an end to Kenya's postelection violence.

The opposition Movement for Democratic Change already asserted its leader, Morgan Tsvangirai, won the presidency outright, but said it was prepared to compete in any run-off.

The police raids came a day after official results showed Mugabe's party had lost control of parliament's 210member lower house. The election

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commission was slow on the 60 elected seats in the Senate, releasing the first returns late Thursday that gave five seats each to the opposition and ruling party.

Tsvangirai tried on Thursday to reassure security chiefs who vowed a week ago not to serve anyone but Mugabe, according to a source close to the opposition leader. But an agreed meeting with seven generals was canceled when the officers said that they had been ordered not to attend and that they would be under surveillance, — Tendai Biti MDC secretary-general

the source said.

The man, who requested anonymity because of the issue's sensitivity, gave The Associated Press a copy of a letter signed by Tsvangirai outlining "MDC guarantees to the uniformed forces of Zimbabwe." It was given to the generals earlier in the day, he said.

The letter promises generous retirement packages for those unwilling to serve an MDC government. It also promises not to take back farms given to officers under Mugabe's land reform program, except in cases in

Iraqi prime minister says he will expand crackdown on militias

Robert H. Reid The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister pledged Thursday to expand his crackdown on Shiite militias to Baghdad, despite a mixed performance so far against militants in the southern city of Basra.

The U.S. ambassador, meanwhile, said that despite a "boatload" of problems with the Basra operation, he extremists regardless of their religious affiliation.

Iraqi forces launched a major operation March 25 to rid Basra of Shiite militias and criminal gangs that had effectively ruled the city of 2 million people since 2005. But the offensive stalled in the face of fierce resistance from the militiamen and an uprising across the Shiite south spearheaded by the Mahdi Army of anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. down under a deal brokered in Iran.

Nevertheless, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, himself a Shiite, insisted that the campaign to reclaim Basra was on track and that he would soon go after "criminal gangs" in Baghdad and elsewhere.

Al-Maliki specified two Baghdad neighborhoods — Sadr City and Shula — where the Mahdi militia holds sway and where U.S. and Iraqi forces have clashed with militants in ban imposed last week throughout Baghdad but which has been lifted elsewhere in the capital.

"We cannot remain silent about our people and families in Sadr City, Shula and other areas ... while they are held hostage by gangs that control them," al-Maliki said. "We must liberate (them) because we came into office to serve them."

It was unclear whether any new operation was imminent, but residents of Sadr City and other Shiite areas of the capital said many people began stocking up on food and water after al-Maliki's remarks.

Al-Maliki also said the government would spend \$100 million to improve public services in Basra and create 25,000 jobs there — moves aimed at weaning away support for the militias as security forces revamp their tactics to combat the extremists.

Last week's offensive in Basra resulted in a dramatic spike in violence — including rocket and mortar

was encouraged that the Shiite-led government was finally confronting

Fighting eased Sunday when al-Sadr ordered his fighters to stand

- recent days.

Both areas remain under a vehicle

attacks on the U.S.-controlled Green Zone in Baghdad.

WIRE REPORTS

Washington

Obama outraises Clinton 2-1

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama raked in \$40 million in March, leaving Hillary Rodham Clinton and her \$20 million in the fundraising dust and stuffing his campaign treasury so he can outspend her in the crucial Pennsylvania primary.

His haul in new donations also buttressed his argument to Democratic superdelegates that he has built a vast network of donors and volunteers that they wouldn't want to lose by denying him the nomination.

Obama has attracted nearly 1.3 million donors, largely through the Internet.

He has raised \$131 million in just the first three months of this year to \$70 million for Clinton. Republican John McCain's campaign has not revealed his March fundraising, but he has been far behind the Democrats, raising less than \$23 million in January and February combined.

<u>Romania</u>

NATO gives Bush support on missile shield ahead of meeting with Putin

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — NATO allies gave President Bush strong support Thursday for a missile defense system in Europe and urged Moscow to drop its angry opposition to the program. The unanimous decision strengthened Bush's hand for weekend talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

This was Bush's final meeting with members of the 26-nation alliance, and White House officials described it as a day of freewheeling talks in which leaders and their foreign ministers got off script and gathered in crowds to debate the wording of a statement. "It doesn't happen in NATO meetings a lot," said Bush's national security adviser, Stephen Hadley.

WASHINGTON

Former President Carter hints he'd support Obama over Clinton for president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Carter wouldn't quite say it, but he left little doubt this week about who he'd like to see in the White House next year. Speaking to local reporters Wednesday on a trip to Nigeria, the former Democratic president noted that Barack Obama had won his home state of Georgia and his hometown of Plains.

"My children and their spouses are pro-Obama. My grandchildren are also pro-Obama," he said at a news conference, according to the Nigerian newspaper This Day. "As a superdelegate, I would not disclose who I am rooting for, but I leave you to make that guess."

RHODE ISLAND

States facing budget trouble consider releasing inmates early to save millions

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Lawmakers from California to Kentucky are trying to save money with a drastic and potentially dangerous budget-cutting proposal: releasing tens of thousands of convicts from prison, including drug addicts, thieves and even violent criminals.

Officials acknowledge that the idea carries risks, but they say they have no choice because of huge budget gaps brought on by the slumping economy.

"If we don't find a way to better manage the population at the state prison, we will be forced to spend money to expand the state's prison system — money we don't have," said Jeff Neal, a spokesman for Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri.

Washington

New evidence puts humans in North America 1,000 years earlier than thought

WASHINGTON (AP) — New evidence shows humans lived in North America more than 14,000 years ago, 1,000 years earlier than had previously been known. Discovered in a cave in Oregon, fossil feces yielded DNA indicating these early residents were related to people living in Siberia and East Asia, according to a report in Thursday's online edition of the journal Science.

"This is the first time we have been able to get dates that are undeniably human, and they are 1,000 years before Clovis," said Dennis L. Jenkins, a University of Oregon archaeologist, referring to the Clovis culture, well known for its unique spear-points that have been studied previously.

'Unusual' music festival invades Carbondale

Festival showcases local and worldwide talent

Luke McCormick DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale is getting ready to take a step toward the unconventional side.

Today marks the beginning of the second annual Outside the Box Music Festival, presented by the university's School of Music. Faculty members are scheduled to perform along with other musicians and composers who are scheduled to travel to Carbondale just for the festival.

Casey Ginther, a lecturer in the School of Music, organized the festival.

Ginther said the music featured during the festival would be unusual to people because it is modern classical music. The pieces have been written in the 20th century, some just for this festival.

"It's not music written by dead guys in wigs from 200 years ago," Ginther said.

Jeanine Wagner, director of the School of Music, said the difference between this year's festival and last year's is the variety of pieces being premiered.

One of the pieces that will see its debut was previewed Thursday night with a donation reception at Mélange Coffee House in Carbondale.

Neoteric, a three-piece ensemble of School of Music faculty members. treated those in attendance to an early listen of what their new piece, commissioned by John Steinmetz, would sound like at today's pre-



Eric Lenz, a member of Neoteric, plays the cello Thursday night at Mélange Coffee House as part of a preview performance for donors. Neoteric, which is comprised of three members of the SIUC music faculty, will play today at the Old Baptist Foundation. STEPHEN RICKERL DAILY EGYPTIAN

miere.

Neoteric consists of associate professors Melissa Mackey on bassoon and Eric Lenz on cello, with School of Music lecturer Jennifer Presar handling horn duties.

Steinmetz is a composer and bassoonist who wrote the piece for Neoteric to perform today at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Baptist Foundation Recital Hall.

Mackey said the group asked Steinmetz to create a piece that reflected the band members' personalities and included fan input.

As far as the rest of the festival goes, both Mackey and Ginther said they were excited for the Altgeld Chamber Player's performance of "Pierrot Lunaire."

"It's a freaky, exotic, modern piece," Mackey said.

Ginther said "Pierrot Lunaire" is based upon a group of poems that were written in French and is considered by some to be a 20th century classical masterpiece.

"It's all about the moon and being a lunatic," Ginther said. "It's witty and funny and scary."

Weekend Schedule

Friday

Saturday

Altgeld Hall

. Recital Hall

Composers' Forum: John Steinmetz, 10 a.m. in the Choral Rehearsal Room,

Fluxisiu, 3 p.m. in the Old Baptist Foundation Recital Hall

Monday

Composers' Forum: Shulamit Ran, 10 a.m. to noon in the Choral Rehearsal Room, Altgeld Hall

SIUC Percussion Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium

Tuesday Iva Bittová, violin and vocal concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Old Baptist Foundation Recital Hall. Tickets are \$7.50 general admission, \$5 for senior citizens and stu-

Sunday Christopher Allen, guitarist, with SIUC collaborative pianist David Lyons, 3 p.m. in the Old Baptist Foundation dents. For the full schedule visit S1UDE.com



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JORY MOORE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

THE DUKE REPORT

Wrong about war, ethanol and pushin' beliefs

ANDREW O'CONNOR andrewoc@siu.edu

NOFX has a great acoustic song called "You're Wrong." Among the things they sing "You're Wrong" for are thinking pride is about nationality, thinking there will be a judgment day and agreeing with Ann Coulter because she's a (well, I can't say that here).

So, in the spirit of NOFX, I present a list of "You're Wrongs." You're wrong if you think we're

fighting Al-Qaeda in Iraq. First it was weapons of mass

destruction. Then it was Saddam's links to Sept. 11 and Osama bin Laden. Sprinkled in between those were "fighting for freedom" and "spreading democracy." Every single rationale we've been told for this war has been, at best, intellectually defunct and at worst outright lies. Of course, the mainstream media were too scared to do their job then, but they learned their lesson, right? Al-Qaeda in Iraq is not the same Al-Qaeda that is supposed to be responsible for Sept. 11. The one in Iraq is actually known as "Tanzim Qaidat al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn." That one is hard to pronounce, let alone explain.

So, what is the size and scope of this group? Well, in 2006, the U.S. State Department estimated they made up less than 1 percent of the insurgency. But they are said to be growing, and, just like the folks in Guantanamo, "the worst of the worst."

In July of 2007, both the National Intelligence Estimate and the Defense Intelligence Agency reports stated the Al-Qaeda in Iraq were responsible for 15 percent of the violence. Trouble is, the independent Congressional Research Service said it was more like 2 percent and that false reporting of this group has gone up since the surge. 1 in politics: Everything is done out of self-interest. Be extremely skeptical of anything anyone in power ever says, especially if they use a feel-good marketing approach to convince you.

Ladies and gentlemen, quite frankly, corn ethanol sucks. It sucks resources, tax dollars and most of all, makes no sense. David Pimintel, a Cornell University professor of ecology and agricultural sciences, concluded that the production of corn ethanol uses 30 percent more energy than it creates.

The idea that we are moving to energy independence with ethanol is just wrong. BP uses corn in almost all its new green-washing campaigns. It serves as a method for oil companies to continue their stranglehold on us while the same time they get subsidized by our government to "fix the problems" they create (such as global warming). Oh, and run-off from corn creates all new types of environmental problems. It is massively inefficient, and, furthermore, a subsidized ruse.

terrible compared to Canada and Mexico's. They use sugar; we use high-fructose corn syrup.

Hemp is at least five times better than corn, and I'm sure there are things five times better than hemp. I just know corn's definitely not it.

You're wrong if you're trying to convince people there is or is not a God.

NOFX opens up the live version of their song "You're Wrong" with "If you believe there is a God, you're wrong." But the Bible says that if you don't believe in God you're wrong. Could it be that both are wrong?

The pious feel self-righteous for "saving people" by converting them problem with religion in a nutshell: Religion is used as a tool for the wicked to manipulate our very structure of thought.

Yet, when I see atheists such as Christopher Hitchens spew arguments about how stupid and misguided the religious are, it almost always comes across with the same supremacist tone that James Dobson has. Many of the new prominent atheists suffer from the same superiority complex of those they rail against.

I have met many rational atheists. I have met many rational religious people. What they all have in common is that they are looking for answers to complex questions. The kind that has more than a "yes" or "no" answer.

Nope.

They echo the continued misconception that we are fighting Al-Qaeda in Iraq. First of all, Oh, and there was no Al-Qaeda in Iraq before we went in and invaded (Saddam hated anyone who didn't worship him).

You're wrong if you support corn ethanol.

This is the favorite of politicians and big business alike. Rule No.

Corn ethanol is so big because big agribusiness is built on corn. That is why our Coca-Cola tastes to their deity.

The atheists feel self-righteous for "freeing people" from religious manipulation.

And they both won't shut up about it.

I think that those who condemn others for having different beliefs are ignorant at best. I believe that this kind of "holier-than-thou" thinking has directly contributed to the historical subjugation of women, the suppression of progressive intellectual thought and countless wars. That is my main So, whatever you believe, believe it. Just quit trying to tell me how much better that makes you. If Christopher Hitchens looks at his life, this Earth and this universe in all its complexity and beauty and decides to himself, "Nope, nothing special" — fine. But he and Pat Robertson can keep it to themselves. They're both wrong.

O'Connor is a junior studying political science.

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Words Overheard

⁶⁶ I'm here to report that more than one inspector along with FAA management have been looking the other way for years. ⁹⁹ Charalambe Boutris

Federal Aviation Administration safety inspector testifying about threats of being fired if safety violations were reported

THEIR WORD

Voices

U.S.: Mortgage crisis needs middle ground

McClatchy-Tribune

The leading presidential contenders are miles apart on how the federal government should respond to the mortgage crisis and the prospect that hundreds of thousands more Americans could lose their homes to foreclosure. Republican John McCain has declared, "It is not the duty of government to bail out and reward those who act irresponsibly." Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton both have called for ambitious federal rescue plans.

As is often the case, the best path lies in the middle.

The financial woes that began with subprime borrowers and their lenders already have hurt the broader economy by depressing housing prices, squeezing credit and pummeling consumer confidence.

A hands-off approach now would invite more collateral damage. Prudent borrowers and lenders would be among the victims, because foreclosures lower the values of neighboring properties and raise crime rates.

But an unconditional and overly generous housing rescue would spare reckless borrowers and lenders any consequences of their actions at the expense of all taxpayers. It would make similar crises more likely in the future.

The U.S. House and Senate banking chairmen have proposed letting the Federal Housing Administration guarantee refinanced mortgages for lenders who reduce the principal and ease the terms for homeowners who owe more

than their property is worth. Lenders would recoup some of their losses if the houses eventually resold at a higher price. This approach makes sense, with limits.

Such an initiative shouldn't extend beyond the current crisis. It should be reserved for homeowners who can't afford their current mortgages, but are good bets to keep up with renegotiated ones. It shouldn't be available for anything other than primary residences, to keep out condo flippers and other speculators. It shouldn't be offered to wealthy homeowners or made available for expensive houses. Eligible homeowners should be barred from taking out second mortgages or home-equity loans.

It's possible for lawmakers to go too far in trying to help. Some Democrats have proposed allowing bankruptcy judges to rewrite mortgages. As critics have pointed out, the risk for lenders would lead to higher interest rates and a heavier burden for new borrowers.

Without waiting for Congress, the government already has moved aggressively to prop up ailing financial institutions. Last month the Federal Reserve underwrote the sale of investment house Bear Stearns & Co. and made up to \$400 billion available to lend at low rates to banks and Wall Street firms. The rationale for that intervention — to protect the broader economy — also argues for a well-targeted plan to help struggling homeowners.

This editorial appeared in the Orlando Sentinel Wednesday.

GEEZ, JULIE

Our economy needs more than cash



If our president is correct, his \$168 billion economic stimulus package will turn our slowing economy around.

But I don't believe it.

You can give away as much free money as you want, but people are still going to struggle paying for gas and electricity, lose their homes and lose their jobs because let's face it - the U.S. is falling behind in the world.

Instead of giving us a small amount of money, the government needs to create jobs. The cash incentive is just a short-term solution. A little \$600 check in our hands isn't going to create a sonic boom of spending.

So how do you do it? It won't happen overnight, of course, but we should start looking at what other countries are doing, and maybe we could learn a few things.

I was watching WSIU at 2 a.m. and saw a documentary on the solar energy market boom in Germany. It was due to a thing called the Renewable Energy Sources Act (or EEG), which set a goal for the country to have 20 percent of its total energy come from renewable sources.

Now, nearly 500,000 people have installed solar panels, creating tens of thousands of jobs and plenty of optimism to make investors happy. Plus, the owners of the panels themselves actually make money by sharing the excess electricity at a rate frozen for the next 20 years by the government.

But the U.S. is losing when it comes to global warming when it could be ahead - and the prospects aren't just a cleaner Earth. If we start producing small, hydrogen cars, we'd have hydrogen fuel stations, new factories and more parking if those huge SUVs start disappearing.

But our reluctance to change is costing us. I hate filling up my gas tank as much as I hate paying my electricity bills. But making the those solar panels — quickly pay for themselves. It's like buying a moped, where even if you can only use it on sunny days, a gallon of gas can last a week.

There has been some progress: Illinois is one state where the government has agreed to help pay for the cost of panels up to 30 percent for businesses with a maximum payment of \$400,000. But that cost doesn't include individual homes, which are only eligible for a 30 percent rebate maximum of \$10,000.

In other words, the government isn't excited about large-scale projects, which is a little disappointing. One farmer in Germany used his land to build something similar to a little solar energy powerhouse, with some million panels on his own land; here, it seems projects like that are frowned upon.

The U.S. Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008, which gives \$200,000 grants to 12 major cities across the country, is a little exciting. But nothing's going to happen unless politicians push for regulations instead of giving away cash such as with the economic stimulus.

I hate to quote clichés, but instead of giving away fish, we should be fishing for ourselves - or we're going to find ourselves biting on the hooks of other countries.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Scheduling is a hassle

DEAR EDITOR:

Recently I have had a terrible time scheduling my classes.

ers," because they are not advising. Also, since my major is psychology - with no disrespect toward the adviser - why am I picking my classes with someone who has not picked the same career as me?

In Life Science, psychology advisers are standing by, help

Why is it when I go to see an adviser, there is always some reason why they aren't available?

I have now counted seven times I have randomly gone there hoping to schedule classes, but instead deal with such responses as, "The adviser is finished today" when it is clearly still within school hours, or seeing anywhere from 20 to 40 students waiting ahead of me.

Why is it that other schools at SIUC provide appointments, but the School of Liberal Arts has not gotten that memo?

Not only are they nearly impossible to talk to, but their help in directing one's coursework is minimal. The last two semesters that I finally was able to talk to an adviser, the adviser would greet me with, "So, what classes?"

Now I'm all for having a voice in picking the classes that I pay for, but since when is it an adviser's job to simply press buttons? If so, maybe we should rename them "button-pressing students decide which classes would better fit them as well as providing a better transcript for graduate school. Yet all they can do is help you with them, write them down and send you to wait in line at Faner Hall.

Something needs to change. Why can't those psychology advisers, who, by the way, spend their time actually helping you and not trying to just get you out of their office, get full responsibility and the ability to schedule our classes?

This would be very helpful for everyone in psychology or any other major who has this dilemma. The offices in Faner Hall are too congested and have too broad of an idea of what students want.

Let each major help out its corresponding students.

EJ Vondran junior studying psychology

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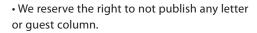
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Group holds fishing derby to improve lake

Participants could win more than \$200 in prizes

Lindsey Smith DAILY EGYPTIAN

Most people throw away tags after they cut them off.

Nick Wahl advises against that if the tag comes from a fish in Campus Lake. Wahl is the president of the SIUC subunit of the Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The group began its second annual Fishing Derby Tuesday. Those who compete in the derby are eligible for more than \$200 in prizes.

But Wahl said the group organized the derby for more than just recreation.

"We don't know anything about the people that fish out here," Wahl said. "We don't know how many people fish out here, what they fish for, what they want to catch or if they catch stuff, what they keep."

The group is using the derby as a way to raise funds for travel grants or scholarships. The event will also motivate people to see the lake's improvements, namely that the lake is no longer green with algae, Wahl said. He said the organization had been working to clean the area for about three years.

"Maybe Campus Lake is not the most beautiful lake in southern Illinois, but somebody cares about it," Wahl said.

Wahl was part of several research projects done on the lake through Environmental Protection Agency grants. His portion of the research centered on all aspects of bluegill, from growth rates and population structure to diet.

With these research projects, the lake has evolved from grass green to a muddy brown color. Quinton Phelps,



Quinton Phelps, a graduate student from Coffeyville, Kan., studying fisheries, tags a crappie Wednesday at Campus Lake.

a doctoral student from Coffeyville, Kan. studying fisheries, said the research was vital.

"We have this lake that looks ugly. We're, stepping back from that and saying, 'All right, let's do multiple projects on this lake, funded through multiple institutions and get the lake cleaned up," Phelps said.

Those who want to participate in the derby still have plenty of time to send the reels flying. The derby will be open until the end of April. Anyone can join at any time by filling out a registration form and paying a \$5 fee. After April 16, the fee will double.



Registration slips can be found on Company. Multiple tags will result in flyers in the Student

Center, Lawson Hall and room 173 in Life Science II. They will soon be available at other locations such as the campus dock, Wahl said. He said participants could return the completed form and fee to Life Science II.

To be part of this nationally recognized derby, participants must catch the fish, cut the tag and bring the tag, registration

fee and slip to Life Science II before 4 p.m. April 30. Those who submit slips are eligible for more than \$200 in prizes from Cabela's, Dunn's Sporting Goods and the Great Outdoor

eligibility for multiple prizes, according to We don't know how many the event's flyer. Tagging for the derby has been an

people fish out here, ongoing process for more than a year, what they fish for, Wahl said. Group members tag every fish they catch. Species of fish in the what they want to catch or if they catch lake include redear stuff, what they sunfish, bluegill, bass, catfish, crappie, – Nick Wahl bullhead and bullfin.

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president of the SIUC subunit of the Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

keep.

registered so far. The more people who register, the better the prizes, Wahl said.

About 10 to

15 people have

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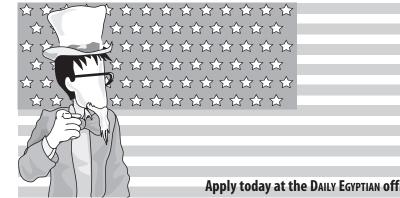


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ABOVE: Jim Zeigler, a graduate student from Marion studying fisheries releases, a large mouth bass into Campus Lake after fitting it with a plastic tag. The tags will help students like Zeigler monitor the fish population in the lake.

RIGHT: Zeigler holds a large mouth bass caught in Campus Lake. The fish was removed from the lake, tagged and re-released. The tags will be used at the second annual Fishing Derby.





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Southern Illinois ... naturally

Giant City State Park offers outdoor escape

Audra Ord DAILY EGYPTIAN

Editors Note: This is the first in a four-part series exploring recreational parks and preserves in the southern Illinois region.

Tree branches cast finger-like shadows on the sandstone bluff as the sun slowly sinks below the horizon. The woods are full of white noise; a stream can be heard burbling in the distance and the wind gently rustles some leaves nearby. The area seems almost magical in the fading light, a natural paradise and an escape from the noise of the town.

With temperatures rising and the trees blooming, the outdoors is becoming more appealing to those who have been cooped up indoors all winter. There are several opportunities to take advantage of the natural beauty of the southern Illinois region.

Giant City State Park, located 12 miles south of Carbondale, is a 4,000-acre park that offers a variety of recreational activities, including hiking, camping, picnicking, horseback riding, fishing and rappelling.

"It's a great place to go and hang out with friends and get out of the house, because a lot of students seem to just take that for granted," said Fisnik Zumberi, a junior from Palatine studying mechanical engineering.

The park is named for its most prominent natural feature, a group of sandstone bluffs with hallways running between them. The rock reminded early visitors of city streets and buildings, hence the name "Giant City."

Giant City offers activities for everyone from the casual hiker to the serious outdoorsman. There are seven trails in the park that are two miles or less, and most of them are easy to moderate hiking.

Bob Martin, the site superintendent for the park, said the Giant City Trail is a great trail for beginning hikers. He said the trail is a mile of moderate hiking and it takes hikers through the 'streets" of Giant City.

Also on the Giant City Trail is the infamous Fat Man's Squeeze, a narrow hallway between two bluffs that has become the sub-

ject of many double-dog dares. Martin said people occasionally get stuck in Fat Man's Squeeze, which narrows to a width of less than one foot at its narrowest point. The only way to get through is to walk sideways, and it is impossible to turn your head or pivot your feet.

"A young man last year — we didn't know if we were going to get him out," Martin said. "We had dumped two gallons of oil on him, chicken oil, and still had troubles pulling that boy out." A popular destination in

the park is the restaurant at the Giant City Lodge. The restaurant serves food daily, though Martin suggests making reservations on the weekends.

"The food here is so good ... it's country-style. Sunday is the best day; it's really cheap," said Amanda Anderson, a sophomore from Belleville studying marketing.

In addition to hiking, Giant City also caters to hunting, fish-ing, horseback riding and many other recreational activities. Guided trail riding and pony

rides are available through the Giant City stables, or riders can bring their own horses and ride the 12-mile equestrian trail.

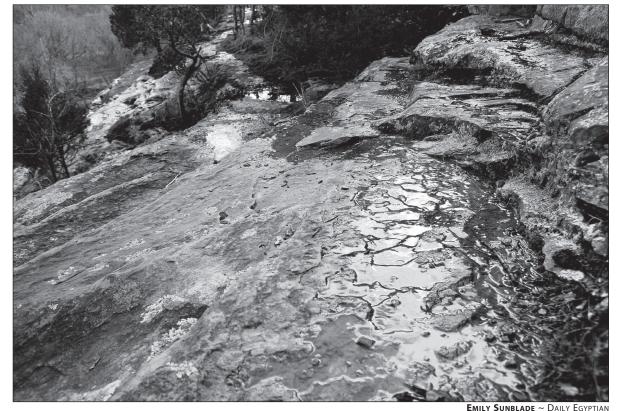
Zumberi said he likes to go out to the park with friends to grill out, play lacrosse or play his guitar.

"It's very scenic; it's a great place to just sit down with your guitar and play some music while being surrounded in serenity," Zumberi said.

Giant City State Park is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, though the trails and the water tower at the lodge close at dusk.

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Puddles left from Monday's rain reflect atop a bluff near the main entrance to Giant City State Park Tuesday. The park's Web site offers at least eight trails ranging in length from one-third of a mile to 12 miles; the River to River trail also runs through the park.



EMILY SUNBLADE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN ABOVE: A visitor to Giant City State Park jumps across the Devil's Standtable rock formation near Devil's Standtable Nature Trail Tuesday. This rock formation stands along a bluffline that is between 70 to 80 feet tall. LEFT: A creek flows down a bluffline near picnic shelter No. 1 in Giant City State Park Tuesday. The park map shows at least seven different areas within the park with picnic tables or shelter pavilions.

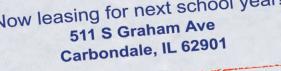
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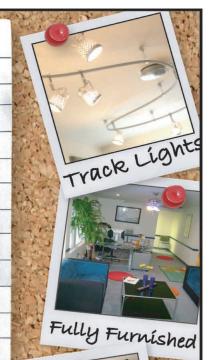






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Dear Hollywood: A Myer of mediocrity

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Hollywood, it's difficult to tell you this, but sometimes a look at the harsh reality of the wrongs you're committing is needed to get you to understand.

So here it is, Hollywood: Mike Myers hasn't been the least bit funny in live-action movies since "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery."

And now you've gone and allowed him to star in what looks to be about the least funny movie since "Old Yeller" — "The Love Guru."

The film features Myers as, what else, a love guru who is hired to help a hockey player and his wife get back together. No doubt, any viewer would be able to get through the trailer with only a muffled chuckle uttered. No hysterical laughter and probably no thought that this movie is going to be worth the money to see it in theaters.

Recently the film has been in

headlines as it has been perceived as offensive to the Hindu religion.

Don't get it wrong, Hollywood. Myers was hysterical with his turn as the voice of the grumpy ogre in the "Shrek" films. There was nothing quite like the charming Scottish brogue-d actor talking about ogres and onions. But then you decided in your infinite wisdom to have Myers go live action again in "The Love Guru."

Hollywood, Myers fans wanted this movie to be funny. We really did. Myers is the character-actor who beats all character-actors in terms of comedy. And he even helped write this script!

It was hard to beat the laughter caused by watching Myers mug for the cameras as the Aurora cable-access show host slacker in "Wayne's World."

The originality of "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery," which Myers wrote, was something to laugh at and admire. It was hysterical watching a 1960s heartthrob agent become accustomed to modern times and nonswinging ways.

But then you went and made "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," which in reality was just one long genitalia joke (go ahead laugh ... the "one long" was there for a reason) paired with a script all too similar to the first one and not really worth repeated viewing. Oh, and Myers also wrote it.

Then you made another unfunny "Powers" movie, which (get ready to roll your eyes) Myers wrote, and now it looks like you've pretty much just added the Hindu religion to a thinly veiled, Austin-Powers-type flick. His writing prowess has obviously gone down, and now you're making his fans pay by financing these projects.

Maybe it's time to wait for Myers to crank out a script actually worth seeing, Hollywood. There's a glimmer of hope that maybe, just maybe, "The Love Guru" might be funny and possibly it's just a bad trailer. But with Myers' track record, it's hard to believe that's the case.

So please, Hollywood, spare us from unfunny films. We'll thank you for it in droves when Myers finally gets back into his hilarious groove.

We promise.

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Mike**Pingree** Boston Herald

CERTAINLY, HAPPY TO HELP, MA'AM ... WHAP!

Stewardesses on a Sydney to Perth flight tried repeatedly to quiet an obnoxiously drunk passenger, but to no avail. When the man persisted in his "extremely aggressive and abusive" behavior, one of the stewardesses appealed for help to the brawny members of the Stormers, a South African rugby team traveling to Perth for a game. One of the lads then walked up to the guy and smacked him right in the head. He remained quiet for the rest of the flight.

AND WHO ARE ALL THESE LADIES?

After the pastor of a church in Lyndonville, N.Y., suddenly disappeared, his family became frantic and called the authorities. Police found him at 1 a.m. at a strip joint in Dayton, Ohio. A police spokesman said, "He told the officers that he did not know how he got there or where he was."

OK, HONEY, I THINK YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT

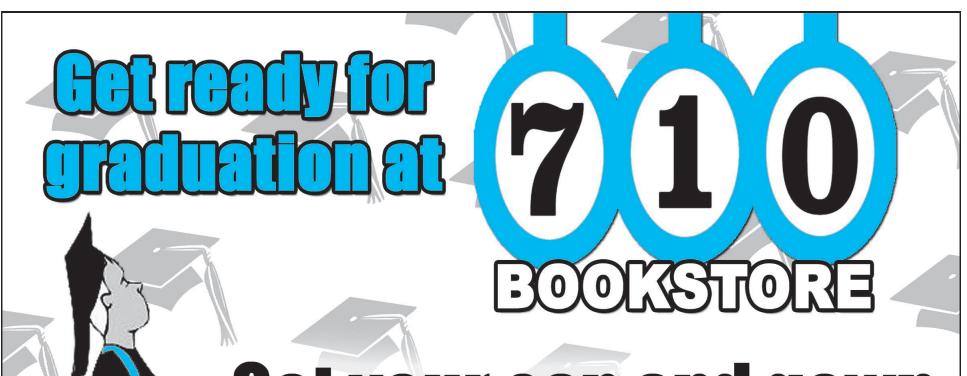
Unable to resolve an argument with her husband over \$300 in front of their Port St. Lucie, Fla., home, a woman got into the family minivan and chased him around the yard, attempting to run him over about 20 times. Police involvement resulted.

I THINK THIS PRETTY MUCH PROVES OUR POINT

When a police officer came to a woman's home in Bay City, Mich., to serve papers requiring her to undergo a mental examination, she hit him with a shovel.

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Marshall said he and other members of the group met informally with members of the City Council as well as members of the Carbondale Preservation Commission.

The group hopes to collect at least 3,000 signatures to show the council that students and community members supported the change. Marshall said members of the group would set up a table in the Student Center today to collect signatures and

sell \$5 armbands. A portion of the proceeds will go to the National Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Foundation, he said.

Marshall said the proposal had not met much opposition, but the group challenged those who questioned its motives.

"Some people believe we're just doing this to 'pad our résumés,' when you can look at any one of us - I don't believe we

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The university has remained silent as to the reasons for putting Treviño on leave, except for saying it had to do with the performance of his assigned duties. Poshard said he would not discuss the situation further because it was an employment matter and he respected the chancellor's privacy.

In an article last month, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch cited an anonymous SIU official who said Poshard talked several times with Treviño about concerns he was not need to pad our résumés," said Gene Burse, a member of the committee. "This is genuine."

King was 39 years old when he was killed. Four years earlier, he had been the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for his work on the civil rights

movement. The students stressed they also wanted to honor King's wife, the late Coretta Scott King, for her contributions to the struggle for racial equality.

Demetrous White, co-chair of the committee and Undergraduate Student Government, said the students would not give up on their goal,

despite delays.

— Gene Burse

member of the

Ambassadors of a Legacy committee

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"I think that's one of the good things about our group. We have people who will be here. It's not just like, 'OK, well we're graduating so the issue will die," White said. "No, the issue will continue on. We'll be here to make sure these things happen."

> Allison Petty can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 259 or allison.petty@siude.com.

engaged and not interested in doing his job. The official said Treviño was frequently away from campus and often canceled meetings, according to the Post-Dispatch.

Don Rice, interim provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, has assumed the chancellor's duties while Treviño is on leave. Rice has said he would not accept the position as interim chancellor if Treviño is forced out of the spot.

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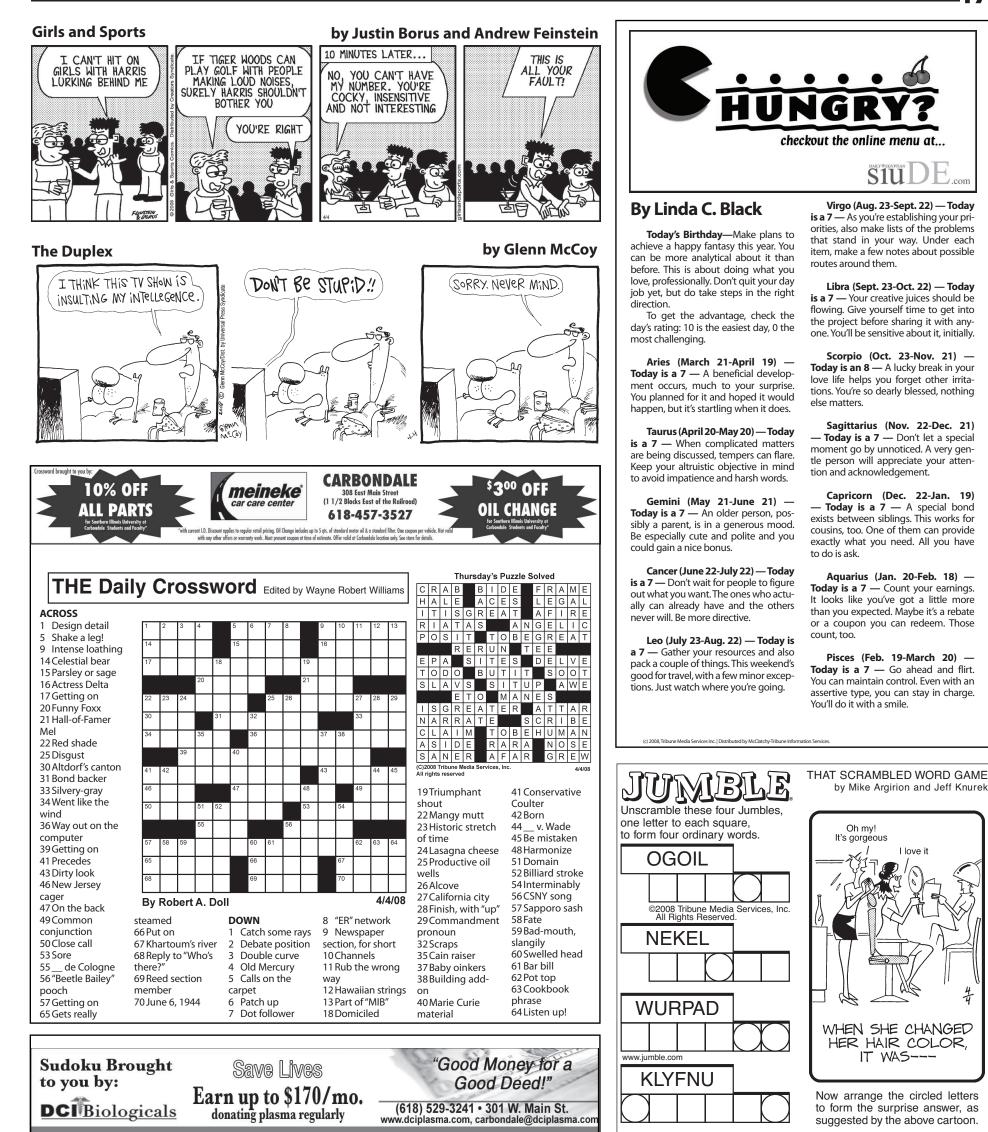
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Softball to take on Indiana State at home

SIU is set for a conference series at Charlotte West Stadium this weekend against Indiana State.

The Salukis are riding a four-game winning streak and have a 5-3 mark in conference play. SIU swept both Illinois State and Northern Iowa in Carbondale earlier this season.

Sophomore outfielder Katie Wilson leads the Salukis (19-15) with a .349 batting average and 10 stolen bases while junior third baseman Katie Wagner leads the team with seven home runs and 34 hits.

Indiana State has dropped its last three games and has a 2-6 record. Junior shortstop Meredith Simpson is the Sycamores' (9-16-1) biggest threat as she leads the team in home runs, RBIs, hits and runs.

The series will open with a doubleheader Saturday at noon and 2 p.m. and conclude Sunday at noon.

Women's golf heads to Illini Spring Classes

The SIU women's golf team will head to Champaign on Friday for the two-day Illini Spring Classic.

The Salukis have been on a tear as of late, finishing second at the Diablo Grande Intercollegiate March 18 and first at the Saluki Invitational on Monday. SIU broke three school records during the invitational, including an all-time low for an 18-hole round with a 5-under-par as a team.

Junior Braidy Hood leads the team into Champaign after posting a school-record round of 5-under-par at the Saluki Invitational.

Notable schools in the 15-team field include in-state rivals Eastern Illinois, Western Illinois and Northern Illinois along with conference rivals Bradley and Indiana State.

The Salukis will golf 36 holes Friday and conclude the tournament with a round of 18 holes Saturday. This will be the last competition before the Salukis defend their Missouri Valley Conference championship April 13 in Omaha, Neb.

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"Sometimes we'd have a hard swim at the pool, and I'd go home and want to quit, but Pat was there telling me 'No, you don't want to do that.' He is always there for me," Ackermann said.

A different perspective

Sullivan said being diagnosed with cancer at age 18 was an experience that brought him down to earth.

"It happened when I was in the best shape of my life. I thought I was unstoppable," Sullivan said. "It makes you wake up in the morning and get in the pool and say, 'Hey, I've been given this gift of life, why not take it?""

Sullivan, who expects to graduate in June, said he wants to land a job as a pilot and hopes to be wealthy enough to give

t happened when I was in the best shape of my life. I thought I was unstoppable. Partick Sullivan SIU swimmer

back to SIU and the swimming and diving team. He said if it wasn't for the cancer, he wasn't sure how his life would have turned out.

"After cancer, I probably worked a little harder academi-cally," Sullivan said. "I might have given up on maybe flying or swimming, but I'm not sure which one because I wouldn't have realized how important each one was to my life until after cancer."

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DUVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Infielder Tyler Lairson runs to first base after hitting a ball during the Salukis' 5-2 loss to Illinois at Rent One Park Tuesday night. The Salukis are scheduled to play a series against Wisconsin-Milwaukee this weekend at Abe Martin Field.

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Lairson said the switch hasn't bothered him whatsoever.

"To me, it's easier because you just react to the ball, get it and throw it," he said. "It's not really much different because I take the same approach that I would at short."

His offense hasn't suffered either. Lairson is batting .339 with seven doubles and a .415 on-base percent-

Lairson and the Saluki offense should be able to feast off the maligned pitching staff of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The Panthers have a team ERA of 6.65 and only one of their starters has an ERA under 6.40.

The teams will continue the series at 2 p.m. Saturday before concluding the three-game set at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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Koufos, Butler lead Buckeyes past Massachusetts in NIT Championship

Dave Skrettaap THE ASSOCIATES PRESS

NEW YORK — A year removed from a loss in the national title game, Ohio State has a championship trophy to carry home.

Nevermind that it's from the NIT. Jamar Butler and his buddies couldn't care less.

Butler had 19 points and eight assists in his final college game, leading the Buckeyes to a 92-85 win over Massachusetts on Thursday night and prompting the victory celebration inside Madison Square Garden that they couldn't have last year in Atlanta.

The Buckeyes lost to Florida in the Final Four, but never dwelled

on a snub by the NCAA selection committee that kept them from playing for another trip there. They dominated each of their four opponents on the way to New York, then had enough at the end to withstand every run the Minutemen could muster.

"This is continuing a rebuilding of the program," Ohio State coach Thad Matta said. "It feels good after what we went through last season."

Kosta Koufos added 22 points in earning the tournament's most outstanding player award. Evan Turner finished with 20 for the Buckeyes (24-13), who reached the preseason NIT title game but were run out of the Garden by

Texas A&M.

Ricky Harris scored 27 for UMass (25-11), hitting three 3pointers in the closing minutes to help the Minutemen stay close.

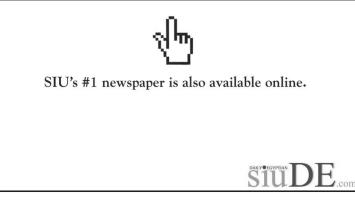
The last of them made it 77-75 with 3:13 left, but Othello Hunter scored moments later and after Harris missed another 3 try at the other end, Butler drained a 3-pointer from the wing to give Ohio State some breathing room.

Turner took care of things from the free throw line over the final minute and a half, helping the Buckeyes wrap up the title.

"I've seen this team go through a lot," Matta said, moments before cutting down the net. "I'm happy for them."

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TENNIS Miller time falls short

> Luis C. Medina DAILY EGYPTIAN

The return of a familiar face did not lead the Salukis to a return to their winning ways.

The Salukis' No. 6 singles player Chase Miller returned to action Thursday as SIU dropped its third straight match in a 5-2 loss to conference foe Indiana State at Sports Blast

Miller left the team during a match he was winning against SIU-Edwardsville March 26. SIU went on to win the match 6-1 but lost its next two to Northern Illinois and Illinois-Chicago, partly due to the automatic forfeit in the No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles flights.

Coach Dann Nelson would not comment on why Miller left, but said it is nice to field a full roster again.

"We're still missing our senior (Felipe Villasenor) and that's difficult," Nelson said. "But we have to play with who we have on the court, so it's good to have six singles."

The Salukis lost four of six singles matches to the Sycamores, whose record improved to 7-10 with the victory. Seniors Anton Symbalov, Rishi Behl and sophomores Mpiloenhle Migogo and Blake Douglas picked up singles victories for the Indiana State.

Behl and Migogo.

The Salukis return

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Freshmen Mariano Restrepo and Sebastian Rubiano were the only SIU singles players to win matches against the Sycamores.

Rubiano, who was down 1-4 at one point during his first set vic-

"Then we have to win three or four singles matches."

Doubles play did not bode well for the Salukis either as they dropped two out of three matches. The only doubles team to win for SIU was Lucas Waked and Anton 10 a.m. Sunday against Wichita State.

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Swimming & Diving Swimmer thrives, survives

Luis C. Medina Daily Egyptian

SIU swimmer Patrick Sullivan has defeated opponents in the pool for the last 10 years, but it's what he defeated out of the pool over the last four years that makes him feel victorious.

Sullivan, a senior from Algonquin studying aviation, was diagnosed with testicular cancer in the summer of 2004, months before his first semester at SIU. Almost four years later, Sullivan is cancer free and said he has gained a perspective that allows him to look back on his time in Carbondale and to look forward to life after college.

'Lance Armstrong gave me confidence ...'

Sullivan said championship bicyclist and fellow cancer survivor Lance Armstrong was the reason he knew he had cancer.

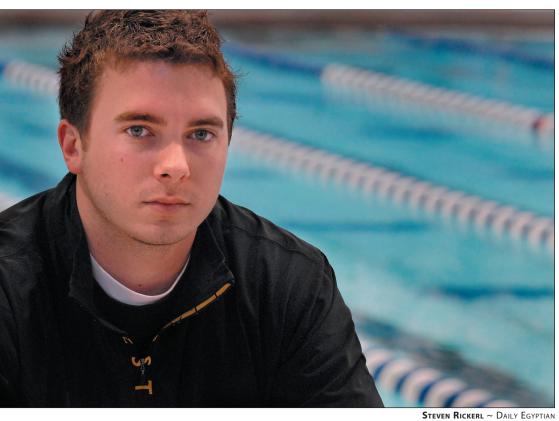
During an English class his senior year of high school, Sullivan read Armstrong's book, "It's Not About the Bike," in which Armstrong talks about his own fight with cancer. Sullivan said the book explains the importance of regular self-examinations and of telling someone right away on the first notice of something strange.

Sullivan said he was upset when he learned he was diagnosed with cancer, but glad that he followed Armstrong's advice and had it checked out right away.

"Initially, I was extremely angry at the entire situation," Sullivan said. "But after a half hour to an hour, I realized I have no one to be angry at; so I decided to go with what was next, and that was to kill it and get it out of my body."

After removing the cancerous testicle, Sullivan required addi-

BASEBALL



Senior swimmer Patrick Sullivan has overcome a battle with testicular cancer that began in the summer of 2004. Sullivan said the swim team was like a second family and gave him the support he needed.

tional surgery to see if the cancer had spread to his lymph nodes. Fortunately for Sullivan, the cancer had not spread, and he was off to college.

Team acts as 'second family'

Even though Sullivan has no individual titles and has never been a part of a conference championship team, the swimmer has thrived in his time at SIU, with the help of his teammates.

One of the most difficult transitions Sullivan had to make had little to do with being a cancer survivor. Only months after the cancerous tumor was removed, he had to adjust to college life in Carbondale, which was more than 360 miles away from the support group he had in Algonquin.

He said being on the swim team helped him get through the tough times.

"SIU athletics is a good thing. You have friends immediately when you come to college," Sullivan said. "They were like my second family for the last four years."

While his friends from home went to different colleges, Sullivan said the swim team and coach Rick Walker were all he had when he came to school, adding that the coach was always understanding and supportive.

Swimming with cancer put life in perspective for Sullivan and his teammates. The cancer never stopped him from swimming, but Sullivan said surviving it allowed him not to get down on himself if he had a bad day at the pool.

It also helped put things in perspective for roommate and teammate Stephan Ackermann, who said Sullivan's situation gave his own life a different perspective.

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15 MINUTES WITH ... Lauren Haas Megan Kramper Daily Egyptian

It's been no secret lately that senior Lauren Haas has been on fire.

Haas has at least one hit in eight out of the last Lauren Haas

nine games and is third on the team in batting average with a .341. She also has four home runs and a teambest 25 RBIs.



The first baseman recently sat down with the DAILY EGYPTIAN to talk about where she least likes to play, her other favorite spot on the field and her perfect vacation.

DAILY EGYPTIAN: You and your team are 5-0 at home in conference play this season. Which MVC school do you think is the toughest to play at?

LAUREN HAAS: I would prob-



: I would probably say Creighton. Even just playing Creighton at all is tough, playing on their turf. Well, literally because they have a turf outfield. **DE:** Who has

DE: Who has influenced you the

most in your softball career? LH: Probably my dad. He instilled

in me hard work from when I was 4 years old playing tee-ball. There was a time when I questioned on whether or not I wanted to play and he said, "Yes you do. You haven't done this for as long as you have to quit now."

DE: This is your last season of Saluki softball. Do you have anything lined up for after you graduate?

LH: Nothing concrete yet. Just going to get a job and start my life.

DE: Is there any significance to your jersey No. 6?

LH: No, actually I've been the No. 12 forever and Tiffanie (Dismore) got 12' when we were freshmen and my choices were between '6' and '15,' so I said '6' because it was half of '12.'

DE: If you couldn't play first base, what position would you play?

LH: I'd probably play shortstop. That's where I played all through summer ball and stuff.

DE: You're a long way from home in Bremerton, Wash. What's the one thing you miss most about it when you're here?

LH: The scenery. The mountains, rater, fairy boats and my weiner dog,

Salukis ready to pounce on Panthers

Wisconsin-Milwaukee's team ERA is 6.65 scoring position. They stranded 10 in the game.

After the game, coach Dan Callahan said the offense did a good job setting the table but failed to finish.



Matt Hartwig Daily Egyptian

On paper, the SIU baseball team should be better than its 14-11 record indicates.

The Salukis will send three starting pitchers with sub-4.00 ERAs to the mound during a weekend series against Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Abe Martin Field.

SIU also features a lineup with six starters hitting better than .300 and it is 6-1 at home.

The problem has been consistency with the hitting and a shaky bullpen.

This week was no exception.

In a 5-2 loss to Illinois Tuesday, the bullpen coughed up three runs in 3.1 innings after sophomore starting pitcher Tyler Choate left the game with a small lead.

Outside of sophomore designated hitter Tyler Bullock's two-run home run, the Salukis couldn't muster much of anything with runners in

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"We had our opportunities and we didn't have the right people up and the right times apparently," Callahan said.

The Salukis did an about-face the next day in Jonesboro, Ark., crushing Arkansas State 10-3. SIU belted out 15 hits and the bullpen allowed one run through four innings of work.

This focus for the series will be on consistency, and nobody is a better model for that than junior righthander Cody Adams.

Adams will start at 2 p.m. today against the struggling Panthers (5-17). He was the staff ace during the 2007 season.

In 16 starts, Adams went 11-5 with a 3.01 ERA in 2007 and his 2008 numbers aren't much different. Adams is 2-2 in six starts with a 3.11 ERA. He also has a team-high 32 strikeouts and walked seven batters.

He'll have plenty of offensive support led by junior catcher Mark Kelly and senior third baseman Tyler Lairson. **DUVALE RILEY** ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Pitcher Daniel Wells throws a ball to an Illinois batter during the Salukis' 5-2 loss at Rent One Park Tuesday. The Salukis face Wisconsin-Milwaukee in a series starting today at Abe Martin Field.

Kelly is the only player to start all 25 games this season and is maintaining a .316 average with 22 RBIs.

from shortstop to third base to make room for senior Owen Mackendon's bat in the lineup.

Lairson recently made the switch See MILWAUKEE, Page 18

Dexter.

DE: All right, it's late and you're hungry. Who fills your late night stomach growl?

LH: Quatro's (deep pan pizza).

DE: If you could switch places with any one person for a day who do you choose and why?

LH: Oprah Winfrey because she rocks and she gets to meet all the cool people.

DE: What's your biggest pet peeve?

LH: Oh, wow, I have a lot of them, but laziness. Definitely.

DE: Describe your ideal vacation. **LH:** In a warm place, with no worries and people I love.

DE: What's the last movie you saw?

LH: Hairspray (laughs).

DE: Last question, who is scarier after a loss: coach Kerri Blaylock or sophomore second baseman Alicia Garza?

LH: (Laughs) Kerri. Definitely Kerri.