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Lucid festivities



MEREDITH MERCER/DAILY EGYPTIAN
 (Above) Daniel Clark, Mindy and Scott McKenzie, members of the New Beginnings Community Church in Carbondale, await the start of the Lights Fantastic Parade Saturday night. Their float was titled 'The Story That Never Got Told.' They were dressed in costume to reflect the nativity scene of the birth of Christ.

(Right) Old National Bank's flying saucer is dressed up in lights while parading Saturday night through downtown Carbondale during the Lights Fantastic Parade.



Man shot in leg at CCHS game

Assistant football coach injured in argument

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A 17-year-old Carbondale man shot a Carbondale Community High School assistant football coach in the leg Friday night in the school's parking lot during a junior varsity basketball game.

According to Carbondale Police, Trevis S. Thompson shot 33-year-old Bradley A. DeDecker once in the left thigh with a small-caliber handgun after the two went outside to continue an argument that apparently began inside the school's gym.

DeDecker was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, where he was treated and released for injuries that were not life threatening.

Thompson was arrested and charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm, aggravated battery with a firearm, possession of cocaine and possession of cocaine with intent to deliver.

Aggravated battery with a firearm is a Class X felony, which could result in a 15- to 60-year Illinois prison sentence and up to a \$25,000 fine.

Each of the other charges is a Class 1 felony, which carries a six- to 30-year sentence in an Illinois correctional facility and up to a \$25,000 fine.

Because the incident occurred near the

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SIUC police officer claims University inflated pay figure

Figure differences total almost \$90,000

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SIUC Police officers have their contract, but one officer claims the University is inflating its figures for payment and blaming the department for budget cuts.

Scott Miller, University police officer and negotiation team member, said he suspects the University has exaggerated the amount of money needed for the retroactive pay.

Contract negotiations between the SIUC Police Department and the University have taken almost three years.

The officers were granted an 8-percent raise beginning in the 2001-2002 contract year and an extra 2 percent for the 2003-2004 contract year. They asked for no raise for 2002-2003.

The SIUC Police Department was not granted the longevity pay and educational incentive pay. The contract expires in June 2004, and another contract will have to be negotiated.

Miller said the 2-percent increase is what the officers asked for because another union within the University received the same amount.

"The arbitrator noted in his decision that we weren't asking for anything more than at least one other union had asked for and had

been granted already by the administration," Miller said.

"We were just asking for what we thought was fair and just and obviously were supported by the arbitrator through all of our facts and figures we presented."

Miller said the University's figure of \$420,000 is too high. He cites the 34 officers represented by the union who make about \$45,000 per year on average.

After adding the salaries, overtime and holiday pay, Miller estimates the University would have to pay the retroactive amount of \$330,000.

Miller's figures include amounts for officers, corporals and sergeants. Miller said if his number is correct, the University's figure is inflated by nearly \$90,000.

"I think they're off by at least \$50,000," Miller said. "I would like to see how they are coming up with that figure."

Officers would receive two-thirds of that figure after income tax and other fees, such as union dues. Miller said the University would most likely cut each officer a check for the full amount.

"What they have done in the past is a one-time payout," Miller said.

"It will either be in a regular pay period on our regular Friday paycheck, or they can issue a separate check for that retroactive amount."

The University initially offered a figure of 6 percent. Miller said the University should have already saved the 6 percent at minimum.

"So they knew they were going to be out at least 6 percent for at least one full year," Miller said. "So they should have been planning ahead at least that much for the last two and a half years."

Miller said the University has given pay raises to administrators without complaint.

"They hurt to pay raises when they don't want to pay them," Miller said.

"But when they want to give them to the employees they think deserve it, they don't gripe or complain about trying to find that money; they just give out the rate."

Miller said the University has not complained about the amount but has given an inflated figure.

"We're not the lowest paid by any means, but we're definitely not the top paid either," Miller said.

"For the size of our campus and the student population and the crime rate we have here, we're actually probably even lower paid than it really appears."

Miller said the reason the department did not ask for a raise during the 2002-2003 period is because of proposed budget cuts.

"We didn't ask for any money at all because we do understand that the state was in financial problems," Miller said. "We sympathize with that."

Miller said the public information about the final budget during the 2002-2003 year indicates there was a surplus.

He said the University should not cite

budget cuts as a reason to complain about paying the officers.

Miller said the University should have at the least put some of the money in reserves anticipating at least a 6-percent raise for the officers.

University Spokeswoman Sue Davis said the University cannot save state money regardless of a surplus.

"You can't save state money from one year to the next," Davis said.

"You can't hold it. Otherwise, you'd have people holding on from one year's appropriation to the next, and the state doesn't allow you to do that, so you couldn't have put back that money."

She said the initial estimate is \$420,000 for retroactive pay. Davis said that figure came from the SIUC Police Department and includes overtime and holiday pay.

"That is the most current estimate that we have based on going back over things for the last two years," Davis said.

The University will take money from tuition dollars to pay the officers.

"Our plan right now is to use tuition revenue to cover this because you have to have continuing dollars," Davis said.

"And continuing dollars can only come from a continuing source of funds. So either you have a state appropriation for salaries, which we have received none on this year, or you look to tuition dollars to take that because you can't count on grant and contract money for salary dollars in a continuing line."

NATIONAL NEWS

Dean takes knocks from all directions

WEBSTER CITY, Iowa — Television viewers across Iowa over the past week have been given nearly a million-dollar earful about Howard Dean, whose high-flying presidential campaign has made him the punching bag of the Democratic race.

It's not always clear, though, who is throwing the punches.

A commercial that started appearing here Friday featured an unlikely, side-by-side pairing of Dean with President Bush. Aimed at an audience of Democratic activists, the image is intended to be an insult, pointing out that Dean, like Bush, supports gun ownership.

The new ad comes one day after the conservative Club for Growth told Iowans, in a 30-second television spot, that Dean would hike their taxes. And it comes one week after the Republican National Committee, while not mentioning Dean by name, criticized those who question Bush's handling of the Iraq war and national security.

Unlike those commercials, though, Republicans did not sponsor the gun-control spot that emerged Friday.

Instead, Democratic operatives in Iowa and elsewhere solicited donations for the ad, hoping to block Dean from winning the presidential nomination. The names of those who paid for the commercial won't become known until

after the first ballots are cast next year, thanks to the controversial campaign finance law designed to limit the influence of money in politics.

Molesting priest beaten to death

LEXINGTON, Ky. (CNN) — A retired Roman Catholic priest who admitted molesting three altar boys in 1995 was found beaten to death at his home, police said Saturday.

Joseph Pilger, 78, was found dead in his home Friday night. An autopsy Saturday found the cause of death to be multiple blunt force injuries, according to the Fayette County coroner. The death is being investigated as a homicide.

Pilger lived alone until the past month, when a young man began staying with him, said his neighbor, Karen Owens. Owens said Pilger's car, which had been at his home earlier in the day, was missing Friday night.

Pilger pleaded guilty to sexual abuse in 1995 for abusing three altar boys in 1969 and 1969, when he was their pastor in Morganfield in western Kentucky. He was sentenced to five years' probation beginning in January 1995.

Earlier this year, Pilger was named in a sex-abuse lawsuit against the dioceses of Lexington and Covington. Pilger declined to comment on the allegation.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russia continues to see surge in violence

MOSCOW (KRT) — Russian law enforcement officials knew terrorists were going to strike somewhere in southern Russia on the eve of the country's parliamentary election. They just didn't know when, where and how.

They said they thwarted one attempt Friday when they discovered two suspected female suicide bombers in the southern village of Karabulak inside a car equipped with an explosive device. They prevented another Saturday when they found a bomb attached to a freight train in Kavkazskaya.

But the one they couldn't head off was the costliest. A suicide bomber detonated a massive explosion on a commuter train Friday morning near Yessentuki that killed 42

people and injured more than 150 others. With the attack, more than 280 people have been killed in such acts in Russia over the past year.

Despite the intensity and regularity of the attacks, Russian law enforcement has been virtually powerless to prevent them. Attacks in Moscow and across southern Russia have prompted calls for stricter security.

However, setting up new checkpoints and stepping up searches isn't likely to stem the tide of violence in southern Russia, where separatist guerrillas have been waging war to break off the small Islamic republic of Chechnya from the rest of the nation.

Nearly a decade of conflict has turned the mountainous province into a perilous wasteland where the economy long ago ground to a halt and young Chechen men the Russians say are in collusion with rebel forces are routinely victimized by Russian soldiers.

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 NAACP Meeting 6 p.m.
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University
 Gregory E. Ungarait, 22, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage at 2:26 a.m. Friday at the intersection of South Illinois and Grand avenues. Ungarait was unable to post the required bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, where he was released on bond.

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Carbondale
 A residential burglary occurred between 7:45 a.m. and 4:50 p.m. Friday in the 500 block of North Helen Street. The victim reported the residence was entered through an unlocked window. A Gateway computer, a Gateway monitor, an Epson printer, Boston computer speakers and a dual VHS/DVD player were reported missing. Loss is estimated at \$1,900.

Criminal damage to property occurred between 11:45 p.m. Friday and 6:15 a.m. Saturday at the Melange Coffeehouse, 607 S. Illinois Ave. A window and a vinyl chair were reported broken with a piece of concrete. No entry was gained. Loss is estimated at \$308.

A burglary was reported between 5 p.m. Friday and 9:46 p.m. Saturday at L.D. Electrical Supply, 1205 N. Maion St. The business was entered by prying open the door. A Milwaukee contractor kit, a 12-bolt cordless drill, 97 AA batteries and \$50 cash were reported missing. Other tools were taken from the shelves but were left behind.

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Songs for salvation

A group of 35 students overcome the hardships of an average school year to bring their annual fall concert to the masses

story by MOUSTAFA AYAD

In the middle of Ballroom D of the Student Center stood a dream realized. Out of a group of only 15, the once-small and intention-growing Voices of Inspiration gospel choir sang their hearts out. From the testing of the microphone levels to the last set, a 35-person choir came together in a fusion of sounds, levels and pitches.

There were no ominous sounds of monks chanting in unison or more traditional tributes to God with little show of physical emotion. Here in the Student Center, as the attendants walked down the corridors on the second floor, they could hear the praise. Down by the Old Main Room, they could hear the praise. Over by the craft show, the sweet sounds of eulogy permeated the selling grounds.

To a crowd of more than 100, the choir performed their annual fall concert. With family members in attendance and friends standing by, the group of students began their testimony. Legirtha Smith, who has been singing since the age of 7, said the concert sets a standard for all the group members to come.

Smith has sung with the choir since her freshman year in 1999. She said every year the group overcomes participants who have left college for financial reasons, personal problems and the hardships of working toward a degree. Smith and her fellow colleagues have strived to come out every year in a show of gratitude to a higher power.

Gospel has meant more than just the world to Smith. Her early days serenading those who meant the most to her were nothing in comparison to singing songs for God.

"Gospel is about singing good music about Jesus and giving inspiration and hope to all," she said.

But learning to bring 35 sounds, 35 different personalities and 35 students who have never sang in a choir let alone with each other can be task within itself.

"Every year we have people leaving school with personal problems, and we always find a way



Phillippa Sarrow belts out her solo during the Voices of Inspiration 'He Satisfies' Fall Concert Saturday afternoon. Moments before her solo Sarrow was pulled out of the choir and was proposed to by her boyfriend in front of the those in attendance. She said yes.

to build back up and work real hard," Smith said. "That's what makes this concert stand above the rest — because of all the hard work.

"It's a lot of dedication, a lot of dedication." And through the commitment, sweat and spent vocal chords was a joyous foot-tapping crowd of 100. Smiling faces were abound as the choir took the stage and Master of Ceremonies Jonathan Jackson announced the chorus. The 35 members two-stepped down the open aisle between a section of chairs, clapping and signing all the way.

"Get out of your chairs, stamp your feet, throw your weave out and do something," Jackson exclaimed to the crowd as the choir graced his background, swaying and singing in

swest harmony.

Children listening to the choir responded as well as the adults. Some drove from as far as Chicago to hear their children sing in what would be their first fall concert as a Voice of Inspiration.

"This semester we have a lot of freshmen, and it was a good semester," Smith said. "And we had a new executive board. We went through a bit of a trial and error period. But in the end, I think it came out really good."

With an enormous turnover rate, the choir that had persevered through storms of personal hardship experienced one more trial of faith and strength as a group — a missing song list.

"It actually flowed better," Smith said. "Like Ian Bryant said, there was probably a reason why he

lost the list."

Ian Bryant, the choir's director, had apparently misplaced the group's song list. Now he stood explaining the choir would do a full set, but the order would be what he had memorized.

Nevertheless, the choir swam through the impromptu song choice with ease, adjusting their voices with every change at every corner. Highlighting some gospel classics as "He is Satisfied," "What A Mighty God We Serve" and "Jesus Will" as its grand finale.

"It was a great turnout," she said. "And all of it was good feedback."

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Senior Thesis Show opens Friday

Thesis communication design class work available for viewing all week

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The 22 students in Jason Howell's senior thesis communication design class will see their hard work pay off when The Senior Thesis Show opens 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at The Glove Factory.

The Senior Thesis Show began about a year and a half ago in conjunction with the senior thesis class. This year's show will feature projects ranging from sculpture, design applications, Powerpoint and computer-generated images.

Larry Briggs, associate professor in the School of Art and Design, said the show includes a variety of communication and pack-

age design.

"It's a large variety of things that will be considered commercial graphic design," Briggs said. "A lot of the stuff that will be hanging on the wall will end up in their portfolios."

The students have used different kinds of graphics to produce brochures, letterheads, outdoor boards and posters. According to Briggs, the projects will be graded but should not cause anyone to miss graduation.

The Show will be up in the surplus gallery Monday through Thursday with the opening Friday at The Glove Factory.

Kay Zivkovich, associate professor in the School of Art and Design, said what makes the show interesting is that the students are responsible for everything from the design of environmental graphics to the actual exhibit and the invitation posters.

"It's pretty exciting," Zivkovich said. "The most exciting part is that the University community can see exactly what the design commu-

nications students do. It's pretty broad base."

Some of the students began planning their projects a year and a half ago and began seriously working on it the beginning of the fall term.

Briggs said he has seen a lot of the projects that are going to be in the show.

"They worked really hard producing that stuff," Briggs said. "There is a lot of good design, which is what we are about. They busted their butts."

Briggs said last year's show was pretty good, but he expects this year's show to be better because of the dedication of both the students and faculty.

"It's just another exhibit, but it's a little different," Briggs said. "You're not going to see a lot of paintings, you won't see a lot of art stuff. It's more in the form of commercial design, design for everyday use."

"I invite the rest of SIU to come by and take a look at what we do."

NEWS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE

Police chief to retire

The director of the SIUC Department of Public Safety will retire Dec. 31.

Samuel L. Jordan, 49, of West Frankfort has served with the SIUC police for 11 years. Joining the University in 1992, he had spent the previous 12 years with the University of Illinois police.

Robert York, executive director of human relations and support, said in a press release that he intends to find a replacement before the end of the month.

During his tenure here, Jordan has initiated a field training officer program and a crime prevention unit and resurrected the tactical response and negotiations team.

The SIUC Police Department currently has 37 active, sworn officers and 17 office staff, which includes parking division personnel.

Jordan said in a press release that he intends to remain in the area and is considering teaching at the university and college level, doing law enforcement training or working in the private sector. He will teach an administration of justice course at SIUC this spring.

Mini cafés produce good business for Chartwells

Communications Building dining service expands fast food menu

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Every weekday, Carolyn Collier spends the wee hours of the early morning making ham and turkey sandwiches on croissant rolls, packaging salads, setting up doughnuts and coffee and hauling a cart full of food through the Communications Building.

By 8 a.m., the Communications Café is ready for business, complete with bagels, juice, fruit and cookies.

The Communications Café, operated by Chartwells Dining Services, is one of three café-styled establishments scattered around campus.

Jack Shaw, director of dining services, said the Communications Café has been operating for three years. Chartwells Dining Services also operates one in the Lesar Law Building and has a contract with the owners of Jaguar Java for the miniature coffee shop in the Wham Building.

Chartwells is also one of a handful of businesses selling food

out of the Main Street Market Place in the Student Center.

"You really can't expect people to walk more than 10 minutes to a food service destination, and when people get in their cars, they're more likely to drive off campus for lunch than they are to drive to another point on campus," he said.

"Parking is a challenge anyway, particularly around the Student Center, so if we wanted to go sales outside of the normal traffic at the Student Center, we do have to go out around campus."

Shaw said the service had been requested of a few professors and even some deans before the food was made available in the Communications and Lesar Law buildings.

Collier, who has worked at the Communications Café for three years and for the Chartwells Dining Service for seven years, said the dining service is continually adding more variety to her stand in the heart of the Communications Building.

This year, Collier is serving Italian Beef and Barbeque Sandwich and Island Oasis Smoothies on top of the soup, salad and sandwiches of the past year.

Chartwells also added biscuits and gravy to the menu a few days ago.

"It's a lot more stuff," she said. "They just keep addin' and addin'. But there's a lot more variety now,



MEREDITH MENCIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carolyn Collier, Communications Café worker, hands a customer an Italian beef, one of the many new items sold there in the foyer of the Communications Building. Four years ago, when she started working at the café, there was only a hot dog stand. 'I like dealing with all the kids, teachers and professors. They are all really nice, and they gotta eat!' Collier said.

and I think that's what people like."

The café in the Lesar Law Building does not support the variety of the Communications Café. The dining service supplies the workers with the basic soup, sandwiches and salads, but that's about it.

Shaw said the Communications Café receives a lot more traffic through the lunch hours. He said

the café pulls customers from other buildings, so it is unlikely the services will branch to other buildings on campus.

The Lesar Law Café mainly serves customer from the Law School.

He said he would like to see the Communications Café bring in about \$500 a day, and though it is getting closer, it is still short.

"We haven't quite achieved that

yet," Shaw said.

"We have improved our sales through widening the menu, and over time, I think, the café will become more of a destination on campus."

The cafés in the Communications Building and the Lesar Law Building are open about 8 a.m. to about 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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OUR WORD

Veterans deserved memorial funding

On Oct. 21, the Carbondale City Council unanimously approved plans for an 18-foot-wide and 3 1/2-foot-tall Veterans Memorial Wall to stand at the southeast corner of the Town Square. Two weeks later, taking the recommendation of Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty, the City Council postponed the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2506's pre-application for financial aid with the project, saying the VFW needed to first seek funding from Carbondale Main Street.

"We were very disappointed with this postponement, which came just before Veterans Day, and soon after we published an editorial in strong support of the city funding the wall, and thus, strong opposition to the actions taken at that meeting by Doherty and the City Council.

At the time, we believed they showed a huge amount of disrespect to veterans not only in Carbondale, but also in all across America and in all the counties in which they have served and/or are serving. We felt they had their priorities wrong in helping fund the building of new homes but not the building of a worthy memorial.

It was only in hindsight and after a few calls from Doherty that we realized the city was quite possibly trying to do just as the DAILY EGYPTIAN and every in town wants it to do — act responsibly.

As it turns out, the City Council gives Main Street a sum of about \$70,000 per year to beautify Main Street. And since the memorial will sit in the Veterans Memorial Plaza, which faces Main Street, it is now clear Main Street was the right place for the funding to come from.

And on Wednesday afternoon, Carbondale Main Street presented the veterans with a check in the amount of \$8,206 to assist in the funding of the Veterans Memorial Wall.

While the presentation of this check made for a happy day for the veterans and supporters of the wall, we still believe this amount wasn't enough.

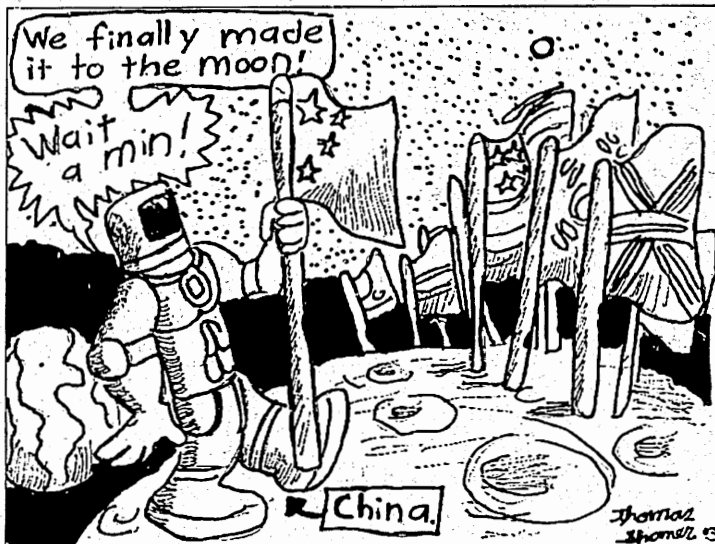
While the presentation of this check made for a happy day for the veterans and supporters of the wall, we still believe this amount wasn't enough.

Although the VFW got exactly what they asked for — \$8,206 — it still falls painfully short of the total needed to complete the project.

The VFW has said it would raise the rest of the money, a sum of about \$6,000, which will pay for the wall's six plaques, from within the group and with support from the community.

While we think the veterans' offer shows the extent of their desire to have this memorial built, we regret the idea that they have to pay for even the smallest part of their own memorial. We think they deserve better.

With that, we hope Carbondale will come together and get this memorial built with as little funding as possible from the veterans, many of whom are living on fixed incomes. They have already given this city and this country so much, and it seems offensive to expect any more from them.



THOMAS SHANER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

GUEST COLUMNIST

Through the looking glass

Serenity Bemtson
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE) — You are caught in a swirling nothingness. You can't breathe, hear, feel, understand or see. Suddenly, your 110-pound body can't feel anything but an extreme terror that the cookie you just ate is expanding viciously into a gut that would rival that of even the largest of whales.

Something has taken over your body, and in a mad rush you stuff in more cookies, adding some chocolate, cereal and ice cream to the mix.

Thousands of calories later, your stomach so stretched that you can't physically put anything more into it, you go to the bathroom. In a daze, you stick your fingers down your throat and it begins.

Once you are done throwing up, you sit on the floor crying, promising yourself that you will never do that again, that tomorrow will be different, wondering how you ever became this person in the first place.

Then, somehow, you find yourself in the kitchen again, with another malicious cookie in your hand, and the cycle begins anew.

The next morning you run your tongue over your sore teeth but none of that catches your attention. All that you can see is how fat you are. You envision your body spreading across the room and frantically try to think of what clothes you will actually be able to fit into.

Ten minutes later you dry your tears and try to get dressed, which takes another 15 minutes of crying, gazing in the mirror and finally deciding on a large sweatshirt and jeans that will camouflage your obesity. Which is probably better, because at this point your body is not functioning at a level that will allow it to produce its own heat.

You have now fallen through the looking glass to my world — a world where nothing makes sense. Where, every day, you drown yourself a little bit more until you don't even recognize who you were.

I chose to be thin for one small price: everything. My family, my friends, my sanity, school, my future, going out, my health and, eventually, my life. And fate's cruelest twist is that I will never live to truly see it.

People can tell me not to lose weight, not to worry, "you look fine, even almost too skinny." And the disease that has twisted my life around her finger whips me back a classic line from "American Beauty": "There is nothing

worse in life than being ordinary." So I shut off their comments, usually angrily, and revise my "diet," as I am not getting the results I want.

The worst part is that I chose this for myself. Don't get me wrong, I didn't just wake up one morning and think, "I'm going to start throwing up." I wasn't anorexic, but I would restrict myself to less than 800 calories per day, many days much less.

Then one day my body couldn't handle that stress any longer, and on autopilot, began to stuff itself. Once I returned to my natural disordered state, I was so disgusted with myself that I raced to the bathroom to try and free myself from this evil that I had allowed to take over control.

I made that choice to start, thinking it would put me back in control, but all it did was spiral me deeper and deeper out of control. I lost control and got bigger, and that is my deepest shame. It is not that I participate in this sadistic behavior, or that I have hurt the people I love immeasurably.

I will never be truly "better." I will never look in the mirror and see a person I am satisfied with. There will always be a voice in the back of my mind that says, "That would be so easy to throw up and it would save you the weight gain." Some days that will get the better of me. Some days I will get the better of it. But I will always have to live with it.

People are so curious about eating disorders. They think that they can test the waters without getting hurt. They want to go through the looking glass to see what we live, to "lose a little weight" and then go back to "normal."

No! This is not something you want; it is not a quick fix. And most importantly, you can't just leave it behind when you want to. It consumes you, body, mind and soul. It's addicting. Even when you want to leave it behind, there will always be a stronger part of you who isn't willing to give up the control. "Besides," the disease will lie, "you are still fat, so you don't deserve help."

If you don't believe me, if you do tumble through the looking glass, you will realize too late when you wish to return home, that your passage through the mirror was a one-way ticket. That the mirror has glassed back over, and you are stuck forever in a world of terror and darkness.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“He that endureth to the end shall be saved.”

The Bible
Matthew 10:22

WORDS OVERHEARD

“I couldn't even see out. I tried to jump out, but you couldn't because it was just so full of bodies.”

Harold Dennis
survivor of the May 14, 1988, bus crash, the worst drunk driving accident in U.S. history, describing the utter chaos on the school bus after it was hit by a pickup truck

COLUMNISTS

Don't drag politics into Christmas season

People love to think of Christmas (or "holiday season," if you're in the mainstream media) as a time when people put aside their differences, political and otherwise, in the spirit of the season. Christmas is that special time of year when people come together, forget about wars and taxes and filibusters — well, not exactly.

Some people just won't let it go. If Christmas day fell on a Saturday, hippies would still show up on Route 13 in Carbondale to protest "that Nazi, George Bush." It's tragic that even during the "holiday season" people cannot look past their ideological blinders and have good cheer for their fellow man.

So, in the spirit of refusing to "let it go" even during the "holiday season," I've decided to politicize one of America's most treasured holiday traditions — the Christmas movie.

Christmas movies are supposed to be wonderful stories about giving and sharing and togetherness. Their glowing messages should warm even the coldest of hearts. However, as usual, politics has crept into even Christmas movies.

Take, for example, two classics, "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34th Street." Not many people realize just how biased these movies really are. The following will explain exactly how "It's a Wonderful Life" is the Conservatives' Christmas movie, while "Miracle on 34th Street" is the quintessential liberal "holiday" film.

"It's a Wonderful Life" is the story of George Bailey, a small business owner with the government "bank examiner" constantly breathing down his neck. From the small town of Bedford Falls, Bailey's ambition in life is to get out of his town to conquer the world.

But he never leaves Bedford Falls. He ends up spending his entire life there. He takes over the family building and loan business when his father suddenly dies. Bailey has to work hard to make his business succeed, no thanks to those pesky businessmen.

Bailey was a compassionate man. Not really a savvy businessman, he was constantly cutting breaks for people when they were having trouble paying back their loans. And he was always lending money to people the bank turned down. Bailey did all of this without government subsidy or mandate. He wasn't buying votes or keeping people down; he was lifting people up by giving them a chance to make it on their own. This is the very essence of conservatism.

So one Christmas Eve when Bailey was down on his luck — his uncle had lost all the building and loan's money — he prayed to God (big red flag for Liberals), and his prayer was answered when his guardian angel, Clarence, came to help. Clarence showed Bailey what the world would



Right Angle

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be like had he never been born. He had helped so many people — not through handouts or welfare but through compassion and the free market. George realized he truly had a wonderful life.

If "It's a Wonderful Life" is appealing to Conservatives, on the opposite end of the spectrum lies "Miracle on 34th Street."

"Miracle on 34th Street" is the "realistic" story of a single mother named Doris Walker with an executive job at a major department store in the 1930s. Walker ends up hiring a man named Kris Kringle to play Santa Claus at the store.

Right away, the forces of anti-capitalism go to work. Kringle starts sending customers to other stores. This flagrant disregard for profits must have sugar plums dancing in Liberals' heads.

So when Kringle is committed for believing himself to actually be Santa Claus, a liberal trial lawyer, Fred Gailey, comes to the rescue to prove Kringle is Claus. In typical liberal fashion, Gailey asks a judge to declare Kringle to be Santa.

By some "holiday" miracle, the case ends up before a judge with "big labor" backing (he admits ties with the AFL-CIO). The judge is desperate to find in favor of Kringle no matter what the law is (in the sequel he is nominated to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals). An associate of his remarks that if they find against Santa that the only votes he'd get the next year would be his own and that of the District Attorney's.

The judge's response: "The District Attorney is a Republican." Go figure.

Now, of course, none of the above is serious. Both "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34th Street" are wonderful movies. The point was to show just how ridiculous it is to drag politics into everything, especially Christmas. Christmas isn't a republican or democrat holiday. I wish everyone, no matter what their politics, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Oh, by the way, my favorite Christmas movie is "Die Hard." What red-blooded American Conservative wouldn't love to spend Christmas Eve shooting up terrorists?

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Stand up for your own communities to make a change



Stand up and say something now!

BY TIFAIR GILLESPIE
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Exposing myself to thousands of readers every Monday has been challenging yet invigorating. I have received appreciation from administrators, professors and my peers, while others faces turned red in disbelief of my words. One reader stated in his e-mail that he was tired of black people complaining about their issues while another reader told me I had no idea what I was talking about on issues involving the legal system.

Their responses reminded me of a verse in a song that the soulful songwriter and singer India Arie sang, "Dark future ahead of me that's what they said, I'd be starvin' if I ate all the words they fed." Their comments have made me critically analyze my own thoughts that have only made me stronger in my beliefs.

The Tavis Smiley foundation hosted a forum at the beginning of the school year that featured Dr. Cornell West, a Black American Studies professor at Yale University, and Aaron McGruder, who produces a controversial comic that is nationally syndicated. They challenged young conscious African Americans to become involved in mass communication and challenge the Trans-National corporations that tend to perpetuate negative stereotypes of youthful blacks in the media.

We, as young black collegiate students, face a reality that others may not understand. While we may study hard and receive an education that only 1 percent of the world receives, we are still looked at as ignorant beings in the media. This spills over into the workforce and classrooms as well as our social lives. I can remember a professor stating, "I'm surprised you knew that."

Believe me when I say the question was not rocket science but rather common sense. A previous landlord of mine asked me, "Where did I learn to speak my 'white' English?" while a resident assistant told me that I was a 'typical black woman' all in the same night. This has fueled the fire of why I must speak and attempt to make others understand the reality we face every day.

When you are treated differently for reasons that are outside of your control, how should you react? Fight,

curse ... scream, maybe? Activists such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Tavis Smiley, Cornell West and Rev. Al Sharpton give a different approach to handling issues of racism in society. They simply want the best for blacks by addressing "sensitive" issues that many politicians, teachers and textbooks wish to ignore.

Many of my cohorts have approached me in the library as well as the supermarket in appreciation on the issues I address. We are hungry to hear the words of our experiences in the Southern Illinois region, which often go unheard. I received an e-mail from a young black man from the east coast who was new to the Southern Illinois region. He said it was relieving to hear my words due to the conservative culture shock he faces in this region. Southern Illinois is not the only region where racism or inequality exists, but it is different for many who come from metropolitan areas. The fear of resentment and disagreement has left my soul with the responses from those who often go unheard.

Hip hop, transnational corporations, advertising, independent women, health issues in the black community, the war in Iraq and the color complex are issues that have graced the pages of the Daily Egyptian every Monday. "Stand Up and Say Something now!" has helped some breathe easier while some are still holding their breaths. Whatever side you are on — conservative, liberal, black, white, Chinese or Indian — we must speak on what is going on in our own communities so that maybe one day we may all understand our differences and accept them for what they are.

Stand up and say something now! appears every Monday. Tifair is a senior in advertising. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTER

Columnists have conservative bias

DEAR EDITOR:

This e-mail is in regards to your paper's weekly columnists. I am all for freedom of speech and having every voice heard, but I find it disturbing that the DAILY EGYPTIAN has a multitude of columnists who write weekly concerning republican political issues and no columnists who discuss democratic or liberal political issues. The DAILY EGYPTIAN does have left-leaning columnists, but they write more

about social issues than actual politics. I feel that the paper has grown biased towards the conservative point of view. I'm not saying that this point of view shouldn't be heard. I'm just saying that both sides should be given the same opportunity, and therefore I would like to volunteer to write a liberal-leaning column that is centered on the political issues of the day and not so much the social issues. I believe that hearing both sides truly serves the SIU community and right now that is not being done. Thank you for your time.

Neal Rosenthal
senior, zoology

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Hair for the HOLIDAYS

ROBERT LYONS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

(Right) Beth Ann Kreuter, 19, looks in a mirror at her faux-hawk hairdo at Hair Brains Saturday before the Lights Fantastic parade. Hair Brains, demonstrating hairdos and giving away free samples, is one of a few businesses along the parade route that supplied parade-goers with something to do while waiting for the parade to start.

(Below) Justin Robey, 25, works on preparing a faux-hawk hairdo for Beth Ann Kreuter at Hair Brains at 127 E. Washington St. in Carbondale before the Lights Fantastic parade Saturday evening. Spectators of the parade were invited into Hair Brains to enjoy cookies and free haircare samples such as shampoo.



Planned Parenthood plans pro-abortion march

Andy Silva
The Daily Campus (U. Connecticut)

STORRS, Conn. (U-WIRE) — There is an "onslaught" of anti-abortion legislation right now, according to Planned Parenthood President Gloria Feldt, and she said her organization is looking to make their voices heard.

During a conference call Tuesday with college newspapers, Feldt said organizations like Planned Parenthood are faced with a situation which they have never been faced with before. She said it is time for pro-abortion organizations to speak up.

"We have to make our voices heard," Feldt said. "I believe that there are times to march, and this is one of those times."

The conference call was to announce the organization's March for Freedom of Choice, which is to take place April 25 in Washington, D.C. According to a press release from Planned Parenthood, the march will unite women and men from across the United States to celebrate individuals of all ages, races and ethnicities making their voices heard through the collective

power of pro-abortion. According to Feldt, the march is going to have about 1,000 cosponsors, which she said speaks to "the wide range of groups that are supportive" of a woman's right to choose.

"It is going to be a very large march," Feldt said. "We aim to make it the largest march in the history of this country."

She said the government has not only been looking to stop abortion practices but also programs which support family planning. She said the government has been taking away money from national and international family planning programs and has been putting hundreds of thousands of dollars into "dangerous" abstinence-only programs.

President George W. Bush has been a firm supporter of the controversial partial birth abortion ban. At the signing of the bill, Bush said the law had looked away for years while a terrible form of violence directed against children inches away from birth.

"Today, at last, the American people and our government have confronted the violence and come to the defense of the innocent

child," Bush said at the signing, according to The Associated Press.

Feldt has expressed opposite feelings. She said the country is looking to redefine the status of a fetus, making the standards set in the landmark Roe v. Wade case mute.

Religion is sometimes used as reasoning to ban abortions. Feldt said not all religious denominations are against freedom of choice. She said often television tends to only call upon clergy from the religious right, which do not represent the views of all denominations. Planned Parenthood has a clergy network with members from 20 denominations and it has a board of clergy, according to Feldt. Feldt said there will be a religious service prior to the march.

"There are many denominations in many different religions which are supportive," Feldt said.

Despite the fact the ban has been signed into law Nov. 5, most providers are still able to perform the procedure. This is due to three separate lawsuits which have been filed in U.S. Federal District Court, according to Feldt.

"Most of our doctors are now covered," Feldt said.

However, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft has promised to vigorously enforce the ban, Feldt said.

"We're in a tenuous sort of position right now," Feldt said.

Planned Parenthood is looking to reach out to college students because they are the ones most affected by the abortion debate, Feldt said. She said important issues, including access to birth control, abortions and other measures affect college-age students.

"Simply, this [age group] is where there is the most at stake," Feldt said. "This directly affects your life every single day."

The proposed date for the march has no special significance, Feldt said. She said the organization looked to find a date which would not coincide with college spring break, would take place prior to the end of the semester and would not be a problem in terms of getting hotel accommodations. She said planning has been ongoing since last summer and will continue right up until the march.

"I have never seen so much energy for marching," Feldt said.

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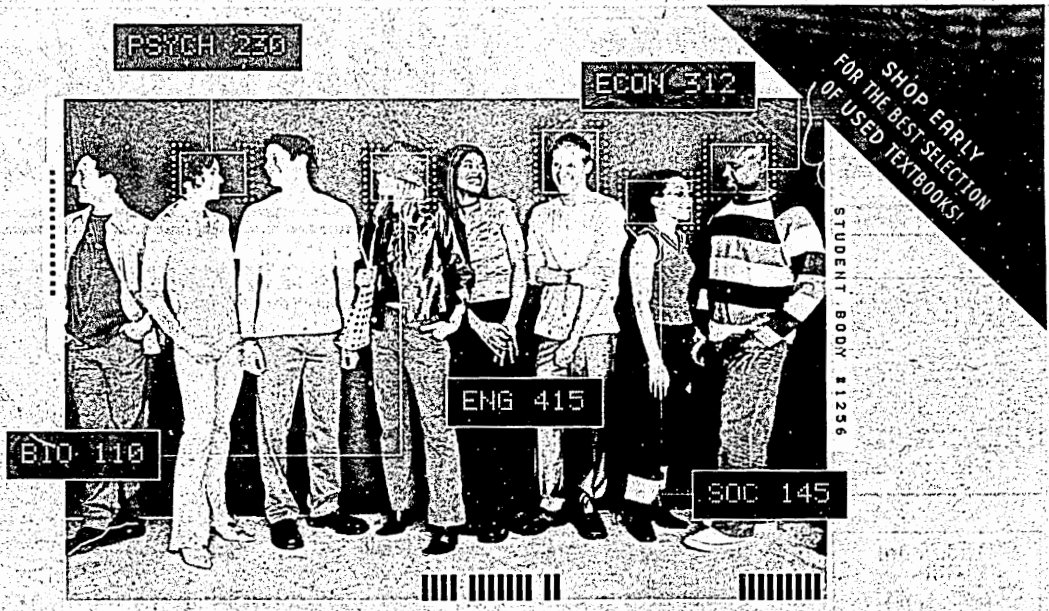
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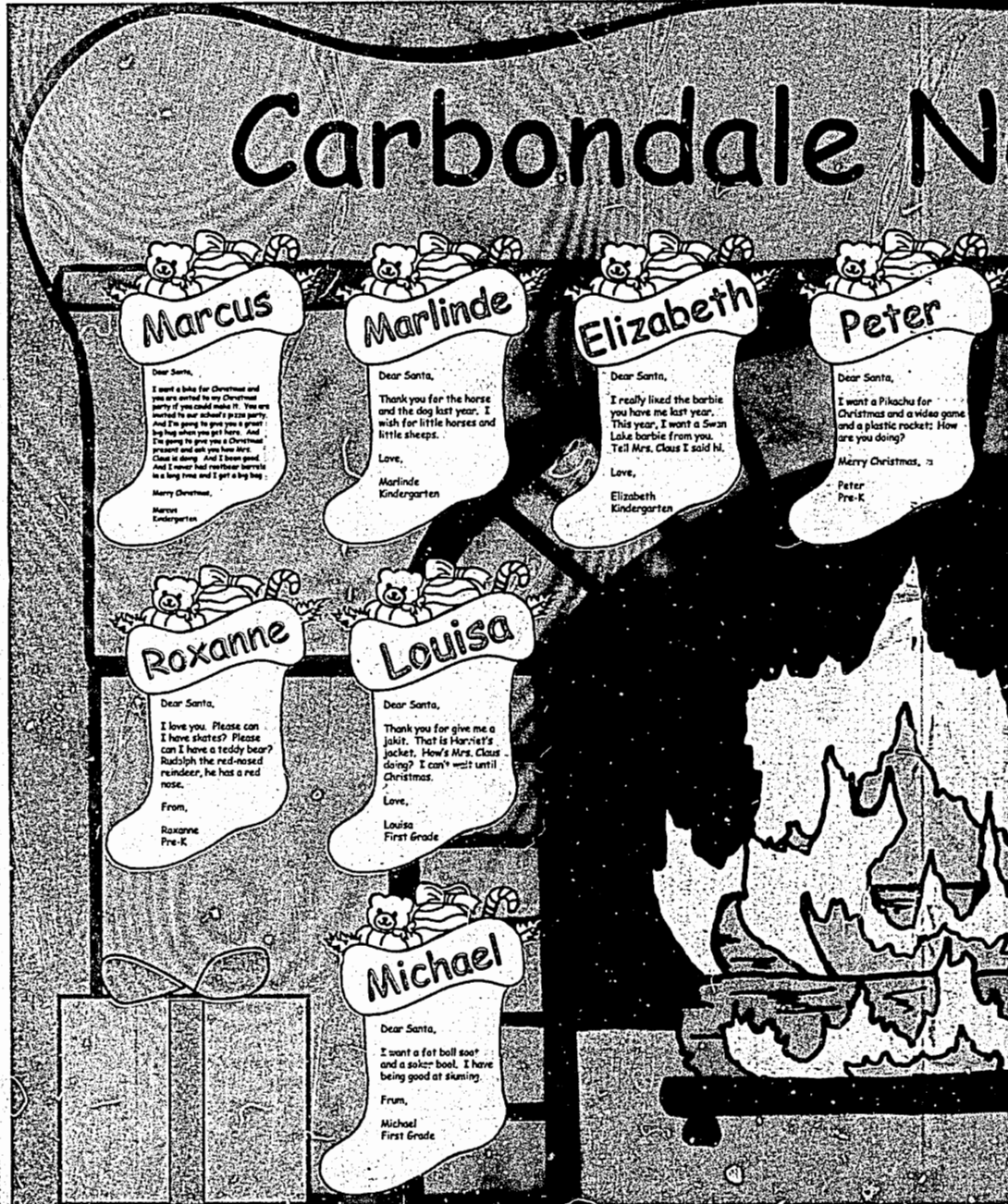

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Merry Christmas,
 Marcus Kindergarten

Marlinde

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the horse and the dog last year. I wish for little horses and little sheeps.

Love,
 Marlinde Kindergarten

Elizabeth

Dear Santa,

I really liked the barbie you gave me last year. This year, I want a Swirl Lake barbie from you. Tell Mrs. Claus I said hi.

Love,
 Elizabeth Kindergarten

Peter

Dear Santa,

I want a Pikachu for Christmas and a video game and a plastic rocket. How are you doing?

Merry Christmas,
 Peter Pre-K

Roxanne

Dear Santa,

I love you. Please can I have skates? Please can I have a teddy bear? Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, he has a red nose.

From,
 Roxanne Pre-K

Louisa

Dear Santa,

Thank you for give me a jakit. That is Harriet's jacket. How's Mrs. Claus doing? I can't wait until Christmas.

Love,
 Louisa First Grade

Michael

Dear Santa,

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From,
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From,
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Kindergarten

Miss Misty

Dear Santa,
We have a wonderful class this year! We know that you are very busy getting ready for Christmas. We've talked about our favorite things about Christmas and we all agree that we like being with our family going and getting presents. We also like seeing you and Rudolph. Thank you for all of your kindness! Merry Christmas!

Love,
Miss Misty

Talon

Dear Santa,
I want a wheel jack and a hoist. I was good.

Merry Christmas,
Talon
Pre-K

Jason

Dear Santa,
I want please can have the fire truck, the one that carries the airplanes. And I want a big Olympic plane. The one that carries into a truck with a trailer. And I want it to come with a gun. When will it be Christmas? I want a toy dinosaur. When are you going come to our school? We have a surprise for you here at our school. Even if I don't know what your reindeer look like, I still think they are cool!

From,
Jason
Kindergarten

Nathan

Dear Santa,
I want a Bat Man. I am good.

From,
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First Grade

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Bill may ban patents on human organisms

Rachel Patzer
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

MADISON, Wis. (U-WIRE) — Lawmakers are prepared to make a decision that would ban the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office from issuing patents on human organisms.

This provision would ban patents on genetically modified human embryos, fetuses and humans but is promising not to hinder embryonic stem cell research or patents on cells, genes or other biological products.

Since 1987 the U.S. patent office has rejected any patent claim for human beings at any stage of development.

An attempt by Congress to put this into law has created a debate between the biotechnology industry and anti-abortion supporters of the legislation.

Rep. David Joseph Weldon, R-Fla., an anti-abortion advocate, proposed the provision, arguing Congress should codify the patent office's existing rule that human organisms are not subject to patents.

Weldon has backed many efforts to ban the cloning of human embryonic cells for medical research, making the current legislation especially controversial.

Weldon, among many anti-abortion advocates, believes stem cell research is morally wrong.

"Creating cloned live-born human children necessarily begins by creating cloned human embryos, a process which some also propose as a way to create embryos for experimental research," Weldon said in a statement. "Research cloning will pave the way for reproductive cloning."

Earlier this year, Weldon sponsored a bill that imposed an all-out ban on human cloning passed in the House but stalled in the Senate.

Alto Charo, University of Wisconsin associate dean of the Law School, said the provision was inserted for purely political reasons to try to find every possible way to ensure federal law that an embryo is equivalent to a live-born baby.

"It's a way of strong-arming the bill into federal law," Charo said. The appropriations bill is so huge and covers so many things, by the end, no one is going to rock the boat because this would hold the whole bill."

While most researchers and biotechnology firms agree that patents should not be issued on human embryos, they think the wording of the language of the bill could be too broad and that a ban could threaten current and future research.

"The effect on scientific research is very difficult to assess," Charo said. "This is a very complex issue because it is very tricky to define humanism."

EPA proposes new clean air requirements for pollutants

Plans inhibit factories, power plants producing chemical pollutants

Natalie J. Mikhail
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

MADISON, Wis. (U-WIRE) — The Environmental Protection Agency proposed new clean air requirements Thursday to cut chemical pollutants produced by factories and power plants in an effort to curtail air pollution traveling across state borders.

"The Interstate Air Quality Rule" requires coal-burning power plants to upgrade their facilities to reduce the amount of mercury, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides released into the air.

"This proposal would make the 'steepest emissions cuts' in over a decade.

"These actions are the largest single invest-

Dribbling drill



Saluki forward LaMar Owen teaches 8-year-old Dalton Brown how to dribble Sunday afternoon at the Recreation Center. The lesson was part of the Kids' Clinic put on by the SIU men's basketball team. The cost to attend the clinic was two cans of food or a new toy. The canned goods will be donated to local food pantries, and the toys will be given to the U.S. Marine Corps 'Toys for Tots' program.

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SHOOTING

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high school, Thompson could see his fines and sentences be much higher than they normally would.

According to Illinois law, if possession or sale of any illegal drug is within 1500 feet of a school, church, public park or movie theater, the court may double the person's fine and sentence.

Illinois law also states if a firearm is in possession at the time of an illegal drug arrest, the court may also double the person's fine and sentence.

Thompson was charged in October in Jackson County in a previous incident with two counts of aggravated battery with a weapon, aggravated discharge of a firearm and knowingly damaging property valued more than \$300.

No trial date has been set for those charges.

According to witnesses who saw the shooting, DeDecker yelled "You shot me!" and tackled Thompson to the ground. DeDecker was able to slow Thompson until other help arrived.

Thompson allegedly tried to run from the scene but was apprehended by Carbondale Police Sgt. Don Priddy, who was already at the high school working security during the basketball game, and Carbondale Community High School Principal John Dively.

During the apprehension, the gun fell out of Thompson's jacket and was recovered by police.

Carbondale Community High School District No. 165 Superintendent Steve Sabens said Thompson is not a student of the high school.

Sabens said he has complete confidence in

Carbondale Police and said the district and its high school would not provide any additional details from the shooting.

"We really aren't going to provide any additional information beyond what the CPD has already provided," Sabens said. "That's just simply due to the fact that it's going to be turned over to the state's attorney on Monday. We're going to leave the investigation, any further information and any of the details in the hands of the police and the state's attorney's office."

The superintendent, who was at the junior varsity game at the time of the incident, said he and the district would review their school security procedures to prevent any other shootings from happening again on school grounds.

Thompson is being held at the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, and his bond is set at \$250,000.

CRAFTING

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necklaces, bracelets and earrings. On each piece, a small tag reads, "This guitar string lived in harmony," and lists the date of the gig the string was used at.

White's mother, Debbie Timmons, came to the sale to help her daughter. She said the sale was successful and mentioned how two girls sold their books in order to purchase a bracelet.

In addition to selling her work at local craft shows, White also has here handmade jewelry in eight stores including Visions, located on the Makanda Boardwalk.

Carbondale resident and business owner Preston Barrett said nine out of the 10 items he purchases are used or recycled.

Barrett, who is also a cook for Mainstreet Marketplace in the Student Center, said he came to the event to support local artists. He purchased a rain stick and a necklace from Dreads 'n' Threads.

"If you can get use out of something that someone else has already gotten us, it's even better," he said.

Crawford and Adams handed Barrett a "stone" receipt and thanked him for purchasing from them.

"People throw away a lot of clothing," Crawford said.

"I believe we can take these old clothes and recycle them into something beautiful. It's a small and easy task that can make a huge difference."

ment in any clean air program in history," EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt said in a statement.

"We are committed to working with our congressional sponsors to move this landmark legislation through. Congress, we must move forward with these steps now."

Leavitt added that pollution reductions will help states meet tougher federal air-quality health standards, mainly for smog prevention, that were issued in 1997 and are just now being implemented after years of litigation.

Their plan, which will be made final after a comment period, looks to cap sulfur dioxide emissions at 3.7 million tons, a cut of 40 percent from current levels, by 2010 and another 2.3 million tons when the rules are fully implemented after 2015, a cut of nearly 70 percent.

Smog-causing nitrogen oxide would be limited to 1.7 million tons by the same date.

"We continue to believe that the Clear Skies Act is the best approach to reducing power plant emissions," Leavitt said.

The EPA also sent letters to states Thursday,

informing them that many regions across the United States are in violation of the more stringent 1997 health standards.

"They will be required to develop pollution control plans to comply with the new standards."

Wisconsin legislators have spent this past year debating the air quality issue in conjunction with their job creation plans, particularly with manufacturing jobs.

The most controversial bills raised debates over its possible slackening of state air pollution laws.

"As part of this reform, Wisconsin's air standards would be limited to federal standards, thereby restricting the state's ability to respond to local conditions," Susan Mudd, member of the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, said in a letter to Wisconsin legislators.

"The reform" would also allow offsets from Wisconsin-owned plants in Illinois to be credited to Wisconsin businesses, thereby both creating jobs and cleaning up the air in Illinois

"As part of this reform, Wisconsin's air standards would be limited to federal standards, thereby restricting the state's ability to respond to local conditions."

— Susan Mudd
member, Board of Directors
for the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters

but not Wisconsin."

Mudd added that the reforms also do not do anything about the 56,000 manufacturing jobs that were lost in the state in 2003.

However, Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer, R-West Bend, disagreed, saying the reforms are beneficial.

"Wisconsin's 19th century, command-and-control, regulatory climate is costing us 21st century jobs, she said.

"If we want to see this state's economy move forward we need to fundamentally reform that regulatory climate."

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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Dec. 8). You're on the fast track this year, with the help of a person who has your best interests at heart. Keep trying to turn things that didn't work into things that do. The truth will set you free.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - There could be more than a little chaos surrounding you. It's up to you to stay organized and keep your priorities straight. Friends can help, but you're still the guiding light.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Looks like more money is coming your way. You might be surprised when a door that was once firmly shut suddenly swings open.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Life would be much simpler if you didn't have to think of the others. You'd hate it, though. You're a social creature. Besides, this brief phase will end well. Be bold.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - Although you're in a good mood, don't broadcast your intentions. It's hard to keep a lid on your enthusiasm, but not everything is ready yet.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You don't have to carry the conversation. You'd be wiser to listen and learn. You'll learn things you didn't know - and maybe some things you didn't know that you didn't know.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - The good news is that the ending is a happy one, with new assignments coming in. The bad news is that you have to deal with a person who's at her wit's end. Be calming.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - While listening to a favorite friend, you convince yourself that dreams can be real. You may not know how to make them happen yet, but it starts with faith.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - There are a lot of good things in which to invest, but you're not interested in them at the moment. The only safe place for your savings is in something having to do with your home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - You're under quite a bit of stress, but it's not the uncomfortable kind. It's more apt to be a feel-good, getting-better sensation. Keep at it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - This time, a surprise concerning work and money should be a positive one. If you do more, the odds are good you'll make more - perhaps a bonus.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - You should be in a much better mood, although there are still annoyances. Even a financial shortfall is easily overcome. You're back in the groove!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - Confusion is rampant. Lots of people around you are disoriented, so don't rely on them too much. You'll find the information you have been seeking by looking it up in the books.

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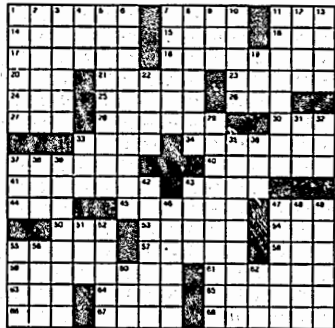
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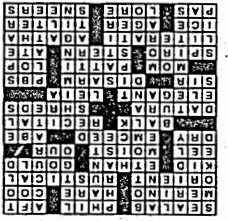
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 - 21 Vermont's Allen
 - 23 Scott or Jay
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 - 41 Exquisite
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 - 44 Tied Brit
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 - 48 "..."
 - 53 Singer Page
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 - 56 "New"
 - 57 Violinist Isaac
 - 58 Dined
 - 59 Well-read elite
 - 61 Christie of mystics
 - 63 Rink material
 - 64 Pigeon agent
 - 65 Spinning one
 - 66 Mas' men
 - 67 Traditional tales
 - 68 Dirty looks



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- DOWN**
- 1 Released fumes
 - 2 More than a little strange
 - 3 Dry
 - 4 Abandon the truth
 - 5 Jerry Siller's wife
 - 6 Aluvial acreage
 - 7 Meaningful sequence of words
 - 8 Poltergeist
 - 9 Taking gip
 - 10 Pleasae
 - 11 On the nose
 - 12 Stable newcomer
 - 13 Narrated
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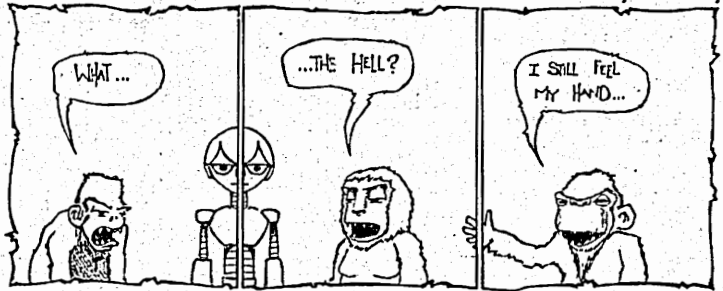
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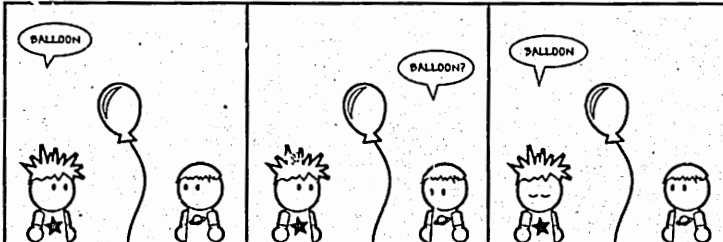
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Lucas'. It is time we at least get to second base with this project.

Wins for SIU women's basketball program

In this offseason, if the Saluki women's basketball team continues to just lose, Lori Cpp will be the victim of a business move. Layman's terms: she will be shown the door.

Opp, though, has been one of my favorite coaches I have had the enjoyment of working with, and I sincerely want to see her do well here. She is a tremendous person, and if anyone needs a break, it would be her and the women's team. They have been getting lumps of coal for three years.

But each season has been the same situation — a great outlook filled with hope — and everything except for Opp's dismissal has been tried.

Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk is not a rash person and has given Opp the necessary years to recruit and show signs of life. She will be given the whole season to right this sinking ship and probably will be given the "vote of confidence" midway through the season if she doesn't. For a coach, that means you have two weeks to clean out your desk and find a good realtor.

An Asian girlfriend

God has created nothing finer

than the Asian female. Ops, that is one of my Christmas wishes, not one for the Athletic Department. Please dismiss, I am hung over.

A juco big man

Darren Brooks is amazing. He is the most talented Saluki since Troy Hudson and has the same NBA potential. But despite his extreme capabilities, no 6-foot-3 guard should lead a team in rebounding, which is the case with DB leading all Salukis with a respectable 7.8 rebounds.

Sylvester Willis has no regard for his well-being in the inside and flies in for the boards, but the Salukis have the same recurring need every recruiting season — a big man that is actually considered big (taller than 6-foot-7).

Mart Painter has done a tremendous job thus far this season, and the Missouri Valley Conference is not saturated with big men; so the Salukis shouldn't wear down near the finish, which is a concern with a small lineup.

But with the addition of a capable inside banger, the Salukis will be unstoppable next season and could be better than the Sweet 16 squad of 2002.

People anymore want to say there is no such thing as Santa, though my father has seen him, but there is nothing wrong with wishing. Just like the wish I have of not experiencing a family Christmas where my older cousins lock me in a dog cage.

Oklahoma vs. LSU in the other title game

Mike Huguenin
The Orlando Sentinel

(KRT) — If nothing else, we're here to help. Thus, in the spirit of the holiday season, here is our ranking of this season's bowl games. Hey, we know time is tight at this time of the year, so feel free to use this as a guide as to whether you should be in front of the TV or out shopping or partaking of libations at a holiday party.

1. Rose Bowl: Jan. 1, USC (11-1) vs. Michigan (10-2), 4:30 p.m. (ABC). Officials at the "Granddaddy of them all" are ecstatic with the Big Ten/Pac-10 match-up. And there's nothing like the possibility of a split national title to liven up college football discussions for the next month.

2. Sugar Bowl: Jan. 4, Oklahoma (11-1) vs. LSU (12-1), 8 p.m. (ABC). The "other" national-title game which, uh, isn't supposed to happen.

3. Fort Worth Bowl: Dec. 23, TCU (11-1) vs. Boise State (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN). A sort of mid-major Super Bowl, with Boise out to make a statement by playing on TCU's home field.

4. Cotton Bowl: Jan. 2, Ole Miss (9-3) vs. Oklahoma State (9-3), 2 p.m. (Fox). Two good offensive teams, and the last chance to see Eli Manning in college. This is the only college game Fox shows all season, by the way.

5. Fiesta Bowl: Jan. 2, Kansas State (11-3) vs. Ohio State (10-2), 8 p.m. (ABC). K-State comes in smokin' hot, and Ohio State returns to the site of last season's title game.

6. Capital One Bowl: Jan. 1, Purdue (9-3) vs. Georgia (10-3), 1 p.m. (ABC). A nice match-up for Orlando's "big bowl," with two good defenses on view.

7. Holiday Bowl: Dec. 30, Washington State (9-3) vs. Texas (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN). Two weeks ago, both these teams thought they'd be in the BCS.

8. Liberty Bowl: Dec. 31, Utah (9-2) vs. Southern Miss (9-3), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN). This always is one of the better of the "lesser" bowls. Utah Coach Urban Meyer has done a great job in his first season.

9. GMAC Bowl: Dec. 18, Louisville

(9-3) vs. Miami of Ohio (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2). This likely will be the last chance to see RedHawks junior QB Ben Roethlisberger in a college game.

10. Sun Bowl: Dec. 31, Minnesota (9-3) vs. Oregon (8-4), 2 p.m. (CBS). There should be enough aplenty in this game. And we like offensive football.

11. Continental Tire Bowl: Dec. 27, Pittsburgh (8-4) vs. Virginia (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN2). Two good offenses vs. two bad defenses. And Pitt WR Larry Fitzgerald should be running free all day against the Cavs' secondary.

12. Outback Bowl: Jan. 1, Iowa (9-3) vs. Florida (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN). This is the 20th anniversary of the 1983 Gator Bowl, which the Gators won 14-6. Hopefully, this will have more offense.

13. Hawaii Bowl: Dec. 25, Houston (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN). After a tough day unwrapping gifts, putting together toys and drinking egg nog, unwind with this one, which should feature about 100 passes.

14. Houston Bowl: Dec. 30, Navy (8-4) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN). Navy runs on, like, every down. Texas Tech throws on, like, every down. And neither defense is that good. Hmmm — 49-45, anyone?

15. Peach Bowl: Jan. 2, Clemson (8-4) vs. Tennessee (10-2), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN). The Tigers are ecstatic to be going to Atlanta. The Vols? Well...

16. Independence Bowl: Dec. 31, Missouri (8-4) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN). These states share a border (a little geography lesson there). And, hey, we like to watch Mizzou QB Brad Smith.

17. Orange Bowl: Jan. 1, Florida State (10-2) vs. Miami (10-2), 8:30 p.m. (ABC). Don't these teams already play in October? And don't they open the season against each other in September? Hey, three games in 11 months is a bit much, even with this rivalry.

18. Insight Bowl: Dec. 26, California (7-6) vs. Virginia Tech (8-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN). Cal Coach Jeff Tedford has done a great job in his two seasons. Tech, meanwhile, comes in on a two-game losing streak and has

lost three of its past four and four of its past six.

19. Alamo Bowl: Dec. 29, Michigan State (8-4) vs. Nebraska (9-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN). The first game for the Huskers in the post-Frank Solich era.

20. Gator Bowl: Jan. 1, Maryland (9-3) vs. West Virginia (8-4), 12:30 p.m. (NBC). WVU comes in on a roll, but we don't like rematches. The Terps ripped the Mountaineers 34-7 on Sept. 20.

21. New Orleans Bowl: Dec. 16, North Texas (9-3) vs. Memphis (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN2). Memphis has a high-powered offense (but it will be without its leading receiver and leading rusher). North Texas has a good defense. Plus, it's the first bowl of the post-season, which gives it some added cachet.

22. Las Vegas Bowl: Dec. 24, New Mexico (8-4) vs. Oregon State (7-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN). Two good tailbacks will be on view, with New Mexico's Dontrell Moore and Oregon State's Steven Jackson. But come on — it's Christmas Eve.

23. Tangerine Bowl: Dec. 22, NC State (7-5) vs. Kansas (6-6), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN). Yes, these are mediocre teams. But each can put up some points, so it should be entertaining.

24. Music City Bowl: Dec. 31, Wisconsin (7-5) vs. Auburn (7-5), Noon (ESPN). Both teams want to run, and neither can throw it that well. Still, worth tuning in to get a look at Badgers TB Anthony Davis and Tigers TB Carnell "Cadillac" Williams.

25. Motor City Bowl: Dec. 26, Bowling Green (10-3) vs. Northwestern (6-6), 5 p.m. (ESPN). You want to spend the day after Christmas in Detroit?

26. Silicon Valley Classic: Dec. 30, Fresno St. (8-5) vs. UCLA (6-6), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN2). A "Classic"? Yan. But this is a chance for a WAC team to stick it to a Pac-10 team.

27. San Francisco Bowl: Dec. 31, Colorado State (7-5) vs. Boston College (7-5), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN2). Yeah, like we'll be watching this around midnight on New Year's Eve. And why in the world does this bowl have a tie-in with the Big East?

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first half.

SIU shot just 38 percent in the opening period, but Drake was especially pathetic, scoring just 18 points on 4-of-24 shooting while committing 15 turnovers. The Salukis were not able to capitalize and went into halftime up just 34-18.

"We didn't put the game out of reach in the first half and we should have and it about cost us," Painter said.

The Bulldogs came out in the second frame and got their offense going, outscoring SIU 48-41 in the half, but Brooks, who scored 14 of his 24 points in the period, would answer anytime Drake closed the gap.

A 12-2 run midway through the second half allowed Drake to narrow the score to 47-39, but Brooks was there to stop the bleeding.

He would score six of SIU's next seven points and stretch the lead back into double digits. The Bulldogs would

not be able to get within three possessions the rest of the way.

"My team needed me," Brooks said. "I'm willing to step up whenever they need me."

With the win, the Salukis improve to 5-0 for the first time since winning their first six games of the 1993-94 season.

SIU started out 4-0 each of the last two seasons but lost the fifth game both years.

This was expected to be an off-year for the Salukis after losing head coach Bruce Weber and two of the school's best players ever in Kent Williams and Jemaine Dearman.

But those left behind would have nothing to do with that and are sending a message to the rest of the MVC with their early season success.

"I think the rest of the teams are probably a little nervous right now," Brooks said.

"They see we're playing well and we got a head start on everybody else, so I think they might be a little intimidated."



SIU freshman guard Jamaal Tatum fights with a Drake player over a loose ball in the Salukis' 75-66 win over Drake Saturday. With the win, the Salukis improve to 5-0 for the first time since the 1993-94 season.

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»WOMENS BASKETBALL

Salukis get much-needed break from action

SIU off until Dec. 14 when it faces DePaul

Adam Soebbing

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The SIU women's basketball team's two-week break from games couldn't have come at a better time.

With recent injuries to post players Jodi Heiden and Bernetra Grayer, the Dawgs (0-5) need all the healing time they can get for their key bench players.

Luckily for the Salukis, they don't play again until Dec. 14 at DePaul.

Heiden was averaging 8.3 points and 4.3 rebounds before being injured prior to SIU's 88-71 loss Wednesday to Tennessee Tech.

The senior forward's status will become more clear when she is reevaluated in a couple of weeks, but for now Heiden is relegated to the sideline with a dislocated ankle.

Grayer, an athletic freshman forward from Gary, Ind., has to wear a boot for the next couple of weeks on her foot that was injured in the first half of the Tech game.

The potential loss of both Heiden and Grayer down low sends a blow to the Dawgs' interior presence, especially with the amount of foul trouble they keep finding themselves in.

"Jodi has a very dimensional game; she can shoot from the outside and play on the block, so

of course that's going to hurt us," senior forward Katie Berwanger said.

"Grayer has been playing a big part too. We just have to stay out of foul trouble now because we don't have a choice."

All season SIU has been plagued early and often with foul trouble, many of which are coming in the post.

Committing an average of 24.2 fouls per game compared to just 18 for their opponents, SIU head coach Lori Opp constantly has to turn to her bench.

On the post game radio show following the Tech game, a Golden Eagle player commented on how extremely physical the Salukis are down low.

This is an area the Dawgs take pride in; and since it is their strength, they likely won't soften up at all despite the foul troubles.

"I don't think we're playing dirty by any means; we're just playing hard basketball," Berwanger said.

"I think in the women's games, refs just tend to call things when you are a little more physical than in the guys' games."

Instead of taking it easy on their opponents, the Salukis need to clean up their play mentally to stay out of foul trouble; as many of their fouls have come on moving screens and other things that are preventable.

With two weeks to practice before hitting a stretch that includes games against DePaul, Southern Mississippi, Northwestern and Saint Louis before beginning con-

ference play Jan. 3 against Drake, the Salukis have plenty of time to right the ship.

"We've got some time off to have some hard practices without worrying about losing our legs for a game," Berwanger said, "and I think that's kind of what we need right now."

The Dawgs will also have the chance to continue to gel as a team. Opp doesn't think her squad has been playing together well, so the two weeks of practice should go a long way toward SIU continuing to improve.

A game at the SIU Arena is also a godsend for the Dawgs.

With their first six contests on the road, the Salukis will finally be at home when they face Southern Mississippi Dec. 16.

"I forgot what the arena looked like, we've been gone for so long," Berwanger said.

SCHEDULE

Women's basketball

Dec. 14
@ DePaul, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 16
vs. Southern Mississippi, 7:05 p.m.
Dec. 20
vs. Northwestern, 2:05 p.m.
Dec. 29
@ Saint Louis, 7 p.m.
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"What Does Age-Related Hearing
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yards. The Panthers entered the game averaging 425.1 yards and 31.9 points per game.

Northern's leading rusher, Terrance Freeny, was limited to 46 yards and quarterback Tom Petrie threw for just 52 yards and was intercepted twice after being picked off only five times the entire season.

The Panthers (10-3) scored their lone touchdown early in the second quarter as Petrie capped a 49-yard drive with a one-yard sweep.

Large piles of snow surrounded the field and the game was played in 30-degree temperatures with 26-mph wind gusts.

Delaware (13-1) will once again play Saturday when it plays host to Wofford in the semifinals.

No. 3 Wofford 34,

Western Kentucky 17

Wofford scored on its first three possessions and never led by more than double digits the rest of the way as it cruised to a quarterfinal win over the eighth-ranked Hilltoppers (9-4).

Justin Haddix was 15-of-35 passing for 195 yards, but he was intercepted three times and fumbled once.

Casey Rooney caught a career-high eight passes for 70 yards, while Earl Clayton added three receptions for 23 yards.

Freshman quarterback Jason Murrietta completed 22-of-43 passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns.

Lerron Moore had his lowest rushing total against a Division I-AA opponent this year as he tallied just 77 yards and a touchdown against the Terriers (12-1).

Wofford will travel to Delaware this weekend to take on the Blue Hens.

Florida Atlantic 48,

Northern Arizona 25

Florida Atlantic, which announced last week that it would be moving up to I-AA next season, extended its tenure in I-AA one more week as the Owls (11-2) won their second straight road playoff game.

Freshman quarterback Jason Murrietta completed 22-of-43 passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns.

He also threw two interceptions. The Lumberjacks scored all but three of their points in the fourth quarter.

FAU jumped out to a huge 41-3 lead after three quarters and forced Northern Arizona (9-4) to turn the ball over three times.

The Owls will be at home Saturday when they take on undefeated Colgate in the semifinal round.

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» MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brooks steals the show

SIU guard sets record in 75-66 win over Drake

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SIU guard Darren Brooks stole the show, both literally and figuratively.

The junior single-handedly led the Salukis (5-0, 1-0 Missouri Valley Conference) to a 75-66 win Saturday over conference foe Drake at the Knapp Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Brooks finished the night with 24 points, 10 rebounds, eight steals and four blocks. The only other SIU player in double-digit scoring was freshman guard Jamaal Tatum with 11.

"People got their money's worth," SIU head coach Matt Painter said on the postgame radio show. "[Brooks] was a one-man show out there."

The four blocks was a career high for Brooks, and he missed setting a new career high for points by just three and in rebounds by two.

His eight steals set an SIU record. The previous school record was six, held by Brooks and five other players.

"Coach told us to get in the passing lane," Brooks said on the postgame radio show. "They make dangerous passes at times, so I was just trying to be aggressive."

The Salukis needed such a game from Brooks as they had to hold off a second-half rally by Drake (2-3, 0-1 MVC) to get to the league opener for both teams.

"We had to come out and play hard, be aggressive and just get a head start on the rest of the teams in the conference," Brooks said.

Some of SIU's players came out too aggressive, with starters Stetson Hairston and Brad Korn both fouling out. They were not the only players in



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SIU head coach Matt Painter screams instructions at his team during Saturday's 75-66 road win over Missouri Valley Conference foe Drake. Junior Darren Brooks was a one-man wrecking crew, scoring 24 points, grabbing 10 rebounds, blocking four shots and setting a new SIU record with eight steals.

foul trouble as Brooks, Bryan Turner and Josh Warren all had three in the game.

Hairston was whistled twice in the first couple of minutes of the game and another at the start of the second half causing him to only be able to play 11 minutes. He was productive in his limited playing time, scoring five points, grabbing five rebounds, dishing out

two assists and nabbing two steals.

"We did a poor job of adjusting to the officials," Painter said. "They called it very close, and instead of our guys adjusting and not reaching and not being as physical, our guys just kept fouling them, kept kind of reaching, kept giving them an opportunity to call things."

Drake also had a hard time adjust-

ing to the officials as Nick Grant and Klayton Korver, the younger brother of former Creighton star Kyle Korver, both fouled out and another four players had at least three.

The 56 combined fouls made it hard for either team to get into a rhythm offensively, especially in the

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» COMMENTARY



Welcome to my world

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A Saluki Christmas wish list

The holidays are upon us. So are the fights with families over petty jealousies, especially in an Irish family where the argument is over who has the best tattoo or killed the biggest deer. That, my friends, takes years and years of therapy to correct.

So, in an effort to stabilize my family, my only personal Christmas wish is that there be more similarities between my family members and me other than our names being in the newspaper. But mine is in a byline; theirs is in the blotter.

As for all of us at SIU, we have much to be thankful for so far this sports season. Good football, thank God. Basketball appears not to have veered off, and Darren Brooks is making people forget about what's his name, Kent something. But there are still holes and needs in the Saluki athletic community. And here is all I really want from Santa for the SIU Athletic Department this Christmas:

Forward movement in McAndrew renovation

There has never been a greater time to apply pressure for the needed renovation, or complete elimination, of McAndrew Stadium. I've dated some ugly women before, and their imperfections can be considered character for a little while. But after a month or two, it is just too much to handle, and that character turns back into what it really is — ugly.

McAndrew has been standing for a long time and she is starting to get a lot of zits that no medication can tone down. It is time to dump her.

The place is skuzzy; the Athletic Department doesn't even show it to potential hires. The plans have been set for a few years, and they are on display at the Recreation Center. But they are starting to seem like some cracked-out plan like Star Wars — Reagan's, not

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» FOOTBALL

Gateway Conference knocked out of playoffs

The Gateway Football Conference lost its stranglehold on the I-AA playoffs as all 38 remaining teams fell on Saturday. Western Illinois, Northern Iowa and Western Kentucky all joined SIU as teams watching the rest of the playoffs at home.

No. 4 Colgate 28, Western Illinois 27

Jamaal Branch scored on a one-yard run with 1:50 remaining to give Colgate a 28-27 win over Western Illinois in the quarterfinal

round of the I-AA playoffs.

Russ Michna completed 20-of-38 passes for 290 yards and one touchdown, setting a new Western Illinois single-season passing record.

Colgate led 14-10 at the half and Western (9-4) came within one, 14-13, with Justin Langan's 28-yard field goal early in the third.

His 11th straight field goal set a Western Illinois record, breaking Langan's previous record of 10.

The game was played in Hamilton, N.Y., which was hit

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hard by a recent blizzard, covering the ground in a blanket of snow.


The Raiders (14-0) will next face Florida Atlantic Saturday in the semifinals.

No. 2 Delaware 37, Northern Iowa 7

After dismantling SIU last week 48-7, Delaware topped its second consecutive Gateway Conference foe as the Blue Hens dominated Northern Iowa Saturday at Tubby Raymond Field in Newark, Del.

Germaine Bennett and Antawn Jenkins combined for 217 yards rushing and four touchdowns, and the Blue Hen defense held Northern Iowa to just 164 total

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