Students tackle disaster training

First responders receive interactive final exam

Allison Petty
Daily Egyptian

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Farmers experience a huge amount of job hazards, including dangerous machinery, toxic chemicals and animal safety issues. Many young first responders do not have experience with these agricultural dangers, Wilken said, and could benefit from further training.

Carlton, Georgia Brown, of Murphysboro, said they volunteered to participate because they are Wilken’s neighbors.

Aside from the novelty of ambulance rides and helicopter trips, the Browns celebrated another important occasion Thursday.

“Fifteen years ago today was our first date,” Georgia Brown said.

Georgia Brown, with blackened teeth and a bloody nose to portray her fall from atop a grain bin, gazed at her husband’s proudest title and ampu-
tated hand. Carlton Brown’s simulated injury left him caught in a combine and he had to be airlifted from the scene.

Wilken said she would review video footage of the disaster over the weekend, but said the students performed well overall.

“Unfortunately, there were a few things, but that’s why we do these drills. We want them to make any mistakes with us, rather than later out in the field.”

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Moving day at Morris

Brandy Oxford
Daily Egyptian

Morris Library staff’s furniture is finally being moved in after much delay.

The first of 13 trucks full of shelving arrived Monday and David Carlson, dean of library affairs, said reclaiming the fifth floor would be about 80 percent done Thursday.

The first shipment of office systems furniture was accepted Tuesday, and most of it has been set up in the fifth floor’s offices and group study rooms.

“They have made stunning progres-
sed Carlson. “They’ve really just zipped along.”

The third, fourth and fifth floors, which were slated to be open to students at the beginning of spring semester, are behind schedule by about two months, Carlson said.

The $48 million renovation proj-
ect, which began in January 2006, received widespread delays because of the building’s system failure, said David Carlson, who oversees the project.

“It is currently being heated by a combination of the old HVAC system, electric blowers and a propane-based system. Carlson said the fourth floor should be officially accepted soon, but the third floor is a much larger floor and not nearly as far along.

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Governor, lawmakers support recall bill

Barton Lorimer
Daily Egyptian

Gov. Rod Blagojevich and state legislators finally agreed on a proposed piece of legislation.

Due to recent controversies in the governor’s office, a bill intro-

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has said he supported a measure that would recall elected officials even though Franks said the governor is his reason for proposing the bill.

If approved as Franks hopes, recall elections could begin in April 2009. The deadline for lawmakers to approve the bill is May 4.

Rebecca Rausch, a spokeswoman for the governor’s Press Office in Springfield, said the governor supports the measure even though Franks and Blagojevich have both quarreled in the past.

“My hope is that they would be able to use the system to heat the upper floors of the building as soon as next week.

Unfortunately, here on the first floor, we won’t see much benefit from it because the duct work hasn’t been installed yet,” he said. “We’re in the process, so once we get moved they’ll be able to install that.”

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Governor calls health care lawsuit ‘Scrooge-like’

GAY. FAY. (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich said it is “Scrooge-like” for a wealthy lobbyist to try to stop the expansion of a government health care program by claiming it is unconstitutional.

“A business group led by Republican Ron Ghezette sued state officials earlier this week to stop Blagojevich from expanding the Family Care insurance program without legislative approval.

"I find it almost Dickens-like that the heir to a shampoo fortune would go on the extra length and go into court to try to take away health care,” Blagojevich said Thursday.

Ghezette’s father founded the Helene Curtis cosmetics company, the maker of some popular brands of shampoo.

“This is not about health care, this is about the governor upholding the laws of the state of Illinois, his sworn duty,” Ghezette, who was an unsuccessful GOP candidate for governor.

Blagojevich commented on the lawsuit by Ghezette’s group during a news conference at an Oak Park medical clinic to tout another program he recently approved, one for breast and cervical cancer screenings.

Women enrolled in that program and in Family Care will have access to health care if they fail a preliminary test.

The Democratic governor is moving ahead with plans to add about 147,000 parents and caretakers to Family Care by expanding income eligibility. It’s another step in Blagojevich’s promised effort to expand health care because lawmakers didn’t support his plan to pay the huge cost of ensuring everyone in Illinois has access to affordable insurance.

Family Care participants pay premiums based on their income.

A bipartisan legislative committee last month rejected the administration’s proposal to expand the program, expected to cost $43 million for this fiscal year.

The Blagojevich administration contends the lawsuit doesn’t have the constitutional authority to do that. The governor said Thursday he has the authority to expand eligibility for such health programs.

The administration wants to expand income eligibility to almost $83,000 from $38,000 for a family of four.

The lawsuit is the Blagojevich administration’s second in recent months to dispute the governor’s authority to do that.

A federal judge last month refused to block the governor from using $288 million in federal money to pay for the expansion and halt any money to the county.

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“Take great pride in the fact that I urge the Legislature to provide health care to women like those at Thursday’s event, he said.

Report: Off-duty Chicago officers who shoot civilians rarely punished

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Police Department officers are often in trouble and engaged in non-police related activity about a quarter of the time they are involved in a shooting of a civilian, according to a new report.

Off-duty officers were involved in 11 of 45 shootings of civilians in 2006, the most recent year for which numbers are available, and 16 of 80 shootings in 2005, according to a Chicago Tribune review of numbers provided by the department and its Office of Professional Standards, or OPS, which investigates police misconduct complaints.

The review also found the off-duty officers rarely face serious punishment, even when their conduct before and after a shooting is questionable.

Amid the newspaper’s report, published Thursday, the Cook County state’s attorney’s office opened an investigation of the 2000 shooting death of a 17-year-old boy by an off-duty officer because evidence, including the autopsy, appeared to contradict his version of events.

Office Phyllis Clinkscale shot Robert Washington to death early one Sunday morning in June 2000 after finding him trying to steal her car. Clinkscale told investigators she shot him after he pointed a gun at her and refused to drop it when she ordered him to.

Within hours, Chicago police commanders and investigators ruled the shooting justified, even before Washington’s autopsy was done. Clinkscale said she was standing outside the driver’s side of her Cadillac and Washington was in the driver’s seat when fired, but his autopsy reports the bullets hit him on the back side of the head — two shots of the bullet wounds showed the gun was reversed to his skin when fired.

“We saw the results of the autopsy. That pierced our interest,” said John Geraci, Washington’s state’s attorney office. “We’re going to look at all aspects of it. What was said, what the evidence was, what our decision was, why our decision was made”

Clinkscale declined to comment when reached by The Associated Press Thursday.

Within a year of the shooting, OPS investigators wrote in a memo, obtained by the Tribune, that Clinkscale’s account was at odds with the evidence. The office later found the off-duty officer’s account was not supported and approved sending "Clinkscale’s case up to the decision point.

The recommendation was revised to a 30-day suspension.

Around the same time a series of commands reviewed the case and filed memos suggesting Clinkscale’s inconsistent account of the shooting was an inevitable product of a traumatic incident.

Nearly a year later, OPS findings were revised to say the conclusion that the shootings weren’t justified should not be sustained.

Public records do not show whether Clinkscale ever was disciplined.

Mayor Richard M. Daley is in line to take direct command of OPS, which has rankled public confidence in a department that has been dogged by a series of embarrassing abuse allegations.

It was also renewed the Independent Police Review Authority.

POLICE REPORTS

There are no new items to report.
Salukis learn about Auschwitz

Professor shares experience of visiting camps

Christian Holt

John Burde has stood in the gas chamber of Auschwitz. A professor emeritus of forestry, Burde was not a victim of the Holocaust.

He did, however, decide to visit the concentration camp to further explore his Polish roots.

For an hour Thursday, Burde spoke in room 209 of the Agriculture Building to almost 80 students and Carbondale residents about his trip. He used a slideshow presentation with his own photos of the concentration camp with a lecture to tell the people in attendance about his experience.

Burde spoke of the setting of World War II, the cause of the war and the many kinds of interpretations used to show the horror of its past.

Although Burde officially retired from SIUC in 2006, some of his past students said they were at the lecture because of his ability to intrigue his audience.

“He is the most intelligent man I’ve ever met,” said Jolene Wright, a senior from Sullivan studying forestry, who said she attended the event because she had Burde as a professor.

The Saluki Heritage Interpreters sponsored the event. Burde said he wanted to lecture about his trip to Auschwitz because these students will be running places such as the Auschwitz Museum in the future.

Burde said before he retired, he was the club’s faculty adviser for 32 years. He said he thought nobody had spoken about something outside of North America.

“I just thought it would be an opportunity to hear how people in other parts of the world are trying to do similar sorts of things as we do here in the United States,” Burde said. “For example Auschwitz is a national park, and there are really good tours of Auschwitz.

Burde encouraged the attendees to think about how they would make something like the happenings at Auschwitz and Auschwitz known to other people.

Other students who attended the seminar said they could not pass up an opportunity to hear Burde speak.

“Anything he touches is awesome,” said Tim Ramos, a senior from East Moline studying forestry. “He’s definitely worth listening to.”

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Washed up

Crab Orchard

Water customers receive final bill from district

Barton Lorimor

Residents of Carbondale’s east side will have one less bill to worry about, but that does not mean they will be paying any more or less.

Customers of the Crab Orchard Water District will be paying the City of Carbondale for water and sewer services on one bill, said Revenue Officer Chuck Vought.

Previously, customers paid the city for sewer services and the district for water. A measure unanimously approved by the Carbondale City Council on Nov. 6 will transfer assets to the city and may lead to the district’s dissolution.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said representatives from the district approached his office in August with infrastructure concerns that their customers may face a 263 percent rate increase.

“It’s complicated, but it means lower rates and improves infrastructure,” said Mayor Brad Cole at a City Council meeting.

If the Council had not approved the measure, customers receiving water from the district would have seen a surcharge of $8 per month for 20 years in order to finance mandatory infrastructure repairs. Instead, district customers will pay an extra $1.87 for 10 years as infrastructure repairs are made.

Since district customers have been paying an extra $1.87, rates will not change as a result of the city’s takeover.

Vought said the city’s water customers — including those to be added after the district takeover — would still be applicable for periodic rate increases. All customers would receive the same increase.

Crab Orchard Water District, located on the east side of town, has been purchasing water from Carbondale and pumping it to customers. Vought said customers have been paying $1.87 more than those serviced by the city for business reasons.

As assets transfer to Carbondale, voters will have the option of dissolving the water district during the Feb. 5 election.

Vought said he could not think of any reason for the district to remain intact, and that voters would benefit from voting in favor of the dissolution. If the dissolution is approved, infrastructure repairs, like the installation of large pipes to improve water pressure, could begin as soon as May 1.

Michael Twomey, attorney for Crab Orchard Water District, did not return phone calls and Tamie Gartner, the district’s Business Manager, could not be reached for comment.

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Paris: A package bearing homemade bombs blew up Thursday in a lawyer's office on the 13th floor of a building occupied by two top terror suspects in 2002, a senior law enforcement official said. The explosion killed one person and injured six, according to an official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A news agency delivered the package, a wooden box that turned out to contain two homemade explosive devices, Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said.

The official said the package had been addressed to a lawyer, Lori Drew, who participated in a hoax in which a 13-year-old pregnant girl named Megan, who was posing as Josh, said she had been rescued from a girl named Ashley. When interviewed, Ashley said she was being treated for shock, the prosecutor said. Christian Charriere-Bouchaert, president of the Paris bar association, said the explosion "had nothing to do with the law firm that Sarkozy opened with two other lawyers in 1997, because it is not on the same floor as the one targeted. Sarkozy's practice bore his name until his election in May, but is now called Arnault Claude and Associates."

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The office secretary opened the package and both explosives went off, killing her and seriously injuring six people. The office secretary opened the package and both explosives went off, killing her and seriously injuring six people. The building also housed an anti-terrorism body.

"It's like they used to do in the 1700s and 1800s. If you wounded a community, you were basically shunned. That's basically what happened to her."

Megan became friends with the "Drews" young daughter and the girls remained close for years, according to an official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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"Four and five are part of the tower, so they're smaller in terms of square footage," Carlson said. "There is the top floor of the bigger floors and it includes some of the new space, so there was a lot more work to be done there. We'll be doing a lot of other work before we move along to three."

Off the library's seven floors, the basement and first floor are the only ones accessible to students. The third floor is the furthest from the tower, so they're smaller in terms of new space, so there was a lot more quite a bit of work to have it done on schedule.

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The general assembly would approve the bill in time for the people who may believe they are stuck with a bad choice. A similar bill exists in the Senate as well, said State Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Oakville, who is a co-sponsor of the measure. Luechtefeld said neither of the bills is likely to pass due to the February 2nd primary deadline, with other Church of Scientology is a real, close relationship with Blagojevich. A spokeswoman from Jones' office said he does not release statements about legislation not in the Senate. Barton Loomer can be reached at 336-3311 ext. 274 or Barton.Loomer@nu.edu.

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Two of six televangelists provide documents in inquiry; senator confident

Eric Gorski
The Associated Press

Only two of six Christian ministers under scrutiny for allegations of opulent spending turned over documents to a Senate panel by a Tuesday deadline, with other two fateful moments. Grassley's office said a meeting with Hussein's attorney is set for Friday. Grassley's office said law- eners for preachers Paula and Randy White of Tampa made initial contact with the senator's office Thursday and gave no indication of a further response. "We've had more concern from people meeting the deadline, so I've made very clear that if they're coop- erating, we'll be flexible, because we want information," Grassley said. "I want and expect full cooperation." In his previous investigations of nonprofits, Grassley sought and received financial records from groups including the Nature Conservancy, the United Way and the Smithsonian Institution. During his tenure on the committee, Grassley said subpoenas were necessary only twice — in the Enron scandal and Jack Abramoff influence-peddling investigations. But, unlike secular nonprofits, the IRS does not require charities to make their finances public. "We've never had any problems, and I expect that in the end we won't have to work hard to get all these folks to cooperate, and I'll be very disappointed if I did," Grassley said. Attorneys for some of the min- isters have said that proving the groups' inner workings amounts to unconstitutionsl governmental meddling in religion. Grassley has emphasized that he is not inves- tigating doctrine but making sure organizations enjoying the benefits of tax-exempt status are playing by the rules. Grassley dismissed the equl- ity lobby argument. "Forget it," he said. "They don't have a leg to stand on.

Grassley said that if he had to seek subpoenas, he expects Democrats on the panel to cooperate with him. But Grassley emphasized he didn't think that was necessary at this point.

Nasa cancels shuttle launch

Martin Merzer
McClatchy Tribune

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Perplexed by a recurring plague of failed fuel sensors, NASA scrubbed Thursday's launch of shuttle Atlantis and delayed anoth- er attempt until at least Saturday.

"We have done everything we can to maintain the possibility to fly as early as Saturday and we'll just keep moving forward from here," said LeRoy Cain, a senior mission manager for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

But that may be difficult. A full day of troubleshooting and meet- ings left engineers uncertain about how to proceed.

"We need some more time," Cain said.

The problem primarily involved hydrogen fuel sensors in the shuttl- e's huge external tank, components that have been troublesome in the past — causing a 13-day delay in a 2005 flight by Discovery.

This time, as the tank attached to Atlantis was being filled Thursday morning, two of the four "engine-cutoff" sensors failed.

The extremely important sen- sors ensure that the shuttle's main engines don't shut down too soon or too late during liftoff.

The space agency's rules require that at least three of the four work properly — but mis- sion managers late Thursday were considering a partial waiver of that requirement so they could try again Saturday.

Further complicating matters, as the tank was being emptied Friday morning, technicians discovered a possible problem with another fuel sensor.

If Atlantis is cleared for flight Saturday, it will blast off at around 3:43 p.m. If the shuttle is not launched by Dec. 13, NASA must wait until the first week in January.

The scrub came as thousands of holiday-season vacationers headed to the area from Orlando and elsewhere.

"It's really unfortunate," said Alland Bezd, a NASA spokes- man. "We have great weather and it would have been a great day for a launch."
Some anti-Greek sentiments

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What is a GDI? At first I thought someone was trying to say GI Joe, but in fact it is a common phrase used by Greeks nationwide.

For those who have never heard the phrase, it stands for God-damned ignorant (at least the PG version). The first time I heard of GDI was at a national Greek conference. Although I’d been around for some time, I still wonder why people use it to begin with.

For a few decades now, students who aren’t Greek have had a negative image of those who are. A lot of students have common perceptions of how Greeks are portrayed in movies and the media. And while many of us in the Greek community know this is untrue, using phrases like GDI really doesn’t help our case.

While I’m sure a lot of Greeks don’t see any harm in the phrase, I feel it’s an unnecessary way to talk about people. Going Greek isn’t for everyone. That shouldn’t make them a “GDI,” which can seemingly turn them into a derogatory or substandard person.

Many of us have friends outside of the Greek community. Some of us even live non-Greeks. So why would we classify or segregate people who are our friends by the Greek community? Some of us even live by the Greek community. Why would someone want to go Greek if he feels like he is judged or discriminated against as a normal student?

Of course, GDI is the only Greek terms I learned at the conference. Among some of the funnier ones were “sororite” and “transman.” Both of them are combinations of words that refer to sorority women in a belittling context. And while I’ll leave their word origin to your imagination, this is a prime example of how Greeks can shoot themselves in the foot.

Although I haven’t heard these terms used at SIU, they’re in the word banks of Greeks all over America. If fraternities and sororities can’t respect each other there is little reason to hope that people outside the Greek community will.

It astonishes me how much Greeks and regular students hate each other at some campuses. While persuing the urban dictionary for the definition of GDI, the 20 some-odd definitions were littered with Greek student versus non-affiliated student content that makes South Park look TV-14.

We at SIU are in a unique position to build new bridges with the student body as we phase out of Greek Row and into the offices of off-campus housing. Let’s not waste it. Other systems at other schools are fighting an uphill battle with students in the public relations field—we can get a fresh start.

As the Greek community continues to grow, I challenge everyone to remember what it was like to be a “GDI.” While some of us know we were going Greek from the beginning, I would say a fair amount of us who came into college with the same anti-Greek sentiments many students express today.

Sophie is a junior studying radio, television and journalism.

Surprised and disappointed

Dear Editor:

I do not know if I was the only one shocked by this news, but I certainly was surprised to learn that the student health insurance we pay into covers surgical abortions. Although I admit I am not a woman and every situation is different, I was disappointed to learn this and I will explain why.

The decision to engage in sexual intercourse is an adult decision. As such, anyone who engages in consensual sex must be prepared to take some adult responsibility for that decision. I believe this would include taking financial responsibility for reproductive decisions that must be made that experience.

Anthony Hamelin
serves as a technical resource manager.

Words Overheard

“Just like hitting people. Everybody that’s on special teams likes to hit people.”

Kyle Walker
Junior
on his abilities serving the special teams on the SIU football team.

READER QUESTION

Dear Daily Egyptian:

Can you please explain why the Greek community is still being judged by the name GDI?

Sincerely,

[Name]

Letter to the Editor

Insurance coverage for abortion

Dear Editor:

I have always considered myself “pro-choice” when it comes to the debate about the right of privacy, which is after all, what Roe v. Wade was all about. A woman would have the right to choose what she will or will not do with regards to her body. But, when the Supreme Court decided Roe v. Wade, it did not legalize abortion nor did it rule in ending abortion. It simply decriminalized it in the remaining 38 states that decriminalized abortion prior to the Court’s decision. Twelve states had already decriminalized abortion prior to Roe v. Wade.

While I am pro-choice, and for decriminalizing abortion, I am personally not an advocate for abortion. It should not be paid for by the taxpayer, but simply be decriminalized. The university’s decision to pay 80 percent insurance coverage for abortions is outrageous. This funds, in essence, compulsory and quantitative support for abortion with taxpayer money. If a woman wants to abort her fetus, she should be allowed that right, but not on my dime.

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serves as a technical resource manager.

Old School: Learning personal responsibility

College is a journey of personal growth. While you are learning the skills needed to pursue your career, there is another skill your parents and society hope you will take away. That is personal responsibility. The knowledge that you are responsible for the outcome of your life. We expect you to learn from your mistakes. The true sign of maturity is the ability to admit you were wrong and learn from that experience.

Every semester, some hapless student writes a letter to the editor, bemoaning the fact he received a parking ticket or had his car towed. He then proceeds to describe the “horrible” parking conditions at SIU.

These letters all start the same: I knew I was parking illegally, but I did not think I would get caught.

Recently, a young man reported he parked in a visitor spot. He expected to have a ticket when he returned, and he was dismayed that the ticket was not the $5 one he expected but a $75 ticket. The reason the university changes the price is the $5 ticket is not a deterrent to parking illegally. He then went on to say that if he had no sticker on his car, the parking personnel would have assumed he was a visitor to SIU and would not have ticketed him. This is simply not true. They can check your plates against the student rolls and determine your parking status.

The ironic part of this whole story happened down the hill from the engineering lot — lot 56. This parking lot is always empty and the university gives you a yellow sticker for free to park there. That’s right, you will again, free parking at SIU. And yet, this lot remains empty.

What makes this story even better, is the fact that now lot 18 is a free yellow lot. Lot 18 is the round parking lot right outside the Arena front door. In the past, the Arena lot has been a red lot and it was always full. The only reason for the university to make it a free lot is because students are not parking there.

Before you say, “that’s too far to walk,” I know it takes the average, overweight, middle-aged smoking guy about 10 minutes to walk from the student center to the Annex.

So, it is not too far to walk. You might just take classes after dark, and do not want to walk in that part of campus. Good point, but the fact is: The parking rules change after 4 p.m. After 4 p.m., anyone can park anywhere on campus as long as you stay out of loading zones and handicapped spaces.

At this point, I am a great hit at the parking division. They would be slapping my back and telling me what a great guy I am, how no one ever stands up for them and if students would just follow the rules — yes, if students would just follow the rules, we could eliminate the entire parking division and replace it with one worker who handed out parking stickers and answered the phone.

In a spray of coffee and doughnuts, the parking division rises as one, and I find myself in a corner. As they ask me, how could I not mention all the other good things that parking tickets pay for?

When a light bulb burns out in a parking lot, it is students parking illegally who pay for the replacement. The street sweeper, the snow plows, repairs to pavement, not to mention all the hard-working employees, including students, good, honest people trying to get by.

Opening a fresh box of jelly doughnuts, I am able to calm them by asking the simple question: When was the last time you saw students following the rules?

And if you see my car on campus, just remember, I’m on your side.

Hall is a 2000 SIU alum.
Q. Do you agree or disagree that abortions should be covered by the university’s health insurance?

Audra Fuhr
freshman studying music education

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Abigail Young
junior studying computer science

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Aaron Webb
sophomore studying electrical engineering

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Gary Showalter
junior studying music education

“...Well, I don’t particularly agree with the abortion part of it because you never know what baby that’s going to be if you let it live. That baby ... If you don’t kill that baby, it could become a scientist and come up with a cure for cancer. I would definitely believe in it for them for abortion, but if they have to use it for them because they actually needed it, then I’d go for it.”

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Art show benefits Bengali children

Kids for Kids’ Sake display, silent auction ends Saturday

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Walking into Longbranch Coffeehouse, one is immediately bombarded with an array of color.

It jumps from the walls — brilliant shades of reds, yellows and blues leaping from simple black frames. The entire coffee shop is filled with these vibrant paintings; the vast number of colors and shapes are nearly overwhelming.

The paintings are all part of Kids For Kids’ Sake, an art show that raises money for schools and orphanages in Bangladesh.

The paintings have been on display at Longbranch in conjunction with a silent auction since Nov. 13. The closing reception is Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. with the silent auction closing at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to the For Kids’ Sake fundraising project.

Approximately 220 pieces of art cover the walls of Longbranch, said Shema Jamaluddin, the coordinator of the event.

The artists are children ages 4 to 18 from both the United States and Bangladesh.

“Kids have stuff to say; kids have expressions, and kids can make artwork that’s valuable,” Jamaluddin said.

Children from the Happy Times International School in Dhaka, Bangladesh, created the paintings and drawings in the front room of Longbranch and local children in area schools did the art in the back room, Jamaluddin said.

She said 13 area schools and after-school programs contributed pieces to the auction.

All of the artwork is up for auction; some of the pieces already have bids for more than $100.

“It takes approximately 70 cents to support an orphan for a day,” Jamaluddin said.

“So (the kids) understand that if their piece sells for $20, that’s like supporting a kid for a month,” she said.

In addition to the children’s artwork, professional artists have also donated pieces to the auction, and more than 50 businesses have donated more than $1,000 worth of items.

But it is not only the Bengali children who benefit from Kids For Kids’ Sake — the local children who donated their artwork and the community benefit as well.

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— Shema Jamaluddin
Kids for Kids’ Sake coordinator

Graduate student Claire Berjar studies at Longbranch Coffeehouse under the artwork on display as part of the Kids for Kids’ Sake annual fundraiser. A silent auction closing reception benefiting orphanages and schools in Bangladesh will be held Saturday from 4-6 p.m.

Pulse Picks from the Pulse team

Here are some suggestions for what to do during the dreaded weekend before finals:

Alicia Wade
1. Remember, all work and no play make you a boring college student. That being said, maybe it’s time to forget that mantra and cram for those exams.
2. Rules and regulations are up some of SIUC’s opportunities for relaxation, whether it’s a massage or a yummy snack.

Jakina Hill
1. After your first full night of sleep in weeks, begin studying incessantly for the classes you blew to complete projects.
2. Ease a little stress by making it a movie night with a bunch of friends and hot chocolate.

Audra Ord
1. Pack the Mac! Cheer on the Dawgs at the football game Saturday and represent SIU on ESPN.
2. Do some good for mankind! Saturday evening by bidding on some pieces at the Kids for Kids’ Sake art show at Longbranch.

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SIU will have a chance to redeem itself at home 7:05 p.m. Saturday when it hosts Central Arkansas. The last Saluki home game was also their last win, which came against the Christian Brothers in a 71-55 game.

The Sugar Bears enter the contest with a 2-5 record, but have been moving in the opposite direction of SIU as they have won two consecutive games.

The game should feature a match-up of standout freshmen guards.

SIU freshman guard Ellen Young has been the top scorer for the Salukis the past three games and tallied a career-high 26 points in the Austin Play game. Young is averaging a career-high 14.3 points per game with four rebounds per contest while shooting 14-for-28 from behind the arc.

Kia Lee, the Sugar Bear freshman guard who has led the team early on, is averaging a team-high 11.2 points per game, including a 44 percent mark from the three point range. Lee has also tallied 11.5 rebounds per game.

Both players have done most of their damage coming off the bench. The Salukis have struggled to stop the post play of teams this season, but Eikenberg said she has seen improvement from some of her bigs in practice.

Freshman Katrina Swingler is the player Eikenberg may start to look in, as she said she has worked hard in practice and continues to improve.

“Swingler has played hard in practice and wants to be accountable for her role,” Eikenberg said. “From that she is going to get the nod and there is nowhere to go but up with her learning curve.”

Central Arkansas features a similar offensive scheme as the Salukis — both teams sport seven guards and use speed to score. The penetration and kick-out style offense should be featured on both sides of the floor.

Eikenberg said she expects a scrappy, hard fought game and the Salukis will have to play with intensity to come away with a victory.

“We’re close to having two good practices in a row but I wouldn’t say complete,” Eikenberg said. “We still have one or two people that are kind of holding us back, but I think for the most part we are moving in the right direction.”

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Saluki Insider

Which team will pull off the improbable upset during the weekend?

SEAN MCGAHAH
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Saluki Insider's Scoop

"The Jets over the Browns. Cleveland's defense hasn't been too tough on any one, so I see Kellen Clemens having a good game. Plus the Browns will be on the road, where they are 1-4 this season. It's all stacked against Cleveland in this one, but its easy schedule will keep it in a playoff spot."

Megan Kramer
mkramerper@suede.com

Guest Comments: Matt Shaw

"Rams over (the Blue Hens) just tough on any team with 94 tackles, and is tied for its second national championship since 1983. SIU earned a No. 4 seed, and has beaten Eastern Illinois and Massachusetts thus far in the playoffs."

STAT OF THE DAY

SALUKI FOOTBALL

The last time the SIU football team faced Delaware, the Salukis fell 47-6 in the first round of the 2003 playoff being hosted by the Blue Hens. SIU plays Delaware in the semifinals on Saturday. The Salukis last played the Blue Hens in 1983, when they defeated Nevada-Reno 23-7 on the way to a national championship.

No. 4 seed Southern Illinois Salukis (12-1) vs. Delaware Blue Hens (10-3)

When: Saturday, December 8
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When: Saturday, December 8
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Where: Mackey Stadium

The word on the Blue Hens…

Delaware is searching for its second national title since 2003, and feeds itself in the semifinals one season removed from a 5-4 showing. Senior offensive back Joe Flacco drives the offense, and Kill said Flacco will be a key in the next NFL Draft. Flacco threw for 312 yards and two touchdowns in the semifinals, when Delaware upset No. 1 seed Northern Iowa.

Position-by-position breakdown

POSITION: Running back

Freshman Richard White totes the ball a season high 15 times for 62 yards and a touchdown against Massachusetts, while senior John Kiddle carried 16 times for 86 yards. Junior Larry Warner also rushed twice, but all of his 64 yards came on a touchdown run in the third quarter.

POSITION: Quarterback

Senior Omar Cook has been a dual threat for Delaware, with 46 receptions for 446 yards and four touchdowns. On the ground, he has rushed for 1,750 yards and a Football Championship Subdivision-best 34 touchdowns.

ADVANTAGE: UD

POSITION: Linebackers

Chancellor Mason, who wasn’t a starter to begin the season, leads the Salukis with 113 tackles and ranks second with 10 tackles for loss. Senior Trevor More ranks second on the team with 94 tackles, and is tied for the team lead with four interceptions — two of which came in the playoff. Brandon Jordan, despite battling a toe injury this season, has 91 tackles and two forced fumbles.

The Blue Hens’ linebacking corps is led by Erik Johnson, who leads Delaware with 100 tackles and returned a fumble for a touchdown against Northern Iowa. After him, Walter Blair has recorded 74 tackles, and is tied for its second national championship since 1983. SIU earned a No. 4 seed, and has beaten Eastern Illinois and Massachusetts thus far in the playoffs.

POSITION: Receiver

Junior Larry Warner has 64 receptions for 1,750 yards and 34 touchdowns, and averaged 26.5 yards per catch. Junior Receivers Deiondre Harris and Richard Dixon have combined for 21 receptions, 400 yards, and five touchdowns.

ADVANTAGE: SIU

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**FOOTBALL**

**SIU two wins away from title**

**Salukis face Delaware in semifinals**

Scott Mieszala

It has all come together for the SIU football team this season. The Salukis (12-1) are playing Delaware at 3 p.m. at McAndrew Stadium in the semifinals of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Saturday because they’re all bought in and take pride in their roles; big or small, SIU quarterback Nick Hill said.

“You look at all the successful teams that win championships, they have those type of players that don’t get a lot of recognition but are a huge part in the locker room,” Hill said. “They might not ever play, but they’re big in the locker room and they come up big on the field.”

One of those players is sophomore tight end Byron Gettis, and his only touchdown and two of his eight receptions this season came in SIU’s 34-27- quarterfinal win over Massachusetts.

SIU senior running back John Randle said every Saluki is unsellish, and Hill does a good job of spreading the ball around to get everyone involved.

“Killed said he expects Delaware (10-3) to stack the box at the start and make Hill throw the ball. If the passing game is successful, SIU will run the ball.

Randle, who has rushed for 945 yards and 10 touchdowns this season, said the Salukis have added things to their game plan that other teams have had success with while running on Delaware.

“The Blue Hens allow 162.7 rushing yards per game, eighth in the Colonial Athletic Association, though Randle said he isn’t sure why Delaware allows opponents so many yards on the ground. They come down with wins, and that’s the main thing for them. That’s what was scary about them,” Randle said. “People get yards rushing on them, but they don’t put it in the end zone.”

Hill said the Salukis’ goal is to get touchdowns when they get into the red zone, and keep their defense off the field.

The Blue Hens average a conference-best 38.6 points per game and 467.2 yards per game, led by senior quarterback Joe Flacco, who Kill said will be a first-day pick in the spring’s NFL Draft.

Flacco has thrown for 3,686 yards and 20 touchdowns this season, while Delaware senior running back Omar Cuff has rushed for 1,799 rushing yards and 34 touchdowns.

SIU senior safety Clayton Johnson said the key for the Salukis will be the defensive line getting pressure on Flacco.

If not, he can beat SIU’s coverages, he said.

Johnson, who leads the Salukis with four interceptions, said there’s added competition with a quarter- back like Flacco dropping back to pass.

“If you step up and play your game and play your coverage, and you can pick off his balls, that means you can do anything against anybody,” Johnson said.

SIU sophomore linebacker Chauncy Mason will be playing with a cast on his hand, after he broke it on the kickoff to begin the second half against Massachusetts.

He said the only difference will be having to make more secure tackles, and he hasn’t had problems catching balls with the cast on.

Senior defensive end Devon Reese is another player banged up, Hill said, but he was back at practice the first day even though Hill thought he might not practice this week. Hill said Reese didn’t complain.

Kill said this SIU team has been fun to coach.

“I think when you get a group together and everybody’s going towards one direction, it’s a special thing, and I’m very privileged to be a part of that at this point in time,” Kill said.


**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Coach stresses simplicity**

Search for win after fourth straight loss

Jeff Engelhardt

Keep it simple.

Such was the motto written on the SIU women’s basketball board by coach Dana Eikenberg during practice a week after falling to a 1-5 record.

Eikenberg said she is trying to emphasize the fundamentals to the women’s basketball team after the team’s fourth consecutive loss.

The 75-72 loss to Austin Peay Nov. 28 came after the Salukis boasted a 13-point lead. Eikenberg bashed the loss as another example of the lack of leadership that has plagued the team all season.

“The Austin Peay loss still burns with me and it is going to burn with me all year,” Eikenberg said. “I am hoping that we have gotten that clearly across to some of our upperclassmen.”

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**Men’s Basketball**

**Salukis look to slow tempo**

Transition game against high-speed opponent key

Sean McGahan

Though Matt Shaw has never been to Charlotte, N.C., the senior forward expects to feel the comforts of home Saturday.

As the SIU men’s basketball team travels to face Charlotte, Shaw will be moved back down to the position he held for most of the three years before this season — power forward.

Shaw has started every game this season at the small forward position.

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Junior guard Bryan Mullins, left, steals the ball against Indiana freshman guard Eric Gordon Saturday at the SIU Arena.