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Alumnus collects cans to pay student loans

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

Most people view empty cans as useless, but Casey Osowski says he sees them as extra money.

Osowski, a 46-year-old SIUC alumnus from Bridgeview, was diagnosed with spastic cerebral palsy when he was 2-and-a-half years old. He collects aluminum cans and sends them to Cimco Recycling center as a means to repay \$19,000 in student loan debt, which was originally a \$2,500 loan in 1994, he said.

Osowski said he was told loan waivers were for people who got injured while enrolled in the university and working toward a degree and not for people with preexisting disabilities. The former department of psychology director initially waived his loans, he said, but the next director reinstated them.

"I have no problem with giving the government back a reasonable amount of their money, but to expect someone who is living on at the very most \$670 in a good month, to pay back \$19,000 is (unreasonable)," Osowski said.

A Carbondale resident since 1989, Osowski said he wanted to become a teacher after earning a degree in history and minoring in political science and psychology in 1994 but was told he was too disabled to conduct a classroom properly.

"We tell our children to read and be as much as they can be, but what we don't tell them is that in our society, if you can't afford it, you're screwed ... or you're mortgaging yourself to help," he said.

John Vanek, a senior from Burbank studying recreation, said he met Osowski while he was collecting cans outside of Mountain Valley Properties in 2009.

"I was walking to class and (Osowski) was picking up a can. ... I gave him a hand and picked up the can," Vanek said.

Vanek said he listened to Osowski's story and began Cans for Casey, a competition to raise \$20,000 to help Osowski pay his debt. Students and organizations compete to collect the most cans, which are dropped off at the Newman Student Catholic Center. Vanek and Samantha Trusk, a senior from Burbank studying recreation, take the cans to a recycling center, get the money and give it to Osowski. The competition's first-, second- and third-place winners will receive a painting from either Osowski or another disabled artist.

He said future plans for the project include possibly selling disabled artists' artwork and finding venues to display it, something Osowski said he is interested in.

Osowski said what he wanted to get out of his college experience was the chance to impact



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Casey Osowski, 46, of Carbondale, calls his caretaker Saturday to find out what time she will be available later that evening. Osowski, who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when he was 2-and-a-half years old, said he has been collecting cans for money, sometimes spending eight to 10 hours per day outside. A group

of SIUC students are gathering support for an ongoing fundraising event called Cans for Casey to help Osowski pay off his \$19,000 student loan debt to the university. The group hopes to continue the project to help disabled artists such as Osowski find a venue to show their work.

other peoples' lives. He wants to help other disabled artists gain exposure because his passion is in art too, he said.

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Savory treats sweeten salty budget for Women's Center

LEAH STOVER
Daily Egyptian

Community members offset the sour winter weather Friday with sweets as they indulged in an assortment of chocolate-infused delicacies at the Carbondale Civic Center.

More than 400 people attended The Taste of Chocolate, the Women's Center's 11th annual fundraiser. For \$35, attendees were able to eat, drink and bid on a variety of goods in live and silent auctions. Although chocolate was the main ingredient on the menu, the crowd gathered in support of a cause deeper than savory sweets.

Diane Hood, the center's events chair, said the center has lost \$135,000 in state and federal funding in the past two years, and the revenue brought in through the event was needed to keep the center alive.

The center has had to minimize hours for all its employees as a result of the cuts. Sandra Ursini, development specialist at the Women's Center, said several staff members have transitioned from full- to part-time

positions and the center will continue to make changes if cuts continue.

"When your budgets are cut, you get creative," she said. "We just try to do as much as we were doing, just with less."

Despite the cuts, Ursini said there are no existing concerns about the center's closure.

"That's a big, big priority, to make sure that people who need us always have some place to go," she said.

Local businesses donated a variety of treats to help support the cause and minimize costs for the center. Restaurants such as Buffalo Wild Wings and Tres Hombres provided free meals for attendees.

Hood said the vendors change every year but are typically willing to lend a helping hand. Ursini said the event has more than 65 tables and each one is sponsored by a local business.

"We have very minimal expenses (for fundraisers) because everyone donates their food," Ursini said. "Every item here was donated by the community."

Because of the recent lack of money, Ursini said she has seen



Lynne Ketchens, of Carbondale, and her granddaughter Alexis, 6, write in for a silent auction item Saturday at the Taste of Chocolate fundraising event at the Carbondale Civic Center. The event featured menu items from various Carbondale restaurants, as well as assorted chocolate dishes. The fundraiser was designed to raise money for the Women's Center. Ketchens said she wants her granddaughter to learn the importance of giving. "We believe in partying with purpose," she said. "But what's not to love about chocolate?"

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many organizations and community members come forward and try to help the center.

"I have a young man who has absolutely no idea how to put an

event together but came to see me and said he wanted to do a concert for the Women's Center aimed toward college students," she said. "I asked him why he decided to do it

and his response was that he knew too many women who are in need of our services."

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— Casey Osowski
SIUC alumnus

Vanek said Cans for Casey can't become a Registered Student Organization because proceeds raised from the can collection would go toward helping Osowski repay his outstanding SIUC debt rather than being used for the RSO.

Trusk said the Cans for Casey competition will begin Feb. 14 and end April 30.

RSOs, off-campus groups such as the Carbondale Boys and Girls Club and organizations from high schools, local park districts and churches can compete. Participants can deliver their

collected cans to the Newman Center where they will be weighed each week, she said.

Not only is the competition a community service project, but it's also a beautification project, Trusk said.

"You can go out and clear the streets, pick your heart away at the local area," Trusk said.

Participants on the first-place team who are age 21 and over may also get an hour of free drinks at Hangar 9, but all teams participating are welcome to attend the celebration at the competition's end April 30, Vanek said. He said the cover charge is waived after a group gathers 25 pounds of aluminum. Trusk and Vanek said the celebration will have mouse races, which are similar to horse races except half the winning payout will go to the betting person and half will go to Osowski.

Sally Carter, Hangar 9 owner since 1978, said she doesn't know Osowski personally but has friends who have cerebral palsy. She said Vanek and Trusk asked her to spread the word about Cans for Casey and to host the competition's ending celebration.

Osowski said he gets \$650 a

month from Social Security, but his monthly bills total \$400. Collecting cans ensures he can afford to buy food and personal hygiene products and the rest of the money goes toward repaying his loans, he said. He said he has paid \$1,179 of his total debt by collecting cans as of Jan. 16, according to the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans Program.

Osowski was unable to acquire food stamps because Illinois Department of Human Services regulations do not consider student loan debt as a reason why someone should receive food stamps, he said.

"According to the government, I live too well for food stamps," Osowski said. "I can deal with getting food on my own. I have for years, and I will even if they give me food stamps."

He said he's not looking for people to solve his problems for him.

"I'm not looking for a handout," Osowski said. "I'm looking for a hand up. My life is not nearly as bad as a lot of other people I know."

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— Diane Hood

Women's Center events chair

Jessica Loverude, president of the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association, said she was more than happy to

give up her Friday night to volunteer at the event. Loverude, a junior from Carbondale studying communication disorders and sciences, sold raffle tickets at the event while other students worked as vendors and greeters.

"I think it says a lot that even the student community came out and supported that organization," she said. "(NSSLHA) has done a lot for the Women's Center in the past and we're going to continue helping them."

While Hood said she was unable to provide the final sum of donations at Friday's fundraiser,

she said the event was more successful than last year. In 2010, the center brought in approximately \$25,000 and had fewer items available in the silent and live auctions, Hood said.

"People were excited and participated more in the live auction than last year," she said. "Really, everyone who came out should be very proud of themselves. It really helped us out a lot and without them nothing would be possible."

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Accountants use eggs for recruitment

“In accounting you have to work in groups, so it's more about working in teams to come up with an idea, develop the idea and then build it.”

— Marcus Odom
director, School of Accountancy

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

As Aaron Howard held his egg more than 40 feet above the ground, he said he had only one thought.

“Please don't let the egg break,” he said.

Howard, a senior from Brookport, was one of more than 350 high school students who came to Carbondale Friday to take part in the 13th Annual Accounting Challenge in the Recreation Center.

The event, organized by the School of Accountancy, was started as a recruitment tool to bring high school students to campus for not only the College of Business, but all of SIUC, said Marcus Odom, director of the School of Accountancy.

“The best way to get students interested in school is to get them on campus and, once they're here, to see the great facilities we have to provide. ... It's a great

opportunity to get them here,” Odom said. “Even if they don't go into accounting, they have an interest in the school.”

Students spent the morning taking a written accounting test, then were put into teams and asked to find a way to drop an egg 40 feet without breaking it.

Though the contest involved protecting eggs, Odom said the event was more about team-building.

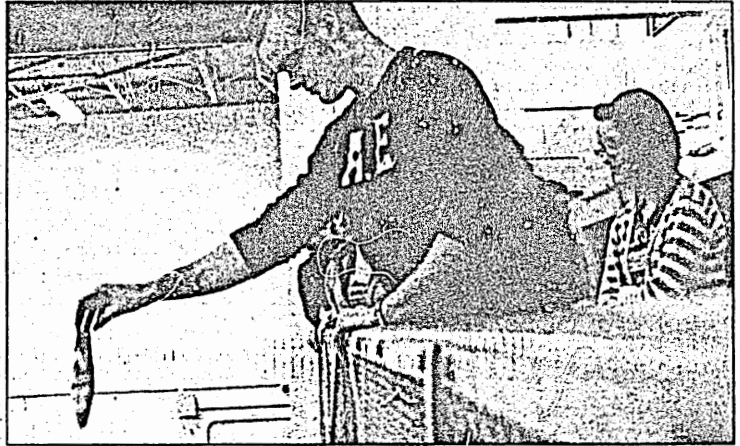
“In accounting you have to work in groups, so it's more about working in teams to come up with an idea, develop the idea and then build it,” Odom said. “So in any job they go into, they're going to have to learn to work together to get things done.”

Donna Margolis, assistant dean of the College of Business, said the event has always been the biggest the college throws and the reaction from prospective students has been amazing.

“We've been doing this for a number of years and it's very well-received (by) the high school students,” she said. “We just want to pique the students' interest in accounting and in the business profession.”

Vance Sawyer, a graduate student in accounting from Metropolis and student coordinator for the event, said the feedback he has received from students and teachers has been overwhelmingly positive.

“Just looking at the numbers tells you how much people love this; it has grown



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Kole Greenwood, a 17-year-old senior from Flora, middle, prepares to drop his egg Friday at the Accounting Challenge in the Recreation Center. More than 350 high school students

from across the state came to participate in team-building activities and learn more about SIUC, said Marcus Odom, director of the School of Accountancy.

every year,” he said. “The feedback comes with the numbers we see come back every year.”

While it is good to get potential students interested in the accounting program, Sawyer said the event has done its job if the student has developed an interest in coming to SIUC.

“We encourage them to walk around and really see what the campus has to offer them,” he said. “The best way we can do that is to get our own students to talk to them and tell them what SIUC is all about.”

Howard, who said he didn't get to find out whether his egg broke after

he dropped it in the challenge, said coming to SIUC and participating in the challenge has made him more interested in coming to Carbondale.

“These events are fun and I like being able to see the campus,” he said. “It helped me decide that I want to come to SIUC.”

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Rev. Peyton and his band "Damn" good

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Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band has only three members, but listened to with closed eyes, the band's music sounds like the stage is full of musicians trying to one-up each other with noise.

It helps that all the noise is pretty damn good.

The trio — the Reverend on guitar, his wife on the washboard and the Rev.'s cousin on drums — took the stage Saturday at a full-

As fans stormed to the dance floor during the opening drum roll, the Reverend had the audience holding on to his every word as if his performance was a sermon for the masses.

capacity Hangar 9, and even those waiting outside in the cold were blown away by the performance.

With its style of country-blues and a hint of rockabilly attitude, the band blew through its nearly two-hour set, mixing slower blues tracks such as "Sure Feels Like Rain" with roaring crowd-pleasers such as a

short ditty of "When the Saints Go Marching In," and a mixture of "Yankee Doodle" and "Dixie."

But even from the beginning of the performance, as fans stormed to the dance floor during the opening drum roll, the Reverend had the audience holding on to his every word as if his performance

was a sermon for the masses. Peyton took breaks between each song to talk to the crowd; he asked them to get louder during the songs and to provide some backstory for upcoming songs.

But at no point did the band sound any bigger than before their performance of "Clap Your Hands," when Peyton instructed the crowd when to clap its hands, stomp its feet and scream during the song. By the time the band reached the end of the song, nearly

the entire crowd was following the directions, resulting in one of the loudest songs one can imagine.

The Big Damn Band lived up to their name, and those in attendance can consider themselves blessed to have seen such a great performer come to our part of the country.

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"Roommate" brings uninvited boredom

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Daily Egyptian

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The premise is as scary as it is relatable: the idea of the crazed college roommate. Almost every college student shares his or her space with someone else at one point or another, trusting a complete stranger with belongings and privacy.

But who's to say the other person is trustworthy, and how well does one really know his or her roommate?

This is the concept behind "The Roommate," a film that takes a good idea and struggles to stretch it past

the 90-minute mark.

To call the film a psychological thriller would imply that brain activity is necessary for viewing. The movie is painfully predictable and recycles familiar clichés: the scary shower scene, the library stalker behind the bookshelf and lots of pointless, intimidating glares in dark shadows.

The cast of "The Roommate" is a young, attractive assortment of CW stars. Gossip Girl's Leighton Meester, 90210's Matt Lanter, Hellcats' Alyson Michalka and The Vampire Diaries' Katerina Graham and Nina Dobrev all make appearances in the film. While it's unclear if this is by chance or

intentional, the film would fit right in on the teenage-oriented network.

Minka Kelly stars as Sara Matthews, a small-town, Midwestern girl starting her first year of college in the big city. Sara quickly gets into the typical freshman antics including flashing, frat parties and one too many cups of spiked punch. She even gets a wholesome boyfriend out of the mix.

But while Sara is letting go and exploring life in her first year, her roommate Rebecca, played by Meester, obsesses over Matthews and will stop at nothing to prove her "friendship."

"The Roommate" is an uninspiring addition to the Screen Gems' PG-13 horror genre, following in

Almost every college student shares his or her space with someone else at one point or another, trusting a complete stranger with belongings and privacy.

the vein of films like "The Stepfather," "Prom Night" and "When a Stranger Calls."

The film peaks and flatlines 30 minutes in, and the characters struggle to shake their two-dimensional personalities. The plot twists and turns we expect from the thriller genre are absent and the movie's climax is a 10-minute fight between the girls.

The film is not a lavish endeavor into cinema, nor does it attempt to be. In the right hands the movie

could work, but the clichés, bad acting and plot — or lack thereof — hold the film back.

Fans of the more-funny-than-scary teen thriller genre will be completely won over by "The Roommate." All other viewers may find it hard not to doze out early.

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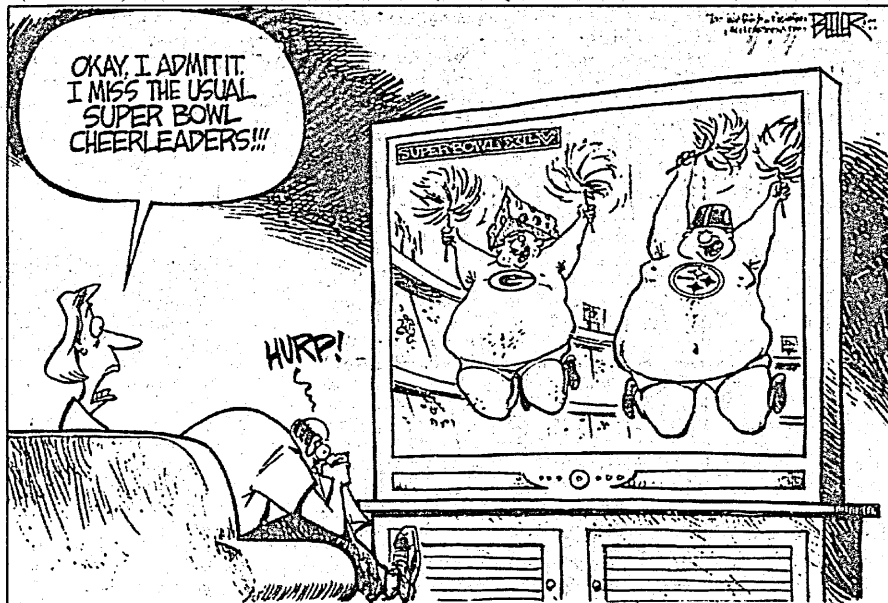
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Egypt's youthful revolution becomes violent

TRUDY RUBIN
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It was too good to be true. The dream of peaceful Egyptian political reform ended Wednesday in Tahrir Square when Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak sent rent-a-thugs to attack peaceful demonstrators with naches, clubs and Molotov cocktails. Journalists were also targeted. I still have hope that the idealistic young social networkers who organized the Egyptian revolt can propel their country into an unprecedented era of representative government. But that hope hangs by a thread. Although Mubarak announced Tuesday, after a week of protests, that he won't run again in September, he clearly wants to retain power until the presidential election. This raises the suspicion that he will try to manipulate the results and prevent real competition. The army, which many believed was tilting toward the protesters, now appears to back

Mubarak's plan to hold on until the fall. Its troops stood by passively as government goons rained incendiary devices down on Tahrir Square. So what are the odds that something positive will still emerge from the Egyptian uprising? Uncertain. However, Arab leaders can't squash today's rebels the way they did past reformers. Times have changed. I traveled around the Arab world in 2005, when the last Arab democracy wave was in flower, talking to enthusiastic reform advocates in Damascus, Amman and Cairo. In Egypt, Mubarak finally permitted reformers to run an opposition candidate for president, Ayman Nour, but his campaign was stifled, and he was tossed in jail after election day. In Jordan, Deputy Prime Minister Marwan Muasher and his team produced an ambitious national agenda for political reform, but it was abandoned as soon as it was finished; the pressure came from the elite, eager

to preserve its privileges. In Syria, President Bashar al-Assad briefly permitted opposition debate, then decided it was too risky and shut it down. These reform efforts all originated at the top, not at the grass roots. They were also spurred on by the administration of President George W. Bush, when America seemed at the height of its power. But by mid-2005, the Iraq war was going sour; Bush's Arab democracy campaign was viewed by Arabs as having unleashed chaos in Baghdad. Arab reformers repeatedly told me that Iraq's chaos was giving democracy a "bad name" and tarring those who accepted U.S. funds for their organizations. The Iraq debacle gave Arab autocrats an excuse to clamp down. In 2011, however, the Egyptian protests have nothing to do with U.S. pressure or funding. They were organized by Egyptian youths, many educated and jobless, who used social-media

networks to get the message out. In a country where a youth bulge skews the population toward the under-30s, no leader can ignore these demographics. Moreover, the heady experience these young people have enjoyed in the last week, of taking responsibility for their fate and achieving astonishing results, won't be forgotten. These youths won't go meekly back home to stew over their joblessness—and over a government that won't treat them with the respect they have earned. So, Mubarak has a choice. He can work with the army and civilian groups to set up an interim caretaker government that would devise fair rules for a free election in September. That would also permit vital time and space for non-Islamist parties to get organized. Or, he can revert to old-style police tactics of beating up his opponents in hopes of rigging the rules for the election. Mubarak appears to have

chosen option two. He's assuming that the chaos he has unleashed will persuade the broad public to back him in hopes of restoring stability. But the genie of rebellion is out of the bottle. The longer the violence continues, the more likely that newly energized Egyptian youths will become radicalized and that Islamic groups will take advantage of their anger. The longer the violence goes on, the more likely the army will split, with the rank-and-file refusing to fire on the rebels if asked. Down that road lies real chaos. Clearly, Mubarak isn't listening to President Obama's pleas to refrain from violence and get the transition moving. I've agreed with Obama's reluctance to call publicly for Mubarak to quit lest this convey an image of another U.S. effort at regime change. But the time has come to deliver a clear message in private to Mubarak and his generals: his continued presence in office is going to drag his country down.

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It's made for TV. It's packed with personalities, sex appeal and wall-to-wall violence. It's the National Football League.

By far, football is America's favorite sport. Yet despite that, when they turn out the lights after Sunday's Super Bowl between the Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers, the party could be over.

A labor war that pits rich athletes against richer owners could shut down the game for who knows how long.

The collective bargaining agreement that led to unprecedented success for the NFL expires at the end of the day on March 3, and barring an agreement before then, owners are threatening to lock out players.

They are pondering the unthinkable: The first play stoppage since 1987. The shutdown of the only form of entertainment that, as the sky-high TV ratings this year have shown, consistently brings people together in a tweeting, texting, TiVoing country where viewing habits get more fragmented by the day.

"For a sport as the height of its popularity to self-destruct by lacking the will and creativity to solve economic problems would be the height of folly," agent Leigh Steinberg said. "Who wants to be the person to kill this golden goose?"

To hear the two sides tell it, they're trying to make it better, not kill it. But they are far apart

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on how to get that done.

Owners say it's time to pocket more money for a league that hasn't started a stadium project in more than five years. They want a bigger slice of the roughly \$9 billion in revenue, a rookie wage scale and to increase the regular season by two games to 18.

The players think those two extra games will cause an exponential rise in injuries and don't want to give back any percentage of the revenue pool, a massive slice of which comes from the networks, which combine to pay around \$4 billion a year to televise the NFL.

In the kind of theater that only the NFL could provide, Cincinnati receiver Chad Ochocinco stood up among the journalists at Commissioner Roger Goodell's annual news conference Friday to ask the question on every football fan's mind.

"Do you know how far away we are from getting a deal realistically done?" Ochocinco said.

Goodell said both sides are preparing for any outcome, but "the commitment on behalf of ownership is to get an agreement."

He reiterated that Sunday in an interview on Fox, saying a negotiating

session between the owners and players the day before was "beneficial."

"My focus is on the next three or four weeks," Goodell said. "I've often said, our agreement expires on March 4th. We have to use that period of time to reach an agreement that's fair for the players, fair for the clubs, and allows our great game to grow for our fans."

(Not doing so could stop the show after one of the most riveting seasons anyone can remember.

It began with the eminently watchable TV program, "Hard Knocks," that documented the New York Jets and their foul-mouthed coach, Rex Ryan, as they made their way through training camp.

It continued with a contentious debate about player safety, a result of the NFL's early season decision to ramp up enforcement of rules that restrict helmet-to-helmet hits and other "illegal" tackles on defenseless receivers coming over the middle.

"If you want to get (hard hitting) totally out of the game, put flags on us. We'll tag off and pull flags off each other," Steelers linebacker James Harrison said during Super Bowl week, "and we'll see how popular the game is then, and how

many people come to watch it."

Much as the NFL tries to rein it in, the violence is certainly an attractive component to some fans. But it's more than that.

In 2010, there were scandals (the Broncos were caught videotaping an opponent's practice), soap operas and sad endings (See, anything related to Brett Favre).

There were feuds (Ryan vs. the Patriots), flare-ups (a brawl between Andre Johnson and Cortland Finnegan) and firings (Broncos, 49ers, Cowboys and Vikings).

There were great performances (Michael Vick and Tom Brady) and great endings (Philly beating the Giants on DeSean Jackson's last-play punt return for a touchdown) and, now, a Super Bowl that pits two of the great franchises in NFL history.

"When you look at this matchup," Goodell said, "and you say Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers — that's football."

Then there was Ben Roethlisberger, the Steelers quarterback, who began the season on the sideline with a four-game suspension, the outgrowth of a college student's accusations that he sexually assaulted her in Georgia last March. He was never prosecuted

over what was the second such sex of allegations against him, but Goodell penalized him for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

Roethlisberger is one win away from becoming only the fifth quarterback to win at least three Super Bowls, and his stated mission to put the suspension behind him has been the biggest story of this Super Bowl week.

More than 100 million were expected to watch Sunday's game on Fox, a number that figures to flirt with records because of a) the surge in popularity this year, b) the national appeal of the teams and c) the bad weather that has gripped huge swaths of the country this week.

Ratings for regular-season games this year were the best in more than 20 years. After going down last season in the rough economy, ad rates for the Super Bowl rose again — to a maximum of \$3 million for a 30-second spot.

As for Dallas, it's been a rough week in the Super Bowl city, where back-to-back snowstorms wreaked havoc and led to six injuries from ice that fell from Cowboys Stadium. Flights into Big D were canceled, traffic was snarled and some of the pregame parties were scrapped.

And we may not have seen the last of Super Bowl/Snow Bowl. The big game's travel agenda takes it to cities where the weather isn't guaranteed — Indianapolis and New York have two of the next three title games. But the league isn't changing its plans and the show will go on.



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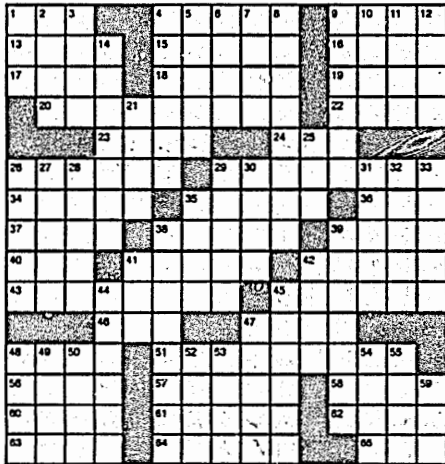


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Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's Birthday — Be willing to take risks this year. Explore creative ideas. You could write an original play, a novel or document progress on a blog. Follow your vision and get into action. It requires work, but you find the process and results very rewarding.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — When you're riding high, the fall could be more painful. Keep working at it, and take precautionary measures: like a helmet. Then go for it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You may be surprised by a silly argument or disagreement when you least expect it. Others may not see things as you do today. Compromise.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — When it comes to a love relationship, there may be bumps today. You're wanting to be alone but surround yourself with true friends. They see where you're blind.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — In love, expect the unexpected. Focus on your career and social goals today. Consume in moderation today. Don't get carried away. Keep balance.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Beauty shows up today in the most unexpected places. Sudden changes of emotion abound. When this happens, express your feelings creatively, or listen fully.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Your mind may try to wander away off subject today. It's a perfect day to concentrate on one project, especially organizing. Focus for productivity.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — If you feel gloomy today, that's okay. New partnerships and friendships will cheer you up soon enough. Get busy with an interesting project and see what develops.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Reward yourself for your hard work. Take time for yourself. Creative inspiration flourishes unexpectedly, so prepare to drop everything and chase it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — It's leisure time for you. Spend the day doing what you really love. Let your creativity flow, uninhibited and childlike. Dare to be eccentric.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — It's a good day to stay at home and take care of yourself. Don't make sudden decisions. Make do with what you have, and make plans for tomorrow.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Original ideas fill your head today. Write them down. They could be useful later, even if they seem too far-fetched at the moment. Who knows?

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FRIDAY'S ANSWERS

Jumbles: QUASH LURID BRANCH AROUND
 Answer: The manicurist said nails are this — "HARD" ON THE HANDS

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by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



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FRIDAY'S ANSWERS

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Loss to Bradley tops week of troubles

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To end a winless week for the SIU men's basketball team that included the suspension of three players, the Salukis fell to Bradley 69-66 Saturday after a game-winning, 3-pointer by Braves leading-scorer Andrew Warren with 18 seconds left.

"To hit a shot like that ... It was an unbelievable feeling," Warren said.

Junior forward Mamadou Seck failed to make a free throw after Warren's shot that would have tied the game, but Warren was fouled on the rebound and the following free throws extended the lead to three points.

SIU (10-14, 4-9 Missouri Valley Conference) fell to eighth place in the conference after the loss to Bradley (8-16, 2-11 MVC), which was the Salukis' seventh loss in their last eight games. It was also the Braves' first win of the season on the road in the MVC.

The past several days have been rough for the Salukis. The team fell one spot in the conference standings Wednesday after losing to then-eighth-place Drake 65-44.

Then Friday, sophomore center Gene Teague, junior guard Mykel Cleveland and junior guard Troy Long were each suspended for three games for a violation of team rules and university conduct. The incident occurred Thursday on campus. Coach Chris Lowery did not say what the violations were and campus police did not release details.

Despite the suspensions, Lowery said it is not the lowest point in the season.

"The rock bottom was how we played against Drake," he said. "This incident is another negative. It's a black eye."

Despite the team's troubles, Lowery said there is encouragement in an area where the team has struggled.

Sophomore guard Kendal Brown-Surles posted a career-high 18 points Saturday and tied senior forward Carlton Fay as the game's top-scorer.

"With Kendal (Brown-Surles) playing as well as he did today, that gives us some hope as to where it can go," Lowery said.

SIU shot only 36 percent in the first half against Bradley, going 11-

30. Seck had just three points and shot 25 percent from the field. The half went back and forth as the teams tied eight times and traded the lead six. Without Teague in the middle, the Braves scored 22 of their 35 first-half points in the paint.

The Salukis started the second half trailing by six points, 35-29. However, the Salukis, who have been outscored by a combined 52 points in the second half for the past three games, started the second half against Bradley with a 7-0 run.

Fay scored a jumper in the paint and Seck scored on a fast break after a steal by senior guard John Freeman. Both shots were assisted by Surles and the guard followed by sinking a 3-pointer that sent the roaring crowd to its feet and gave the Salukis a one-point lead.

Lowery said the effort in this game was a big improvement from the game Wednesday against Drake. Yet, the Braves consistently outran the Salukis back down the court and scored eight fast-break points.

Surles said the Salukis need to continue to improve their effort for the full game.

"We got to have more heart, believe more," he said.



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Drake guard David Smith drives past SIU sophomore guard Kendal Brown-Surles for a basket in the first half of the Salukis' 69-66 loss Saturday against Drake at the SIU Arena. The Salukis' next home game will be Feb. 16 against Indiana State.

The Salukis' next game is at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday at Wichita State, the top-ranked team in the conference.

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DRAKE

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Freshman guard Renee Reed led the Salukis in scoring with 12 of the team's 50 points, all of which came from four 3-pointers.

Sophomore guard Teri Oliver

was the second-highest scorer on the team with 11 points. Oliver was also second on the team with four assists. Freshman point guard Brooke LeMar led the team with five assists.

The Salukis scored 50 points, which is something the team hasn't done for the past six games.

SIU will play the Evansville Purple Aces at 2:05 p.m. Saturday at the SIU Arena.

Saturday will also be the annual Pink Zone game, which is part of a movement to raise awareness of and money for the fight against breast cancer.

The players will wear pink for the

game and there will be a chance to win prizes, as every ticket holder will be given a raffle ticket to participate in the event.

In the meantime, the team will practice hard to be ready to play against the Purple Aces and try to get its first conference win of the

season, Tiber said.

"We'll be practicing mental and physical toughness and just work on finishing the game strong," she said.

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The men also picked up a victory in the mile run with senior distance runner Dan Dunbar coming in with a time of 4:10.84.

A surprise ending came from freshman distance runner Brian Dixon when he won the 3,000-meter run.

With SIU trailing Memphis by 10

points, Dixon was able to perform under the pressure and, with a time of 8:41.07, brought home the Salukis' win.

"Brian has taken on a leadership role and that's what has allowed him to have his success, is the dedication and commitment to the sport that we ask everybody to have," cross-country coach Matt Sparks said. "It's exciting for the future to see him grow and blossom for the next three years."

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— Matt Sparks
cross-country coach

Dixon was followed by senior distance runner Brad Wraga in second with a time of 8:46.44 and freshmen distance runner Nick Schrader in third

with a time of 8:52.22. The Salukis took the top three spots and established a 24-point lead that Memphis was unable to recover from.

"We've competed against some bigger schools in the country and it gave the kids some confidence knowing that we could compete well with the bigger schools," Sparks said.

The Saluki track and field teams will travel to Michigan Friday and Saturday to Grand Valley State as they compete in the GVSU Big Meet in one of the last two meets before the State Farm MVC Indoor Championships.

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MMA

Battle at the Blast 7 showcases explosive talent

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Daily Egyptian

Sports Blast held its seventh amateur mixed-martial arts event, Battle at the Blast 7, on Saturday to showcase up-and-coming talent from Carbondale and the nearby area.

Dirk Borgsmiller, owner of Sports Blast, said the Battle at the Blast is a great way for amateur fighters to move up in the ranks and try to go professional.

"It's a great way to get noticed in these urban areas and move on to fighting in Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis and Nashville or some bigger shows," Borgsmiller said.

Jackson Cornwell, from Shoals, Ind., competed in the 135-pound weight class against Pat Kelly, from Canton, and he beat Kelly in the first round.

Cornwell said his interest for competing in MMA fights came from his brother-in-law and the local fights he participated in near Shoals.

"I'm a competitor, I just plain love to compete," he said. "If you can throw a ball hard, I'll throw a ball harder than you. If you can do a bunch of backflips, I'll do more backflips. I'm just a competitor at heart."

The main event of the evening was the 135-pound title fight between Dexter Johnson from Carbondale and Ruddy Gray from Moline.

Johnson said he has been fighting in MMA for about four years.

"I started wrestling all throughout high school and a couple of years in college," he said. "After college, I took up MMA and started learning groundwork, Jiu-Jitsu and boxing."

Johnson said each of his fighting styles influences his MMA fighting technique, but the style that influenced him the most was wrestling.

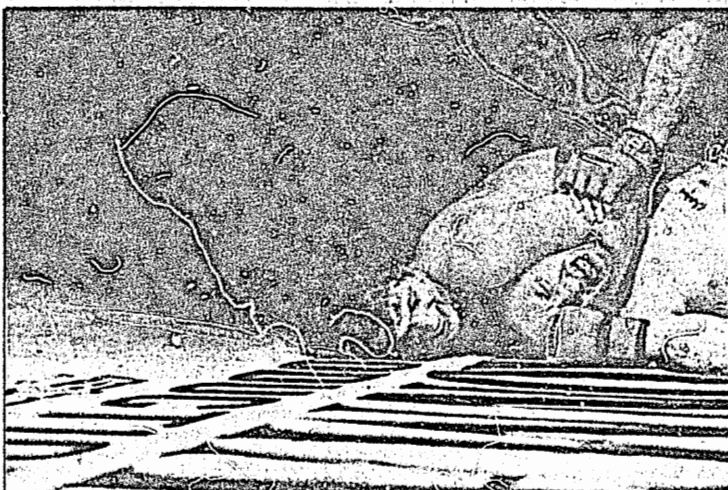
With wrestling the opponent is easier to control, and using wrestling styles in his technique opens up all kinds of submission holds, he said.

In his title fight, Johnson lost 30 seconds into his first round by knockout to Gray.

After the bout, Johnson said he won't let the loss discourage him from pursuing his fighting career.

"I feel like I can bounce back from this loss. It's just one loss and from what everybody is telling me, I just got caught off guard," he said. "It just means I have some things to work on."

Borgsmiller said he started hosting MMA events because of their popularity and the available



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Ronnie Harper, of Granite City, left, chokes out Nick Porter, of Carbondale, Saturday during the second bout of the Battle at the Blast 7 at Sports Blast. Dexter Johnson and Brandon Anderson were the only competitors

who trained in Carbondale. Anderson received his first win while Johnson was defeated in the 135-pound title match. To watch a multimedia piece on the Battle of the Blast, go to dailyegyptian.com.

space at Sports Blast.

"We have one of the best facilities to hold an event like this," he said. "We

have plenty of parking, a liquor license, great employment and the space to make this a great event."

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TRACK & FIELD

Teams take down competition at SIU Invite

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The Saluki men and women hosted seven teams Friday and Saturday at the SIU Invitational at the Recreation Center, and both came out on top.

The men's team won the meet with 119 points, just five ahead of Memphis' 114, and the women's team posted 182 points, well ahead of second-place Memphis' 63.

The Salukis started the meet Friday with junior thrower J.C. Lambert setting a new team record when he took first in the men's weight throw with a mark of 21.58 meters. Lambert broke the record

set by Mark Milleville in 2006. In addition to his record-breaking performance, Lambert also made qualifying marks to the NCAA Indoor Championships.

In the women's pole vault, junior jumper Miracle Thompson took the title in the pole vault with a height of 3.68 meters and beat Janelle Mason of Memphis by nearly a foot.

Senior throwers Jeneve McCall and Olga Ciura and sophomore thrower Kim Fortney dominated the women's weight throw by taking the top three spots. McCall took first with a mark of 21.21 meters, which not only earned her the event title but also qualified her for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Ciura took second place with a mark of 18.52 meters and Fortney finished third with a mark of 18.12 meters.

Junior pentathlon athlete Malakah Lowe finished the day for the women by taking first place in the long jump with a mark of 5.89 meters.

For the men, junior jumpers Maxim Bakana and Vincent Johnson broke into the top five in the men's long jump. Bakana took first with a mark of 17.7 meters and was followed by Johnson in fourth at 6.67 meters.

After several dominating performances Friday, the Salukis carried their winning ways to the

rest of the meet Saturday.

The Saluki women earned four more event titles, bringing their total to seven and solidifying the win with 182 points, while the men picked up three more event titles.

McCall and Fortney captured the top two spots in the women's shot put, with McCall getting a first-place mark of 16.72 meters and Fortney getting a second-place mark 14.24.

McCall said she assesses her performances from meet to meet and looks for things she can improve on.

"It's not one thing that you can change in that moment to throw better, it's something that you

have to continue to work on every meet and every week," she said. "In order to get better you have to keep throwing."

Love also earned a second event title Saturday in the triple jump with a mark of 12.68 meters, while Kasey Ocegueda came in second with a 11.26-meter jump.

On the track, senior distance runner Megan Hoelscher and senior sprinter Meredith Hayes earned two more titles. Hoelscher won the mile run with a time of 5 minutes, 2.09 seconds and Hayes won the 60-meter hurdle with a time of 8.64.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis' defensive struggles continue in loss to Bulldogs

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After the Saluki women's basketball team played well in the first half of Thursday's game against Creighton but fell apart in the second, the team had the

opposite problem Saturday in its 67-50 loss to Drake.

Coach Missy Tiber said while the team struggled defensively early in the game, it turned that around in the second half.

"We had a lack of defensive intensity in the first half," Tiber said.

"We played the second half well and actually won the half,"

Senior forward Katrina Swinger said the team looked sluggish in the first half against the more aggressive Bulldogs.

"First half we came out slow and the other team came out full-force, and

they were ready to go," Swinger said.

SIU entered halftime down 47-24 but held Drake to 20 points in the second.

Senior forward Nocka Nwani said the team fell down after the first half, but a speech from Tiber during halftime helped the Salukis play a

better second half.

"I think we had a really great speech in the locker room, and I think everyone just got tired of feeling sorry for themselves," Nwani said.

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