Illinois legistlator: ‘Shame on them’

Illinois Congress approves bill sans SIU, capital plan

Barton Lorimor

A local state representative’s prediction that SIUC will not receive building funds from the state for a sixth consecutive year was further validated with an Illinois Congressional vote Thursday.

An amended bill by Gov. Rod Blagojevich, which would allow a group of Chicago and downstate Democrats to help keep the bailout through the House and Senate by itself last Wednesday.

The construction plan, which has been awaiting approval from the House since September, would provide money for projects in Edwardsville, Springfield and Carbondale. The bill has been cited as a source of funding for the $43.8 million Transportation Education Center and $21.8 million for final renovations to the Morris Library.

“Our hope is to get back to a solution for the capital bill,” said Dave Gross, a spokesperson for SIU in Springfield.

The university is able to pay for the $14 million in the library project, Gross said. But instead of coming from capital funds, the money will be taken out of the university’s general revenue.

Gross said he was concerned deadlines may be approaching on a measure that would match capital and university funds by 20 percent in federal dollars.

State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Carbondale, said southern Illinois legislators were part of an “alliance” to keep the transit bill from passing with-out capital construction. Bost said he was upset that six downstate Democrats were part of the reason the opposite happened.

“Shame on them,” he said.

Bost also noted that requirements in the amendment would keep seniors south of Interstate-64, which runs through Mt. Vernon, from a free ride.

The Jackson County Mass-Transit District stands to benefit $56,000 from the dedicated state fund.

The money to bail out mass-transit systems comes from a sales tax.

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Saluki Way donation announced

‘Seven-figure’ contribution should boost project’s progress

Joe Crawford

EDWARDSVILLE — The SIU Board of Trustees formally accepted the largest contribution yet to Saluki Way on Thursday after the SIUC chancellor announced another “seven-figure” donation to the project.

The board voted to sign an agreement with the city of Carbondale to accept the city’s $20 million donation for the first phase of Saluki Way, the university’s plan to build a new campus core. Roger Tedrick, chairman of the board, presented Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole with an enlarged and framed cover of an issue of Southern Alumnus magazine that features a drawing of the plans for the project.

“This presentation is just one more way for SIU to recognize the mayor and the (Carbondale) City Council and to express our heartfelt appreciation for their efforts,” Tedrick said as SIU President Glenn Poshard held the magazine cover above his head for the audi-ence to see.

The agreement obligates the city to donate half the revenue from its recent sales tax increase — up to $1 million per year — to the project for the next 20 years. The City Council voted in August to tack on an addi-tional 0.5 percent to its sales tax and

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Amtrak faces strike

Workers union threatens strike for contract

Barton Lorimor

Passengers depending on Amtrak as their primary transpor-tation upstate may need to find a new ride before the end of the month.

Nearly 50,000 Amtrak union employees have threatened a strike effective Jan. 30 if a new agreement cannot be reached, a report from the Associated Press said. Ticket agents, mechanical workers and mainte-nance workers have been without a contract since prior agreements expired on Dec. 31, 1999.

A strike would halt all Amtrak trains. The Associated Press report-ed this would be the first strike in Amtrak’s 36-year history.

Amtrak operates three round-trip passenger trains between Carbondale and Chicago daily. A total of 70,000 passengers stopped onboard a train traveling between the two in 2007. A station manager in Carbondale, who chose to remain anonymous because Amtrak employees are not authorized to speak to members of the press, said 90 percent of his traffic is SIUC passen-gers.

The same trains also stop in Urbana-Champaign, which is home to the main University of Illinois campus.

David King, an Amtrak con-ductor working on the Chicago/Carbondale line, said a strike would leave riders without pay during shut-down even though he is not a mem-ber of the affected unions.

“I wouldn’t stick of with the economy the way it is,” said Sherman Raymond, a retired farmer from Murphysboro who was waiting to pick up a friend on Thursday’s 2:30 p.m. train from Chicago.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said a strike would not stop the city from paying annual utility costs for the Carbondale station, which add-
American Association of University Women, Carbondale Branch Program
7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the SUU Law School Courthouse
Mike Lawrence, director of Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, will present a program.

Calendar
University Museum Saturday programs spring 2008
• 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturdays throughout the semester
The Museum’s free programs focus on provide an opportunity for attendance.
• Aimed for participants ages 7-14 Programs include Printmaking and Japanese Lanterns on Feb. 16. Found Art: Robot Shoes on March 8. Devour Visual-Word Sculpture 1 on March 29 and Fantastic Theater-Wire Sculpture 2 on April 5.
• Call the museum at 453-5388 to register.
Pre-registration is required.

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sudz.com Question: Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?

NEWS BRIEFS
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A New Year>

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Illinois lawmakers angrily OK governor’s changes to transit plan
SPRINGFIELD (AP) — State lawmakers angrily approved a transit bill Wednesday that included provisions aimed at helping the governor and many lawmakers.

The measure boosting regional taxes to provide more than $500 million in transit aid passed 64-47 Thursday in the House and 52-19 in the Senate, so it now becomes law.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich applauded legislators for approving his changes, even though so far he had only considered transit bills in Chicago and accused them of being hostile to the state’s big cities.

“I want to make it clear,” he said. “I want to make it clear that’s not right.”

The governor and lawmakers have debated for more than six months about how to help the struggling transportation agencies. During that time, Blagojevich had held a hearing and identified one $27 million grant that came from money set aside for other construction needs.

Some lawmakers, particularly Republicans, had wanted to tie a transit bill with a statewide program for schools, highways and government construction (SB 3). Blagojevich and lawmakers had been unable to agree on a capital program for all three concerns.

Lawmakers recently discussed a plan to expand legalized gambling in Illinois to pay for a capital program, but the politically volatile proposal is expected to take time to work out.

Illinois election officials report a light increase in registration
SPRINGFIELD (AP) — More than 7.17 million people have registered to vote in Illinois, a slight rise from the number of people who were eligible as of the Nov. 7 election.

A spokesman for the Illinois State Board of Elections said Wednesday that 7.17 million people were registered to vote with less than half a percentage point, the State Board of Elections reported Thursday.

The state’s election officials said the number has not increased since the previous election because record amount because election officials have updated voter rolls to remove double and errors.

Lawyers say prosecution possible without finding woman’s body
SPRINGFIELD — More than 12 weeks of combing woods and construction sites for signs of a homicide victim driving into ponds and canals and retrieving Stacy Peterson’s possessions has not led to charges, authorities said.

There’s a hole in something that doesn’t make any sense,” said Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro.

Blagojevich had opposed tax increases such as those in the bill and wanted to delay debates on gasoline taxes in the Chicago area to pay for mass transit. But he said he would OK the measure — after including the free rides for seniors — in a “spirit of compromise.”

The House followed the transit vote by approving legislation that would place income limit on the free rides for seniors and those who ride in groups with eligibility. Supporters said that would focus the benefits on people who most need the aid.

Eligibility would be tied to the state’s Circulator program that provides aid with taxes and medication. Senior citizens being served can qualify if their income is below $22,718.

The Senate added on a bill that so-called “mail-in bill” before leaving town. It had been attached by a former lobbyist for Senate Minority Leader Bill Brady. The mail-in bill has a触发器 threshold of $1 million for collection of a 20-cent fee from specialty hospitals and nursing homes.

The Senate rejected an amendment that would have set aside $20 million for construction projects and rejected an amendment to provide $50 million for other construction projects.

If you spot an error, please contact the DAILY EAGLE’S accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 266.

Corrections

The following correction was made on Jan. 18 in the DAILY EAGLE.

Police reports
An SUV parking decal was reported stolen Wednesday. Time, date and location of theft are unknown and there are no suspects at this time.

Adjustments to these reports were made Friday.

Submit calendar items to the DAILY EAGLE, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266.

POLICE REPORTS
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The Listening Room Center is extending its focus, and will take you to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. If you are interested in exploring science in a fun, educational way, you may want to consider checking out one of the many free programs offered there.

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Smoking ban has unforeseen effects on restaurants

David Lopez

Restaurants previously occupied by a smoky haze have been breathing new life since the smoking ban came into effect, but the clearer air has been both a blessing and burden in disguise to some shopkeepers.

Many Carbondale restaurants have been reporting increased sales since the smoking ban went into effect on Jan. 1, some as much as 7 percent. But besides clean air, the law has also created some confusing situations, such as tables being bussed and cleared while patrons enjoy a cigarette outside, as well as an increased chance of customers skipping out on their checks.

Though there have been almost 600 violations reported throughout the state as of Jan. 14, most local restaurants said the majority of customers have followed the new law.

The Longbranch Coffeehouse was formerly known as one of the premier spots in Carbondale to enjoy coffee and cigarettes. Many thought its business may suffer as a result of the ban, but it has actually increased, said Longbranch owner Elaine Ramseyer.

"When people came in they were like, 'Oh my god. This place smells great,' and people said, 'Wow, you can smell food,'" she said.

Ramseyer said she predicted a small increase in business, but has been pleasantly surprised with an increase of roughly 7 percent.

"A lot of people have also been saying, 'Oh, you'll be seeing a lot more of us now,'" she said. "I've gotten nothing but positive comments."

Elizabeth Crane, a waitress at Denny's and a smoker herself, said she has heard praises from older patrons about the cleaner air, but dislikes not being able to smoke indoors during her breaks.

"If you're by yourself and you get up to go smoke a cigarette, we don't know that you left to go smoke a cigarette," Crane said. "So, your table gets cleaned off, and if you have food, we have to re-make all of it. So, I think the cost of food and drinks for the restaurant has gone up, as far as waste."

Crane said this has happened to her tables at least four times, and even twice in the same day to one customer. People have even lost their tables after leaving to smoke and having their table reassigned to another customer during a busy shift, Crane said.

Though no one has tried it yet, Crane said she must also keep an eye on customers who may use the ban to avoid paying for their food.

"We have to go smoke outside by ourselves, and it's not really the best neighborhood," Kelly said.

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Bush wants tax rebates, business tax breaks in stimulus package

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush told congressional leaders privately on Thursday that his administration wants strong, tax rebates and tax breaks for businesses to fuel recovery and create jobs. He was joined in calls for an economic stimulus package.

Bush, with several cabinet leaders to his left who had worked on an economic rescue package that included breaks for food stamp recipients and the unemployed as well as tax rebates for businesses.

Officials described the developments on condition of anonymity, a formal announcement was made, and no further details were available about the size of the rebates or components of the emerging package.

First exit polls show even top presidential candidates struggle to solidify appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — John McCain and Barack Obama are struggling to win over their party’s most loyal voters, and no presidential candidate has a firm hold on what may be the campaign’s chief issue, the economy.

With the first presidential contests now history, the candidates are vying for the tall tale of the campaign — you still need some polishing.

People in New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan made clear in exit polls that the top issues have meaning for voters but also weak spots to patch. Here are insights from exit polls and surveys which have left neither Democrats nor Republicans with clear frontrunners.

Egypt

Osama bin Laden’s son: he wants to be peace ambassador between West, Muslims

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama bin Laden Jr., released from jail in late July, is now making a new claim to fame: He wants to be an “ambassador for peace” between Muslims and the West.

“Unfortunately, these countries have reasons to hope, but there is a need for these states to talk, to drive in Florida,” he said. “But now, they ask you if you are a U.S. citizen and if you say no, then they ask for your green card. Without a green card you can’t do anything.”

Alfonso Chardy

Miami Herald

FLORIDA

Ors was among a growing number of immigrants who, despite having worked for decades in the United States and paid taxes, are shut out of Social Security and other benefits because they are undocumented. Many are homeless.

“Get to a job, open a bank account, you only had to show your driver’s license and that opened all the doors,” he said. “But now, they ask you if you are a U.S. citizen and if you say no, then they ask for your green card. Without a green card you can’t do anything.”

Ors said he was unable to renew his driver’s license after Sept. 11.

Ors is among 40 Cubans and Haitians getting help from the Florida Interfaith Advocacy Center because they lack Social Security benefits. Some, like Ors, have lost their jobs. Others were convicted of crimes and were ordered deported, including, several. Most of the refugees in detention who were released under a 2005 Supreme Court order.

Ons’ case is all the more remarkable because he comes from a relatively well-known Anti-Castro family.

Two cousins, Hector and Pablo Ors, were Cuban Air Force pilots and fought against Fidel Castro’s rebel army. Pablo died when his plane exploded in 1958 during the Bay of Pigs invasion. Hector said he fled Cuba in 1960 and now lives in Miami and sometimes looks after his nephew.

The case is also unusual because for the 48 years Ons says he been in the country, he never sought to legitimize his status even though he would qualify for a green card like hundreds of thousands of other Cuban refugees.

Army task force: some returning troops don’t know they suffered concussions

WASHINGTON (AP) — As many as 20 percent of U.S. troops leave war with signs they may have had a concussion, and some do not realize they need treatment, a military official said Thursday.

Concussion is a common term for mild head injury that results from an impact to the skull or from a jolt to the brain that causes momentary confusion.

The task force, which completed its work in May, released its findings on Thursday.

It estimated that from 10 percent to 20 percent of soldiers and Marines leaving Iraq and Afghanistan have suffered from brain injury.

The most common cause of concussions in Iraq was accidental falls, but the symptoms can include headaches, dizziness, nausea, vision problems, confusion and irritability.

The task force also said it does not want to do is suddenly pull out a whole bunch of U.S. forces and suddenly turn things over to ... the Iraqi security forces,” said Odiero, who will finish his tour in Iraq next month and return to Fort Hood, Texas.

“I would like to see it done very slowly over time. And I think if we do that, we’ll find ourselves being more successful and we’ll be able to have a consistent reduction of our forces there,” he said.

Odiero, Defense Secretary Robert Gates confirmed Wednesday that leaders had been lured to predict troop reductions beyond this summer, when about a third of U.S. troops in Iraq will drop to 15. There were 20 brigades there for the last six months of 2007, but nine has left and the other four will leave by July.

That would bring U.S. troop totals down to about 150,000.

On Thursday, Gates said he still hopes that the “pace of the drawdown in the first half of the year will continue in the second half of the year.” But he stressed that it depends on the evaluation of conditions there by Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq.

Asked about Gates’ expressed concern, Odiero said he first wants to see the effects of the reduction of forces now under way. “We’re now at 19 brigades — going to 18, 17, 16, 15. I feel comfortable that we’ll be able to maintain the security, but I would like to make sure that that works,” he said.

Odiero also cited Mosul as an example of how the U.S. will gradu-

ally take on more of an oversight role, as Iraqi forces take the lead.

“Let’s see what’s happening in Mosul as a model for the future,” he said. "I think we will decide our forces over time and the Iraqis take primacy for security, we will be here to assist and support it."

Mosul has seen persistent prob-

lems and has been a center of violence driven out of Baghdad and its sur-

rounding neighborhoods have flooded into the city. But the security situation has not been determined, Odiero said the U.S. may add some combat forces there and over time would maintain enough troops to rein-

force the Iraqis.

**Note: A portion of this text was hidden from the original, so it was not translated.**

Iranian president criticizes Bush

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CAIRO, Egypt — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Thursday that President Bush sent a “message of confrontation” during his recent Mideast trip.

Bush spent much of his visit to the region by which he wrapped up on Wednesday, rallying sup-

port among Arab allies for a strong stance against Iran — calling the country the world’s top sponsor of terrorism.

“I: George Bush sent a message to the Iranian people and all the nations worldwide,” said Ahmadinejad during an interview in Fars with Al-Jazeera television.

“Message reflects his own con-

ceptions and it is a message of rift, a message of sowing the seeds of division. It is a message of confrontation demeaning the dign-

ity of mankind,” Ahmadinejad said. A top Iranian president said Bush’s statements were made for domestic political reasons.

“They are in need of these state-

ments for their own domestic reasons,” said Ahmadinejad.

“However, these statements increase the sentiment of resentment of the Iranian people against the U.S. officials,” Ahmadinejad also lashed out at

Israel, a key U.S. ally in the Mideast, saying the country was “rapidly doomed to collapse.”

“All those nations believe that (the Israelis) are a murderous group who are speaking on their own,” Ahmadinejad said.

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Ahmadinejad dismissed the mis-

sile test, saying Israel “lacks the courage to launch any attack against the Iranian state.

“They are aware that any attempt or strike will be confronted by a very strong response,” added the Iranian president.

Tensions between Iran and both Israel and the U.S. have mounted high over Tehran’s controversial nuclear activities. The U.S. and Israel claim Iran’s programs could be a pathway to nuclear weapons but Iran insists its intentions are peaceful.

“They would like to deceive our people alleging that the nuclear capability would amount to a nucle-

ar weapon,” said Ahmadinejad on Thursday.

Cuban exile Florestan Ors sleeps under an expressway, eats from garbage can, watches races or walks to a nearby clubhouse at Flagler Dog Track in Miami, Oct. 15, 2007. But unlike many of Cuba’s early refugees who are now prosperous citizens, Ors is virtually penniless at 71. And, oddly, undocumented.

Source: Miami Herald

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Iranian president criticizes Bush
Students show Obama support

Salukis exhibit senator’s strong youth popularity

By Jenn Lofton 
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It’s been said that the 2008 presidential election could make history and SIUC students plan to take part.

Eight Democratic and Republican candidates are on the ballot for the Feb. 5 presidential primary election. One candidate — Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., — has received support from universities across the country, including SIUC.

Since classes have just started, most on-campus organizations have not been able to hold their first meetings. However, students who strongly support Obama have come together in order to continue the effort and make him the next president.

Undergraduates and graduates who are part of Students for Barack Obama held their first meeting Wednesday in the Student Center Roman Room. Jim Petre, a graduate student from Carol Stream studying speech communication, conducted the meeting.

Petre has been a supporter since late 2003 when Obama ran in the Illinois Senate primaries. Although Petre currently resides in Carbondale, he has tried to be involved in the campaign as much as possible. He writes letters to campaign offices around the country to show support and shares his ideas with local newspapers.

Petre said Obama has had such a huge impact that he has received support from students who are Republicans and Independents. “I really do think Obama has a chance to win because he has that talent of bringing people together,” Petre said.

Nathan Brendal, a senior from Fairfield studying advertising, attended the meeting. Brendal said this election appeals to students because they can relate to the candidates’ ideas for change. He said he thinks the way the candidates have encouraged students to take part in this election is different from previous years.

Brendal said he supports Obama because the senator was the only leading Democratic candidate who opposed the war and has continued to stand by his beliefs. He added that of all the candidates, he thinks Obama is the candidate who has not been corrupted by corporate greed.

“Someone who has not been corrupted by corporate influence is the one that this generation can relate to,” Brendal said.

Petre said Obama has so much support from students is because he took the initiative to speak to young voters during early campaigning.

“College student participation in the election leads to low risk and high rewards,” Brendal said.

Petre and Brendal believe their generation is the next generation of voters and can make a difference if they choose the candidate that can promise change.

In the next couple of weeks, Students for Barack Obama will campaign locally and in neighboring states. The goal is to encourage more college students to get out and vote as well as persuade those who are still undecided. The next meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Longbranch Coffeehouse.

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## Why you can’t avoid voting

In a few weeks, Illinois will join 20 other states in the primary elections. From 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5, to be exact. The Jackson County primaries will have the choice of Democrat, Republican or the Green Party on its ballots. Lentz Hall, Grinnell Hall, University Hall and the Evergreen Terrace activity room are where polls will be stationed on campus come Election Day. Some other notable locations are the Carbondale Civic Center, the Farmra B. Hayes Centre, Carbondale Community High School and Carbondale Middle School. The full list is available on the Jackson County Web site: http://www.co.jackson.il.us.

The Daily Egyptian wants to make it impossible for you to not vote. No excuses. No I-don’t-care-about-apathy apathy. Only 11 percent of the youth vote, or people between the ages of 18 and 24, voted in the 2004 presidential election according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Those votes were included in the mere 12 percent of Illinois’ population that voted. This year has to be different. Why you might ask?

Without sounding too trite, the Daily Egyptian wants to end the cliché that one vote won’t make a difference. For example, even though Sen. Barack Obama lost the New Hampshire primary, the youth vote counted for 60 percent of his ballots. It boosted him to second place. While we are not ready to make any endorsements, what happened in New Hampshire is a testament to what the youth vote is capable of doing. We need to use our numbers and our power to put who we want in office. The primaries serve as an important tool for delegates when they decide whom to vote for in their party's nomination.

In other words, we have the power to choose what Democrat and Republican will ultimately duke it out for dubs on the White House. The amount of time it will take someone — whether they still need to register, are voting absentee, are voting early or are going to the polls on Feb. 5 — will range from five minutes to an hour. So tear out this page. Paste it on your refrigerator. Keep it in your car. And tell yourself that your vote counts too.

### February

- **20**: Early voting, Count Clerk’s Office, Jackson County Courthouse; 1001 Walnut St., Murphysboro, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
- **24**: Last day to register to vote;
- **26**: Absentee voting, Count Clerk’s Office, Jackson County Courthouse; 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

### January

- **20**: Early voting, Count Clerk’s Office, Jackson County Courthouse; 1001 Walnut St., Murphysboro, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
- **21**: National holiday;
- **22**: Early voting, Count Clerk’s Office, Jackson County Courthouse; 1001 Walnut St., Murphysboro, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
- **24**: Absentee voting, Count Clerk’s Office, Jackson County Courthouse; 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
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## Mission Statement

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

## Quote of the Day

“It’s always easier if you’re doing something hard if you have other people do it with you.”

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**Mick Cornell**, Oklahoma City mayor, when he dared the people of the city to collectively lose one million pounds in 2008.
The clone jumped over the moon

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All this talk about eating cloned animals really freaks me out, and I’m not the only one who shares this fear.

Just a few days ago, the Food and Drug Administration approved the consumption of milk and meat from cloned animals. It’s not that there’s a shortage of either, but the cloning of animals would consistently produce animals of higher quality. But we won’t be eating the cloned animals directly — just their offspring.

In other words, I don’t see why scientists can’t let nature do its own job. Animals have been reproducing just fine on their own for a long time. I don’t see why we feel the need to mess with it now, if ever.

We are the way we are for a reason, and I don’t like the idea of that changing.

In a recent New York Times article, farmers said a genetically altered animal would consistently produce higher-quality food. That doesn’t seem right to me, especially because the cows are fine — it’s how they are raised. Animals raised in a natural environment are much tastier than the ones that are kept in pens all their lives and injected with who knows what, which is why I’m a vegetarian. And believe me, I won’t be changing for cloned animals.

I don’t think the FDA’s recommendation that “food from cloned animals other than cattle, swine and goats … not be introduced into the food supply” keeps me a little skeptical about the future. The FDA’s site doesn’t offer any more information as to why other animal clones are not safe to eat. It could be as simple as enough tests haven’t been done, but who knows what kind of studies have been done in the last decade.

I say not enough tests have been done on non-cloned animals, let alone cloned ones. Recently reported illnesses at pig and chicken hatcheries in Minnesota and Indiana are proof of this. Health officials are investigating whether a technique of blowing pig brains out of their skulls with compressed air is the cause of workers complaining of mysterious neurological symptoms. Incidents like this should take priority over animal cloning by far.

The FDA also doesn’t plan on telling us if our food came from cloned animals because it’s supposedly not any different from non-cloned animals. First of all, I’ll like to know what I’m eating. Second, if it’s the same meat, without any distinguishing factors that prove it is higher quality or better in some way, then why are they cloning animals?

For those of you who are worried, though, you can relax. The FDA says it will still be a little while before any cloned food can be found on the shelves. But beware in the future — you may be stuck eating the same steak.

Engler is a senior studying French and journalism.

Q: What do you think of Chris Lowery’s $750,000 salary now that the basketball team has a losing record?

E: He got paid off, maybe, and now he doesn’t care. I don’t really watch basketball but I guess it probably doesn’t have anything to do with him losing. He probably just doesn’t care anymore, he’s got a lot of money.

Junior studying geography

Luke Orr

I don’t really feel that he has earned his money right now.

Michelle Hagene

That’s fine. You can’t undervalue his performance depending on just one or two matches.

Sophomore studying chemistry

Madhu Nalapat

Being a hardcore Saluki fan, it’s a mixed reaction. But at the same point you have to realize the previous records were all thanks to Tatum and Young. So, you realize we’re down in guard play, but [Lowery] got a great recruiting class, so therefore in a way I think he deserves it. You know if we get a couple years down the road and [the team] is still not performing well, then we’ll address it with Mario and stuff in charge.

Graduate student studying electrical and computer engineering

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PRE-LEASE NOW!
Recreation Center offers help with equipment

Students can learn about weight machines from center staff

Maria Capati
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Those who don’t know how to use the complex and often daunting equipment at the Recreation Center have options.

For a $20 fee, the center offers a personal orientation for students who are not familiar with the weight machines. A certified trainer will explain how to work the equipment and what part of the muscles the machine is toning.

Lynne Thompson-Cundiff, recreational sports and services coordinator, said students should not feel embarrassed if they need help or have questions.

“Students should get in the mind-set that everybody has to learn before they can do things,” Thompson-Cundiff said.

“Some of the most common problems students experience are back and shin pain,” Massie said. Students who feel embarrassed to work out alone can take group fitness classes, which are taught by certified trainers and are free, such as strength training and core circuit training. Those who prefer to try something different can try workouts like the spinning and aerobic classes.

“I attended an aerobics class once, just to try something different,” said Jerald Ramos, an undecided freshman from Oak Forest. Thompson-Cundiff said she is planning a free orientation in which students may obtain help on how to use the equipment.

The Rec Center is for everybody, no matter if you work out regularly or if you’re new,” Thompson-Cundiff said.

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“Students should get in the mind-set that everybody has to learn before they can do things.” — Lynne Thompson-Cundiff, recreational sports and services coordinator

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University looks to alter waste reduction

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With RecycleMania and a vermicomposting facility remodeled just around the corner, Physical Plant employees won’t have much time to enjoy their first harvest of worm excrement.

Food waste from the university’s dining halls is hauled to the vermicomposting facility where it is broken down by red wiggler worms. Recycling coordinator Andilee Warner said she plans to disassemble two of the four current composting containers to make room for an 80-by-12 foot bunker system. The new system will be next to two elevated 40-by-5 foot bins.

The bunker system is a part of a transition to a second technique of vermicomposting the university is trying because the current method doesn’t adequately decompose the food waste.

In fiscal year 2007, the cost of collecting, hauling and dumping trash generated on campus was $179,474. That figure does not include waste from University Housing or the Student Center. Warner said Housing’s waste disposal costs could be as much as or more than the campus figure.

The university spends roughly $150,000 a year on its recycling program — a figure Physical Plant Director Phil Gatton said has not been updated to include the cost of recycling Morris Library’s demolition and construction waste. Gatton said most contractors do not recycle on their own, but recycling was included in River City Construction Company’s library demolition and construction waste.

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“Last night, I printed out, like, 80 pages and I don’t think that was necessary,” Fuller said. Warner said she makes a point in her office to encourage printing on both sides of paper to reduce waste.

“Nature’s pretty enough, why do we have to ruin it?” said Fuller.

The EPA classifies the southern Illinois area as region seven, containing five active landfills. In 2005, The Southern Illinois Regional Landfill was ranked 10th of all state landfills for percentage of waste dumped. The five active landfills for Region 7 accepted almost 2.3 million cubic yards of waste during 2005, according to the EPA Website. The average annual amount of campus waste diverted to recycling bins is about 20 percent, Warner said.

“It’s better than nothing, but why do we have to throw anything anywhere and ignore recycling bins.”

“Nature’s pretty enough, why do we have to ruin it?” she said.
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More than art on display at University Museum

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Soft blue light fills the gallery, the result of sunlight filtering through a collection of brilliantly colored glass structures. The eye is immediately drawn to a six-foot tall glass re-creation of a set of silverware.

The giant glass fork, spoon and knife are part of an exhibit by Rick Beck, a glass artist featured this semester in the University Museum.

Beck’s exhibit is one of several new exhibits opening this month. Most of the exhibits open Jan. 22, though some, including Beck’s, do not open to the public until later in January.

The exhibits vary in form and style, showcasing an array of artistic mediums, including glass, wood and paint. They feature local and professional artists, guest curators and student exhibits.

The University Museum is not strictly an art museum, said Dr. Dona Bachman, the museum director.

“We have an extensive science collection, and we’re going to be focusing on dinosaurs this semester ... and we're doing quite a focus on history,” Bachman said.

She said this year marks the 75th anniversary of some of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal Programs, including an art program.

“We're going to have a former art historian come back and he’s going to put up an exhibit of the federal art projects in Illinois,” Bachman said.

The former SIUC art historian is George Mavigliano, who is displaying an exhibit titled “The Federal Art Projects of the 1930s.” The exhibit explores several pieces of art created during the Great Depression.

“It’s a period when artists were actually employed by the federal government for a brief period of time before World War II,” Mavigliano said. “I don’t ever suspect that we will see an opportunity like that again.”

Another aspect of the 75th anniversary celebration is an exhibit by two local artists, Fred Myers and Maude Craig, which opens Jan. 22.

Craig, who took a few art classes at SIUC in the 1930s, was commissioned by the Federal Art Project to paint scenes of Creal Springs in 1939. Myers was hired by the Works Progress Administration to carve prehistoric animals and historic figures from wood. The exhibit includes several of Myers’ carvings of dinosaurs and past presidents.

The museum will also display a collection of Japanese woodblock prints, which opens Jan. 29 and is put on by Dr. Stacey Sloboda, an assistant professor in the art and design program.

The University Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. More information about the exhibits can be found at www.museum.siu.edu, or by calling 618-453-5388.
SIU swimmer Dennis Hedo takes a short break during practice at the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium.

Nov. 5. The team’s next meet is Saturday against Missouri State. Hedo picked up a win in the 200 freestyle against Missouri State in 2007.

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**Swimming and Diving**

SIU to meet Missouri State in the water

Saturday will be the Salukis first action since defeating St. Louis University in a meet Dec. 8.

After more than a month away from the pool, the SIU swimming and diving team is hungry for competition as they head to Missouri State.

“The first meet out is sometimes a struggle, but we’ll get over that,” Walker said.

The Salukis placed first in 23 of 28 events, including both the men’s and women’s 400-meter medley relay. The Saluki men posted a 181-73 victory against St. Louis, while the women won by a score of 160-96. Walker said their most recent performance would be hard to duplicate against the Bears.

“You’re not going to walk in there and take anything away from them,” Walker said. “It’s going to be closely matched all the way around.”

Missouri State hopes to bounce back after losing its first meet of the new year. Missouri outscored the men’s team 160.5 to 139.5 and the women’s team by a score of 210-71. Arkansas also beat the women’s team by a score of 247-53.

Walker said he expects Missouri State to be ready for the Salukis, even though the Bears will compete against Truman State Friday night in Kirksville, Mo.

“We’re going in tired after training very hard,” Walker said. “But, I think we’re going in more focused than ever before.”

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**Swimmers look to keep momentum**

Chicagoo Bulls rookie Curry arrested in Boise

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Chicago Bulls rookie AmeriCone Curry has been arrested in Boise and charged with misdemeanor counts of resisting in public and resisting arrest.

Police arrested Curry early Thursday morning and took him to the Ada County Jail. He was released after a few hours later after posting $600 bond.

Curry has until Feb. 7 to make a plea, and then must be in Boise again for either a jury trial or sentencing.

The 6-foot-3 Curry is a guard and second-round draft pick of the Bulls last year.

Amid receiver Garnder, the SIU senior forward Matthew Shaw, center, guards Evansville's Nate Garner during Tuesday's victory at Evansville. The Salukis play Wichita State at 2:05 p.m. Saturday at SIU Arena.

**Basketball**

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off a 72-51 loss to MVC co-leader Illinois State Wednesday night.

Leading the Salukis is senior guard P.J. Couisnard with 11.5 points per game. Senior forward Phillip Thomasson also adds 10.7 points per game for the Salukis, who sit in second to last place in the MVC standings.

While a consistent leader has yet to step up for the Salukis, senior guard Bryan Mullins seems to be taking control of the leadership position a year early.

Mullins scoring average has gone up four points from last season and he currently leads the MVC in steals with 2.4 per game and is second in assist with 5.4 per game.

Lowery credited Mullins with stepping up in his role within a program that thrives off senior leadership.

“He wants to be the confident teammate, but at this point he’s got to be the leader of the team because he can be,” Lowery said. “And because he’s playing that way and leading by example, he’s really enjoying the the troops every time something bad happens.”

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No. 16 Ohio State defeats Illinois

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Illinois' P.J. Couisnard made a 3-pointer from behind the arc with 14 seconds remaining Friday night to give the Buckeyes (14-3, 5-1 Big Ten) a 53-50 comeback win over Illinois on Thursday night.

Down by seven points with 5:40 to go, the Buckeyes went on a 14-2 rally to grab a lead they never relinquished.

Ashlee Trebilcock led the Buckeyes with 11 points. Lavender finished with 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Joe Crede agrees to one-year, $5.1 million deal

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago White Sox third baseman Joe Crede agreed Thursday to a one-year, $5.1 million contract that allowed him to earn an additional $300,000 in performance bonuses.

Crede, who played only 47 games last season due to back surgery, was Chicago's last remaining arbitration-eligible player.

He batted .244 with 23 homers and 67 RBIs in 100 games.

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— Rick Walker head coach

SIU swimming and diving
Lennon: "I'm going to go with the obvious pick in the AFC. I still think the Patriots are going undefeated and while the Chargers are red-hot, the Patriots shouldn't have too much trouble in the NFC. I'm going with the Packers because the game is in Green Bay and the weather should be terrible cold. The only way the Giants win is if SU alum Brandon Jacobs puts up 200-yards and quarterback Eli Manning doesn't turn the ball over."

"These are some simple picks. There was no doubt the Patriots were going to beat the Chargers and now that Philip Rivers opened his mouth, it's only going to motivate the Pats even more. The Packers will take care of business in Green Bay. They have the better overall defense and Ryan Grant has been real good."

"I don't really know why we're ask- ing this because it's pretty much given with the Pats and Packers. The Pats are of course unstoppable and will eventu- ally be the Super Bowl champs and the Packers are virtually unbeatable at home with Favre in Green Bay."

"There are some similarities between the 3-4 and what they were running here before," Lennon said. "It gives you a lot of flexibility so you can adjust to different defenses from week to week."

"It's kind of eerily similar that coach Kill's standing within southern Illinois mirrors Lennon's standing in Grand Forks. We were looking for someone who had been in a smaller town but was a big part of the community."

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Salukis look to make up ground

**Two crucial games on tap for Salukis**

**Matt Hartwig**

While it isn’t exactly the ESPN College Gameday treatment, the SIU women’s basketball team is getting some time in the regional spotlight this weekend.

The Salukis will take on Drake at 7:30 p.m. Friday at SIU Arena and will return at 2:05 p.m. Sunday to take on Creighton.

Friday night’s game against the Bulldogs will be televised on Fox Sports Net in a game SIU hopes to boost from its previous attendance of 540 fans.

The Salukis are getting some time in the spotlight this weekend.

Senior guard Jayme Sweere passes the ball during Tuesday night’s game against Evansville. Falke was the leading scorer with 16 points, nine rebounds, and five assists.

Lowery said he was pleased with Falke’s performance, which was what he expected of the veteran all season.

“His confidence,” Lowery said. “As he goes so do we. When he’s playing well, it makes it easier for everyone else and I think him realizing the senior status here, is important for us.”

Wichita State (8-9, 1-5 MVC) is coming off a loss to Creighton, and the Salukis (8-9, 3-3 MVC) have a good reputation at home against Missouri Valley Conference schools — compiling a 24-1 record since the 2001-02 season.

After struggling against constant double-team pressure this season, senior Randal Falke had the type of performance Tuesday many expected him to have on a regular basis when he scored 16 points, grabbed nine rebounds and dished out five assists.

Senior guard Jayme Sweere passes the ball during the Salukis’ 71-55 win against Christian Brothers on Nov. 12. Sweere averages 13.6 points per game as she and the rest of the team take on Drake, which has the first ranked defense in the Missouri Valley Conference.

**Senior guard Jayme Sweere passes the ball during Tuesday night’s game against Evansville. Falke was the leading scorer with 16 points, nine rebounds, and five assists.**

Jeff Engelhardt

**Gridiron guru**

Lennon brings coaching expertise to Salukis

**DAILY EGYPTIAN**

The SIU football team can leave its hard hats and lunchpails at home next season.

After seven years at SIU, Jerry Kill took his blue-collar approach to Northern Illinois, opening the door for former University of North Dakota coach Dale Lennon.

Lennon’s coaching credentials are top-notch as he compiled a 90-24 record and a national championship over his nine years with the Fighting Sioux. Most impressive to SIU fans could be his road victory over conference rival Northern Iowa in the UNI Dome — a feat SIU has not accomplished since 1983.

Since taking the head coach job at SIU, Lennon has stayed busy getting acquainted with the Carbondale community, meeting with players and catching up on recruiting.

Though his schedule is hectic and he is unfamiliar with the team, Lennon said the only thing he knows how to do is win.

“I came from a program that went 10-2 last season and it was considered a disappointment,” Lennon said. “I’m pretty used to the high expectations, and for myself, that’s the type of situation I was looking for.”

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**Dale Lennon — Daily Egyptian**

The Salukis (8-9, 3-3 MVC) have a good defense in the nation. The Blue Jays average 7.2 3-point baskets per game.

Senior forward Sara Cain averages 10.2 points per game while senior guard Ally Thrall has dished out a team-high 45 assists this season.

Thrall leads the MVC with a 47.3 percent 3-point shooting percentage.

SIU swept both Creighton and Drake during the 2006-07 season.

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