Morris renovations half done 

Brandy Oxford

Workers recently raised the roof of the rotunda at Morris Library, symbolically marking the halfway point of a three-year renovation plan that began in January 2006.

David Carlson, dean of library affairs, said all renovations in the $48 million project are on schedule to be completed by summer of 2009.

The third floor will be the next focal point, Carlson said, because it will be needed by the end of the year but has not progressed as much as other floors.

“We will begin moving everything to the third, fourth and fifth floors at the end of this year,” Carlson said. “We’re hoping to have the transition done and be functional for spring semester so we can begin demolition and renovation on the first floor and basement.”

The renovation will bring several new features to the library, Carlson said.

A glass wall on the west side of the first, second and third floors is being installed to provide library goers with a view of campus that was nonexistent before the renovation, associate dean of library affairs Susan Logue said.

“One of the most exciting aspects of this renovation is that there are going to be fantastic views of Thompson Woods,” Logue said. “Everybody has seen the view from the north, but now they’ll be able to see the south, east and west as well.”

She said the fifth floor would offer views of Forbes, Shryock and the Brush Towers through large windows.

Along with the new views of campus, the library will offer new places to view library resources.

The renovation will include more than 50 group study rooms, Carlson said. Many of these rooms will be available at any time, but others will function with a hotel key type of system to allow students to reserve rooms with audiovisual equipment.

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University bends on registration policy

Scott Nieszala

SIU President Glenn Poshard said SIUC now allows students to register for classes if they owe less than $500, a policy Bugle said seems fair.

“I have a kid and so there are times that I might be a little bit late on paying a bill or something like that,” Bugle said. “It’s not that I’m not intending on paying it, but things happen in life.”

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the university wants students to register for classes because they owe the university money doesn’t seem like a good policy to him, and he expects good results from the change.

The policy will affect this fall’s bursar bill.

“It’s not going to cost the university anything because they’re going to pay it eventually,” Poshard said. “But to cause a student not to be able to register just because they owe the university money doesn’t seem like a good policy to him.”

Poshard said he hopes the new policy will help retain students, especially freshmen, because the $500 limit could be raised to combat low enrollment and improve retention rates at SIUC.

University Bursar Jill Kirkpatrick said she also hopes retention will improve, but thinks it is too early to tell.

“At this point, it’s kind of early,” Kirkpatrick said. “We changed the policy basically in the spring and we instituted this threshold for the fall.”

The new policy will be more convenient, Poshard said, for students who may not have the money at the moment but still want to register for classes.

Randall Colburn, a graduate student from Rochester Hills, Mich., studying playwriting, said he owed money in the past when trying to register for classes, and was not allowed to register until he paid.

“It was a bit of an inconvenience,” he said.

Colburn said the new policy is a good one as long as people don’t take advantage of it — which could happen if the threshold is raised from $500.

“I think that’s a solid number,” Colburn said. “If it gets above that I think it might just be getting too lenient.”

See ENROLL, Page 7

Right on cue

David Lopez

With one crack of a cue ball, a Carbondale billiards team earned a shot at $15,000.

The six-member squad — formed of five Carbondale residents and one from Murphysboro — earned its spot in the upcoming American Poolplayers Association national tournament earlier this month with a tie-breaking shot from its youngest member.

The APAs annual National Team Championships are set to take place in Las Vegas the week of Aug. 16.

“As soon as the cue ball hit, I knew it was going in,” said 23-year-old Jeremy Howell, who scored the winning points with a reverse bank shot at the regional tournament in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The local team, dubbed “Mug’s #1,” beat 33 teams in regional play to advance to the nationals, where it will compete against more than 400 teams for the $13,000 grand prize.

Carbondale residents Steve Gibson and Brad Robison formed the team in the winter with other players they compete with in the Mugsy McGuire’s billiards league. Also on the team with the founders and Howell are Carbondale residents Larry Holland, Gene Phelps and Murphysboro’s John Weber.

Gibson said the team’s biggest challenge is to raise money for the trip.

While the APA is paying for the members’ rooms and transportation, extra money will go towards other travel expenses and help bring some loved ones along for the trip.

See POOL, Page 5

Morris renovations half done

David Carlson, Dean of Library Affairs takes a tour of the renovation project at Morris Library. The estimated completion date for the project is June 2009, but some floors may be finished and ready for use by December 2007.
**News Briefs**

**Anonymous jury in accused Chicago mob case**

CHICAGO (AP) — The city's biggest organized crime trial in years got under way Tuesday with an air of secrecy as a federal judge began questioning potential members of an anonymous jury.

Once seated, jurors — to be identified only by court-issued numbers — will hear allegations against aging mob defendants accused of a racketeering conspiracy that included at least 18 murders. Among the victims is a man who inspired a character in the movie “Casino.”

Accused are reputed mob boss Joseph “ Joey the Clown” Lombardo, 78, James Marcello, 65, Frank Calabrese Sr., 70, Paul Schiro, 69, and Anthony Doyle, 62.

All five have pleaded not guilty.

**Springfields vie for Simpsons movie premiere**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — With a bowling alley, a pub, a prison and a nuclear power plant just down the road, Springfield, Mass., likes to think itself a real-life version of the home of “The Simpsons.”

Now, the town is going all out to prove it, joining 13 other Springfields from across the nation in a contest, with the winner hosting the big-screen premiere of “The Simpsons Movie” July 26. The public will choose the winner in a USA Today online vote.

The competition is stiff.

Every Springfield in the nation was invited to take part, submitting a three- to five-minute video showcasing their towns. Voting ends July 9, with the winner announced the next day. The movie hits theaters July 27.

**Correction**

If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 253.

**POLICE REPORTS**

There are no items to report today.

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**AccuWeather 7-Day Forecast for Carbondale**

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- Five week course, ages 4-7
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- Payable to instructor
Joe Crawford  
**Daily Egyptian**

The City Council halted a plan to move the Greyhound bus stop to North Washington Street at its meeting Tuesday night.

The council shot the measure down in a 5-1 vote to keep the stop at its current location in front of the Amtrak station on South Illinois Avenue.

David Mori, who sells Greyhound bus tickets out of the location at 215 N. Washington Street, went to a special use permit so the bus could stop at the same place passengers purchase tickets.

The Carbondale Planning Commission voted down Mori’s request at its May 2 meeting.

In 2005, the bus stop was moved from North Illinois Street to South Illinois Avenue near the Amtrak station, where it is now located. The current location is several blocks away from the Washington Street location where Mori sells tickets.

Mori did not attend the meeting, but was represented by Hugh Williams of Carbondale. On his Internet site, http://www.shawneenet.net/dispatch, Mori said the City Council had already made a decision and he wrote that he would watch the meeting on TV instead.

“Probably the council was not aware of all the abusive effects a bus stop could have on business in the area. Margaret Nesbitt, co-owner of Di Quack Stop near the proposed bus stop on North Washington Street area has steadily improved its roads in the area. But she was worried the new stop could drive customers away,” Mori wrote.

“The bus is a bad image for that area,” Nesbitt said.

Nesbitt said she was also concerned the bus would take up some of the parking spots in the area, thus hurting other area businesses.

Rene Cook, manager of Town Square Market near North Illinois Street, said there had been problems in the past when the bus stop was in the neighborhood because passengers arrived when the bus station was closed and they would often find shelter in local businesses. Town Square Market was not in the neighborhood at the time.

Because the passengers were not always paying customers, this caused a problem for some local businesses, she said.

However, Cook said she had no problem with the move as long as Mori found a way to accommodate the passengers.

“My only concern is that there be a place for the people to be, to out of the elements,” she said.

Extending the station’s hours to accommodate all passengers was a possibility but not a definite plan, Mori wrote in an e-mail Tuesday. Currently, buses stop in Carbondale at 10:40 a.m., 8:05 p.m. and 10:55 p.m.

Chris Barone, manager of Booby’s Submarine Sandwiches near the bus stop, said passengers occasionally patronize the business and have not been a nuisance.

Councilman Stephen Hayes said he lives in a neighborhood near North Washington Street, and is concerned about how the effect the bus stop could have on the roads in the area.

“Thank goodness we did not vote to block off this avenue to our community,” he said.

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Brandon Weisenberger  
**Daily Egyptian**

Driving uninsured in Illinois will come at a steeper price this summer.

Lengthy suspensions and heavier fines are included under new regulations set to go into effect July 1.

Those convicted of driving without insurance will have their licenses suspended for three months with a $100 reinstatement fee required at the end of the suspension, the license will be void for another six months. But anyone caught without an insurance card can avoid a conviction if he or she provides proof of coverage to the court.

One sponsor of the legislation in the state’s House of Representatives said it would provide uninsured drivers to get coverage and impose harsher penalties.

“Most current suppliers of driving without insurance are fined between $500 and $1,000 without suspension,” said William Black of Danville in a statement.

“Many consumers currently convicted of driving without insurance, and without insurance, drivers may find safe driving less of a priority.” Rep. Martha Ann Armfield, a Springfield Democrat, said.

The legislation first appeared in the Senate in early 2006, introduced by Urbana Sen. Richard Winkel but died. It was sponsored by Rep. Stephen Haynes (R-East St. Louis) and Sen. Christine Dunne (D-Lake in the Hills). The state also banned cell phone use by drivers under 18, requires children to ride in a booster seat until age 9 and allows police to stop and ticket drivers for not wearing a safety belt.

Carbondale resident Janice Tierney said she was aware of the new penalties for uninsured drivers and had already told her son, who lives in Harrisburg, to get insurance of his own.

“Get’s his car that’s not covered, and I’m sure he doesn’t want to go through another one of ‘38 Impalas,” she said.

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Sarah El Deeb  
**Associated Press Writer**

**EREZ CROSSING, Gaza Strip** — Trapped by Israeli tanks and Hamas gunfire, hundreds of terrified Palestinians holed up in a stench-filled concrete tunnel at a border crossing Tuesday, promised to flee the Islamic militants now ruling the Gaza Strip.

Israel took in two people hit by curfews. But officials said the curfews and border closures were not passable even for the most desperate. It’s the latest in a string of Israeli driving rules initiated within the past decade.

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Iran, EU to meet for nuclear talks

The EU foreign policy chief will meet with a weakened Hamas in a peace push.

The EU team will be a follow-up to discussions earlier this year between EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana and Hamas leader Mahmoud Abbas, the foreign minister of the Palestinian Authority. The Hamas leadership has agreed to meet with the EU for what are likely to be talks on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The fact that the EU team will visit with Hamas is a sign of the growing weight of the movement in the region. It is also a sign of the growing confidence of EU officials in the ability of the EU to influence the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which has been a major sticking point in the relationship between the EU and Israel.

The EU team will meet with Hamas leaders in a bid to press them on the need for a comprehensive peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. The EU has been a key player in efforts to achieve peace in the region, and its involvement in these talks is seen as a positive development.

Hamas, which has been designated a terrorist organization by Israel and the United States, has been in power in the Gaza Strip since the 2005 coup that ousted the Palestinian Authority. The EU has been exploring ways to engage with Hamas, including through the EU’s “Fiscal Love” operation, which aims to combat tax evasion and other forms of financial crime.

The EU has also been pressing Hamas to accept a two-state solution, which would involve the establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel. Hamas has been reluctant to accept such a solution, preferring instead a “victory” in the conflict that would allow it to retain power in the Gaza Strip.

The EU team’s visit to Hamas is likely to be a symbolic gesture, as the EU has not recognized Hamas as a legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. However, it is also a sign of the EU’s growing role in the region, and its willingness to engage with Hamas in order to achieve a lasting solution to the conflict.

The EU’s involvement in the region is also seen as a way to counter the growing influence of Israel and the United States, which have been key players in the Israel-Palestinian conflict for decades. By engaging with Hamas, the EU is seeking to ensure that it has a say in the future of the region, and to influence the decision-making process.

The EU team’s visit to Hamas is likely to be a sensitive issue for Israel, which has been opposed to the EU’s engagement with Hamas. However, it is also seen as an opportunity for the EU to demonstrate its commitment to the search for a peaceful solution to the conflict.

The EU team is expected to meet with Hamas leaders on Tuesday, and the talks are likely to focus on the need for a comprehensive peace agreement, as well as other issues such as the Gaza Strip economy and the Palestinian Authority’s budget.

The EU’s engagement with Hamas is likely to be a key test of its ability to influence the region, and its willingness to engage with one of the most controversial groups in the world.

**Note:** The above text is a fictional representation of a potential diplomatic engagement between the EU and Hamas, and is not intended to reflect current political realities or to influence real-world decisions.
Student Services will soon begin a search for a new services vendor, and a Starbucks-like facility in the new coffee commons at the library will be included in that contract, Carlson said.

But all construction is still ongoing, Carlson said, and is not scheduled for completion until June 2009.

Carlson said the second floor houses about 80 percent of the offices and will be a complicated floor to finish. Structural work has been done, but the floor has otherwise remained untouched, he said.

He said there is not yet money for the renovation of floors six and seven, but discussions continue to find money to have those floors renovated as well. He said these must be completed within two to three years of the current renovations to house growth of the library’s collection.

Construction has closed all but the south entrance to the library, which is only accessible through a plywood tunnel intended to protect passers-by from falling debris.

Library attendance has decreased by about 50 percent since the beginning of the renovation, but Carlson and Logue said the decrease was also due in large part to the increased use of Internet databases available through the library’s Web site.

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ENROLL

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Kickpatrick said before the 2007 spring semester, students who didn’t make their first payment would be dropped from all their classes. A change was made for the 2007 spring semester to only prevent students from registering for the next semester if they owed money.

The only difference now, she said, is the $500 limit. Poshard said the new policy should also further ensure the university receives the money it is owed.

“The one thing that’s for certain is if students aren’t allowed to come back here, the university’s probably never going to get their money,” Poshard said. “I think you’d stand a lot better chance of student’s paying their bills if they are students here. So it seems to me that letting them register and come back to school and finish their education, over the long haul that’s going to benefit the university more.”

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These inventions are just a few tools that people have used to make our lives easier. But, are they? Studies indicate that we feel less connected and more overwhelmed by life at any time in the past. I think that part of the reason we have gone so far from being lived-back is our work ethic. This generation is being raised on the belief, if you really want to make it, you have to go through college. This belief is why most of us are here. If you could get a job paying the kind of money that you wanted right out of high school, you would probably take it. Most endures hundreds of dollars of debt, eating Ramen noodles, riding a bicycle to school, and shopping at Goodwill to get that degree and move on to a better life. A few years ago, this was unnecessary. I know a man who didn’t even graduate from high school and went on to be a master plumber. That means that he can train the next generation of plumbers. This same man is very wealthy, owning homes with land and several cars. However, he is 60 now, and if you think you can do what he did by today’s standards, you better start learning.

Another problem is that we don’t have any time. Technology is partly to blame. But I think it is just a side effect. The bigger problem is the bigger issue of time management. How many people sign up to be at work or school from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and then eat a quick sup- per at McDonalds, run to the baseball game or church function, and get home late and start in on homework? Every last one of them. While the younger kids usually don’t make their decisions, the adults do. We do sign up for the classes, the jobs that pay for it, and the evening activities that sap tomorrow’s energy.

So I think our society takes the blame for why we don’t have enough time to do a full course, so we eat out; or enough time to go to visit people, so we give them a quick phone call, and we don’t even have enough time to read a newspaper, so we scan the online edition.
"I’m always impressed with how the people of Texas step up and perform at an admirable level when great tragedy strikes, particularly when nature gives us some very difficult situations." — Rick Perry, Texas governor

Toddy's body found after Texas floods

By Angela K. Brown
The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Texas — Todd Dail was 37 National Guardsmen who had been accounted for after storms poured nearly 24 inches of rain on parts of North Texas.

Aided by receding water, rescue crews searched through debris for signs of life. They eventually found a 5-year-old girl who was trapped in a tree.

"He didn't have anyone to look after him, so he was left to fend for himself," said Chief Ranger Jeffie Reeser. "When he was found, he was in a tree, but he was still alive."
Grow what you want

University land used for gardening opportunities

Sarah Lohman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A jungle of tree branches tied together with strips of fabric protects and supports Anquan Zhang’s 20 or so varieties of produce.

In another garden, flattened cardboard boxes shield delicate young plants from the wind. Nearby scarecrows ward off blackbirds.

Zhang, a second-year doctoral student in educational psychology, is one of about 40 Evergreen Terrace residents who take advantage of a plot of land provided by the university to grow whatever type of produce their heart desires.

He said he grows more than 20 varieties of plants, including potatoes, peas, tomatoes, cabbage, squash, Chinese spinach and several varieties of melon native to his homeland — China.

About 40 gardens live side by side, divided by chicken wire and plastic fences, forming what Evergreen Terrace assistant program coordinator Jamie Corr describes as a “patchwork quilt.”

Ellyse Crowell, the Evergreen Terrace resident manager, said the Evergreen Terrace residents are a diverse group and many of the residents use the gardens to grow plants native to their countries as well as vegetables they’ve learned to like in the United States.

Zhang said he enjoys gardening, but that’s not the only reason he spends so much time in his garden.

“Some of the vegetables are not so available here,” Zhang said. “In larger cities you can buy them at international groceries, but this area is more rural.”

His garden provides him with more than just otherwise unavailable produce.

“There’s a lot of community here,” he said. “The gardening community exchanges everything from advice to excess produce. Corr said they would also host a scarecrow contest in July for anyone who wants to participate.

Crowell said the gardens are free to use for those who live in Evergreen Terrace residences, which house university families.

Corr said the area office provides water and compost and prepares the gardens each year, but the planting and care are up to the residents themselves.

She said the gardens — which have doubled in number over the past 20 years — provide different things for different people.

For some it’s a stress reliever, for others it’s a hobby and for some it’s a chance to learn something new, she said.

Corr got her own start at the Terrace gardens.

She began working at SIUC more than 20 years ago and teamed up with two friends who were also unfamiliar with gardening. They each bought their own plants to fill their shared plot of land.

“We all bought tomato plants,” Corr said. “We each bought about nine.”

Corr said she and her friends went through the garden about three times a day picking the vegetables, and would walk through Evergreen Terrace with a wheelbarrow full of tomatoes, giving them to friends and neighbors.

Fellow gardeners taught her how to can tomatoes and make spaghetti sauce.

“We made everything you possibly could from tomatoes and still gave away tons of tomatoes,” Corr said.

She has been in charge of the gardens ever since.

“There’s a story in every single plot,” Corr said.

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Anquan Zhang, a second-year Educational Psychology doctoral student, waters several types of vegetables and melons in the Evergreen Terrace Garden Monday. Certain varieties, such as the winter melon, are native to China.
Festival brings families together

Longbranch Coffeehouse hosts ‘Friday Night at the Movies’ to provide movies for adults as well as children

Justin Leverett

DAILY EGYPTIAN

“Theater here comes the Dog, strong and brave!” sings the little pug-nosed pup Otto as he embarks on a journey to find his mother and his children. Children will giggle and squirm with joy, spelling popcorn all over blankets and sheets lining the floor.

Jen Pillow, of Carbondale, smiles and nods, “This movie was our first choice.”

Pillow is one of two major organizers of “Friday Night at the Movies,” a summer film festival organized locally and devoted to bringing Carbondale families together to enjoy films and quality family time.

“We tried to pick movies that were sweet and inspiring,” she said, watching the puppy prance to and fro.

Located in the back room of the Longbranch Coffeehouse, the festival alternates between classic children’s movies and thought-provoking films for adults not likely to be seen in movie theaters. Every Friday at 7 p.m., community members gather in an air-conditioned comfort to enjoy films and occasionally homemade chocolate and sweets, sold to benefit orphanages and schools in Bangladesh.

The choice of movies was no mistake, said Elaine Ramseyer, Longbranch manager and co-organizer of the event.

“We asked ourselves, what do we consider ‘must-see’ movies?” she said. “The films we choose are important, non-mainstream movies that make grown-ups think.”

Longbranch has played host to the Big Muddy Film Festival for years with great success. This new festival aims to build on that success and make an effort to promote family values and community strength in Carbondale.

“In Carbondale, to be a happy, healthy person, it starts in the family,” Ramseyer said. “The more things families can do together in a safe environment, the better. I don’t think it can be overvalued.”

The festival attracted a pair of SIUC student parents. Rachel DeLawrence, a graduate student from Mount Vernon studying special education and Jodi Karcher, a senior from Mount Vernon studying art, brought their children to Longbranch to enjoy the classic children’s film.

“We told them, we’re going to watch a cute and doggy movie, and they knew what we were talking about,” Karcher said. “They lasted inside maybe 20 minutes, but they love to play outside.”

This Friday, adults will have the opportunity to watch the French film “L’Amour.” The Longbranch Film Festival will continue until August 10.

“Friday Night at the Movies”

The Back Room at the Longbranch Coffeehouse, 100 E. Jackson, Carbondale, E. All movies start at 7 p.m. for information, call (618) 529-4488.

Features and Dates

June 22 — Animax* June 29 — Black Beauty* July 13 — America Freedom to Fascism* July 20 — Charlotte’s Web* Live actions/ treats will be sold and proceeds will go to schools and orphanages in Bangladesh.

In the back room of Longbranch Coffeehouse, a Friday evening showing of “Milo and Otis” drew a young audience, such as Sophie Henderson, age 6. Popcorn, cookies and other refreshments were sold as fundraisers for “For Kid’s Sake,” a project that supports orphanages and schools in Bangladesh.

Alicia Wade

DAILY EGYPTIAN

The White Stripes: “Icky Thump” Release Date: June 19, 2007

Warner Bros. Records

www.whitestripes.com

“More than five years ago, The White Stripes told the story of someone in “One More Car in the Garage”... But with ‘Icky Thump’, the band has got back to its roots and ‘little room’ days, but with a more mature and even more adventurous sound.”

The album boasts both catchy,2010 Mexican驶rings and the oncoco choral and symphonic pop rock hybrids also endeavor into a more melodically melodious pop rock. “The Beginning of a Dream,” for example, is a song that features a horn section taking precedence over the guitar and drums. (For Kids’ Sake), a project that supports orphanages and schools in Bangladesh.

In another genre-breaker, the White Stripes cover the Patti Page song “Conquest” and manage to pull off a delightful, rock-inspired, faux mariachi sound.

The fact of the matter is every track on this album has something positive to be said about it and “Icky Thump” is an amazing effort by The White Stripes. After this superior album they might need a far bigger room than they have now.

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Sixth CD a stellar showing from Stripes

Devin Vaughn

DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Polyphonic Spree: “The Fragile Army” Release Date: June 19, 2007

Label TVY

www.thepolyphonicspree.com

For its new album, “The Fragile Army,” the Polyphonic Spree has shed its traditional gobs of multi-colored ribbons in favor of a more focused-looking ensemble consisting of hack mili- tary uniforms. Ironical, the overtly optimistic chorales and the slightly more fist-pumping spirit than anything discussed on the Spree’s previous albums. This new look is indicative of a new sound.

On their first two albums, the group manifested a light and optimistic tone in their music while the string and horn sections taking precedence over the guitar and drums. In “The Fragile Army,” however, such chorales and the slightly more fist-pumping spirit than anything discussed on the Spree’s previous albums. This new look is indicative of a new sound.

In “Running Away” and “Get Up and Go,” the usage of drums and guitar gives the group a more characteristic, giving the arrangements a far more fist-pumping spirit than anything discussed on the Spree’s previous albums. This new look is indicative of a new sound.

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Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

What the hosts wished their guests would

Girls

23

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1 Gum lump

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42 Kiddee seat?

20 Anvil in the ear

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Writer

16 Unfettered

4 Correct text

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2 M akes amends

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40 Antique shop’s

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31 Japanese drink

13 Farm enclosure

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11 Handy bag

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8 Scribble

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THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

A: (Answers tonight)

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INHGW

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KINGSTON

MADAM

PEARL

SHARK

VAPOR

RYPER

THAT SCRAMBLED

WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mika Argirion

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Sudoku

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Level:

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Suduko, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Tuesday’s puzzle

9 2 8 4 1 5 3 7 6
1 6 7 3 2 8 5 9 4
5 3 4 7 9 6 8 2 1
7 8 5 2 6 3 1 4 9
3 6 2 1 4 9 7 5 8
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1 7 6 9 3 2 4 8 5
8 5 9 6 7 4 2 1 3
2 4 3 5 8 1 9 6 7

When the athletes have tests, the tests become more important than practice.

“The NCAA measuring stick on academics really holds the coaches accountable, because if a kid is not eligible or they transfer, then you lose scholarships,” Moccia said. “It’s a huge incentive for the coaches to make sure academics are taken care of.”

This spring semester GPA helped to bring the overall cumulative GPA for the 2006-2007 school year to 3.00, which is a record-high.

The Toor-Wimman Academic Center, located at the bottom level of Lingle Hall, opened in 2005 as a way for student-athletes to get extra help for student-athletes to get extra help in their classes.

Brookie Morgan, the Coordinator of Life Skills/Academic Counselor, said athletes are required to visit the center on a weekly basis. Incoming freshmen and transfer students are required to spend at least four hours a week at the center.

Morgan said if an athlete is struggling in class they could request help and a tutor would be made available for them. If an appoint-ment cannot be made the students can meet a tutor who is there at night for help.

“If there is a problem we try to help and find a different avenue for them,” said Morgan.

Track and field head coach Connie Price-Smith said school obligations always take precedence over team obligations.

“When the athletes have tests, the tests become more important than practice,” Smith said.

Sophomore Jennifer Berwanger said she frequents the center more often than the library because of all the amenities the center offers.

“I probably use it more now than freshmen year, it’s really nice to have a place like this,” she said.

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~ Connie Price-Smith
track and field head coach
Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick has reportedly held ties to dog fighting. The humane society has asked Nike to end Vick’s contract. Should Nike end the contract?

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"Unless Nike is coming out with a shoe conceived in dog fur, then yes he should lose his endorsements. It’s an illegal and horrible activity. He should never be allowed to have a dog again."

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"I understand, is if it happened. I don’t know how else it could have been. When was the humane society made the jury of the case?"

Lee in Cubs lineup after suspension

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Cubs first baseman Derrek Lee was in the Texas Rangers’ starting lineup Tuesday night for the opener of a series at Texas after appealing his five-game suspension.

"The only thing is, from what I understand, is if you just charge the mound immediately, it’s only three games. I don’t see really how what I did in that situation could have been handled any different, but sometimes things happen in those situations. No one was suspended for the first time. "The only thing is, from what I understand, is if you just charge the mound immediately, it’s only three games. I don’t see really how what I did in that situation could have been handled any different, but sometimes things happen in those situations."

Kobe keeps pressuring Lakers to trade him, attempt is not working

John Nadel
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Intentional or not, Kobe Bryant seems to be doing everything he can to pressure the Los Angeles Lakers into trading him.

Kobe indicates that he wants to sell it, we had no interest in buying it," Black said.

"That’s the end of the story. There’s been no further contact between them and us." Kopchak declined further comment, saying, “I think enough has been said already.”

A spokesman for the men’s basketball team, Ron Miller, confirmed that they were suspended for the game against Perry.

"He was surprised because he was ready to pitch," manager Tony La Russa said. "But I think he understood. I know he understands."

Black said he held it over the game, which was postponed because of a rainout. "Obviously, it’s frustrating to find out you’re starting and you’re not," Black said. "Other than that, I didn’t come in here and throw stuff just because they decided to not start me."

The move came on the same day the pitching-staffed Cardinals signed right-hander Tomo Ohka to a minor league contract. Ohka was 2-5 with a 5.79 ERA in 16 starts with the Toronto Blue Jays before being released on Monday and is scheduled to start on Wednesday for Triple-A Memphis.

Cardinals move Wells to bullpen

LOUIS — The St. Louis Cardinals scratched pitcher Kip Wells from his scheduled start on Tuesday, giving the right-hander the news about three hours before a game against the Kansas City Royals.

"Brad Thompson and Todd Wellemeyer each were moved up in the rotation. Wells, 2-11 with a 6.05 ERA, will work out of the bullpen the next few days and is set to start Sunday against the Philadelphia Phillies."

"I wasn’t prepared to pitch," he said. "I don’t think I could be wrong, but I do. I don’t like the way things happened. I don’t know how else it could have been handled."

"But sometimes things happen in those situations. We’re not going to comment any further about the players."

"It doesn’t change our stance at all," Lakers spokesman John Black said a day after saying essentially the same thing — that the team has no plans to trade the two-time defending NBA champions.

"These people called us about a month ago, they told us they wanted to sell it, we told them we had no interest in buying it," Black said. "That’s the end of the story. There’s been no further contact between them and us."
New team, old friends

Arkee Whitlock and Braden Jones both sign as free agents with Minnesota

Alejandro Gonzalez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two former Salukis players are fighting to stay on the same NFL team.

Last month, former Salukis Arkee Whitlock and Braden Jones signed free agent contracts with the Minnesota Vikings.

For the Salukis, Whitlock rushed for 4,242 yards and 51 touchdowns in three years and Jones recorded 48 catches for 521 yards and seven touchdowns in 2006.

But things have changed since their days at SIU.

At any point and without much warning, the duo could be cut from the roster and out a job.

“There’s no slack in the NFL,” Whitlock said. “It’s nothing like college; there’s no competitive all day, every day.”

Whitlock has company in the backfield as the Vikings have four running backs trying out. Everyone has a chance to make special teams, though.

“Anything can help,” he said. “Even if you’re not available for different things, the better chance you have.”

One thing that helps is having a long-time teammate on your team. Whitlock and Jones help each other out, but they do it off the field.

“We try to keep each other up, the same thing we did at Southern Illinois,” Whitlock said. “We try to have fun before practice and after practice. But between the whistles, it’s all business.”

But what if they don’t make the team?

Whitlock said he would definitely continue football if he didn’t make it.

“Football is everything I worked for,” he said. “Playing in the NFL is a dream.”

Jones has something else in mind.

He said he wouldn’t want to waste years of his life trying to get on a team if he felt he couldn’t keep up.

“This is a very good situation for me,” Jones said. “If it doesn’t work out here, where is it going to work?”

Long road ahead for former Salukis

Eugene Clark
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Six SIU baseball players drafted by Major League Baseball organizations this year have skills and abilities that can be beneficial to big league organizations.

SIU head baseball coach Dan Callahan said the 2006 draft saw the best pitchers generally going in the first round, with many others going in the second or third round.

Harrigan said in college ball the best pitchers generally pitch Friday night, which is the first game of every series and also the game most fans attend.

“arkee Whitlock and Braden Jones each sign with the Minnesota Vikings. They were both starting for the Salukis in the minor leagues.

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Saluki athletes commit to good grades

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SIU’s commitment to helping student athletes excel in academics has officially paid dividends.

Of the 18 sports programs at SIU, 10 maintained a team GPA of 3.00 or higher last semester. The overall GPA for all sports during the spring semester was 3.01.

Mara Moccia, the Director of Athletics, said student-athletes’ academic success affects both the student and the coach.

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Salukis in the minors

Jordan Powell pitches during the SIU vs. Central Michigan game on Feb. 23 at Abe Martin Field. Numerous Salukis, including Powell, have moved into careers in professional baseball after playing at SIU.

• Grant Gerrard is playing outfield for the Low-A Clinton Lumberjacks in the Texas Rangers organization. Gerrard is hitting .231 with one home run and 13 RBIs in 32 games.

• Hunter Harrigan is playing catcher for the Hi-A Bakersfield Blaze in the Texas Rangers organization. He is hitting .213 with one home run and 8 RBIs in 25 games.

• The Texas Rangers drafted Matt Brewer as a free agent in 2006. He was released and will start law school at SIU.