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Poshard: politics won't clash with school

Gus Bode

Alexa Aguilar
 Daily Egyptian



Gus says:
 All these politics are a car accident waiting to happen.

Glenn Poshard, SIUC's vice chancellor for Administration, seriously considered another bid for governor this year after losing narrowly to George Ryan in 1998. He opted not to, but that hasn't stopped him from hitting the campaign trail — this time for Democratic candidate Paul Vallas.

Poshard's face has been a regular feature on downstate TV commercials and he has made several appearances at regional meetings and rallies.

His backing was a much sought-after commodity among the Democratic candidates for governor, who include, beside Vallas, Chicago congressman Rod Blagojevich and former Attorney General Roland Burris. The candidates

hoped Poshard could help lock them in the downstate vote, especially since polls show the three competing closely in the Chicago area. In '98, Poshard swept Southern Illinois, and many in the region still revere him.

Poshard joined SIUC's administration after his 1998 loss, and reaffirmed Wednesday that his devotion and energy are dedicated to the University, not political life.

But he wants to remain involved, Poshard said from his home Wednesday, where he is recuperating from injuries he obtained from a three-car accident in Marion last week.

"I am still a citizen," Poshard said. "I have been involved in government my entire adult life. I can't totally divorce myself from any opinion."

In January, the same month Poshard publicly endorsed Vallas, SIUC Chancellor Walter

Wendler said he didn't have a problem with Poshard's political involvement as long as Poshard made it clear that his campaign activity was separate from his role with SIUC.

Poshard emphasized his endorsement isn't because he dislikes the other candidates, but because he thinks that Vallas is the best man for the job.

He has recently made some strong statements against Blagojevich, though.

At a recent rally in Marion, Poshard blasted Blagojevich for his emphasis on gun control in the 1998 election, an issue Poshard said he thinks lost him the election.

The Marion Daily Republican quoted Poshard as saying at the rally that "Rod



Poshard

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Athletic director seeks \$5 increase

USG says no

Jane Huh
 Daily Egyptian

The success the men's basketball team has enjoyed this season is exactly why Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk thinks the student athletic fee should be increased by \$5.

Kowalczyk said a direct correlation exists between a school's high enrollment and a strong athletic department, and he thinks SIUC's decreased enrollment could be boosted by an athletic fee increase.

But the Undergraduate Student Government doesn't agree. It recently passed a resolution riding the \$5 increase, which would bring the total fee to \$98.

"The fact is, the more money going into the Athletic Department has the potential down the road to possibly create a better football team," said Senator Neal Young. "In the situation we're in with decreased enrollment, budget cuts, students in a recession, we don't feel the fee, at this time, is appropriate."

USG said "no" because of an existing \$653,600 deficit in the Athletic Department budget and noted that the department has raised fees close to 245 percent during the last eight years. In fiscal year 2002, the athletic fee was \$88 and increased to \$93 for the following fiscal year. Kowalczyk managed to reduce the past \$810,700 deficit by \$157,157 in his first year as director.

"We're not talking about tuition, we're talking about extras," Young said.

As a former associate athletic director for external affairs at Northwestern University, Kowalczyk said the enrollment increased to 30 percent during the years when the school's football team traveled to the Rose Bowl and Citrus Bowl. He uses articles from the Chicago Tribune and USA Today reporting similar examples from other schools to further his case.

The proposed \$98 per semester athletic fee could rise to \$103 for fiscal year 2005, if the Board of Trustees votes in favor of it.

"If we want to be competitive in athletics and if we ever hope to be more successful and maintain it, then we need more financial support," Kowalczyk said.

Meanwhile, USG President Michael Perry said he supports the Senate's decision. Personally, Perry said he does not have an opinion on the department's

request for a fee increase and declined to comment.

But not every USG Senator was against the increase. Senator Michael Rivers, the lone dissenter to the resolution, believes a higher athletic fee is necessary for Saluki athletics to perform at a competitive level.

"You have to understand for SIU athletics to improve the athletic department will need more money," Rivers said. "That's being realistic."

Rivers also thinks a stronger athletic program could entice prospective students to attend SIUC.

"Sports bring more students to SIUC and those students brought in may keep future fees from increasing again."

Earlier this semester, Kowalczyk attended a USG meeting to explain the rationale behind the increase and took questions from the Senate. Last week, he attended a Graduate and Professional Student Council meeting and gave a similar presentation to the members. GPSC will vote on the fee at its next meeting on March 26.

The fee increase is meant to go toward the department's overall budget. Salaries, uniforms, traveling expenses and equipment are some of the areas the fees covers. Kowalczyk said the fees will not be spent to reduce the existing deficit. Rather than fee increases, he said marketing and ticket sales are some of the methods the department is using to lower the deficit.

"The fees will be pooled, meaning they will all be put in one pot and we'll spend it as we see fit," he said. The department spends approximately \$100,000 in general expenses and may lose about \$130,000 because of the university's decreased enrollment, Kowalczyk said.

"That's a quarter of a million dollars we don't have, compound that with no fee increases and that will begin to set us backward," he said. Young said the resolution should be seriously taken into account by the Board of Trustees in April and stressed that USG oppose the \$5 increase, not the Athletic Department.

"The decision should stop at the students since the BOT isn't paying for these fees. We'll see what happens," Young said. "It's not necessarily about us against the Athletic Department; it's just us against the increased fees at this time."

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AND THE BAND PLAYED ON: Dr. Thomas Bough conducts the University Symphonic Band at a practice session on Wednesday afternoon in Quigley. Bough conducted both the Symphonic Band and the University Wind Ensemble in the Annual Combined Bands Concert last night at Shryock Auditorium.

Minority aviation fundraiser boosts post-September 11 reconstruction

Ivan Thomas
 Daily Egyptian

It has been nearly six months since the tragic events that took the lives of thousands of innocent civilians on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, and some SIUC students have taken the weight on their shoulders to help fund the reconstruction process.

The rehabilitation of New York City has taken effort from all over the country, as people have done all they can to help support the victims of the tragedy, and the workers who have put in months of stressful work.

That is when Eric Mercado, a graduate student at SIUC, came up with an idea that brought the task closer to home. He decided that he should do something on campus to aid the cause.

Mercado is the director of the Minority Aviation Council, an organization focused on bringing minorities together in aviation. It is the most diverse group in the department. It started off as a black organization, but expanded to include everyone.

As the head of a council that deals with planes and flying, Mercado felt he had a responsibility

"We had a large part to play because of aviation alone. It affected us greatly and we were all proud."

Eric Mercado
 graduate student

to contribute because it has a direct affect on him and the groups.

"Since Sept. 11 happened, I heard of people having fund-raisers, so I thought why shouldn't we do it," he said.

Mercado looked into several different foundations to help with the efforts, and the group decided that the McCormick Tritone Foundation in Chicago would be the best fund-raiser because it donated all of the money it received.

To raise money, MAC made buttons to give out in place of donations. The group had a fund-raiser in the Faner Breezeway, and also went to an Air Show in Marion for two days, selling some of their buttons there.

Other aviation student groups made contributions such as Alpha

Eta Rho, Aviation Management Society, The Flying Salukis, Rotor and Wing Association and Women in Aviation.

The fund-raiser lasted for nearly two months, from mid-September to November. The students raised the money in order to create a memorial, which will honor the flight crew of the United and American Airlines planes that crashed on Sept. 11. The memorial is composed of four bricks that will be added to the College of Applied Sciences and Arts Terrace.

They also raised funds to send to the McCormick Tribune Foundation, which maintained its presence as a 9-11 disaster relief foundation until Jan. 31, 2001 and raised more than \$18 million.

The work of the councils led to the collection of \$934. They put \$400 toward the memorial and \$534 went to the Tribune Foundation.

Dave NewMyer, faculty advisor for MAC, said he is really impressed with the work that MAC and the other organizations did to contribute to the disaster relief fund.

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U.S. unleashes heavy mountain assault

WASHINGTON — U.S.-led troops have pressed a fierce mountain assault on entrenched al Qaeda and Taliban forces in Afghanistan, killing a lot of people and weakening enemy resistance, a senior military official says. Showing flickering aerial gun camera films, Air Force Brig. Gen. John Rosa told reporters that heavy U.S. bombing strikes overnight had softened the entrenched enemy on the fifth day of "Operation Anaconda" near Gardez. A total of eight U.S. troops have died in the operation and, according to one U.S. official, up to 300 al Qaeda and Taliban troops have likely been killed.

A pool report from the scene of the battle quoted Maj. Gen. Frank Hagenbeck as saying Apache attack helicopters and Air Force fighters had killed several hundred Taliban and al Qaeda fighters on Tuesday. The black-and-white film clips released by the Pentagon showed bombs blasting a mortar position and a building in the high mountains of eastern Afghanistan where about 2,000 U.S. Afghan and coalition troops hit regrouping remnants of al Qaeda and Taliban.

Other defense officials told Reuters on Tuesday that American forces had this week moved Marine Corps AH-1 "Cobra" attack helicopters into Afghanistan to join the assault along with Army AH-64 "Apaches" which have been used so far in the operation. Both attack in light and darkness with rapid-fire machine guns and rockets.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said the United States was using low-flying A-10 attack jets which pour a



U.S. steel tariffs face challenge

The Australian Government looks set to challenge a 30 percent tariff on steel imports to the United States in the next few weeks, according to a Reuters report.

Trade Minister Mark Vaile today said Australia would study the U.S. plan announced by President George W. Bush to determine if it was compliant with the WTO, the referee of world trade. The European Union has already announced it will lodge a protest with the World Trade Organization following Washington's decision.

The U.S. tariffs, ranging from eight percent to 30 percent, take effect on March 20 and cover flat-rolled steel and other steel product imports from a long list of countries including Australia, several European countries, Russia and China. Vaile said he would urgently contact the steel industry and make a decision on whether to follow the EU's lead and lodge a challenge.

He also called for a steel industry summit to be held in Canberra in the coming days to work with industry to find market opportunities for Australian steel.

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Workers escape Paris tunnel fire

PARIS — Nineteen workers are safe after being trapped all night in a blaze in a motorway tunnel under construction near Paris in which one fireman was seriously hurt, firefighters have said. The fire began about a mile from the entrance of the tunnel west of Paris late on Tuesday, spewing out smoke that trapped the workers inside for over six hours. The blaze came on the same day France agreed to reopen to cars the Mont Blanc Alpine tunnel link to Italy, which has been closed since a fire in March 1999 killed 39. A fire service spokesman at the scene said the workers spent more than six hours in the tunnel but were all safe after huddling inside a tunneling machine for safety. They were evacuated from the tunnel just before dawn. The fire appeared to have started when the motor of a train carrying construction materials into the tunnel on the A86 motorway in the Hauts-de-Seine region near Versailles exploded, he said.

The workers survived by taking refuge inside the tunnel, a 200-yard long machine complete with an airtight chamber to protect them in just such an emergency and water sprinklers on the outside to calm or extinguish a fire. Rescue workers said the workers all seemed to be in good health. Two firefighters suffered smoke inhalation. One was in a serious condition and the other lightly injured.



Quake kills eight in Philippines

MINDANAO — Eight people were killed and over 100 injured when an earthquake rattled the southern Philippine island of Mindanao at dawn on Wednesday, wrecking houses and plunging cities and towns into darkness. Two old churches in Tuguegarao collapsed and thousands of residents and hotel occupants in General Santos city streamed out into the streets in panic as the quake, measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale, struck at around 4:15 p.m. EST Tuesday, police said.

In Hong Kong, the Observatory said the quake measured 7.5. Measurements further away from the epicenter often yield more accurate estimates of magnitude. The quake originated from the sea 57.5 miles southwest of Isulan, the provincial capital of Sultan Kudarat province on Mindanao island, 500 miles south of Manila. About 30 wooden houses collapsed, crushing five people, including three children, regional police chief Colonel Bartolome Baluyot told Reuters.

Heart attacks at the height of the quake killed a woman passenger in a bus and a man driving a motorcycle, police said.

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Calendar

- TODAY**
- Student Environmental Center meeting 7 p.m. at Interfaith Center
 - SIU Sailing Club 8 p.m. Student Center Ohio Room
 - Campus Shawnee Greens meeting 5:30 p.m. at Interfaith Center
- Only public events affiliated with SIU are printed in the Daily Egyptian Calendar. The editors reserve the right not to print any submitted item. RSO and departmental events will be printed in the Daily Egyptian Online Calendar at www.dailyegyptian.com.

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Police Blotter

- Carbondale**
- A CD player, CD case and cell phone were stolen between 1 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 p.m. Sunday from a vehicle parked outside a residence in the 2900 block of West Murphysboro Road. Police have no suspects.
 - Danny R. Gentry, 19, of Carbondale, was arrested at 8 p.m. Monday at Kroger, 501 N. Giant City Road, and charged with aggravated battery and retail theft. Gentry allegedly refused to stop for a store clerk after walking out without paying for suphadrine. Gentry allegedly struck the clerk in the hand with a metal cable, causing minor lacerations. The clerk was able to wrestle Gentry to the ground until police arrived. Gentry was taken to Jackson County Jail.
 - A safe and a shotgun were stolen between 9 a.m. Feb. 25 and 9 a.m. Monday from a home in the 2900 block of West Murphysboro Road. Police have no suspects. The investigation continues.

Corrections

In Tuesday's article, "Dean of MCCA conducts research in India," the language of Hindi was misidentified. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

In the Feb. 25 Daily Egyptian article titled "Fire spares tenants but takes homes," Carbondale Police Sgt. Gerald Edwards did not confirm that Vincent Garett was an arson suspect.

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Monumental Science

Memorial honors first dean in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts

Mark Lambird
Daily Egyptian

Out of the pit of mud and concrete on the south side of the College of Applied Sciences Arts building will rise a monument to two of the most important figures in the college's 50-year history.

The monument will be dedicated to Ernest J. and Mary C. Simon and will stand as a reminder of the accomplishments Simon made while he was dean of what would eventually become the College of Applied Science and Arts.

Work began on the memorial in fall 2001 and is expected to be completed by Sept. 10. Terry Owens, chairman of the architectural program, said the original completion date has been pushed back twice because of the bidding process to complete the monument.

Simon was the first dean of the Division of Technical and Adult Education. The program was the first of its kind in a four-year, state-run school. The memorial is also dedicated to Simon's wife, Mary, who has made many contributions

"This is a celebration of the individuals who started the college, but it also gives us a chance to raise funds for an extended period of time."

Terry Owens
chairman, architectural program
to the college.

The design for the memorial was selected from proposals of students in the architecture program. Renee Prusacki, a senior in architecture from Du Quoin, had her design selected in 2000.

She said the memorial is to commemorate not only the Simons, but also the college's 50th anniversary.

Her design has steps that move from the Applied Science Building and culminates in a wing that points at the SIU Arena.

"I designed it to show our journey through the college and the growth of students," Prusacki said. "It points at the Arena to show the



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final destination, which is graduation."

The memorial will be surrounded by a terrace designed by using the architectural concept of positive growth, according to Prusacki. Positive growth is the idea of showing more positive things happening in the future.

"On the wing there is a line about a third of the way up," Prusacki said. "That line represents the present; beyond the present there is a lot of room to grow."

Owens said the final cost of the project will be \$150,000, which the College of Applied Science and

Arts will pay for through selling bricks that will be used to complete the terrace. The bricks will be sold for as little as \$100 to the upper range of \$10,000 and will be inscribed with an individual's name. The college will retain any extra funds it earns from selling the bricks.

"This is a celebration of the individuals who started the college," Owens said. "But it also gives us a chance to raise funds for an extended period of time."

Owens said the project is not a memorial in a traditional sense, because Mary Simon is still living,

and her husband has passed away.

"It honors their contributions to the college," Owens said.

He said students were asked to design the terrace because the college has always been student-oriented.

"It only seemed appropriate to use the students to design the project," Owens said. "The college has always emphasized the students, and this gave architectural students the chance to use their talents."

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Black American Studies class takes students abroad

Credit hours and cultural diversity up for grabs

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Those who want to plot a course to someplace exotic over the summer can do so by enrolling in one at SIUC.

Students who get tired of Carbondale by the end of the year, but need credit hours to graduate, may consider studying abroad in Ghana through Black America Studies and earning between three and six credit hours in the course African Continuity.

"The course exposes students to African culture beyond something they'd see on TV," said Leonard Gadzekpo, a native of Ghana and assistant professor in Black American Studies who has taken the trip to Ghana the past five years for the course.

Gadzekpo said he doesn't want to discourage students from signing up by putting a strict deadline on the registration date, but said he recommends that those interested register sometime in the next month or so, because the first payment is due in April.

The more students who sign up, the cheaper the trip's cost, and Gadzekpo said the average cost is \$3,670 a person with about 15 attending. That price includes airfare, meals, lodging and entrance to all activities. The price may be a lot for some students, but those who just need another six credits may opt to take the course and travel abroad instead of paying the same money to spend another semester in Carbondale.

Gadzekpo said students with limited funds may even consider contacting Student Financial Aid and requesting a cultural grant that would pay for them to study abroad.

While in Ghana, the class will spend its time taking in the sights along with gaining knowledge of another culture. Growing up in Ghana, Gadzekpo knows the area well. He directs the class on trips to three universities where they will interact with professors, and to slave castles used during the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade for 300 years. The group will also meet Ghana parliamentarians, government officials and businessmen during their visit.

"You are dealing with the culture first-hand," he said. "So students will be exposed to Ghanaian people and how their society functions."

Thomas Saville, coordinator of the Study Abroad Program, said the trip is a good way for students to explore a cultural heritage in another country while living with families there.

"First of all, you learn about other societies," Saville said. "But what's as important, if not more, is that you learn a lot about yourself and a lot about America. In many ways, you can't understand your own society unless you have experienced another society."

Tarachel Benjamin took the trip as a graduate student in 1999 and said the visit to Ghana was a good opportunity to experience African culture and really delve into the relations between Africans and African-Americans, such as herself.

"It allowed me to have exposure to a different culture and presented me the opportunity to examine the views of African-American relations first-hand," she said. "You can't generalize that to all African nations as a whole, but in Ghana, it allowed me the opportunity to formulate my own opinions based on that trip."

Students can earn up to six credits if they do all the coursework on the trip and actually make an effort to get something out of the experience, says Gadzekpo.

"They can get three or six [credit hours]," he

said. "It depends on the amount of work you do. There are some presentations and documentation that have to be done. They have to be involved in the community."

He also said that many students don't make the trip just for the credit hours. They do it because they are genuinely interested in traveling abroad and expanding their horizons.

"The culture is something to be experienced by everyone, and [the students] have something to take with them for the rest of their life," Gadzekpo said. "In the future, we're even planning on going to Brazil and Honduras."

Any student is welcome to attend the trip, but Gadzekpo said blacks tend to be most interested.

"I don't know of any European-Americans who have made the trip, but it's open to them," he said. "If they have an interest in black culture, this is a reporter for them."

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Those interested in the course can get more information from the Black American Studies office at 453-7147.

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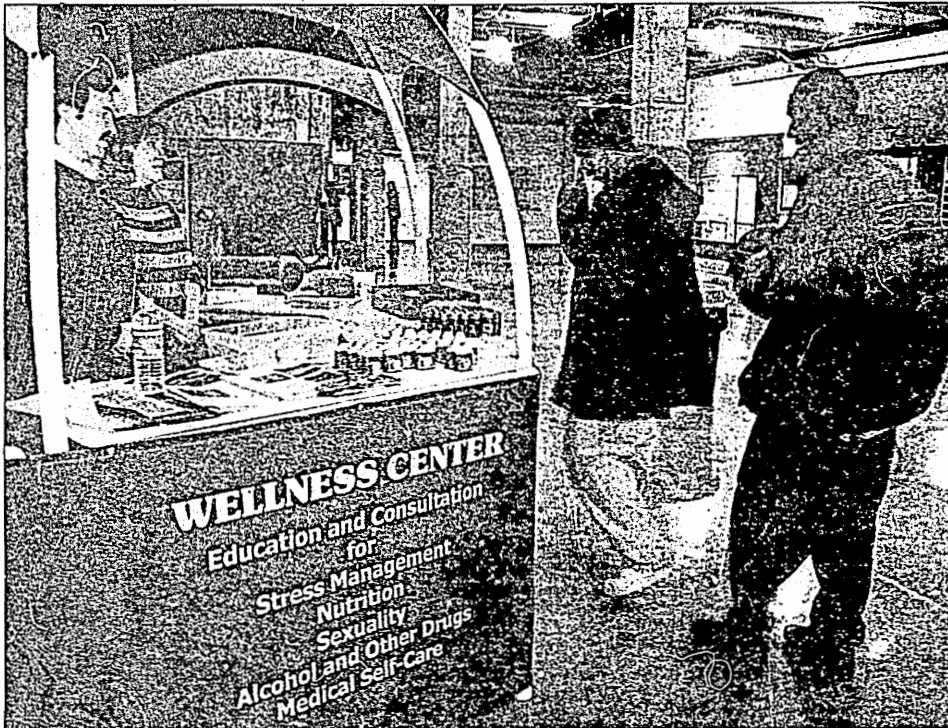
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GET WELL: Ken Culton and Kasey Shewmaker of the Wellness Center gave out free deodorant, condoms, trail mix and other items at the Recreation Center Monday, promoting a safe spring break. Over 340 people took advantage of the free items within the first hour the tent was set up.

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Blagojevich isn't even in the same ballpark with [Vallas]."

Though Poshard denies any lingering resentment, he still remembers losing heavily in Blagojevich's congressional district in 1998.

"I lost 3 to 1 in the primary, and by 13,000 votes in the general election," Poshard said. "And this was in a heavily Democratic district too."

"When I campaigned in that district, I wasn't allowed to," he said. "I would attend a meeting and be called a 'redneck' by the audience members."

"I don't have anything against the other candidates. I just think that Paul Vallas has the most experience in the most important areas facing the state."

State Sen. Larry Woolard, a Democrat and an ardent Blagojevich supporter, said he was "extremely surprised" that Poshard endorsed any candidate at all. Woolard said he was 100 percent behind Poshard if he decided to run for governor, but when Poshard decided not to, Woolard gave Blagojevich his support.

"[Poshard] said publicly and privately that he couldn't be involved, that it wasn't his job," Woolard said. "And then he came out with the endorsement. I was surprised that he weighed in and how heavily he has weighed in."

"Yes, he has lots and lots of influence in our region. But he weighed in way late."

Poshard said the time he's invested in the campaign hasn't been taxing or hasn't interfered with his job.

"Not one second of my time campaigning has been spent during University time," he said. "The commercial was filmed on the weekend and most of the rallies are in the evening."

Poshard also said that if Vallas secures the Democratic nomination after the March 19 primary, it is likely he will continue to campaign.

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"I really admire students who give up their time for a cause such as aiding in public service," he said. "They really invested and did a lot of work."

According to NewMyer, MAC donated plastic aircraft models of 747 planes to alumni. Also, the

council organized auctions and raised around \$750, donating a third of it to the disaster relief fund.

The students who participated in raising money for the disaster relief are proud to have had the opportunity to contribute something of such magnitude to people who were in great need of help.

Mercado thinks it makes perfect sense for MAC to play a role in the efforts because the terrorist attacks

had a great effect on their line of work.

"It's an awesome thing and I'm very glad that we did it. We had a large part to play because of aviation alone. It affected us greatly and we were all proud," Mercado said.

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Condit loses bid for term to former protege

Tracey Kaplan
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MODESTO, Calif. (KRT) - Embattled Congressman Gary Condit lost his bid for an eighth term, indelibly tainted by his involvement with a 24-year-old former intern who vanished in Washington, D.C., last spring.

Condit's former protege, Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza, led by a wide margin Tuesday in the Central Valley race that has turned into a national tabloid drama. California Democrats, once loyal to Condit, threw their support behind Cardoza, helping him raise more than twice as much as the congressman.

As the vote tallies rolled in, the mood was grim outside Condit's home in the town of Ceres. The congressman emerged from his house to speak briefly, flanked by family and campaign volunteers. Condit refused to concede that his 30-year political career, which began with the Ceres City Council, had come to a halt.

But he didn't show up at two places where supporters had gathered, and his words had a ring of farewell.

Earlier Tuesday, it was clear that Condit's stock had plummeted. Near his election headquarters in Modesto, critics holding signs urged "motorists to 'Honk for Gary to resign now' and to 'Fire the liar.' The honking was ear-splitting.

Five miles away, at Modesto's Doubletree Hotel, Cardoza supporters cheered and threw confetti as Cardoza claimed victory at a jubilant party Tuesday night. The hotel's ballroom was decked with red-white-and-blue bunting, and a band played "Small Town" by John Cougar Mellencamp, the campaign theme song chosen to reflect a candidate who grew up in Atwater.

"Condit lost despite a last-minute push that urged voters to 'Rock the Nation' by defying the pundits and

polls, which predicted he would lose. Despite several attempts to buff up his image, Condit was unable to shake questions about the April disappearance of Chandra Levy, a woman from Modesto who had just completed an internship with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons and had a relationship with Condit.

The loss brings an end to an era for the Central Valley district, which stretches from Stockton to Fresno County. Condit, a conservative Democrat, has represented the district since 1989, enjoying bipartisan support until Levy disappeared 10 months ago.

This fall, Cardoza will face Republican Dick Monteith, a state senator from Modesto. The race could prove pivotal in the Democratic drive to retake the House in November.

The 18th Congressional District leans heavily Democratic, but is not considered safe because Republican numbers are on the rise after an aggressive registration drive. The district is now about 47 percent Democratic and 40 percent Republican.

Despite seven previous victories, Condit faced an uphill battle since becoming the central figure in the sordid drama that played out after Levy vanished 10 months ago. Condit was slow to divulge details that might have helped in the search; police said the 53-year-old congressman admitted to an affair with Levy, and a flight attendant claimed that Condit asked her to swear that the two had not been lovers.

Condit has a core of loyal followers, including Shimson Warda, a Modesto draftsman. "Gary is a good man and an excellent Congressman," Warda said. "What he does after work has nothing to do with me."

Condit ran as the underdog against five challengers, including three candidates who live outside the district: a San Jose gas station manager, a Sikh engineering professor at Santa Clara University and a Los Angeles record producer.

NCAA

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NCAA bid, beginning with the Salukis' strong suits:

• The Salukis are 5-2 against teams expected to make the NCAA field, including wins over Big Ten co-champion Indiana and two out of three victories against Valley co-champion Creighton. A three-point defeat to Illinois is one of the two losses.

• SIU managed to compile its flashy 26-7 record despite having played 20 of its 33 games outside of the SIU Arena, which is more away from home games than any other team in the country played.

• SIU was consistent all season, registering a 10-2 non-conference mark, winning a share of the MVC regular season title and advancing to the finals of the Valley tournament.

Although the Salukis seem to be deserving of a bid, at-large candidates from non-high profile conferences can never feel too comfortable. SIU only has to look back at that '89-'90 season to remember why.

With that in mind, here are a few factors that will keep Weber and company sweating Sunday out:

• The Salukis' RPI ranking was No. 51 as of Wednesday, a number that is relatively shaky for an at-large candidate. Just in the past few years, these computerized rankings that heavily weigh strength of schedule have become among the most prominent measuring devices discussed in the selection process.

"We didn't know where our RPI stood [in 1990], because you didn't have access to the Internet like we do now and you didn't have access to a lot of the information that we have now," veteran SIU assistant coach Rodney Watson said. "We were probably a little bit ignorant to where we really stood."

• SIU's schedule strength is not as sharp as it looked on paper at the start of the year, because opponents like Iowa State, Southeast Missouri State and Colorado State have all done worse than anticipated. Colorado State beat the Salukis by 18 in December.

• Even though the Salukis took a share of the regular season title, SIU could have done more in the Valley. The 14-4 mark the Davys finished with is solid, but in a year that the league was ripe for the picking, allowing a few of those games to slip away against mediocre foes like Northern Iowa and Wichita State could be damaging.

"Our conference is down a little bit this year — I can't control that," Weber said. "It's not my fault Indiana State had some injuries, Evansville had injuries. We would win a conference game, even on the road, and we would go down in the RPI."

If SIU is selected, it's expected that the Salukis would draw a No. 11 or No. 12 seed out of the 16 teams in each of the four regionals: The Salukis could stay as close to home as Chicago or St. Louis, as those cities are among the eight first and second round sites across the country.

But the Salukis aren't in a position to be finicky about their seed or regional assignment. Weber, who has said it would be "a crime" if the Salukis don't make it, merely wants to come away from Sunday's suspenseful half-hour selection show needing to make plans for a trip to the Big Dance.

"[At Purdue] we've been the first one to flash up there and we've been in the last group," Weber said. "You always have that fear factor of 'Hey, we might not be there,' and this time it's even going to be worse. It'll be a hard Sunday... it's going to be nerve-racking, there's no doubt."

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Members of the Talented Tenth Monte Miller "Vitas" (right) and Winston Henley "Motte" fine tune a track on a digital mixing board inside of 3D Production's recording studio in Carbondale. Owners Joe Lige and Travis Madison have outfitted their studio with an all-digital system that creates a top-notch professional sound. A graphics studio and independent brand clothing store are also located inside their business.

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STORY BY SAMANTHA EDMONDSON

The house at 805 S. Illinois Ave seems out of place.

It appears as if the building were plucked out of Carbondale's suburban neighborhoods and thrown into the string of businesses on the Strip. A passing stranger could almost smell the new coat of paint on the front deck. He could almost see a faint yellow glow from a basement window where a local band practices for its next big gig. He could almost hear the thumping base and repetitive drumming rattling the doors and screens.

But this house is not out of place. Co-owners Joe Lige and Travis Madison hope their new musical recording enterprise, 3D Productions Inc., will produce a ripple of positive response throughout the Carbondale community.

Lige, a senior in business management from St. Louis, understands how some students from larger cities may feel limited in opportunities to expand their artistic horizons in Southern Illinois. With the production studio scheduled to open at the end of March, he hopes this site will provide a place for those people who have small home venues to showcase their musical, graphic design and fashion talents to the community.

"Carbondale is stuck in time," Lige said. "But hopefully when people come down here now, they will see something new and see a bright light in Carbondale that will spark something bigger and better here."

Investments have helped light the path for 3D Productions Inc.'s construction, but specific connections and networking helped level the three dimensions for the music studio.

Promoting local musicians through marketing and graphic art, Lige's musical connections run deep. He has done similar work for artists, such as Ne'ly and Ludacris, in his hometown. But after coming to SIUC and becoming the new hype man for the local hip-hop group Talented Tenth, he was inspired to take on a different musical enterprise.

"The Talented Tenth have been an asset to 3D," Lige said. "The group has their own following of young rappers who know we have CDs and the quality is better than other people."

Despite its association with Talented Tenth, 3D Productions Inc. is not a rap studio. Ten to 15 people from various musical backgrounds approach the owners every day about cutting tracks for an album.

"We are interested in country, R&B, jazz,

gospel, alternative, rock, heavy metal — anything to do with music," Lige said. "It may be black-run and black-owned, but that has no bearings on the business that is going on here."

Madison, a senior in television production, has touched base with independent clothing lines in his home state of Florida, as well as local designers in Carbondale. Marketing products from California also helps the studio blanket a wide area of different, privately-owned merchandise.

"People around here have small clothing lines where the only people going to see them are their friends," Madison said. "If they come here, their clothes are displayed in a nice room, in a nice building and others can see what they have to offer."

Carbondale will soon see what 3D Productions has to offer through a newsletter designed by the business's graphics department. In hopes to provide a campus event calendar, the flyer will also illustrate the capabilities of the graphics area. Using top-notch graphics equipment and programming, the design staff can make an artist a CD cover for his or her demo, compose press packages with illustrated images and print flyers and posters for gigs and parties.

"You never know until you get out there and let people know you have a product to sell," Lige said.

3D Productions Inc. tries to lure musicians out of the basement and into its professional setting with items, such as a waiting lounge, complete with leather couches, a big screen TV and a radio system.

Advancements in digital technology are keeping some musicians in the basement. Developments in computerized recording equipment have allowed artists to burn their own demo CDs and market them to other ambitious groups and singers.

Lige said most people have heard about musicians who started in their basements and became successful. But he stressed if someone wants to start professionally, he or she must have a professional look.

"You can run a big business on the Internet," Lige said. "But with this business, you don't want people coming down to your basement and have that traffic in your house anyway."

Lige and Madison want the flow of customers to be steady and consistent, so they installed all-digital equipment into their record-

ing studio to make it completely computerized. Artists can either purchase a 20 kg hard drive, which can record and save up to eight or nine hours of music, or use one provided by the studio. The hard drive allows for unlimited tracks to be recorded since it is saved into the computer program. The system also allows for musicians to pick up on the last lyric, even the syllable they left off with at their last appointment.

Clamping onto the new digital age, 3D Productions is not the only studio in Carbondale that has expanded its technology to meet high demand. For 20 years, Sound Core Music has recorded demos and albums for musicians by using the analog system, which saves the tracks to a 2-inch VCR-like tape. Even though this technique is popular among corporate studios, the business grabbed hold of the changing times by installing an additional digital studio.

Joe Castrejon, manager of Sound Core, said the use of either studio depends on the musician's projects. The smaller digital studio is often selected if artists have brought a prerecorded track of instrumentation and would like to add their vocals to the background. But if a larger group wants to set up and play with open forum, it will choose to use the old-fashioned way.

"A lot of musicians use them together," Castrejon said. "Some will even use real drums, but then add a sample track with a scratch sound; they get the old school sound like a phonograph."

Castrejon said the warmth the analog adds to a track has persuaded many musicians to stick to their old ways. However, digital is easier to access and allows artists to spend less time recording in the studio. Therefore, with the slowing music business, Sound Core has concentrated heavily on a different service — video production.

Other local recording studios in the Southern Illinois area include Room 12 Recording Company, Revolution Room and Misunderstudio, the largest at 1700 square feet. Owner Mike Lesedius said having an all-digital studio is not only cost effective but gives each track better sound quality.

Lesedius, who teaches recording classes at SIUC, said he is concerned for the sound quality with Misunderstudio's location next to the train tracks, on private property in Murphysboro. But he said the new competition is welcome, and he thinks it is great for more people, especially students, to be interested in the business.

3D Productions Inc., a new recording studio established by students, is scheduled to open at the end of March

Music to the Third Dimension

Lige and Madison are also not the only student entrepreneurs to wet their hands in the musical production business. Kevin Graham and Todd Freeman were Salukis when their primarily analog-run recording business, Noteworthy Studio, cropped up in 1990. Covering about 75 percent of the musical talent in Southern Illinois, the studio was highly successful, recording more than 300 bands.

However, a few years after opening, digital technology started to push its way into the recording industry. Even though Noteworthy Studio developed right along with the expanding equipment, the musicians were breaking off on their own.

"All media has gone digital," Graham said. "Digital equipment made recording available to everyone, turning the computer into the new recorder."

As musicians evolved with time, so did Noteworthy Communications, the new business run by Graham, Freeman and Brenda Henderson. With two locations, the company has expanded its services beyond musical recording to graphic design, trade show exhibiting, Internet development and multimedia presentation.

Can another recording enterprise survive in the small community of Carbondale? Lige said students realize the music industry is growing larger each day. With the various services 3D Productions Inc. and other studios offer, a competitive balance can be achieved.

"I think it will be a cultural shock to Carbondale, that it is a new business can be successful," Lige said.

The owners hope the opening events go well, their appointment books fill up and they are able to move artists' CDs up the musical industry's ladder. 3D Productions Inc. also aims to expand to other universities in the future. Lige said people ask him why he is starting this business now. And his reply is, "why wait?"

"You can start something yourself and get more hands-on experience dealing with people in the real world that no intern or job with somebody could ever offer you," Lige said. "Instead of moving up on a ladder, you have your own ladder that you can build, and people can move up on your ladder."

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Punks, Beer, Bowling, and Tattoos

Golgotha Bowling Bash one of the only games in town

William Alonso
Daily Egyptian

It's slim pickings this weekend for activities in Carbondale. With spring fever boiling praty temperatures in SIUC students to sun-drenched, beer-guzzling levels, spring break is providing them with a launch pad to sunnier environs.

But fear not. If the almighty dollar doesn't have the power of Calgon to take you away, but the desire to get pierced and tattooed while drinking mass quantities of alcohol runs strong in you, worry no more. The Golgotha Bowling Bash

will provide the heart's desire. The Bowling Bash is sponsored by Golgotha Tattoo and Walk the Line, which specializes in women's shoes and accessories. Festivities get underway at 10 p.m. Saturday at the Sports Center.

Aside from bowling, the bash includes live bands, a comedian, and certificates for piercing, tattoos and shoes. Darren Ashbaugh, tattoo artist and owner of Golgotha, said the idea for the bash came about after a few trips down the lanes.

"We thought it would be easier to rent the whole place," Ashbaugh said. "Then we thought about bringing in some bands to get their names out there. It's just about having fun and promoting the bands."

Cranking out the punk rock for the bowlers and beer ponderers alike will be three local bands steeped in the basements and smokefilled bars of the Carbondale punk scene. D.D.

Cat, Safe T First and Big Fat Nothing will get the mohawks stiff and the ladies growling. St. Louis band Ring True is also slated to play. Comedian Dan Summers will tickle funny bones in between sets.

Of the three local bands, Big Fat Nothing is arguably the most prolific. They seem to be forever hungry to play and could be considered the band in residence at Hangar 9 and Boo Jr's. The four Lincoln natives — guitarist Clay Bonifacius, lead guitarist Jeff Funburg, bassist Brett Hunter and drummer Matt Minder — formed BFN in the fall of 1999.

They have been gaining a local following ever since. Hunter, a junior in art, said Carbondale, though in the middle of nowhere, has a thriving local music scene.

"It's kind of weird. You are trapped here. You have to drive to St. Louis and St. Louis kind of sucks as far as the music scene goes," Hunter said. "Here is pretty awesome, though. There is a lot of support from everybody and several venues to play."

BFN is on the verge of finishing up its first album, an 18-track LP recorded at The Revolution Room. With a few things left to tweak for the album, they haven't set a specific release date other than this spring.

For a band that has a moderate goal of a self-supported tour and a larger one of being signed and making a living with their music, the prospect of playing a bowling alley might not be all that exciting. However, BFN is true to the punk mentality and more concerned with just having good times.

"I think it will be great," Hunter said. "We haven't played there so it is something new for us. We need the money to pay for our recording we



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Brett Hunter plays base for the band Big Fat Nothing.

just finished up. Besides, it will be fun to play at a bowling alley."

For students who will be traveling hundreds of miles to get drunk and pierced, there is no need to worry about missing the Bowling Bash. Ashbaugh said he has future plans.

"This isn't going to be the last one. We are going to do it again. We'll see how this one goes," Ashbaugh said.

"The next one we throw will be more of a fund-raiser for a local charity."

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PULSE BRIEFS

Nickelback landing at SIU

It's official! The Canadian rock group Nickelback will bring its act to the SIU Arena on Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m., along with hard rockers Default — whose album "The Fallout" has spent six weeks at No. 1 on Billboard's independent albums chart — and Injcted.

The appearance at SIU is part of MTV's 16-day Campus Invasion Tour that starts on April 4 in Arkansas and runs through an April 27 appearance in New York. In addition to the three leading bands, the tour will also feature a DJ, an interactive music performance area and the rising U.K. band Starsailor, whose debut album was released in January.

Nickelback, who last year released its second album — the triple-platinum "Silver Side Up" — is currently riding high on the success of its No. 1 single "How You Remind Me."

Tickets for the show go on sale March 23 and can be purchased at the SIU Arena box office, Disc Jockey in the University Mall or through ticketmaster.com. Prices are \$22, or \$18 for SIUC students. For more information, call the SIU Arena Special Events Ticket Office at 453-5341.

Get Your Tickets!

While we're still over at the Arena, don't forget about Nelly and the St. Lunatics, who will be sliding in on Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the popular rap ensemble are still on sale for \$24, or \$18 for students. They are available at the SIU Arena box office, at Disc Jockey in the University Mall or through ticketmaster.com.

For those in the classical mood, Shyock Auditorium is gearing up for a concert by the internationally acclaimed violinist Daniel Hsifetz, who will perform Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" on Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$18, with a \$5 discount for children 15 and under. For more information, call 453-ARTS.

Finally, the Copper Dragon will be there for students after break when it plays host to the Minneapolis-based grassroots band The Big Wu and rock/blues/bluegrass group Strangefolk on Wednesday, March 27 at 10 p.m. Tickets for the show will be \$12 in advance or \$14 at the door.

Gadgets and gizmos galore

The male population may want to stick around this weekend to quench their thirst for testosterone and diesel-derived

diesels.

The fourth annual Big Boy Toys — Lawn, Garden and Farm Show will take place in the University Mall this weekend and will exhibit the latest in farming and agricultural supplies, including lawn mowers, trimmers, edgers, leaf blowers, back pack blowers and even farm tractors.

The barrage of industrial advances will be available to examine and sit in while factory representatives put on demonstrations and show benefits the newer models have over earlier ones.

Jennifer Bathon, marketing director of University Mall, said the expo generates attention for nearby 80 mall store, with 3000 people showing up for the show last year.

"The drive is to create additional traffic, and because it's not competing directly with any of our stores, there doesn't seem to be a conflict," Bathon said.

The showings will take place from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday in the commons area of the University Mall and from noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

University bands combine for concert

SIUC's Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will double up for a combined concert at 7:30 tonight in Shyock Auditorium. With both bands being conducted by professor Thomas W. Bough, the Symphonic Band will perform works by Monteverdi and Marcello, and will continue with marches and modern compositions for band.

The Wind Ensemble's program will include an arrangement of "Danny Boy," a series of concert marches and opera pieces by Richard Wagner.

Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for the public and will be available at the door. Proceeds will go to scholarship funds for the School of Music.

Smash Mouth, anyone?

If you're looking for a show to catch away from the bars of Carbondale, keep Cape Girardeau, Mo., in mind: on Tuesday, April 30, the Show Me Center will provide the stage for the rock group Smash Mouth, who will start the show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale Saturday for \$20.75 for general seats, with a lottery for the ticket line being drawn at 7 a.m. and sales beginning at 9 a.m. Tickets can also be purchased at Disc Jockey records in the University Mall or online at www4.semo.edu/showmccenter.



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Billy Bob Thornton and Halle Berry star in "Monster's Ball." Thornton plays Hank, a prison guard who falls for Leticia, played by Berry. Both are poor parents and struggle through their tragic lives. Thornton and Berry are both highly praised for their performances in the movie, and Berry received an Oscar nomination.

'Ball' full of monster performances

Sarah Roberts
Daily Egyptian

Sitting through "Monster's Ball" is a lot like giving blood — it's not particularly enjoyable, but when it's finished, you feel like you've done your duty (at least to art-house cinema).

Bleak, dreary and often depressing, "Ball" stars Billy Bob Thornton as Hank, a Georgia death-row prison guard and the emotionally tortured son of a racist. Hank is torn between his loyalty to his father and his own fledgling sense of racial harmony. Through a series of ungodly circumstances, he falls for Leticia (Halle Berry), the wife of a black convict he executed.

Here, the film could easily turn into another standard story of interracial romance and prejudice, but it is much, much more. "Ball's" haunting power is its ability to sidestep every racial and racist cliché and show real, flawed characters.

Hank and Leticia's relationship is not initially based on attraction, but rather on mutual need. Both are poor parents, and both have suffered devastating losses. Their affection for each other gradually grows, but it is tempered by both outside forces and their own reservations.

The two don't discover their tragic connection until later in the film, separately and at different times. The way in which they deal with their realization reflects the film's tone — resignation mixed with hope.

The performances are what really make the film, and all are top-notch. Berry is the one who has walked away with numerous award nominations, including an Oscar nod, and she couldn't be more worthy. This is her finest work to date, and she deserves credit for taking on an often unsympathetic role with no frills or makeup.

Sitting through nearly two hours of pain, suffering and headache is no ball,

but the monster performances make it all worthwhile. The film never cheats its viewers and ultimately shows a glimpse of life after parole.

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The term "trashcan Americana" can leave a lot to the imagination, but the other terms that have been ascribed to the local band Woodbox Gang are just as ambiguous. Dubbed everything from "jug-punk" to "acoustic rock" (trashcan Americana comes from the title of their first album), the tunes that are primarily written by vocalist and guitarist Hugh DeNeal blend folk, rock, traditional blues and even a bit of humor. The band rounds out its personnel with bassist Brian DeNeal, string player Brad Bolin and percussionist Alex Kirt. According to a local radio DJ, they are the "most electric acoustic band around."

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GATSBY'S — live DJ, 10 P.M.

HANGAR 9 — Last Laugh, D.D. Cat and Fastplant (punk), 10 P.M.

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SATURDAY

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GATSBY'S — live DJ, 10 P.M.

HANGAR 9 — Yard Squad Reggae, 10 P.M.

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STIX — live DJ, 10 P.M.

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Weird News

Mike Pingree
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WHAT TOWN DOESN'T NEED CROTCHLESS PANTIES?

Police say that Buffy Guentz, the treasurer of a Pennsylvania township, went on what amounted to a five-year shopping spree, spending \$231,000 in taxpayer money on herself.

Her downfall came when she used the town credit card to purchase lingerie from Victoria's Secret.

The police chief said, "These

are not things that the township normally buys."

SO WE MEET AGAIN, MY DEAR

An attorney had a sexual trial for money with a woman of questionable repute in a St. Louis hotel. Money changed hands, apparently part of a long-standing arrangement.

This would all have been a private matter until they discovered, to their great dismay, that she is witness for the prosecution in a drug case in which he is representing the defendant.

Though this never came up during their encounter, the judge booted him off the case as soon as it became known.

SO HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT

A man in jail awaiting trial for murder in a drug deal gone bad is running for sheriff of Crawford County, Mich. Among his qualifications for the job, he listed his familiarity with the law.

WE'VE INVITED SOME COWS YOU MAY KNOW

A 1,200-pound cow that jumped over a 6-foot fence and escaped from an Ohio slaughterhouse has been eluding authorities for weeks by hiding in the thick underbrush of a wooded area in Cincinnati.

Officials were trying to lure the animal out by setting up a corral

nearby with other cows inside to give the impression that there's a big cow party going on.

If that fails, it's tranquilizer dart time.

OK, A GOOD ACTRESS MAYBE, BUT REALLY!

A murderer on Georgia's death row was granted a temporary stay of execution on the grounds that he's really nuts when he is off his medication. At such times, he believes that the actress Sigourney Weaver is God.

(Mike Pingree is a columnist for the Boston Herald. Read a second "Looking Glass" column on the Internet at www.pingreeslookingglass.com.)

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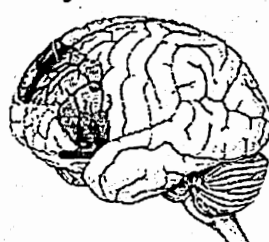
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by Shane Pangbur

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DAMN IT! SHE SAID DAMN IT NOT DAM IT!

No Dogs Allowed!

By Nick Day

Hey, Dog. What are you doing?

Looking at "Dormant Life."

Oh... how weird.

uh huh.

Let's Save Decatur by Seth Dewhirst

out of my way pecker head

Daily Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (March 7). You'll learn quickly this year with the help of good friends. You'll save time and effort following their advice instead of learning everything the hard way. Trust your own judgment in romance, however. Your intuition will be right most of the time. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - The good news is that Venus is moving into your sign. That should make you luckier in love through the end of the month. The bad news is that today, you'll be held accountable for all your actions.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Why not try something different? Take another route to work, and take the long way home. Sign up for a class. Stop by the library and find out about something new. You'll feel refreshed.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You like rakin in the dough, but you're not that keen on shelling it out. That's no excuse for making mistakes. Pay attention while paying your bills. You can find ways to save.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You know who a perfect match for you would be? A bossy sort of person - a take-charge, make-things-happen type. Somebody who'll protect you. Somebody you can inspire. Look around.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - There's no more time to worry about who said what to whom. It doesn't really matter now, because there's more work coming in to keep you busy.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - The time to take action is here. You'll know when the exact moment arrives, if you're watching. This is what all your preparation has been for. Be bold.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Discretion is advised. Even if you know the right answer, don't blurt it out. Only tell the person who really needs to know - and tell them quickly.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Are you contemplating a new project? Don't know quite how you'll do it? Start by spreading the word around. The more people you get involved, the easier it will be. And, the more fun it will be.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You'd rather make your fortune through a winning lottery ticket than through hours of backbreaking labor. But you have to earn that dollar in order to buy the ticket. Keep at it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - You're smart, and getting smarter. You can set up your job to practically do itself. That'll leave you more time to listen to a loved one who needs your attention.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - Take a while to mull over your present situation. Don't let yourself be pushed into anything. Something you don't quite understand is about to become clear.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Stick with what you know is right, even if you're in the minority. More people may agree with you than you realize. You'll eventually hear from them.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

POUCE

RAOAM

THYROW

MILIES

It's been 20 minutes

When the server ignored them, the diners turned into this.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

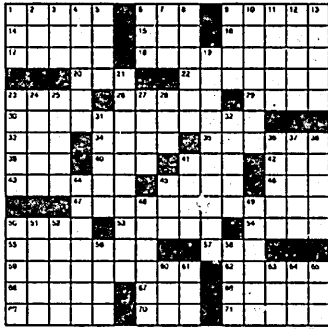
Print answer here: ○○○○○○○○○

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumble: WEARY HANDBY BYGONE INVITE
Answer: What the electrician gave the homeowner was a BRIGHT IDEA

Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Domesticated guano
 6 Fetch
 9 Statuesque character
 14 Padded
 15 Gartner of film
 16 Weaver film
 17 Soranstan or Edberg
 18 Litrolog
 20 1996 Olympics host
 22 Entrance guard
 23 Little snakes
 26 Rescuer
 29 Melon coat
 30 Movie mouse
 33 Chasing game
 34 One of HOMES
 35 Pester
 38 Dander
 40 Little tyke
 41 Seizas or Diamond
 42 Investor Whitney
 43 Come back
 45 Baseball team
 46 Make free (of)
 47 Dwindled
 50 Togo's capital
 53 Gets stuck in mud
 54 Woodwind piece
 55 Into pieces
 57 Fat farm
 59 Casual
 62 Woodworking tools
 63 Onlookers
 64 Pee Wee of baseball
 69 Ahead of time
 70 "Entrance" actor
 71 Medicate

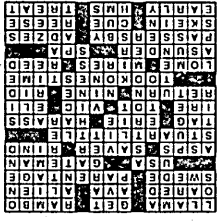


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- DOWN**
 1 Alamos
 2 Order's partner
 3 Lionel Richie hit, "You Are My Best Friend"
 4 Eurynia's sister
 5 Summer thirst quencher
 6 Empty space
 7 Mrs. Peron
 8 Walt-Mari rival
 9 Go on a trade
 10 Talor
 11 Biscayne Bay
 12 Originated
 13 In an upright position
 19 Natural state
 21 Stargazer
 23 Out of bed
 24 Extend a look
 25 Washington sound
 27 Came down to earth
 28 Corpore
 31 Active starter?
 32 Shoestrings
 33 Cutt' dweil'ing?
 37 Muck
 38 Faceted
 41 Climbing plant
 44 Implement
 45 Also not
 48 Cherry brandy
 49 Merchant

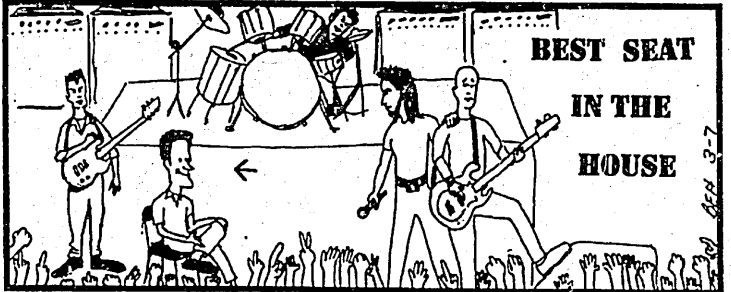
Solutions



- 50 Come to an end
 51 Japanese rap
 52 Ponder seaport
 53 Ponderer NASA's ISS
 56 Say it ain't so partner
 58 Split hairs? Matched collection
 60 Get handed a

No Apparent Reason

by Brian Eliot Holloway



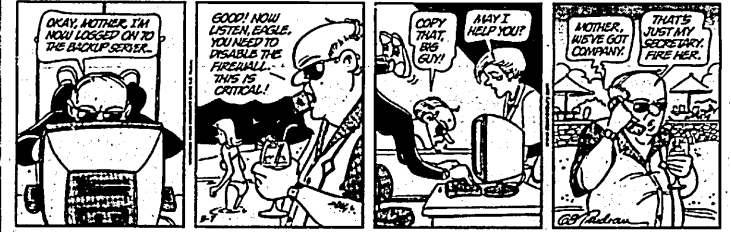
Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



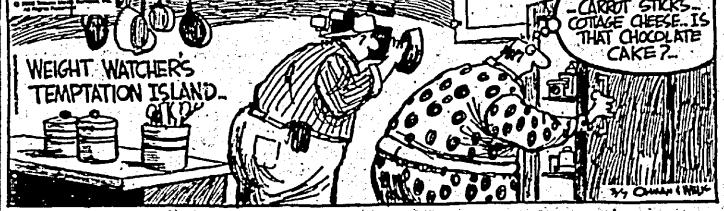
Doonesbury

by Garry Trudeau



Mixed Media

by Jack Ohman



Helen, Sweetheart of the Internet

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Jeff MacNelly's Shoe

by Chris Cassatt and Gary Brookins



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Bong a hit for Saluki men's tennis

Peter Bong is a sophomore on the SIU men's tennis team. Bong is the No. 1 singles player for the Salukis. He recently took some time off to speak to Jens Deju of the Daily Egyptian.

DAILY EGYPTIAN: How would you describe yourself as a player?

Peter Bong: I'm probably known as a fast player on the court, that's one of my main strengths. I'm also consistent on the court as well, but I still need to improve a lot.

DE: Why did you choose SIU?

PB: Well, I'm an accounting major and I got told that SIU had a real good accounting program, like top five in the nation. Also the coach told me that it was like a new team, new coach, like a whole new program so I was looking forward to that.

DE: Do you try to model yourself after any other players?

PB: No, not really, but I did like Michael Chang at one point because he was like the fastest player on the court at his time and I'm just as fast as him on the court as well I think.

DE: How would you describe yourself off the court?

PB: Off the court I'm very relaxed, really friendly. I like to socialize a lot, really easy to get along with I think.

DE: Do you have any hobbies?

PB: I used to have a lot of hobbies when I was a little kid, like fishing, just playing computer games, playing video games and all that, but as I get older, I don't really have time for hobbies anymore.

DE: You were younger last year than most college

freshmen. Add that to the fact you're from a foreign country, and how hard was it for you to adjust once you got here?

PB: I adjusted very well I think. The only problem was probably just the jet lag from here to Australia, but I really was looking forward to coming to college and especially being 17, I was looking forward to learning a lot of stuff and being more experienced with stuff and just maturing more.

DE: Do you ever get teased about your last name?

PB: When I was a little kid, all the time. I never really got offended, but as I got older, people really liked it and they just said it was a cool surname. They wished they could have it. I mean, Bong, you know? But so far in college, no one's teased me about it. Some people even call me Bong as my first name.

DE: How nice is it to be on the most diverse team on campus with all of your players being from different countries?

PB: It's great I think, just so I can know different people from different countries and just to get to know their culture and everything as well.

DE: How much has your game changed since you came to America?

PB: It's changed a lot. I think it's improved a lot. The competition has helped me get stronger and the coaches have helped me improve my game as well.

DE: What do you still need to improve on?

PB: I'd like to get my mental game a lot stronger. It's pretty strong at the moment, but I'd like to get it stronger. My forehand is the

main thing that I'm concentrating on right now.

DE: What are the main differences between American and Australian tennis?

PB: I'm not sure, but I know that it was a big step from playing juniors in Australia and then coming to college and playing tennis. It's a much stronger competition ... it's just another level of tennis.

DE: What are the main differences between American and Australian culture?

PB: I don't think there is much difference. Basically everything is the same except, right now I'm living in Carbondale, so it's a bit of a smaller town than where I lived in Australia. I lived in Melbourne, which is like the biggest city. There aren't many differences except that [Americans] drive on the wrong side of the road.

DE: Favorite actor?

PB: Chris Rock. He's so funny.

DE: Favorite movie?

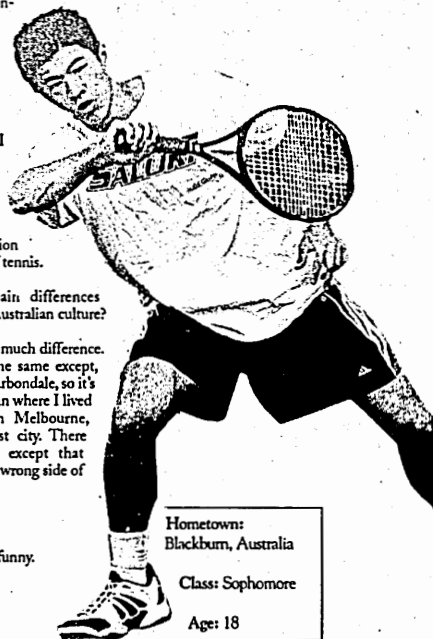
PB: "Lethal Weapon 4."

DE: Favorite TV show?

PB: I'd have to say "Simpsons."

DE: Favorite musician?

PB: It would be Daidee, he plays like techno.



Hometown:
Blackburn, Australia

Class: Sophomore

Age: 18

DE: Favorite local restaurant?

PB: Wise Guys.

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STEVE JANINE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Earlier this week in the MVC championship game against Creighton, Stetson Hairston (left), Rolan Roberts (center) and Sylvester Willis (right) looked on from the bench in disappointment as the last 20 seconds ticked off the clock. With the loss on Monday, the Salukis now sit on the bubble as one of the teams that may or may not be selected for the 65-team field of the NCAA tournament which will be chosen this Sunday.

SIU awaits NCAA verdict

Salukis wait until Sunday to learn postseason fate

Jay Schwab
 Daily Egyptian

Don't expect the national TV cameras to roll into Carbondale for Sunday's NCAA tournament selection show.

Every year CBS and ESPN showcase a couple of teams on their selection shows that are borderline candidates to be invited to the NCAA tournament, in order to capture the festive celebration once a team's name is called or the forlorn looks on the players' faces if that call never comes.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said he still has a visual image etched in his mind of the 1989-90 Saluki team that won 26 games but came away from Selection Sunday distraught.

Weber, who was an assistant on numerous Purdue teams that qualified for the NCAA tournament, is hopeful that this weekend's experience is more like some of the joyous Selection Sundays he's accustomed to.

"When your name comes up on that board, it's kind of an adrenaline rush," Weber said. "It's a great feeling seeing your

name up there."

Even though most analysts feel the Salukis have favorable odds of being picked this Sunday, Weber doesn't want to subject his team to the potential scenario of being exposed to the nation in a deeply disappointing moment, so he's decided not to welcome the national cameras to the Salukis' viewing party.

The majority of national media outlets project the Salukis will be one of the final teams to make the NCAA cut, but the most encouraging piece of news may come in the form of a somewhat obscure statistic.

Jerry Palm of collegiapi.com has kept track of a wealth of data since 1993, and in that span, no teams with 25 or 26 victories versus Division I teams have been left out of the NCAA field. That would seem like music to the Salukis' ears, because SIU stands at 26-7 after losing to Creighton Monday in the title game of the Valley tournament.

But all the optimistic predictions in the world are meaningless unless they're backed up by the tournament selection committee.

What goes on at the various conference tournaments this week could be the biggest variable in driving SIU's postseason fate. So far, the week has shaken-out in a relatively pro-Saluki fashion.

"When your name comes up on that board, it's kind of an adrenaline rush. It's a great feeling seeing your name up there."

Bruce Weber
 head coach, men's basketball

A pair of teams SIU beat — Murray State and Illinois-Chicago — were surprise winners of their leagues' automatic NCAA bids, and a potential misfortune was avoided Tuesday night when Western Kentucky narrowly avoided being upset in the Sun Belt tournament.

Of course, there are numerous more conference tournaments to be completed between now and Sunday, and if a handful of those automatic bids are gobbled up by teams that wouldn't have otherwise made the field, SIU's chances would take a hit.

Here's a closer look at SIU's hopes for an

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The NCAA basketball selection shows will air Sunday at 5 p.m. on CBS and ESPN

Coaches trust athletes when it comes to alcohol

All Saluki teams discourage players from consuming alcohol

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Alcohol consumption among college students is a given. For the average college student, drinking typically does not pose detrimental results, but for student-athletes, it can lead to suspension from games or even expulsion from the team.

Many student-athletes at SIU have to deal with the quandary of knowing they are asked not to consume alcohol, but want to partake in a few drinks on a Friday or Saturday night.

The general agreement among athletes is to obey their coaches' rules. Though some athletes who didn't want to be named admit that they drink, they try not to consume alcohol to the point that it would jeopardize their involvement in their sport.

"We don't play cop and watch over their shoulder on the weekend — we just have to trust that they will follow the rules."

Lori Opp
 head coach, women's basketball

The SIU Athletic Department does not have a departmental policy dealing with athletes and alcohol use — that subject is left up to the individual teams. While there is no uniform standard, each of the sports don't condone underage drinking and request that the older athletes do not drink during a specific time period.

Women's basketball head coach Lori Opp said for her team the basic rule is to not drink during the season, even if over 21, and not to drink at all if not legal.

"We don't play cop and watch over their shoulder on the weekend — we just have to trust that they will follow the rules," Opp said.

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams share the same philosophy when it comes to alcohol use. Don't do it. Even if swimmers are of age, they're forbidden to drink during the season. When the season is over, they're expected to use their best judgment when alcohol is present.

When it comes to enforcing the team policy, women's coach Jeff Goetz said that his swimmers are good at self-policing. He has never had an athlete brought to his attention who was having problems with drinking.

"To achieve at their level academically and athletically would be tough if they were into too many extracurricular activities," Goetz said.

The men's head coach, Rick Walker, said he would be naive to think that drinking among athletes does not exist, but he does not go out and try to catch his athletes.

"The athletes understand and know that if an injury or arrest occurs, there will be consequences," Walker said.

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Women's swimming and diving team keeps a level head

Salukis still respect conference foes

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In the past 18 years that the Missouri Valley Conference has offered a conference championship in women's swimming and diving, the Salukis have always been the measuring stick of success.

During that span, SIU has won 13 league titles and finished second the five years they didn't win.

Included in that time are streaks of three in a row from 1983-86, four in a row in the early 1990s and most recently five in a row starting in 1997 and still going strong, including their latest win last month over runner-up Evansville.

From glancing at the Salukis' success

during the past few decades, one might think the rest of the conference isn't offering much resistance to what has become an annual ritual of the Salukis celebrating a conference championship.

That's not the case, say the Salukis. Senior Dana Morrell said the rest of the conference has the same level of talent as the Salukis, but none of them are as strong from top to bottom as SIU.

"We're dominant because we have depth," Morrell said. "We don't just have one really good swimmer, all of us are really good and our coaches recruit really well so our whole team is strong. It's not just a superstar, we work together as a team and that's why we're dominant."

The level of talent in the MVC has slowly risen every year as other teams scramble to catch up, and that keeps the Salukis working harder and harder to maintain their place at the top.

SIU head coach Jeff Goetz said "it doesn't take a rocket scientist to look at the top time charts" and see that the rest of the conference is swimming just as fast, if not faster, than the Salukis.

Junior Amy Legner said it is seeing those times that helps the team stay focused and not assume they are a shoo-in to win.

"There's always that one person that comes in on paper from a different team that has this time and we're like, 'Oh whoa, when did they go that?'" Legner said. "I think it kind of puts, if a person was to feel [overconfident], back in their place of I do have to still compete for my position and they're not just going in there thinking, 'Oh yeah, I'm going to win no matter what.'"

Besides the fact they know the competition is gaining on them, the Salukis

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SIU swimmer Kendall Forster breast-strokes her way to a victory in last month's Missouri Valley Conference championships. The improvement in the rest of the MVC has helped the Salukis stay motivated, despite their dominance of the conference.