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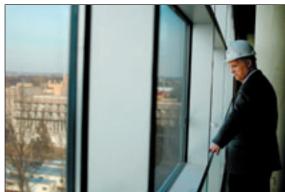
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New roof to end leaky library











JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

ABOVE: Workers move new equipment onto the roof of Morris Library Tuesday afternoon. The library has relocated and upgraded the heating and air conditioning units to create much needed space on the interior of the building.

ABOVE RIGHT: David Carlson, dean of library affairs, observes the construction from the sixth floor of Morris Library on Tuesday. 'We're thrilled about that since we've had many problems with rain and water leaks,' Carlson said. 'After this week we should be pretty buttoned up.'

Progress continues on Morris construction

Sarah Lohman DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale's warm weather in the past few weeks has caused the abandonment of winter coats, but one Morris Library official said he is more than thrilled to have his office a bit more "buttoned up."

The library's new roof will be complete by the end of the week, Dean of Library Affairs David Carlson said Tuesday.

"We're thrilled about that since we've

had many problems with rain and water leaks," Carlson said. "After this week we should be pretty buttoned up."

The building's exterior will also be replaced to increase its seismic stability and create a better barrier to moisture and heat, according to the library's Web site.

The roof is just one aspect in the ongoing \$48 million renovation that began in January 2006. In the last few weeks, a large part of the steel structure for the new 50,000-squarefoot addition has been completed. Carlson

said the builders have made progress that may not be immediately visible.

"There's been a great deal of progress on

the inside in terms of actually constructing internal walls," Carlson said. "It really does have a finished look to it, or starting to, I should say."

Roughly 80 percent of the fifth floor interior is complete, Carlson said. The third, fourth and fifth floors are scheduled to open in November and December. The basement and parts of the first floor will then be under construction and closed for several months.

Carlson said the main elevator is not finished, but is expected to be up and running within the next few weeks.

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Private lenders target students

Joe Crawford DAILY EGYPTIAN

Student loan offers received in the mail may appear to be easy fixes for students' financial woes, but they are typically bad deals, according to the SIUC Financial Aid Office.

The snail-mailed offers from private lenders — some of which appear to contain actual checks or have imminent deadlines — rarely have interest rates as low as the federal loans students can get through the Financial Aid Office, said the office's director Billie Jo Hamilton.

"As a rule, throw them in the trash," Hamilton said. "I think anytime you get anything unsolicited that seems too good to be true, it usually is."



Giorgos Maratheftis ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Private companies may send more of the offers during the spring in hopes of targeting students about to graduate, she said.

Because these students will no longer be eligible for loans through Financial Aid, she said it might be

advisable for them to consider a private company.

Some private lenders give graduated students a relatively low interest rate if they consolidate multiple

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City offers security, pet care options during spring break

Danny Wenger DAILY EGYPTIAN

Returning from Mexico to find a broken window and missing laptop - or that Rover shredded the couch — is More spring no way to start the second break info, half of the semester.

page 5: Students leaving for vacation have different Vacation options options for protecting in southern Illinois their possessions. Both Travel safety tips Carbondale and SIU police and money savers offer house watch services.

Also, students can keep their pets safe, and keep items safe from pets, using boarding services.

Officer Randy Mathis said the

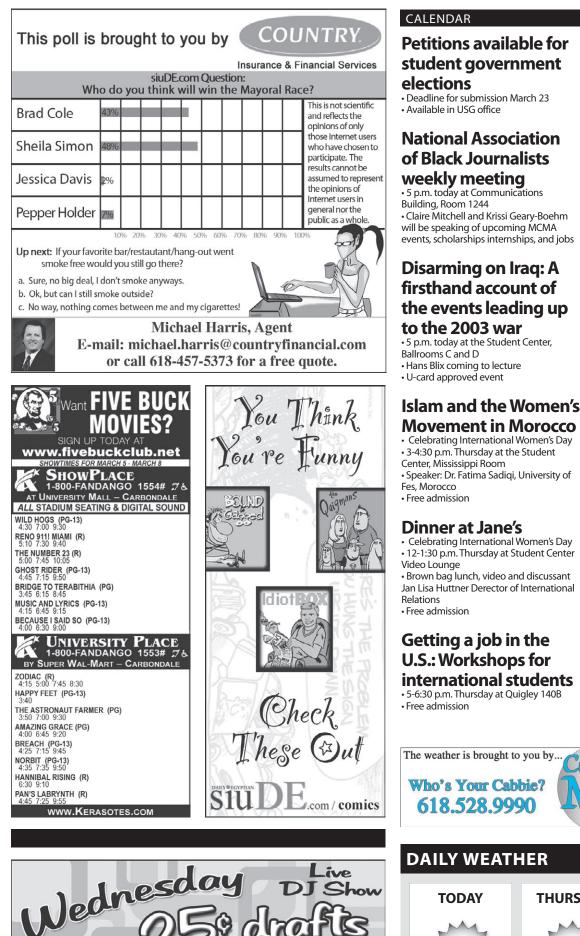
house watch program offered by Carbondale police is available to city residents. Lt. Harold Tucker said SIU police cover student housing.

> People who want Carbondale police to check their houses need to fill out a request and include information about their homes, Mathis said.

"Basically what we do is we have a list of questions on there as far as what's going to be left at

your residence and what can we expect, i.e. vehicles," Mathis said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Pilot reported faulty engine before deadly crash

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A pilot reported problems with the engine of a home-built aircraft on Monday, moments before the plane crashed into an Illinois field and burst into flames, federal investigators said Tuesday.

Robert Justin, 68, of St. Louis, was killed in the crash north of Edwardsville. He was the only person aboard. The Federal Aviation Administration said in a preliminary report that it was trying to pinpoint the exact cause of the crash.

An autopsy Tuesday showed the Justin, identified with the help of dental records, probably survived the "crash-related traumatic injuries" but died of smoke inhalation, Madison County Coroner Steve Nonn said.

Students evacuated from junior high school

 ${\sf LINCOLN}$ (AP) — A junior high school was evacuated Tuesday morning in the central Illinois town of Lincoln, authorities said.

The reason for the evacuation of Lincoln Junior High was not immediately known, but all the students were reported to be safe.

"We only know there was some reason they felt it was better to have the children evacuated," said Jean Lynn, administrative secretary of Lincoln Elementary Schools District 27, which includes the school.

Report: Worker error caused fatal plant explosion

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — A series of explosions that killed five employees at a central Illinois chemical plant in 2004 was caused by a worker who mistakenly opened a valve on a high-temperature reactor that was in operation, a federal agency said Tuesday.

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board also faulted the plant owner, Formosa Plastics Corporation U.S.A., for failing to address problems that made human error possible at the plant near Illiopolis, about 25 miles east of Springfield.

Investigators said New Jersey-based Formosa should have recognized that such an accident could occur because of similar incidents at one of its Louisiana plants and at the Illinois plant just two months before the fatal blasts.

Both Formosa and investigators said the employee who opened the valve on the wrong reactor apparently became confused about which of the plant's 24 reactors he was cleaning on the night of April 23, 2004.

Girls suspended for saying 'vagina' during reading

CROSS RIVER, N.Y. (AP) — A public high school has suspended three students who disobeyed officials by saying the word "vagina" during a reading from a well-known feminist play.

The honor students, Megan Reback, Elan Stahl and Hannah Levinson, included the word during their reading of "The Vagina Monologues" because "it wasn't crude and it wasn't inappropriate and it was very real and very pure," Reback said.

Their defiant stand is being applauded by the play's author, who said Tuesday that the school should be celebrating, rather than punishing, the three juniors.

The girls took turns reading the excerpt until they came to the word, then said it together.

The suspension outraged some parents, who circulated an e-mail calling the punishment a "blatant attempt at censorship."

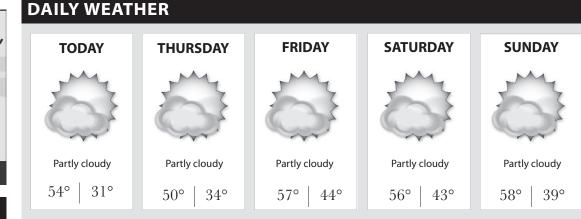
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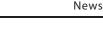
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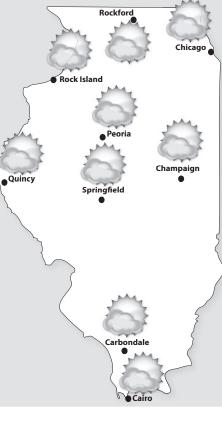
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Drofessor rofiles Saxophonist teaches the tunes

Multi-talented musician jazzes up school's faculty

Ryan Rendleman DAILY EGYPTIAN

Music can open up the world. It did for one university professor.

Tyler Kuebler, an assistant professor of saxophone and music theory, came to SIUC about two years ago, after a professional music career took him across seas. The 33-year-old saxophone player said the professional life is hard to sustain financially, and becoming a teacher is a standard move for most musicians.

"You could have a couple months where it's just like you're killing you're gigging all the time, you're making huge amounts of money," he said. "But then you could have a stretch of a couple weeks to a couple months where there's nothing."

The California native said he took his first piano lesson before entering elementary school. Five years later, he found his calling as a saxophonist in his sixth grade jazz band.

Kuebler said he is also skilled in the flute and clarinet, because jazz band saxophonists are expected to be versatile.

"It's something they actually don't tell you when you're first starting out on saxophone, but if you want to make money at it you have to have those doubles," he said.

Kuebler said he always wanted to play music, and leaving the art was never an option. He contin-



Assistant professor of saxophone and music theory **Tyler Kuebler** directs the SIU jazz band on Tuesday in Altgeld Hall. **JASON JOHNSON** DAILY EGYPTIAN

earing 17 different people figure out how to play 🗖 as one, and the excitement and the energy that comes from that team aspect of it — it's neat to see.

— Tyler Kuebler

ued his music career in jazz band at the University of North Texas before receiving a doctorate from the University of Miami.

In addition to playing at the collegiate level, Kuebler said he has played many professional performances. He said he has tooted his horn with many artists, including pop star Julio Iglesias.

The perks of being a musician include traveling, Kuebler said. He has been to many countries in assistant professor

Europe, as well as Japan and China. While playing a concert series in Japan sponsored by the Yamaha

Corporation, he was treated like royalty and even stayed on a private island, he said. An avid cyclist and reader, Kuebler

said he pushes himself to learn more and become a better person. His love of outdoor activities stems from his childhood surroundings, including the ocean and mountains, he said.

"My parents were pretty active, so

my whole family was pretty into the outdoor thing," he said.

He said he continues to learn as a teacher and, as director of the university's jazz band, loves to see the 17 members come together as a team while playing.

"Hearing 17 different people figure out how to play as one, and the excitement and the energy that comes from that team aspect of it it's neat to see," he said.

Robert Allison, a trumpet professor who has known Kuebler for about a year and a half, said the saxophonist has brought high quality talent to the university. He said he plays with Kuebler in the New Arts Jazztet, a faculty band.

"He's an inspiring player to be

next to," he said. Robert Weiss, director of the school of music, said Kuebler fits two roles for the university — musician

and teacher. "We were looking for someone not only to teach saxophone and theory, but also to be an outstanding saxophone player," he said. "He certainly brought all that to us."

Kuebler said the university's music program benefits the local area by providing musical experiences that would otherwise not be offered.

"Come over and just say hey, stop by the music building and check out what we have to offer," he said.

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INDONESIA

Earthquake kills at least 70 people

SOLOK, Indonesia (AP) — A powerful earthquake jolted western Indonesia on Tuesday, killing at least 70 people and injuring hundreds as they fled shaking hotels, homes and hospitals. Two children were crushed by debris on a playground.

The 6.3-magnitude quake struck Sumatra island just before 11 a.m. and was felt as far away as neighboring Malaysia and Singapore, where some tall buildings were evacuated. Several aftershocks followed, the strongest measuring 6.1, adding to fears of people already too nervous to return indoors.

Many said they would sleep in front of their homes or in the hills Tuesday night.

Indonesia straddles one of the world's most seismically active zones and has been hit by a string of natural disasters in recent years, the most deadly being the 2004 Asian tsunami that killed 160,000 people on Sumatra's northern tip.

GERMANY

Court convicts Army medic of desertion

WUERZBURG, Germany (AP) — A U.S. Army medic who refused to return to Iraq because he believes war is morally wrong was convicted of desertion Tuesday and sentenced to an eightmonth prison term — far short of the maximum seven-year sentence.

Specialist Agustin Aguayo, 35, and his attorneys turned to each other and smiled after Judge Col. R. Peter Masterton read out the sentence.

Aguayo, a U.S. citizen born in Guadalajara, Mexico, had been jailed for 161 days awaiting trial and his attorney, David Court, said he did not expect him to serve more than about six more weeks.

In a shaky voice, Aguayo told the court during the one-day court martial at the Army's Leighton Barracks near Wuerzburg, Germany, that his convictions led him to jump out a window and flee home to California rather than be forced to go back to Iraq.

MISSISSIPPI

Settlement reached in Katrina lawsuit

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — A federal trial ended abruptly Tuesday when State Farm Fire & Casualty Co. settled out of court with a couple who sued the company over Hurricane Katrina damages to a rental home they own.

U.S. District Judge Peter Beer told jurors before they got the case that a settlement had been reached after he ruled punitive damages weren't warranted under Mississippi law.

The couple sued Bloomington, Ill.-based State Farm for denying their claim on their Ocean Springs rental property, which Katrina knocked off its foundation.

Jury convicts former White House aide of perjury, obstruction in CIA leak trial

Michael J. Sniffen THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, was convicted Tuesday of lying and obstructing a leak investigation that reached into the highest levels of the Bush administration.

The verdict culminated a nearly four-year investigation into how CIA official Valerie Plame's name was leaked to reporters in 2003. The trial revealed that top members of the administration were eager to discredit Plame's husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, who accused the administration of doctoring prewar intelligence on Iraq.

Libby, who was once Cheney's most trusted adviser and an assistant to President Bush, was expressionless as the jury verdict was announced on the 10th day of deliberations. His wife, Harriet Grant, choked out a sob and lowered her head.

Libby could face up to 25 years in prison when he is sentenced June 5, but under federal sentencing guidelines is likely to face far less. Defense attorneys immediately promised to ask for a new trial or appeal the conviction.

Cheney said late Tuesday he was disappointed with the verdict.

"I am saddened for Scooter and his family," Cheney said. "Scooter has served our nation tirelessly and with great distinction through many years of public service."

"We have every confidence Mr. Libby ultimately will be vindicated," defense attorney Theodore Wells told a throng of reporters. "We believe Mr. Libby is totally innocent and that he didn't do anything wrong."



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Lewis 'Scooter' Libby and his wife, Harriet, leave the U.S. Federal Courthouse in Washington on Tuesday. Libby, a former senior aide to Vice President Cheney, was found guilty on four of five counts of obstructing justice, lying and perjury during an investigation tied to the Iraq war.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, who has led the leak investigation, said no additional charges would be filed. That means nobody will be charged with the leak and Libby, who was not the source for the original column outing Plame, will be the only one to face trial.

White House deputy press secretary Dana Perino said Bush watched news of the verdict on TV in the Oval Office. Perino said the president respected the jury's verdict but "was saddened for Scooter Libby and his family."

Libby was convicted of one count of obstruction, two counts of perjury and one count of lying to the FBI about how he learned Plame's identity and whom he told. Prosecutors said he learned about Plame from Cheney and others, discussed her name with reporters and, fearing prosecution, made up a story to make those discussions seem innocuous.

Libby said he told investigators his honest recollections and blamed any misstatements on a faulty memory. He was acquitted of one count of lying to the FBI about his conversation with Time magazine reporter Matthew Cooper.

One juror who spoke to reporters outside court said the jury had 34 poster-size pages filled with information they distilled from the trial testimony. They discerned that Libby was told about Plame at least nine times and they didn't buy the argument that he forgot all about it.

"Even if he forgot that someone told him about Mrs. Wilson, who had told him, it seemed very unlikely he would not have remembered about Mrs. Wilson," the juror, Denis Collins, said.

Bush claims fresh progress in Iraq

Ben Feller THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON President Bush said Tuesday his decision to send more troops to Baghdad is yielding "gradual but important" progress in Iraq. He portrayed himself as steadfast while Democrats squabble

over strategy. War-weary voters put Democrats in charge of Congress, lawmakers but have not decided how or whether to restrict Bush on Iraq through legislation. Bush seized on that divide and cautioned Democrats not to interfere with military missions. "Other members of Congress seem to believe that we can have it all: that

Iraq," the president said. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Democrats are

determined to lead a new direction on Iraq policy. That includes getting troops home and shifting the U.S. mission from combat to training, troop protection and counterterrorism.

"The war in Iraq is not making our country safer, our military stronger or the region more Pelosi stable," Pelosi said Tuesday. south of Baghdad — boys used "In fact, the war long-handled squeegees to push in Iraq is the greatest ethical challenge facing our nation." The war is deeply unpopu-lar. The White

House also has

shoddy care for wounded soldiers

at a premier Army hospital in

Washington, angering lawmakers

symbolic measure disapproving

The proposal has stalled in the Senate. The White House is

preparing for what it sees as the

real political fight — the upcom-

ing vote on a \$100 billion war

of Bush's troop buildup.

The House has approved a

in both parties.

spending bill.

Suicide bombers massacre pilgrims

Brian Murphy THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two suicide bombers turned a procession of Shiite pilgrims into a blood-drenched stampede Tuesday, killing scores with a first blast and then claiming more lives among fleeing crowds. At least 106 were killed amid a wave of deadly strikes against Shiites heading for a solemn religious ritual.

Hours after the attack in - in the Shiite heartland Hillah -

The Hillah strike came after gunmen and bombers hit group after group of Shiite pilgrims elsewhere some in buses and others making the traditional trek on foot to the shrine city of Karbala, about 50 miles south of Baghdad. At least 24 were killed in those attacks, including four relatives of a prominent Shiite lawmaker, Mohammed Mahdi al-Bayati.

This weekend, huge crowds of Shiite worshippers will gather for rites marking the end of a 40-day mourning period for the death of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad. Hussein died near Karbala in a seventh century battle. In Hillah, southeast of Karbala, a long line of pilgrims marched toward a bridge checkpoint on the edge of the city. Food and cool drinks were distributed at nearby tents. The first suicide bomber killed dozens and touched off a mad dash away from the bridge, said witness Salim Mohammed Ali Abbas. As the fleeing crowd grew thicker, another suicide bomber among them blew himself apart. A police commander, Brig. Gen. Othman al-Ghanemi, said the attackers joined the procession outside Hillah and waited until it reached the checkpoint bottleneck to try to maximize the damage. "The government bears some responsibility for this," complained a Shiite parliament member, Bahaa al-Araji. "It has not provided enough security to protect the pilgrims."

AUSTRIA

Iran wants an end to Security Council 'interference'

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran demanded an end to Security Council "interference" in an offer made public Tuesday in exchange for clearing up suspicions about its disputed nuclear activities — an apparent attempt to head off new U.N sanctions over its refusal to stop uranium enrichment.

The overture, contained in a document made available to The Associated Press, came as the five permanent council members deliberated a new resolution aiming to tighten up sanctions against Iran for its nuclear defiance.

Iran has made similar offers before, but renewing it now seemed to be linked to those moves in New York, even though diplomats involved in working on a new draft resolution cautioned any agreement was some time off.

we can fight al-Qaida, pursue national reconciliation, initiate aggressive diplomacy and deter Iran's ambitions in Iraq all while withdrawing from Baghdad and reducing our force levels," Bush said in a speech to the American Legion.

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but doing so at this moment would undermine everything our troops have worked for. There are no shortcuts in Iraq. - George Bush U.S. president been rocked by revelations of

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pools of blood off the road. The victims' shoes and sandals were gathered in haphazard piles. U.S. forces, too, continue to tally losses at the hands of extremists despite signs of more successful raids against bases and weapon stockpiles. The military said nine

soldiers were killed Monday in two separate roadside bombings north of Baghdad, making it the deadliest day for U.S. troops in Iraq in nearly a month.

"A brutal massacre against people who are only practicing their faith" was how Shiite lawmaker Sami al-Askari described the Hillah attacks, which wounded at least 151 people.

Dr. Mohammed al-Temimi, at Hillah's main hospital, said some of the injuries were critical and the death toll of 106 could rise.

Spring break survival guide

How to stay safe and save money

Danny Wenger Alicia Wade DAILY EGYPTIAN

With spring break around the corner, there are things students leaving Carbondale can do to travel safely and return with a little extra cash.

There are several tips student travelers can follow to make

their vacations as smooth as possible. From having the proper identification to checking into student discounts, travelers should be aware of their options.

David Coracy, travel agent at B and A Travel Service in Carbondale, said the most important item for students leaving the coun-

try is a passport. "Number one on the top of the list, you have to have a passport,"

to be protected.

he said. Coracy said that when students are doing things like shopping and going to clubs it's advisable to carry passports.

'It does not hurt to carry their passports with them as a means of identification used in conjunction with purchases they might make using a credit card," he said.

However, Coracy said when students do things like go to the beach ,he advised leaving the passports locked up in a hotel safe.

There are a few options for carrying money on vacation and Coracy said credit cards are the safest.

"Credit cards far and away are the safest," he said. "If your credit card gets stolen you can report it lost and you're going to be protected."

Coracy recommended carrying cash along with a credit card in case the card cannot be used.

"I like carrying a combination of credit cards and cash," he said.

As a money saver, students can use a Student Advantage Discount Card, which will help them save on Amtrak and Greyhound fares. If travelers do not have a card, they can purchase

one valid for one year online for redit cards far and \$20 plus a few away are the safest. additional charges, such as \$2.50 If your credit card gets for shipping and handling of the card in the mail. stolen you can report it lost and you're going The card is shipped, according to the Web site, in

— David Coracy five to seven days travel agent of purchase.

Other money experts, such as LendingTree, suggest students be flexible in travel plans and compare weekend prices on train, plane or bus tickets to weekday prices. Those on vacation may find better deals by purchasing a ticket for travel during the week.

Those planning on driving to their spring break destination should take some extra precautions with their cars to make sure they arrive safely.

Before getting on the road, Steve Rennison, owner of the Auto Shop in Carbondale, said students should check the condition of their car.

You want to make sure your belts and hoses are all in good shape," he said. "You want to make sure your engine oil is clean and full and your tires are properly aired up and in good shape."

Belts should be tight and not be cracked, and hoses should not be stiff or leaking. Rennison also recommended checking the windshield wipers.

"It's a good idea to have good wiper blades and a full tank of washer fluid before you travel," he said.

Rennison said to have a cell phone while traveling and a gallon of antifreeze. He also said to check the spare and be sure the jack is in the car as well.

"Make sure the spare tire is good," he said.

Rennison advised having a professional check the car and changing the oil before going on a long trip.

When students arrive at their destination, experts at LendingTree recommend staying at a hostel, instead of staying at a hotel. Hostels usually feature shared rented rooms, a common kitchen and a lower price tag than hotels.

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Local destinations for spring break Alicia Wade

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While some students prepare to slather on suntan lotion and travel to sunny destinations, others are readying themselves for a week of vacation in southern Illinois.

If students are planning to do more than hunker down with textbooks, work or catch up on sleep, local lakes and hiking trails may be the escape they need. The Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau Web site, as well as its location in the University Mall, has brochures of area attractions that could be of use for those planning on staying in or around Carbondale over break.

One area nature site that will be open over break is Crab Orchard Lake, located between Carbondale and Marion. The area features three different lakes as well as local wildlife. Karin Magera, a park ranger, said while the campgrounds will not be open until April, several hiking trails and fishing locations

are available.

"It's a little too cold for swimming, so fishing and hiking are probably the best bet," she said.

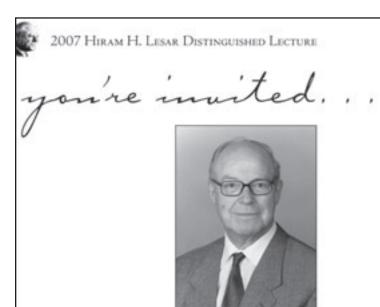
She said to be in the area, visitors are required to have a daytime pass that costs \$2, and can obtain one at the visitor's center. She also said those planning on fishing should get a license from the state of Illinois.

However, if the weather doesn't lend itself to being outside, vacationing students can visit historical sites, especially in Murphysboro. The General John A. Logan museum will be open over break from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and is located across the street from the Jackson County Historical Society. Both places offer a look into the past of southern Illinois.

Students can also make a trip through the various trails southern Illinois offers, including the wine and treasure trail. The wine trail features several area vineyards — some more than 100 years old — while the treasure trail allows visitors to gander at antique shops.

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OUR WORD

The unforgettable fall — one year later

t's been a year and two days since SIU cheerleader Kristi Yamaoka suffered a fall that captured the attention of a nation.

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The 15-foot plummet from atop a pyramid at the March 5 Missouri Valley Conference title game reverberated through the country via multiple airings on news broadcasts and shows such as "Good Morning America."

President Bush even got wind of the girl who cheered on the gurney after her head smacked on the floor of St. Louis' former-Savvis Center. He gave the university junior a call.

While Yamaoka continues to mend from a fractured neck, concussion and bruised lung, the lasting impact of the fall is not just limited to her body.

After the accident, the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators required squads to use a mat if they want to do pyramid building or high-risk tosses anywhere on the floor.

Cheerleaders from around the country blamed Yamaoka for the new rules, which they said limit their talents and results in performances that resemble those of grade school cheerleaders.

Cheerleading is without a doubt a dangerous activity. Among female athletics, cheerleading is a leader in injuries, trips to the hospital and debilitations that can confine cheerleaders to a life in the stands, statistics show.

But these high-flying, risktaking women are well aware of the potential catastrophes. They make the choice to put their limbs and lives on the line for their team and the fans.

No one can expect to launch 20 feet in the air, spin three times and land in the arms of their fellow coeds without the potential of a bone-crunching injury.

Through practice and teammate trust, cheerleaders garner the confidence to take their bodies to the extreme.

Any rule that holds them back is ludicrous.

The American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators' measure to make cheerleading safer was for a valid reason.

But it's rather funny that the new rules came about after the national media covered a nasty spill.



Maybe these rules are just meant to appease uptight worrywarts instead of show concern for the cheerleaders who accept the risk. Yamaoka is a tough woman with

an immeasurable spirit.

It's disappointing, though, that her high-flying days — and those of cheerleaders across the country — could be over.

THEIR WORD

Suddenly cool Al Gore looks like a good choice

McClatchy-Tribune

1 Gore could become the only man to win an Oscar, a Nobel Prize and his party's presidential nomination within a span of 12 months. He already has collected an Oscar for his global-warming documentary "An Inconvenient Truth." (Actually, that's two Oscars, if you count best song.) He's been nominated At this point, for the Nobel Peace

Prize by an admirhe may be the ing Norwegian lawmaker. But to have a strongest, ablest shot at the trifecta California's presiden-Democratic tial primary will be 11 months from tomorcandidate of his row - Gore will have to declare himself a generation. candidate for president. We hope he goes for it. Gore has said repeatedly that he's happy doing what he's doing, while not irrevocably ruling out a run. Friends and former aides are hedging bets.

plenty of him. He'll be promoting his new book and orchestrating a sevencontinent concert extravaganza to raise awareness of global warming. But by fall, it may not be just the Earth that needs saving, but also the Democratic Party.

He wouldn't be the only good candidate; at this point, every Democrat in the race looks Lincolnesque compared with George W. Bush. And for all the time Gore has spent around Hollywood, he'll never be a great campaigner. Even Cameron Diaz can't loosen him up. When he's in front of a crowd, he still tends to sound patronizing.

that most Americans didn't see when he was in Bill Clinton's shadow and when he made that uninspiring run for president in 2000.

At this point, he may be the strongest, ablest Democratic candidate of his generation.

If, after what promises to be a long and tiring campaign summer, Hillary Rodham Clinton grates, Barack Obama falters, Joe Biden again stumbles, John Edwards fades and Bill Richardson crumbles — not unlikely scenarios — the nomination may be Gore's for the taking.

with Leonardo DiCaprio and Steve Jobs. He has served as an adviser to Google and board member of Apple. He's developed a Silicon Valley perspective not for the sake of cocktail chatter or campaign cash but out of a longstanding fascination with the Internet. (His alleged claim to have invented the Internet is a bum rap, but he was talking it up long before most members of Congress had even heard of e-mail.)

"An Inconvenient Truth" has made environmental activism - and Gore, in all his woodenness - cool again. Thousands flock to his lectures on campuses. Rock

In coming months, we'll be seeing

But on the issues that most Americans and most in the valley care about - the war, the fragile state of the Earth, the transforming power of technology Gore has been out front, resolute and right.

The man who has turned global warming from enviro-grumbling into a powerful cause is more popular now than seven years ago, when the majority of Americans thought they had elected him president.

Liberated from politics the past seven years, Gore has shown sides of himself

Gore has stood by long-held convictions. He came out early and strongly against the war. What was dismissed then as sour grapes is now praised as wisdom.

The first President Bush mocked him as "ozone man." Now, corporations seek his counsel on global warming.

Liberated from Washington, Gore has expanded his reach from Silicon Valley, which he has frequented for years, to Hollywood, where he was able to translate his knowledge into a populist movement. He's on a first-name basis

stars go gaga over him.

But more important, international leaders, who turned against America when Bush scoffed at treaties and rejected diplomacy, respect and admire Gore.

However much he has achieved in the past seven years, President Gore could achieve what citizen Gore cannot. So bide your time, Al Gore, as Bobby Kennedy did in `68. The campaign is too long as it is. But don't waver when the moment comes.

> This editorial appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on Monday.

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WORDS OVERHEARD ⁶⁶We loved our little houses, but having everybody in one building, obviously that's going to contribute to collaboration." Tom Woolf chief of University Communications' public relations arm on the new organization of the university's marketing team

Council approves new health plan

Eight new tennis courts to be built as part of high school Superblock

Alicia Wade

Carbondale will have a new health plan for city employees.

Tuesday night the council approved a plan to convert the current health plan for city employees over two years from a self-funded to a fully insured plan through BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois.

The new city health plan, City Manager Jeff Doherty said, will address an aging and retiring group of city employees. According to the council's report, the city pays almost \$500,000 more than expected for employees' insurance claims.

The new plan will allow the city to catch up on past claims, Mayor Brad Cole said.

"We have claims that are lagging behind

and they're going to cost us money," he said. Doherty said the switch in health coverage would be as seamless as possible, with benefits equal to or better than the city's current insurance plan.

In other action, the council unanimously approved a project to widen and resurface Wall Street between East Park Street and Pleasant Hill Road. The project, according to the city's report, will be finished before July 31.

Carbondale will also see eight new tennis courts built as part of the high school Superblock. Doherty said the courts would be open to the community, although the point was raised that when the Superblock was originally built, the facilities were supposed to be open to the public, but are no longer.

The city plans to address the school district about the hours that the Superblock is open to the public.

"I think we can approach the school district and ask them to make some type of commitment to us," Cole said.

The council also addressed an incentive

program for auto dealers that would offer Carbondale dealerships a sales tax rebate for the first six months of business. The program would encourage dealerships to expand and sell vehicles not available in Carbondale.

"Neighboring communities around us provide significant sales tax rebates to the automobile dealers, and that's where we've seen a lot of automobile dealers go in the last decade," Cole said.

According to the city report, dealerships are responsible for almost 20 percent of sales tax generated in Carbondale.

However, the council voted the action down due to opposition from car dealerships currently in the city who would not receive benefits from the incentives.

Councilman Chris Wissmann and Councilwoman Corene McDaniel suggested discussing the plan with current dealerships and creating a plan that could benefit them as well.

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Jason Johnson ~ Daily Egyptian

David Carlson, dean of library affairs, walks down the stairs in Morris Libary despite the installment of two elevators that run from the ground floor to the top floor. 'There's been a great deal of progress on the inside in terms of actually constructing internal walls,' Carlson said. 'It really does have a finished look to it, or starting to, I should say.'

LIBRARY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The purpose of the renovations is to make Morris Library more user-friendly by trading confusion for convenience, according to the Web site.

Erika Wentzel, a senior from Collinsville studying public relations, has worked at the circulation desk of Morris since March 2005. She said the construction has made the open part of the library more concentrated and said there is less monitoring to do. One of the biggest effects construction has had on the student workers is the hours they work and the number of people in the library, she said. Although she probably won't see the finished product as a student of SIUC, Wentzel said she isn't upset about the construction. "I feel like it had to happen," Wentzel said.



Lenders

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loans or make their payments consistently, Hamilton said.

Regardless, students should look beyond their mailbox when planning their finances, she said. Students should contact the Financial Aid Office in Woody Hall before making big decisions about loans, she said.

Tina Collins, director of Records and Registration, said loan companies could feasibly get a student's directory information — such as address and phone number — from the university by submitting a Freedom of Information Act request.

The only way students can protect their personal directory information is by specifically requesting it to remain confidential at the Records and Registration office, she said.

An increasing number of letters that appear to be government-issued but are actually from private lenders have caused confusion for college students across the country, according to an article published last week in the U.S. News and World Report.

Some private offers have "final attempt" marked in red on the envelope or feature an insignia reading "Department of Student Finance," according to the article.

Okhaifo Owegbey, a sophomore from Chicago studying business, said he has received numerous private offers in the mail. At first glance, they can be deceptive, he said.

"It looks like free money," he said.

Dillon Behm, a senior from Coello studying automotive technology, said he recently finished paying off his federal student loans. He said every time he investigated the letters he received from private lenders he found a hidden drawback such as a high interest rate.

"They go straight to the trash," he said.

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Any of our residents can call and tell us information about their residence and we will check on it during the whole break several times.

— Lt. Harold Tucker SIU policeman

SPRING BREAK

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"Then we'll actually come by and physically check your residence — check your doors, check your windows — make sure that your property is safe while you're away," Mathis said.

For students in campus housing, no paperwork is needed to request a house watch.

"Any of our residents can call and tell us information about their residence and we will check on it during the whole break several times," Tucker said.

Mathis suggested leaving a key with a neighbor and giving their contact information to police in case they need to get in the house.

He also recommended creating the image that the home is still occupied.

"Things you can do is have lights on a timer to give the impression that someone is there," Mathis said. "Also, to leave a radio on a timer

She said before construction, floods were a common occurrence in the upper floors and elevators broke down a lot.

She said she hopes the library will run more smoothly after construction and thinks it would be nice to have a cafeteria in the library.

She said noise has not seemed to bother students, although she has wondered about the music the construction workers JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

A worker installs a sprinkler system in Morris Library, which the old interior lacked, even though they are required by code. Sprinklers can cause severe damage to the books in the library.

listen to.

"I've actually heard [construction workers] listening to Celine Dion, which I think is a very interesting, non-stereotypical view of construction men," Wentzel said. "I'm kind of amused and impressed at the same time."

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Damage to property from within might concern students who have pets. Rick Renfrow is an employee of Animal Crackers, which offers boarding for several kinds of animals besides just cats and dogs.

"We take care of all sorts of pets," Renfrow said. "We've never boarded fish in the store but we have boarded ferrets, snakes, birds, all sorts of reptiles."

Animal Crackers offers different bathing and grooming services for pets that are kept there. The price of the boarding depends on the weight, Renfrow said. They also offer doggie daycare.

"What they do, as long as the dog is spayed or neutered and they're friendly with other dogs, they're allowed to go out to the central arena of the building and basically play with anywhere from 20 to 80 different dogs during the day," he said. "The dogs basically wear themselves out, like kids on a playground."

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'Four Winds' doesn't blow

Wayne Utterback DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bright Eyes 'Four Winds' Release Date: March 6, 2007 Saddle Creek www.brighteyes.com



Bright Eyes' mastermind Conor Oberst loves his fans.

While preparing to release "Cassadaga" on April 10, he has released an EP with the single "Four Winds" along with five strong B-sides. It's a treat to tide over any Bright Eyes' fan and builds anticipation for the upcoming album.

The title track begins with a flurry of fiddle playing that reveals Oberst Bright Eyes' is sticking to the country-laden sounds of "I'm Wide fan and builds Awake, It's Morning." anticipation for into an electric guitar The songwriting is top notch as his lyrics speak the upcoming of religion and death.

The moment "Smoke Without Fire" starts, it is obvious that songwriter M. Ward had significant influence on how the song comes out. It starts out as a lonesome acoustic tune that slowly invites trumpets in to echo off the walls. Its melancholy and Ward's voice is amazing as usual. He nearly steals the song from Oberst, simply because his voice fits better.

"Reinvent the Wheel" is a piano-driven tune with harmonicas and violins bent on sounding like a pop song. "Stray Dog Freedom" is the only song that does not

t's a treat to tide over any album.

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fit into the equation on this EP. Oberst sounds best in an electronic or acoustic environment, and the constant electric guitar playing in "Stray Dog Freedom" gets far too overbearing.

Oberst's bleating vocals work better with "Cartoon Blues." Pristine acoustic guitars and banjos pluck as a rollicking drum stomps along before breaking that simply rocks. It's a well-crafted song and fits the familiar mold that Bright Eyes stems itself in.

The gentle closer "Tourist Trap" is a soft sigh where Oberst reflects on his own life. He sings about not having a place to call home. Harmonicas return and play mournfully as the song unwinds as whistling brings this record to a close.

If these songs were selected as the b-sides of the new Bright Eyes album, the songs that made it on the album must be spectacular. Even so, "Four Winds" is a great teaser for "Cassadaga."

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'Neon Bible' glows with energy, beauty

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The Arcade Fire 'Neon Bible' Release Date: March 6, 2007 Merge www.neonbible.com



The Canadian septet known as The Arcade Fire has shared the stage with U2 and David Bowie.

With the release of "Neon Bible," The Arcade Fire is more than prepared to step into the spotlight.

"Neon Bible" is the second full-length to be released by the band. Their 2004 debut, "Funeral," was nearly a masterpiece. It was anthemic, engaging and full of energy - "Neon Bible" is no different.

Beginning the album is "Black Mirror," a dark and gothic dance number. Frontman Win Butler croons lowly behind bleak strings and bass before the chorus lifts the song just over the top for only a few moments.

"Keep the Car Running" rushes as though the band was playing to a chase scene in a film.

Pulse-pounding drums guide the way as guitars, mandolins and pianos keep the pace. The lyrics depict a man paranoid about someone coming to get him and the need to escape.

Once Butler lets out his familiar wail, it's obvious that the band has managed to keep its sound while making its music bigger and better.

The title track is a jarring shift in time signature, as Butler and his wife, Régine Chassagne, softly sing while the buzzing of a neon sign tiptoes in the background.

The church organs take center stage once "Intervention" begins. It's a chilling song about soldiers, churches and the loss of friendship and love. It's some heavy-handed stuff, but with the backdrop of organs, lush strings and the lovely voices of Chassagne and Sarah Neufeld, it feels like everything falls into place perfectly.

Standing out on the album is the Springsteen-like



"Antichrist Television Blues" about a man who works every day to get by. The words transform into a prayer to God asking for the man's daughter to become a television star. Gospel singers chillingly sing in the background as the song moves non-stop. The tension in Butler's voice builds and builds until he bursts. It's an epic journey and it shows The Arcade Fire at its strongest.

Filling out the rest of the album are excellent tracks such as the horn-accompanied "Ocean Of Noise" and the swirling pop sounds of "The Well And The Lighthouse." Butler even takes a shot at the effects of MTV in "Windowsill," before questioning how long it will be before World War III breaks out.

"No Cars Go" is a song that was originally on The Arcade Fire's self-titled EP, but with the new treatment, it carries more life and energy. "My Body Is A Cage" closes the album and serves as a bookend to "Black Mirror," with organs that grow larger and larger with every second as Butler softly calls out to be set free.

"Neon Bible" is everything "Funeral" was and more, and is only hindered by a little too much polish.

It is an album filled with larger-than-life songs and themes about life, death and hope.

Praise to "Neon Bible."



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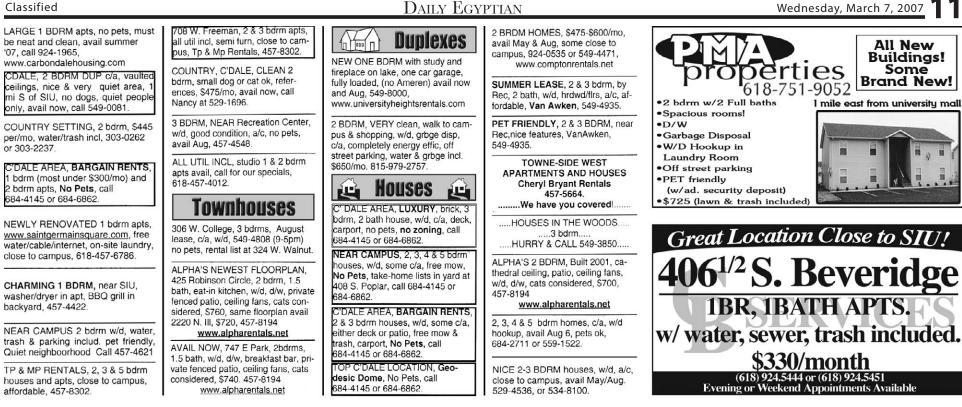
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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - It does look like somebody else can get farther more quickly than you can, for a while. Be a team player and provide support. You'll get your glory later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Develop a routine that you can teach to someone else. You don't have to do

everything to insure that it all gets done. Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - By now you should be able to tell which direction you should be going. You've figured out where the treasure is

buried. Next, you get to start digging. Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Try out an idea you've been thinking about to simplify paperwork. The odds are good it'll save time, which you can spend in more pleasurable pursuits.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - The main way you increase your fortunes now is by keeping them safely hidden. Just think how much you'll save when you pay cash for your next major purchase.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an

8 - Your objective should be home and family. You're doing it all for them. Let this be known. The support you receive gives you the energy to carry on.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Keep asking questions, and odds are good you will discover the truth. It's too late to worry about whether or not you want to know what it is

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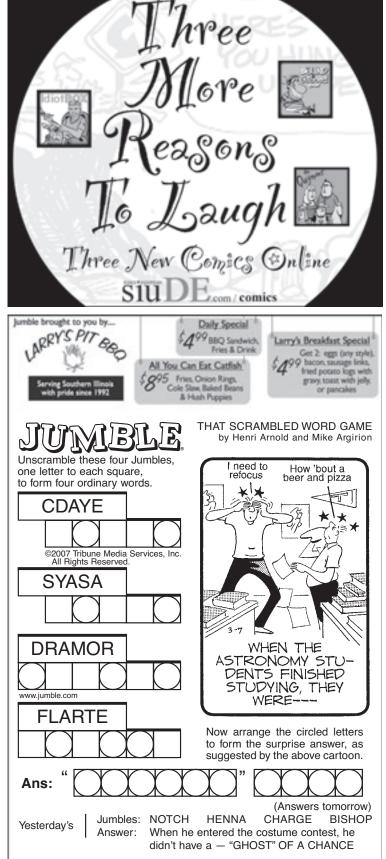
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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - An amazing thing will happen as you finish a tedious task. You will discover a treasure you didn't know was in there.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Your recent adventures increase your self-confidence. You also realize you've assumed new responsibilities. Get used to it. That's the burden of being a leader.

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Marquis leads Cubs to 3-2 victory

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MESA, Ariz. — Jason Marquis had another strong outing Tuesday, pitching three scoreless innings for the Chicago Cubs in a 3-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

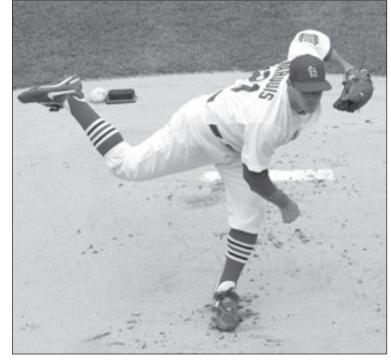
Marquis gave up two hits and a walk, striking out two. He has allowed one run and five hits in five innings this spring. The right-hander signed a \$21 million, three-year contract with the Cubs after going 14-16 with a 6.02 ERA for St. Louis last year.

Marquis has worked during the offseason and in spring training with Chicago pitching coach Larry Rothschild to refine his mechanics. Marquis got six outs on grounders against the Brewers.

"It's a big key for me. When I'm getting groundball outs, I'm doing my job," he said. "It's going to take a lot more hits strung together to score runs. It's going to help me stay out of a big inning.

Micah Hoffpauir, a non-roster first baseman, homered with one out in the bottom of the ninth off Luther Hackman to win it. Hoffpauir was the Cubs' 13th-round draft pick in 2002. He was a late invitee to spring training, coming in after position players had reported.

"It was great to get a chance in the bottom of the ninth inning," Hoffpauir said. "I went to the plate looking for a good pitch to hit. I got it on the first pitch but just got out in



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St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Jason Marquis pitches in the first inning against the Houston Astros at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, Mo, on Sept. 13, 2006. The Astros won 5-1.

front and pulled it foul. He left one up and over the plate. I was fortunate enough to put a good swing on it, and it got out.'

The Cubs went ahead 2-0 in the first on a two-run single by Jacque Jones against Brewers starter Claudio Vargas.

Vargas worked three innings, giv-

ing up four hits and two runs. He struck out three and didn't walk a batter. In his first start of the spring, he gave up five hits and five runs in 1 2-3 innings against Oakland.

"It was much better than the first time," Vargas said. "I made the one bad pitch in the first inning. After that, it was much better."

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Powell has bounced back after some early season jitters to win his Friday start against Northern Illinois. He fanned eight in 6.1 innings allowing four hits and two unearned runs in the 9-4 SIU win.

"Cody Adams has had more quality starts and because Saturdays are huge games. If we don't win Friday, you definitely want a guy in a position to win," Callahan said. "Lately, he's pitched how we know he's capable of pitching and hopefully that's what we continue to see."

Despite their differing styles on the mound, Powell and Adams have found ways to make each other better. Powell said he hasn't been surprised with how Adams has performed.

"If anything, we talk about which parts of the zone to hit and just throwing strikes, but he's got a good mound presence out there to begin with," Powell said. "He hasn't changed much in the preseason because he worked extremely hard making his pitches better in the offseason."

Adams and Powell room together on road trips in addition to being the go-to pitchers in the rotation. The duo has factored into the Salukis 9-4 start to the 2007 season, accounting of SIU's wins.

Adams said he doesn't plan to move around in the rotation because he likes where he is.

"I'm comfortable where I'm at because J.P. is a good pitcher and he just had a couple of rough outings, but he's already turned it around," Adams said. "When we stay together on road trips, he'll give me a mini scouting report, so it helps having someone who's been there before.'

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Moore leads the team in scoring again this season at 14.4 points per game and shoots 57.7 percent, which is tops in the MVC and 13th in the nation.

"She would give us a lift right when we needed it," junior guard Jayme Sweere said. "She has been very vital this season."

Sophomore forward Jasmine Gibson said Moore used her knowledge of the game to help her younger teammates elevate their game to a higher level.

"She is a very competitive player and there are some things that I can watch her do and learn from it," Gibson said. "We are in the post together and I learn new moves from her. She is just an all around great person."

Eikenberg said Moore, the Salukis' lone senior, is a positive influence on her and understands the chemistry of the team

"She has helped me develop as a coach," Eikenberg said. "She really understands the heartbeat of every one of her teammates, she really studies them because she cares about people."

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Saluki Inside

Running back Thomas Jones was traded by the Chicago Bears, along with their second round pick in April's draft, to the New York Jets Monday for their second round pick. Jones was a key component to the Bears run at the Super Bowl. Do you think this was a good trade and will the Bears miss him?



just for the Bears to assure they get some value for Jones while they still can. And if Cedric Benson isn't ready to start by now, he'll probably never be. I think the trade was mutually beneficial, because Jones can still play and the Bears move up a bunch of spots in the second round."

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"This is a good time to make this trade,



Former SIU men's basketball coach Bruce Weber suffered a loss in the last regular season game when Illinois lost 60-53 to lowa. Weber led the team to a 21-10 overall record going 9-7 in conference play. His next game will be Thursday in the first round of the Big Ten tournament against Penn State.

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"I think this was a great trade. We drafted

Cedric Benson to be our No. 1 guy and now

we won't have to hear Jones cry when he's

sitting on the bench. Jones is approaching

30; the age where it seems every running back's production seems to plummet. The

Jets needed a running back and with Lance

Briggs screaming for a trade the Bears could

definetly use the extra pick."

"Jones is a free-agent after this season and they need to free up money to sign Briggs long-term so the deal was necessary. I wish the Bears would have received a second round pick for him straight up though. This is Benson's team now and that's a good thing."

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered? E-mail de_editor@dailyegyptian.com

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Three placed on MVC Scholar-Athlete team

The SIU women's basketball placed three players on the 2007 Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete team.

Freshman guard Erica Smith, junior guard Erin Pauk and junior Jayme Sweere were named to the team.

Smith and Pauk garnered second team honors while Sweere gained an honorable mention notice for the second consecutive year. Pauk, a first-team pick a year ago, has a 3.95 grade-point average in psychology. She

averages 4.3 points, two rebounds and two assists per game. Smith carries a 3.71 GPA in business management while averaging a team high 5.4

rebounds per game in addition to scoring 6.9 points per game.

Rounding out the list with a 3.52 GPA was Sweere who was second on the team in scoring at 11.3 points per game. The Springfield, Mo., native is a radio and televison major

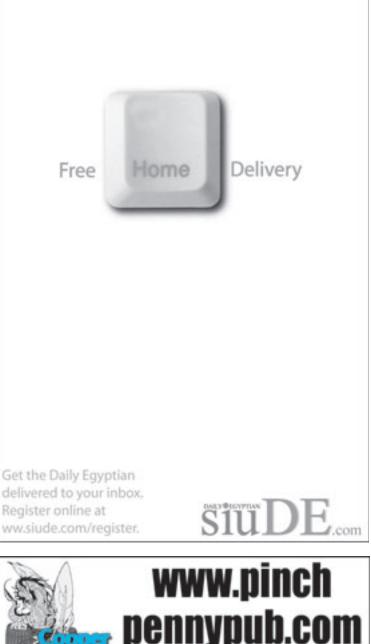
TRACK AND FIELD Riley honored with Athlete of the Year award

Brittany Riley's world record has earned her the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Midwest Field Region Athlete of the Year award.

Riley, a junior thrower, holds the world record in the 20-pound weight throw. She set the record Jan. 27, when she threw 24.57 meters, or 80 feet, 7.5 inches. The previous record was 24.23m







BASEBALL SCHEDULE

March 7	Murray State	2 p.m.
March10	Youngstown State	2 p.m.
March 11	Youngstown State	1 p.m.
March 13	Middle Tenn. State	3 p.m.
March 14	Middle Tenn. State	3 p.m.
March 16	Western Michigan	2 p.m.
March 17	Western Michigan	1 p.m.
March 18	Western Michigan	1 p.m.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

March 17	Bradley	12 p.m.
March 13 A	labama-Birmingham	2 p.m.
March 11	Bracket play	TBA
March 10	Bracket play	TBA
March 10	Georgia	4 p.m.
March 10	Buffalo	11 a.m.
March 9	Western Carolina	4 p.m.
March 9	Florida A&M	1:30 p.m.



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Men's Baseball

The right pitch

Sophomore pitcher leads SIU in wins

Matt Hartwig DAILY EGYPTIAN

Saluki pitcher Cody Adams doesn't look fearsome until he blows a two-seam fastball by an opposing hitter.

In his outing against Northern Illinois Saturday, Adams struck out a career-high nine batters and scattered seven hits and one run over eight innings as the SIU baseball team defeated the Huskies 5-1. Adams threw 6.2 innings allowing one unearned run while striking out eight Chippewa batters in the 4-2 win against Central Michigan Feb. 24.

As Adams' strikeout numbers go up, his earned run average continues to dip, finishing February with a 0.09 ERA. He boasts a 4-0 record with 28 strikeouts and six walks this season.

Saluki coach Dan Callahan said Adams' recent string of dominance has been a byproduct of his attitude on the mound.

"Last year, he felt like establishing his presence was all about the radar gun. He would overthrow and when pitchers tend to overthrow, they fall apart," Callahan said. "One of his biggest assets is the movement he creates on his two-seam fastball. To do that he can't overthrow; he's got to pitch and not try to muscle in the ball and when he does it right he can be pretty good."

This season has been much

different than Adams' 2006 campaign, when he made six starts and finished with a 4-4 record and a 4.60 ERA.

Adams cut down his ERA by more than three runs from last season and made the full-time jump into the starting rotation.

Adams said the explanation for his success thus far has been simple.

"Location has been the biggest difference for me this season," Adams said. "When I keep my pitches down, I'm more effective."

To get out of big jams Adams said he mainly uses his two-seam fastball, which appears like a sinker at times. He grips the ball with his fingers on the narrow seams with a specific grip.

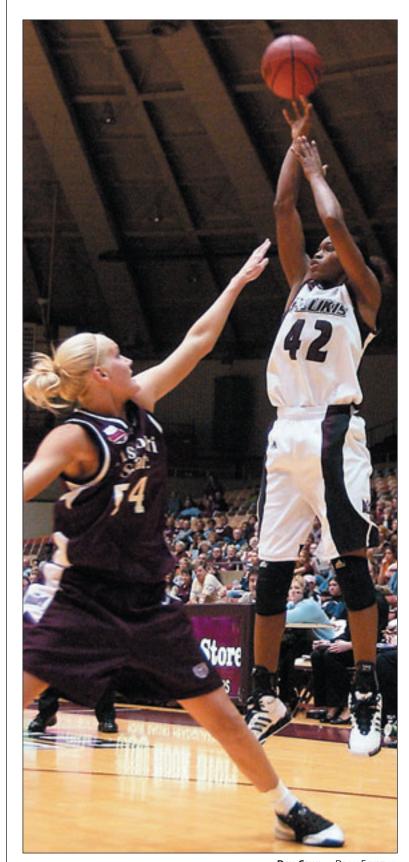
A deeper grip along with some extra pressure from the fingertips can cause the ball to sink before it pops the catcher's mitt. Adams'two-seamer moves down and away from lefties, forcing the hitter to drive the ball into the ground.

Adams' arsenal contains more than one pitch, however. He said he has been working on improving his slider and changeup as well.

"I throw the two-seam 70-plus percent of the time, but I have used a four-seam fastball and a splitfinger fastball too," Adams said. "I've been working on my second and third pitches and (pitching) coach (Tim) Dixon has helped me a lot with that."

As the No. 1 starter in the Salukis' rotation, Jordan Powell has let Adams get into his rearview mirror, but fans shouldn't expect to see Adams taking the slot away from Powell anytime soon.

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SIU senior foward Carlai Moore shoots the ball in the Salukis' 60-47 win over Missouri State at the SIU Arena on Thursday. Moore leads SIU with 14.4 points per game and a 57.3 shooting percentage.

Moore finishes on top

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jeff Engelhardt

Gwinup and freshman Blake Driskell, who was coming off a career best 11th place finish at the Pizza Hut/Bell South Classic in Philadelphia, Miss. Driskell carried that momentum into the Grover Page Classic by shooting a 72 in the first round of play, tying him for seventh with senior

Salukis drive forward: Gwinup leads team to seventh place

"The first couple rounds I putted the ball real well. I put myself within 10 or 15 feet of the hole," Gwinup said. "If I can just get a little more consistent with my irons, especially going for par-fives or long par-fours, it would help." The Salukis finished with a team score of 913, 45 strokes behind first place, North Alabama. The Salukis' opening round of 295, however, was the seventh best round of any team in the tournament. Newton said that the Salukis would be able to continue to build off this tournament. "They are going to get better, now we just have to play three rounds," he said. "They are working on their individual shortcomings, and I think we're going to be all right and get better every tournament."

Sophomore pitcher **Cody Adams** pitches a ball to Central Michigan Sunday Feb. 25 during the first game of a double header at the Abe Martin Field. **DUVALE RILEY** DAILY EGYPTIAN

MEN'S GOLF



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Womens Basketball: Three Salukis make MVC Scholar-Athlete team, page 15

The SIU men's golf team did not quite finish what they started this week.

The Salukis finished seventh among 15 teams at the Grover Page Classic in Jackson, Tenn., after shooting 295 in the first round, tied for second best.

The two-day, 54-hole tournament was a par-72 course that stretched 6,738 yards. SIU saved their worst round for last, shooting a 314 in round 3. The slip started in the second round with a team score of 304, nine shots more than their first round.

Saluki coach Leroy Newton said he was pleased with his team's performance.

We shot two good rounds and I was really tickled with the kids," Newton said. "The kids found out that they could play this competition when we put all three rounds together."

SIU was led by senior Andrew

The kids found out that they could play this competition when we put all three rounds

together.

— Leroy Newton SIU head coach

teammate Andrew Gwinup.

Driskell fell out of the top 10 at the end of the tournament, but Gwinup finished seventh overall. Gwinup posted a 70 and 72 in the first two rounds, but fell off in the last round at 78.

Gwinup said his good performance was due to his short game, but he feels he can improve.

After two straight seventh place finishes, SIU will look to move up when they compete March 12 at the Samford Intercollegiate tournament.

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Senior provides valuable leadership

Josh Johnston DAILY EGYPTIAN

It is safe to say Carlai Moore has been a big part of changing the atmosphere of SIU women's basketball.

Moore, a 6-foot-1 senior forward, was greeted with a standing ovation in front of a crowd of 1,296 people for Senior Day, her last game at SIU Arena. Moore scored six points, grabbed five boards and dished out six assists in a win against Wichita State, 72-39.

Moore began her college career at Missouri-Kansas City under current SIU coach Dana Eikenberg, where she led the Kangaroos in scoring and rebounding in 2003-04, averaging 13.7 points per game

and 8.7 rebounds per game.

Moore was named to the Mid-Continent Conference first team and won the conference's Sixth Women of the Year award in her two-year stint at Missouri-Kansas City.

When Eikenberg was named head coach at SIU in 2004, Moore was quick to follow.

Moore said Eikenberg's coaching style influenced her decision to join her at SIU.

"When looking at who was going to push people on and off the court, hands down it was going to be Dana," Moore said. "That's the decision I made."

In the 2005-06 season, Moore was named MVC Newcomer of the Year after leading the Salukis in scoring, averaging 17.6 points per game. She shot an MVC best 54.8 percent from the floor that season.

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