Bag of sand spurs evacuation

Administrators pleased with response to package

Danny Wenger
Daily Egyptian

University officials said they were pleased with the response to the suspicious package left in Lawson Hall Wednesday.

The Lawson, Lindgren, Rehn, Wham and Life Sciences II buildings were evacuated Wednesday while police investigated a gym bag left by Mark McArthur, a senior in radio and television from Elmhurst. Students and faculty were alerted via e-mail and SIUC’s emergency radio system.

The evacuation of Lawson Hall began after Ralph Jones, an administration of justice instructor, called police when he was alerted to a suspicious gym bag left by a student.

SIU Police Chief John Sigler said it was good that Jones reported the bag.

“Yesterday was very satisfying,” he said. “The change in the minds of faculty comes very professionally.”

Interim Chancellor John Dunn said he was pleased with the professional response of the faculty.

“People took the appropriate precautions,” he said. “What was done here was done in a very professional manner.”

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**MAN pleads guilty in retrial murder case**

**LAWTOWN, Ont.**—A man pleaded guilty Wednesday as his murder retrial was set to begin in a 1996 shooting spree that killed two young girls and wounded three others.

Clarence E. Thomas, 25, of Sarnia, Ont., pleaded guilty under a deal with prosecutors that included no provisions to avoid a possible death sentence.

Prosecutors said the death penalty and a jury will begin hearing evidence today to determine whether Ramsey is eligible. The maximum sentence he faces is life in prison.

The trial was expected to take three or four days and a jury of 26 people was chosen by Ramsey, who was sentenced last year to 180 years in jail for a series of shootings.

**The Bishop charged in pipe bomb investigation**

**LYNCHAGU (AB) — A farmer part-time Icea law firm partner was arrested and charged Wednesday with making pipe bombs and threatening letters to investment firms and others to tell them to follow up stock prices.

John P. Mamay, 46, of Dubuque, Iowa, a family member with a job as a machinist, was accused of being the **"** of letters signed the **"** the threat to kill those who received them, their lawyers and investors who use information and to their stock firms.

"It's a possibility, " said the Unibomber to use the mail, "just like the Unibomber used to be the," said one of 16 letters that were mailed to executives of investment firms and other companies.

"The Bishop" remarked on how easy it was for Washington police Lew Boyd Malone to arrest his enemies and the levying of a 10-year sentence.

"When you stop and think about it (to follow somebody, it is a fake story."
Children’s program could be eliminated by budget cuts

Alejandro Gonzalez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A new initiative to help southern Illinois children read is in danger of massive funding cuts from the Bush administration.

In his proposed budget for 2008, President Bush called for $147 million in funding cuts to public broadcasting, which would completely wipe out the Ready to Learn program, according to the PBS Web site.

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Spezia said Ready to Learn officials and WSIU would have to work together with Congress to ensure the learning continues.

Working with our legislatures and our communities, we think that we can become stronger and we can demonstrate the value of these programs so that they will continue to be funded,” Spezia said.

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9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Open forum with students in the School of Law Auditorium.

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Anne Flaherty
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON
A sharply divided House brushed aside a veto threat Wednesday and passed legislation that would order President Bush to begin withdrawing troops from Iraq by Oct. 1. The 318-108 vote came as the top U.S. commander in Iraq told lawmakers the country remained gripped by violence but was showing some signs of improvement.
Passage puts the bill on track to clear Congress by week's end and arrive on the president's desk in coming days as the first binding congressional challenge to Bush's handling of the conflict now in its fifth year.
"It's a weak bill," said Bush, who had made clear he would not sign it. "It would be like saying to the enemy through the United Nations, and the United Nations is handling the conflict, 'You can quit the United Nations and go it through yourselves.' The operation was a success," Flaherty quoted Bush as saying.
In his weekly radio address, Bush noted how he said that Bush had signed the attack, and it was not immediately clear when the interview took place.
Deputy White House press secretary Dana Perino said it was "an interesting claim but I haven't seen any intelligence that would support that."
Alicia Wade

Recent rises in Ameren electricity rates and national debate on global warming could have residents of Carbondale looking for a greener solution to their empty pocketbooks.

Tim Damian, a local “ecopreneur,” is part of the citizen REnU program that rents solar panels to homeowners. He said the rent is based on the amount of electricity generated by the panels.

However, Illinois’ lack of a net metering law is keeping the program from flourishing downstate because the REnU program will only rent to areas with net metering.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, net metering allows people using alternative means of energy, such as solar panels or wind turbines, to offset the cost of their electricity consumption by allowing electric meters to turn backwards when energy is overproduced. The consumers receive retail prices for excess energy generated under this system.

“Illinois needs to have a net metering law. More people would use this system.” — Tim Damian, local ecopreneur

Ameren Spokeswoman Erica Abbett said while Ameren does not oppose the concept of net metering, it opposes the Senate bill because of the high level of overproduced energy it deals with.

“Senators don’t have a problem with this idea, but they are concerned about the costs and the effort it requires to make this happen,” she said.

She also said Ameren supports House Bill 1011, which is also a net metering bill, but allows utility companies to recover some costs for the equipment and keeps overproduced energy amounts smaller.

-net metering bill could aid green energy alternatives

Inaya Williams, left, and Haven Rowzee spin as Noah Hendricks, not pictured, pushes the merry-go-round in Evergreen Terrace Tuesday afternoon. Williams and Rowzee are part of the Evergreen After School program for SIU family housing residents.

Robert Burns

BERLIN — The Russian government, while publicly critical of a U.S. plan to install missile defense bases in eastern Europe, is internally conflicted by it, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday.

At the close of a three-day trip that included stops in Moscow and Warsaw as well as the German capital, Gates appeared to refer not only to the proposed bases in Poland and the Czech Republic but also a new offer presented to Moscow last week on new ways to work together on strategic missile defense.

“There clearly have to be divisions in Moscow on how to respond,” Gates said at a joint news conference with German Defense Minister Franz Josef Jung. “It doesn’t surprise me.”

He did not cite specific evidence of an internal debate, but Russia’s public statements have been uniformly negative.

Gates said it was at the urging of German Chancellor Angela Merkel that the Bush administration decided to intensify its consultations with Moscow on missile defense. He said that about two weeks ago Russian President Vladimir Putin asked Bush to send Gates to Moscow for detailed talks on the subject.
Trials and tests in emergency response

A college student with a bunch of sand gave the university a much-needed test Wednesday. It’s clear that Mark McArthur didn’t intend to set off panic when he dropped off a heavy bag behind a trashcan at Lawson Hall. But had he not, the SIUC community would have missed a beneficial practice run in emergency response. We hope the small-scale incident prepares the university for true crises that could crop up in the future.

Several students complained that the university did not notify the campus of the incident by e-mail in a timely manner. Others said they received no notification whatsoever in their inbox. Still others said authorities completely overreacted and there never was reason to be anxious.

SIUC should take a careful look at the events that unfolded after the call came in about a suspicious package. Authorities should gauge how long it took responders to get to the scene, analyze the situation and evacuate those in the building. The university should also examine the e-mail notification system, especially paying attention to the time between when police ordered an evacuation and the first e-mail was sent out.

Just last week, the university mourned the victims of the Virginia Tech incident. Wednesday, SIUC got a glimpse of a potential disaster of its own.

Overall, we think university officials handled the Lawson Hall incident diligently. They got students and faculty out of a possibly harmful situation and blocked off the area quickly. The emergency radio system throughout campus was in working order and most people were aware there was an episode.

The e-mail system might need some improvement, but nothing’s perfect. If there are needed alterations, now is the prime time to take care of them.

As far as the claims that SIUC overacted to a weird bag, we say any perception of a threat should get the utmost attention. When a guy sets down a bag behind a trashcan in a public place and walks away, suspicion is warranted.

The times, they are uncertain. This is especially true on a college campus — a wide-open area where masses of people converge every day.

Even if gates went up around the university’s perimeter and the Department of Public Safety ordered everyone to sign in and get patted down before class, there is no way to guarantee man-made perils will not occur.

Preparing to react is the best thing to do.

The power to prevent horrors

Audra Ord
GUEST COLUMNIST

They march forward slowly and deliberately, accepting the fate that awaits them 10 yards ahead. In their eyes is fear, yes, but also determination. They believe in their cause enough to die for it. Beaten to death for quietly and peacefully protesting their oppression. Is it right?

The putrid stench of burnt flesh floats in the air, a thick blanket covering the compound. They know the smell is their own blood: mothers, fathers, daughters and brothers. Yesterday they were shuffled to this hell in cattle cars; today they literally burn in the hell-fires of the crematoria. Is it right?

All his family but one son is murdered before his eyes, anally raped by the rebel’s illegal guns. His son is kidnapped, beaten to within an inch of his life. He fears his son will be killed. The truth is much worse: The boy is “adopted” by the rebel soldiers, given a gun and taught the ways of a mindless and heartless killer. The next time the man sees his son is months later as he is staring terrified down the barrel of an assault rifle. His son looks blankly back at him, finger tickling the trigger, not recognizing that the man he’s about to blast away is his father. Is it right?

As Americans, most of us cannot fathom the horrors that are every day wrought on innocent people. We sit safely behind our television sets, computers and newspapers, reading stories of the Holocaust and watching child trafficking and oppressed women on the news, hoping that these incendiary events will never come near our suburban neighborhoods.

But by educating ourselves and doing what little we can to prevent horrors like this from continuing, together we can make it right.

Ord is a freshman studying journalism.
The story stays the same

photon column by Max Bittle – DAILY EGYPTIAN

The newspaper industry is undergoing dramatic changes — shrinking circulation numbers and staff, and the medium in which information is captured and delivered.

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute on Tuesday and Wednesday hosted panel discussions on the future of journalism. These discussions were a public forum for well-known journalists to voice their opinions about the changing industry.

The Internet and 24-hour news cycles are changing the way news is delivered, leading some to be concerned about the future of journalism. Citizen journalism is becoming ever more popular amongst media outlets. Even the still camera is in danger of obsolescence with the emergence of high-definition video.

The image shown here is scanned from a strip of film. It shows a frame and a half scanned together to make a single image. The top portion is from a photographer’s conference in Chicago, and the bottom is a Carbondale street scene. The image wasn’t captured on a modern-day digital camera; rather, it was made on transparency film and taken with a camera that dates back more than 50 years. There is a nostalgia film has that digital photography cannot match. However, a digital films scanner was necessary in order to publish this photo. The Dallas Morning News recently announced plans to transition nearly the whole photography staff from still cameras to HD video. The photojournalists at the paper will shoot all of their assignements on video for the Web and then pull stills from the video for the newspaper’s print edition. New software enables them to grab a still frame from video at a larger file size — 68 megabytes — than any file a daily Egyptian photjoournalist works with. While it is scary to think about what will become of newspapers in print, it is also exciting to think about all of the unlimited possibilities. In merging text, video and still photographs, one can create a new and powerful way of telling stories. All in all, journalists need to embrace this change with open arms. Telling stories is our job and should be our utmost concern — not the medium in which we tell them.

Vote for Marinus

Dear Editor:

The GA United general meeting, complete with the election of officers and a collective bargaining update, is taking place today at Bower Auditorium from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Do not miss who has been nominated for office, but I do know who the GA United needs as its president. Luckily that man happens to be one of those nominated.

Marinus von Knikkenburg, a political science major and Dutchman of enigmatic intellect, is my choice for GA United president. Marinus has been with GA United from the beginning. I was at the GA United office once. Marinus was making calls, dialing the phone with one hand as he took bits of pizza with the other. Lunch break? Not hardly. He fervently organized a GA United movement, along with a hundred or so others, and as a result, the SIUC graduate students now have an organized on-campus voice to help in collective bargaining. If he hadn’t been for Marinus, I’d have thought we wouldn’t have any sort of union. And that’s doing now that we have a union, resting on his couch in a comfy office! Not hardly. This Wednesday, he is taking to Springfield to lobby the governor for more money for SIU. He’s not sending an e-mail or making a call. He’s going there, which is one of the hallmarks of a true leader.

If you are a member of GA United, be sure to vote at the meeting today. If you can’t make it to the meeting, like me, you can cast a vote by proxy. Pick up a form in Faner 2240 and give it to a trusted friend who’ll cast your vote for you. I can’t possibly fathom a candidate more deserving, and more qualified, than Marinus.

If you’re not a member of GA United, you should join. The dues are in the neighborhood of $17 a month, and it’s well worth that. Contact Kylie Olean, Rachel Hawley or Marinus von Knikkenburg if you’d like to join. Soloduck is the name of the game; folks, and a voice does you no good if you don’t use it. Use your voice tonight and choose Marinus as your GA United graduate president.

Ron Fields

graduate student engineer

In addition, the raise in tuition and fees at undergraduate and graduate levels will further enhance the economic problems here because, simply put, SIUC is not worth the price being charged. Graduate assistantships are being eliminated. The next step is civil service workers in the next 5-12 months. I’ve had some good professors here, but no matter how you look at it, SIUC has too many problems, and the local economy is too depowered with low wage workers in the town. I was going to do the show last year but I got hit by a train so I wasn’t able to go! But what if I had done it this year and won it, would you have hushed Nathan for letting another Woodcock win it even though we are not related? Would you have hushed him for being my friend as well? When you are as dedicated to the jobs to warrant staying here. I really wonder if SFIC needs Superman more than a chancellor. I’m sure we all wish the future chancellor the best, but those who can are getting off this fast-sinking ship. The only difference between SIUC and the RMS Titanic is that we don’t have Leonardo and Kate to keep us entertained as it sinks.

Anthony Hamelin

senior studying technical theatre management

DEAR EDITOR:

I was just called and informed of your letter on the SIU club. I can’t believe after all the hard work and dedication of the gentleman in the show, you guys focus on Nathan Woodcock knowing one of the com-

- Letters and guest columns must be submitted with author’s contact information, preferably via e-mail. All letters are limited to 300 words and columns to 500 words. All topics are acceptable. All submissions are subject to editing.
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- We reserve the right to not publish any letter or guest column.
Interim Chancellor John Dunn said events such as the Sweet 16 run are often a way to get investors interested in donating to the university in a variety of ways, not only athletics. Dunn said he visited with potential donors while the team was at tournament stops in Columbus, Ohio, and San Jose, Calif.

"You’re trying to reel them in a little bit to our larger story," he said. "It’s not only athletics — it’s a much larger story. If that’s the opening for us, we’ll go with the opening and we’ll broaden the conversation."

Dunn said the Saluki’s last trip to the Sweet 16 in 2002 inspired former SIU football player Thomas Wittmann’s record-setting $4.5 million donation that led to the creation of the Troutt-Wittmann Athletic and Training Center.

More Saluki Way money will probably come in once the blueprints are drawn for the project, Athletic Director Mario Moccia said. Many donors want to know exactly what they can get for their donations, including buildings or rooms that could be named after them, he said.

Physical Plant Director Phil Gatton said the projects’ architects, who he said are nearly ready to sign their contract for the project, are in the beginning planning stages and have not decided on most of the details. "It’s just an initial planning exercise that you go through, and you’re really not talking about schematics," he said.

Moccia said the university’s fundraisers are busy working on "Opportunity Through Excellence," the university’s first major fundraising campaign that has a goal of bringing in $100 million by June 30, 2008. The campaign had raised $72 million as of Wednesday, Moccia said. "As soon as that campaign ends, we will then be addressing Saluki Way in a much more focused effort," he said.

The university has also received contributions that will go towards paying men’s basketball Coach Chris Lowery’s salary, Moccia said, although he would not disclose the amounts.

The Board of Trustees voted April 13 to approve a seven-year, $8.25 million contract for Lowery. The contract amounts to a roughly $450,000 per year raise for Lowery, which the university is to pay for with various streams of revenue, including private donations and courtside seats at men’s basketball games.

Regardless of what might seem like a slow start to the fundraising, Moccia said he is confident the project will move forward as quickly as possible. "We’re going to add up the total on the first possible day that we can break ground, and then we’ll see if we have enough to actually put that shovel in the ground," he said.

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Can’t find where that Funky Smell is coming from in your apartment?

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Even with all the hype surrounding the impending release of Halo 3 for Xbox 360, many PC gamers are major consequences for those who try to play first-person games with a mouse and keyboard (myself included) are excited about the impending release of the now “classic” Halo 2 on the PC.

I first played the original Halo on the PC some time after the game was first introduced, and when I first played Halo on the original Xbox some time after that, I wondered to myself if anyone could find this kind of control setup enjoyable.

However, after a while I started to appreciate it, and eventually purchased a used Xbox solely for the purpose of playing Halo 2. After I was through with Halo 2, I gave the system to my brother, hoping that the PC version would be just around the corner.

It wasn’t. It’s taken several years, and now Microsoft is using Halo 2 to help entice gamers to upgrade to Windows Vista. Although Halo 2 was originally developed for the now-outdated original Xbox, Microsoft has developed the PC version in such a way that it simply will not run without using DirectX 10, which is only available on Windows Vista. This means that it will be among the first “Vista-exclusive” titles, a trend Microsoft hopes will win more copies of Vista to otherwise context XP users.

This release will have several major consequences for both parties, most of which are either marginally bad or downright terrible. The first of these is that if you don’t have Vista, you’ll have to get a copy. This means a game that will likely cost you $50 plus at least the cost of an upgraded version of Vista, which if you’re willing to settle for the “basic” version (yes, shouldering), will cost you at least $100 more. That’s also assuming you have a valid, “genuine” copy of XP already.

The second piece of bad news is that so far, even “Games for Windows,” the Microsoft-sponsored PC gaming magazine, has shown that cut rent games take a performance hit in Windows Vista, and some of them exhibit odd quirks or fail to run entirely. Gamers, for every ounce of performance they can coax from their systems will likely find this a difficult pill to swallow. You can always install both operating systems, but you’ll have to either have multiple hard drives or partition your current drive, which is a big hassle for most people.

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David Mercer
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Doctors for the Dead

The mortuary science program prepares students for a lifetime of working with the dead.

by DANNY WAGNER

I n a 10-by-10-foot lab room, students form faces out of wax while music plays in the background. Wearing long-sleeve shirts, they laugh as they work, the light yellow substance forming lips, chins and noses. Students add their own flair to the faces—some have bony chins while others have sharp noses.

The only similarities between the faces are the closed eyes, because the purpose of this lab is to learn to reconstruct the face of a dead person.

The SIUC School of Mortuary Science and Funeral Services teaches students the answer to one of life’s oldest questions: Where do you go when you die?

SIUC is the only public university in the state that offers a bachelor’s degree in mortuary science. The program includes such courses as biology, mortuary law, necropsy and embalming. The purpose of the school is to teach how to deal with the physical side of death and how to render a funeral home.

Thomas Shaw, interim director of the school, said most of what the students learn deals with the living.

“It’s a living profession,” Shaw said. “One of the tasks that a funeral-director does, you’re looking at about 15 percent of your working with the living, about 15 percent is working with human remains.”

Working with living people is the reason some of the students enrolled in the program.

Jamie Beck, a sophomore from Kankakee, said helping families was one of the main reasons she enrolled.

“I’m just interested in helping people. I’m just interested in helping people,” Beck said. “In the time of great necessity, you need someone to come in, and you just provide your service for that person the best you can.”

The process of working with bodies is another aspect that attracts people to the funeral profession.

Natalia Kieffer, a junior from Monee, said she became interested after working with cadavers.

“I attended a junior college before I came here and we had cadaver dissection classes and I became interested in it then,” Kieffer said. “Then I started volunteering at our local funeral home and decided I really liked it and that’s what I wanted to pursue.”

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"In all the dorms, there's radio receivers that the police control and the police were sending out word on these radio receivers," he said. "It was going out faster than the e-mail." Siever said the university is looking into using cell phones to improve communication with students.

"Not everyone sits in front of their computers waiting for an e-mail," he said. "That's one reason why we might be looking at one of these text messaging systems so the school could fix it.

"We strive to try to do that by using a layered method of e-mails, of radio, of on scene. We were able to get communication out by word of mouth."

"If there was a situation like this to do our best, to try and glean whatever information we can to hopefully be a little better the next time."

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Of the 55.3 percent of the academic faculty surveyed, 43.3 percent disagreed or strongly disagreed that faculty are free to express opinions critical of campus administration without fear of retribution. Similarly, 47.7 percent of administrative faculty agreed or strongly agreed.

Frederick said those surveyed might be uninformed and oblivious to the true administrative procedures.

"I think people have different perceptions of what's going on, and some of those perceptions are fueled by lack of knowledge of how things transpire and sometimes they're fueled by their own frustrations with their immediate supervisor," he said.

"If you were to sample people that know me directly and have actually interacted with me, you would get a picture of someone that is very collaborative and concerned for the Internet.

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"As far as we can tell, the four candidates we're bringing in have not been part of the problem any place they are or where they have ever been, and that's important," she said.

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Ford said he believed McArthur acted the way he did to not disturb the class, but it would have been better to tell the instructor about the bag.

"It would have been just as easy to come down and show me what was in there and why he was leaving in the room," Jones said.

Tucker said no action would be taken against McArthur.

"From what we've determined right now there wasn't any intent of harm," he said.

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Tarot Birthday (04-20-07): You'll start feeling comfortable enough this year to do more entertaining. Unexpected money will be tight. For fun, there's plenty of family around who won't require extravagances. To get the advantage, check the days naming. To- the-est day, 0: the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a "now you and you like not. No one is playing the game right by you". Others who are linked to your success provide immense support.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 7 - 8. Don't have to discuss your deci- sions with a person you know you won't agree. Work a little while and talk it over with one you will.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 7 - Concentration, self-discipline and practice will be required. Follow the instructions of a person who has your best interests at heart.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - After the business is out, settle down by some quiet time. Get ready to take on new challenges, after you're rested.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Make your move now or wait until Monday. Conditions are rapidly changing. Resist the urge to shop or gamble until then, and leave credit cards at home.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Your work of art should be just about finished by now. When being creative, it can be counter-productive to obsess about perfection. Take a break and then look again later.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're not getting much creative work done, but you could be learning a lot. Don't try to swim against the tide. Go with the flow.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 8 - You might or more time to relax in the next few days. Take advantage of the opportunity whenever it comes, and you've earned some quality time off.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 8 - You're providing what's required and you're almost making it look easy. Don't complain about how the workload is running. Fun. That would be coun- ter-productive.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 7 - If you've been spending your time on the road, it's time to get on your next romantic vacation. Planning the trip with someone you love is prac- tically half the fun, maybe more. No lost luggage.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - Should you buy more household items, or go out shopping with friends? Why not both? Usually, many household items do you already have.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 7 - Don't try to do everything yourself! Be running an assistant. You'll be amazed at how much the two of you can accom- plish, together. Get a good assistant.

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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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CHICAGO — Mark Prior is out for the rest of the season, just like last year.

After injuries limited him to nine starts in 2006 and cut short his season in early August, the Chicago Cubs pitcher will miss the entire 2007 season after surgery on his right shoulder.

Dr. James Andrews operated on the 26-year-old right-hander Tuesday and also worked on Prior’s rotator cuff.

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Prior finished third in NL Cy Young Award voting in 2003, when he 18-6 with a 4.24 ERA in the majors. He took a slight pay cut this season, from $3.65 million to $3,575,000.

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“In a way, I’m happy for the guy because he’ll get well now and get strong and he can resume his career without the problems that he had. A lot of pitchers have this type of surgery and bounce back and have very productive careers. So let’s hope that’s the same in Mark’s case.”

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Salukis shut out the Billikens 7-0

Callahan picks up 500th career win

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Sanchez's best campaign was the season has been something like you couldn't have expected it to be this strong.

Five wins in eight races put Hendrick on top of NASCAR

Although Hendrick is routinely in the upper echelon of NASCAR, the organization has never been this dominant across the board. Only Casey Mears, in his first season with Hendrick, is currently 35th in the standings and the team has made getting Mears up to speed its top priority.

New Summer Session Course Fulfills Social Science Core Requirements

An introduction to the economics and policies underlying food and fiber production, distribution, and consumption as well as the use of environmental and natural resources. This course is a University Core Curriculum Social Science requirement in Ill. Ed. for Economics 113.
China to force rain ahead of 2008 Beijing Olympics to ensure clear skies, clean air

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The forced rain could also help clean Beijing's polluted air, said Wang Jianjie, another meteorologist with the bureau.

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Olympics

Chances of showers during the 2008 Beijing Olympics: 50 percent. But Chinese meteorologists have a plan to bring sunshine.

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McNamara has had success when she gets a chance to pitch. She is 2-0 on the season with a 0.72 ERA and has 12 strikeouts in 19 innings pitched last season. McNamara said being able to learn from seniors Candyce Scoppino and Ashley Hardwig has prepared her for when she will be in the starting rotation next season. “They have definitely helped me out so much along the way,” McNamara said. “They taught me what I need to do to be successful and taught me a lot of different things for different situations and they have been good role models. It’s been good.”

The bench players have gotten more playing time as the season winds down to keep them ready. The series against Northern Iowa this weekend as they compete in their final Missouri Valley Conference Tournament as Salukis. The Salukis left for Omaha, Neb., Wednesday for the MVC Tournament and prepare for their first round match with Indiana State Friday. Bauer, a Belleville native, is the only Saluki on the team born in the United States. He played at Arizona State as a freshman, but said shoulder surgery limited his action to only two weeks.

Seniors to end SIU career at tourney

Josh Johnston

Most members of the SIU men’s tennis team have taken long journeys to get to where they are today. For senior Nick Bauer, Sergio Sanchez and Rodrigo Lama, their journey comes to an end this weekend as they compete in their final Missouri Valley Conference Tournament as Salukis.

"It was quite an experience," Bauer said. "I was the only guy from the U.S. and had to deal with guys from four different countries. Coming off of surgery, it was very overwhelming at first." This season was Bauer’s best as a Saluki, going 9-5 in singles matches, picking up a win in his final match against Eastern Illinois in Carbondale April 17.

Bauer said his final season did not make him nervous, but made him appreciate everything much more. "It’s not something to get nervous about," Bauer said. "I know it’s probably going to be the last time I ever play competitive tennis ever again in my life. I wanted to just soak up as much of it as I can every road trip, every match and just leave everything out on the court."