Athletes play a new game

Chris Dieker, a redshirt freshman quarterback on the SIU football team, picks up Kai Spears for a dunk during Saluki Kids Night Out Friday at the SIU Arena.

Salukis volunteer at Kids Night Out

Jeff Engelhardt
Daily Egyptian

SIU athletes dedicate most of their time to playing for the win. On Friday, they just played for fun.

More than 100 athletes from all SIU sports volunteered their time during the first Saluki Kids Night Out at the SIU Arena Friday. The event was a way for children to spend a night with Salukis athletes while their parents spent a night on the town.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee put the event together and had been talking about the idea for more than a year. Erin Pink, senior women’s basketball guard, was a driving force behind the event and said she was excited to finally see it come to fruition.

“IT’s fun for us to come out here and hang out and give back to the community,” Pink said. “Everybody in SACC really helped out and brought ideas every week and this event was a team effort.”

Pink spent the beginning of the night coordinating the event and making sure it ran smoothly.

Pink’s teammate Erica Smith was also at the event, posing for why she was one of only 10 athletes to receive the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Good Neighbor Award.

Smith’s community service has included everything from reading to children, visiting hospitals and volunteering with American Red Cross. She said this was just another way to help where she can.

“I always want to be involved with the community and it’s important to help, especially with kids,” Smith said.

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Improvements to Campus Lake continue

Lindsey Smith
Daily Egyptian

Time has run out on Campus Lake’s research grants, but the people have not.

Nick Wahl, a graduate student from Dwight studying fisheries, has been working on his portion of the lake improvements since 2006. The Environmental Protection Agency placed Campus Lake in its Clean Lake Program a year before Wahl’s work began. The program gave multiple students opportunities for research and improvement projects through grants.

“Since the grant is done and we don’t have any funding anymore to do things, basically we’re just going to continue to monitor the lake, how clear it is and the fish population,” Wahl said.

Before the grants from the EPA, the lake looked more like grass, Wahl said. “Obviously it’s not a really clear lake, but I have pictures from early 2000s and it was nasty. It was completely green, green as the grass, algae everywhere, vegetation everywhere,” Wahl said.

Three research projects later, the lake is a muddy brown color.

Jim Zeigler, a graduate student from Marion studying fisheries, holds a large mouth bass caught at Campus Lake Wednesday morning. Zeigler is a member of the SIUC subunit of the Illinois Chapter of American Fisheries Society, which is trying to increase the population of large mouth bass at Campus Lake.

Wahl said his research focused on the food chain, which is a big factor in the upkeep of the lake.

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Rise in pension costs concerns city

Mayor: Property tax not yet necessary

Barton Lorimor
Daily Egyptian

A debate about reinstating Carbondale’s property tax could be on the horizon as the state continues to raise the cost of pensions for police officers and firefighters.

Serious consideration must be given to reinstating the property tax to pay for pensions. City Manager Jeff Doherty said in his opening letter to the proposed fiscal year 2009 budget. Before its elimination in 2002, the city’s property tax was the primary revenue source for public pensions.

But as pension continuation to rise, the reappearance of that tax may be necessary, Mayor Brad Cole said.

The state-mandated increase allows the pensions of police officers and firefighters to include previous marriages as well as current spouses.

“If the costs continue to rise because of the unfunded mandates from the state, we may have to look to go back to that,” Cole said.

But right now, the mayor said, the city can continue using revenue sources other than a property tax.

Cole, who proposed the tax’s elimination as a member of the City Council in 2002, said there is not an initiative or effort to reinstate it at this time.

Cole said the city changed its major revenue source to sales and service taxes after the council approved his proposal in December 2002. The proposed 2009 budget shows the city expects to collect more than 43 percent of its revenue from sales and service taxes. The current city sales tax is 7.5 percent.

The last property tax collected by the city for its own budget brought in $1.07 million, which Doherty said would not be enough to fulfill all the needs in public pensions.

“Property tax could help,” Doherty said. “But some of it would come from the general revenue fund.”

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2009 does not reflect a reinstated property tax since the City Council voted in favor of continuing to use the other funding methods in December.

Aside from county and state property taxes, Carbondale residents do pay a city property tax to support the library, which is required by state law, said Connie Steudel, director of the Carbondale Public Library.
State senator suggests possible cap on foreign students at U of I

URBANA (AP) — A state senator from Chicago says the University of Illinois might consider placing caps on numbers of international students it accepts.

The measure went into effect September 2006 and limits how much cold medicine people can purchase. It also requires stores to put the pseudoephedrine people can purchase. It also requires stores to put the

Police have no suspects reported case of criminal damage to a lock at Kellogg Hall March 29.

An Apple iPhone valued at $427 was stolen from a room in Warren Hall sometime Feb. 29. Police, who have no suspects, reported no forced entry to the room.

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Humane Society of Southern Illinois
Dave Loftus and Steven Turner

Dave Loftus and Steven Turner jokingly say they are opposites. Some of their differences are audible. Loftus is quiet, frequently checking his notes and pausing between sentences to make sure his words convey the right meaning. Turner is animated, leaning forward to emphasize his most important points.

Both, however, speak passionately about the students they hope to represent as Undergraduate Student Government president and vice president. Loftus entered the race with running mate Jennifer Arteaga, but she dropped out of the race last week because she wanted to be a resident assistant and could not hold the two positions at the same time. But he is happy with Turner, who he said can help him consider more angles to every situation.

Loftus, who studies political science, said he understands issues of cost as well as anybody can. The 22-year-old sophomore from Princeton said he had to take time off to work and save money before coming to SIUC. His parents were unable to save for college, he said, because his mother has multiple sclerosis and his father died from wounds received in Vietnam.

“I worked for two years to come here. I know, just like many students who have to do the same thing, what they go through to get a good education,” Loftus said. “I know the value behind that education because I worked very hard for it.”

Loftus and Turner, a senior from Chicago studying aviation, said they hope to protect students’ pocketbooks, bring standards and codes.

Housing is an issue with which Loftus has long been concerned. In February, he showed the USG pictures of his campus apartment and said he wanted the senators to work together and with the city to make sure other students weren’t living in unsafe conditions. He said he has also met with Julie Payne Kirchenwein, director of university housing, to discuss options for the dilapidated Greek Row area.

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Meet the candidates

Allison Petty

Diane Dail Egan

Chiquita Watts and Vincent Hardy

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Hardy said he had the opportunity to intern during the summer at Loop Capital Marketers, a minority-owned banking company in Chicago. He gave up the internship, he said, because the students need him more.

“There’s more important things than money,” Hardy said. “I just feel like I’m called to do this. It’s been a battle with myself for a while, even with my parents.”

Hardy said his mother wanted him to come to Chicago and work during the summer, but he explained to her that a lot of people count on USG. He added that students should take more ownership of the organization.

“A lot of students have no idea about USG and what we do and I think that needs to change so that we are their voice,” Hardy said. “Power comes in numbers and without their support, USG is powerless.”

Both Watts and Hardy said they are excited about their campaign. Watts said at the campaign’s kick-off party, 85 supporters showed up to make Watts/Hardy T-shirts.

She added that if she were elected, her presidency would follow in the footsteps of current president Domenico White. “Those are some big shoes to fill, and I think I have the feet to fill them,” Watts said.
Rocket attacks kill three U.S. soldiers

Kim Gamal
THE AUSTRIA PRESS

BAGHDAD — Rockets or mortars slammed into the U.S.-protected Green Zone and a miliary base elsewhere in Baghdad Sunday, killing three American soldiers and wounding 31, an official said.

The attacks occurred as U.S. and Iraqi forces battled Shiite militiamen in the city in one of the fiercest fighting since radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered a cease-fire a week ago. At least 16 Iraqi civilians were killed in the fighting, according to hospital officials.

A military official said two U.S. helicopters were wounded in the attack on the Green Zone, which houses the U.S. Embassy and the Iraqi government headquarters in central Baghdad.

Another American service member was killed and 14 were wounded in the attack on a base in the southeastern Baghdad area of Russeminiyah, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn’t authorized to release the information.

The official said he particularly that an American soldier was killed when a rocket hit a women’s housing complex bombing in the volatile Diyala province north of Baghdad.

The deaths raised to at least 4,017 the number of the U.S. military who have died since the Iraq war began March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Nobody claimed responsibility for the Baghdad attacks, but U.S. commanders blamed what they called Iranian-backed nieg mixt milita groups for launching missiles against American forces.

The strikes occurred despite a strong push by the Iraqi military to prevent militants from using suspected launching sites on the southern edge of Sadr City, the Baghdad stronghold of the Mahdi Army of anti-U.S. cleric Moqtada al-Sadr.

Hospital officials said at least 47 were wounded as fierce fighting erupted in Sadr City earlier Sunday after Iraqi troops backed by U.S. soldiers and attack helicopters advanced deeper into the enclave of some 2.5 million people.

Women, children taken from polygamist compound

Women and children from the YF Ranch, the compound built by polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, are moved by bus to San Angelo, Texas, Sunday. Authorities are investigating allegations of child abuse.

Michelle Roberts
THE AUSTRIA PRESS

ELDORADO, Texas — Authorities who removed 219 women and children from a polygamist compound were struggling Sunday to determine whether they had the 16-year-old girl whose report of an underage marriage led them to raid the sprawling rural property.

Many people at the compound, built by followers of jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, are related to one another and share similar names; investigators said in some case they were giving different names at different times.

Investigators Sunday bust them out of Eldorado, near 200 miles northwest of San Antonio, as other law enforcement agents continued to search for more children and evidence at the 1,700-acre compound, the former site of an exotic game ranch.

State troopers armed with a search warrant raided the compound Friday in search for evidence of a marriage between the girl, who allegedly had a baby at 15, and a 50-year-old man. Under Texas law, girls younger than 16 cannot marry, even with parental approval.

The women and children were taken out of the compound Friday and Saturday and had been staying in a local church and civic center.

By midday Sunday, dozens of women and children, mostly girls, were being boarded buses on their way to San Angelo, a larger town 45 miles away.

The women wore long panel dresses and many carried bedding; several had infants.

Officers entered the temple on the grounds late Saturday, but by Sunday they still had not located the 16-year-old whose initial report of abuse led to the raid.

“There were some tense moments last night, but everything has remained calm and peaceful and they are continuing their search,” Allison Palmer, a prosecutor from a nearby county handling the case, said early Sunday.

Marketh Meissner, a spokesperson for Child Protective Services, said investigators were still working to determine whether the girl who called authorities last week was among the people, including 159 children, removed from the compound.

Meissner said the adults were cooperating with investigators, and she didn’t believe any had been forced to leave the compound.

Investigators were also looking for the man the girl allegedly married, Dale Barlow. Palmer said other law enforcement agencies “know where (Barlow) is and have talked to him, but our investigators have not.”

Barlow’s probation officer told The Salt Lake Tribune that he was in Arizona.

Bush, Putin divided on missile defense plan

Terence Hunt
THE AUSTRIA PRESS

SOCHI, Russia — President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin failed to overcome sharp differences over a missile-defense system, closing their seven-year relationship Sunday still far apart on whether to authorize deploying them from the beginning.

“The atmosphere toward the American plan has not changed,” Putin said at a news conference with Bush at his vacation house at this Black Sea resort. “Obviously we’ve got a lot of work to do,” Bush said. Despite the impasse, the two leaders agreed that Moscow and Washington would work together closely in the future on missile-defense and other difficult issues.

Putin declared there were no breakthrough solutions but said “certain progress is obvious” in the long-running dispute on missile defenses. He was referring to U.S. concessions on Russia’s concerns. U.S. officials said that was what they wanted to hear him say.

Bush also conferred with Putin’s hand-picked successor, Dmitry Medvedev, but did not claim gaining any insight into his soul, as he had with Putin upon their first encounter. He pronounced Putin’s “a straightforward fellow” and said he was eager to work with him.

Putin was asked whether he or Medvedev, the president-elect, would be in charge of Russia’s foreign policy after May 7, when Putin steps down as president and is expected to be named prime minister.

Putin said Medvedev would be in charge, and would represent Russia at the Group of Eight meeting of industrial democracies in July in Tokyo. “Mr. Medvedev has been one of the co-authors of Russia’s foreign policy,” Putin said. “He’s completely on top of things.”

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National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley, when asked later whether Putin actually was going to cede authority on Russian foreign policy to Medvedev, said: My guess is that these two men who have worked very closely together for now almost two decades will have a very collaborative relationship. That seems to be a good thing, not a bad thing.”

Bush, Putin divided on missile defense plan

Anti-China protesters almost suffocate Olympic flame in London relay

LONDON (AP) — Demonstrators grabbed at the Olympic torch, blocked its path and tried to snuff out its flame Sunday in an iconographic protest of China’s human rights record that forced a string of cancelations and reroutes of the relay through London.

The biggest protests since last month’s torch-lighting in Greece threatened to mar the Grand Prix of the Games. The flame’s 85,000-mile journey from Greece to Beijing has become a stage for activism by extremist groups in the Islamic world, on Tibetans and support for Sudan on Darfur.

One protester slipped through a tight police cordon early Sunday and managed to grip the torch before he was thrown to the ground and taken away by police.
Students move to battle multiple sclerosis

Participants walk 2.3 miles around Campus Lake

Tim McGovern
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students slipped on their walking shoes and shorts Saturday in the hopes of outrunning multiple sclerosis.

More than 150 students and members of the community gathered around Campus Lake to commence a 2.3-mile walk on a picture-perfect morning. Hosted by the Public Administration Student Organization, the walk’s goal was to raise at least $5,000 in the hopes of procuring a cure for MS. The group raised nearly $11,000.

Keith Snavely, a professor of political science, assisted in organizing the first MS walk, which he said should become an annual event. Snavely was diagnosed with MS four years ago, though he first experienced symptoms in 1994.

MS is a disease that attacks the central nervous system. Symptoms can be both mental and physical. While treatments are available, the disease has no cure. “It is a nerve condition,” said Snavely, who uses both a cane and a scooter for mobility. “You lose flexibility in your arms and shoulders and your legs get weak and stiff.”

Participants all pledged a minimum of $10 and received T-shirts. All proceeds go to the Gateway Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. A multitude of corporations and small businesses contributed to the walk, including Allied Physicians & Rehab, Southern Illinois Healthcare, Don Taco and Mary Lou’s Grill in Carbondale.

Shayla Leibovitz, a graduate student from Silvis studying public administration, said preparations for the walk began in October. The walk was in honor of Snavely, she said. “This is the first year, so we are building everything from scratch,” Leibovitz said. “We’ve had excellent support from the community. Our main goal is to get the community involved and we hope people have a fun time — the bigger, the better.”

Leibovitz said she posted flyers on campus, sent out e-mails and used word of mouth to increase interest in the walk.

Shayla Leibovitz

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Alana Rametta, left, smiles as her sister Madison Rametta and friend Sharon Leaman, right, pet a pug named Molly during the Southern Illinois Multiple Sclerosis Walk Saturday afternoon at Campus Lake.

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Murphsboro High School students Joe Van Buskirk, Daja Elliot and Ashley Elliot share answers during the second annual Dr. James E. Walker Black History Knowledge Bowl Saturday in the Student Center Auditorium. The event, hosted by Black American Studies Professor Pamela Smoot, saw high school teams compete to see who knew more about black American history. Caro High School, the defending champions, could not make the competition, making the contest a two-team event between Murphsboro and Carbondale, who went on to win the bowl.

— Tim McGovern

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The Games should go on, as should the protests

McClatchy-Tribune

Last week, German Chancellor Angela Merkel became the first world leader to announce that she would not attend the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. Though the German government gave no reason, Merkel recently caused sparks with the Chinese leadership by meeting publicly with the Dalai Lama amid Beijing’s brutal crackdown in Tibet.

European governments are sending signals that, should the repression continue, Merkel will not be staying home alone.

As if China doesn’t have enough problems managing its Tibet crisis, Beijing is about to have its brutal complicity in the Darfur atrocities brought to the American public’s attention in a series of high-profile demonstrations intended to brand the summer games the “Genocide Olympics.” True, it’s unfair to indelibly stain the Olympic Games with the blood of Darfurians, but it’s well worth countering Beijing’s Olympics PR offensive with the ugly truth about its key role in the ongoing African genocide.

Chinese money and influence are making human rights demands, China is developing a close relationship with despotic Third World regimes throughout the world. Nobody should imagine that protests in the West will entirely stop Beijing’s policy, but emerging signs indicate that it’s starting to show flexibility on Darfur. China is reportedly moving to accept a U.N. peacekeeping force there and applying diplomatic pressure to the Khartoum regime. This is a hopeful sign. But the world won’t know if the move is real or merely cosmetic until U.N. troops are actually on the ground in Darfur. Unless and until that happens, let the Games begin — and let the protests continue.

This editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News Thursday.
Tow truck revisited

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The Thesis is a weekly off of my excursion to the opening weekend of baseball and the NCAA Final Four. For this week's column, I thought I'd share one of my favorite columns from last year. Here's an updated version of "Towing with a vengeance," which originally ran in the Daily Egyptian on August 29, 2006.

In most places other than Carbondale, tow-truck drivers are considered to be your friend. They are there to help out when you and your car get into a tricky situation and are always happy to see you.

Sadly, this isn't the case for the city of Carbondale. Here in our small college town, we are fortunate to be home to a rare breed of tow-truck driver that inhabits our city limits.

The job of this rare breed is to enforce some of the strictest towing policies around, put in place by the city for the sole purpose of matching more money from your already cash-strapped pockets. I'm sure throughout the year you might have a late night encounter with Larry, the tow-truck driver in the wee hours of the night. After an intense argument faced with choice words about what a public service he had done in towing my car, I left the yard $65 in the hole and a new perception that the tow-truck drivers in this town are not our friends.

Many students find themselves in similar situations with Larry, many of them are faced with a difficult decision at a 2:00 a.m. when they have to decide if they get their car then or wait until the morning. Unfortunately, many of them aren't waiting until the morning to get their cars. They go to the yard to park their cars overnight and retrieve them in the morning, we wouldn't have these problems.

Another thing that gets me is when I'm reading about how the news radio shock jocks and cable TV personalidades demonitize undocumented immigrants. But what bothers me even more is the reflexive response by many well-meaning Americans that undocumented immigrants ought to "get in line and wait their turn.”

What these Americans don't realize is that our immigration system is so broken that there is no line.

When my parents and I immigrated to the United States back in 1965, it was simple. My father, an architect, went to graduate school, and my mother and me accompany him. After a brief conversation, the consulate officer gave him the paperwork to process this visa. My father filled out the application and paid the fees, we all got medical checkups and six months later we were welcomed by Mother's Cuban family in Miami.

Since then the "line" has become a black hole. Around 1979, my grandfather had to fill out paperwork to have his elderly parents join him in America. He believed it would be a speedy process. How wrong he was. My grandfather died in 1985 waiting his "turn in line." My 83-year-old husband has to fill out the paperwork; six months later we find out which company took your car.

My personal favorite is Larry's Towing, the undisputed "King of Towing." He is a form of hybrid mutant with snark and vulture-like characteristics. To catch his prey, he slithers around apartment complexes patrolling lots with a maglight flashlight waiting to catch his victim and then picks them clean. Larry caught up with me one night last year. What a way to put a damper on a good night — a trip out to the auto yard and a comforting conversation with Larry the tow-truck driver in the wee hours of the night. After an intense argument faced with choice words about what a public service he had done in towing my car, I left the yard $65 in the hole and a new perception that the tow-truck drivers in this town are not our friends.

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Another thing that gets me is that I'm always reading about how immigration officials would rather bring his younger brother to the United States with the hope of starting a business his brother could help manage. He learned the waiting period would be 15 years. His brother had died.

Today, a hardworking, low- or semi-skilled individual has virtually no possibility of immigrating legally to this country, and even professionals find it almost impossible. It's not that these immigrants refuse to go to the post office and fill out the paperwork; the doors of the post office are essentially closed.

Immigrants wanting to come to this country have three ways of getting here legally.

One is through family petition, this route ties in line, I say that the only difference between us and an undocumented immigrant today is timing. We got to the line just in time, before, in effect.

When I hear well-meaning Americans tell immigrants who seek the American dream and to reunite with their loved ones that they need to go through the system, to get in line and wait their turn, I have to ask: What system? What line? Larry is the deputy executive director at the Center for Community Action.
Sarcasm meets romance in ‘Leatherheads’

Julie Engler:

‘Leatherheads’
Rated PG-13
Starring: George Clooney, Renee Zellweger, John Krasinski
Directed by: George Clooney
Run time: 114 minutes

George Clooney is Time magazine’s pop-culture person of the year. Since people carry him on their backs, giving him the power to work his magic, how can he resist a role in a romantic comedy like ‘Leatherheads’? The film is based on the true story of the Doughboys, a forgotten team of Cuban baseball players who achieved fame in the 1920s. The movie is a nostalgic look back at the rise of professional baseball and its impact on American culture.

People planning on taking a trip to Mexico should probably stay far, far away from ‘Leatherheads.’ The film is about a group of tourists who want to turn the island into a theme park, but the Native American tribe wants to keep it as a sacred place.

Most horror films spend too much time exploring the characters to be killed, and this one is no different. ‘The Ruins’ is a horror film from the United States spending a week in Mexico before they all go off to school. They meet a foreign man by the pool, who introduces them to an ancient pyramid that their brother went to visit on an archaeological dig (and never returned!).

Sarcasm meets romance in ‘Leatherheads’

Wes Lawson:

‘Ruins’ is frighteningly realistic

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On the island, the surviving characters must work together to stay alive. The film is short and entertaining, with a runtime of 91 minutes.

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Rated PG
Starring: Jude Law, Abigail Breslin, Gerard Butler
Directed by: Jennifer Flackett and Mark Levin
Run time: 93 minutes

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What it cost the London mogul to lose some pulse

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — You're motivated to do good this year, but that doesn't bring in much cash. Do what works to bring the money in. Honesty of course. Then, contribute all you can to the charity of your choice.

To get the most advantage, check the day's ratings: 10 is the easiest day. 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Take care of practical matters. You need every cent you can earn to achieve the objectives you have in mind. Take time out to do the job.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — You're making up the tough part simply through persistence. When others run away, you can be counted on to stay put. It's one of your best talents.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — It's not as easy to be idealistic now. Practical matters interfere, that's actually a good thing. Make the money before you spend it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Getting together with friends helps you out of a frustrated frame of mind. Don't spend too much on the gathering, though, or you'll burn your- self out again.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — There's plenty of work and plenty of problems to solve on the job. Avoid distractions or you'll never get it all done. You can socialize Wednesday.

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — The trouble with including other people in your project is that they suggest changes. The good part is that some of those changes will actu- ally work.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — You can always tell true love because it leads you to take action. You're motivated to love, you've got that fire in your eye. Get busy on a tough job.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — You're exceptionally attractive now, and very popular. You're darling. So, you don't need to pick up the check. Let everybody pitch in.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You're gaining a lot of information, but how does it all fit? Take time to think it over before mak- ing any big decisions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Sit tight into your allies. Practice makes perfect. Don't show off to your friends and family yet. Get the bugs worked out first.

Jumble Unscramble these four Jumb- le words. One letter to each square to form the surprise answer.

By Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurr

Answers from Friday Jumbles: MOUSY DOWNY MUSLIN PENMAN

Answer: What it cost the London mogul to lose some pounds — SOME POUNDS

10 Off All Parts
Cherryholmes brings bluegrass to SIU

Shryock hosts award-winning sextet

DeMarcus Hamilton  May 4, 2008

About 450 people filled the seats of Shryock Auditorium Saturday to see the dynamic bluegrass family group Cherryholmes in concert. The event began at 7:30 p.m. as the band showcased its well-known vocal abilities while also showing off its tap dancing skills. Often stopping to perform in the audience, the sextet delivered a 21-song selection including a tail-end of their latest album, another version of the well-known song ‘Mary Don’t You Weep’ and every song sung entirely in a capella.

We only have one rule at our shows that is to have fun,” said Jere Cherryholmes, the father and lead singer of the band. And indeed they did. The family laughed and exchanged jokes on stage, encouraging crowd interaction.

The family group, based in Nashville, Tenn., consists of husband and wife, and four of their six children. Cherryholmes came together in 1999, though half of the group had never played an instrument. After five years of practicing and mixing its own unique family energy and sound, the bluegrass band won the 2007 International Bluegrass Music Association Entertainers of the Year.

‘Something asked me to describe our style of play, I told them it was bluegrass on steroids. That’s the only way we play.’

The family travels three days a year doing shows all over the country. They also have to sing a second song called ‘Cherryholmes II,’ a follow-up to their first album ‘Cherryholmes I.’

“They are very talented and put on a real show,” said Bob Stanley of Marion.

Although the family has limited personal time because they are on the road so much, they have played together since 1999.

Jere Cherryholmes, the father and band leader of Cherryholmes, introduces the next song during their concert at Shryock Saturday night. The Grammy nominated band consists of a family of six and have been playing together since 1999.


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Students celebrate Asian American Heritage Month in Quigley Hall

Tim McGovern  May 4, 2008

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VOLUNTEER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

It’s just a lot of fun.”

Children in attendance had a night of basketball, football, video games, board games and arts and crafts. The other activities such as dancing were a bit overwelmed at first — until senior golfer Matt Ellis stepped in.

Ellis was in charge of assigning children to athletes and any time the children became bored apprehensive, Ellis eased their worries with a playful personality.

After the children overcome nervouness, an arena full of games and activities with their favorite Sahki athletes awaited them. While the children were excited to play with the athletes, some athletes just were anxious to enjoy with the children.

“I heard there is a little basketball that’s supposed to be a pretty good time,” said SIU baseball catcher Mark Upham. “We were going to run a game in the field, so we went to hold the court,” he added with a laugh.

Kelly wasn’t the only one enjoying basketball, as freshman quarterback Chris Deker was giving lessons on how to shot a jump shot. Deker said it was a great experience and would like to do events like it more often.

“All we did was have fun,” Deker said. “It was great just playing basketball with Kai and teaching him how to shoot the ball.”

The event brought in more than 100 children. Because of its success, Paul said he hopes it can become an annual occurrence. Junior tennis player Hugo Vidal enjoyed the event so much he said he wishes it was two or three times a year.

Parents were also appreciative of the chance to spend a night while their children spent a night having a good time.

The only requirement of parents was a minimum $5 donation with a minimum $5 donation with a maximum of five children.

The event began on Saturday, April 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the newly restored Carrie R-Spaniels, a member of the House Personnel and Wages Committee, said the state has approved these increases with the future in mind. He said holding off an increase in pensions would lead to more expensive raises in the future.

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LAKE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The lake has too many bluegill, Wahl said, and they prey on tiny creatures called zooplankton. The zooplankton serve an important function, because they eat algae. When bluegill are allowed to overrun the zooplankton population, algae overrun the lake.

Quinton Phelps, a student intern from Kansas studying fisheries, said he has helped Wahl with his research and believes the project is vital to the health of Campus Lake.

“I think the big picture here is that Nick is trying to increase water quality in this lake,” said Phelps.

Wahl’s research project is the last of three funded by the EPA. Another project can be found by the dam where the water appears to be boiling. The aerometers near the dam help to circulate the water to prevent phosphorous from becoming abundant enough for algae to grow, Wahl said.

The third project uses horticulture to reduce the nutrients in the lake, Wahl said. With a depleted supply of the nutrients, algae cannot grow.

Wahl, the president of the SIUC subunit of the Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, said the group has yet to decide how to continue the lake’s improvements. He said fishing would be the easiest and cheapest way to keep the lake healthy.

“We’re looking at stock fish or some other kind of top predator in the lake so that we don’t have to spend three months here out every day trying to go out and get bluegill and remove them,” Wahl said.

As a temporary fix, the group has tried to involve Carbondale residents and students. The month of April brings the subunit’s second annual fishing derby to Campus Lake. While the event is meant to entertain, Wahl said there’s more to the drive.

“We want to get people out here using it and seeing the signs and kind of getting an idea of the improvements that are going on,” Wahl said.

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BASEBALL  
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Head coach Dan Callahan said Kingston was successful because he threw his breaking pitches well. “He was pretty darn good for most of the game. We talked about letting him pitch to 105 pitches because he missed a start against Indiana State,” Callahan said. “In retrospect, we probably left him in a little too long but he was throwing a good game.”

Kington tossed 7.2 innings, walking one and striking out seven. He did not factor into the decision.

Sophomore reliever Jimmy Cornell came in to pitch for Kingston and promptly hit junior first baseman Andy Heterbrueg in the arm. The umpire said he didn’t get out of the way, however, and the pitch was called a strike.

On the next pitch, Heterbrueg hit a ground ball to senior shortstop Owen Mackedon. Mackedon’s throw went high but it looked like Hills tagged him. Heterbrueg was initially called safe but after the umpires came together, the call was overturned and SIU was out of the jam.

Hills said he enjoys the challenge of being a senior leader and taking the opportunity to do big things for the team.

MEMPHIS and Kansas square off for the NCAA Championship today. Who’s going to come out on top?

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“Each kid has a role and they understand it and get in there and compete,” Blaylock said. “And that’s a good thing.”

Game two ended in the sixth inning as the Salukis exploded for 11 hits in an 8-0 victory.

Garza led the team as she went 3-for-4 with two RBIs while Wagner added two more RBIs on two singles.

The Salukis rounded out the weekend Sunday afternoon in a pitcher’s duel that held the game scoreless until the bottom of the sixth. Haas delivered a clutch two-out double to come away with the 2-0 victory.

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Salukis win comeback fashion
Matt Hartwig
Daily Egyptian
Though it didn’t take a decisive final inning, the SIU baseball team won in dramatic fashion for the third straight game Sunday en route to a sweep of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
SIU took the first two games of the series with game-winning hits in the ninth inning in wins Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, junior outfielder Ben Mageri wanted a chance to get involved in the action.
The Salukis defeated the Panthers 5-2 at Abe Martin Field thanks to a perfect bunt single from Mageri off UWM senior pitcher Todd Kington.

OUTFIELDER

Chris Murphy
makes a diving catch
during Saturday’s game
against Wisconsin-
Milwaukee.
Mageri collected the
winning single in the
first game of a three-
game series against
Wisconsin-
Milwaukee Friday.
James Duran
Daily Egyptian
"I was just trying to get him over in that situation. It was all I could do," said Murphy after getting a hit.

BASEBALL

Salukis sweep away competition

Fellow freshman pitcher Danielle Glaskon allowed just three hits in game two of the series and struck out four.

Coach Ken Blaylock said even though the Salukis were in the bot-
tom of the MVC standings, it’s not easy to build a team scoreless in a series.
"To shut out a team three times is pretty tough," Blaylock said. It was the third three-game sweep of a conference opponent this season for the Salukis (22-15, 8-3 MVC) as they have now taken six games from Northern Iowa and Illinois State.
The series started poorly for Indiana State (9-19-1, 2-9) as the Saturday doubleheader start time had to be pushed from noon to 2 p.m. because of a bus breakdown that was carrying its equipment.
The Salukis faced off with ace Darcy Wood, who was 1-4. SIU (22-15, 8-3 MVC) responded with a strong showing despite good hitting by the Panthers.

FIGHTING ILLINI

Illinois golf team falls short of tournament championship
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After struggling in the morn-
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"We told the girls to keep their heads in the game after the first round, and they did just that," Sloane said.

SIU’s top performances came from its upperclassmen. Seniors Kelly Gerlach and Christine Zorelin shot 72 and 73 on the par-72 course in the final round to finish in fifth-place tie with a total score of 231. Juniors Lauren May and Bradly Hood finished in tied for 10th and 21st, respectively.

SIU finished ahead of Missouri Valley Conference rivals Bradley (fourth), Miami University-Fullerfield (seventh) and in-state schools Northern Illinois (eighth), Eastern Illinois (12th), Loyola-Chicago (14th) and Western Illinois (15th).

Hood said she was proud of her teammates’ performance heading into the MVC Championships.
"We told them that we fin-
ished in second. We know how good we are and we know we can play with any other team," Hood said. "But we’re going to go next on the others, instead we’ll focus on our game and improve individually."

The Salukis will be back in action Sunday through April 15 at the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in Omaha, Neb.

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The Salukis had a record-breaking showing at the Saluki Invitational with a second-place tie with Cincinnati at the Illini Spring Classic, falling nine strokes short of tournament champions Illinois. The second-place finish gave SIU its fourth top-three finish of the season.
Coach Diane Daugherty said the Salukis had a good showing despite competing in difficult weather conditions, which included high winds and temperatures in the 70s. The team’s strategy helped SIU excel in less than favorable conditions and Daugherty said she hopes it carries over into conference championships.
"They’re focusing better right now than they have all year long," Daugherty said. "I hope we can repeat what we did last year and everyone really peak at the right time."

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