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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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Students break ice in August sun



JAMES DURBIN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kelsey Huelsmann, a freshman from Trenton studying architecture, swings to hit a softball pitched by Andre Vieyra, an undecided freshman from Willow Springs, at Sportsfest Sunday. Teams were comprised of residents from residence halls across campus.

Softball, bags and dodgeball among activities offered to teams at Sportsfest

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Although tossing beanbags is often a drunken yard activity, it became an intramural sport at the Arena Fields Sunday.

About 1,000 University residents roared in the August sun to participate in an array of sports at SIUC's Sportsfest, a 21-year-old event hosted by University Housing and the Student Recreation Center.

"Sportsfest was for everybody, but we stress freshman attendance because they are new and we want to build the community," Housing Program Coordinator Alfred

Jackson said. "Sports have a very favorable way of doing that."

Blane Johnson, a freshman from Kankakee County studying architecture, said he was proud to help the 11th floor of Mae Smith make it to the bags semifinals.

In addition to bags, events such as flag football, softball, volleyball and dodgeball kept over 30 residence hall floor teams competing for over 400 T-shirt prizes all afternoon. Games were staggered throughout the day so that each team could participate in all of the events.

"I was basically the prostitute for my floor's team," Johnson said. "All of the game times

intertwined so there was a lot of jumping back and forth and substituting."

Although it is used to help students get to know each other, Johnson said Sportsfest increases students' interests in intramural sports groups on campus.

The event cost University Housing about \$500 in refreshments, electricity and busses to transport students to and from Lentz Hall and Trueblood Hall. The Inter Fraternity Council house cooked hot dogs and University Housing spent \$79 on massive amounts of watermelon.

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After change, Night Transit will transport men as well

Danny Wenger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After more than 20 years of denied rides, men will officially be allowed to use the Night Safety Transit. Jurisdiction of the transit service passed from Student Services to the SIU Police Department during the summer. The switch included several changes, including a shortened moniker.

Previously, male SIUC students were forced to help pay for the Women's Night Safety Transit through student fees. Since the start of fall semester, men will no longer pay for a service they cannot use.

Night Safety Transit began in 1980 and has since been the subject of debate several times, including a proposal during the spring semester to eliminate the program. This semester will mark the first time men will be able to use the service.

Student Center director Lori Stettler said the Undergraduate Student Government first discussed the change last spring.

"We had made a proposal that we eliminate the program and expand the Saluki Express routes," Stettler said. "Student government decided that wasn't the route they wanted to go. They wanted to continue the program. They wanted to open the program to men and women and they wanted to continue the program without increasing fees on campus."

USG president Demetrous White, a senior from Chicago studying psychology, said students' safety was his main concern when he proposed the legislation to maintain the service. He said USG discussed that men paid for the service through student fees, but weren't able to use it.

"I had heard complaints from male students," White said. "Many men said that they would still pay into it if it meant some young lady getting home safely, but they did say they would like to benefit from the service."

Another change to the service was the decision to use Saluki Patrol members to staff the program to add an element of safety.

"So that students can feel safer, there's a trained driver in the car," White said.

"The reason that we made the change is that Saluki Patrol already exists, and we thought having them actually run the service, being the drivers of the cars and just having another set of eyes and ears out there would help increase safety for students across the board," Stettler said.

SIU Police Chief Todd Sigler said another reason the police are monitoring the service is to reduce inappropriate rides. Sigler said the intent of the service is to provide a safe ride from campus to a residence, or vice versa — not a personal taxi.

"People were taking the service to bars and what not from campus," White said. "(Drivers) only take you to your address in the directory, to cut down on the abuse of the system that was occurring."

To increase efficiency, Stettler said an eight-passenger van is used to transport students instead of two small cars.

"We did that specifically because we wanted to be as cost effective as possible so that we could keep from increasing fees to students," she said. "Running one van that could drive around and pick up multiple students at a time was a better choice economically than running two different cars at the same time."

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Poker hands help cancer fund

Alejandro Gonzalez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hundreds of motorcyclists blazed through southern Illinois throughout the weekend en route to raising money for local children.

The riders revved their engines to join the seventh annual Poker Run for the Fund, which was held at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds. This year, the event helped support Coach Kill's Cancer Fund, which head SIU football coach Jerry Kill set up after he was diagnosed with cancer in 2005.

Laurie Holley, a Carbondale resident, said the Kill Cancer Fund helped her son Robert, who has benefitted from Kill's fund. Robert recently underwent chemotherapy for a brain tumor.

"It's wonderful," she said of the event. "It helps out a lot. My son, it helps out with him."

The bikers involved with the program donate money so they can travel around and play poker. Prizes were given for the best and worst poker hands. Riders stopped five times and picked up one card at each stop until they



SARAH LATHROP ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

In a speech of acknowledgment and thanks, Jerry Kill (left) asked cyclists to raise their hands if they knew or had been a victim of cancer, at the end of the "Poker Run For The Fund" on the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds Saturday.

had a five-card hand.

Many bikers joked they aimed to get the worst hand in order to receive the prize. One even said he had the "world's worst hand."

Marcella Humphrey, from DuQuoin, ended up with the worst-hand, and said she

had never played poker in her life. She won the title with an eight, five, four, three and two. Humphrey donated her prize money for having the worst hand back to the fund.

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NEWS BRIEFS

'Business casual' becomes rule at ISU's business school

NORMAL — Sweat pants, flip-flops and wrinkles are out. Khakis, loafers and sharp creases are in at the Illinois State University College of Business.

ISU officials have instituted a "business casual" dress code for hundreds of students, starting this semester. Tim Longfellow, the school's marketing department chairman, said the decision was made by faculty last January to "enhance the overall professionalism" at the school.

The dress code applies to about 750 students while they are attending their marketing and business teacher education courses — although students in introduction to marketing management get a pass.

The school has actually had a "business casual" requirement for some business courses for several years. "When you dress differently, the behavior begins to change," Longfellow said. "Students take it a little more seriously."

The dress code certainly makes ISU unique. Many schools ask students to dress up for special events or when recruiters are on campus, and some smaller colleges or religious schools have dress codes. But it's difficult to find a public university or large school with such restrictions.

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business could not find evidence of a dress code at any of its 1,500 member schools.

"From what we can gather, it's not a widespread practice," said Brenda Lovell, the Florida-based association's chief education officer.

According to a letter sent to marketing students this month, if their clothing fails to meet the dress code standards, they will be asked not to wear it to class again.

"If the problem persists, the student will be asked to leave the classroom and will receive a zero on any class work collected that day," the letter said.

The letter goes on to give students guidelines about what is acceptable.

For women, that means khaki, corduroy, twill or cotton pants or skirts, neatly pressed; and sweaters, twinsets, cardigans, polo shirts or tailored blouses.

For men, the guidelines suggest khaki, gabardine or cotton pants, neatly pressed; sweaters; and polo shirts, knit shirts with a collar, or cotton, button-down, long-sleeved shirts.

Student Sara Molitor, 22, of McHenry said the code sounded like good policy. When you make the effort to wear professional attire, "you automatically hold yourself to a higher standard," she said.

But Todd Froemling, 22, of Edwardsville, said having a professional attitude doesn't always correspond to how you dress.

"It's not like you need practice wearing clothes," he said.

Governor's budget cuts raise questions about motives

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Rod Blagojevich apparently wants to repair half a bridge.

Blagojevich's cuts to the state budget include at least two cases where he rejected a request for half the money for a bridge-repair project but approved another request for the other half of the money.

That wasn't the only odd result of his budget decisions.

The Democratic governor also cut the money to add 80 beds at a veterans retirement home in LaSalle. Last year, he praised that same project and said "we owe it" to Illinois veterans.

The budget cuts he announced this week also spared most of the spending requested by members of a legislative

committee with the power to block the health care programs he hopes to launch soon.

And, despite his emphasis on creating new health programs, Blagojevich cut tens of millions of dollars from a long list of current health services.

Legislators said Friday that Blagojevich is obviously punishing his enemies and rewarding his friends, or potential friends.

"It's so transparent what the governor's doing, what his motives are. I don't think I've ever seen anything quite so political," said Sen. Bradley Burzynski, a Clare Republican whose spending requests were approved by the governor.

Burzynski sits on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, an obscure legislative panel that will review a series of rules the governor wants to change so that he can expand health care programs. If JCAR rejects the changes, his health programs will be blocked.

But several legislators said JCAR might be less inclined to support the governor's changes if he's using their spending requests as leverage.

"That, to me, is so insulting. I don't think I have ever, ever felt so embarrassed," said Sen. Maggie Crotty, D-Oak Forest, another JCAR member.

Aides deny that politics or retribution played any part in his cuts, which the Legislature could vote to restore.

"We cut projects we didn't think were essential or couldn't afford," said Deputy Chief of Staff Becky Carroll.

Carroll couldn't explain why the governor treated similar projects differently or why he rejected half of a bridge repair project, except to say that she assumed it was simply a question of how much the state could afford.

"This governor has shown he can't be trusted," said Rep. Randy Ramey, the Carol Stream Republican who requested the bridge repairs. "If we don't override, I'll bet you 10-to-1 he doesn't release the money anyway."

New law mandates car breath ignition locks for first-time DUIs

SPRINGFIELD — A new Illinois law requires first-time drunk driving offenders to install breath test devices in their vehicles and pass the test every time they try to start their engines.

If the driver's breath exceeds the alcohol limit, the apparatus ensures the car won't start.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the legislation on Friday, making Illinois the fourth state to mandate the gadget. The other states that require it are New Mexico, Arizona and Louisiana, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

When the law goes into effect in 2009, it will affect approximately 30,000 offenders in Illinois who have had their licenses suspended on DUI arrests, according to the secretary of state's office. The alcohol ignition interlock devices must be rented and cost about \$150 to install; there are also monthly fees.

"We will not tolerate drunk drivers on our streets," Blagojevich said in a statement. "This law ... will help make sure impaired drivers can't get back on the road. But if they do, they'll face tough penalties."

If offenders attempt to drive someone else's vehicle to avoid the breath tests, they could face jail time.

About 3,000 people in Illinois currently have the devices in their vehicles. Most are second-time drunk driving offenders.

Louisiana's law, which was passed in June and went into effect Aug. 15, requires judges to suspend a driver's licenses for a year after a first drunken driving conviction. Such drivers may get hardship licenses letting them drive to and from work, school or church only if they install ignition interlocks.

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Glenn introduces forgotten athletes in exhibit

Former NBA star featured at museum in University Mall

Barton Lorimor
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Unlike his playing days, Mike Glenn no longer travels light on road trips.

The former SIU star and NBA player rolled back into Carbondale last Friday, bringing 80 pieces of memorabilia recognizing some of the greatest African-American athletes. The collectibles are all a part of Glenn's traveling exhibit, "From Molineaux to Michael: African Americans in Athletics."

The African American Museum in University Mall is the host of Glenn's exhibit, which strives to introduce athletes of African decent that may have been swept under the carpet otherwise, especially before the time of Jackie Robinson.

"We talk about the 1918 Chicago White Sox or the 1917 Boston Red Sox, but we don't mention the Chicago-American Giants," Glenn said.

His exhibit was recently featured at an Atlanta gathering in December to celebrate the anniversary of boxer Thomas Molineaux's

1810 fight for the heavyweight title. Molineaux was a freed slave who rose to boxing fame in England.

Aside from that, Glenn said he thinks his exhibit is fun for any sports fan.

"I want people to come reminisce," Glenn said. "It's a good time going back on memory lane."

Strolling through memory lane, coincidentally, was something Glenn did while in Carbondale. Before greeting visitors including Mayor Brad Cole and City Manager Jeff Doherty, Glenn took time to reconnect with the SIUC campus where he earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics.

"It feels so good to be back. The Salukis are always like a home for me," Glenn said.

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— Mike Glenn
former NBA player

A preview of Glenn's memorabilia was held Friday evening, with several members of SIU athletics on hand.

Athletic Director Mario Moccia and men's basketball Coach Chris Lowery were both present to support the museum and welcome Glenn back to town.

"You always hope that any student athlete will come back no matter where they live," Moccia said.

Arlene Norvell, public relations director for the African American Museum, was one of the reasons Glenn's exhibit is in town. Since February, Norvell has been making plans to bring the exhibit to Carbondale.



STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU graduate and former NBA player Mike Glenn (left) discusses Saluki basketball with head coach Chris Lowery Friday at the African American Museum in Carbondale. A reception was held for the opening of Glenn's sports exhibit "From Molineaux to Michael: African Americans in Athletics," which will be on display until Sept. 22.

"From Molineaux to Michael: African Americans in Athletics," was the anchor for this year's Eve of Elegance, an annual event hosted by the museum featuring a dinner, silent auction and guest speaker.

The 10-year-old museum is a

non-profit organization that relies on volunteers and donations to continue displaying achievements of African Americans. Last weekend's Eve of Elegance is its largest fundraiser of the year.

Glenn will return to Carbondale Sept. 22 and participate in an open

panel discussion about African Americans in athletics before moving his exhibit on to the next city.

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WIRE REPORTS

IRAQ

Iraqi leader lashes out at U.S. critics as American pressure mounts

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's embattled prime minister lashed out at American critics Sunday, saying Sen. Hillary Clinton and other Democrats who have called for his ouster should "come to their senses" and stop treating Iraq like "one of their villages."

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki also lambasted the U.S. military for raids in Shiite neighborhoods of Baghdad, adding new strains ahead of next month's showdown in Washington over the future of the U.S. mission.

The grim combination of ongoing violence and political deadlock have increased frustration in both Washington and Baghdad, with American lawmakers increasingly critical of al-Maliki's performance and Iraqi leaders growing weary of what they consider unfair U.S. criticism.

Clinton and Sen. Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, have called for al-Maliki to be replaced.

"There are American officials who consider Iraq as if it were one of their villages, for example Hillary Clinton and Carl Levin. They should come to their senses," al-Maliki said at a news conference.

Al-Maliki denounced recent U.S. military actions in the Baghdad Shiite neighborhoods of Shula and Sadr City that according to the Iraqis resulted in civilian deaths.

"Concerning American raids on Shula and Sadr City, there were big mistakes committed in these operations. The terrorist himself should be targeted not his family," al-Maliki said "We will not allow the detaining of innocent people."

UTAH

Officials continue search for trapped coal miners

HUNTINGTON, Utah (AP) — Despite three weeks of drilling and digging that have revealed no signs of life from six men trapped inside a collapsed coal mine, officials said Sunday the search will continue.

Federal and mine company officials said a seventh borehole would be punched into the Crandall Canyon mine and that a special robotic camera would be lowered into a hole drilled during previous efforts to find the men.

The camera is similar to one used to search within the wreckage of the World Trade Center in New York City after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It can take images in the darkened cavern from about 50 feet away with the help of a 200-watt light, and can travel 1,000 feet from the end of the test hole — a much wider range than previous cameras used in the search efforts in part because of its ability to crawl through rubble, officials said.

"We're very excited about it. The families are thrilled to hear this," said Colin King, a lawyer for the miners' families.

Robin Murphy, director of the Center for Robot Assisted Search & Rescue at the University of South Florida, said her camera's ability to obtain images in the mine was a long shot. She said it was not clear whether the camera would fit all the way down the hole and into the mine, and that debris in the shaft could obscure any images.

CUBA

Fidel Castro signs new political essay without addressing his health

HAVANA (AP) — Fidel Castro signed a lengthy essay published Sunday saluting a Cuban political figure but giving no hint of how he is feeling, even amid rampant rumors of his death.

The 81-year-old Castro has not been seen in public in over a year and has not even appeared in official photographs or video footage since taping an interview with Cuban state television June 5.

The lack of images has fueled speculation among the Cuban exile community in Miami and elsewhere that Castro might have died. He announced on July 31, 2006 that he had undergone emergency intestinal surgery and was temporarily ceding power to his younger brother Raul.

Officials in Havana have refused to speak about Castro's condition, but foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque told reporters in Brazil last week that "Fidel is doing very well and is disciplined in his recovery process." He insisted the gray-bearded leader maintains "permanent" contact with top government officials.

Castro's essay, the latest in dozens of "Reflections of the Commander in Chief" columns he has published several times a week since late March, was signed Saturday evening and appeared in the Communist Youth newspaper Juventud Rebelde on Sunday.

Storms pound Ohio, thousands without power in Midwest

John McCarthy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Hundreds of thousands of people were without power after their homes were battered by fierce winds and flooding rainstorms that slammed the rain-soaked Midwest.

Tornado warnings were issued Saturday afternoon for parts of central and southeast Ohio. Downed trees and power lines were reported in the southern part of the state, said National Weather Service meteorologist Andy Hatzos.

Flooding this week spread across an 80-mile swath through the northwest and north central parts of the state. Gov. Ted Strickland toured some of the damaged areas Saturday.

"What I've tried to do and what we've all tried to do is let these folks know ... that we are working to get assistance to them as rapidly as possible," Strickland said.

Powerful storms rolling through the Upper Midwest during most of the past week caused disastrous floods from southeastern Minnesota to Ohio that were blamed for at least 18 deaths.

In southern Michigan, the skies were clearing but more than 100,000 customers were without power, utilities said. The National Weather Service confirmed multiple tornadoes touched down Friday in a 12-mile area in Livingston, Genesee and Oakland counties.

Damage in Fenton was extensive, Mayor Sue Osborn said Saturday. "I have seen houses that have trees go



ROBERT MCKEAN ~ MCT

Floodwaters backup traffic on westbound I-94 in St. Clair Shores, Mich., on Friday.

right through them," she said. Only residents were being allowed into the city, she said.

Matt McClanahan's Cohoctah Township home was among at least 17 destroyed by a twister.

"I've seen devastation and I've helped clean up, but I've never seen it be me," he said. "I bought a bottle of Jim Beam and it's in the house. I could really use a sip of that right now."

About 73,000 ComEd customers in northern Illinois remained without power Saturday, ComEd spokeswoman Judy Rader said. Power to nearly 600,000 customers had been restored since Thursday's storm, but it could take days to restore power to all customers, officials said.

The storms in Illinois were responsible for at least one death, a man struck by a wind-toppled tree, officials said. In addition, an autopsy

was planned on a man found lying in more than 2 feet of water in his basement in suburban Inverness, officials said.

Rain had mostly stopped falling Saturday in northern Illinois as a line of storms moved eastward and southward, and the flood waters that had risen steadily slowed to a creep or began to drop in some areas. Flood warnings remained in effect in 14 counties.

Today's Chicago mob not what it once was, but still in business

Don Babwin
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Robberies are "scores," criminal charges "beefs" and getting sent to prison "going away" in the language of witnesses testifying at Chicago's biggest mob trial in years.

Jurors have heard testimony about a kiss like the one Michael gave his brother Fredo in "The Godfather." About mob wannabes initiated as full-fledged "made guys" by cutting their fingers and burning holy pictures in their bare hands in secret basement ceremonies. And about how those who crossed the "Chicago Outfit" sometimes ended up in the trunk of a car.

Yet with five men in their 60s and 70s as prosecutors' targets — one of whom alternates between a cane and a wheelchair — the testimony seems more a throwback to the days of Al Capone than it does any representation of the mob today.

Experts insist that isn't the case. Even if the Outfit isn't what it was in decades past, it isn't six feet under either, they say.

"People say, 'Look at how old these guys are on trial, it's a geriatric organization,'" said John Binder, author of "The Chicago Outfit."

"What you're seeing is just part of the organization," he said.

"They're still doing gambling, they've still got some labor racketeering, they've got their hooks into some unions (and) they're still doing juice lending."

The charges against the five men include gambling and loan sharking along with 18 long-unsolved murders. While the allegations date mostly to the 1970s and 1980s, Binder notes that the mob's influence still lingers.

A few years ago, for example, plans for a casino in the Chicago suburb of Rosemont were derailed amid concerns about mob ties in the village. And in the late 1990s, one of the nation's largest unions, Laborers International, publicly launched an effort to drive organized crime from its Chicago District Council.

In fact, the trial itself has served as a reminder that it's not necessary to watch "The Untouchables" for examples of the mob's reach.

Jurors heard one of the men on trial, Frank Calabrese Sr., talking about collecting "recipes" — code for payoffs — in the late 1990s while he was behind bars.

"What the trial has made clear is even when they are in prison they continue to exert influence and control," said James Wagner, the head of the Chicago Crime Commission, who investigated the mob for years when he was an FBI agent.

Greek wildfires reach site of Ancient Olympia

Petros Giannakouris
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANCIENT OLYMPIA, Greece — Massive fires consuming large areas of southern Greece for a third day raced toward the site of the ancient Olympics on Sunday, engulfing villages and forests as the flames reached one of the most revered sites of antiquity.

At least 51 people were confirmed dead in the country's worst wildfires in decades. There were fears the death toll could rise as new fires broke out and strong winds pushed flames through villages and hamlets.

"It's hell everywhere," said Costas Ladas, who said the fire covered more than a mile in three minutes. "I've never seen anything like it."

By sea and by land, authorities evacuated hundreds of people trapped by flames in villages, hotels and resorts.

A large front of fire was just at the edge of the village of Ancient Olympia, which stands near the 2,800-year-old site itself. Police blocked roads, and firefighting planes flew overhead.

"The winds are so strong that I don't know whether the site's sprinkling system will stop it," said Costas Sofianos, deputy mayor of Ancient Olympia. Although the

sprinkler system was activated, not all of it appeared to be functioning.

The fire department said some trees at the sprawling site had burned, but that the museum was safe. The ancient stadium and other monuments were so far unaffected.

In the early morning, church bells rang out in nearby Kolyri as residents gathered their belongings and fled through the night. Villagers returned to find at least seven gutted houses.

Fotis Hadzopoulos, a resident, said the evacuation was chaotic. "Children were crying, and their mothers were trying to comfort them," he said.

The worst of Greece's fires — 42 major fronts — were concentrated in the mountains of the Peloponnese in southern Greece and on the island of Evia north of Athens. New fires also broke out Sunday in the central region of Fthiotida — one of the few areas that had been unscathed, fire department spokesman Nikos Diamandis said.

Arson has been blamed in several cases, and seven people have been detained.

Although a temporary drop in the ferocity of high winds early in the morning provided brief respite in Ancient Olympia, they intensified later in the day.

Cause to celebrate: Big Mac turns 40

Ashley M. Heher
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Few people would eat a 40-year-old sandwich.

But don't tell that to the millions who flock to McDonald's each year to chow down on a Big Mac.

The triple-decker burger, which helped breed America's super-size culture and restaurants' ever-expanding jumbo meals, is turning 40.

For some fast-food junkies, that's cause for celebration.

"The flavors that come together — it's like heaven in your mouth," said April Kohlhaas, a 31-year-old Chicago resident. "It's just tradition, like American comfort food."

The Big Mac was first introduced in 1967 by Jim Delligatti, a McDonald's franchise owner in Uniontown, Pa. A year later, it became a staple of McDonald's menus nationwide.

Since then, the sandwich has become a veritable pop culture phenomenon, spawning everything from an impossible-to-forget jingle ("Two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun," anyone?) to a currency-evaluation index created by The

Economist.

Along the way, more people in more than 100 countries have given in to Big Mac attacks, according to Oak Brook-based McDonald's Corp.

"The Big Mac is certainly one of our most popular sandwiches," said spokeswoman Danya Proud. "There is only one Big Mac and there will only ever be one Big Mac."

McDonald's estimates 550 million Big Macs are sold each year in the U.S. alone. Do the math and that's about 17 per second. Weighing in at nearly a half-pound, with 540 calories and 29 grams of fat each, it's enough to make nutritionists cringe.

"When it was eaten once in a while there wasn't anything wrong with it," said Marion Nestle, professor of nutrition and food studies at NYU's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development. "It was just fast food, something fun once in a while. But then it became everyday fare."

Andrea Hawkins had her first Big Mac in high school and likes the treat so much she started the Facebook group "Big Mac-aholics."

She's put her Big Mac attacks on hiatus while she gets ready for her wedding next month. But that's

not stopping her friends from building a cake-like tower of McDonald's hamburgers for her upcoming bachelorette party. At the top, of course — a Big Mac.

"(The) first treat on the way to the honeymoon will be a Big Mac," jokes the 25-year-old from Dayton, Ohio who prefers hers without cheese.

To celebrate the burger's anniversary, Delligatti, 89, and his family opened a Big Mac Museum Restaurant this week in North Huntingdon, Pa., full of memorabilia, celebratory exhibits and "the world's largest Big Mac statue."

Love them or hate them, the Big Mac has grown from its humble beginnings to become a cultural unifier, said pop culture expert and author Rachel Weingarten.

"You can live in Beijing or Brooklyn and you can enjoy as your favorite snack a Big Mac attack," she said. "Maybe you didn't grow up watching the same cartoons, maybe you didn't grow up speaking the same language, maybe you grew up next door to each other and never said hello, but you suddenly have a point of reference — this warm, yummy, bad-for-you, sometimes-naughty thing."

40: Big Mac's over the hill

Jim Delligatti invented the McDonald's staple and introduced it in his Uniontown, Pa., franchise for 45 cents in 1967. It gained popularity and went national in the U.S. and Canada in 1968.

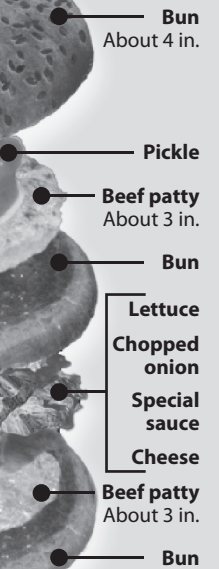
Global Reach

- Big Macs are sold in more than 100 countries.
- About 550 million are sold yearly in the U.S., second most is about 150 million yearly in Japan.
- In India, a nonbeef version called the Maharaja Mac is served using chicken.

Nutrition

The Big Mac's standard nutrition values vary around the world:

	U.S.	New Zealand	Mexico
Calories	540	464	600
Total fat	29 g	25 g	33 g
Protein	25 g	24 g	25 g
Carbohydrates	45 g	34 g	50 g
Sodium	1,040 mg	1,020 mg	1,050 mg



"Two all beef patties special sauce lettuce cheese pickles onions on a sesame seed bun." — 1974 U.S. promotion jingle

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Playboy rides wave of popularity, courts college students

Social networking site similar to Facebook created by magazine empire

Ashley M. Heher
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The Playboy bunnies have a message for college students returning to campus this fall: We want you.

Riding a wave of renewed popularity among consumers around the globe, Hugh Hefner's Playboy empire is set to launch a sexy social networking site dedicated solely to college students, its latest online venture as it tries to reinvigorate its stagnant finances.

The launch of Playboy U, which has similar features to those found on Facebook, comes as Playboy's 54-year-old magazine continues to lose money and readers.

To compensate, Chicago-based Playboy Enterprises Inc. is embarking on one of its biggest expansion efforts in years.

"This is one brand that is relevant to 18 through 81-year-olds," said Scott Stephen, executive vice president of operations for Playboy's entertainment division. "We're look-

ing at this as a way to introduce and escort someone through their adult life."

Playboy has cozied up to collegians before, featuring parties, promotional events and pictorials of student bodies from across the country. Now, executives hope Playboy U will help build brand loyalty among young consumers.

Backed by a hit cable TV show featuring Hefner's three girlfriends, a Sirius radio channel and the adoration of young Hollywood stars again flocking to parties at the Playboy mansion, the company is trying to grow its licensing business and online presence and build an international fan base that includes a surprising legion of female fans.

Thanks in part to those initiatives, Playboy is gradually returning to profitability after years of operating in the red.

Last year the company eked out a \$2.3 million profit, its second-best since posting a \$47.6 million loss in 2000. So far this year, Playboy has earned \$5.7 million.

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— Scott Stephens

executive vice president of operations, entertainment division

But growth has been slow as Playboy wrestles with other struggling units, like its domestic television business that's facing increasing competition and losing favor to other video-on-demand offerings. (Playboy executives said they're working to stabilize the TV unit by offering their own on-demand lineup.)

"They definitely haven't had the blowout kind of success that you would expect a big brand like Playboy to have," said Rick Munarriz, a senior analyst with the investment advisory service The Motley Fool. "The brand seems to be having some kind of renaissance around the world yet, financially speaking, it's not really contributing to the top and bottom line."

The latest statistics compiled by the Audit Bureau of Circulations show the magazine's average paid circulation has fallen to just under 2.9 million readers, less than half of the 6.25 million readers who bought the magazine during its heyday in

1974. During the first six months of the fiscal year, the magazine unit lost \$4.7 million, 15 percent more than it lost during the same period last year.

Playboy executives said there are no plans to eliminate the publication, even as the company turns its attention to other parts of the bunny empire that include Playboy-themed casinos, clubs and apparel. Next month, Playboy will open its ninth retail store, stocking jeans, jewelry, T-shirts and cosmetics.

After resurrecting its night clubs last fall with the Playboy Club at The Palms Casino in Las Vegas, the company is building "location-based entertainment venues." A 40,000-square-foot Playboy Mansion in Macau will open in late 2009 and Playboy is eyeing similar projects in London, Atlantic City, Eastern Europe, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Executives declined to say how much they've invested in Playboy U, saying only that the effort is "sizable" and that the advertising-supported

online community may ultimately bring in revenue.

But when and how long that will take is anyone's guess, especially as more companies flock to compete with industry heavyweights Facebook and MySpace for the attention of fickle young people. The Web site has managed to get 2,000 members from 500 colleges during early beta tests.

"It's a very lucrative market," said Michael Kelman, senior media analyst at Susquehanna Financial Group. "The college kids, they're going to be better-educated and have higher disposable incomes. (But) it's been a very, very tough audience to grab."

The site bars nudity but leaves little to the imagination with pictures from the mansion's "Midsummer Night's Dream" party and message topics such as "What Do You Think About Penis Enlargement" and "How Many People Have You Slept With? To Lie or Not to Lie."

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STUDENT COLUMN

Remember the Munchy Man

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Unless you've been a student at SIUC for the past five years, it's a pretty fair assumption that most have no clue who the Munchy Man is or more accurately, who the Munchy Man was.

The Munchy Man was the solution to late-night student hunger. For more than 40 years, the Munchy Man helped quell those midnight cravings most college students have after a two-hour study session or a night on the town.

From his concession truck, the Munchy Man sold candy, ice cream and nachos, among other things. He even sold cigarettes to those who take part in that filthy habit. The Munchy Man would split

time throughout the week between Thompson Point and Brush Towers so that students on both sides of campus could benefit from his services.

I would compare the popularity of the Munchy Man at his peak to that of current student icon Winston of Winston's Bagels.

Then suddenly in March 2004, the University decided not to renew the Munchy Man's permit to sell food on campus, ending a 40-year tradition that began in 1964. One of the University's reasons behind this was it felt that the crowds that gathered near the Munchy Man's truck posed a safety hazard.

The outcry from students after the decision gained national media coverage and even sparked a new student political party led by former student Rob Taylor whom most of you now know as "Moonlight

Rob." The Undergraduate Student Government even unanimously passed a resolution to keep the Munchy Man on campus.

For once, it seemed that students were united in keeping the Munchy Man on campus. The University held meetings; the student government held press conferences; petitions were signed and it seemed as if there was a solution in sight.

Then the school year ended and all the students left. The fight to save the Munchy Man died and when school started up again in the fall, the Munchy Man was no more.

I was never a student here when the Munchy Man was around, so unfortunately I don't have funny stories to tell of the things many of us have witnessed standing in line for a Winston's bagel or Don Taco late at night.

I'm not going to complain about

the Munchy Man not being around anymore but then again, I live off campus and have a car so my late night food options are endless compared to those who live on campus. Those of you who do live on campus are limited to where you can walk or what's available around the dorms, like the late night express located at Lentz and Grinnell halls.

For those of you who don't know, the whole express system works by converting meal plans into points, which are then used to purchase items. The whole thing works like a convenience store, complete with name brand products and hot meal options. The only problem with the system is that when every day grocery items are converted into points, the price of the items end up costing more than they would at a grocery store.

For example, a quart of milk

at the express is sold for 10 points and a box of Easy Mac is sold for 20 points. If one meal equals about \$6.00 (or 10 points) that means that those two items cost you about \$18.00 worth of meals which, last time I checked, wasn't what those items went for at any of the local grocery stores.

Fortunately I live off campus so I don't have to bother paying the \$6.00 for a half gallon of milk but if I did, I would probably think twice before wasting my points on items that aren't worth as much as they are being sold for.

And to think that five years ago I could get a Snickers bar, nachos and a slurpee from the Munchy Man for less than \$5.00. Those were the days.

Fruth is a graduate student studying curriculum and instruction.

THEIR WORD

Bush's selective reading of history a smokescreen

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Throughout the Iraq war, the White House has repeatedly dismissed anti-war partisans for describing the situation there as a Vietnam-like "quagmire." But Wednesday, it was President Bush who was invoking Vietnam; in this case, as part of an effort to rally support for his flagging Iraq policy.

Bush reminded a veterans' audience that the U.S. withdrawal from South Vietnam in 1975 was followed by mass slaughter in the region and a grievous loss of American prestige and confidence worldwide that took years to rebuild. That is all true.

But by invoking the emotional touchstone of the Vietnam denouement absent its broader context, Bush engaged in a selective

reading of history that can only serve to confuse and mislead the public as it tries to think clearly about the way forward in Iraq.

No American looks back on the ugly aftermath of the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam with pride. But what choice did the United States have? We had battled communist Viet Cong guerrillas and the North Vietnamese for 15 years. More than one million Vietnamese on both sides had died, as had 58,000 American soldiers. In terms of tonnage, the United States had dropped three times the

number of explosives it dropped in World War II. And yet, the enemy fought on.

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Moreover, as humiliating as the U.S. withdrawal was, leaving Vietnam wasn't the main cause of a loss of American prestige. That drained away long before we headed for the exits.

President Bush's remarks reflect a common narrative among conservatives who believe that the defeat in Vietnam came from a loss of American will. That is not the case. Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Barbara Tuchman, in her classic "The March of Folly," said the more

credible cause was Washington's "failure to understand that problems and conflicts exist among other peoples that are not soluble by the application of American force or American techniques or even American goodwill."

In the end, if Iraq, too, is lost to civil war, mass killing and persecution of the vanquished, it will not be because the American military fought poorly or because the American public prematurely lost heart. It will be because American leaders, however noble their intentions, failed to remember the recent past and condemned their country to repeat it.

This editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Friday.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

"They were just looking to give tickets. They were just trying to get me for whatever they could possibly get."

Mike Klein
freshman
after being caught with a fake ID and underage drinking during a routine police sweep

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tax increase needed referendum

DEAR EDITOR:

Michael P. Norrington, a resident of the Arbor District who does not belong to the Arbor District Neighborhood Association, wrote letters to the Southern Illinoisan and DAILY EGYPTIAN criticizing our position on the 0.5 percent sales tax the City Council just passed.

He misrepresented our position, and I wish to clarify: The Board of the Arbor District Neighborhood Association asked the City Council to put the issue to a referendum. Our rationale was the following:

- A tax increase of 0.5 percent will greatly inhibit our ability to get taxes in the future.
- Support by a municipality for a state institution is unprecedented. An innovation

of this magnitude should be made with the full consent of the populace.

• Town-Gown tensions always exist. If your vote is viewed as questionable or illegitimate, and if the donation to SIUC prevents the city from undertaking necessary expenditures for the city, this commitment will exacerbate these tensions.

• If the citizens of Carbondale approve the tax increase and its proposed allocation to Saluki Way, it will demonstrate a powerful commitment on the part of the entire community to these taxes and expenditures.

• There is ample precedent for municipalities submitting significant tax increases to a referendum. In fact, it's the usual way cities make such decisions.

We believe a decision of this magnitude should be fully debated by the citizens of the city. This initiative was not an issue in the recent elections for Mayor and City Council.

The specific arguments about "strengthening" the relationship between SIUC and the city through a money donation, that appeared to persuade a majority of the Council members to vote for the tax increase, had never been raised in public.

The improvements we seek in our neighborhoods may be jeopardized by the \$20,000,000 commitment to SIUC. Further, many of our members believe that major investments in the city that improve its infrastructure, appearance and amenities would be important in attracting students to SIUC.

We invite Mr. Norrington and all residents of our neighborhood to join our association (www.arbordistrict.org) and bring their energy and ideas to our discussions.

Jane Adams
Carbondale resident

Response 9/11 conspiracy theory column

DEAR EDITOR:

The fact that an Internet movie has been downloaded 10 million times is hardly indicative of any new problem in America. Considering the fact that 10 million people comprise a whopping .033 percent of the current population of the United States, it would hardly seem to be an effective sample of the sentiments of the entire population. Also, when using a statistic like the Zogby

poll, it would be nice if you could keep the data straight.

The poll stated 42 percent of citizens believe the government engaged in covering up details of 9/11, not that nearly half of us believe the federal government is sponsoring acts of terrorism against its own citizens. The prevalence of these theories is more an indication of the universal availability of information that the Internet has engendered than an upswell in American cynicism.

While Bush's approval ratings are incredibly low, this just shows that most Americans disapprove of how he does the

job, not that they believe he is a closet terrorist. Considering a lot of the low numbers are from his environmental and domestic policies, it would seem that Americans disapprove of him in general and not in any way related to 9/11. Americans have not trusted their government since Nixon, so that is not a truly new sentiment. Watergate broke America's political innocence, and 9/11 just shattered our sense of invulnerability.

Barry Tye
senior studying forestry

Condition of apathy

DEAR EDITOR:

A little over a month ago, I was asked by a close friend of mine to not talk about politics when I was around him.

As a 22-year-old male, I've come to terms with the fact that a large portion of my generation does not feel compelled to participate in political issues that are pressing to the world. But his was a great insult to me and is a problem of vast proportions.

Politics are not welcomed in discussion because it's not interesting, not anyone's problem or not important. Yet politics are interlinked with how people live their lives. To completely marginalize human beings from the political arena is exactly what every other government in the world would like! It's no question that if the masses took to the streets against a government, the government would have to respond. Whether they would respond by force or by conceding is the question.

When a population chooses to completely ignore the actions of its leaders, it gives them the free will to set any agenda that benefits the opulent. That is how government works in almost any form. It is way too easy for my generation to watch the History Channel than it is to read a history book. It is easier to talk about the latest victory for the local sports team than it is to talk about the latest body count in Iraq and Afghanistan. But the problem of an apathetic population is the most important topic of debate because it affects the lives of everyone

in the world, not just citizens of the United States.

There are 330 million people that live in this great republic. A large portion of the population enjoys their lives to a certain degree and gets by with the job they have and the material possessions that they gain. But most people would agree that their lives could be a lot better.

Maybe the bills they have piling up are giving them a headache and that they need relief. Perhaps their health insurance premiums are too expensive, or they do not possess health insurance at all. Much of the population cannot worry about what is happening overseas or tax dollars spent on groceries and gasoline because they are too busy working eight hours a day.

Many people toil all day long with the inability to fix their lives because there is little alternative. Not a lot of people can take off a couple of days of work to buy a bus ticket down to Washington and lobby their respective senators or representatives to have things changed. In fact, the numbers would be so small that more than likely the officials would pay little attention.

In order for mass change to happen in any social spectrum, mass organization is needed. Take a look at any major social issue such as women's rights, voting rights, labor movements and so on. When a populous lives in a constant fear of losing their job, getting to work on time, paying the bills, or of one's neighbor because he looks a little different, it is a lot easier to throw up your hands and stare at your television to give you guidance.

Allow the benevolent politicians to take

care of your social economic problems. There is little one can do to motivate someone that has already turned the switch off on their interest in politics and prevalent issues, and it boils down to education. Most people who just don't care enough don't know anything about it.

"Can you go without talking politics just once?" Sure. I could try and simply forget the 180,000 homeless in the richest country of the world. I suppose the 3.4 million killed in Vietnam, which was the equivalent to 18 percent of the U.S. population, was population control. Throw in the 650,000 killed in Iraq, mostly civilian and women and children specifically. Maybe the bombing raids over Laos and Cambodia, which killed more than 600,000 should be ignored.

Maybe I'll ignore the single mom who earns \$30,000 a year and raised four kids by herself. I'll try and ignore slavery. I'll pretend to ignore stealing the land from the Native Americans and the mass atrocities that followed. Perhaps I'll sit and watch as our government had ignored most of our constitution and gotten rid of habeas corpus, which is a law about 800 years old.

Yes, I think it's easier that way. Maybe in a few years, I'll turn on the tube and watch a History Channel show about how great our "homeland" is and how independent we are from the rest of the world: Independent in the sense that our country cares so little about the direction that we are heading and have been heading for quite some time.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The Navy offered the scholarship, then rescinded the money, then offered it again last week.

But family members said Sunday that a Loyola University freshman no longer wants the Navy's full college scholarship to enlist in its ROTC program.

The Navy awarded 18-year-old Danielle Littrell up to \$180,000 in scholarship money last fall because she was an "exceptional candidate" as a class valedictorian, star basketball player and black belt in karate. But the Navy rescinded the offer last month because officials said a herniated disc from 2005 disqualified her.

By then, Littrell's family said the teenager, whose dream it was to become a military physician, had turned down scholarships from several schools.

The Navy offered the scholarship again to Littrell on Thursday and she declined it Saturday, according to Lori Littrell, speaking on her daughter's behalf from the family's home in Farmington, Mo.

"At this time, we are concerned that the reversal of the decision to physically not qualify Danielle is simply a ploy on the Navy's part to dismiss the negative attention that the Navy is currently receiving," the family wrote in a letter to the Navy.

Lori Littrell said her daughter, whose room is covered in Navy regalia, never hid her back injury and the Navy should have acted sooner.

“She had a lot of concern she would be singled out. She doesn't know how she would be treated.”

— Lori Littrell, mother of Danielle Littrell

“We truly are sorry ... All along, we had wanted to try and find a way to make this work out.”

— Captain Jack Hanzlik, Navy spokesman

Navy officials have said there was no unusual delay in alerting the student of the rejection and that all applicants sign paperwork that says the scholarship money is contingent upon a physical.

"We regret the timing. It placed a fair amount of stress on the family," Navy spokesman Captain Jack Hanzlik said Sunday. "We truly are sorry ... All along, we had wanted to try and find a way to make this work out."

The ROTC program lets a student chose a college. In exchange for four years of tuition, the student serves four years in the military as an officer.

If Littrell had qualified for medical school after college, as she hoped to do, the Navy would pay for that too, in exchange for additional service.

Littrell got the back injury in the summer of 2005 when she was "dogpiled" during a basketball game, her mother said.

On March 16, Littrell had a Navy medical examination and told the doctor about the old basketball injury, but said she had no pain and had been rehabilitated,

her mother said.

Four months later, a letter from the Department of Defense said she was not fit for duty because of her herniated disc and a "weak or painful back." The family protested, and her orthopedist sent more medical records to the Navy to help her case. But the military stuck by its decision in a letter in late July.

"Danielle's feeling for the military is not a positive one. I don't know she would ever trust what the Navy would say to her," Lori Littrell said. "She had a lot of concern she would be singled out. She doesn't know how she would be treated."

In order to pay for Loyola University on her own, Danielle Littrell has applied for loans and taken a 20-hour-a-week job managing the women's basketball team.

Lori Littrell said her daughter should be compensated by the Navy for what she calls "blunder after blunder." No lawsuit has been filed, but the mother said it might be a possibility.



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“Events like this help students form a connection at SIU, and once they form that connection, they’re more likely to persist as a student,” said Maureen Regan, coordinator of residence life for Thompson Point and Greek Row, and Residence Hall Association adviser.

Two athletic trainers attended in case anyone was injured during the event. Herman Williams, assistant director of recreational sports and services, said only minor sprains and strains have occurred in the past.

Williams said the cost of the event was money well spent.

“As long as it’s for the students, that’s what we’re all about,” Williams said. Student Recreation paid about \$2,500 for T-shirts, wages and mouthguards. There were about 50 volunteer officials and approximately 30 paid workers.

Andy Malinowski, a sophomore from Hanover Park majoring in architecture, said he appreciated the opportunity to spend time with his floormates.

“Even though I already knew most of the people on my floor from watching movies last night, this was a great chance for us to hang out and enjoy the nice weather,” Malinowski said.

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Damon Troope, a freshman studying computer engineering, keeps cool while throwing a practice pass to teammate Jamal Whitten of team Abbott 1 at Sportsfest Sunday afternoon at the SIU intramural fields

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LEFT: Approximately 970 cyclists landed at the DuQuoin State Fair Saturday to see coach Jerry Kill raffle off a Harley-Davidson motorcycle at the conclusion of the 2007 “Poker Run For The Fund.”

BELOW: Volunteers from Southern Illinois Healthcare and Kroger (right) help nearly 1,000 motorcyclists draw cards to complete their poker hands for the “Poker Run For The Fund” at the East Carbondale Kroger Saturday.

SARAH LATHROP
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“I guess I got to win something,” she said. “It’s a good cause, and I just wanted to give it back.”

Kill said he doesn’t play poker, and he doesn’t own a motorcycle.

“I’ve always wanted to ride but my wife won’t let me,” Kill said. “But one of these days I’m going to get on one of these bikes.”

Kill said the bikers were the heroes of the day and hopes the event will raise money for his cancer fund every year.

At the end of the day, the

bikers raised more than \$20,000 for the cancer fund.

“We got people from all over the place, and every one of them has helped somebody out,” he said. “There’s not a better feeling in the world.”

Steve Sinkhorn, 55, from De Soto, won the prize for best hand with four-of-a-kind of fours. The chances of getting four-of-a-kind is one in 4,000.

At the end of the event, a 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle was raffled off. More than 2,500 raffle tickets were sold. The chances of winning the motorcycle were better than the chances of getting a four-of-a-kind.

Cayla Chamness, 20, won the motorcycle, although she has never ridden one before. However, Chamness said she was willing to learn.

Not everyone was lucky enough to leave with a prize.

Chris Robinson, 34, from Oakville, just came out to cruise on his bike and to support the cancer fund. In fact, he said he doesn’t even know how to play poker.

“I don’t play poker so I don’t know what I have, but I don’t think I got anything good,” he said. “Maybe next year.”

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Another 'Nanny' experience

Jakina Hill
DAILY EGYPTIAN

"The Nanny Diaries"
Rated: PG-13
Starring: Scarlett Johansson, Laura Linney
Directed by: Shari Springer Berman
Runtime: 106 minutes

Audiences looking for one of "those" moments or something to tug on the heartstrings, "The Nanny Diaries" is the perfect fit.

This definite chick flick infuses drama, humor and touches of fantasy. Movies about the habits of upper-crust inhabitants of New York City are numerous, but "Diaries" focuses on a particular group of these people, the Park Avenue moms.

Nannies haven't been seen quite like this before because all too often they are portrayed as clichéd foreign women with accents. Annie, the main character of "The Nanny Diaries," is the exception.

Annie, played by Scarlett Johansson, has a few Mary Poppins moments throughout the movie, but is a much less eccentric nanny.

In the beginning of the movie, Annie is going on a job interview and

looking for the building with a big red umbrella. She messes up the interview because she can't describe herself in five words, but a dream takes her back to the umbrella. In the dream, the umbrella floats off the building into her hands and in Mary Poppins style, carries her into her next gig.

Annie is a recent college graduate in anthropology and this interest becomes her scapegoat to escape the real world. She finds herself knee deep in research on this "race" when she accepts the job offer to become the nanny to a little boy whose parents don't have time for him.

"Going nature" is what Annie describes as anthropologist getting lost in her work. While the movie is about this, it could have been more

entertaining with a more thought out love interest for Annie, who falls for "the Harvard Hottie" as he is called throughout the movie. The developing relationship is a nice but an expected escape from the callous ways of the antagonist and Annie's boss Mrs. X, played by Laura Linney, who does an excellent job of being a self-consumed mother too busy with shopping and PTA meetings to spend time with her own child.

The more down-to-earth moments



3.5 out of 5 stars



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come when Annie gets advice on her situation from her best friend, Lynette, played by Alicia Keys. When Lynette tells Annie to call her mom, a nurse who is in the dark about her job, for help with

the sick child Annie begins to realize that she can't hide from the real world.

Getting more than you bargained for proves to be a good thing sometimes and is definitely a good thing for this

movie that has a fresh spin on the nanny experience.

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Pulse Picks: By the Pulse team

Movies in theaters you should check

Alicia Wade

1. The Bourne Ultimatum
2. September Dawn



Eugene Clark

1. War
2. The Hottest State

Jakina Hill

1. Resurrecting the Champ
2. The Nanny Diaries

Audra Ord

1. The Nanny Diaries
2. Dedication

Chatterbox

Kanye West's and 50 Cent's newest albums are set to drop on the same day, Sept. 11. According to the BBC, 50 Cent said "If Kanye West sells more records than 50 Cent on September 11, I'll no longer write music." He went on to say he would collaborate with other musicians, but not put out any solo work. Who do you think is going to win this showdown?

ALICIA WADE



"I'm going to seriously question my faith in humanity if Kanye's sales don't destroy 50 Cent. Controversial, intelligent lyrics versus songs about licking lollipops? This is a no brainer — just America's style."

JAKINA HILL



"Please go buy Kanye's album. It'll be killing two birds with one stone — No Kanye whining and no more amusement park or candy shop songs."

EUGENE CLARK



"I think 50 Cent needs to get off his high horse and spend more time worrying about his own talent and progress than worrying about what other hip-hop stars are doing. If Kanye West does sell more albums than 50 Cent, that should be an incentive to try harder next time, not be a crybaby and quit. If talent plays a role in the competition than Kanye West will sell more albums."

AUDRA ORD



"I think it is ridiculous. He shouldn't give up just because someone sold more albums than him. He should suck it up and be the bigger man and keep making his music. I think that Kanye West will sell more albums."

Not quite 'the champ'

Eugene Clark
DAILY EGYPTIAN

"Resurrecting the Champ"
Rated: PG-13
Starring: Josh Hartnett, Samuel L. Jackson
Directed by: Rod Lurie
Run Time: 111 min.

exists between a father and his son regardless of failure and overall parental problems.

The movie spends almost 90 minutes on interviews with "The Champ" and Hartnett's struggles to land a page-one story that meets his editor's expectations.

Consequently, only the remaining time was spent on discussing Hartnett's obsession with being someone his son can look up to and how he wants his relationship with his son to be different than his relationship with his father.

The only aspect of the movie that was confusing was the constant encounters Jackson had with some street punks who insisted on picking fights with the poor, helpless man.

The encounters, while accentuating the fact that Jackson's glory days as a boxer are far behind him, didn't seem to serve

any other need in the movie and therefore could have been taken out.

Overall, Hartnett's struggles to gain recognition at his job and with his family are obstacles we can all relate to and thus leave any audience intrigued. Unfortunately, too much attention to story line and not enough attention to developing the heart-warming themes will force a lot of moviegoers to miss the point.

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In the beginning of "Resurrecting the Champ," when Josh Hartnett says his job as a writer is similar to a boxer's because both professions display one's talent, it becomes apparent that this movie is going to discuss a father's need to always be someone a son can look up to.

Unfortunately, these powerful ideas, which have an affect on everyone's life regardless of age or sex, were only sprinkled throughout the movie, and big events that transpired made the themes appear weak and easily overlooked.

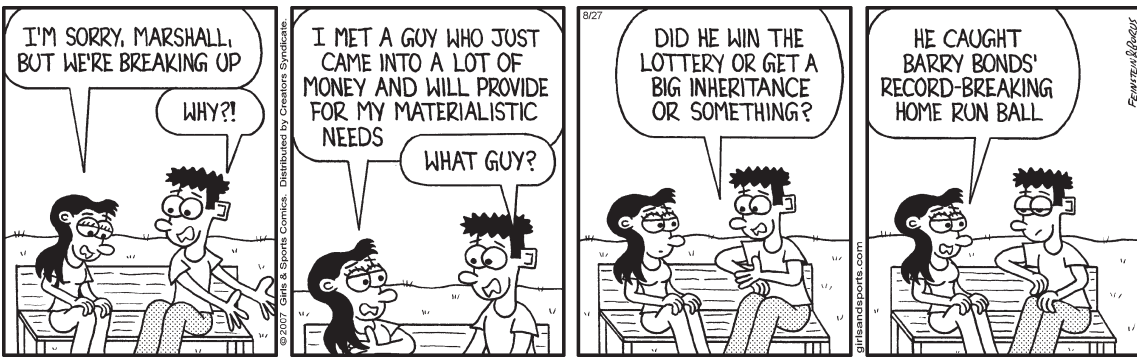
In "Resurrecting the Champ," Hartnett plays a young journalist on the brink of losing his job at the Denver Post. In an attempt to boost his mediocre status and get a job at a competing magazine, Hartnett decides to write a compelling story about a homeless ex-boxer named "Champ," played by Samuel L. Jackson.

While the plot sequence is easy to follow and interesting, the movie went into too much detail about Hartnett's desire to get the story. The powerful themes pertained to perception of truth and the loving relationship that



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Girls and Sports



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DOWN

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- Succotash beans
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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — It might be hard to concentrate on your work assignment. At least pretend you're doing something useful. Wipe that smile off your face.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — This is one of those days when you really wish you could work from home. If you can't, start drawing up a plan to make that happen. All you need is your own business.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Your studies bring you to an impasse, a brick wall, as it were. Don't crash into it, know this might happen and plan an alternative route.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — It isn't easy pinching pennies but you've developed a talent. This time, it will take even more attention than usual. It'll be worth the effort.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You're in a good frame of mind to take charge of the situation. There are problems yet to solve but that's OK. That's your specialty.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Schedule a little extra private time for thinking. You can sort through the tangle much more easily without a bunch of distractions.

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SIU track coach Connie Price-Smith, right, poses with hammer throwers Tommy Smith, Sasha Leeth and Brittany Riley. Smith has been announced as a finalist for the National Track & Field Hall of Fame Class of 2007.

FAME

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and set the world record in shot put five times in 1964.

He was also ranked in the top 10 on six occasions by Track and Field News and was ranked No. 1 in 1972.

Price-Smith was a three time Olympian with a best finish in the shot put of fifth place in 1996.

Other accomplishments for Price-Smith include two World Outdoor Championships with a fifth place finish in 1997, 11-time USA Outdoor shot put champion and seven time U.S. discus throw champion with a silver medal in 1995.

She also ranks seventh all time for combination thrower, shot put and discus and was also ranked five times in the shot put by Track and

Field News.

Price-Smith will be entering her fourth year as head coach of the Salukis.

Hall of Fame introductions will take place in conjunction with USATF's annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii at the Sheraton Waikki on Saturday, December 1.

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Diamondbacks beat Cubs 5-4 to take showdown of division leaders

Andrew Bagnato
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks keep steaming along, one nailbiter at a time.

Chris Young homered in the first and second innings and drove in four runs as the Diamondbacks defeated the Chicago Cubs 5-4 on Sunday to take the three-game series between NL division leaders.

The Diamondbacks improved to a major-league best 29-16 in one-run games. They have won 11 of 13 series since the All-Star break.

Arizona extended its lead to three games over San Diego in the NL West on the eve of a four-game series with the Padres in Petco Park.

Derrek Lee hit his second career inside-the-park homer for the Cubs, whose lead in the NL Central remained at 1 1/2 games over Milwaukee. Chicago opens a three-game series with the Brewers Tuesday night in Wrigley Field. Cliff Floyd also homered for Chicago.

Edgar Gonzalez (6-2) pitched two scoreless innings in relief of Yusmeiro Petit, who was lifted after four innings with a 5-4 lead.

Jose Valverde pitched out of trouble in the ninth for his major-league leading 40th save in 46 chances. With runners on first and second and no outs, Valverde struck out Jason Kendall and catcher Chris Snyder threw out Mike Fontenot on a steal attempt at third.

After Valverde walked another batter, Jacques Jones hit a hard grounder between first and second. First baseman Tony Clark made a diving stop and tossed to Valverde at first to end the game. Valverde pumped his fists and shouted in celebration.

In the first, Conor Jackson's fielding error and Stephen Drew's throwing error helped spot the Cubs a quick 2-0 lead, and Floyd made it 3-0 with a 389-foot homer into the right field seats, his fifth.

That seemed to wake up the Diamondbacks.

Arizona sliced the deficit on Young's leadoff homer to left field off Jason Marquis (10-8) in the first, his 27th home run and eighth leading off a game.

The Diamondbacks made it 3-2 in the second on an RBI single by Jeff Cirillo, who entered batting .143. With two on and two out, Young hit a 3-1 delivery into the left field put the Diamondbacks ahead 5-3.

It was the fifth career multihomer game for Young. He had four hits — all homers — on the six-game homestand that ended Sunday.

The Cubs pulled within 5-4 in the third with a little help from Chase Field's distinct construction.

Lee hit a drive off an 18-foot-high railing that juts over center field. The ball caromed some 40 yards behind the center fielder Young, and by the time left fielder Eric Byrnes fielded the ball, the 6-foot-5, 245-pound Lee was chugging into third. Third base coach Mike Quade waved him home, and Lee easily beat the relay throw.

VOLLEYBALL

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missing several practices early last week with a tweaked back and saved her best performance, 18 kills and a .455 hitting percentage, for the Salukis' tournament capper against Eastern Kentucky.

"I felt fine," Berwanger said. "I was prepared. It's like losing a limb when you cannot play."

Winkler said the Salukis performance against EKU was the best of the weekend.

Laughlin contributed offensively in Saturday's second contest with 12 kills, while Robbins recorded 43 assists. Defensively, junior libero Kristy Elswick added 19 of her 53 digs against EKU.

Winkler said she hopes the Salukis cut down on the errors, but admitted the team has plenty to be pleased with after the weekend.

The Salukis averaged 14.55 assists and 16.27 kills per game with a .291 hitting percentage, numbers which would have been at or near the top of the Missouri Valley Conference last season.

On Friday the Salukis will play Kent State University in the Tribe Classic hosted by the College of William & Mary. The Salukis will play William & Mary and East Carolina University on Saturday.

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RANDLE

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While head coach Jerry Kill said Randle backed up Whitlock last season with "basically a separated shoulder," Randle said he's completely healed and ready to go this season.

Now, the Salukis need to keep Randle healthy, Kill said, but the running back's football skills can't be questioned.

Randle came to SIU after playing 2003 and 2004 for the Big 12's Kansas Jayhawks, playing both running back and cornerback in 2003.

"He started both ways in the Big 12, and there aren't very many people who can do that, so there's no question about his football ability," Kill said. "He's going to play good and play well. We got to keep him healthy, but we had to do that with Arkee and we've had to do that with everybody we've had. As long as we can keep John healthy, he'll have a good year."

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Saluki Insider

The USA Men's Basketball team is being dubbed as the modern-day version of the 1992 Dream Team. Can they live up to these standards?



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"Magic Johnson announced he was HIV-positive in 1991, and in 1992 Larry Bird was dealing with back problems and on the tail end of his career — they didn't play much for the Dream Team, but were big names. Still, the current Team USA doesn't match up to the original Dream Team."



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"No. In the original Dream Team, you had maybe four or five of the greatest players to ever pick up a basketball. Ten out of the 12 are now considered among the 50 greatest players of all time. Even though I am a huge Coach K fan, I don't think he can turn these arrogant, money hungry players around to come together and win another gold medal for the U.S."

SALUKI TRACKER

BRADEN JONES



Braden Jones caught two passes for 29 yards in the Minnesota Vikings' 30-13 preseason loss to the Seattle Seahawks on Saturday. The Vikings, who signed Jones as an undrafted free agent, are now 1-2 in preseason play. In Minnesota's prior two games, Jones had not caught a pass.

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Salukis see national exposure in schedule

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The SIU men's basketball team's schedule is reaping the benefits of continued success throughout the past six seasons.

The Salukis' 2007-08 schedule was released Friday, containing up to 15 televised games, with no more than 12 televised on ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPNU.

This comes after SIU finished the 2006-07 season with the highest NCAA Tournament seed (No. 4) in school history, qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the sixth straight time and made it to the Sweet 16.

"We understand that you earn the right to play on TV, and it could easily go away as fast as we built it," SIU coach Chris Lowery said in a written statement. "We're on TV because of the players who built this program. We have to continue to build, so that the next group can enjoy the same exposure."

Excluding the Anaheim Tournament and exhibition games, the Salukis will play five of their nine non-conference games at home, hosting Western Kentucky, Butler and Indiana after facing those teams on the road last season.

SIU is 79-3 in the past six years at the SIU Arena, which is the NCAA's

2007-08 SIU Men's basketball schedule time (TV) Opponents' 06-07 record

Nov. 3 vs. King (exhibition)	7:05 p.m.	23-11
Nov. 11 vs. Lincoln Memorial (exhibition)	2:05 p.m.	13-15
Nov. 17th vs. Northern Illinois	regular season opener	TBA 7-23
Nov. 22 vs. Anaheim tournament*	Chattanooga (ESPNU)	6 p.m. 15-18
Nov. 23 vs. Anaheim tournament*	TBD (ESPN2 or ESPNU)	TBA 15-18
Nov. 23 vs. Anaheim tournament*	TBD (ESPN2 or ESPNU)	TBA 15-18
Dec. 1 vs. Indiana	(ESPNU) 8:30 p.m.	21-11
Dec. 8 at Charlotte	TBA	14-16
Dec. 11 vs. Saint Mary's	7:05 p.m.	17-15
Dec. 15 at Saint Louis	(ESPNU) 6:30 p.m.	20-13
Dec. 18 at Western Michigan	TBA	16-16
Dec. 22 vs. Western Kentucky	TBA	22-11
Dec. 28 vs. Butler	(ESPNU) TBA	29-7
Dec. 30 vs. Missouri State	(MVC TV) 2:05 p.m.	22-11
Jan. 2 at Drake	TBA	17-15
Jan. 5 at Illinois State	TBA	15-16
Jan. 8 vs. Bradley	(ESPNU) TBA	22-13
Jan. 12 at Indiana State	TBA	13-18
Jan. 15 at Evansville	TBA	14-17
Jan. 19 vs. Wichita State	TBA	17-14
Jan. 23 at Missouri State	TBA	22-11
Jan. 26 vs. Creighton	(ESPN2) 8 p.m.	22-11
Jan. 29 vs. Evansville	7:05 p.m.	14-17
Feb. 2 at Northern Iowa	(MVC TV) 7:05 p.m.	18-13
Feb. 5 vs. Indiana State	7:05 p.m.	13-18
Feb. 10 at Creighton	(ESPNU) 8 p.m.	22-11
Feb. 13 vs. Drake	7:05 p.m.	17-15
Feb. 16 at Wichita State	(MVC TV) 6:05 p.m.	17-14
Feb. 20 vs. Northern Iowa	7:05 p.m.	18-13
Feb. 23 ESPN BracketBusters	in Carbondale	TBA
Feb. 26 at Bradley	(ESPN2) TBA	22-13
Mar. 1 vs. Illinois State	TBA	15-16

Mar. 6-9 Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in St. Louis
* In Anaheim, Ca

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highest winning percentage (.963) at home in that time. fans with a strong home schedule," Lowery said.

"We don't want to play one-time guarantee road games, because it's important that we provide our

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FOOTBALL

Randle poised to carry the load

SIU will spread the field more for new starting running back

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John Randle is not content to stand in the shadow of Division I-AA's third-best player for the 2006 season.

Though Randle will be stepping in for former Saluki running back Arkee Whitlock, who departed for the NFL after placing third in Walter Payton Award voting last season, he is not looking to be a Whitlock impersonator.

"The best thing about him, he's not worried about being Arkee Whitlock," senior quarterback Nick Hill said of his running back. "He's just going to be John Randle, and he's done a good job of that. He's leading the younger backs and leading by example, and as a vocal leader, and he's going to have a good year."

Randle said he realizes the size of the shoes he will be looked at to fill.

Whitlock, currently with the San Francisco 49ers, rushed for 1,828 yards and 25 touchdowns on 317 attempts last season.

"Just me being in the same sentence as Arkee is — I mean, he's

in the league now," Randle said. "I learned a lot from him, and he learned a lot from me too. It was kind of interchangeable. It's going to be a big responsibility for me, and I can't wait to get out there and play."

Randle backed up Whitlock last season, gaining 489 yards on the ground, with four touchdowns and an average of 5.1 yards per carry.

Saluki offensive coordinator Matt Limegrover said while Whitlock is a running back more likely to take a defender head-on, the new starter Randle is a slasher who is more selective when trying to bowl opponents over.

"He's a slasher, but he's got a surprising amount of power," Limegrover said of Randle. "He's not a guy that simply is going to try to run to the sideline and beat you around the edge. He'll lower his shoulder and get after you if he has to, but he's not a guy who goes looking for contact, either."

Whitlock helped Randle understand certain things about SIU's offense, Randle said, like footwork and how to hit the holes while running. Running backs coach Rob Reeves also played an integral role in Randle's improvement throughout last season, spring practice and training camp.

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— John Randle, starting running back

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Senior running back John Randle barrels through defenders during an inter-team scrimmage. Randle ran for 489 yards last season with four touchdowns.

VOLLEYBALL

Transfer stars in weekend sweep

Justin Stofferahn
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A new addition to a core of returning starters helped lead the SIU volleyball team to its best beginning since 2002.

Brooklyn Robbins, a junior transfer from Parkland Community College, averaged 11 assists per game and led the Salukis in their undefeated romp through the Morehead State University Comfort Suites and Inn Invitational hosted by MSU.

The Salukis (3-0) defeated West Virginia University (2-1) Friday, then topped Morehead State (1-2) and Eastern Kentucky University (0-2) on Saturday.

The weekend tournament marked the first time since 2002 the volleyball team started its season off with a sweep. The 2002 team went on to finish its season with a 23-10 record.

Despite a solid defensive effort all weekend, SIU's offensive outburst stole the spotlight, head coach Brenda Winkler said.

Robbins, who placed third in assists per game in NJCAA Division II last year, was the catalyst for an offense that struggled last season and worried Winkler entering the tournament.

Winkler's fears quickly placated after the Salukis defeated West Virginia

— 30-26, 30-28, 30-18, 30-26 — despite committing 25 errors.

"We had a very offensive weekend," Winkler said. "It is a great thing that we can make that many errors and still win a game."

While junior right setter Kristie Berwanger, sophomore middle blocker Marina Medic and sophomore outside hitter Kelsie Laughlin combined for 117 of SIU's 179 total tournament kills, offensive opportunities would not have been possible without Robbins, Winkler said.

Robbins said her prior NJCAA experience and offensive options such as Berwanger, Laughlin and Medic helped ease her transition to NCAA volleyball.

"Coming into a different atmosphere and different level of volleyball you just have to take what comes and make the best of it," Robbins said. "I think the junior college level definitely helped me improve. I knew from the get go that there was going to be a lot of competition."

Robbins' best performance of the weekend occurred against Morehead State, when she recorded 44 assists and helped defensively with 12 digs, prompting Berwanger to describe Robbins as an "amazing defensive player."

Berwanger said she felt no rust after

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Junior setter Brooklyn Robbins serves the ball during practice at Davies Gym. Robbins averaged 11 assists per game in the volleyball team's sweep in its opening tournament over the weekend.

Former Salukis nominated for Hall of Fame

George Woods and Connie Price-Smith up for top honor

Megan Kramper
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

After throwing their way into the record books, two former Salukis are looking to get thrust into the Hall of Fame.

USA Track and Field announced Friday that former Saluki throwers George Woods and current head track and field coach Connie Price-Smith were both nominated as finalists for the National Track & Field Hall of Fame Class of 2007.

Price-Smith said she was surprised by the nomination and felt honored to be considered in such a tremendous group of athletes.

"It was a nice surprise, I definitely didn't expect it" said Price-Smith.

She said no one from the USATF has called her about the nomination yet, but found out after assistant coach John Smith came across it on the USATF's website.

The USATF has three categories for inductees that include modern athletes who are retired five to 25 years, veteran athletes that are retired more than 25 years, and coaches and contributors.

Each category has its own selection committee that examines nominees and evaluates their merit based on objective criteria.

As a Saluki, Woods won the 1966 NCAA indoor title in the shot put. He is also a three time Olympian taking home two silver medals in 1968 and 1972, held the shot put world record six times

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