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## Students adjust to Ramadan in US

**SARAH SCHNEIDER**  
Daily Egyptian

In observance of the holiest month of their religion, three new roommates spent the last month trying to perfect a traditional meal made in Saudi Arabia.

Abdulmajeed Alotaibi, a senior from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, studying medical imaging, said he has called his mother for help on how to cook Kabsa, a chicken and rice meal served on a large platter that they eat every night when the fast of Ramadan is broken.

Alotaibi, Mohammad Alradadi and Bandar Bin Osfur observed their first Ramadan in Carbondale from July 19 to Sunday, the last day of fasting known as Eid al-Fitr.

During Ramadan — the ninth month on the Islamic calendar and one of the five pillars of Islam — practicing Muslims fast from dawn to dusk. During the observance, Muslim people read the entire Quran — the Muslim holy book — in parts everyday until it is finished while they refrain from eating, drinking and sex.

Alotaibi said he has no family in the United States, so people he meets through the Muslim Center and the Center for English as a Second Language become his family.

“Back home you are among family, but here you are among your friends,” he said.

As with any religion, though, people want to be around others who share their values, said Imam Abdul Haqq, resident imam at the Carbondale Muslim



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**Mohammad Alradadi, bottom left, a freshman from Medina, Saudi Arabia, and Bandar Bin Osfur, bottom right, a freshman from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, both studying electrical engineering, pray early Saturday morning before having their last meal before sunrise at their apartment during the last weekend of Ramadan. Alradadi said one of the biggest differences of celebrating Ramadan in the United States is cooking the celebratory meal by himself.**

Center/Masjid An-Nur.

“We don’t have a choice of who our family members are, and you are born into a certain environment, a certain culture and a certain language, but what religion a person chooses

to follow ... another kinship develops,” he said. “When you are away from home, you miss family, you miss smells, familiar sights and your surroundings, but it goes a long way to be able to be among those who share your

religious faith and values.”

Othman AlThawadi, a Ph.D. candidate in marketing from Khobar, Saudi Arabia, and member of the Saudi Student Association, said observing Ramadan in Carbondale can

sometimes feel lonely.

He said he works in his office in the United States and is more active at night, which is normal in his country and unusual in the US.

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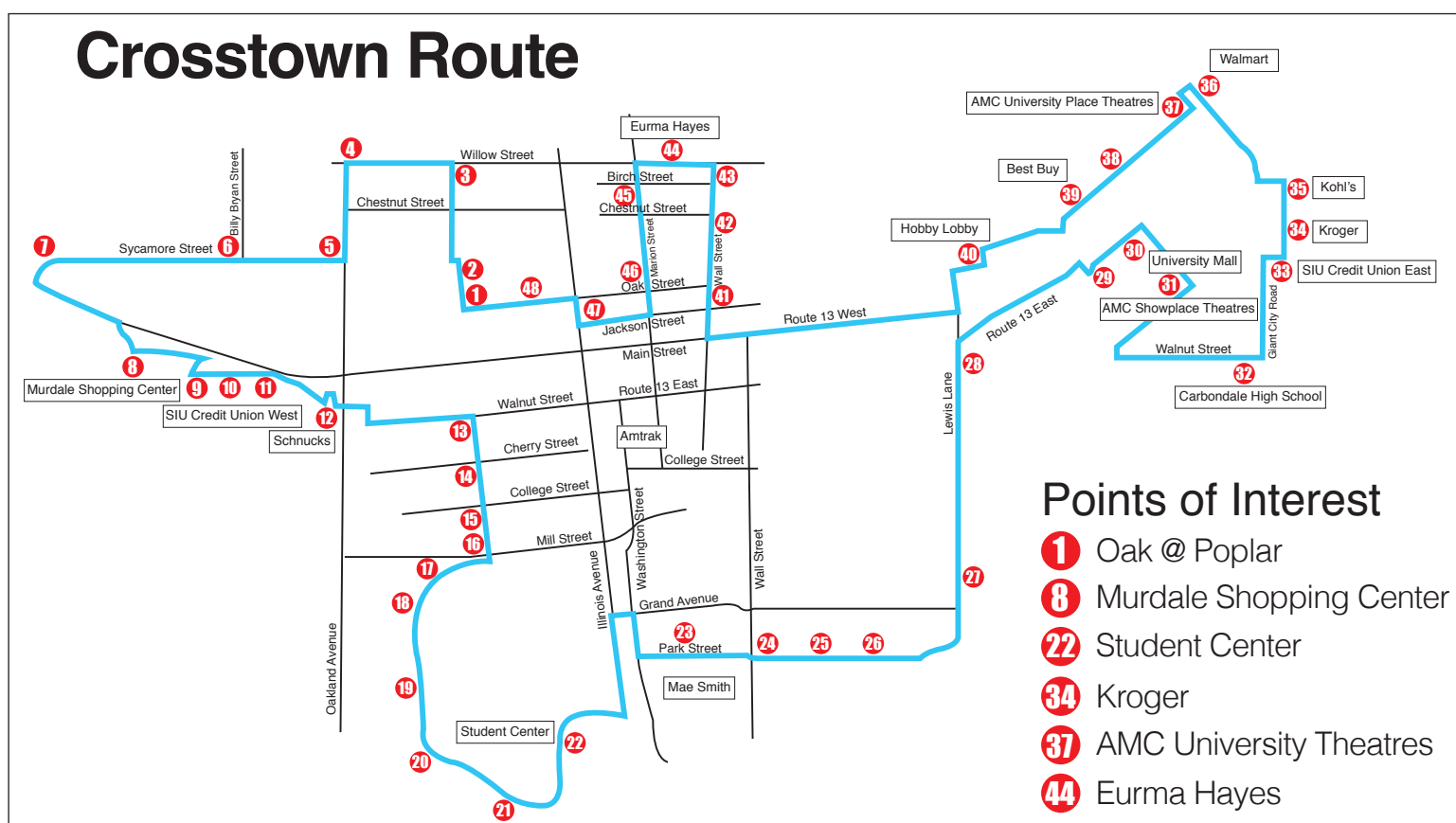
## Carterville route cancelled; new bus stops created

**LAUREN P. DUNCAN**  
Daily Egyptian

Students traveling by Saluki Express from Carterville to Carbondale will have to find an alternative form of transportation this fall.

Changes were made over the summer to the Saluki Express routes, which Mass Transit student fees help fund, including the addition of a new route and the cancellation of another. Bill Bruns, deputy director of the Student Center, said the Carterville route was cancelled because it would have had low SIU student ridership this fall since SIU automotive technology programs will be moving from the location in Carterville to the new Transportation Education Center at Southern Illinois Airport between Carbondale and Murphysboro.

“It was a cooperative thing,” he said. “We didn’t need to go out there anymore ... and so it would only be for [John A. Logan’s] students then.”



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In the Monday edition of THE DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story “New program revives classic B-movie horror” should not have included “‘Manos’ could cause issues for uninitiated people” in direct quotes. THE DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

In the Monday edition of THE DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story “Book presented, victim misnamed” should have identified Sally Wofford as Harrisburg’s City Clerk. The story should have also said the tornado hit Ridgway, the neighboring town. THE DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets these errors.

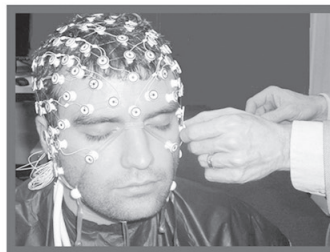
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“Here the Muslim community becomes your extended family, and you need that support going through this,” AlThawadi said. “It somehow does have new meaning here.”

The association’s membership has increased to 200 students since he came to Carbondale in 2006, which has made the observance easier, he said.

Haqq said many different countries are represented in Carbondale, which speaks for the university’s work to attract people from all over the world.

“Some (students’) first experience in the country are in the mosque and in the Center for English as a Second Language,” he said.

Every weekend during Ramadan, different groups or families provided the meal, called Iftar, to break the fast with anywhere from 500-600 attendees at the Muslim Center. AlThawadi said another difference of observing Ramadan in the U.S. was the amount of time devoted to the observance.

Iftar is the centerpiece of every day in Saudi Arabia, and AlThawadi said sometimes four or five hours are spent preparing the meal.

“Here we don’t have the luxury of time, so you miss that variety of food,” he said.

People from different countries provided different meals, which AlThawadi said was an opportunity to share cultures.

While people from different



JESSICA TEZAK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Nurfarhana Mohamad Ali, of Carbondale, prays at the new Carbondale Muslim Center Saturday, July 21, after breaking fast during the first weekend of Ramadan. The holiday happens during the Islamic calendar’s ninth month, and it requires participants to refrain from food, water and sex from sunrise to sunset.**

countries may have different cultural traditions, all practicing Muslims follow the same guidelines. Alotaibi said the fast’s main purpose is to remember those who are always

hungry. Many Muslim people try to help those less fortunate than them during Ramadan by providing them with food and donating to charities. Prayer is increased during

Ramadan. Bin Osfur, a freshman from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, said he goes to the mosque once a week in addition to the five daily prayers. He said the additional praying is meant

to bring Muslims closer to God.

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**ROUTE**

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Bruns said information from the spring semester shows about 200 John A. Logan students rode the Carterville route while about 20 SIU students rode the route. Because of the SIU student ridership, Bruns said the university decided it was not a benefit to the university’s students.

While Bruns said the Carterville route was expensive because of the distance it covered, he said the addition of a new crosstown route around Carbondale makes the cost an even exchange.

However, another bus route is available to students at John A. Logan and in Carterville.

Steve O’Keefe, John A. Logan College spokesman, said Rides Mass Transit is going to run five bus routes from the Carterville campus to Carbondale Monday through Friday.

“It’s really turned out to be OK for us and our students,” he said.

O’Keefe said John A. Logan paid for a portion of the Saluki Express route, but if the route continued, the

college would have to cover the entire cost, which he said wasn’t feasible.

“We appreciate what SIU did for us for all those years, and we fully understood when they had no need to come to Carterville,” he said.

But some John A. Logan students are upset over the way the bus routes were changed.

Ayn Downey, a Carbondale resident studying biomedical engineering at John A. Logan College, said riders were not informed of the cancellation of the Carterville route until the summer semester’s final weeks.

“They did us a disservice,” she said.

While the Saluki Express route to Carterville was eliminated at the end of July, Rides transportation did not begin until the first week of fall classes at John A. Logan. Downey said the new transportation is being offered to John A. Logan students at \$100 a semester or \$2 per ride, but some riders were unable to get to the college from Carbondale before the semester because they have to acquire financial aid through the college to afford the transportation.

About six John A. Logan route riders attended a City Council meeting this month to petition to get the Saluki Express route reinstated. Downey said the riders are primarily upset about the lack of warning before the routes were changed because a new bus service is offered now.

Downey said City Council and John A. Logan representatives have been working with the riders since they expressed their concerns.

**Saluki Express route addition**

A new Saluki Express route has been added in Carbondale. The crosstown route, with its 48 stops, will connect SIU to the University Mall, Eurma C. Hayes Center, Memorial Hospital and Murdale Shopping Center from Monday to Friday.

The weekend route will include some of the crosstown stops, but it will also incorporate stops from the south route, which includes Southern Hills.

Another change may benefit students and community members who live at Evergreen Terrace. Bruns said the Saluki Express stopped at

Evergreen once an hour before the switches, but it will now stop there twice each hour.

He said all of the route changes were suggested by the Mass Transit Advisory Board, which has student representatives as well as members from the community.

The Saluki Express routes changed slightly last spring with some additions to routes. Tasa Proctor, a graduate student in public administration from Chicago and chair of the Mass Transit Advisory Board, said the board began to discuss changes to the routes last fall because students were displeased with the stops — particularly the frequency of bus stops on Carbondale’s east side.

A bus rider herself, Proctor said she is able to seek student concerns by getting input from fellow riders.

Proctor said she has not heard complaints about the John A. Logan route cancellation. Although she said it was the board’s responsibility to make decisions regarding bus routes, the decision to cancel the route was already made by SIU administration because of the route’s financial burden and low ridership.

“We didn’t have an actual say in that,” she said.

Proctor said she thinks the new routes will help students overall.

“I think it’s much better than the original changes that were made, and this will definitely benefit the student,” she said.

The Mass Transit student fee this fall is \$48 for full-time students. Proctor said she spoke with Chancellor Rita Cheng to ensure the cost for transportation does not increase.

“(Cheng) is against raising any more fees for transportation,” Proctor said.

More information on the Saluki Express routes can be found on the Student Center website, and Rides transportation routes for John A. Logan can be found at [www.ridesmt.com](http://www.ridesmt.com).

Proctor said any students with concerns or complaints regarding Saluki Express routes can reach her at [proctor8@siu.edu](mailto:proctor8@siu.edu).

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# The fight over Best Buy's future gets ugly

**ANNE D'INNOCENZIO**  
Associated Press

Best Buy Co., the nation's largest consumer electronics chain, announced Monday it has tapped Hubert Joly, the former head of global hospitality company Carlson and a turnaround expert, as the new CEO and president. The move comes a day after talks between the ailing retailer and its co-founder, former chairman and largest shareholder Richard Schulze failed over his takeover bid proposal.

Schulze criticized the choice and vowed he would go forward with his proposal to take the company private.

"Best Buy continues to face enormous challenges and needs a clear plan and a proven leadership team with deep retail experience and knowledge of Best Buy to win back customers, inspire employees and reinvigorate its trusted brand," Schulze said in a statement.

Despite the reaction to the news, the announcement of Joly's appointment as CEO adds some stability to a company that has been badly lacking it. Former CEO Brian Dunn left in April amid a company investigation into an "improper relationship" with a 29-year-old female employee. Schulze resigned as chairman a month later after the probe found that he knew about the relationship

and failed to alert the board or human resources. Meanwhile, the company has struggled against growing competition and people's changing shopping habits.

Joly, who is French and is expected to take over as CEO in early September when his visa is secured, succeeds Mike Mikan, a board member who has served as interim CEO since Dunn resigned in April. Over the past 15 years, Joly has developed a track record of successful turnarounds and growth in the media, technology and service sectors.

Joly spearheaded the turnaround of EDS, now part of HP, in France from 1996 to 1999. He also led the restructuring and growth of Vivendi's video game's business, now part of Activision Blizzard, from 1999 to 2001. He later oversaw the integration of Universal and Vivendi's media assets in the U.S. and was part of the team that led the restructuring of Vivendi in 2002 to 2004.

Most recently, Joly led the transformation of Carlson Wagonlit Travel into the global leader in corporate travel management. In 2008, he became the CEO of CWT's parent, Carlson, based in Minneapolis, whose brands employ more than 170,000 people in 150 countries. As CEO of Carlson, Joly spearheaded a strategy to bolster the company's leadership position across its businesses, including its restaurant division with more than

900 T.G.I. Friday's restaurants and its hotel division with more than 1,000 hotels around the world.

The company is hoping Joly will help Best Buy avoid the fate of its rival Circuit City, which went bankrupt in 2009. Best Buy has struggled with weak sales since the middle of the recession as its big-box stores have become outdated. The stores, which shoppers once flocked to, are becoming unprofitable as customers increasingly use them to browse for electronics, but then buy them cheaper elsewhere.

Best Buy has seen annual declines in revenue at stores opened at least a year for two of the last three years. It posted a 1.8 percent drop in the latest fiscal year that ended March 3, a modest 0.6 percent gain in fiscal 2011 and a 1.3 percent decline in fiscal 2010.

Before the scandal with former CEO Dunn, the company began to address its problems. In March, it announced a major restructuring that includes closing 50 stores, cutting 400 corporate jobs and trimming \$800 million in costs.

Since then, interim CEO Mikan has been making strong statements about how he plans to restructure the company, focusing on services and revamping stores. In early July, Best Buy said it would lay off 600 staffers in its Geek Squad technical support division and 1,800 other store workers. The company also has

been shrinking store size and focusing on its more-profitable products such as mobile phones.

But analysts — and investors — have been impatient with the company. Analysts have maintained that some of these changes are too late. They also say that Best Buy needs to close more of its big-box stores, which no longer are necessary since people have shifted from buying big computers and TVs to snapping up smaller items like tablets and mobile phones.

Wall Street has been equally unforgiving of Best Buy's timing. Best Buy shares have lost nearly 70 percent of their value since their pre-recession peak of \$56.66 in May 2006. On Monday, they fell \$2.11 to close at \$18.16, the low end of the company's 52-week per share range of \$16.97 to \$28.53.

One of the most vocal critics of the company in recent months has been the company's co-founder. Earlier this month, Schulze, who has a 20 percent stake in the company, made a takeover offer for the chain, offering \$24 to \$26 per share. Best Buy had said it was considering the offer, which values the company at \$8.84 billion.

Schulze said Thursday that he was committed to his offer for the electronics retailer and has heard from a number of private equity firms prepared to make "significant commitments." But

Best Buy and Schulze went back and forth in public announcements over the weekend.

In a statement issued by Best Buy Sunday, it laid out certain terms for acquisition talks to proceed.

"The board showed great flexibility in the details around how an agreement with Mr. Schulze could be implemented so as not to limit his ability to make a definitive proposal for the company that was in the best interest of the shareholders," according to Sunday's statement from Best Buy. "Mr. Schulze did not accept the company proposal."

In response, Schulze issued his own statement on Monday: "I am disappointed and surprised by the Best Buy Board's abrupt termination of our discussions. For the record, we engaged in good-faith negotiations with Best Buy's Board and its advisors over the weekend and expected to conclude this matter before the company's earnings announcement early this week."

Schulze called out one term that he described as "unacceptable" — Best Buy's board had initially demanded that he refrain from directly approaching shareholders with his proposal for 18 months. He said he was in the process of negotiating a shorter "standstill" period when the board issued the statement Sunday.

















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## GUEST COLUMN

# Science: such a sweet mystery

DAVID P. BARASH  
McClatchy-Tribune

I have been teaching and doing research at the university level for more than 40 years, which means that for more than four decades, I have been participating in a deception — benevolent and well intentioned, to be sure, but a deception nonetheless. As a scientist, I do science, and as a teacher and writer, I communicate it. That's where the deception comes in.

When scientists speak to the public or to students, we talk about what we know, what science has discovered. Nothing wrong with this. After all, we work hard deciphering nature's secrets and we're proud whenever we succeed. But it gives the false impression that we know pretty much everything, whereas the reality is that there's a whole lot more that we don't know.

Teaching and writing only about what is known risks turning science into a mere catalog of established facts, suggesting that "knowing" science is a matter of memorizing: this is how cells metabolize carbohydrates, this is how natural selection works, this is how the information encoded in DNA is translated into proteins.

In my first college-level biology

course, I was required to memorize all of the digestive enzymes and what they do. Even today, I can't stomach those darned chemicals, and I fear the situation is scarcely much better at most universities today.

Paradoxically, the strong point of American higher education — our talent as a nation vis-a-vis, say, China — is that we are supposed to be more open to innovation and original thinking, whereas they are more "into" rote learning. It is time, therefore, to start teaching courses, giving lectures and writing books about what we don't know about biology, chemistry, geology, physics, mathematics.

There's plenty to communicate because we are surrounded by mysteries, far more than are dreamt of in anyone's philosophy. But don't get the wrong idea, Horatio: Mystery is not the same as mysticism, and I'm not referring to some sort of ineffable, spiritualistic claptrap beyond the reach of natural law and human understanding. Just as "weeds" are plants that haven't yet been assigned a value, scientific mysteries are simply good questions waiting for answers.

I'm not thinking here of the obvious unknowns, such as "Is there

life on other planets?" or "How many particles can dance on the head of the CERN accelerator?" Rather, there is plenty we don't know about the things we think we understand. Nor is this a problem or a momentary lack of closure. Science is altogether dynamic and wonderfully incomplete.

Looking just at my field, evolutionary biology, the unknowns are immense: How widespread are nonadaptive traits? To what extent does evolution proceed by very small, gradual steps versus larger, quantum jumps? Why does sexuality occur at all, since it is fully one-half as efficient in projecting genes into the future compared with its asexual alternative? What is the purpose of all that "junk DNA"? Did human beings evolve from a single lineage, or many times, independently? Why does homosexuality persist? Why do women — unique among mammals — conceal their ovulation, possess conspicuous non-lactating breasts and experience orgasm, as well as menopause? Why is the life span of men so much shorter than that of women? Why do we have such big brains? Why are we conscious? Why do we age, sleep, dream, blush, cry or yawn? This is but a partial list.

Don't be discouraged, however. "Mystics exult in mystery and want it to stay mysterious," writes Richard Dawkins. "Scientists exult in mystery for a different reason: It gives them something to do."

And we've got plenty to do. We might start by acknowledging our ignorance. We could then revel in the numerous hypotheses that have already been proposed to rectify that ignorance; there are, in fact, a dozen or so potential explanations for each of the mysteries listed above — we just don't know, yet, which ones are the most promising.

There is a difference between science as a body of knowledge and science as the pursuit of the unknown. Ideally, there would be no tension between the two because it's only by pursuing the unknown that we obtain knowledge. And yet, these two aspects of science coexist uneasily. This wasn't always the case.

Between 1751 and 1765, the *Encyclopedie* was published in France. It endeavored to summarize all human knowledge in its 18,000 pages of text, 75,000 different entries and 20 million words. Its primary editor, Denis Diderot, was one of the heroes of the Enlightenment,

and indeed, the *Encyclopedie* represents a culmination of Enlightenment thought, which valued reason, science and progress — what we know — above all else.

It is paradoxical testimony to how much we have learned in the intervening 250 years that today no one could seriously entertain the prospect of summarizing all human knowledge in a book, or series of books, or even via the Internet. And yet, the temptation remains: to rest on our laurels, to celebrate our truly encyclopedic knowledge, to teach it, write it, speak it, learn it, demand that it be mastered as if what we know now is enough. (Or, worse yet, to glumly conclude that we have reached "the end of science.")

To be sure, we need to keep celebrating and transmitting what we know, but, at least as important, we had better keep our eyes on what we don't know if the scientific enterprise is to continue attracting new adherents who will keep pushing the envelope of our knowledge rather than resting satisfied within its cozy boundaries.

"There is a crack in everything," writes poet-songwriter Leonard Cohen. "That's how the light gets in."

### Submissions

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# New classes offered at Recreation Center

**RILEY SWINFORD**  
Daily Egyptian

From hip-hop to Taijutsu, students have new ways to exercise this fall.

The Recreation Center is offering new classes to students and members this semester. Three new instructional programs, including two new dance classes and a new martial arts class, have been added to the center's offerings in conjunction with the start of the new school year, said Sally Wright, the associate director of programs at the center.

The new classes join a list of several offered by the center, including courses in yoga and pilates, dancing, boxing and martial arts. All of the programs can be sampled during the Recreation Center's "Preview Week," which is underway.

"Each year, I look at what we currently offer, and we try to balance out the types of classes that we already have so that we

aren't overloaded in one particular genre," Wright said. "We want to have a balance of classes that appeal to women and to men, and classes that appeal to those wanting to do yoga and dance. The goal for us is to have a wide variety."

One of the new dance classes will focus on hip-hop and be available in beginning and advanced. Juliette Baue, a junior studying recreation, will teach the course. The other new dance class — "Contemporary Fusion" — will be taught by Jaclyn Hadfield, a junior studying hospitality and tourism management.

Robin Warne, assistant professor in Zoology who has many years of experience in martial arts, will teach Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu, the new martial arts class.

"I think the nice thing about the instructional programs is that you are guaranteed to be trained by someone that has been highly trained and/or certified in their program," Wright

## New programs offered at the Rec Center

<b>Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu Martial Arts</b>	Tuesday 5 - 6 p.m.
<b>Beginning Hip-Hop</b>	Monday & Wednesday 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
<b>Advanced Hip-Hop</b>	Monday & Wednesday 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.
<b>Contemporary Fusion</b>	Wednesday 6 - 7 p.m.

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said. "You will be getting a high quality level of instruction and it is also a great way to meet people and make friends."

Wright said she thinks students should get involved in not only the classes, but everything that is offered at the facility.

"I think participating in anything at the Rec Center allows students to maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle," Wright said. "It is also a great way for students to get involved and meet other students. It also pro-

vides balance. It helps balance out your studying with healthy recreational activities which is really beneficial to GPA and students' health in the long run."

Eric Millon, a senior studying construction management, said that he has found the Recreation Center to be useful during his time at the university.

"It helps you relieve some stress and blow off some steam, which is a great thing for me," he said. "I also like that they offer classes that are free if you

are a student." Giovanni Ravenna, a sophomore studying hospitality and tourism management, also said he enjoys all that the center offers.

"It's a great way to relieve stress and the intramural sports are really fun," he said. "The core classes are also really cool to take."

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# Ousted South Africa leader blames police in mine deaths

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JOHANNESBURG — Miners and their families welcomed expelled politician Julius Malema on Saturday as he told the thousands who gathered at the site where 34 miners were killed this week that South African police had no right to fire the live bullets that killed them.

Malema, the former youth leader of the governing African National Congress, arrived as family members continued to hunt for loved ones missing since Thursday's shootings. Women said they did not know if their husbands and sons were among the dead, or

among the 78 wounded or some 256 arrested by police on charges from public violence to murder.

"They had no right to shoot," Malema said, even if the miners had opened fire first.

Malema is the first politician to address the miners at the site during a more than weeklong saga in which 10 people were killed before Thursday's shootings — including two police officers butchered to death and two mine security guards whom strikers burned alive in their vehicle. He said he had come because the government had turned its back on the strikers.

Strikers complained earlier that President Jacob Zuma had not come to hear their side of the story

when he flew to the Marikana platinum mine on Friday, cutting short his part in a regional summit in neighboring Mozambique so that he could visit wounded miners in the hospital.

Zuma said he was organizing a commission of inquiry to get to the truth about the shootings.

Malema, who was expelled in April from sowing divisions in Zuma's African National Congress party, charged some top-ranking ANC members had shares in the Lonmin PLC platinum mine and implied that they had no interest in seeing miners earn higher wages. Some 3,000 drilling operators at the mine, 70 kilometers (40 miles) northwest of Johannesburg, have been demanding an in-

crease from the minimum wage of R5,500 (\$690) a month to R12,500 (\$1,560).

"President Zuma presided over the massacre of our people," Malema said.

When Malema arrived, the women ululated their welcome and men who had been sitting stood up and clapped. There were more cheers when Malema persuaded police at the scene to withdraw several hundred meters with their armored cars.

South Africans are in shock over the killings. The police said they acted to save their lives after a group of miners armed mainly with machetes and clubs charged at them, and at least one miner shot at them.

Police responded with volleys of automatic gunfire and pistols.

The Lonmin miners live in corrugated iron shacks without running water or electricity. People like the strikers ask why their government, running Africa's richest nation, has not been able to improve their lot nearly 20 years after the ouster of apartheid.

The ANC's youth wing, which Malema once led, argues that nationalization of the nation's mines and farms is the only way to redress the evils of the apartheid past. Zuma's government has played down those demands.

Britain's Foreign Office on Saturday supported Zuma's call for an inquiry into the shootings.



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# Analysis: New studies weigh college value and cost

**JUSTIN POPE**  
Associated Press

Two new studies offer emphatic answers to much-discussed questions about higher education: Yes, a college degree is worth it, but yes, it's the middle-class that's getting particularly squeezed with student debt in the pursuit of one.

Both studies make persuasive cases, though each could be misunderstood without important context.

The first, released last week by the Lumina Foundation and Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce, seems to thoroughly demolish the idea that the Great Recession diminished the value of a college degree. Yes, recent college grads have struggled more than usual to find jobs matching their training. But overall, even as unemployment was rising past 10 percent, the authors found the economy actually added 200,000 jobs for workers with a bachelor's degree. Since the recovery began, it's created 2 million more.

Just as there wasn't really a recession, at least in terms of job creation, for those with college degrees, there hasn't been a recovery for those without them. Nearly six million high-school-only jobs have been lost since the downturn began, and they are still declining even in the recovery.

That recovery may well never come if you have no college at all (though people with some college have done reasonably well of late).

**“What people shouldn't take away from this is you can get any old BA or AA. They need to get past that. They need to think about which degree and what it will do for them.”**

— Anthony Carnevale student at Georgetown

“This is the clearest information that we have seen to date about the advantage of having college-level skills in the employment market,” said Lumina's president and CEO Jamie Merisotis. “Since the recovery started two years ago we've seen a real acceleration. The gap between those with a college credential and those without one is growing.”

The unemployment rate for all four-year graduates is 4.5 percent. For recent graduates, it's 6.8 percent. For recent graduates trying to work with only a high school diploma, it's nearly 24 percent.

In construction and manufacturing, which accounted for two-thirds of all Great Recession job losses, virtually all of the hiring during the recovery has targeted people with bachelor's or at least associate's degrees. Despite the hit those industries took, there are now about as many jobs in them as before the recession overall. But there are 15 percent fewer jobs for those with only high school in manufacturing, and 25 percent fewer in construction.

Overall, the number of jobs for people with at least some college is growing at a healthy 4 percent annually. But the growth rate for high school-only jobs is zero and those jobs remain 10 percent below their pre-recession levels.

Still, there is another variable

needed to answer the question, “Is college worth it?” That's the cost of college, and that has been rising rapidly.

On average, the answer is pretty clear: A degree is worth it, to the tune of \$1.3 million in additional lifetime earnings, a very good return on even an expensive degree.

But, as Georgetown's Anthony Carnevale acknowledges, there's no such thing as a generic bachelor's degree. Where you study, and what you study, matter a lot.

“What people shouldn't take away from this is you can get any old BA or AA,” Carnevale said. “They need to get past that. They need to think about which degree and what it will do for them.”

As many as one in five undergraduate degrees — for instance in counseling, at least for those who don't go on to get a master's — produce average earnings no greater than those of a high school graduate. Many types of AA degrees produce better average earnings than some bachelors. The research paints a powerful portrait of an economy where more education is better, but the kind of education matters too.

The second study, being presented Monday at the American Sociological Association's annual meeting in Denver, highlights

the particular burden of growing student debt on middle-class families, who may be too well off to qualify for financial aid like Pell Grants that target students from the poorest families.

In the study, University of Wisconsin demographer Jason Houle finds students from middle-income families rack up more student loan debt on average than others: not only students from high-income families — no surprise — but also more than those from low-income families.

About 40 percent of students left school with debt, and the average was about \$22,000. But students from families earning between \$40,000 and \$59,000 were saddled with \$6,000 more on average than peers from families earning less than \$40,000. Students from the next tier — family income between \$60,000 and \$99,000 — had \$4,000 more in debt than their lowest-income peers.

One reason is that federal grant aid targets the lowest-income students — roughly 90 percent who receive Pell Grants come from families earning under \$50,000. Lower-income students may also be more debt-averse, causing those who go to college to choose cheaper schools.

But the figures reinforce the

struggles of families just above the bottom level to afford even the average public 4-year college, with tuition plus room and board (before factoring in financial aid) now running more than \$17,000 per year.

“These kids, even though they have pursued the American dream, they're starting their careers with hugely unequal amounts of student loan debt,” Houle said. “That could be the difference of a kid who can take an unpaid internship that would put their career on an upward trajectory.”

The caveat with Houle's study is that he looked only at people who attended some college.

As Houle acknowledges, while those from low-income families who go to college may get out of school with less debt, poorer students are still less likely to go in the first place. If the Georgetown survey shows anything, it's that graduating with a moderate amount of student debt is still much better than not graduating.

So the lesson isn't necessarily that the lowest-income students are better off overall: Just 8 percent of those from families in the bottom income quartile (under about \$36,000) have earned a bachelor's degree by age 24, compared to more than 82 percent from the top quartile (roughly \$108,000).

But Houle's study does illustrate the serious bind of families above the very bottom (earning between roughly \$36,000 and \$65,000). Just 17 percent of those students earn a degree by 24, and they're racking up more debt in the process.

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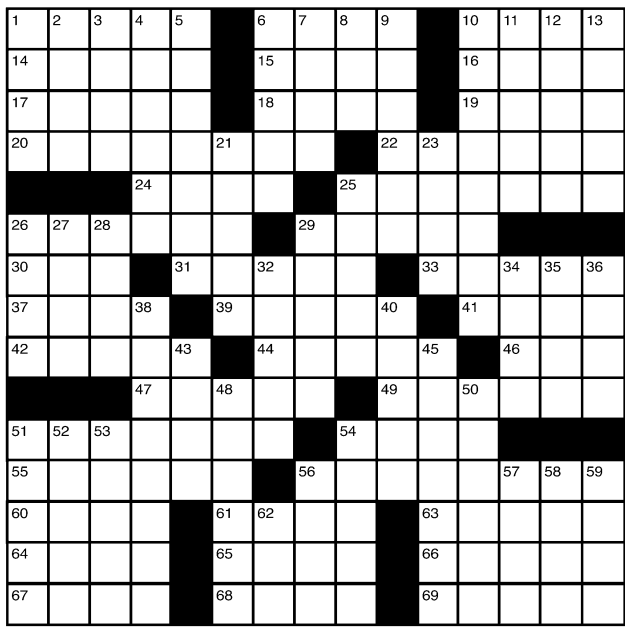
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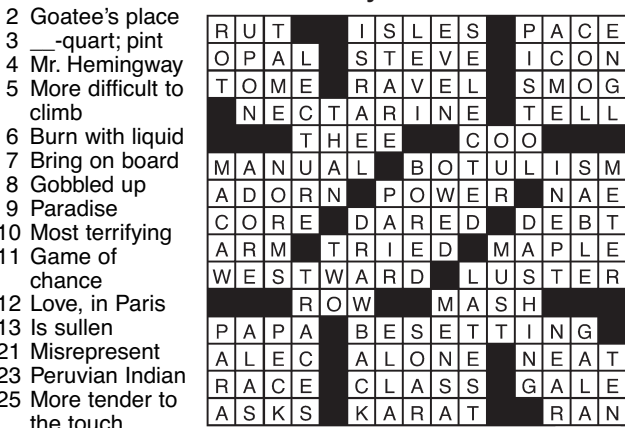
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Pains
  - 6 Title for former Iranian leaders
  - 10 Grand \_\_\_; home run with bases loaded
  - 14 Diagram
  - 15 Refer to
  - 16 Singer Perry
  - 17 "Winnie-the-Pooh" author
  - 18 Region
  - 19 Perched upon
  - 20 Make weak
  - 22 Commendable quality
  - 24 Drove too fast
  - 25 Old folks
  - 26 Inn
  - 29 Explorer \_\_\_ de León
  - 30 Self-esteem
  - 31 Passenger
  - 33 Noted English racecourse
  - 37 Actor Alan
  - 39 Alleviates
  - 41 Lawn mower brand
  - 42 \_\_\_ the way; pioneers
  - 44 Jewish scroll
  - 46 Distance around a track
  - 47 Glens
  - 49 Liquor container
  - 51 Local yokels, often
  - 54 Greek cheese
  - 55 Mistreats
  - 56 Speck
  - 60 Ulna or femur
  - 61 Pierce
  - 63 Actress Pompeo
  - 64 Trip \_\_\_; stumble on
  - 65 British peer
  - 66 Noise
  - 67 Bunks and cots
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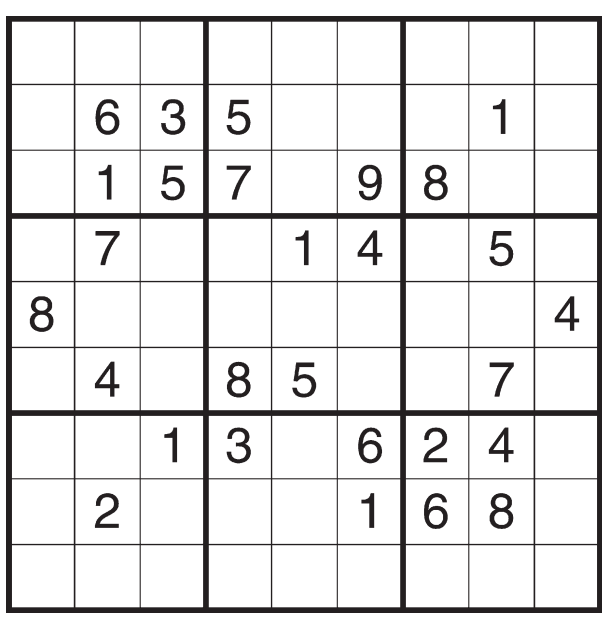
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- 2 Goatee's place
- 3 \_\_\_-quart; pint
- 4 Mr. Hemingway
- 5 More difficult to climb
- 6 Burn with liquid
- 7 Bring on board
- 8 Gobbled up
- 9 Paradise
- 10 Most terrifying
- 11 Game of chance
- 12 Love, in Paris
- 13 Is sullen
- 21 Misrepresent
- 23 Peruvian Indian
- 25 More tender to the touch
- 26 Cure
- 27 Womanizer's glance
- 28 Ice cream fountain order
- 29 Mexico's currency
- 32 Palm tree fruits
- 34 Young horse
- 35 \_\_\_ surgeon; tooth extractor
- 36 Drink too much
- 38 Counselors
- 40 Fencing sword
- 43 Hold on to
- 45 Most scorching
- 48 Diminish
- 50 Clothing alterer
- 51 Bigwig
- 52 Higher than
- 53 \_\_\_ out; paid no mind to
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7	3	5	6	1	4	2	8	9
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contain every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

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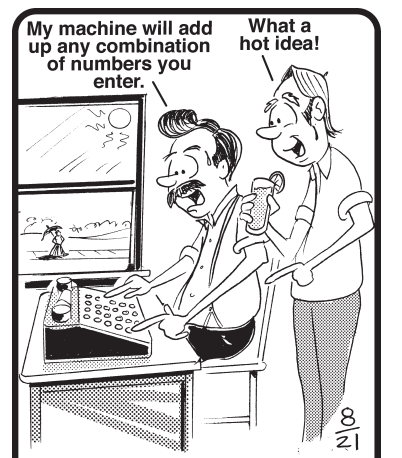


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# WORLD & NATION

## Pakistan girl jailed, accused of blasphemy

REBECCA SANTANA  
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A Christian girl was sent to a Pakistani prison after being accused by her furious Muslim neighbors of burning pages of the Islamic holy book, the Quran, in violation of the country's strict blasphemy laws.

A police official said Monday there was little evidence that pages of the book had been burned and that the case would likely be dropped. But hundreds of angry neighbors gathered outside the girl's home last week demanding action in a case raising new concerns about religious

extremism in this conservative Muslim country.

Some human rights officials and media reports said the girl was mentally handicapped. Police gave conflicting reports of her age as 11 and 16.

Under Pakistan's blasphemy laws, anyone found guilty of insulting Islam's Prophet Muhammad or defiling the holy book, or Quran, can face life in prison or even execution. Critics say the laws are often misused to harass non-Muslims or target individuals.

Police put the girl in jail for 14 days on Thursday after neighbors said they believed a

Christian girl had burned pages of a Quran, gathering outside her house in a poor outlying district of Islamabad, said police officer Zabi Ullah. He suggested she was being held for her protection.

"About 500 to 600 people had gathered outside her house in Islamabad and they were very emotional, angry and they might have harmed her if we had not quickly reacted," Ullah said.

Almost everyone in the girl's neighborhood insisted she had burned the Quran's pages, even though police said they had found no evidence of it. One police official, Qasim Niazi, said when the girl was brought to the police

station, she had a shopping bag that contained various religious and Arabic-language papers that had been partly burned, but there was no Quran.

Some residents claimed they actually saw burnt pages of Quran — either at the local mosque or at the girl's house. Few people in Pakistan actually speak or read Arabic, so they often assume that anything they see with Arabic script is believed to be from the Quran, sometimes the only Arabic-language book people have seen.

But one police officer familiar with the girl's case said the matter would likely be dropped once the investigation is completed

and the atmosphere is defused, saying there was "nothing much to the case." He did not want to be identified because of the sensitivity of the case.

A spokesperson for Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, Farhatullah Babar, said the president has taken "serious note" of reports of the girl's arrest and has asked the Interior Ministry to look into the case.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland called the case "deeply disturbing."

"We urge the government of Pakistan to protect not just its religious minority citizens but also women and girls," she said.

## Swimmer Nyad steady in Cuba-Florida record attempt

PETER ORSI  
Associated Press

HAVANA — Endurance athlete Diana Nyad forged ahead in the Straits of Florida with renewed vigor Sunday in pursuit of a record 103-mile (166-kilometer), unassisted swim in open waters without the aid of a shark cage.

The 62-year-old Los Angeles woman was said to be comfortable, confident and steady at around 50 strokes per minute after a harrowing Saturday night of painful jellyfish encounters — despite an improved bodysuit that she had hoped would offer better protection.

Nyad was stung four times on the neck, lips, hand and forehead, according to members of her 50-member crew who updated fans through social media.

"Today is more like swimming," one member quoted her as saying, via Twitter. "I don't know what you would call last night ... probably surviving."

Sunday night, her team reported when she passed the 28-hour mark, but gave no details on the distance she had traveled. Earlier, it said Nyad had made 27.7 miles and was taking advantage of "ideal conditions" with calm seas and little wind.

Video posted on her website showed her on a break joking with the crew, singing a verse from the Beatles' "No Reply" and asking about a kayaker's son while sucking nourishment from a long tube.

"I'm sort of cruising a little bit right now. I feel like pushing it. I have the energy but I'm saving (it)," Nyad said.

"You're right on the mark," came the response from the boat.

Nyad had planned to don the bodysuit, which covers her from head to toe except for holes for the eyes, nose and mouth, at night, when jellyfish tend to rise to the surface. But it apparently did not work as well as anticipated.

At least two of the stings were

from the dangerous box jellyfish, which forced her to cut short her second of two attempts last year as toxins built up in her system.

At one point, with jellyfish particles everywhere in the water, Nyad changed strokes to keep her face out of harm's way.

"There are so many jellyfish," said another tweet. "Diana is swimming backstroke right now leading with the cap-covered part of her head to minimize contact."

"The backstroke is working!" it added.

By day, the jellies receded, and she was able to resume freestyle swimming.

Nyad, who turns 63 Wednesday, is making her third attempt since last summer at a cage-less crossing of the Straits of Florida. She also made a failed try with a cage in 1978.

Australian Susie Maroney successfully swam the Straits in 1997, but she used a cage. This June another Australian, Penny

Palfrey, made it 79 miles toward Florida without a cage before strong currents forced her to abandon the attempt.

A kayak-borne apparatus shadowing Nyad helps keep sharks at bay by generating a faint electric field that is not noticeable to humans. A team of handlers is always on alert to dive in and distract any sharks that make it through.

One of those divers was also stung by a jellyfish.

Nyad, goggle-eyed with sun-bleached hair, said before she set out from Havana's Hemingway Marina on Saturday that she had braced herself for pain.

"There's a reason no one's ever done it, but I'm prepared," she said. "I may suffer some, but I'm prepared for that, too."

Nyad has been training for three years and is in peak shape, according to friend and trainer Bonnie Stoll.

The team expects Nyad

will take at least 60 hours to complete the swim, meaning she would arrive in the Florida Keys sometime Tuesday.

She takes periodic short breaks to rest, hydrate and eat high-energy foods like peanut butter.

Besides sharks, jellyfish, the elements and the limits of human endurance, Nyad must contend with the monotony and sensory deprivation inevitable in marathon swimming.

To help, she sings silently from a mental playlist of about 65 songs, mostly "from my generation." They include classics from the likes of Bob Dylan, the Beatles and Neil Young, plus Janis Joplin's chart-topping version of "Me and Bobby McGee."

"If I sing that 2,000 times in a row, the whole song, I will get through five hours and 15 minutes," Nyad said in a video posted on her website.

"It's kind of stupid," she added, "but it gets me through."

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## Saluki cross-country poised to meet expectations

**DEMARIO PHIPPS-SMITH**  
Daily Egyptian

Lofty expectations are in place for the men's and women's cross-country teams this season as they finished second and seventh respectively in the last year's championship.

The men's team is projected to finish first in the Missouri Valley Conference this season. The team's combined efforts will be enough to place high in the MVC, but it will most likely involve consistent excellence from runners Zach Dahleen, Brian Dixon, and Cole Allison.

Last year, sophomore runner Nick Schrader's average finish was 14.3, and junior Lucas Cherry ended the season with two top-10 finishes.

The team is also excited to see results from redshirted freshman Oscar Medina. Medina was an all-state runner for four years at Lake View High School in Chicago.

Coach Matt Sparks said he is highly confident in the way his teams will preform this year.

"We lost very few people this season, meaning we still have a lot of key players on the team," Sparks said.

Dahleen, who will be a junior

this year and was third overall finisher in the MVC last season, said he looks forward to the season's imposed challenges.

"This year we are aiming to win the conference and to have as many players as possible make all region," he said.

Dahleen said he thinks the lack of seniors is an advantage and not a hindrance. The core group of juniors will provide the team with the experience and leadership that is required to be successful, he said. With the young talent the team already possesses, progressive improvement is already evident.

However, personal achievement is something team members hope to avoid, Dahleen said.

"It's about team victories ... Individual stuff is just not as important," Dahleen said.

The women's team hopes to have a strong rebound from last year's seventh place finish. Led by juniors Alyssa Allison and Eileen Schweiss, the team is poised for a turnaround in 2012.

"We had a really big group of freshmen last year," Schweiss said. "Now that they have more experience ... we should be able to take off and have a really big season this year."

Lacey Gibson is one of



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Sophomore runner Kristen Levi stretches Monday at the SIU Track and Field Complex after the cross-country team's morning run. Levi has ran cross-country for five years. "I love the camaraderie among teammates," she said. Assistant coach Matt Sparks said with no seniors on the team, he expects the juniors to lead the team.

those accomplished runners who excelled in a large class of freshmen for the women's cross-country team. Gibson competed in each of the seven meets in the Salukis' last season, and she placed within the top 20 five times.

Although the juniors of the women's team will also

produce most of the leadership, the underclassmen will also be expected to perform well, Schweiss said.

"We are all on such an even level right now that none of us are really sure who's going to be in the top spots," Schweiss said. "We are all so good, and we are all going to be fighting for spots

on the conference team."

The cross-country teams begin their seasons at the Saluki Early Bird meet at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at the SIU Track and Field Complex.

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### Gus' Response

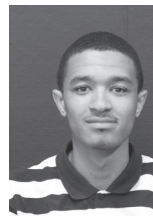


50-year-old Roger Clemens, a former Cy Young winner with 354 career wins, is set to make a start Saturday for the Sugar Land Skeeters of the independent Atlantic League. His return to baseball follows a five-year retirement that was marred by a perjury trial after he told a Congressional committee he had never used steroids or performance enhancing drugs. Does "The Rocket" deserve a chance to take the mound again, or should he hang the cleats up for good?



Sarah Schneider

The man is 50 years old. My guess is he will pull a hamstring in one of his first games. Maybe he will someday beat Jamie Moyer's record for being the oldest pitcher in MLB history to win a game at 49. But Moyer didn't sit out for five years. Sure he will draw a crowd, but it's time for The Rocket to take a seat.



DeMario Smith-Phipps

Although my lasting impressions of him are of times when he lit up the radar guns and had batters whiffing at his weaponized fastball, it is time that he allows his highlights to do all of his Hall of Fame arguments. Anything short of spectacular from Clemens would only do further damage to what is statistically an amazing career.



Alex Rostowski

He certainly deserves a chance to pitch, but I don't see why he would want to. Maybe it's his way of telling his detractors that he still has it and didn't need PEDs to perform so well, but it looks a little sad. He came out of retirement to re-join the Yankees in 2007, and that turned out to be insignificant. I can't see this ending any other way.



Ben Conrady

Let the man pitch. If a minor league team wants to draw a few more fans to a game, let it – regardless of Clemens' alleged steroid use. Reports say Clemens' fastball still hits 87 mph and I am curious to see if he's still got it.

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