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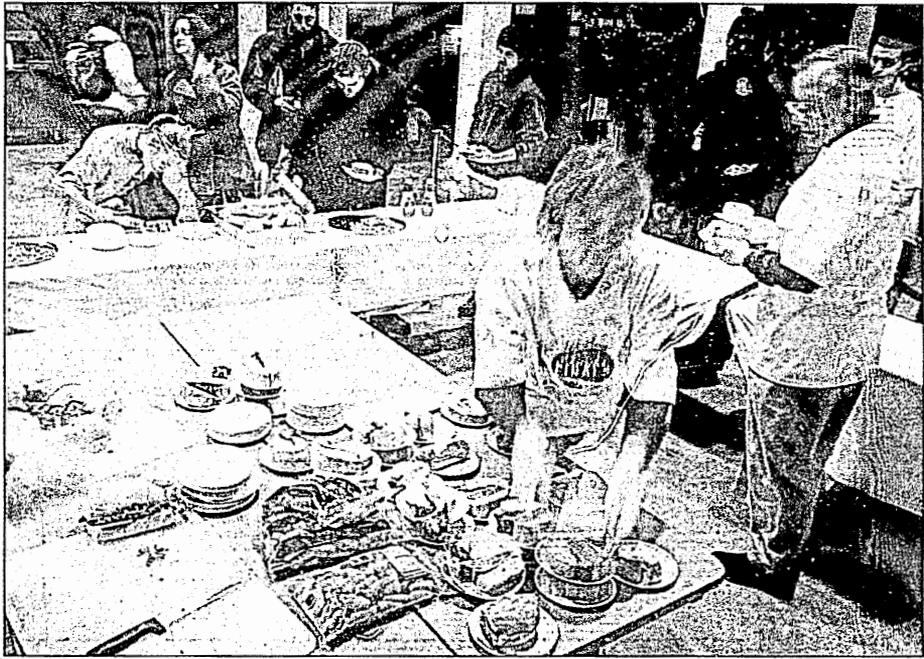
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**Linda Martin of the College of Science and Dennis Leitner of the College of Education give turkey and ham sandwiches donated from Wal-Mart, to SIU students at the Student Recreation Center-Sunday evening. For two-hour shifts, SIU faculty served students from 6 to 12 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday. See story, page 3.**

# Groups question estimated savings on drugs

Blagojevich stands by push for Canadian imports

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Gov. Rod Blagojevich released evidence showing Illinois would save millions of dollars by importing prescription drugs from Canada.

By purchasing Canadian drugs, Blagojevich's two-member task force estimated \$91 million in savings for state employees and retirees, as well as a reduction in taxpayer's money.

Although several organizations in the pharmaceutical business have questioned the actual savings and safety for Illinois consumers, Blagojevich has continued to fight for lower-cost prescription drugs.

Last month, the National Taxpayers Union released findings from its investigation into Blagojevich's projected savings and claimed estimated savings would be 5% less than the governor anticipated. They reported an annual savings of \$2.7 million annually, which breaks down to 99 cents per enrollee per month.

The union, a non-partisan citizen group working for lower taxes and an accountable government, released its findings in hopes of sending a red flag to other states and cities debating whether to join the ranks of Blagojevich in his prescription drug cost plan.

Abby Ottenhoff, spokeswoman for Blagojevich, said the governor's estimated savings are accurate based on a majority of state employees and retirees joining the program to prevent paying co-payments.

"When we did the calculations, we knew exactly how much we spent on prescription drugs," Ottenhoff said. "I can't imagine they (National Taxpayers Union) had access to

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# Board to discuss tuition, but not vote

Wording in affirmative action policy to change

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Although next year's tuition figures are on the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday morning, board chairwoman Molly D'Esposito said the group would not vote on the changes until its February meeting.

This is the first time tuition changes have appeared on the agenda since the figures were proposed in September, but the matter is only scheduled as a notice item. Returning student are facing a 7.1 percent tuition increase for next year at SIUC, while incoming students are looking at a 15.9 percent increase.

D'Esposito has said that in past years, tuition was not discussed until later in the spring, but administrators were pushing for an earlier approval because of the new chal-

lenges they faced with tuition increase. Fall 2004 is the first term for Gov. Rod Blagojevich's truth-in-tuition plan, which guarantees tuition rates for four years of college for incoming freshmen.

"Basically we've been mandated by the legislature starting fall '04 that all incoming students will have the same tuition for four years," D'Esposito said. "But the changes impact the current students more than anyone else because they will continue to be on an incremental increase."

The Board's December meeting is slated to begin at about 10:30 a.m. in the Student Center Ballroom B.

SIU was the first Illinois institution to propose tuition figures for next year's truth-in-tuition class, although the University of Illinois system, among others, has already succeeded in adopting increases for next year.

Also at Thursday's meeting, the board will discuss a possible change in the wording to its

affirmative action policy.

It is proposed the Board add "SIU recognizes the significance of diversity in understanding the present and better enabling our community to engage in the future" to the beginning of its policy.

The new policy would also add a sentence about ensuring a diverse student body and access to programs. Other changes would include minor differences in word choice.

D'Esposito said the changes would make the policy more contemporary.

"This matter proposes a revision which is intended to remove the language, 'historical patterns,' that isn't legally sufficient," she said.

The board is also expected to award a contract for the electrical portion of the Energy Conservation Project for University Housing to Martin Electric in Johnston City. The contract for window and screen replacement in Schneider Hall would also go to Koch Corporation in Louisville, Ky.

# Career Services specialist advises graduates to focus for job market

Robbins said preparation, perseverance key to landing a career

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Once he has walked through the procession during Saturday's graduating ceremonies, Tom Brink said he is moving to California.

"I would like to preferably work in an advertising agency, but I could also work in brand management," said Brink, who will be completing his master's in business administration.

"I want to work anywhere in California, just as long as there is no snow."

Though Brink does know where he wants to begin his career, his academic studies have prevented him from applying.

SIUC's Career Services reminds Brink and others graduating to prepare themselves for the working world. Career Services specialist Beverly Robbins advised the approaching graduates to focus on what they would like to achieve.

"Students need to focus on career goals and decide what kind of job they are looking for," Robbins said.

One of the first processes in landing a job is developing a resume.

Career Services will critique resumes to make sure students are sending out accurate and informational copies. Robbins said a cover letter should be generic so it could be adjusted according to the job the person is being interviewed for.

Robbins also said in today's technological world, graduating students should utilize all media sources available to them. Career Services' online job search program, called the "SafeRecruit," allows students to post

resumes on the Internet. They could apply to the jobs listed or have employers review their resume.

Robbins also encourages students to use other job search websites, such as monster.com and hotjobs.com, in order to find opportunities outside Southern Illinois.

"Using some of the bigger electronic job search programs will give you an idea of what the job market is away from your own little geographic area," she said. "With the professional sites, you can find more opportunities in California, Minnesota or wherever

**Gus Bode**



**Gus says:**  
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you would like to go."

She said another good way to find a job is networking.

"Most people do not get the job because of some classified ads," Robbins said. "They get it because of some networking. They know somebody who knows somebody in the field, so you need to let everyone you know that you are looking for a job and are available. You never know who may know of a job that is of interest to you."

When it comes to the interviewing process, Robbins said preparation is key. Students could log on to the Career Services website and view potential questions an interviewer may ask.

Career Services also provides mock interviews, so students can get a better idea of how to act during an interview. Students should also research the company they want to

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Bush signs landmark Medicare bill into law**

WASHINGTON (CNN) — President Bush on Monday signed into law landmark Medicare reform legislation that includes prescription drug benefits and has sparked a bitter fight between opponents and supporters.

Speaking at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, Bush characterized the measure as "the greatest advance in health care coverage for America's seniors since the founding of Medicare."

Backers say the \$400 billion Medicare Prescription Drug Modernization Act will provide much-needed help for the nation's 40 million senior citizens to buy medications; critics say it is a giveaway to drug makers and insurance companies and a prelude to the dismantling of the program.

"Our government," Bush said, "is finally bringing prescription drug coverage to the seniors of America."

"With this law, we're giving older Americans better choices and more control over their health care, so they can receive the modern medical care they deserve," he said.

In addition to the prescription drug benefits, the measure provides billions of dollars in subsidies to insurance companies and health maintenance organizations, and takes the first step toward allowing private plans to compete with Medicare.

It is the largest expansion of Medicare since the program was created in 1965, though most of its provisions

won't take effect for several years. The drug benefit, for example, does not take effect until 2006. Before that, seniors will be able to purchase a discount card that could provide a 10 to 25 percent off prescription drugs.

**Police impersonator pulls over trooper**

CLARKSTOWN, N.Y. (CNN) — Mistake No. 1: impersonating a police officer.

Mistake No. 2: making a traffic stop.

Mistake No. 3: stopping an off-duty state trooper.

Shalom Gelbman, 22, of New Square, N.Y., made all three mistakes, state police said.

Gelbman, with a strobe light on his dashboard and his high beams flashing, pulled a car over Wednesday night on the Palisades Interstate Parkway, police said. Inside the car was state Trooper Seamus Lyons, who arrested Gelbman. It was clear to Lyons that Gelbman wasn't a colleague, authorities said, because of his license plate number and the equipment he had in his car.

Gelbman was charged with reckless endangerment and criminal impersonation, police said, and was cited for having unauthorized equipment in his car, a dark blue Mercury Grand Marquis with tinted windows.

Gelbman was also ticketed for driving without a registration or insurance. He was released on \$5,000 bail after being arraigned in Clarkstown Justice Court.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Iraqi council OKs war crimes tribunal**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) — The U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council on Monday voted to create a human rights tribunal to prosecute those who committed atrocities and other crimes under Saddam Hussein's regime.

Governing Council member Mahmood Al Uthman said the resolution creating the tribunal will be sent to L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator for Iraq. Bremer's signature is required for the proposal to become law.

Dara Noor al-Din, an Iraqi judge who led a panel that

drafted the statute, said the tribunal will include five Iraqi judges and will target the most important members of Saddam's ousted government. It also will prosecute other unspecified crimes.

Much of the process is in an embryonic state, according to the council.

The accused will be able to select attorneys for their defense, or the tribunal will appoint lawyers if necessary, council members said.

Judges and lawyers involved in the prosecution will be vetted by a select committee and trained by an international committee of lawyers, members said. Additionally, the council said the tribunal is expected to consult courts at The Hague and in Rwanda.

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**CALENDAR**

There are no items to report.

**POLICE REPORTS**

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Ryan Lee Schaefer, 20, of Urbana was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia at 2:03 a.m. Friday at Lot 13A near Travel Service Drive. Schaefer was unable to post required bond and taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, where he was released on bond.

James Richard Schannell III, 18, of Lake Villa was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to yield at 2:18 a.m. Friday in the 700 block of East Grand Avenue. Schannell posted \$100 cash plus his driver's license as bond.

Vincent David Ambrose, 23, of Murphysboro was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at 3:52 a.m. Saturday in the 300 block of East Grand Avenue. Ambrose was unable to post required bond and taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, where he was released on bond.

Ibrahim Abdullah Muhammed, 22, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with possession of less than 30 grams of cannabis and driving under the influence of drugs at 11:17 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of Pleasant Hill Road and South Illinois Avenue.

Stanley Ricardo Crawford, 29, of University Park was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and disobeying a traffic control device at 2:40 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of East Mill and South Washington streets. Crawford posted \$100 cash bond and was released.

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# Studying students fill Recreation Center for Salukis Final Finish

About 2,800 students expected for free food, extended hours

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A short distance from tables filled by students enjoying a free meal, Angela Spice set up a table for the Alumni Association selling class rings and alumni membership. But before students could concern themselves with their plans as alumni, many first had to worry about completing the necessary steps toward graduation.

For most, finals are the last step to obtaining their degree from SIUC. Each year, in order to decrease the amount of stress experienced during finals week and to provide a place for students to study, the Recreation Center sponsors Salukis Final Finish. Each college donates \$250 in support of the event, which began Sunday and ends today. During the event, the Center provides free food and extended hours to students.

Some had attended Final Finish in previous years, some learned about the event through advertisements. Others who simply came to exercise, such as C.J. Smith, were surprised to see a display of sandwiches, fruit and

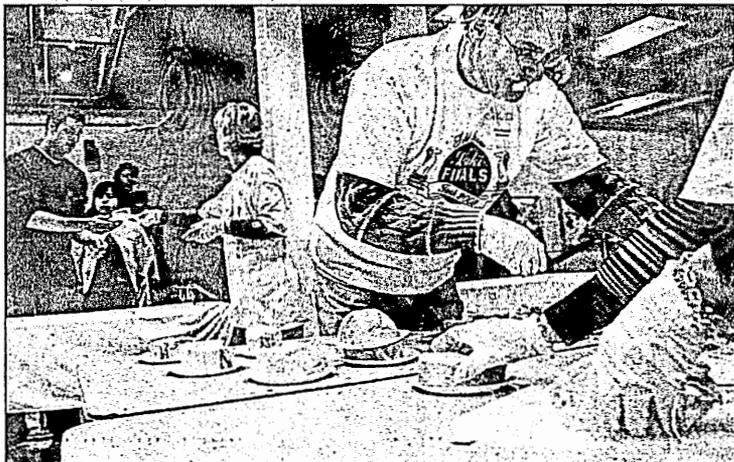
vegetables upon entering the center. Even students such as sophomore Katie Robinson, who said she had completed most of her studying already, came to participate in a class study session and partake of the free food.

During the three-day period, the center will remain open through midnight, with items such as tacos, pizza and sandwiches available all night. This is the fifth year for the event, which was started by Recreation Center director Bill McMinn. According to Gary Tisdale, marketing coordinator for the Recreation Center, McMinn brought the idea back to employees after attending a conference several years ago.

Tisdale said the event has been successful since its beginning, with students even braving harsh weather at times.

"One year it snowed but it didn't really hurt our numbers," said Tisdale, who began setting up for the event on Saturday. "A lot of students will see [the food] as they're going to exercise or when they're coming from exercising."

Whether they come to eat or to exercise, we just wanted to do something for students because, during finals week, they don't always eat very well. The hardest part is trying to estimate the crowd."



AMBER ARNOLD - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Linda Martin, of the college of science, and Dennis Leitner, of the college of education, give turkey and ham sandwiches, which were donated by Wal-Mart, to SIUC students at the Recreation Center Sunday evening. SIUC faculty members served students from 6 p.m. to midnight during the fifth annual Salukis Final Finish, which concludes tonight.

Treadmills and exercise bikes were cleared temporarily Sunday night, but there was never a time anxious students did not occupy the lines for free food.

As soon as the event began shortly after 6 p.m., students formed a single-file line, some doing as many as three laps through the line on the first floor of the Recreation Center.

Students were catered to by faculty members, such as Richard Rivers, who worked in two-hour shifts to serve food from area locations that included Wal-Mart and Papa John's.

Those involved in the organization of the event began making preparations as early as September. In the end, the event is expected to accommodate approximately 2,800 students.

Other locations, such as the Newman Center, which provided a late-night breakfast, as well as campus dining halls, attempted to address the needs of students staying up late to study.

Graduating senior Travis Bostic said he has made a point of attending the Recreation Center event on

several occasions during his time at SIUC and is appreciative of the free service.

"I'm an architecture major, so most of my stuff was projects, so my hell week was last week," said Bostic, a senior in architecture from Springfield. "I think it's a cool thing for students because it's the end of the year, their financial aid may have run out and they might not have much money."

"When it comes to college students, you can never go wrong with free food."

# Simon recovering after surgery

Former senator has second bypass in five years

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Former U.S. Sen. and SIU Public Policy Institute Director Paul Simon is recovering today at St. John's Hospital in Springfield after undergoing heart valve and single bypass surgery Monday.

Terry Baughman, a spokesman for the Public Policy Institute, said Monday night that Simon had been in surgery most of the day in the hospital's Prairie Heart Institute and that details of his condition are unavailable right now.

However, he did say that the trip to Springfield was premeditated and was not an immediate emergency situation.

"He had undergone testing last week because he had symptoms that he thought might be something," Baughman said. "It wasn't an emergency."

Representatives from St. John's Hospital declined to comment on Simon's condition Monday night, saying that more information will be available as Simon continues the recuperation process.

Simon, 75, made an earlier trip to St. John's in January 1999 when he suspected he might have a heart problem after reading an article in Newsweek magazine.

He underwent a six-part bypass procedure as a result, and after a five-day stay in the hospital, he still remained away from his teaching obligations to SIU for a month and a half.

Baughman said he couldn't comment on how long Simon might be away from the University.

Perry Knop, Simon's son-in-law, said Monday night that his wife and Simon's daughter, Sheila, was up in Springfield to be by her father's side and that many questions about his surgery, which was still underway at 5 p.m. Monday, remained unanswered.

"It's tough right now," Knop said.

# Expert joins Public Policy Institute

Simon taps Yopp to aid in creation of new study abroad program

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Public Policy Institute Director Paul Simon recently announced the addition of a global education expert to aid in the creation of a new study abroad program.

John Yopp, vice president for Higher Education Strategic Initiatives at Educational Testing Service, will be given leave time from ETS to work alongside Simon in establishing Simon's Lincoln Fellowship program.

The program would enable thousands of U.S. students to study abroad over the next several years.

Simon has said he envisions the federal government-funded project as part of a new

G.I. Bill of Rights for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Yopp is expected to help the former U.S. Senator advance his plan by coordinating efforts with various higher education and international studies organizations and members of Congress.

John Jackson, another Public Policy Institute visiting professor, said Yopp's tenure began on Dec. 1, and he is expected to remain with the Institute through the program's projected 18-month lifespan.

"Dr. Yopp's arrival is a confluence of Simon's interest in promoting study abroad at the national level," Jackson said. "This is expected to help us get the legs of this program ready."

Kurt Landgraf, president and CEO of ETS in Princeton, N.J., said he was more than glad to allow Yopp time off to participate in the program and anticipates he will help the Institute achieve its goal.

"There are few people better equipped than John for this exceptionally challenging

and important work," Landgraf said. "John is widely respected in the international education community."

And his special talents and friendships have allowed ETS to carry out its mission, and I'm sure they'll serve the Institute as well."

Yopp has served as vice president of ETS since 1997, was a professor in the College of Science and was associate chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research and dean of the Graduate School at SIUC for many years before leaving Carbondale to move to ETS.

Yopp will spend most of his time with the Institute in Washington, D.C., where he will assist Simon in garnering support on Capitol Hill in hopes of gaining increased funding for the Lincoln Fellowship program.

"Study abroad is something that Sen. Simon has been involved with at length for some time," Jackson said.

"This new program is very sizable, and Dr. Yopp should be a tremendous asset."

# University Bookstore looking to improve

New manager brings fresh enthusiasm

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You know the drill: The new semester is about to begin and you find yourself in a sea of textbook-seekers like yourself. Squeezing through aisles to find what you need, you then wait in line for what feels like years, only to dish out a couple hundred bucks that you'll be lucky to be returned half of come the end of the semester.

The University Bookstore hopes to make this process a little easier on everyone.

SIUC alumnus Robert P. Jansen has been hired as the new manager of the University Bookstore and is eagerly getting changes underway.

Jansen said one of his main goals for the bookstore is to make it more student oriented.

"The biggest change students will notice is aisle changes," Jansen said.

He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1981 and then a master's degree in business administration in 1987.

Jansen has worked in the textbook business for the past five years, managing the bookstore at Southeastern Illinois College in Hartsburg. In his first two years at SIC, sales increased 40 percent, and yearly net revenues more than doubled.

"It's definitely a bigger arena that I'm playing in," Jansen said of his new position.

He said both jobs require the same skills and principles, but at the University Bookstore he is busier and has more people working under him.

Jansen also has six years experience as manager/owner of a food service establishment, medical and financial sales and six years as a department manager/buyer for an area bookstore.

Since joining the University Bookstore, Jansen has been reorganizing stockrooms and textbook shelves, reducing the number of shelves from eight to six, which created wider aisles for the customers.

"I'm hoping it will seem more roomy, more organized; easier in and out," Jansen said.

Jansen also wants to increase communication and understanding between the bookstore and faculty in hopes that faculty members will make book adoption decisions sooner, each semester.

"Having timely book adoptions would be the

biggest factor in saving students money," Jansen said. "I don't think the faculty realize that."

Jansen also said that 83 percent of students prefer used textbooks, and he hopes to increase used textbook sales.

"I really want to save them money and provide as many used books as possible," Jansen said.

"I just really want to make this bookstore the bookstore students think about when they think about buying books," Jansen said. "I want to make this the best bookstore they can possibly shop in."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Super 8 helping those in need

Carbondale's Super 8 Motel will again assist families in their efforts to gather together for the holidays. The Carbondale and Marion branches of the national chain will offer the "Rooms at the Inn" special, which provides free rooms to those in town visiting families in nursing and veteran's homes, hospitals and other treatment facilities. For more information call 457-8822 or 618-993-5577.

## U. Colorado students battle party image

Jonathan Hasteley  
Colorado Daily (U. Colorado)

**BOULDER, Colo. (U-WIRE)** — Two University of Colorado students created their own campaign this semester called "Debunking the Myth — Students for a More Valuable Degree" to deflate CU's party school image, after the Princeton Review named the university the top "party school."

The student group leaders — Jeremy Durham, a junior, and Chris Deardorff, a sophomore — said they think the party-school image might hinder CU from enrolling incoming freshmen focused on education and could harm graduates when seeking a job.

"I think that being the number-one party school creates a negative image," Deardorff said, "and such an image has the potential to really tarnish the value of an education from CU-Boulder."

Durham and Deardorff said they formed "Debunking the Myth" to make students aware that the Princeton Review ranking may be misleading, and that CU has more to offer than partying.

"The point of this is that the survey is simply bad math," Durham said. "This has more to do with mathematics than with morals."

"We've asked the Princeton Review how they came to these conclusions," Deardorff said. "They won't give us any sort of response."

"They just ignore us," Deardorff said.

Robert Franek, editorial director of the Princeton Review, published a guest editorial in the Colorado Daily newspaper Nov. 21, explaining that the publication surveyed 106,000 students at 351 colleges. On average, 300 students are surveyed per college, but Franek said the organization surveyed 913 students at CU-Boulder.

Franek said CU administrators have argued that the publication's refusal to share its survey information is proof that the survey is erroneous. However, Franek said the publication abides by strict privacy guidelines to not share any information that might lead to the discovery of students' identities.

A brief explanation of how the Princeton Review gathers and compiles information is available on its website at [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com).

Deardorff said he and Durham set up tables in the University Memorial Center, hanged posters on CU campus and placed ads in newspapers to promote the campaign.

"At the same time, we're trying to go in a direction of school pride where we talk about the positives of CU," Deardorff said.

"For instance, say that you can research with a world-renowned professor or a Nobel Prize winner," Deardorff said, "but then, at the same time, the physical backdrop of Boulder allows you to mountain bike the Flatirons."

"We don't want people to lose sight that CU is also a world-class academic institution," Durham said.

Students often misinterpret the group's message as one of anti-partying when they first hear about the campaign, Deardorff said.

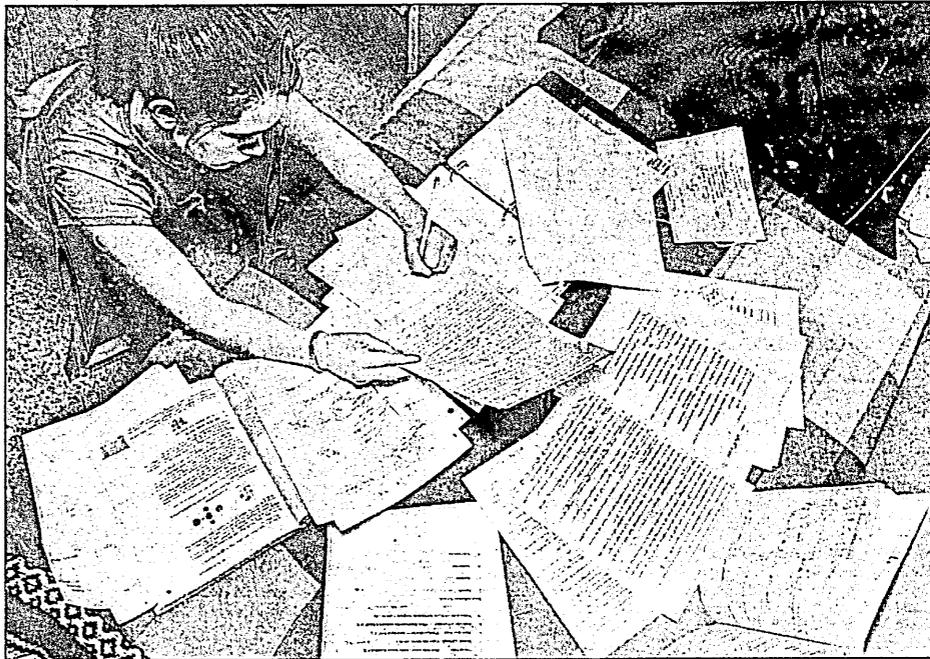
"What we're doing is not anti-partying, anti-drinking. It's really to better the image of CU," Deardorff said.

"I've found that a lot of students have mixed feelings," Deardorff said, because they think the group's message is one of anti-partying.

"When they learn what we're really trying to do, which is to maintain CU's status as a world-renowned university," Deardorff said, "their attitude towards our campaign changes and they respect what we're trying to do."

Students inside the UMC shared their understanding of what employers think of students who attend a university known as a party school.

J.R. Raith, a CU senior, said although the perception depends on the person's opinion, "being at a party school implies that not much work gets done."



MEREDITH MERGER — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kelly McCormick, a junior in pre-veterinary and animal science, studies for her organic chemistry and animal physiology finals in her room on the 15th floor of the Mae Smith dormitory Monday night. McCormick's regular study habits usually consist of spreading out all of her papers across her bed to review them.

## U. New Mexico promotes clean energy with vegetable oil

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**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (U-WIRE)** — The goal of Project Green Bus, sponsored by the University of New Mexico College Green Party, is to raise funds to convert a 15-passenger diesel bus to run on vegetable oil.

Fund raising for the project took place at "Hanging with the Greens" on Friday night in the Student Union Building.

The event featured a clean energy advocate, poetry, musicians and a silent auction selling donated art.

James Shore of Liberty Fuel will convert the bus once the goal of \$3,700 is reached.

Shore said vegetable oil has "the exact same efficiency as diesel and ranks higher in energy

output than propane or natural gas."

The conversion also will result in 70 percent to 80 percent fewer harmful emissions than diesel, and vegetable oil can be obtained for free from local restaurants, he said.

The diesel van will cost \$3,000, and the conversion to vegetable oil will cost \$700 for a second fuel tank and heating line, Shore said.

The heating line is required because vegetable oil is thicker than diesel and must be heated to 150 to 170 degrees Fahrenheit to have the same consistency.

The second tank is needed to store the vegetable oil because the primary tank is still needed for diesel fuel.

The van must be started on diesel fuel to warm the vegetable oil and then it must be stopped on diesel to flush the system to prevent

the fuel system from becoming clogged with congealed vegetable oil, Shore said.

Trey Smith, president of the campus Green Party, said he first heard of the conversion at a peace conference in North Carolina.

Smith said he intends to bring the project to New Mexico and use the bus "as an educational tool around the state, community and campus for clean and renewable energy."

The Greens raised \$300 from donations and \$200 from the art auction. To reach its goal, the Greens are planning two more fundraisers featuring similar activities, Smith said, adding that plans for a rock-themed fundraiser also are on the drawing board.

"We sent out letters to local businesses for financial support of the project," Vice President Claire Long said.

## More tests found unattended at Texas Tech

Andrew Bell  
University Daily (Texas Tech U.)

**LUBBOCK, Texas (U-WIRE)** — Only a few days after a Texas Tech University student walking through campus found a stack of graded Scantrons containing names and Social Security numbers, another student found a stack of chemistry quizzes under a desk in one of his classrooms.

Nathan Harvey, a junior psychology major from Lubbock, said while he was attending his communication studies course in the Chemistry building he found a stack of graded quizzes under his desk containing the names and Social Security numbers of the students in the course.

"It's crappy that teachers give a long speech about how they can't e-mail you your test grade, but then they leave tests lying around," Harvey said.

After remembering the incident with the scattered Scantrons, Harvey said he thought it was curious the quizzes were sitting under his desk. Although he was not thrilled about the situation, he said he is glad that he is not a student in the chemistry course.

Dennis Shelly, an associate professor in the chemistry department, teaches the analytical chemistry course where the graded quizzes originated. Shelly said the quizzes found in the classroom were quizzes that had been unclaimed by students in the course.

During the class, students were working on finishing a quiz when the next class period was ready to start. In the haste of one class finishing and the other beginning, Shelly said he inadvertently left the unclaimed quizzes on the corner of a table in the classroom.

Later in the morning, Shelly said he realized that he had left the quizzes in the classroom, but he could not retrieve the quizzes because other courses were being taught in the classroom. Once he was able to retrieve the quizzes, he placed them in his office under lock and key. However, he said he does not know how the quizzes ended up under a student's desk.

"Someone else took it upon himself or herself to move him or her from the table to the desk," he said.

To protect the students from a breach of security, Shelly said the quizzes should have been taken directly to the department office as soon as they had been found. However, he said he realizes that by forgetting the quizzes in the classroom it created a situation that should not have happened.

"Who's responsible? Obviously I am," he said.

Despite the two instances in the same week, Jane Winer, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said there is no need for a policy change in regard to how professors grade and distribute students' work.

"The policy is very clear," she said. "This is

absolutely not supposed to happen."

To ensure the protection of student records, the chemistry department's policy is the faculty must have absolute compliance with the protection of the records.

Robert Shaw, associate chairman of the department of chemistry, said the department follows a high degree of fidelity in regard to the protection of students.

When the department posts semester grades for the students, each grade is posted according to the unique personal test number of the student. Shaw said for other assignments there are times when the teaching assistant for a professor will grade the assignments and place them in a spot that has been assigned by the class.

"It is a pre-arranged process, because TAs are not always where the students are," he said.

Shelly said the only correct procedure is to return work directly back to the students. The old procedure of the department was to have designated drop-off points, but he assured that is not how he distributes unclaimed quizzes.

One of the students in the course, Erica Hartnett, said she would like to see another solution other than having to use her Social Security number on her assignments. The junior sociology major from Fort Davis said instead of having to give out her Social Security number, she would like to see more assignments incorporate the unique personal test number every student is given.

# Scrap tires could be used in golf greens

Rebecca Quigley  
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — When tires lose their tread, they don't dissolve and go to scrap-tire heaven. Many become fuel for cement kilns, but golfers could soon be treading on golf course greens embedded with scrap tires.

Joe Park, a University of Wisconsin professor of civil and environmental engineering, proposes using scrap tires in golf course construction. An average 18-hole golf course green would take about 72,000 scrap tires, says Park.

With more than 800 golf courses in the state of Texas, more than 61 million scrap tires could be recycled if every golf course in Texas used this method.

"About 10 years ago, I did a study and found that scrap tires have absorption capability for toxic organic compounds — like a sponge," Park says. "Since then, we have been studying the retardation of organic compounds in landfills using scrap tires."

Over the last 10 years, Park and his collaborators have continued to study the absorbent quality of scrap-tire rubber. Recently, Park made a connection between scrap tires and chemicals used to treat golf course greens.

"I like playing golf with students," he says. "It's a very relaxing time, and sometimes we discuss some problems that students are facing in their

research ... About three years ago, we saw a warning sign at the golf course saying 'pesticides applied.' While we were playing, I told one of my students, who was looking for a research topic, that tires could be used in golf courses to remove pesticides."

Field tests show that after one year, 10-centimeter tire chip layers release about 58 percent less nitrate, compared with control samples, according to a press release.

More than 26 million scrap tires are generated each year in Texas, about 44 percent of which end up as an alternative fuel source for cement kilns, according to a 2003 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality report.

Seventy million tires currently are stockpiled in a handful of locations in Texas. The commission has been working since 2000 to clear the stockpiles and expects they will be recycled within three years, says John Forehand, the tire program liaison at the commission.

"The last thing we want to see is somebody out there creating a million-tire site," Forehand says. "There are markets out there now to handle that scrap-tire material, and we don't see any need to be stockpiling large numbers of tires."

Scrap tires are used in children's playgrounds, athletic fields, bumpers, asphalt, artificial reefs and even installation art across the country.

In Texas, the Department of Transportation is the fastest growing end-user for scrap tires, expanding

its use in roadway construction and maintenance, according to the report.

Water-containing nitrates, phosphates and other fertilizer chemicals drain through sand and gravel layers and away from the green to a turf area, where it can be filtered and discharged, says Randy Russell of Bechtol & Russell Golf Design Inc., designers of the recently opened University of Texas Golf Club in Northwest Austin, Texas.

"It sounds like it ought to be something that we could incorporate," Russell says. "I just don't know enough to say 'Wow, this is the best thing to come in a long time,' but it does sound very promising."

New technology that has implications for golf course design can be slow to catch on, Russell says.

"Greens have a somewhat finite life. Constructed right, they should last 20 to 30 years, but at some point, almost every green in the country gets redone," Russell says. "Would everybody run out and retrofit? No. Would they possibly do it whenever the time is appropriate to renew their greens? Probably."

Aside from the environmental benefits of scrap tire use, Park also jokes that a scrap tire layer may improve the game by adding a 'spring effect,' causing the ball to roll further.

"Golf courses built with this kind of technology can claim they are protecting the environment, and there is a plus for the golfers," Park says.

# Stress, holidays cause seasonal depression

Leslie Camody  
Kentucky Kernel (U. Kentucky)

LEXINGTON, Ky. (U-WIRE) — With the holidays fast approaching, many college students are 'sucked in' by the winter blues.

"The holidays can be a sad time for some students, particularly if they have recent losses such as the death of a loved one, or parents divorcing or a move away from the family home," says Mary Bolin-Reece, director of the University of Kentucky Counseling and Testing Center.

Depression is a very serious illness that can cause a person to struggle in his or her social activities, work or daily life. The National Institute of Mental Health states that there are nearly 18.8 million Americans over 18 years old who suffer from major depression.

The traditions surrounding the holiday season can also place undue pressure on students, Bolin-Reece says.

"Our culture places so much value also on purchasing or receiving the 'perfect' gift, which places quite a financial burden on students and other with limited financial and time resources," she says. "Some students may worry about disappointing someone, or about being disappointed."

There are many different forms of depression, but around Christmastime, some students are affected by a form of depression known as seasonal affective disorder.

"Some persons have depressive

symptoms in a seasonal pattern, with greater prevalence in higher latitudes, among females and among younger persons," Bolin-Reece says.

Som. UK students agree and say the holidays can bring on the blues.

"[They] make me feel worse; everyone else is so happy and I can't keep that frame of mind," says Dyan Tigard, a theater junior. "The winter weather also drags me down; nice weather is a good motivation key."

Symptoms of depression include loss of interest in pleasure or activities, significant change in appetite, sleep disturbances, feeling either restless or slowed down, fatigue or loss of energy, feelings of worthlessness, having a hard time thinking and concentrating and recurrent thoughts of death or suicide, Bolin-Reece says.

Even too much to do can stress students out and cause depression.

"Finals really bring me down, because not only do I have to be inside, I have to be inside to study," says Nick Kidd, an English and psychology junior.

Treatments are fairly easy for a person with mild seasonal depression.

One can always seek professional help, Bolin-Reece says, but there are other alternatives.

"Non-therapy approaches to managing depression include exercise, good nutrition, meditation, yoga, making decisions to include positive and pleasant activities to one's day and bibliotherapy, which is done through the use of books," she says.

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## OUR WORD



Santa, if you are reading this...

We are often surprised by our mail — both paper and electronic. We get letters from readers (who are often alumni) from all around the United States and from several different countries. Although we are constantly amazed by how dedicated these readers are to the newspaper they read in college, we must admit we are also amazed that after all this time, they still read us. But, no, we certainly aren't complaining. We will take all the readers we can get.

But as the semester comes to a close, there is one particular person we hope to attract today. His name is Santa Claus. Or frankly, Mrs. Claus or an elf or even a reindeer would do, anyone who can get our message out to golly ol' Saint Nick.

This is all we want for Christmas:

- We want to return to a campus with the Munchy Man's truck sitting right where it has been for the last 40 years.
- We want the women's basketball team to have a winning season and to see people in the Dawg Pound at their home games.
- We want to see the men's basketball team win every home game, as we will all be there cheering them on.
- We would like our troops back at home safely, especially all the Salukis who are out there fighting and Dan Kennings.
- We would like to see some relief from the explosive costs of prescription



# A DE Christmas WISH LIST

drugs, and if that means buying them from Canada, so be it.

- We would like to see the governor look elsewhere when making cuts — higher education has suffered enough.

- We wish for better rental housing for SIU students, and we ask for a collective effort in making this happen.

- We would like to see the abolishment of the "free forum area" so free speech could reign all over campus and not just where it is convenient.

- We would like to see free speech being practiced through marches, protests and demonstrations, just as it has been for years. But we would also like the protestors to be aware of the best way they can help their cause and act appropriately in that mission.

- We would like to see fewer drunks on the streets of Carbondale so we can all drive a little more safely and sleep a little more soundly.

- We would like to see Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole keep up the good work he has been doing. He has made a considerable amount of progress since taking office, and we hope he continues to work to make Carbondale a better place to live and study. We also look to him and the administration of this University to bridge the gap between the city and the students.

- While Carbondale has experienced great economic improvements recently through the opening of many new businesses, we hope further progress is made to bring more retail outlets and other businesses to the area to improve life for the consumers and of the local economy.

- We want to see more concerts and bigger names at the SIU Arena.

- We hope to return to a fairly empty police blotter, meaning we hope there are no robberies, rapes or cases of child molestation over break. We have had an outbreak of these three crimes this semester. We hope they stop and that

they do not resume at any time.

- We would like the yearbook staff to have a good first semester so they can produce an Obelisk that will make us all proud.

- We hope that when we return from break, credit card solicitors will not bombard us with "opportunities" to ruin our credit and get into debt — at least not on University property.

- We want to see the football team with a good schedule, so a year from now we can be celebrating another victorious season.



Camp who donated \$2,100 these organizations in hopes of making the holidays better.

The Salvation Army, Toys for Tots and the A Book in Every Home campaign will surely help our cause. We ask you, Santa, to bless these people for their good deeds, as well as everyone who recognizes the fact that it is far better to give than to receive.

- We hope the Public Policy Institute and everyone on campus will work hard to bring a

wide variety of guest speakers to SIUC next semester, just as they have this semester.

- We hope Amtrak will get its act together so we can all rest assure that

the train will always continue to take us home and back.

- We wish more people would take advantage of the "Pennies for Pets" program, which helps control the pet population by offering cheaper spaying and neutering.

We also hope this will help bring down our pathetic statistic of 90 percent of the animals brought to the Carbondale Human Society being put to sleep because of the overwhelming abundance of abandoned animals.



- We would love to have every person we call return our phone calls so we could report better, more accurate and fair stories.

- We hope the relief we have seen from fire in the last few weeks is an indication that the outbreak of fires is under control. And we hope it stays that way.

- We wish all local fast-food restaurants would serve breakfast all day, as we don't all eat breakfast — or even wake up — by 10:30 a.m.

- Now that the veterans have gotten help from the city in funding a Veterans Memorial Wall, we hope to see progress made on its construction, so veterans can get some of the credit they deserve.

- We hope that all children have a nice Christmas and we have hope they will consider the tireless work of so many people, including Glenn Poshard and the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children, Pat Benton and Pat's Kids, and the inmates at Marion Federal Prison



And P.S. ...

We know some of these requests are near to impossible, but we beg you to do your best.

Especially for this one of utmost importance that we almost forgot to list: Please, oh please, make our profes-

sors wake up on the right side of the bed on finals day, give us extra credit just for showing up and be kind to us when they report our final grades, so if none of these other requests are granted, we will all at least have higher G.P.A.s when we return in January.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There are some people who want to throw their arms round you simply because it is Christmas; there are other people who want to strangle you simply because it is Christmas.”

Robert Lynd  
American Sociologist

## WORDS OVERHEARD

“People go their money's worth. [Brooks] is a one-man show out there.”

Matt Painter  
SIU mens basketball coach  
on junior guard's 24 points, 10 rebounds, eight steals and four blocks in the 75-66 victory against Drake University Saturday night

## COLUMNIST

## Speak up or shut up

If you can believe it, I lived most of my life as a painfully shy and innocent boy. My mother, equally as introverted at the time, was constantly upset that she passed on her timidity onto me. I would let people walk all over me and go home crying to her. Her face would turn red and she would snap, "Eduardo! God gave you a voice. Use it!"

I think the worst part of being so scared to talk was the fact that I would believe all the hurtful things people would say to my face. My junior year of high school, I wanted to take an advanced chemistry class but first needed the teacher's permission. This teacher had no heart. He would tease the not-so-bright students by saying "duh" to them while they tried conjuring up answers to his questions.

The man actually spoke to one of the obviously gay students with a faux-feminine voice and lisp while he waved a limp wrist in the air. When I asked him for a seat in his advanced level class, he looked at me with a deliciously evil grin and said, "There is no way I'll let you take my class. You will never amount to anything in your life and I do not want to waste my time."

I'll have you know, there was no way he was going to get the last word of that conversation. I looked him right in his eyes and said, "Oh, OK," and walked away. Not only did I let a poor excuse of an educator talk to me like that, I believed him as well.

At the time, silence and acceptance were much easier than saying what he needed to hear: "Look, Mr. So-And-So. The fact is I am more than qualified to take your class. And if you don't believe that I will do anything with my life besides counting nuts and bolts for eight hours a day in a factory (which is a job I actually had after high school), I will see you again after I get my first big paycheck so I can staple it to your forehead as a reminder of your ignorance."

I have very few major regrets in my life, but to this day I am angry that I never stood up for myself and my fellow abused students. He knew who would keep quiet and treated them as if they were subhuman.

Then, one day, I found myself opening up to one of my coworkers, a woman whom I had written off many times as a simpleton. I discovered that her words may have been small, but her wisdom was anything but. She took the same tone that Mom gets when I make this way too complex and said, "Ed, in this life, you are constantly faced with two choices: take it or leave it. If you decide to leave it and



How  
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change things, good for you. If you decide to take it, whatever. That's your choice. But when you make that choice, shut up!"

I don't think she understood how much her advice would impact me. I will never forget her words or the look on her face. Thank you, Tina.

It hasn't been easy, but since then, I have taken many leaps from my tail-between-the-legs days. I somehow made it out of the closet. I stood up for myself at work when my sexual orientation became an issue. I decided to take my ACT and apply to school at the age of twenty-four. I had to deal with a debilitating chemical imbalance. And, in one of my proudest moments, I decided to be an openly gay writer for the Daily Egyptian. I hope these prove as payments enough to my mother and Tina.

This idea of expression has been part of my writings all semester. I feel like our world perpetually becomes more and more complacent with each passing moment. We settle for "good enough" and let the rest slide by. This is an end to progress.

I constantly see people being held down based solely on their color, sexual orientation, size or intellect. Too many times, they let it happen while bystanders turn the other way while thinking to themselves "Well, whatever. What can I do?" In the words of my friend Julia, "Uh ... stop!"

This could potentially be my last column for the DE. I would like to end this with some last pieces of advice, but I think my mother and Tina summed it all up for me already: speak up or shut up.

I hope you all enjoy a much-needed break. If you don't hear from me again, take care of yourselves without hesitation, and be good to each other. And if anyone tries making you do otherwise, stand tall and look them in the eye while you say with a huge smirk on your face, "How about ... no."

*How about no appears every Tuesday.*

*Ed is a junior in speech pathology. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.*

## GUEST COLUMNIST

## Holidays can be bothersome due to seasonal stress

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Kansas State Collegian  
(Kansas State U.)

MANHATTAN, Kan. (U-WIRE) — Remember when the holidays were all about you?

As I prepare for the holiday season — no, I haven't started my shopping yet — I can't help but look back fondly on a time when the holidays were completely without worries.

While growing up, the holidays were all about what I wanted.

Of course, I did shop for my family members, but it was easy. I had \$20 and one afternoon to find all four family members something. It was simple — a flashlight for Dad, car wax for my older brother, GI Joes for my little brother and the best \$5 earrings Wal-Mart had to offer for Mom.

Nowadays, I roam the stores for days, stressing about what to get everyone. I want to show I did spend some time thinking about them and what they would like, so I opt to get them something more personal than a gift certificate for a guy or Bath and Body Works products for a girl.

However, straying from the norm causes me to think they will not like it and wonder why in the world I would ever pick something like that out for them.

These worries, I believe, only get worse as you get older.

For instance, the ability to spend more money is a curse. Now I wonder what is an adequate amount to spend on everyone. Of course, they know I am a poor college student and don't expect much — but I don't want to appear cheap.

Plus, as your family expands, the question of where you draw the line for gift giving and what these new members you don't know very well will want creates anxiety.

Then there are pre-holiday festivities, which are always rough.

My family always sends out a Christmas letter, which has taught us writing is an art form. You want to tell how and what everyone is doing, yet

you don't want to appear to be bragging. It's very tricky. After all, I've been known to mock a few other people's Christmas letters from time to time.

The final worry is deciding where to go for the holidays. Fortunately, I still have the option of just going where my parents decide to go, but as we get older and have to work or get married, we will have to make decisions about whom we will be with on Christmas Day. It can be a challenge to avoid hurting anyone's feelings.

With all these worries before the day even begins, it's a wonder how I can even enjoy the holidays.

That's why I want my Christmas gift early. I want to stop worrying about what other people think.

I want to return to the days when my innocence prevented me from worrying.

For instance, shopping could be simple. My little brother is proof of this — he once did all his Christmas shopping in 10 minutes at a Stuckey's.

While I won't go that extreme, I think I will try to buy gifts with the best of intentions and not worry what the recipients will think. It does seem pointless to worry — after all, the gifts are going to people who love and are loved by me. So, if I put thought into my gifts, surely they will be appreciated.

Same with the Christmas letters — if they were lucky enough to receive one from you, I hope they will see the good intentions that went into writing it.

And when worrying about not attending a home — well, if they really love me, they'll invite me back next year.

This is my plan. It won't be easy — after all, I'm worried right now what you might think while reading this column.

Still, I'm optimistic that I will get my present before Christmas, but maybe I should write Santa just in case.

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## LETTERS

## The DAILY EGYPTIAN would like to apologize

In a Friday article regarding the third pizza man in Carbondale who was robbed in the past week, the lead stated, in jest, that pizza delivery people may want to start carrying weapons. We were wrong to joke about that.

We were wrong to joke about such a serious issue and we do not endorse the arming of delivery drivers. It was a slip-up on my part. I just thought about it as a light-hearted lead, not an endorsement of turning all delivery drivers into gun-toting psychopaths.

On another note, we at the DAILY EGYPTIAN are becoming increasingly frustrated with the recent violence and crime in Carbondale over the past few months. Sometimes humor is a way to deal with a crummy situation, but we promise never to let it happen again. Humor is not an excuse for irresponsible suggestions.

Merry Christmas.

Michael Brenner  
*editor-in-chief*

## We must stop xenophobia from spreading

DEAR EDITOR:

I will not give Mr. Bercew thoughts any more attention other than to say that his mental sickness, xenophobia, is not unique or original in any time period.

This sickness does not correspond to a political view of left or right. In some countries the left has had xenophobia, and it has had the same native effects for both parties.

Currently in Europe, which most Americans consider liberal, they are fighting xenophobia, and it poses the greatest threat to democracy, or at least to the quality of democracy throughout Europe and the free world.

However, in the last 20 years in America, xenophobia does seem to have infected the right wing more than the left wing of our political par-

ties. Fear of outsiders by a party or group of people has had negative consequences in all nations throughout world history.

In the 21st century many countries made policies that endangered and/or killed foreigners for their views that differed. Every country has foreigners and most deal with the same issue of their differences as we do.

However, what makes us the great country we are is our tolerance for these differences and options. In fact, because of the diversity in our nation we are stronger than most in spirit and compassion.

Some could argue that foreigners have built what America is today.

We know that their hard labor built our railroads and their hard work in our factories fueled the industrial revolution. In the major world wars, their fighting as patriots for this country cannot be denied.

The American Germans fought hard to rid the world of the evils of Nazis and Hitler, who were at the same time practicing the extreme of xenophobia, genocide or ethnic cleansing.

It might be surprising to hear that Germany has seen an uprising of xenophobia and violence in the last 10 years. In fact, the German federal government and the Social Democratic opposition have claimed that the Neo-Nazi skinhead violence is only the tip of an iceberg of national discontent aimed at foreigners. Even though the Neo-Nazi party is outlawed, its sickness of xenophobia is again spreading.

We have responsibility as American patriots to stand up and stop this sickness before it infects most Americans. We have to decide what is more important, freedom to express one's thoughts, even at the expense of spreading xenophobia sickness, or to outlaw these thoughts by not allowing their words to be printed.

When these thoughts start a backlash of hatred and violence for foreigners, it is time to think of the larger response. For now, we must stand up and say that these thoughts are a sickness and cannot be tolerated in a free nation of foreigners.

Frank Sadewater  
*senior, psychology*

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that information. We know how much we would be spending in Canada because we spoke to the companies we would purchase the maintenance drugs from."

The FDA has stated it does not want to risk consumer safety by allowing foreign drug dispensers to prescribe incorrect medication dosages without any liability for those companies.

The Food and Drug Administration continues to express concerns for consumer safety when importing drugs.

In a random search of 1,153 imported drugs conducted by the FDA and the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 1,019 of

those were considered illegal because they contained unapproved drugs. Only 15 percent of the drugs entering the United States were from Canada.

Ottenhoff said those numbers would not apply to Illinois' proposed plan, which would only supply Illinois consumers with FDA-approved drugs from pharmacies.

"I think what the report does is reiterate that a more controlled system with numerous safety checks and balances, like the one proposed here in Illinois, would help reduce the amount of unsafe drugs, not increase them," Ottenhoff said.

For Mike Patton, executive director for the Illinois Pharmacists Association, a concern is the number of jobs that may be lost by Blagojevich's plan.

"There is a huge demand for internet

drug sales," Patton said. "The whole thing has developed around greed, pure and simple greed. In Canada, there is such a tremendous shortage. They will sell anything to anybody because they have nothing to lose. It's a cash business. It's more profitable than what I would refer to as 'street' drugs, and it's virtually impossible you'll get caught."

"More money for these pharmacists and not enough drugs for the people who need them here in Canada."

Canadian drug pharmacies, including the Coalition for Manitoba Pharmacy, have said Canada may face drug shortages if other states follow in the footsteps of Illinois.

Ottenhoff said the governor's task force asked Manitoba for evidence of drug shortages due to Internet sales, but Manitoba failed to provide any information.

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work for before meeting with the employers. Newspapers, trade magazines and websites are just some of the examples they should use in researching careers.

Though the job market is very competitive, Robbins said those graduating must be patient and persistent when it comes to looking for work.

"It will take a lot of work to be able to find a job," she said.

"Sending your resume out is step one. The follow-up is just as important. Once you send a resume out, you need to give them five days and call the employer and ask, 'Did you get my resume? Is there any other information I could provide you? When will you be giving interviews? Can we set up an interview time right now?'"

Robbins said she mostly encourages graduating students to plan accordingly before they enter their careers.

"My best advice is to prepare yourself as much as you can for the job market," Robbins said.

"Be knowledgeable about the field and be knowledgeable about the companies you are applying to."

While Brink will find out for himself the transition from college student to college graduate, he said overall he has had a memorable time at SIUC.

"I have enjoyed my classes and professors," he said.

"I enjoyed meeting new people. By in large, if I had to choose, I would say that I have had a positive experience."

Graduation ceremony for undergraduates is Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Arena. Graduate students' ceremony is at 1:30 p.m.

## Risk for sexual assault high during college

Sail Ritchie  
Daily Evergreen (Washington State U.)

PULLMAN, Wash. (U-WIRE) — About 288 Washington State University women might experience a completed or attempted rape before their spring finals.

Approximately 3 percent of college women become survivors of a completed or attempted rape during a typical academic year, according to a survey recently conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Three percent doesn't sound like such a big number," said Greta Leibnitz, Wellness Programs administrator for WSU Health and Wellness Services.

"But then you figure there are roughly 9,600 women on this campus right now. Three percent of that is nearly 288 women a year."

Although statistics show one in every four women can expect to experience a rape or some form of sexual assault in their lifetime, the risk for college women is much greater, Leibnitz said.

"There definitely is a higher risk of rape for women during their college career than for the general public," Leibnitz said. "Simply being a college woman puts you at risk for rape."

Kenley Jones, co-coordinator for the Cougar Men Against Violence program and a graduate student studying higher education administration, said college campuses are a breeding ground for sexual assaults for a number of reasons.

"When you consider the close proximity of living quarters, and throw in alcohol and lack of parental supervision, a bulk of sexual assaults will probably happen on a college campus," Jones said.

The Department of Justice survey found that nearly 90 percent of female rape victims knew their offender — usually a classmate, friend, ex-boyfriend or acquaintance. According to survey estimates, 834,700 men are raped and/or physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the United States.

However, the majority of these instances are physical assaults.

Women are more likely to be raped by an intimate partner or people with whom they live, but men are more likely to encounter more physical assaults than rapes, and are more likely to be assaulted by a stranger, Leibnitz said.

While the survey projects that roughly 160 women are survivors of completed rape on college campuses each year, only 20 on-campus rapes have been reported between January 2000 and October 2003 on WSU campuses, suggesting rape occurrences are vastly underreported.

The main reason for this, Leibnitz said, is that many college students don't understand the definition of rape.

"There is an overall lack of understanding of what is rape from the perpetrator end, as well as the victim end," Leibnitz said.

Survivors of rape and sexual assault are often reluctant to label unwanted sexual

## Virginia students want policy to protect gays, lesbians

Angela Forest  
Daily Press

(KRT) — To ensure students of all backgrounds feel comfortable on campus, some students and faculty at Christopher Newport University want sexual orientation to be included in the school's anti-discrimination policy.

The move ties in to CNU's mission to become a top liberal arts institution, one that's open to all forms of diversity, said Melissa Bell, Student Government Association vice president of university relations.

The SGA approved a resolution in April calling for the university's Faculty Senate, university administration and Board of Visitors to endorse the inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students as a protected class on campus.

The lone opposition vote came from a representative with the Young Constitutionals.

In November, the Faculty Senate overwhelmingly approved the proposal, which will now go before the provost and president before being considered by the board of visitors in spring 2004.

The idea to expand the school's discrimination policy was introduced to the SGA by the Gay-Straight Student Union.

Last fall the union learned that CNU did not include gay and lesbian students under a policy that covers race, gender, age, color, disability, religion, national origin, veteran status and political affiliation, said Derek Austin, union president.

The SGA resolution notes that 15 public universities in the state among them The College of William and Mary, Old Dominion University and the University of Virginia specifically refer to sexual orientation in their nondis-

crimination policies.

Austin said he doesn't know of any situations where gay or lesbian students encountered prejudice on campus.

He views the sexual orientation resolution as a proactive step that would prevent problems from occurring.

"It shouldn't take something like a Matthew Shepard happening here for something to change," said Austin, referring to the young Wyoming man attacked and killed several years ago because he was gay.

"For myself, the comfort level (for gay students) is pretty high. I'm not afraid to speak my mind and to say things but for freshmen, the comfort level may not be as high."

Before voting, Faculty Senate members wanted to know the legal ramifications of adopting the proposal.

In particular, they asked the university's affirmative action officer and university attorney whether CNU would be liable if something happened to a gay or lesbian student under a revised discrimination policy, said Virginia Purtle, faculty senate president.

What the Faculty Senate learned was that an expanded policy would not necessarily prevent discrimination from taking place, Purtle said.

An example is the presence of ROTC on campus. The training corps, like all U.S. military organizations, maintains a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy regarding homosexuality.

Austin said while many students and faculty members have shown support for the measure, it's unclear how the administration feels.

CNU President Paul Trible said the issue will be "seriously considered" when it comes before the Board of Visitors in the spring.

activity as rape because they do not want to be rendered powerless, Leibnitz said.

"If one defines an incident as rape, one has to define themselves as a victim," Leibnitz said.

"So the typical reaction of a survivor is just to try to forget about it."

Survivors of rape or sexual assault often worry about insensitivity from police when reporting a rape or sexual assault, as well as repercussions from their perpetrators, Leibnitz said.

They are often concerned about hurting their loved ones with their experiences, as well.

Only the survivor can decide whether or not he or she wishes to report the rape, Leibnitz said.

"We try to impart to them that the reporting process is part of the healing process," Leibnitz said. "But we also want to respect their choices."

Cassandra Nichols, WSU's sexual assault response coordinator, said she serves as WSU's go-to person for survivors of sexual assault or rape. She is available to meet with students and provide them with a list of resources, address questions and concerns and to provide support.

In the meantime, there are a number of resources and programs available on-campus for survivors of rape and sexual assault. They range from medical, counseling and testing services to help with the reporting process and academic and housing concerns, Nichols said.

## Chemistry Department receives NSF grants

Department acquires two prestigious grants

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SIUC Chemistry Department faculty recently added two National Science Foundation grants to their list of accomplishments.

Assistant professors Boyd Goodson and Yong Gao each received a Faculty Early Career Development Program grant, which will fund their research for the next five years.

The amounts of the grants have yet to be negotiated but are expected to total more than \$1 million, according to John Koropchak, vice chancellor for Research and Development.

The grants will be the Chemistry Department's third and fourth in the past two years. This is a highly unusual success rate for one department because of the prestige and high competitiveness of the awards, Koropchak said.

"Four CAREER award winners in one department is pretty prestigious and unusually successful," he said.

Goodson's research focuses on developing new techniques to study molecular structure and interactions. The research revolves around nuclear magnetic resonance, which can be thought of as strong magnets. Goodson said he wants to combine the high data content gathered with nuclear magnetic resonance with the sensitivity of optical methods of research, which can be thought of in terms of lasers. This would allow researchers to gain more information from the same specimen.

Because optic methods use more energy than nuclear magnetic resonance, Goodson said he must find a way to convert the higher energy so the same sample can be used with both methods.

If he is successful, Goodson said others could use his research to develop better comprehension of biological functions, such as understanding how general anesthesia works, as well as inclusion complexes, which can be used to mask tastes and odors or in protecting drugs during transport. Goodson said the possibilities that may stem from his research are endless.

"Generally, the truth about basic research is we don't know," Goodson said. "We can't be bound by that because we have to just see where the science takes us. And 50 years from now or five minutes from now, someone runs with it and does something else."

The basic principle behind Goodson's research will allow others to take it in a different direction. This is the case in Gao's research, which was built on pre-existing concepts to create something new.

According to Gao, his research centers on magnetic principles. By coating small magnets with organic molecules, Gao said he hopes to find a way to clean up and recycle chemical waste materials.

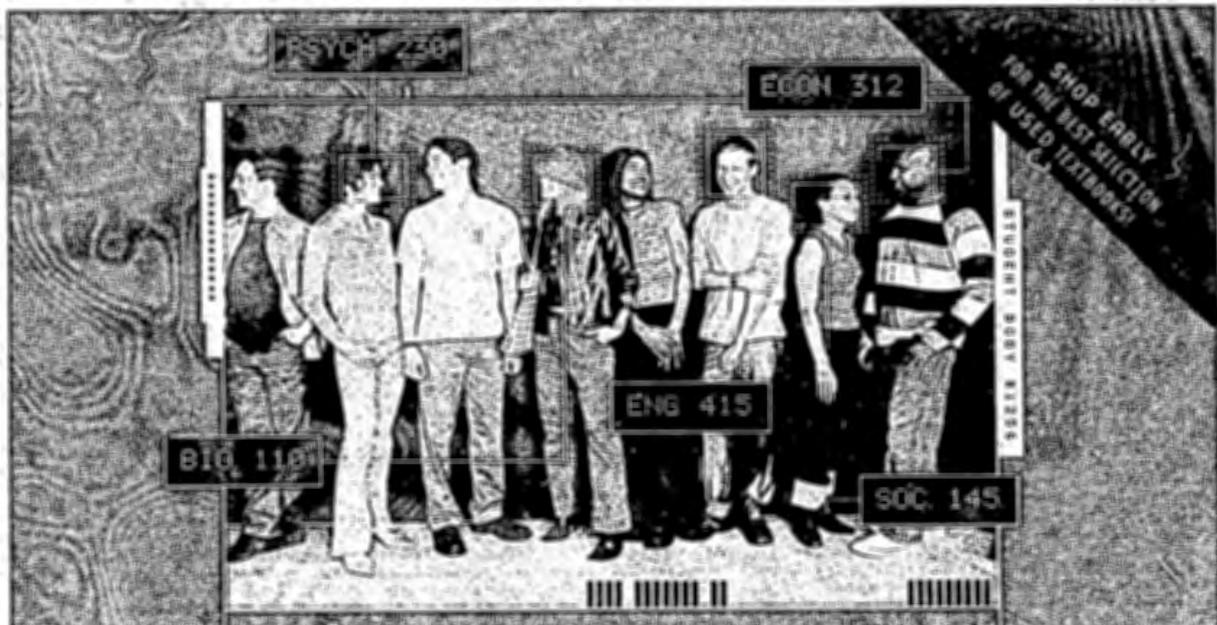
Gao said the process to purify molecules generates toxic waste materials that can cause serious harm but can also be used in other areas. He said his research would attempt to use a small magnet to attract the impurities and separate them from the compound.

Gao said this would allow companies to speed up the process as well as reduce the costs of purification. It would also allow the waste material to be recycled to some other use, thereby decreasing pollution.

"Of course, I'm quite excited about this grant because this award is very prestigious," Gao said. "You're talking about a success rate of maybe 10 percent or lower, so competition is very severe; you're competing with a lot of young faculty in the field."

Gao said he also was excited about the grant because it affirms his decision to switch research projects shortly after he was hired, something not many universities would allow because of the high risks involved.

"This grant just vindicated my decision," Gao said. "You have to take a risk to receive the payoff."



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# Still at large, bin Laden and Saddam inspire resistance

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Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

WASHINGTON (KRT) — They're America's most wanted, two highly recognizable villains with \$25 million bounties on their heads, and their general whereabouts are thought to be known.

So how have Saddam Hussein, the deposed Iraqi president, and Osama bin Laden, the leader of the al-Qaida terror network, eluded capture?

And if Saddam and bin Laden were apprehended or killed, would it halt the violence in Iraq, Afghanistan and a host of other countries where al-Qaida's Islamic fundamentalists have left a trail of bloodshed?

Experts in counterterrorism and military affairs say both men are looking over their shoulders while relying on the support and succor of local populations, while spurning electronic forms of communication that can be monitored.

And most believe that Saddam's capture would produce more immediate and tangible results, because, as one noted, al-Qaida is now a snake with many heads.

The two men "are big lumps under the carpet, and they're good at running, hiding and doing cover and concealment," said Gordon Adams, who during the Clinton administration was an associate director for national security and international affairs at the federal Office of Management and Budget.

"Not finding them is the biggest intelligence failure of all," added Adams, who directs security policy studies at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. "It says we just are not as good as we think we are sometimes."

Saddam, a secular leader, ran Iraq with an iron fist for more than 20 years, instilling fear through murder,

torture and repression, and, according to Adams, his freedom "is an inspiration to the resistance."

The resistance is thought to be the work of former regime loyalists, criminals, Sunni Islamic extremists and militants from other countries.

"The sense that Iraqi people have that Saddam Hussein is alive and well and directing traffic has a real impact on their willingness to cooperate with the transition," Adams said.

Experts say that while Saddam oversaw the slaughter of rivals within Iraq, by contrast, bin Laden has the blood of others on his hands as he's inspired a trans-national, theologically motivated insurgency bent on installing fundamentalist Islamic regimes across the Muslim world.

Saddam likely has the protection of his family and tribe in Iraq's so-called "Sunni Triangle" region. Resistance to U.S.-led forces is greatest there because Sunnis fear that majority Shiites will dominate the new government that will emerge in Iraq and retaliate for past oppression, observes Vince Cannistraro, a former CIA counterintelligence chief.

Cannistraro believes that the U.S. invaded Iraq on false pretenses: the idea Saddam was linked to a global terror network, had weapons of mass destruction and was close to having nuclear weapons in his arsenal. What has emerged as a result, he says, is the perception that "the U.S. is a big bully and trying to establish a major beachhead in the Middle East," and that notion fuels "religious zealots who want to kill Americans."

"We've made Iraq a center for terrorism, where it wasn't that before," he says.

Others caution that the jury still is out on weapons of mass destruction, which may have been destroyed, hidden or secreted out of Iraq.

Bin Laden is thought to have

found safe haven in a larger, denser stretch of territory along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. Not fully in Pakistani control, it's uninhabited, mountainous terrain where smuggling and gun-running are rampant and deeply rooted tribal norms make it unacceptable to hand over a guest, even a fugitive, says Matthew Levitt, a former FBI counterterrorism analyst now at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Levitt is rare in his optimism that both men ultimately will be snared, but says Saddam's apprehension would be a more significant victory tactically "because it will inflict a greater blow against people carrying out the attacks against coalition forces."

Getting bin Laden, while a "huge morale victory" that would tamp down the rhetoric that incites others to join al-Qaida, would have less immediate impact, Levitt says. That's in part because he relied on others for operational planning, such as Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, who was arrested in March in Pakistan.

Al-Qaida, meantime, is blamed for attacking targets in Tunisia, Tanzania, Kenya, Indonesia, the Philippines, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Turkey, and threatening a host of other nations from Canada to Japan.

"There is no removing the head of the snake in al-Qaida right now," Levitt said. "There are multiple heads of the snake. It's more of a movement than an organization, and has all kinds of affiliated groups that take direction and support."

There are a handful of key al-Qaida people, many heads of small organizations and cells, and you'd have to go down several layers to eliminate enough people to lower the scope of the threat.

# Playboy makeover aims to lure younger readers

Leon Lazaroff  
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK (KRT) — When Hugh Hefner created Playboy a half century ago, he bet that men would buy a magazine with pictures of naked women as long as it also showcased great writing, lifestyle tips, stories on pop culture and compelling interviews.

But by the late 1990s, young men were turning to magazines such as Maxim and HMF that deliver far more attitude while revealing far less skin than Playboy.

The result was a sluggish publishing business. Though Playboy's newsstand sales rose 5 percent in the third quarter of this year, operating income, which is a reflection of advertising strength, was a million dollars less — a drop of 47 percent — compared with the same period last year.

Aiming to widen its circulation as well as the type of advertisers it attracts, Christie Hefner, Playboy Enterprises Inc.'s no-nonsense chief executive and daughter of Hugh Hefner, hired former Maxim editor Jim Kaminsky to undertake a gradual but decisive remake of one of the world's best known magazines.

While Hefner remains fiercely loyal to her father's creation, she says a refashioned magazine is essential to propel the company's fast-growing pay television and online businesses.

"The magazine is the soul of the property but it's also the driver of the brand," said Hefner, who runs Playboy Enterprises from its Chicago headquarters. "I see it as the hub of the wheel, and I don't see that changing even while the revenue growth is in the higher margin electronic businesses."

Clean-shaven, with a medium-build, Kaminsky is engaging and unaffected, an urban overachiever rather than the cool, swinging bachelor glorified by the man he respectfully calls "Mr. Hefner."

After working at Maxim from 1959 to 2002, Kaminsky was hired as only the third editor in Playboy's history. The magazine, he says, still has a cachet — it just needs some modernizing.

Kaminsky insists that he is under no particular mandate, but he acknowledges that his job is to make Playboy more accessible to the free-spending 18-to-34 crowd coveted by advertisers. The average Playboy reader is 32.5 years old while Maxim's is 27.5, nearly smack in the middle of the desired demographic.

While the magazine's business side must cut costs and increase ad sales, Kaminsky's new design aims to retain Playboy's cool sophistication without mimicking the high-octane, frat-boy frolic exemplified by his former employer.

"It's a tremendous challenge," says Keith Blanchard, Maxim's editor-in-chief. "Jim has to simultaneously deal with an aging icon, powerful upstarts like Maxim, Stuff and FHM, and the Internet, which has undercut Playboy's pornographic base. That's a lot all at once."

To assist him in the makeover, Kaminsky hired two other former

Maxim editors and another from Rolling Stone. The magazine, he says, is about six months into a transition expected to take about two years.

Married with two children, the 42-year-old Kaminsky admits to growing up cloistered in suburban Connecticut, reading Playboy as a teenager and feverishly wondering about Hefner's urbane lifestyle.

After graduating from Boston University, he wrote for GQ, Details and Men's Health on his way to working at Men's Journal and Conde Nast Women's Sport & Fitness.

Working out of Playboy's airy and hip offices alog Manhattan's 5th Avenue, Kaminsky says he has a clear idea where he wants to take the magazine: shorter articles with more photographs at the front, with more sidebars, boxes and charts to accompany more topical narrative pieces, including the magazine's trademark celebrity interview.

He wants to try to prevent readers from too quickly turning the page.

"I edit this for the guy who's been reading it forever and the guy who is reading it for the first time," says Kaminsky. "The goal is to stay true to the magazine while bringing it into a new generation."

Fashion spreads, for example, would be aimed at snowboarders and "regular guys" — not models. The magazine, he says, is about a lifestyle, ordinary guys who strive to live better.

In a departure from issues as recent as last year, Kaminsky is using far fewer illustrations and hiring younger writers to produce investigative stories like those in Vanity Fair, Rolling Stone or The New Yorker.

Recent pieces looked into the murder of a rap star, the SARS virus and Wal-Mart's labor practices.

Playboy, Kaminsky says, has something Maxim doesn't have: the ability to retain readers for years and years.

Kaminsky's view is that Playboy can stay sexy without being lewd or juvenile.

He believes that Maxim readers will eventually grow bored with that magazine's quick-hit stories, bawdy humor and collegiate style; they'll look for something with more substance and graduate to Playboy.

Maxim's editor disagrees, countering that the magazine has a 60 percent retention rate, second among major magazines to only The New Yorker at 67 percent.

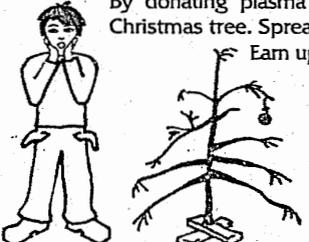
Ultimately, Playboy's success may depend on how the magazine's take on sexuality fits into the pumped-up mores of the modern male.

During Maxim's meteoric rise, Playboy's soft photos were derided as tame and old-fashioned. The ever-widening choices for pornography on the Internet added to that portrait.

But Kaminsky disagrees. "The truth is if someone wants porn they're not going to come to us — and that's been the case for a very long time," Kaminsky said. "We have more in common with the New York Review of Books than we do with the now-failed Penthouse. And we like it that way."

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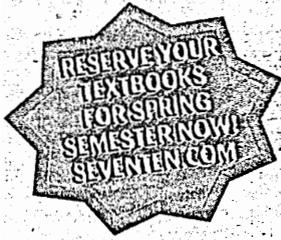
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# Sharing makeup not the way to look good

**Beth Aaron**  
University Daily (Texas Tech U.)

**LUBBOCK, Texas (U-WIRE)** — Playing dress-up is not something only grade-school students do. Many Texas Tech University students take delight in vamping up friends before parties, a first date or a night out at the club.

However, unwanted attention can be brought on by unexpected makeover mishaps. Dr. Jennifer Smith, dermatologist at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said sharing makeup is a bad habit because it spreads bacteria.

"Outdated and sharing makeup puts you at increased risk for getting infections," she said.

Dr. Kenn Freedman, an assistant professor and ophthalmology for Student Health Services, said it is possible to spread styes through sharing eye makeup.

"It's a real possibility because studies have shown that people have given people pink eye that way," he said.

A sty develops when the oil glands in the eyelid get plugged up, Freedman said.

"You get a big red dot on your eyelid," he said. "They're usually treated with warm compresses, and sometimes they need to be drained surgically."

Freedman said styes are different from pink eye, though they often have similar symptoms.

Styes are treated with antibiotics and sometimes steroids. He said there are over-the-counter remedies available, but seeing an eye doctor is best.

"Over-the-counter medicines, in my experience, have not been effective," he said.

Styes that go untreated do not cause blindness, Freedman said, but could cause a bad facial infection. Infections can be avoided with careful use of makeup and eyelid scrubs with baby shampoo, Freedman said.

Smith said sharing makeup or using outdated cosmetics can lead to a bacterial infection called folliculitis.

"[It is characterized by] itchy red bumps where you used the product," she said.

Using testers at make-up counters can also be hazardous, Smith said. Contaminated lipstick samples can potentially spread herpes simplex type 1, or cold sores. However, using cotton swabs provided at the counter to apply the sample product could reduce the risk.

Leaving makeup uncovered is also an invitation for bacterial infection, Smith said.

Chelsea Cobb, a sophomore public relations major from Claude, said she shares eye shadow occasionally but does not make a habit of using cosmetic testers.

"I'd rather buy it than sample it," she said.

Cobb said she finds she develops styes when she is stressed. She said she does not think she gets them as a result of sharing makeup.

"I think that the only reason I get them is because it's like a different type of canker sore," she said. "I just get them on my eye instead of my mouth."

Cobb said she is good about throwing out old makeup and never leaves make-up sitting out.

"It's a habit for me to put things away," she said.

There is no law stating that makeup manufacturers must mark their products with expiration dates, but some producers do list recommendations on their labels. Smith said an old product is easy to identify.

"It'll give off a weird smell," she said. According to the Food and Drug Administration Web site, the shelf life for eye-area cosmetics is more limited than other products. Some industry experts recommend replacing mascara three months after purchase.

Smith suggested people with sensitive skin pay attention to the ingredients in the products they are using. She suggested looking for products without perfumes or preservatives.

People should also be cautious when going to a salon for pedicures and manicures, Smith said. If tools and products are infected nail fungus can be transferred from one patron to the next.

For more information about proper eyelid hygiene, pick up a pamphlet at the department of ophthalmology located in Thompson Hall.

## Kids get new play surface at Washington State

**Seth Lake**  
Daily Evergreen (Washington State U.)

**PULLMAN, Wash. (U-WIRE)** — A heap of mangled, decrepit shoes will soon cover the Washington State University Children's Center's Kid's Cave in the form of brand new field turf.

More than 5,500 pairs of old athletic shoes were collected as part of the Reuse-A-Shoe campaign implemented in 2002. As a result of the program's success, WSU will receive a \$25,000 grant from Nike. Money from the grant will go toward resurfacing the cement play area at the Children's Center with the same material used at the new baseball fields, REC center and football field.

"The program is part of Nike's ongoing efforts to increase physical activities of youth and give them the means to do it by donating sports surfaces made from recycled shoes to communities around the world," said Judi Dunn, WSU recycling education coordinator.

Michael Chapman, an early childhood program specialist at

the Children's Center, said he looks forward to the new surface.

"It's soft enough to help impact falls, but hard enough to ride bikes and play soccer on," Chapman said. "The kids are going to be so excited to get out there and play."

WSU was one of 25 organizations to pilot the program at the beginning of last year, and one of two to win the grant. The recycling drive began last year with banners, flyers and other forms of advertisement, Dunn said.

Collection bins for the shoes were placed around the campus, as well as the city and state.

"I just keep using my shoes — I can't afford new ones," said junior Matt Norman. "But if they were to do it again, I'd put some of my really holey shoes in there for sure."

Many of the surrounding community participated heavily in the drive, even some from more than 70 miles away.

"We received help from the Tri-Cities urban campus, St. Vincent de Paul in Spokane, Girl Scout troops from Freeman and even a school in Idaho," Dunn said. "It was a community effort, really."

## Study shows exercise can be addictive

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Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

**MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE)** — When University of Minnesota student Julie Stolman began working out, she lost weight and felt better about herself.

But this made her push further — exercising twice per day, every day, to the point of exhaustion.

"I felt like I had to. It's just messed up," Stolman says the education and human development student. "You can't maintain it. Your body just can't keep up."

Stolman is addicted to exercising. Although she now works out about half as often as she did, she says, she still feels pain in her hips and knees.

While she works on managing her addiction, a recent study suggests it could be more difficult than expected. In fact, exercise could be as addictive as drugs, according to research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The study used two groups of 24 mice. The mice ran on wheels for six days straight, stopping only for food, water and sleep. On the seventh day, researchers kept the mice from exercising and then tested their brains.

The tests showed neuronal surges

in the brain when the mice were not exercising, similar to those of cocaine cravings in human drug addicts.

One of the study's researchers, Stephen Gammie, professor in UW's zoology department, says the study shows further complexities in addictive behavior.

J. Clark Lauderger, director of the Center for Addiction Studies at UM's Duluth campus, says addictions are complex. He says an addiction is usually a combination of how a person behaves and the way he or she responds to it.

Lauderger says people can easily become hooked on something that satisfies them.

However, he says, this does not typically become a problem until it interferes with their health or social relationships.

Arthur Leon, a UM university kinesiology professor, says he does not think exercise addictions would be bad.

"I would hope more people would be addicted to exercise," Leon says. Leon says more exercise could be good because it reduces chances of stroke, obesity and hypertension.

While exercise is healthy, some experts say, it is important to keep a balanced lifestyle.

"Everything in moderation is

good, and anything in excess is trouble," says Don Dengel, a UM kinesiology professor.

Dengel says the brain responds to endorphins released by pleasurable activities such as exercise, but these endorphins can be addictive.

He also says exercising continuously is bad because a body needs downtime. If a body is not given downtime from exercise, its muscles, bones and immune system could be damaged. Also, injuries are more likely to occur.

According to American College of Sports Medicine exercise guidelines, people should work out three to five times per week for 30-45 minutes each session.

Dengel says higher intensity or frequency than that does not improve a person's health.

If a student becomes addicted to exercise, Dave Golden, public health director of UM's student health services, says he or she should go to the center's mental health clinic.

An addicted student will see a counselor. From there, the counselor directs him or her where to go next.

Golden says they see people addicted to many things, and these addictions are not easily treated. Most students who have an addiction get therapy, he says.

## Florida AIDS benefit concert draws crowd despite cold

**Emily Seawell**  
Independent Florida Alligator (U. Florida)

**GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE)** — University of Florida students banded together for warmth Saturday evening as a free concert turned cold.

"Temperatures hovering in the 30s and 40s left about 100 students huddling for heat on the Reitz Union North Lawn at the second "Rock the Cause" AIDS Benefit Concert, sponsored by UF's Florida Association of Professional Health Educators.

Erin Saunders, the club's public relations chairwoman, said she went inside three times to get warm during the four-hour event.

"I have two pairs of pants on, two pairs of socks, a jacket, gloves and whatever you call this thing — a headband," she said. "And I'm jumping around."

Saturday's temperatures were drastically lower than the Dec. 6 average, according to [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com), which reported a low of 36 degrees and a high of 53 degrees.

The average low temperature for the date is 46 degrees, and the average high is 70 degrees. "It's so freezing outside," said club president Katie Sweeney, whose heavy jacket and jeans were accented with a matching hat, scarf and gloves.

Attendees were offered free HIV testing, and organizers passed out free flavored condoms as

students displayed about 20 AIDS-information boards they made for a Department of Health and Human Performance class.

The benefit also featured a candlelight vigil for disease victims, guest speakers from the community and a scantily-clad belly-dancing troupe.

Although the event was free, proceeds were raised through \$2 raffle tickets for a 30- to 40-prize giveaway, Saunders said.

The SG-sponsored club also held bake sales to raise revenue, Sweeney said, and the event was funded in part by the Reitz Union Board.

All raffle prizes were donated by local businesses, and Gainesville bands LP and One Day Old performed for free.

"It's disturbingly cold out here, but totally worth it," said tobogganed One Day Old lead singer and guitarist Jon Aleman, who added that he couldn't feel his hands while he was playing. "We do things like this as often as we can — anything for a good cause."

Sweeney shared his sentiment. "I was really happy and impressed with the people who came out to support us," she said, but "I wish it was warmer."

Senior Oswald Alphonse, wearing a heavy coat and an improvised turtleneck he made out of a red bandanna, added that he would have liked to have seen more students at the event.

"We hope that next year they'll come out and support it," he said. "It's a good cause."

## Iowa State club sends supplies to hospitals abroad

**Joe Straatmann**  
Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

**AMES, Iowa (U-WIRE)** — An organization at Iowa State University has been responsible for gathering more than \$20,000 of medical supplies and distributing them to international clinics and hospitals with the help of study abroad programs.

The Student International Medical Aid Club has been gathering everything from scalpels to aspirin to be given to international countries that lack the basic infrastructure for a proper health care system, says club president Kristin Mawk.

The club was started last fall through the pre-medical program at Iowa State, says the senior in microbiology.

SIMAC members started gathering supplies by "looking through the phone book," Mawk says. Surplus medical supplies were collected from local hospitals and clinics around Iowa, such as Omnicare and the Green County Medical Center.

The list of supplies the group had quickly grew to an inventory more than seven pages long and valued at around \$20,000.

"It was overwhelming. We didn't expect that," Mawk says.

SIMAC decided to send supplies to Bolivia through information given by Curamericas, a North Carolina-based organization that provides

support to countries in North and South America that lack proper health care.

Students who were studying abroad in Bolivia transported the supplies by each carrying 15-pound duffel bags to the country.

Mawk says the rest of the supplies were transported to Curamerica's home office and SIMAC is planning on gathering more supplies in the spring. The club is looking to expand its services to orphanages in Russia.

The club is planning on having guest speakers come to Iowa State next semester to promote student awareness and expand their range of resources.

Every country has different needs, which makes it difficult to transport medical goods, says John Paschen, a physician at the McFarland Clinic PC in Ames and a donor to the club.

Paschen has made missionary trips to St. Lucia, an island in the Caribbean, and Guatemala. Paschen says the main problem with sending medical supplies is often the hospitals are treated as a "dumping ground" and are given things they don't need, such as urine cups.

Paschen says donors can help the hospitals by calling ahead of time and inquiring what about their wants. "They're the ones who know what they need," Paschen says.

SIMAC currently has five active members, with other members currently involved in study abroad programs.

# Schwarzenegger fails to pass first fiscal plan

Governor, lawmakers must cover shortage

Hanh Kim Quach, John Howard and John Gittelsohn  
The Orange County Register

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (KRT)** — In the end, not even a Hollywood action hero could turn around California's fiscal problems in two weeks.

Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's failure Friday to push through the first pieces of his budget bailout, a \$15 billion borrowing plan coupled with a limit on future spending, was part inexperience, part unpreparedness, part partisan politics — and a lot of Sacramento.

Some voters were not surprised that Schwarzenegger could not prevail, and his supporters said their enthusiasm remains undimmed — at least for now.

"I think it's too much to expect somebody to resolve everything in a short period," said Schwarzenegger supporter Manny Padilla, 73, a retired insurance agent from Tustin, Calif. "But if we're like this in six months, I'll pass judgment."

Ranking Democrats acknowledged Schwarzenegger's star power, sincerity and ability to appeal to the public helped bring them back to the Capitol at a time when lawmakers are usually at home.

But, they said, he spent too much time in the last two weeks campaigning around the state for his proposals — and too little time fighting for his ideas in the Capitol, where they say it counts most.

"That may change in the future, as Schwarzenegger gets more political savvy."

"I believe that if he had been more involved in the negotiations in Sacramento, he would have gotten what he wanted out of the Legislature," said Sen. Joe Dunn, D-Santa Ana.

The Legislature's most powerful member agreed.

"The power of his personality I think was, and could have been, conducive to a settlement," said

Senate Leader John Burton, D-San Francisco.

Without the \$15 billion bond on the March 2 ballot, lawmakers and the governor now have to find some other way, and fast, to come up with the money to cover a new budget shortage and pay off loans that the state took out earlier to cover expenses.

The state needs the money by June, when the loans are supposed to be paid back in full, to avoid facing Wall Street investors with a \$7 billion cash shortage.

The options include tapping the \$12.6 billion in budget bonds sought by the former administration, crafting new legislation and sending it to the governor's desk, trying again for the March ballot by acting early next week — or taking the proposals to the people, by gathering signatures to place the spending limit and bonds before voters in a special election.

Also unresolved are \$2 billion worth of immediate budget cuts that Schwarzenegger demanded earlier, which include limiting enrollments in health care programs, cutting reimbursements for MediCal doctors, cutting food stamps, and eliminating some services for the disabled.

Lawmakers could consider those cuts as early as next week, along with other lingering budget bills, including one to protect cities and counties from losing money from the reduction in vehicle license fees.

"I'm not sure he can cut as much as I'd like," said Reed Royalty, president of the Orange County Taxpayers Association.

"But I'm hoping he still has enough magic that he can get something on the ballot and put a firm spending cap in place."

Schwarzenegger remains convinced that he needs to borrow \$15 billion to pay off a chunk of the former administration's debt, and the sooner the better. And he's convinced — and so are voters and many lawmakers — that the state needs the spending limit.

"Absolutely, it can be done next week or in January, but it will take moderate Democrats and moderate Republicans to come up with a

**What's Next**

**What happens next with the budget battle between Gov. Schwarzenegger and the Legislature? Here are some options:**

<p><b>The governor</b></p> <p>Sponsors a campaign to put on the November 2004 ballot a state spending limit. It would require 598,105 signatures of registered voters to qualify.</p> <p>Tries to beat the legal challenges against the \$12.6 billion in borrowing sought by his predecessor, former Gov. Gray Davis, thus freeing up the money and eliminating the need for a new, \$15 billion bond.</p>	<p>If this is done next week, there is a chance that both measures could appear on the March ballot. If it is not done next week, but as late as midyear, a special election could be called by the governor, and both proposals could appear.</p> <p>If it is done later, the spending limit would appear in November, but the bonds would not appear at all, because the June deadline for the borrowing would have passed.</p>
<p><b>The legislature</b></p> <p>Agrees to a spending limit-borrowing package on a bipartisan vote and sends it to Schwarzenegger, who signs it immediately.</p>	<p><b>The legislature II</b></p> <p>Agrees on a temporary spending limit in the form of a statute. The governor signs it, and then they work out a permanent compromise.</p>

solution," said Assemblyman Todd Spitzer, R-Orange. "There definitely is some room here."

Even fellow Republicans jumped from Schwarzenegger's plan in final Senate votes, fearful that they would face voters' wrath for supporting an expansion of the state's debt and convinced that Democrats were not negotiating in good faith.

"A Republican governor who is a moderate cannot save a conservative Republican in a close primary. That's why they did not want the vote count to include Republican votes," Dunn said. "[The governor and his aides] totally missed it."

Republicans had a different view. "We knew what was going on [Schwarzenegger's aides] said if this doesn't go, we'll put it on a special election or on November and put through a real spending cap. So we were released [from voting for it]," said Sen. Dick Ackerman, R-Irvine.

Waiting for November would allow the governor and lawmakers time to work out differences in how to structure the spending limit — the crucial issue between the warring camps. The basic difference is over where to set the first year, the benchmark for subsequent increases.

Schwarzenegger wants it set at about \$75 billion, which Democrats say is too low. Democrats want it set at about \$85 billion, which Republicans

say is too high.

State spending for the fiscal year is expected to be at \$90 billion, meaning that the lower the cap, the more cuts will have to be made in programs, particularly social services and health care for the poor.

But once they agree on where to set the base, a number of other issues need to be figured out, such as: How much should be set aside in reserves? Should extra money above the reserve be rebated to taxpayers? Should extra money go to education? Transportation?

Lawmakers and the governor would have until the summer to hammer out these details before putting it on the November ballot.

But if Schwarzenegger does what he promised in his campaign — and what his spokesman, Rob Stutzman, reiterated Friday — the governor will go over the Legislature's head and go directly to voters, if lawmakers balk. "We will proceed with a strong spending limit, and it will have to be on the November ballot," Stutzman said.

That tactic fizzled last week, when Schwarzenegger traveled to Democrats' districts in San Diego, the San Joaquin Valley and Tracy to rally support for his plan. The idea was to get voters to call their lawmakers and demand that they back the governor, but the results appeared to be negligible.

But Schwarzenegger continues to attract legions of voters and star-struck constituents to rallies, although his tour around the state last week appeared to do little to move voters to apply pressure to their local lawmakers. And he also attends meetings with the political press, such as a bipartisan gathering Saturday night in Rancho Mirage with California's congressional delegation.

But with more time to campaign, Schwarzenegger could bring that star-power to bear on his budget plans, one supporter said.

"I think Arnold will go straight to the public with a ballot initiative," said Blake Curci of Irvine, who said Schwarzenegger lost the first round because of partisan politics.

"If he does that, I'm sure he'll get what he wants, because the people of California like him," added Curci, a criminal justice major at Cal State Fullerton.

But going to the ballot with budget initiatives, especially when the ballot is crowded with other measures, could be a mistake. In November, there already is a \$12.5 billion high-speed rail bond, and measures targeting illegal immigration, redistributing and a part-time legislature are under consideration.

"Everybody wants to go to the ballot, but the more there is on the ballot, the more people vote no," said Sen. Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica.

## Russia continues to see surge in violence

Alex Rodriguez  
Chicago Tribune

**MOSCOW (KRT)** — Russian law enforcement officials knew terrorists were going to strike somewhere in southern Russia on the eve of the country's parliamentary election, they just didn't know when, where and how.

They said they thwarted one attempt Friday when they discovered two suspected female suicide bombers in the southern village of Karabulak inside a car equipped with an explosive device. They prevented another Saturday when they found a bomb attached to a freight train in Kavkazskaya.

But the one they couldn't head off was the costliest. A suicide bomber detonated a massive explosion on a commuter train Friday morning near Yessentuki that killed 42 people and injured more than 150 others. With the attack, more than 280 people have been killed in such acts in Russia over the past year.

Despite the intensity and regularity of the attacks, Russian law enforcement has been virtually powerless to prevent them. Attacks in Moscow and across southern Russia have prompted calls for stricter security.

However, setting up new checkpoints and stepping up searches isn't likely to stem the tide of violence in southern Russia, where separatist guerrillas have been waging war to break off the small Islamic republic of Chechnya from the rest of the nation.

Nearly a decade of conflict has turned the mountainous province into a perilous wasteland where the economy long ago ground to a halt and young Chechen men the Russians say are in collusion with rebel forces are routinely victimized by Russian soldiers.

Locked into such bleak circumstances, and facing an even bleaker future, some Chechens find themselves easily swayed by Islamic elements looking for recruits for suicide bombing attacks, according to experts in Chechen affairs.

Evening the score with Russia, says Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya, becomes the driving force in their lives.

"This happens on a very primitive level," says Politkovskaya, who has interviewed relatives of suicide bombers. "We're talking about revenge. You killed our people, so we will kill your people. And the goal is to inflict as much pain as possible."

Russian President Vladimir Putin rose to power in 1999, largely on the promise that he would ratchet up operations in Chechnya and end the war. Today, the conflict, which has killed thousands of Russian soldiers and Chechen civilians, is seen as one of Putin's sturkest failures.

Nevertheless, he maintains a popularity rating that hovers around 70 percent and is likely to cement his grip on Russian government when voters go to the polls to elect a new parliament Sunday.

His solution to the Chechen conflict has been to keep the republic within the fold of Russia but grant it wider autonomy.

A spring referendum gave Chechnya a new constitution, and an election in October gave pro-Kremlin Chechen leader Akhmad Kadyrov the job as president. But both elections were regarded by most Chechens and much of the international community as rigged.

A major flaw in Putin's plan for Chechnya, many experts say, is that it fails to recognize that a large part of the Chechen population

remains, if not loyal to the separatist cause, at least sympathetic to it.

Experts say the only real solution to the Chechen conflict lies in negotiations between the Kremlin and separatists, and the involvement of the international community to help broker peace.

Putin, however, has staunchly rejected calls to negotiate with separatist leader Aslan Maskhadov.

And it is unlikely he would ever change his mind, said Russian military analyst Pavel Felgenhauer.

"I'm afraid Putin is beyond that point," Felgenhauer said. "I don't see any way for him to backpedal now."

On Saturday, Russian officials stepped up security at train depots and polling stations as an answer to Friday's attack near Yessentuki. Russian Deputy Prosecutor General Sergei Fridinsky vowed that the organizers of the attack would be tracked down.

The attack, carried out by a male suicide bomber and three female accomplices, was the second on the commuter train line in three months.

In September, two bombs planted on the tracks killed six people on a train and injured scores more.

On Saturday, Russian newspapers criticized the Kremlin's inability to clamp down on the violence and head off such attacks.

"Employees of the (Federal Security Service, the successor to the KGB) who yesterday worked on the site of the tragedy did not hide that they had received operational information at the end of last week about terrorist acts being prepared in southern Russia," wrote the Russian daily, Izvestia. "It is now clear that they were not neutralized in time."

## Bill to take look at text book prices

Jolene Hull  
Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

**AMES, Iowa (U-WIRE)** — A new bill introduced to Congress may add some much-needed relief to students' wallets when buying textbooks.

Congressman David Wu, D-Ore., introduced H.R. 3567, a bill specifically aimed at aiding college students, to the U.S. House of Representatives Nov. 20.

Cameron Johnson, press secretary for Wu, says the proposed bill will require an in-depth investigation of the college textbook industry.

"The bill is a simple piece of legislation that requires the General Accounting Office, which is the investigative arm of Congress, to conduct an investigation into potential price manipulation in the college textbook publishing industry," Johnson says.

In the bill, which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, studies found students can spend nearly \$1,000 per year on college textbooks. For many students, particularly those in two-year degree certificate programs, textbooks make up a large percentage of postsecondary education costs.

"The study also stated American college students often find their textbooks cost far less overseas than they do in the United States. In many cases, the exact same textbook can be purchased overseas at half the cost."

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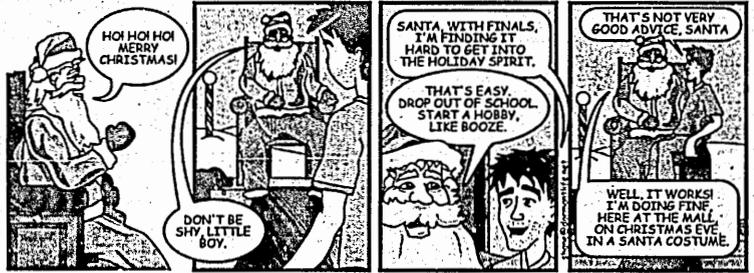
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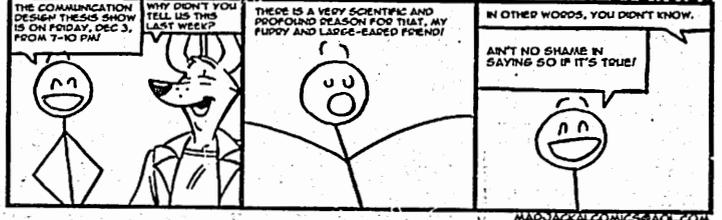
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**Daily Horoscope**

**By Linda C. Black**  
Today's Birthday (Dec. 9). You're surprised to discover that you can't do everything by yourself. You'd like to be independent, but this year you'll work best with a partner. Don't worry, this is a person who won't give you time to get bored. It ought to be very interesting!  
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.  
Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - It may be hard to figure out whether to be here or there. Maybe the answer is more easily found by seeking another point of view. Ask friends for their input and follow their advice.  
Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Your steadfast determination, cuddly manner and good looks pay off. You get what you want through sheer perseverance - and maybe a little luck. OK, so you don't know how you pulled off this deal. Accept the prize anyway.  
Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You'll get the chance to exhibit some spunk. If you can make sure your argument is fiscally sound, you'll win big.  
Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Continue negotiations so that you can reach an excellent deal. This may be better than you'd even hoped, and it's due to your good poker face.  
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Seems like everybody wants a little bit of your valuable time. Maybe you could arrange to meet with several of them at once. Either that, or delegate some of this stuff.  
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - The problem can be resolved now. Remain confident, even when you feel like throwing in the towel.  
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Interaction with foreigners can be a lot of fun, but don't head off for distant shores yet. You have responsibilities, and you know what they are.  
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - You should be in a good mood, even though you're proceeding with caution. Find someplace nearby to bury your treasure, like the basement.  
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - The skills you're developing have to be learned through experience. Just relax. This is more than a philosophical exercise. You'll never be the same.  
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Finish what you're working on, and don't start another job yet. Give yourself time to ooze for this client, as more may be requested.  
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Your agile mind and keen imagination continue to impress your friends. They look to you for advice and expertise. Keep 'em guessing.  
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - The frustrating part should be almost over by now, and success is within reach. Schedule a celebration for tomorrow or the next day.

**JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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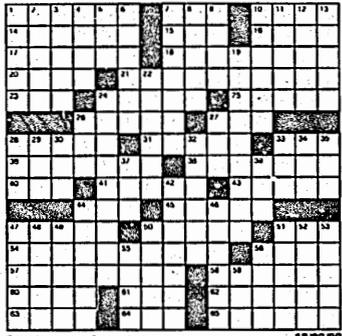
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 14 Hypnotic state  
 15 Fuss  
 16 Indian princess  
 17 Overseas  
 18 Rustic abode  
 20 Pled Piper's followers  
 21 Pilot in a gondola  
 23 Printer's measures  
 24 Olympic sleds  
 25 Life-drawing subjects  
 26 Brute force  
 27 Monster's possessive  
 28 Shoulder signal  
 31 Stage whisper  
 33 Receding lid  
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 38 Oxidize  
 40 Slangy affirmative  
 41 Contribute a tenth



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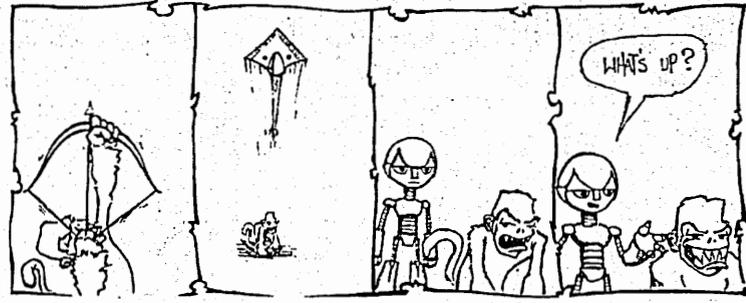
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 6 Blanket infester

- Solutions**  
 7 Biticks  
 8 False gods  
 9 Fast-food option  
 10 Herschel's planet  
 11 Fanatical  
 12 Licorice flavoring  
 13 Fluff collections  
 19 Satisfied  
 22 Overcome with shock  
 24 Unit of stellar distance  
 26 Kisser  
 27 Astar words  
 28 Basulit  
 29 First part of a bry  
 30 Final letters  
 32 The Cometh  
 33 Long, long time  
 34 Purchase  
 35 Lingerie buy  
 37 Haberdashery buy  
 39 Black goo  
 42 Courage  
 44 Claim a right

- 46 Kisses  
 47 Summits  
 48 Fireplace frame  
 49 Brief look-see  
 50 Last  
 51 Caesar or Waldorf  
 52 Marry in haste  
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by J. Tierney



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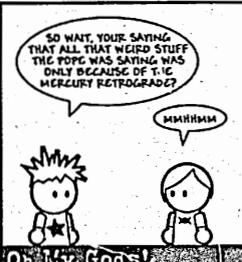


# Sherbert

by Ryan Wiggins



This is it for Sherbert in the DE! Look for Sherbert in the Pulse next semester maybe? Thank you very much Jack Pinta, Shane Pangburn, Lance Speere, Jared Dubach, and Jesus. Also, thanks for reading Sherbert.  
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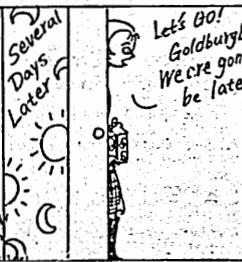
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# Sylvester Croom Jr. takes the high road

Wayne Coffey  
New York Daily News

(KRT) — Thirty-six years before he shattered a barrier in Starkville, Miss., last week, Sylvester Croom Jr. was an oversized eighth-grader from Holt, Ala., who went to church every week, said his prayers before every meal and found himself, quite suddenly, surrounded by hate.

Croom had just enrolled in Tuscaloosa Junior High, the first time he'd gone to school with white children. He joined the football team and was playing an opponent in Brookwood, Ala., a suburb that wasn't quite warming to the concept of an integrated opponent.

As he walked off the field after the game, the crowd pressed closer, red-faced and ugly. "Get that nigger!" someone hollered. "Get the nigger!"

A phalanx of parents and officials from Tuscaloosa — white and black — surrounded Croom, escorting him safely from the field. Sylvester Croom never reacted, never stopped walking, never stopped holding onto the Bible-based dignity and open-mindedness he had learned from his parents.

It was no different a few years later, after Sylvester became the first black member of the Tuscaloosa High Key Club. One night the club met at the Croom home. When the meeting ended, there was a cross burning not far away.

"Our motto always was that color doesn't matter, it's the people who matter," Louise Croom says, sitting in the three-bedroom charcoal-gray ranch house that she and her late husband, the Rev. Sylvester Croom Sr., raised their family in. "There are bad black people, and there are bad white people. I've had very good friends who were white. It's what we taught our children."

At age 49, Sylvester Croom Jr. is

the son of educators, the grandson of sharecroppers and the great grandson of slaves. He hasn't been a bystander to social change; he has felt it in his own home, and now he's living it himself. Six months after he finished second to Mike Shula for the job at his alma mater, Alabama, Croom finds himself at the cultural epicenter of the New South — not merely the new head coach of Mississippi State, but the first black football coach in the 70-year history of the Southeastern Conference.

Croom is more than a quarter-century removed from his days as an All-American center for Paul (Bear) Bryant at Alabama. He is 28 years into his coaching career, 17 in the NFL and 11 before that for the Crimson Tide. As he finishes his third year as running backs coach for the Packers, Croom's new challenge is to overhaul a program that has gone 8-27 the last three seasons under the retired Jackie Sherrill, and that may face NCAA sanctions for alleged recruiting violations.

His more symbolic role is as a bull-necked beacon of hope.

In a state where the Confederate flag is as ubiquitous as cotton, where a senator, Trent Lott, said it would've been a good thing for America if avowed segregationist Strom Thurmond had been elected president, Sylvester Croom Jr., himself a child of segregation, now tries to win games and heal wounds.

Along the way, he tries to pry open the door for colleagues of color, who want to keep the faith even in the face of the ugliest stat in football: the 117 NCAA Div. I-A coaches, only five are black.

"There's a past in Mississippi, and they've done so much to distance themselves from that past," says Kelvin Croom, Sylvester's younger brother, a Ph.D. pastor and the assistant principal of Paul Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa. "I believe it's genuine, and

there's a statement to all of America. These are those across the country who think all we do is eat watermelon and spit seeds on the weekends. We are far from that."

Wilbur Jackson, the former Eagles running back, was the first black player to play for Alabama, in 1970, a year before Croom arrived.

"I am very proud to see it happen, because it couldn't happen to a better person," Jackson says. "This hasn't been given to him. This is something that he's earned."

Croom had a decorated career with the Crimson Tide, anchoring the line of the 1973 national championship team, captaining the team a year later. He played a season with the New Orleans Saints before accepting Bryant's invitation to return to Tuscaloosa to join his staff.

He graduated from college at age 20 and had his masters in educational administration by 23.

Bryant taught his players that even the best of them would be knocked down, endure adversity, and that it's how you carry forth from there that reveals your true character. Croom, by all accounts, was superb at getting back up. Sylvester Sr., who was honored posthumously for his work as a civil rights leader in Alabama, taught his sons to be strong and not to make excuses because of their race; not to let themselves be filled with bitterness. None of it was easy.

When the Crooms were growing up, blacks had their own schools, their own water fountains, their own place in the back of the bus.

They also had their own system of justice, as Sylvester Sr. found out, when he and his brother were coming back from a rabbit-hunting trip one day. They had blood on their clothes.

A white woman had just been raped, and said that black men had done it. Among the first blacks police

saw were the Crooms. They were jailed and a lynching mob was coming for them before they were rushed off to Birmingham. A local pastor ultimately convinced authorities they had the wrong guys.

To Sylvester Croom Jr., the worst daily indignity may have been the separate restrooms. You'd stop at a gas station and there would be the signs: men, women, colored. Usually the colored bathrooms were filthy. You learned to do your business before you left home.

"The [bathrooms] stand out more than anything else," Croom told a reporter earlier this year.

"Because to me what that said was I was less than human. That bothered me, and it does to this day."

Says Kelvin Croom: "We chose not to be intimidated. We chose to be motivated and hoped that one day we would make a difference. And we have made a difference, because the crosses have been taken down and the ropes have been put away."

Sylvester Croom Jr. may have learned restraint, but he was nobody's milquetoast.

After the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in the spring of 1968, the black students in Tuscaloosa High school were ushered into the auditorium and warned that they could not miss school to observe King's funeral. Sylvester didn't go to school — and neither did the other black students. When Croom first went to an integrated school, a white classmate called him names and taunted him relentlessly. Croom's father told his son to tell the teacher when it happened. Sylvester Jr. did that.

It didn't stop. One day the kid tripped Sylvester in the classroom. The kid wound up taking a licking. The name-calling was never a problem again.

Croom got along with just about

everybody, and still does. Those closest to him talk of a man who is smart and kind and impeccably mannered; tough without grandstanding, a leader without even trying. Ozzie Newsome, the Ravens GM and Hall of Fame tight end and former Alabama teammate, is an old friend of Croom's, and says he's rarely seen a stronger presence in the huddle.

One would be hard-pressed to find a football man with more passion for the game than Croom.

He and Kelvin played for hours every day as kids. Indoors, they liked to play one-on-one, slow motion style. Louise Croom wanted no part of her sons' playing football, at any speed, but was outvoted — her husband, a former player at Alabama A & M and the Alabama team chaplain — siding with the boys.

"You don't need to play football; you might get killed," Louise would tell Sylvester Jr.

"If I die playing football, I die happy," he's reply.

To this day, Alabama continues a tradition initiated by Bryant, honoring a player every spring with the Sylvester Croom Jr. Commitment to Excellence Award.

Croom's NFL stops have included San Diego, where he helped the Chargers get to the 1995 Super Bowl, and Detroit, where he spent four years coordinating an offense that was highlighted by Barry Sanders' 2,000-yard season in 1997.

This season, Croom's Packer backs — led by Ahman Green — form the most prolific ground game in the NFL.

Croom had some strong things to say last summer after being passed over in favor of Shula. "It's time for them to quit making excuses and go ahead and hire a black football coach in the SEC," he told *The Associated Press*, adding, "I have a real problem there."

## » SPORTS FLASH

### Brooks named player of the week

SIU junior guard Darren Brooks was named Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week Monday.

In the conference season opener at Drake, Brooks had 24 points, 10 rebounds, a school-record eight steals, and four blocks.

He averaged 18.0 points, 7.5 rebounds, 5.5 steals, and 2.5 blocks in wins over Southeast Missouri State and Drake.

### Abdulqaadir to play in All-American Classic

SIU senior running back Muhammad Abdulqaadir will play in the Las Vegas All-American Classic. The game will take place Jan. 17 at Nevada's Sam Boyd Stadium and will feature 110 of the top seniors from around the country.

Abdulqaadir will play for the East squad. He was a 2003 First-Team All-Gateway Conference selection who led the team in rushing with 1,041 yards and a 5.8 average.

### Women's basketball adds recruit

SIU women's basketball head coach Lori Opp announced Monday that India Bruster has signed a national letter of intent to join the Salukis for the 2004-2005 season.

A native of Cleveland Bruster is a senior at Cleveland Central Catholic High School, where she was named Most Improved Player in each of her prep seasons.

As a junior, she averaged 10 points, eight rebounds, two steals and three blocks per game while earning second-team all-conference honors.

She was also named the team's top student-athlete as both a freshman and sophomore.

In addition to Bruster, Opp and her staff look to sign four others, including two guards and two post players.

### Women's tennis signs recruit

SIU women's tennis head coach Judy Auld announced today that Laura Bredniak has signed a national letter of intent to join the Salukis for the 2004-2005 season.

A native of Paducah, Ky., Bredniak is a senior at Lone Oak High School, which reached the quarterfinals in the doubles bracket two straight years.

As a sophomore and junior, she was the regional doubles runner-up, as well as helping her team net a team state championship as a freshman and junior.

### Track and field season begins Friday

The SIU men's and women's track and field teams will open their indoor season when they play host to the Fast Start Invitational.

The meet will be an all-day event and will take place at the Recreation Center.

### Swimming and diving return to action next month

After spending the holidays in Puerto Rico, the SIU men's and women's swimming and diving teams will return to competition next month at Indiana.

They will face the Hoosiers at their pool in Bloomington, Ind., and will also swim against Ohio State.

### Roberts, Williams progressing in NBDL

A pair of former SIU men's basketball players have been making the most of their chance to play in the National Basketball Development League.

Former Salukis Kent Williams and Rolan Roberts are among league leaders in several categories after more than two weeks of action in the NBA-

feeder league.

Playing for the Charleston Lowgators, Roberts is putting up big numbers in terms of scoring (13.6 ppg, 13th), blocks (1.6 bpg, T-third), steals (1.2 spg, T-sixth) and field goal percentage (.644, second).

Roberts, who played one season at SIU (2001-2002), is a starter for Charleston (5-2).

Williams, who plays for the Fayetteville Patriots (4-2), does not start but is putting up decent numbers in about 17 minutes per game.

Williams, who starred at SIU from 1999 to 2003 and is among career leaders in several categories, is averaging 6.7 points through six games.

He is tied for second in the league in 3-point field goal percentage (.500) and also has the season-high for 3-pointers in a game after hitting four of them last week at Columbus.

### Stieb recognized on Hall of Fame ballot

The final ballots for the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame were sent to voters last week, and among the 30 candidates listed was a former SIU star.

Dave Stieb, who played for the Salukis in 1978, was one of 15 first-year players on the ballot.

During his one season at SIU, Stieb was named First-Team All-America as an outfielder. He was also named team MVP and all-conference.

Stieb pitched for 16 seasons in the majors, including 15 with the Toronto Blue Jays. He was named American League Pitcher of the Year by *The Sporting News* in 1982 and led the AL with a 2.48 earned run average in 1985. From 1988 to 1990 he threw five one-hitters and one no-hitter.

A seven-time all-star, Stieb holds Toronto Blue Jays franchise records for wins (175), innings pitched (2,873 1/3), strikeouts (1,658), complete games (103), and shutouts (30).

Candidates must be named on 75 percent of the ballots cast to gain election. The players are voted on by members of the Baseball Writers of America Association. The results will be announced Jan. 6, 2004.

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# Michigan accepts bowl bid amid BCS debate

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ANN • ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — It turns out the University of Michigan will play in a national title bowl after all.

The Wolverines, who officially accepted a Rose Bowl bid Sunday, will match up against the University of Southern California Jan. 1, 2004. The USC Trojans were left out of the Sugar Bowl, the Bowl Championship Series title game, but USC coach Pete Carroll says that as far as he's concerned, his team will be playing for the national championship in Pasadena.

That's because his Trojans are ranked No. 1 in the country in both the Associated Press and the ESPN/USA Today Coaches polls. The coaches are obliged to choose the BCS championship bowl winner as the national champion, but the media is not. So if Southern Cal. wins the Rose Bowl, it could be named national champion by the AP and per the BCS polls, share the title with either the University of Oklahoma or Louisiana State University; who will play in the Sugar Bowl Jan. 4.

Carroll expresses no bitterness

about his Trojans, ranked third in the BCS, not making the Sugar Bowl. Southern Cal. has been on the Sugar Bowl bubble since losing to California Sept. 27, but Carroll says his team doesn't dwell on the BCS standings.

"We weren't going to be worried about it and concerned with it because we had no control over it," Carroll says. "We want to get to the Rose Bowl and win the Rose Bowl—that's what the goals of this program are all about. So we want to take that opportunity in hand and go for it."

"The fact that there's a little controversy with it just makes it that much more interesting," he says.

Southern Cal. won't go to New Orleans, where the Sugar Bowl is played, because Louisiana State University, now ranked No. 2 by the media and coaches, jumped ahead of the Trojans in the BCS polls after winning the SEC championship this weekend.

The Tigers had been behind the Trojans in the BCS rankings, but Louisiana State's win over the University of Georgia boosted its strength of schedule and helped move LSU ahead of Southern Cal. The Trojans won the Pac-10 Championship Saturday with a 52-

28 victory over unranked Oregon State University.

Previously undefeated Oklahoma dropped to No. 3 in the voter polls after getting trounced by Kansas State University, 35-7, Saturday. But the Sooners remain on top of the BCS poll because of their strong schedule.

The BCS system takes into account the human polls and seven computer rankings, as well as strength of schedule and records.

This year's bowl picture just adds to the BCS's controversial history. Under the system, which was implemented in the 1998 season, the No. 2 team in the human polls has twice been excluded from the BCS championship game (University of Miami in 2000 and University of Oregon in 2001).

But this is the first time the consensus No. 1 team will not play in the title bowl.

The fact that Oklahoma will play for the national title despite not winning its conference title only adds to the debate.

The Rose Bowl features the first-ranked team versus the fourth-ranked team, while Nos. 2 and 3 will clash in the Sugar Bowl—a seemingly perfect precursor to a playoff.

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Also, I was never verbally attacked or physically threatened by any basketball players. Unfortunately, I cannot say the same about the football team. It's really hard to root for a player that had threatened to kick the crap out of you at the beginning of the season.

For some reason, the football team has always had issues with the Daily Egyptian while the basketball team has not. Neither side should hate the other, and it would be nice to see a better working relationship next fall.

• Note to the SIU Athletic Department: Is it possible to make the SIU Arena aesthetically pleasing, at least on television? It looks God-awful on ESPN, and it would be nice if that could be remedied. I'm not offering any solutions because I don't have any. I was just hoping you did.

• Note to SIU students: This University has a baseball team. They play at Abe Martin field, right across from the Arena parking lot. They allow kegs on the hill in right field. Please go.

• Note to Saluki athletes, especially in smaller sports: Please stop complaining about coverage you feel is too negative. We are not public relations agents for SIU. Leave that to the good people in Lingle Hall.

Most of the complaints are over-sensitive, anyway. We're not out to get you, but if your team sucked, we're going to write about it.

• Is it possible to get a soccer team? I know it's an unpopular idea, especially among DE sportswriters, but I love soccer, and I think it would work at this University.

• And finally, a note to the readers:

Some of you have written in after a few columns, complaining about negativity or, like last week, that I published the criminal records of Saluki athletes.

Let me make this clear for those of you who don't know: I love this University. It has given me more than I could have ever wanted, and because of SIU, I'm going to be interning for one of the most prestigious newspapers in the country. My life sucked before Carbondale, and I will be forever grateful to this University.

But that does not mean I'm not going to be critical. When you love something, you have to be able to tell it when it's being stupid. That's what a good friend does. I love this country, but I know the Patriot Act is an abomination to civil rights and American values, and I also know that our president has the IQ of a walnut. That does not mean I'm going to join Osama bin Laden.

The Daily Egyptian's adviser was always tough on me when I was being lazy, complacent or just plain stupid. But I am much better for it, and he would have done me a disservice to be nice and fluffy all the time.

That's my intent when I'm writing a negative column or article. I want the best for this University, and I will never forget the great times I had here. But when times could be better, I will say so.

I'd also like to thank the people who have sent me encouraging letters during the past year and a half. You guys got me through some pretty crappy times, and you will never know how much that meant.

A special thanks to Dr. Dianna Rausch. Thank you for all your letters. Your encouragement really made all the difference.

## BASKETBALL

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need there for him and now he's able to play," said Painter, who was an assistant coach while Miller was at SIU. "He really worked hard when he was here, he was really a team guy so I'm really happy that it's working out for him at Illinois State."

In addition to the key MVC match-ups, the Salukis also play four non-conference game during the break, starting against Wright State on Dec. 15 in Dayton, Ohio.

Wright State (1-3) is the only team the Salukis will play during the next month with a losing record. Murray State, which SIU plays on the road Dec. 17, is undefeated at 6-0.

"Playing those games on the road is going to be a huge test for our guys," Painter said.

"But they have proven that they can win in tough environments, winning at Milwaukee and winning at Wyoming and then winning against Drake and the press."

SIU's two home non-conference opponents are no slouches either.

Charlotte, which is 4-2 and boasts a road win against defending national champion Syracuse, comes to the SIU

Arena Jan. 2. Montana (3-3) visits Carbondale Dec. 21.

Charlotte and Montana, in addition to the Redbirds and Shockers, will have the additional burden of trying to break the nation's second-longest home winning streak, which now stands at 29 games.

If SIU defeats Montana, it would tie the school record with 30 consecutive home wins. Wins against both Montana and Illinois State would set a new SIU Arena record.

To accomplish this, the Salukis would have to do it with the student section relatively empty as most students head for home during the break.

Painter said he would prefer to play these games with the students in town, but he said the community offers enough support to overcome the loss of the Dawg Pound.

"It's not as rowdy a crowd, but we still get a lot of people to attend those games," Painter said.

One thing Painter is not worried about is his players' getting overconfident about their 5-0 start.

"We have a lot of experience and guys that have been through it," Painter said. "It's not something where you're worried about them getting their heads in the clouds or worrying about them thinking that they've really

done something great when they know they haven't."

This is because the Salukis have set their goals higher than just winning their first couple of games of the season.

They include both winning the MVC title and making a third straight trip to the NCAA tournament.

"It helps us down the road, but it doesn't achieve those goals," Painter said. "Our guys are very focused and they want to prove that they can get this done without some of the guys we've had here in the past."

## SCHEDULE

### Men's basketball

Dec. 15  
@ Wright State, 6:05 p.m.  
Dec. 17  
@ Murray State, 7 p.m.  
Dec. 21  
vs. Montana, 2:05 p.m.  
Dec. 28  
vs. Illinois State, 2:05 p.m.  
Jan. 2  
vs. Charlotte, 7:05 p.m.  
Jan. 7  
@ Indiana State, 6:05 p.m.  
Jan. 11  
vs. Wichita State, 2 p.m.

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take to get there.

And I'm glad it worked out the way it did: I worked hard to get those numbers and hopefully, in the end, they all pay off."

In New Jersey, Frisella endured the typical New York fans—as he listened to them yelling about how much he "sucked," but he was still able to hit .136 with three hits, including a triple, in 22 at-bats.

Both the New Jersey and Johnson City teams wear uniforms identical to their parent club, the St. Louis Cardinals. This was an especially good thing for Frisella because he grew up in St. Louis and is a die-hard Cardinals fan.

"I was willing to put on any jersey, but the fact that it's [a Cardinals] jersey, it means that much more," Frisella said while reflecting on putting on the Johnson City uniform for the first time.

It's sentimental. It's just so exciting to be able to wear your home colors for the team you grow up watching, that you love.

"For me to be able to wear the red and white, it's pretty neat."

Frisella earned that right after four years with SIU, where he finished with a career average of .287 with 113 RBIs and a .981 fielding percentage. He also hit 28 home runs, which ties him for second all-time at SIU.

As a senior with the Salukis last season, Frisella was among team leaders in several offensive categories, including runs scored (45, first), hits (59, third), doubles (10, T-third), home runs (10, first), RBIs (30, third) total bases (99, third) walks (32, first), on-base percentage (.425, first) and stolen bases (nine, first).

He returned to SIU this fall to finish his degree in business administration and has been working out with his former Saluki teammates.

"He's the kind of guy that is going to be successful [at whatever], he does," said Ken Henderson, SIU baseball hitting coach.

"He's just that kind of person. He's willing to work to do that and he's an intelligent kid.

"He'll have success. To what level, to what extent, who knows? Minor

league baseball is an interesting game, but he'll do what he's supposed to do and what he needs to do to give himself the opportunity to have success."

Whether it's in academics or between the lines, Frisella thanks Henderson, SIU head coach Dan Callahan and outfield coach Kevin Kimball for being so good to him and providing him with some of the greatest years of his life.

But more great years are bound to lie ahead as Frisella is only a few months away from heading to spring training, where he will attempt to make one of the clubs.

His goal is to earn a roster spot with the Knoxville, Tenn., team, the Cardinals' AA club, but he realizes that he will probably be sent to Palm Beach (high A) and has a chance to go to Peoria.

But no matter where he ends up next season, it will be quite the road trip working his way back home to St. Louis to play for the big club.

"I've got a couple jerseys," he said. "I've got my memories. I've got my buddies. There's only a few people who get to do what I do. Nobody can ever take that away from me."

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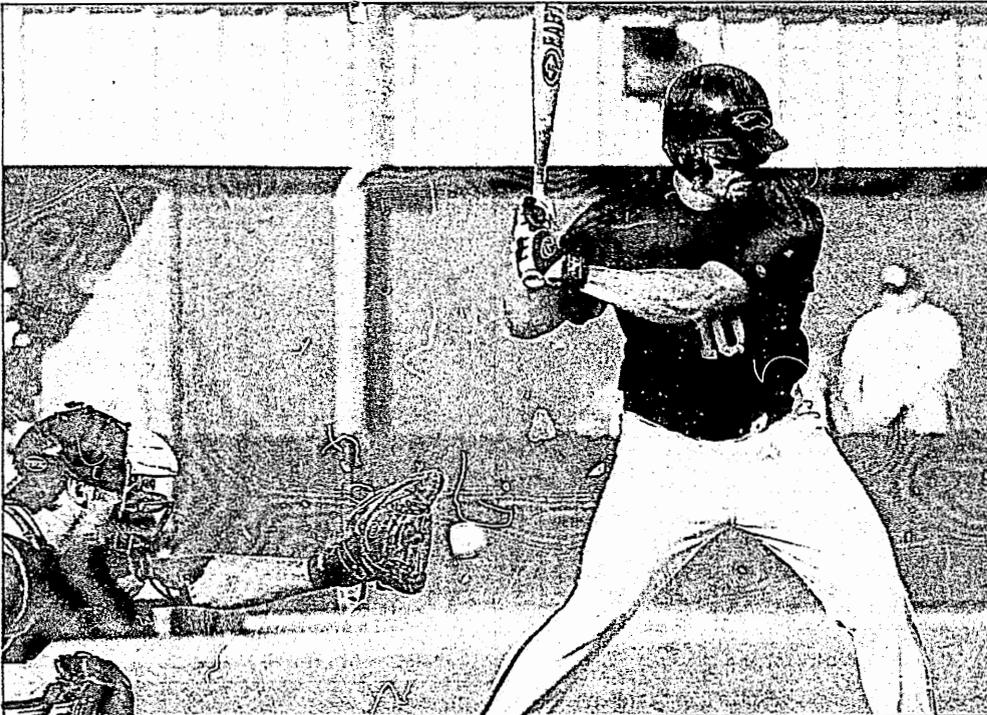
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Former SIU star outfielder Sal Frisella has been quickly making his way through the minor league. Playing in the St. Louis Cardinals organization, Frisella, a St. Louis native, will head to spring training with the ultimate goal of someday playing for his beloved Cardinals in the big leagues.

» BASEBALL

# Climbing the ladder

Sal Frisella works his way through the minor league in pursuit of a dream

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It turned out to be one hell of a road trip. Sal Frisella, outfielder for the Johnson City (Tenn.) Cardinals of the Appalachian League, walked into the clubhouse as he always did and checked the board to find out when

batting practice was and if he was in the starting lineup for the night.

His name was there, next to the words "see the manager." Frisella knew seeing the manager could be a good thing or a bad thing, but with the year he was having, it couldn't have been that bad.

After all, the former SIU Saluki was doing well at the plate and had recently found out he was named to the Appalachian League All-Star Team.

And as it turned out, there was nothing to worry about. The manager wanted to tell him he had been promoted to the short-season Class-A New Jersey Cardinals of the New

York-Penn League.

After two rain delays, a bus trip back to Johnson City, a plane trip to Atlanta, where he met Kingsport Mets manager and former major leaguer Mookie Wilson, another flight to Newark, N.J., a 45-minute shuttle from the airport to his new clubhouse and another bus trip to Brooklyn, N.Y., Frisella finally played in his first game for New Jersey — on three hours sleep.

But it was all worth it. Not only did Frisella get the promotion, but Baseball America, a premier monthly magazine dedicated to all levels of professional baseball, said he had the best professional start for

the Cardinals organization and also tabbed him the third-best second-day draft pick overall.

Frisella hit .337 with eight home runs and 37 runs batted in 60 games for Johnson City.

"It's nice to do what I did," Frisella said. "Where I was at, it was a nice honor. I was an all-star. For me, the way I look at it, they're all great accomplishments, but until I get to The Show, those are just numbers.

"Not that they don't mean anything, but my goal is to get to the big leagues. It's just a step that I have to

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» MEN'S BASKETBALL

# SIU will stay busy during winter break

Schedule includes home games against Charlotte, Illinois State, Wichita State

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Everyone knows that the SIU men's basketball team was picked to finish fifth in the Missouri Valley Conference. But for at least one week, the Salukis are the best the league has to offer.

Saturday's 75-66 win at Drake put the Salukis in the driver's seat in the conference standings with a 1-0 league

mark. No other team has played a league game.

During winter break, the Salukis (5-0) will have a chance to improve on that record with home games against Illinois State (Dec. 28) and Wichita State (Jan. 11) and a road game at Indiana State (Jan. 7).

"Creighton always seemed to play an early one and get off to a quick start," SIU head coach Matt Painter said. "Then everybody just seemed to chase Creighton from there on in; and so hopefully we can get a couple more wins under our belt and maybe we can get out in front."

The Salukis have had the upper hand against all three foes, winning three straight against both Illinois State and Wichita State, and four

straight against Indiana State.

Wichita State, the preseason MVC favorite, is off to a fast start at 5-0 but has been dominated by the Salukis in recent seasons. SIU has won nine of the last 10 meetings between the two and has won the last five meetings in Carbondale.

The Salukis have been almost as dominant against the Sycamores, winning seven of the last eight meetings. SIU has left Terre Haute, Ind., victorious its last three trips there.

Illinois State, which is a vastly different team from a year ago with a new head coach in Porter Moser and a couple of transfers from Wisconsin and Missouri now eligible.

The two teams have split the last 16 meetings and, interestingly enough,

bring another connection with the number 16. Illinois State guard Matt Miller, who was a redshirt at SIU during the 2002 Sweet 16 season, returns to the SIU Arena for the first time since leaving before last season.

Miller has played in all five games for the Redbirds (3-2) and has even started in two.

After leaving SIU, Miller transferred to Rend Lake Community College and attempted to earn a scholarship to another Division I school. When none were available, Miller transferred to Illinois State where he has been an early contributor.

"It just worked out that there's a

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» COMMENTARY



Waterloo and other great losses

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## Farewell... for now

This is going to be one of the greatest basketball seasons ever for SIU, even without Jermaine Dearman and Kent Williams.

Daren Brooks has become the great player I knew he would, Matt Painter has become the coach I knew he could, and the Salukis are having the great season I was not sure of but was definitely hoping for.

If the non-conference season is any indicator, this team is NCAA tournament bound. They have knocked off a few quality teams already, including Wisconsin-Milwaukee, which nearly knocked off North Carolina State in North Carolina.

It's going to be a year to remember. I'm just disappointed I won't be here to see it. No, I'm not graduating — that would be a scary proposition — and this is not a final farewell column like Todd Merchant and Ethan Erickson wrote last week.

But I will be gone for most of next semester and, more importantly, basketball season. I secured an internship at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, so I will be writing for their sports section, which does not give much coverage to Saluki basketball. I might weasel my way into covering Arch Madness for them, but it is unlikely. I will be listening on the radio like all the other poor saps who can't be in Carbondale during basketball season.

But eventually, I will be back, and while I have no requests for the men's basketball program other than to keep it up, there are a few things I would like to see when I get back.

I call this list Brenner's biddings: I know the season will be over, but hopefully women's basketball will win at least one conference game. I, along with Lori Opp, can scream and hope all we want to, but it is unlikely the women's basketball program will ever be turned around.

I could be wrong, so I'll make the women's basketball team a deal. For every Missouri Valley Conference game they win, I will write a positive column about women's basketball when I get back. I hope to be writing at least one.

It would make my job easier, and the team easier to root for, if the football team started acting toward others the way the basketball team does. One of the staples of Bruce Weber's program was teaching his players to use basketball as a means of getting ahead in life, i.e. being nice to everyone so that opportunities will always be there later.

The basketball team was always more than friendly, as were Weber and Painter. Even after tough losses, the basketball players were not only civil, but they were friendly. That team was extremely easy to root for, and to this day I do not have a single negative thing to say about any of them.

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