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Ameren shown power in numbers



Thomas Headd, 75, of Marion said he and his wife sold their two-story home because they could no longer afford the utilities.

Before leaving for the forum, Headd said his wife warmed herself near their oil heater to avoid a higher Ameren bill.

JASON JOHNSON
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hundreds attend forum against utility rate increase

Barton Lorimor
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

MARION — As he spoke of his struggles with rising energy costs, Thomas Headd said his wife was sitting next to an oil heater to keep warm.

Headd, a 75-year-old Marion resident, was one of hundreds in attendance at an Illinois Commerce Commission public forum about a potential rate increase for all Ameren utility customers in Illinois. Headd and nearly 40 others shared words of frustration and disapproval directed at the thought of paying more for electricity and natural gas.

The request, filed on Nov. 2 to the Illinois Commerce Commission, would provide the power company with \$247 million to compensate for increasing maintenance costs, said Craig Nelson, an Ameren vice president.

Wednesday night's forum at Williamson County Pavilion came at the request of State Rep. John Bradley, D-Marion, who was one of the state legislators supporting a bill that would require the commission to host such an event in areas with the most interest. Five similar events will be held in other Illinois cities, such as Champaign, Decatur and Quincy.

A court reporter was on the scene to record all testimony for commissioners in Springfield and Chicago to review before their vote on the request, which must be taken by Sept. 30.

Headd said his wife has recently

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Voters allow water district to disband

Alternative will save Carbondale consumers money

Barton Lorimor
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Although presidential primaries took the limelight, Carbondale locals took to the polls to make some decisions about water districts and judges.

Voters from five eastern Carbondale precincts sided in favor of allowing the Crab Orchard Water District to dissolve during Tuesday's elections and voted in a primary for a southern Illinois district judge.

At its Nov. 6 meeting, the city council unanimously approved a request by officials from the water district for the city to assume responsibility of its customers and to accept the transfer of other assets in the wake of necessary repairs.

According to an intergovernmental agreement with the city, the water district is in need of repairs valuing \$2 million. Had the city not taken over, the district's customers would have seen a rate increase of 263 percent to allocate money for the repairs, which include replacing water mains to increase water pressure.

Instead, customers in the district will continue to pay an extra \$1.87 per 1,000 gallons than regular city water customers for the next 10 years. Michael Twomey, attorney for the water district, said he did not know the details of the agreement.

"It made a lot of sense that the city take over given the improvements needed," City Manager Jeff Doherty said.

Voters may have allowed the water district's disbandment, but they had a different attitude towards Democrat Judy Cates, a candidate for the 5th District Appellate Court in Illinois.

Incumbent James Wexstten, who was appointed to the position in January when Judge Terrance Hopkins died unexpectedly, defeated Cates with 53 percent of the vote in an election that spanned across 37 of the southern-most counties in Illinois.

In Jackson County, Cates defeated Wexstten by a single percent. There were no Republican candidates running for the seat, which means Wexstten will run unopposed in November's general election.

Cates had campaigned on

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International tastes warm tongues

Tastes of the Nations limits hunger, spreads diversity

Christian Holt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dressed in his native Indian clothes and serving up traditional spices in the Lentz Dining Hall Wednesday, Enoch Paul told anyone who would listen about his heritage.

Paul, a graduate student in public administration aviation, told hungry gatherers anything and everything about the food he brought from his home country. As a member of the Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, Paul represented India as one of six nations in the first installment of the Taste of Nations program.

The program, jointly sponsored

by Chi Alpha and Residence Hall Dining, attempts to share food and culture from around the world to those who would never otherwise be exposed to it.

The function also has another purpose, Paul said — giving international students a sense of comfort.

Paul said he got involved with the RSO because he was looking for people from his own culture he could relate to on campus.

"It's basically just to get together so that nobody feels homesick," he said.

The group has been on campus since 1970 with a similar purpose of bringing students from all backgrounds together.

Beth Swartzendruber, a 2001 SIUC graduate and full-time staff member of Chi Alpha, said she came back to work for the organization after spending a year teaching elementary



BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Juan Clow, a staff member for Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, shows Mini Mathew and Kejal Patil, both master's students in electrical engineering from India, some Chinese crafts Wednesday night in Lentz Hall. They gathered for Chi Alpha's Taste of Nations, a multicultural event featuring food, music and dance showcasing six different nations.

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SIUDE.com Question:
Do you think students should have to pay an extra fee to move facilities, like the tennis courts, because the new stadium will be built on top of the current facilities?

Yes, recreation is one of the most important student functions.	17%														
Yes, the university should focus its money on more dire improvements	10%														
No, they are just redressing the Saluki Way fee, which students already paid	60%														
No, the money should be spent elsewhere	13%														

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Next Week's Question: What do you think about the university taking the recreational fee increase off the table and leaving Saluki Way to eliminate 10 recreational spaces?

A. I think it's great. I like being active anyway.
 B. Another fee I don't have to pay is good in my book.
 C. The university should forget the fee but not the issue. I still want the fields.
 D. This is a result of bad Saluki Way planning. They should take the whole project off the table.

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CALENDAR

Academic Integrity Panel

• 4 p.m. today at Old Baptist Foundation Recital Hall
 • Professor Donald McCabe of Rutgers University will discuss the results of his survey of SIUC students and faculty with professor of psychology Stephen Dollinger and dean of CASA Paul Sarvela
 • Free and open to the public

Race, Class and Gender in Multiplayer Online Game Environments

• 4:30 p.m. today at the Communications Building, room 1032
 • Lecture and discussion with professor Lisa Nakamura from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Incorporated

• 8:30 p.m. today at the Student Center, Saline Room

Eighth Annual Taste of Chocolate Festival

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The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

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CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday's edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story "Kravitz heads a weak 'Revolution'" should have appeared with a two out of five star count. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

If you spot an error, please contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 253.

POLICE REPORTS

There are no items to report at this time.

NEWS BRIEFS

FutureGen developers say they'll try to get project back on track

MATTOON (AP) — Developers who hope to build an experimental central Illinois power plant say they'll try to work with the White House and the Department of Energy to get the project back on track.

The power and coal companies known as the FutureGen Alliance will also work with Congress to get money for the \$1.8 billion project, said Paul Thompson, chairman of the developer's group.

"We always want to keep the door open," FutureGen Chief Executive Officer Mike Mudd said Wednesday after two days of alliance board meetings in Mattoon. "If that does not come to a fruitful conclusion, we will work with Congress."

Those talks aren't happening right now, Mudd and Thompson said. Thompson said he requested early in January to meet with Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman but has gotten no response.

Bodman, meanwhile, faced questioning from Congress on Wednesday about the agency's decision last week to pull out of the project, taking with it its commitment to fund three-quarters of the cost.

A DOE spokeswoman said the agency was willing to talk with the FutureGen Alliance about its plan to restructure FutureGen, which it announced last week. The agency has so far asked for industry feedback on what it says could be several power plants across the country.

"While the department continues to maintain open lines of communication on this important matter, we believe the decision to restructure FutureGen is the best path forward to demonstrate and commercialize advanced carbon capture and storage technology," spokeswoman Julie Ruggiero said in an e-mail.

She did not address Thompson's request for a meeting with Bodman.

FutureGen is intended to prove a power plant can use coal to generate electricity while capturing the carbon dioxide in the fuel and storing it underground to keep it out of the atmosphere.

Long, bad year shaping up for Illinois GOP

CHICAGO (AP) — It could be a long, long year for Illinois Republicans. Their U.S. Senate nominee is virtually unknown. They're playing defense in at least four congressional districts. Illinois voters cast nearly 1.1 million more Democratic votes than Republican votes in this week's primary.

And that's for a party whose last governor is in federal prison on corruption charges; whose control of the state's congressional delegation is history; and whose recent candidates have yet to win one statewide office in Springfield.

It's been 14 years since the GOP led both House and Senate in the state capital. And then note that Illinois Sen. Barack Obama not only easily beat Hillary Clinton in the Democratic presidential primary, but also racked up 1.28 million votes vs. some 900,000 for all nine GOP candidates on the ballot.

"Republicans are very concerned that if, in fact, Obama becomes the candidate and will be on the ballot in November, then the party — in as bad of shape as it is now — maybe has not hit bottom yet," said Rick Winkel, a former GOP state senator from Champaign County. "An overwhelming turnout in favor of Obama could attract a lot of independent and maybe a lot of moderate Republican votes.

"It could be a very bad time for Republicans in the general election if Obama were on the ballot."

In a state where there is no party registration and a voter belongs to the party he or she declares on election day, nearly 2 million of Tuesday's 2.9 million estimated voters went for the Democratic ballot.

"It's a continuing weakness of the Republican Party," said Kent Redfield, a political science professor at the University of Illinois-Springfield. "There's no statewide spokesman; they don't do well; they don't have the farm team; they don't have the leaders."

Even former two-term Republican Gov. Jim Edgar acknowledged that there is no obvious leader of the Illinois GOP. Still, he said he was increasingly optimistic about Republican chances in the presidential election nationally and in the state. He pointed to Sen. John McCain's victory over former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney here on Tuesday.

"John McCain will help us a lot in Illinois," he said. "He's a candidate I think can win. He

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Movement for King street gathers steam

USG votes to rename Oakland Ave.

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A committee of students who want to rename a Carbondale street in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King gathered more support Wednesday night.

Undergraduate Student Government voted unanimously to approve a resolution in support of renaming Oakland Avenue. Following the USG meeting, nine students calling themselves the Ambassadors for a Legacy Committee met formally for the first time to outline their goals.

Vincent Hardy, a senator representing the College of Business and Administration, wrote the resolution.

"From here, we will move to key administrators. From the university, we will go to the city with a clear-cut plan," Hardy said. "We don't expect to have a lot of opposition from the city, but we are prepared."

Kouri Marshall, a graduate student from Peoria studying public administration, said he and USG President Demetrous White would act as co-chairs of the Ambassadors for a Legacy Committee. However, he said the committee would act as a unified body, with only its public relations officers authorized to talk to the media.

"We do have the support of the student body with this resolution," Marshall said. "Now we need the support of the city council."

The committee would seek support from the residents and churches located on Oakland, Marshall said.

Marshall said the committee would also look to gather more student involvement. He said the group would be open to any students interested in joining.

USG also voted unanimously in support of a resolution imploring the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include college health centers on a list of providers who could receive lower prices for contraceptive drugs.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN reported Dec. 11 that hundreds of health centers at colleges and universities across the country have been forced to raise their contraceptive prices due to a provision in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The prices of some contraceptives at SIUC's Student Health Center have increased by as much as 5.5 times.

Graduate and Professional Student Council voted to approve a similar resolution at its Jan. 22 meeting.

Kristina Dzara, a doctoral student from Florida studying sociology, spoke in support of the resolution. She said she would forward the resolution to lawmakers, including U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, who could effect change.

"We need to get the world out that we won't stand for this any more," Dzara said.

White said he would sign both resolutions passed by the senate.

Allison Petty can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 259 or allison.petty@siu.edu.



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USG Vice President Candace Fletcher, left, President Demetrous White and Executive Assistant Whitney Weller, right, count votes to decide a new senator during a USG meeting Wednesday night.

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ILLINOIS

Obama says GOP will have dirt on Clinton; both say they're best

CHICAGO (AP) — Sen. Barack Obama predicted Wednesday that Republicans will have a dump truck full of dirt to unload on Hillary Rodham Clinton if the former first lady wins the Democratic presidential nomination. Obama said he offers the party its best hope of winning the White House this fall, a claim Clinton also made.

At a news conference on the morning after Super Tuesday, Obama offered some pointed advice to members of Congress and other party leaders who will attend the national convention this summer as delegates not chosen in primaries or caucuses.

He said if he winds up winning the most delegates in voting, they "would have to think long and hard about how they approach the nomination when the people they claim to represent have said, 'Obama's our guy.'"

Clinton, in a news conference at her campaign headquarters in Arlington, Va., said, "If voters start to think about who would be the best president, to be commander in chief on Day One, to turn the economy around and who would be the best Democratic nominee to win in November, I am very comfortable with the answers to those questions."

Obama won primaries and caucuses in 13 states on Tuesday, including his home state of Illinois. Clinton won eight states, including her adopted home state of New York, and American Samoa. Obama and Clinton were in a tight race in New Mexico.

IRAQ

Videos show boys in training as Iraq's 'new generation'

BAGHDAD (AP) — Boys in soccer jerseys don black masks and grab weapons. They scramble over mud-brick walls, blast down doors and hold guns to the heads of residents inside. The U.S. military said videos seized from suspected al-Qaida in Iraq hideouts show militants training children who appear as young as 10 to kidnap and kill.

It's viewed as a sign that the terror network — hungry for recruits — may be using younger Iraqis in propaganda to lure a new crop of fighters.

"Al-Qaida in Iraq wants to poison the next generation of Iraqis," said Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, a U.S. military spokesman. "It is offering children as the new generation of mujahedeen," he added, using the Arabic term for holy warriors.

The video, shown to reporters Wednesday, depicted an apparent training session with black-masked boys — ammunition belts draped across their small chests — forcing a man off his bicycle at gunpoint and marching him off down a muddy lane. An off-camera voice, speaking with an Iraqi accent, instructs children how to take firing positions with assault rifles.

At one point, the boys huddle in a circle on a cement floor, solemnly pledging allegiance to al-Qaida.

CUBA

Military confirms secret lockup for top detainees

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — Somewhere amid the cactus-studded hills on this sprawling Navy base, separate from the cells where hundreds of men suspected of links to al-Qaida and the Taliban have been locked up for years, is a place even more closely guarded — a jailhouse so protected that its very location is top secret.

For the first time, the top commander of detention operations at Guantanamo has confirmed the existence of the mysterious Camp 7. In an interview with The Associated Press, Rear Adm. Mark Buzby also provided a few details about the maximum-security lockup.

Guantanamo commanders said Camp 7 is for key alleged al-Qaida members, who must be kept apart from other prisoners to prevent them from retaliating against long-term detainees who have talked to interrogators. They also want the location kept secret for fear of terrorist attack.

Many operations have been classified since the detention center opened in January 2002 in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. More than four years passed before the military released even the names of detainees held on this 45-square-mile base in southeast Cuba — and it did so only after the AP filed a Freedom of Information Act request.

Twisters kill at least 54 in South

Kim Gamel
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAFAYETTE, Tenn. — One man pulled a couch over his head. Bank employees rushed into the vault. A woman trembled in her bathroom, clinging to her dogs. College students huddled in dormitories.

Tornado warnings had been broadcast for hours, and when the sirens finally announced that the twisters had arrived, many people across the South took shelter and saved their lives. But others simply had nowhere safe to go, or the storms proved too powerful, too numerous, too unpredictable.

At least 54 people were killed and hundreds injured Tuesday and Wednesday by dozens of tornadoes that plowed across Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama. It was the nation's deadliest barrage of twisters in almost 23 years.

"We had a beautiful neighborhood. Now it's hell," said Bonnie Brawner, 80, who lives in Hartsville, a community about an hour from Nashville where a natural gas plant that was struck by a twister erupted in spectacular flames up to 400 feet high.

The storms flattened entire streets, smashed warehouses and sent tractor-trailers flying. Houses were



Don Chapman, with the help of Richard Jones in background, started the process of cleaning up his shop in Harrodsburg, Ky., Wednesday.

CHARLES BERTRAM
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reduced to splintered piles of lumber. Some looked like life-size dollhouses, their walls sheared away. Crews

“It looks like the Lord took a Brillo pad and scrubbed the ground.”

— Phil Bredesen
Tennessee Gov.

going door to door to search for bodies had to contend with downed power lines, snapped trees and flipped-over cars. Cattle wandered through the debris near hard-hit Lafayette (pronounced luh-FAY-et). At least 12 people died in and around the town.

"It looks like the Lord took a Brillo pad and scrubbed the ground," said Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen,

who surveyed the damage from a helicopter.

Hundreds of houses were damaged or destroyed. Authorities had no immediate cost estimate of the damage.

President Bush gave assurances his administration stood ready to help. Teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency were sent to the region and activated an emergency center in Georgia.

"Loss of life, loss of property — prayers can help and so can the government," Bush said. "I do want the people in those states to know the American people are standing with them."

Students took cover in dormitory bathrooms as the storms closed in on Union University in Jackson, Tenn. More than 20 students at the Southern Baptist school were trapped behind wreckage and jammed doors after the dormitories came down around them.

Danny Song was pinned for an hour and a half until rescuers dug him from the rubble.

"We looked up and saw the funnel coming in. We started running and then glass just exploded," he said. "I hit the floor and a couch was shoved up against me, which may have saved my life because the roof fell on top of it."

Senate Republicans stifle Democrats' additions to economic stimulus bill

Julie Hirschfeld Davis
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The fate of \$600-\$1,200 rebate checks for more than 100 million Americans is in limbo after Senate Republicans blocked a bid by Democrats to add \$44 billion in help for the elderly, disabled veterans, the unemployed and businesses to the House-passed economic aid package.

GOP senators banded together Wednesday to thwart the \$205 billion plan, leaving Democrats with a difficult choice either to quickly accept a House bill they have said is inadequate or risk being blamed for delaying a measure designed as a swift shot in the arm for the lagging economy.

The tally was 58-41 to end debate on the Senate measure, just short of the 60 votes Democrats would have needed to scale procedural hurdles and move the bill to a final vote. In a suspenseful showdown vote that capped days of partisan infighting and procedural jockeying, eight Republicans — four of them up for re-election this year — joined Democrats to back the plan, bucking GOP leaders and President Bush, who objected to the costly add-ons.

Democrats choreographed the vote for maximum political advantage, presenting their aid proposal as a take-it-or-leave-it proposition for Republicans and calling back their presidential candidates to make a show of party unity behind their

stimulus plan. They calculated that Republicans would pay a steep price for opposing rebates for older Americans and disabled veterans, as well as heating aid for the poor, unemployment benefits and a much larger collection of business tax breaks than the House approved.

"There was a chance on the table to help low-income seniors and disabled veterans and Americans looking for work, and the Senate frankly blew it tonight," Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., said in a statement after the vote.

Republicans, though, said they were ready to accept rebates for seniors and disabled veterans and accused Democrats of delaying the stimulus plan for political gain and loading it down with special-interest extras.

"Our constituents will look at us as the folks that slowed it down (and) added a bunch of spending to it," said Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona, the Republican whip, who called the measure "a Christmas tree package."

The White House, which has carefully avoided issuing threats about the package despite Bush's opposition to the additions, urged the Senate to move fast to approve a stimulus plan.

"To be effective, this economic growth package must be timely, so it is crucial that the Senate now move quickly to pass a bill that will deliver relief to our economy," press secretary Dana Perino said in a statement after the vote.

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— press secretary Dana Perino

McCain has nearly clinched GOP nod

David Espo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain padded his commanding delegate lead in the Republican presidential race Wednesday and urged conservative critics to cut him some slack. In a Democratic surprise, Hillary Rodham Clinton disclosed she'd lent \$5 million to her cash-short campaign.

"And I think the results last night proved the wisdom of my investment," said the former first lady, one day after trading victories with Barack Obama in a Super Tuesday string of contests from coast to coast.

The competition for Republican delegates was a runaway.

Nearly complete returns from Super Tuesday left McCain with 703 delegates, nearly 60 percent of the 1,191 needed to win the nomination at the national convention in St. Paul, Minn., this summer.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney had 293, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee 190 and Texas Rep. Ron Paul 14.

Despite steadily lengthening odds, neither Romney nor Huckabee offered any hint they were ready to exit the race.

McCain, the Arizona senator, said the nomination was his, though, and added he recognized there was work to be done to unify the party after acrimonious campaigning.

"I do hope that at some point we would just calm down a little bit and see if there's areas we can agree on," he said, one day in advance of an appearance before conservative activists who have shunned his candidacy.

The Democratic delegate count lagged, the result of party rules that shunned the type of winner-take-

all primaries in states such as New York and New Jersey that helped McCain build his advantage.

On Tuesday's busiest primary night in history, Clinton and Obama were separated by 40 delegates, with several hundred yet to be allocated.

Overall, that left Clinton with 1,024, halfway to the 2,025 needed to secure the Democratic nomination. Obama was right behind with 933.

Delegates still to be allocated included 25 in New Mexico, where Democratic caucuses remained too close to call.

With little time to rest, both Obama and Clinton pointed toward the next contests, primaries in Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia plus caucuses in Nebraska, Washington, Maine and the Virgin Islands over the next week. In all, those states offer 353 delegates.

At a news conference in Chicago, Obama claimed victory on Super Tuesday, saying he had won more states than the former first lady for the day and would wind up with more delegates by the time all were tallied.

He bluntly took issue with the suggestion that he, more than she, could be brought down by Swift Boat-style criticism in the fall campaign.

"I have to just respond by saying that the Clinton research operation is about as good as anybody's out there," he said.

"I assure you that having engaged in a contest against them for the last year that they've pulled out all the stops. And you know I think what is absolutely true is whoever the Democratic nominee is the Republicans will go after them."



Craig Lambert, left, of Marion comforts his daughter Kendall Lambert, 9, during a response to a tornado warning at the SIU Arena during the first half of the Saluki's game against Indiana State Tuesday night.
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THEIR WORD

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If this is the first you've heard of it, we'll save you a trip to the computer: The site is no longer there. You can bet it will be back, though, along with zillions of copycat sites trying to replicate OfficeMax's viral success.

Viral marketing depends on what was known as word-of-mouth back in the days when face-mailing was known as talking. It taps into the spontaneous human urge to share news, jokes, gossip and other forms of entertainment with 100 of our closest friends, the sooner the better.

The idea is to get the message in front of someone who will post it, link to it or e-mail it to a network of people who will pass it on to their own networks so that it spreads, exponentially, like a bad

germ. Everyone we know who got an Elf Yourself e-mail immediately dropped whatever they were doing and set to work uploading their own face, their kids' faces, the boss' face — in all, 123 million elves were made.

The best viral campaigns have a subversive feel about them, i.e. OfficeMax sabotaging worker productivity with an irresistible little time-waster best enjoyed at your desk, a pleasant interruption to all that online Christmas shopping. Does this help sell office supplies? Not our problem.

But what are we supposed to do with those hours now?

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and we've discovered iheart.despair.com, where you can create and e-mail a candy heart inscribed with your very own message. You get only two lines of six characters each, so it helps to be fluent in textspeak, but there's apparently no dirty word filter, based on our research, so knock yourself out. And feel free to check out the merchandise, or not.

On your own time, of course.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Saturday.

Congress: Fix the birth control problems you caused

Sometimes, a minor change in legislation aimed at addressing one problem leads to a bigger, unintended problem elsewhere. That's what happened with the Deficit Reduction Act that became law in 2006.

Congress wanted to prevent pharmaceutical companies from discounting medicines to the point that they undercut the government's guaranteed lowest prices offered under Medicaid. So the Deficit Reduction Act placed strict limits on how companies could sell discounted pharmaceuticals.

The unexpected consequence is that the act also blocked 203 family-planning clinics nationwide from providing discounted birth-control pills, severely curtailing the availability of affordable oral contraception to low-income

women and college students.

For the last year, clinics have drawn from stockpiles of pills purchased before 2006. But those stockpiles are dwindling, and already, women are seeing their monthly prescription prices jump

400 percent to 500 percent.

Family-planning activists warn that low-income women might opt for no contraception, rather than pay \$40 or \$50 a month for the pill; that could lead to a jump in

unwanted pregnancies. In light of Texas' high rates of pregnancy among teens and single, low-income women, this issue deserves our lawmakers' urgent attention.

Blocking low-cost contraception was never the intention of the Deficit Reduction Act. But getting the provision restored has been nearly

impossible.

Successive attempts by Planned Parenthood and other advocacy groups to change the law have failed, mainly because supporters in Congress don't want to tangle with the religious right. Words such as "reproductive health" or "contraception" risk provoking a presidential veto.

The irony is, if Congress fails to act quickly, the nation could soon see a sudden jump in unwanted pregnancies. A study in the Oct. 13 issue of the British medical journal Lancet drew a direct link between a rise in abortion rates and a decline in contraceptive use.

We think it's time for Congress to overcome its veto fear and restore the availability of affordable oral contraceptives. President Bush maintains an interest in fighting unwanted pregnancies and abortions; this is the most common-sense way to do it.

This editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Sunday.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are the ones we've been waiting for."

Barack Obama
Illinois senator
after winning several state primaries and caucuses Tuesday



A MESSAGE FROM THE VOICES DESK

As some might already have gathered, technology has not been on our side lately. The Voices e-mail, voices@siude.com, has officially gone kaput.

We have not received any of the surely numerous letters, submissions and other messages for about a week. For this we apologize and bring you a NEW e-mail address that will hopefully never let us down again:

voicesdesk@gmail.com

We hope to hear from you soon.

We've been lonely.

STUDENT COLUMN

Old school moms can be fashion gurus

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I sat down for the first day of my biostats class. The class went well, until I learned that I had to have a scientific calculator. Great, I had one. It's just that my younger brother, a math and engineering geek, stole it from me. So, I can have the calculator nights and weekends, just not during class time and exams. I called my mom at home with the news and she was mellow about it. I could borrow hers.

Let me digress a bit. My mom was an education major. She completed a bachelor's degree in a non-science, non-math major. So, you guessed it, her calculator was from

her high-school years. I resisted her calculator, taking an old calculator to class that I had found at a yard sale. But on the first day of class I turned on the calculator, pressed a number and the screen went blank. Here I was in the front row trying to work simple arithmetic on a dead calculator. Mom's suggestion as soon as I called her: Take hers.

So, on the third day of class, I walk in with two calculators: my dead one (thinking maybe it will magically come to life and save me) and mom's. As soon as I place mom's calculator on the desk, I can feel the eyes of all 50 students. As I told mom, all of their calculators were made this century. But one student turned to me and asked if mine was one of those "cool calculators with the raised letters, and the readout in red numbers?"

Sheepishly, I took ownership and stated that it was my mom's, and it was made in, under my breath, 1979.

"It looks great for its age," he said.

I had to look at the calculator a second time.

Cool? Looks great for its age?

I thought it was past its prime and embarrassing. I guess people can look at the same thing two different ways. Maybe old is cool.

I tend to wear a lot of hand-me-downs and I am always amazed at how many compliments I get on Mom's old clothes. I am beginning to wonder if she was a great fashion guru—first clothes, then a calculator. It seems like everything Mom used to wear is now in fashion. My grandma loves going through the stores and pointing out what Mom used to wear when she was in high school.

I get a kick out of the high-

priced clothing in Dillard's and Macy's that was yesterday's Goodwill stock. The handbag, skirt, dress and shirt styles all predate my birth. Even fads such as mood rings and Volkswagens are in. The Beatles are in style; yeah, I own a few of their albums on CD.

Fashion never ceases to amaze me. While most of America is flocking to the malls, they should be digging through their attics. There is no telling how much money people could save if they would only wear similar styles to the supermodels, whose styles are mere imitations of the true styles in your attic.

If you want to go really retro, stop wearing the imitation, go for the real deal. Oh, and by the way, I think

I will keep mom's cool calculator.

Lindsay is a senior studying journalism.

GUEST COLUMN

Results? Just hints of battles to come

Dick Polman
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

I pore over the tallies of Tsunami Tuesday and all I can hear, in my imagination, is Bill Murray delivering one of his droll pronouncements: "This is one ... nutty ... campaign."

There's no other way to say it. This day was supposed to clarify the two races, not confuse us further. But Tuesday night, there was no closure, only the hint of battles still to come. Alleged front-runners did not close the sale. Various challengers and upstarts found ample reasons to soldier on.

Take the Republican race, for starters. The guy in the lead, John McCain, racked up a number of early victories in places like New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Illinois. The problem is that those states generally vote Democratic in November. In other words, McCain is strong with moderate Republicans (the type of Republicans who inhabit blue states) but still can't seem to draw well among red-state conservatives who compose the base of the party.

Which brings us to Mike Huckabee, the ex-governor and Baptist pastor who seemed to have disappeared after winning Iowa way back on Jan. 3, only to surface last night as a favorite of

red-state conservatives in a number of southern primaries. He vividly demonstrated that McCain is still weak with the base, yet, at the same time, he did McCain a big favor. In states like Georgia, Missouri, Alabama and Arkansas, he drew conservative votes away from McCain's chief pursuer, Mitt Romney.

This means that the Republicans, who normally pride themselves on designating a front-runner and uniting early, are stuck at the moment with a potentially fractious stalemate, along sectional lines.

It appears right now that Huckabee is the candidate of the south, McCain is the candidate of the north, and Romney ... well, he has proven, on the biggest night of the primary season, that he can win the state where he once governed (Massachusetts) and the state that serves as headquarters to his Mormon faith (Utah). As for California, the main event, it will take some time before the real results are sorted out, because those Republicans parcel out their delegates in accordance with how the candidates perform in each congressional district.

On the Democratic side, the

picture is even murkier. This is terrific for political junkies, who relish the idea of a protracted competition between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. It's not so terrific for the party insiders, who fear that a long guerrilla war for delegates would risk creating fissures among Democrats, pitting race against gender, and potentially embittering young people who have taken

the leap for the first time.

Clinton and Obama both racked up a lot of states Tuesday night, and no doubt each will try to spin the victories as proof

of momentum. But it's misleading to focus on the popular vote. Under typical Democratic rules in a typical state, a candidate who, for example, gets only 40 percent of the vote can still receive around 40 percent of the delegates. So even though Obama lost New Jersey, Massachusetts and New York, he'll get some delegates in all three; and even though Clinton lost Illinois, Connecticut and Georgia, she'll get delegates in all three. And California, again, will take some time to sort out.

If Obama can emerge from the Feb. 5 contests within striking

distance of Clinton in the delegate count, he may be in good shape going forward. The next round of contests features Louisiana this weekend, and Virginia and Maryland on Feb. 12. And Obama has the money to lavish attention on those states, having raised a stunning \$32 million during January, the largest monthly haul on record; Clinton's tally, for the same month, was \$13 million. But if they cancel each other out in the Feb. 12 contests, they'll move on to Ohio and Texas on March 4.

And if Ohio and Texas don't bring clarity ... dare we suggest that Pennsylvania, six weeks later on April 22, could actually become the pivotal state? Pennsylvania would be ripe for a little attention. It has been 16 years since Democrats cast a meaningful primary vote, and even 1992 was a low-turnout affair dominated by the new kid on the block, Bill Clinton.

Surely Pennsylvania is ready for some new primary experiences, perhaps some that might prove to be historic. Although the way this Democratic race seems to be going, perhaps the voters who bring up the rear of the calendar will render the final verdict. They live in Guam.

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suffered from health problems, and the two were forced to sell their two-story home for a smaller house because of their inability to pay its energy costs. But even after their move, he said his fixed Social Security and pension checks were still not enough to pay his electricity bill.

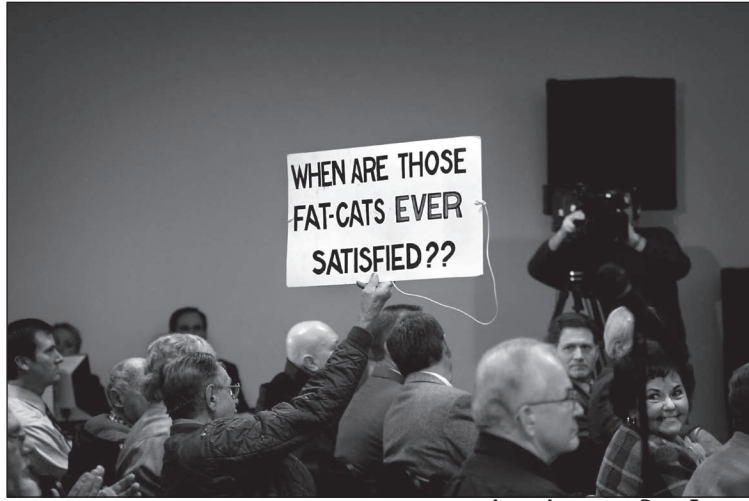
Nelson said the increase in infrastructure costs, as well as the company's possession of "junk bonds", were the main reasons Ameren filed the increase request. Ameren's request also includes riders, which would place a surcharge on each customer's bill for improvements that may not be related to the services and would cover the cost of unpaid energy bills.

Nelson said electricity customers in southern Illinois would pay an extra \$4.17 per month, while natural gas users could face \$5.42.

As soon as Nelson's presentation was finished, Bradley, a former attorney, made a speech that sent audience members to their feet.

"What I've just heard is the weakest case I've ever heard," he said. "They have sufficient resources, currently, to provide for infrastructure. This is about profits."

The only speaker to voice support for Ameren's request by 8:45 p.m. was Larry Ivory, president of the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce. Ivory said he would challenge utility companies, such as Ameren, to educate their customers with ways of how to conserve their energy and save money.



A man who identified himself only as Martin periodically held up a sign during the forum last night to reinforce his position on the proposed Ameren rate increase.

But Ivory's message did not hit home with speakers skeptical of the request, such as Don Phillips of Marion.

Phillips voiced aggravation with Ameren for increasing rates in southern Illinois, where most residents have a fixed income. Phillips said his 83-year-old father will not adjust his thermostat in fear it will cost him more money.

"Southern Illinois has a lower cost of living and lower wages," Phillips said. "There are a lot of people in this community with fixed incomes."

Mike Eberhart, an employee with Ameren in Marion for 27 years, said the company has been replacing underground cables, trimming trees and replacing worn-out equipment in Illinois' southern 14 counties.

Infrastructure costs for the region are estimated to be \$3.5 million in 2008, and \$4.3 million for the year after, he said.

Eberhart said these improvements are needed in order to continue the company's commitment to reliability.

"I think we have to be able to step back and make, what I consider, fundamental business decisions that is not only good short-term," Ivory said.

Erica Abbett, a spokeswoman for Ameren, said her company was in Marion for the same reason as the commission — to listen and help their customers.

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school in southern Illinois.

"We try to make a home away from home for international students," she said. "I just felt like God was calling me."

Countries represented at the event included South Korea, India, Latin America, Japan, China and Africa.

Michelle Ostien, a nutrition counselor and graduate assistant for Residence Hall Dining, was in charge of putting together the dining side of the event.

She said the event is an opportunity to display the wide range of diversity on campus.

Ostien has also planned three other events throughout the university this month.

Some of her bosses said they were surprised by the turnout and participation they received.

Peggy Connors, associate director

of housing for residence hall dining, said the whole event was more than she expected.

Connors also said the food was the primary focus for the evening.

Snacks were available at each table along with one specific meal made available for students.

Even Chef Bill Connors, known throughout the dining halls for his famed omelets, got in on the action.

Connors prepared enchiladas verde de puerco, or pork enchiladas with green salsa.

He said both Chi Alpha and residence hall dining wanted to do something to promote international month and they happened upon each other by accident.

"We're going to fix some different meal from some different country and have different displays," Connors said. "It was really nice for them to come with us and do this."

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DISBAND

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Southern Illinois primary election results

Should Crab Orchard Water District Dissolve?

Yes	201	61.3%
No	127	38.7%

Illinois 5th District Appellate Court Judge

Judy Cates (D)	82,072	47%
James Wexstten (D)	91,043	53%

SIUC's main campus in January. She was a trial attorney from Belleville, whose record includes a lawsuit against Publisher's Clearing House for unethical treatment through solicitation drives in 1992 and 1997.

Before his appointment last January, Wexstten was a circuit judge for 18 years in Mount Vernon.

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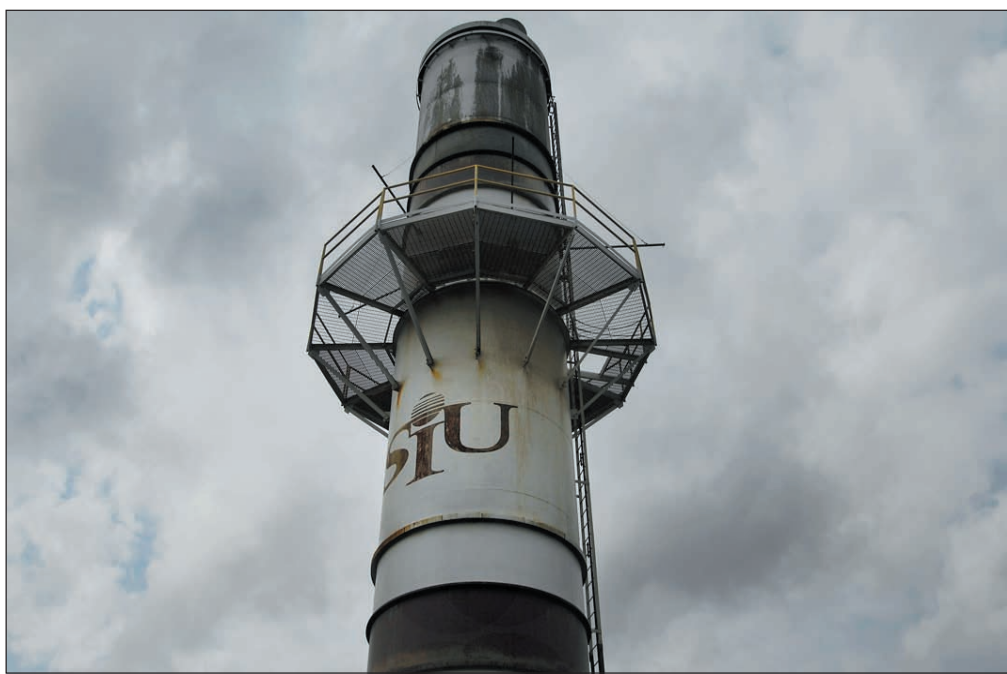
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University ponders capacity for coal

Story by Joe Crawford • Photos by Ryan Rendleman



ABOVE: One roof of the SIUC Power Plant is slated to be replaced in fiscal year 2009, Neil Saffelder said. **RIGHT:** The smokestack of the SIUC Power Plant is a well-known sight in Carbondale. SIUC President Glenn Poshard proposed a new coal gasification plant in March 2007.



Neil Saffelder is a self-described “power plant” person.

Saffelder is the chief engineer at the SIUC Power Plant, the facility responsible for producing about 15 percent of the campus’s electricity and all of the steam used to heat and cool the campus.

It’s a good job, he said, but he would like to do more.

Saffelder said he would welcome the university’s proposed coal gasification plant, a structure that, if built, would dwarf the current plant in terms of power production.

“We would love to have more generation here,” he said.

In gasification, coal is broken down into its basic components and contaminants, such as carbon dioxide, are removed and stored underground.

A study done to determine the feasibility of constructing the new plant was finished recently, Physical Plant

Director Phil Gatton said Wednesday. He said he expected the president’s office would release the results soon.

Gatton has said if the new plant — proposed in March 2007 by SIUC President Glenn Poshard — were to be constructed, it would have the capacity to produce either 300 or 600 megawatts of power. The current plant puts out roughly three megawatts of power at peak capacity.

Coal gasification has been promoted by some as a “clean coal” technology that could make the fuel a far more environmentally friendly energy source.

But environmental groups such as the local Sierra Club and the Student Environmental Center have raised concerns about the university’s investment in a fossil fuel.

Gatton said he has received plenty of negative feedback about the project.

Coal today

The SIUC Power Plant has three coal-burning boilers that burn roughly 50,000 tons of the fuel each year combined, Saffelder said. The main function of the plant is to produce steam, which is then pushed through five miles of underground tunnels and is used to either heat or cool the buildings, he said.

Because the plant only produces about 15 percent of the campus’s electricity, the university depends on Ameren CIPS to power the rest of campus. Producing part of the university’s electricity on campus saves the university \$1 million, he said.

Burning coal releases a number of air contaminants regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency. Carbon dioxide is not one of those contaminants, but it could be soon.

Southern Illinois coal, which fuels the plant, is rich in sulfur. Because the EPA regulates sulfur, extra measures must be taken to keep it out of the atmosphere, Saffelder said.

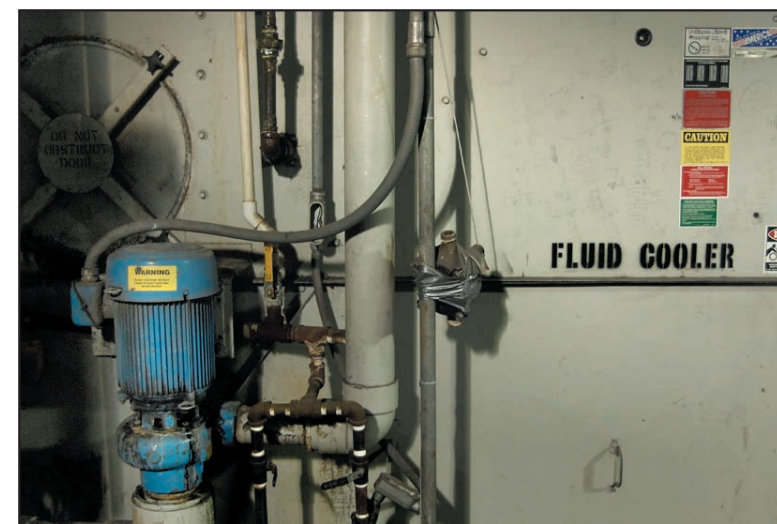
The Clean Air Act, amended in 1990, requires the plant to capture at least 90 percent of its sulfur emissions and it typically captures about 92 percent, he said.

Carbon monoxide and nitrous oxide are also released in burning coal and the EPA regulates their emissions, but Saffelder said burning the coal



ABOVE: The package boiler was installed in 1990 and is used during emergencies only because it quickly creates steam that can be used for heating or cooling buildings. It costs six times more than the main boiler, so it is used sparingly.

BELOW LEFT: There are two cooling towers used at the power plant. The tower cools water that is used to keep bearings used on fans, water pumps and the turbine cool throughout the plant.



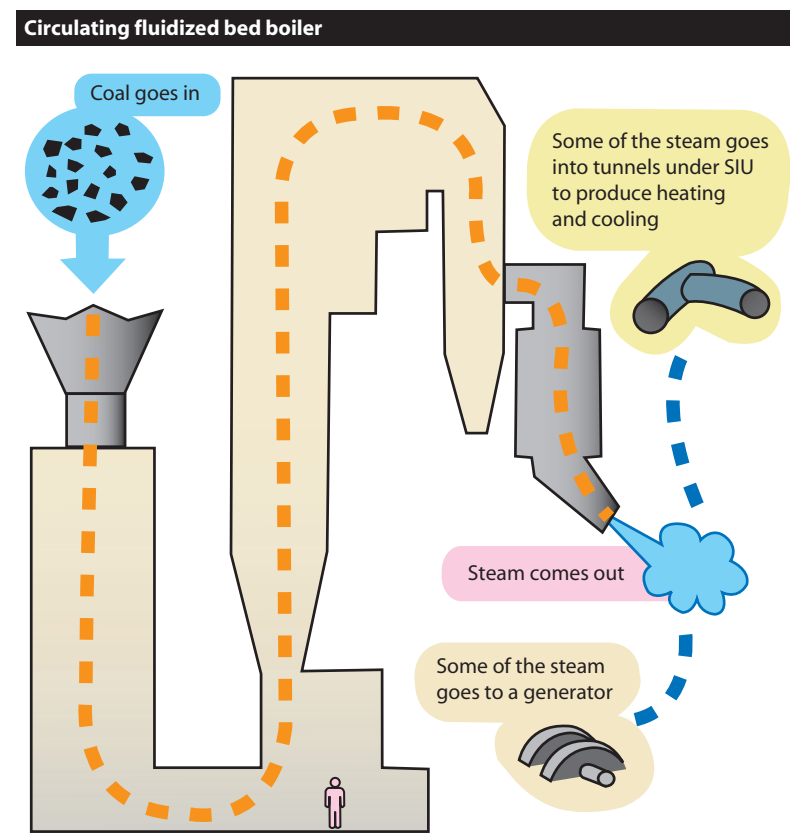
Carbon filters are used to remove minerals, such as chlorine, from water in order to purify it for the boiler. It is part of the de-mineralizer system. Impure water would create mineral buildup in the boiler tubes and reduce efficiency.



Neil Saffelder, chief engineer at the SIUC Power Plant, has worked at the facility for seven years. Saffelder said he supported the idea of building a new and larger coal gasification power plant.

completely keeps the emission of those elements to a minimum.

The boiler that produces most of the plant’s power and steam was installed in 1997 and is known as a circulating fluidized boiler.



Source: Neil Saffelder, power plant chief engineer Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

While Saffelder said it is state of the art in its ability to capture sulfur, there is no carbon capture element to the structure.

John Mead, director of the SIUC Coal Research Center, said the capture of greenhouse gases was not a priority of the power plant industry in the late 1990s when the boiler was installed.

“In that time (carbon dioxide) was being discussed but was really not part of the industrial scale power systems,” Mead said.

Coal tomorrow

Since the newest boiler was installed, public interest has shifted toward greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, and their relationship to global warming.

As plans progress for the university’s coal gasification project, environmental groups, politicians and even banks have put more pressure on coal-fired plants to control their emissions of greenhouse gases.

Reuters reported Monday

that three large banks — Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Morgan Stanley — said they would begin factoring in environmental risks posed by carbon emissions when loaning money to power companies.

Plans for building coal-fired plants in Texas, Florida and Kansas have been put on hold because of stalled negotiations between banks and power companies, according to Reuters.

While there are currently no pollution control laws regulating carbon dioxide emissions, the change indicates the banks are anticipating the passing of such laws, something Mead said he anticipated would occur soon.

“In terms of environmental control, we’ve gone through evolutions of designs, of using new technology, of seeing to what extent older technology can be modified to make it

work,” Mead said. “We’ll probably be doing the same thing with (carbon dioxide).”

Mead said plants such as the SIUC Power Plant could be the subjects of carbon dioxide capture projects in the future.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2007 that the federal branch of the EPA had the right to regulate carbon dioxide emissions. Jim Ross, the Illinois EPA’s Division of Air Pollution Control manager, said the agency was investigating the best way to regulate the greenhouse gas in relation to its effect on climate change.

A change in regulations would not necessarily mean the demise of plants like the one currently on SIUC’s campus. There are multiple ways the EPA could allow plants to make up for their emissions, he said.

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“The people there would like nothing more than to make more electricity. We’re power plant people.”

— Neil Saffelder, chief engineer at the SIUC Power Plant



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Control could come in the form of "offsets," in which plants have to take action elsewhere to offset their carbon dioxide emissions. Plants could also be forced to make their boilers more efficient, he said.

Saffelder said the SIUC Power Plant frequently performs experiments in an attempt to improve the plant's efficiency. One of the plant's 1960s-era boilers was retrofitted recently to improve its efficiency, and the plant has experimented with reusing the "bed ash" produced during the process of scrubbing the coal of sulfur.

Regardless, the possibility of building a new, larger plant to replace the current one is attractive, he said.

"The people here would like nothing more than to make more electricity," Saffelder said. "We're power plant people."



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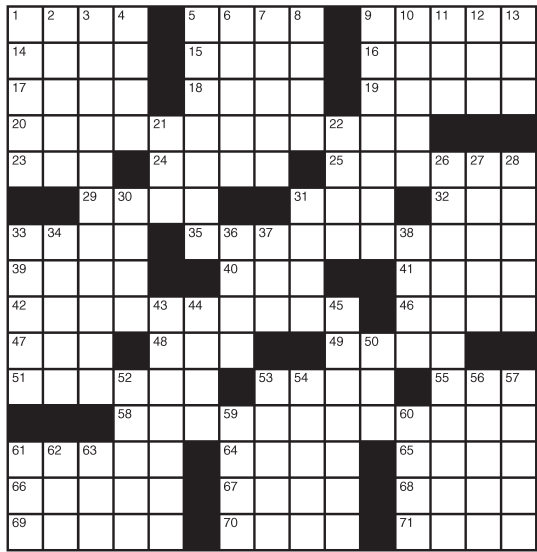
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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pouchlike structures
 - 5 Baby's first word
 - 9 Bedazzle
 - 14 Hoof beat
 - 15 Dental exam?
 - 16 Indy entry
 - 17 Charmer's instrument
 - 18 Why don't we?
 - 19 River frolicker
 - 20 Start of William Hepworth Thompson quote
 - 23 Showed the way
 - 24 Give the green light
 - 25 Overthrows
 - 29 Chef
 - Rombauer
 - 31 Bikini part
 - 32 Have a bug
 - 33 "The Biggest Little City in the World"
 - 35 Part 2 of quote
 - 39 Two-toed sloth
 - 40 They: Fr.
 - 41 Up to the job
 - 42 Part 3 of quote
 - 46 Pith
 - 47 -de-France



By Alan P. Olschwang 2/7/08

- DOWN**
- 1 Angry frown
 - 2 "A Delicate Balance" playwright
 - 3 Harmonizes an effort
 - 4 "Pursuit of the Graf" _____
 - 5 Hawaiian island
 - 6 Sports venue
 - 7 Chummy
 - 8 In addition
 - 9 Awakening
 - 10 Taiwan Strait island
 - 11 Do something
 - 12 26th letter
 - 13 Go astray
 - 21 ___ de plume
 - 22 Roll up
 - 26 Lucky charm
 - 27 Prescribed tablets
 - 28 Icy rain
 - 30 Reprobate
 - 31 Wild party
 - 33 Of an ancient
 - 65 Flag fabricator
 - 66 Lake by Reno
 - 67 Ont., e.g.
 - 68 Coca-Cola
 - 69 Man who played Chan
 - 70 See socially
 - 71 Charon's river

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 34 "___ Gay"
- 36 1492 ship
- 37 Airplane ride: abbr.
- 38 "Othello" evildoer
- 43 Sped like a toy truck
- 44 Beige shade
- 45 Hard to catch
- 50 Giant slugger?
- 52 Actress Cicely
- 53 Greek marketplace
- 54 Sired
- 56 Sled dog
- 57 English county
- 59 TV drama, "___ Blue"



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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — This year, you're motivated by a passion. You're still analytical and objective, but you have an extra fire in your eye. You'll be very hard to refuse. 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** — Your team is on a quest to find another elusive prize. Discipline is required, of course, but so is assertive behavior. This one won't come to you; you'll have to go get it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — **Today is a 6** — A leader is having trouble making an important decision. Suggest the option that benefits you, and see what happens next. Odds are in your favor.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — **Today is a 9** — Make up a list of all the things you want to accomplish. The odds are in your favor now. Write it all down, and catch the moment.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — **Today is a 4** — Don't rush into a new endeavor. Finish old business first. This may not be as much fun, but it's a more practical choice.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — **Today is a 7** — An enthusiastic coach can get your team motivated. They're tired of hearing you tell them what to do. Get somebody else to tell them what you always tell them.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — **Today is a 6** — Important decision-makers are impressed with your attitude, especially when you find mistakes. You don't whine, you put in the correction.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — **Today is a 9** — Physical exercise is highly favored. You should be able to do more pushups and walk an extra mile. Or if you're a couch potato, start with around the block.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — **Today is a 5** — You could make your next million from the privacy of your own home. Put your extra skills to work to benefit your family.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — **Today is an 8** — The competition is fierce. You're calm, cool and collected. You don't let emotions interfere. You've got a good plan, so work it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — **Today is a 6** — There are a few more things you need to fine-tune your working space. Don't wait around until somebody else does it for you; they won't. Take the initiative.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — **Today is a 9** — You continue to make a good impression on a person who has very discerning tastes. Stand up tall. You have reason to be proud.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — **Today is a 5** — Don't talk about unfinished work. You don't really know what your results are going to be, but the odds are favorable. Keep at it.

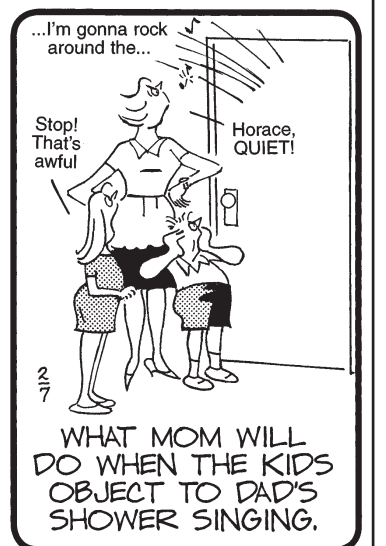
JUMBLE

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

JICUE
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



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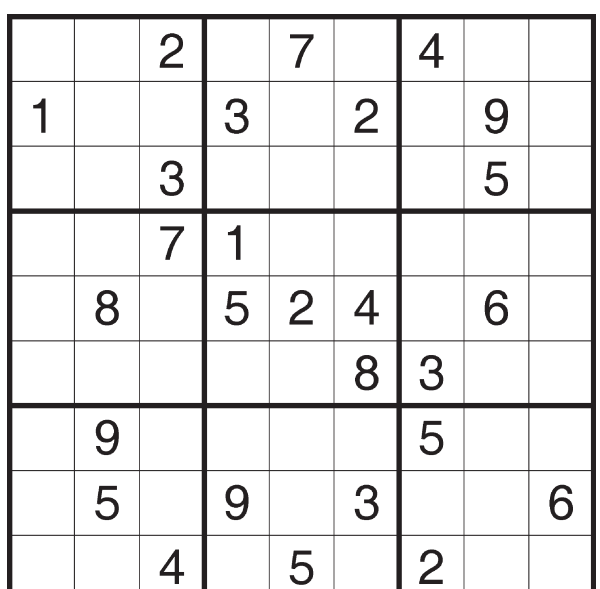
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: THE " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AORTA KNIFE WALRUS HOOKED Answer: When the spacecraft landed, the astronaut was — DOWN TO "EARTH"

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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

6	1	8	9	7	2	5	4	3
2	9	3	5	6	4	8	7	1
7	4	5	8	3	1	9	2	6
9	6	1	7	4	8	2	3	5
4	3	7	6	2	5	1	9	8
5	8	2	3	1	9	7	6	4
1	7	9	4	8	3	6	5	2
8	5	4	2	9	6	3	1	7
3	2	6	1	5	7	4	8	9

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Dear Hollywood: Stop the Britney blitz



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Britney Spears had a successful career. She married a friend, got it annulled, then married a backup dancer. She had a couple babies, some erratic behavior and divorced her husband. She didn't show up for court hearings. She lost custody of her children. She went to rehab. She left rehab, acted even stranger and seemed to have a new boyfriend. She was hospitalized after a reported family intervention. She was ... Does anyone care anymore? The hope is, Hollywood — and for that matter overbearing news media outlets that can't stop publishing these stories — that the resounding answer is

“no.” As much as it pains celebrity gossip junkies to say it, it's time we agreed with Chris Crocker, the shouting guy on YouTube. Leave Britney alone. We did it to ourselves, Hollywood. We snatched up copies of your gossip rags like hungry raccoons in a trashcan full of garbage and couldn't wait to jam the next thing Spears subjected herself to in our celeb-hungry brains. Whether it was a lax performance on MTV or photos of her in a strip club, we wanted it and you gave it to us. But please, Hollywood, you have to stop. This blitz is unnecessary, invasive and enough to make any gossip fan long for the days of Paris Hilton's stint in prison. Spears has come across a tough time in her life, whether induced by her own actions or influenced by others. But we don't need to know when she's sent to a hospital, what kind of treatment she's going through, or if Spears' mother is accusing her daughter's manager of drugging the pop star. And Hollywood, come on, you're

monopolizing news sources with ridiculous stories on her personal life. We've got more important things to worry about, Hollywood: local and national elections, dangerous weather, foreign affairs. When we need a break from hard news, how about some stories on baby bumps, new romances and things that don't rhyme with “shmitney shmears.” Give her and your adoring public a break. If she has a miraculous recovery and gets her life back on track, then yes, Hollywood, by all means give us the scoop. Spears could put out another album in the coming years and of course you can tell us about that. If she keeps up her current lifestyle, then maybe an article on her wild behavior would be appropriate now and then. If you don't listen Hollywood, gossip followers might just stop caring about you once they get sick of the Spears machine. And what's a business that's all about glitz, glamour and public adoration to do without its adoring public? You can do it, Hollywood. Leave Britney alone.

Weird news

Stories far too strange for the rest of the paper

Mike Pingree
Boston Herald

NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT, EH?
A homeless Naples, Fla., man who kept making non-emergency calls to the 911 police number from the Greyhound bus station was told to stop by a deputy sheriff. He responded: “I will call 911 whenever I want to, Sweetcakes, and there is nothing you can do about it.” He then went over to the pay phone, called 911, and asked the dispatcher to tell him how many stars were in the sky. He was immediately arrested.

WELL, I THOUGHT IT WAS MINE, OFFICER
A man stole a GPS receiver from a home in Amityville, N.Y., and rode off on his bicycle. When stopped by police, he was evasive, and claimed the device was his. To settle the matter, the cop pressed the “home” button. The screen showed the nearby address of the home that had been burglarized.

DRINKING DOES NOT MAKE YOUR PROBLEMS GO AWAY
Two men burglarized a home in Kitchener, Ontario, but were confronted by police as they were walking out the front door. So they ran back in, locked the doors and proceeded to drink all the homeowner's booze.

GO AHEAD, PUNK, MAKE MY DAY
An armed man wearing a ski mask jumped over the counter of a convenience store in Indianapolis and demanded cash. A customer, who was

also armed, pulled out his pistol and put a stop to it.

WHO IS SHE? YOU TELL ME RIGHT NOW!
A man was watching TV with his girlfriend at his Bonita Springs, Fla., home, when he received a phone call from another woman. This prompted the girlfriend, who had been drinking, to jump on top of him and try to grab the phone. He fled. She grabbed a shotgun, and, despite the fact that she wasn't wearing any pants, chased him into the street. Police involvement resulted.

I GUESS THIS LOOKS PRETTY BAD FOR ME, EH JUDGE?
A man with four previous drunk driving convictions showed up drunk at a Worcester, Mass., court to face yet another DUI charge. He had a blood-alcohol level of .40 — five times the legal limit.

THAT'S NOT THE ONLY GAME YOU WERE PLAYING!
A soldier returning from Iraq accused his wife of cheating on him while he was away after he checked his Wii video game console and found that she had spent several nights playing video bowling with another man. The cartoon character of the guy she created for the game looks “strikingly similar” to the man he says is her wife's lover and who she admitting kissing in a weak moment. Divorce proceedings are underway.

PULSE CHATTERBOX

A Russian film company is producing a movie that depicts Russian President Vladimir Putin's softer, more romantic side. What other oppressive heads of state should star in next season's romantic comedy?

Devin Vaughn
Pol Pot! Do Pol Pot!

Audra Ord
I'd say go for an in-depth look at the love life of Capt. Robespierre from the French Revolution. My theory is he was secretly in love with King Louis, but since he couldn't have him all to himself, he'd rather just have his head.

Alicia Wade
They should totally make a film about Mao Tse-tung. That way I can finally have a reason to name a cat “Chairman Meow.”

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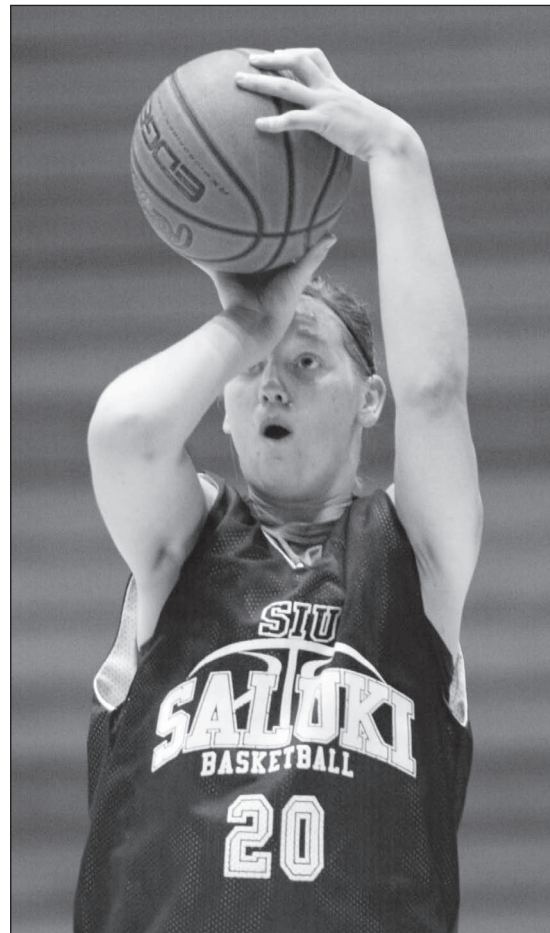
SWINGLER
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On top of making adjustments to her game, Swingler has also been adjusting to life away from home.

She lives in Thompson Point with freshman guard Ellen Young, but the pair didn't meet for the first time at SIU.

The duo were rivals back in their prep years when Swingler's Teutopolis High School would make the hour-long trek south to play Young's Salem Community High School.

Now the two help each other on and off the floor — which includes adjusting to the dining halls.



Freshman forward Katrina Swingler sets up for a shot during practice Monday morning at SIU Arena.
EMILY SUNBLADE
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"It's certainly not as bad as everyone says it is but there's definitely a food you go after everyday," She said. "I go after the cereal every time I go there because it's normal. Some days it's good, some days it's bad, but it keeps us full."

On the court Swingler averages 3.7 points per game in five starts but came up big for SIU (7-12, 3-6 Missouri Valley Conference) in a win against Creighton Jan. 20.

She scored 10 points off the bench on 4-of-6 shooting to lead the Salukis to a 75-74 overtime win.

Swingler said the level of competition is the biggest adjustment as a Saluki but said she's tried to

do what her coach's have asked. "I wasn't sure if I was ready but they needed me so I just had to step up," she said.

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Defense

On the defensive side of the ball, Lennon said he was looking for players who will fit into his 3-4 system. The Salukis brought in three defensive linemen and linebackers to anchor the system for the future.

Lennon said Kayon Swanson was brought in as a nose guard while Josh Terry and Kyle Cavil would take the ends. Terry stands out in the group with 103 total tackles, 33 tackles for a loss and 14 sacks.

The three linebackers include Jayson DiManche, Jared Marks and Joe Okon. DiManche is an outside linebacker who had 253 tackles and 30 sacks over the span of three seasons. He recorded 15 sacks last year.

Defensive backs Keith Anglin and James McFadden round out the defensive class. While Lennon said cornerback is the most difficult position to recruit, he believes both players fit the Gateway style of play.

Lennon said he was happy with the way the recruiting class turned out and is excited to see what it

brings to spring practices.

"I'm not saying it's great and I'll never blow up a class and make it seem like it's going to be the promised group that will lead us, but this is a good, solid football class," Lennon said. "I feel very good having these young men come into our program."

Most of those men will have to wait to see action on Saturdays.

Lennon said he is a firm believer in putting the red shirt on freshmen unless they are slated to start or play significant minutes. Lennon did say five or six players have the ability to play right away.

This could also be the last time Lennon has a class come from 11 states. While in North Dakota, Lennon was known for recruiting close to home, as most players came from North Dakota, Minnesota or Michigan.

Lennon said he wants to recruit the best local talent in future classes and work his way out from there.

"I would hope that we can definitely have a strong local presence on the team, continue to recruit from the backyard and then work out," Lennon said. "I think a seven-state class would probably be a little more expected in the future, but again we're going to go where

2008 SIU football recruiting class

	Tight Ends	
Christian Hanna	6-4	240
Running Backs		
Anton Wilkins	5-9	180
Quarterback		
Taylor Beasley	6-1	190
Kicker		
Steven Fox	6-1	175
Defensive Backs		
Keith Anglin	6-1	190
James McFadden	5-10	170
Offensive Line		
Eric Bergman	6-2	250
Rashad Ceres	6-2	270
Ben Koenig	6-3	310
Richard Wilson	6-3	275
Wide Receivers		
Marc Cheatham*	6-2	210
David Lewis	6-4	195
Luke Standiford	6-4	195
Defensive Line		
Kyle Cavil	6-4	245
Kayon Swanson	6-1	295
Josh Terry	6-3	230
Linebackers		
Jayson DiManche	6-2	215
Jared Marks	6-4	235
Joe Okon	6-3	215

*Only transfer student (Minnesota)

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we feel the top athletes are going to be."

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BONE
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DE: What is your biggest pet peeve?
JB: Lying. I hate people that lie.
DE: I'm going to list a few of your teammates and give me the first word that comes to mind. Wesley Clemmons.
JB: My dawg. Comes and shoots late at night. Me and him, I guess you could say, are the same

on the court.
DE: Tyrone Green.
JB: He's my big brother. Strong. And gets the team fired up.
DE: Carlton Fay.
JB: Pretty boy Carlton. We call him N'SYNC. Yeah, that's my boy.
DE: Dion Coopwood.
JB: My little big brother. He's kind of short. Kind of a dancer and a comic.
DE: What's in your refrigerator right now?

JB: Milk, apples, miracle whip. That's about it. I don't have anything in there.
DE: Do you have any pre-game rituals?
JB: Listen to music. Listen to a lot of Lil' Wayne and Gucci Man.
DE: What's one thing you can't live without?
JB: My family and basketball.

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splatter with or as if with a liquid. **2** To splash playfully in water. **3** To work at something casually or without serious purpose. —**dab'bler** n.
Dac'ca (dāk'ə). Cap. of Bangladesh. Pop. 1,563,517.
dace (dās) n., pl. **dace** or **dac'es**. A small freshwater fish of the family Cyprinidae, resembling the minnow.
da'cha (dä'chə) n. A Russian house in the country.
dachs-hund (däks'hōont', dāks'hōond') n. A small dog with a long body, very short legs, and drooping ears.

daily (dā'lē) adj. Of, relating to, happening, or published every day. —adv. **1** Every day. **2** Once a day. —n., pl. **-lies**. A daily publication, esp. a newspaper.
daily egyptian n. **1** Award winning newspaper that gives away free loads of information **2** Student run free newspaper vb. **1** To entertain
dai-qui-ri (dī'kə-rē, dāk'ə-) n., pl. **-ris**. A drink made with rum and lime juice.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
Dale Lennon

"Marion and Banks make a great combo for the Heat. Even if the Heat decide to not re-sign Marion at the end of the season, they finally have a legitimate point guard in Banks and a lot more cap room. O'Neal will make Amare Stoudamire more effective but that's about it. I don't know why the Suns picked up that contract either."

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"I'll give the edge to the Heat. While O'Neal is a future Hall of Famer, he definitely wasn't feeling it in Miami anymore and wasn't going to do them much good, so the Heat made the right move and acquired two up-and-coming stars in the process."

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"The Heat got the better end of this deal, acquiring a younger star in Marion to team with Dwyane Wade. The Suns clearly made this move out of desperation in response to the Lakers acquiring Pau Gasol, and I'm not sure that Shaq can keep up with the Suns up-and-down style of play."

— Head coach Dale Lennon on the 2008 recruiting class

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TRACK & FIELD



Assistant coach Matt Sparks times Nick Waninger during a practice lap at the Recreation Center. The Track team is warming up for the McDonald's Invitational this weekend.

JASON JOHNSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU prepares for busy weekend

Luis C. Medina
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU track and field team is preparing for another two-day meet this weekend, and Connie Price-Smith couldn't be more thrilled.

The Salukis are hosting the McDonald's Invitational Friday and Saturday and will go against Division 1 teams including Jackson State, Memphis and Southeast Missouri State. SIU was successful in its most recent two-day meet at the Indiana Relays. Price-Smith said she sees positives in two-day events.

"Competing on back-to-back days is good for the athletes to get ready for conference," Price-Smith said. "It keeps them competitively sharp and ready to go."

Despite a strong showing at the Indiana Relays, the SIU women's

track team fell four spots to No. 19 in the U.S. Track & Field Cross Country Coaches Association Top 25. Price-Smith said the ranking was nice, but she wants to continue to focus on each meet.

Sophomore Jeff Schirmer, who won the 3,000-meter run and freshman Brandon Deloney, who finished second in the 200-meter dash, were among 12 Salukis who qualified for finals in their respective events. Price-Smith said the meet was great for all the athletes.

Senior throwers Joe Mueller, Brittany Riley and Brenton Siemons dominated the throws competitions, picking up victories in the men and women's weight throw and men's shot put, respectively.

SIU is turning to a former athlete in an attempt to continue its strong start. Former Ohio State thrower

Keturah Lofton has been working with the Salukis this week, providing a different point of view and focusing on each thrower's technique at practice.

Lofton said she hopes to get through to the throwers by giving positive reinforcement after every throw. Junior Ryan Shumaker said working with Lofton helps him focus on technique rather than "brute force," while senior Brittany Riley said she is learning through Lofton's example.

"Coach might say something, but I can say it in a different way and hopefully it can click with somebody," Lofton said. "What I say I can back it up by doing it and people can appreciate that."

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FOOTBALL

Lennon welcomes new Salukis

2008 class boasts variety of positions, backgrounds

Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

After 504 hours of watching film, traveling and shaking hands, coach Dale Lennon finally reached his goal.

Lennon announced the Salukis' recruiting class Wednesday that included a total of 19 players from 11 states. The class is a mixture of players Lennon targeted while in North Dakota and players who were interested in SIU before he got the coaching position.

Lennon credited his staff for making a usually long process happen in the span of three weeks and is glad the chaotic period is over.

"We would have been a perfect cast for a reality TV show," Lennon said. "We have seven of us coaches living together right now, sleeping on the floor and trying to move our families down here and trying to recruit a class at the same time."

Despite the tight schedule, Lennon said the 2008 class should complement the roster of returning players well and offer a few impact players.



JAMES DURBIN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

First-year SIU head football coach Dale Lennon speaks at a press conference regarding plans for the upcoming season. Lennon's first recruiting class featured 19 players from 11 different states.

Offense

Ten of the 19 players coming in will play on the offensive side of the ball. The majority will be on the offensive line with a total of four players, but the impact players are expected to be at wide receiver and running back.

After losing four wide outs over the offseason, SIU will welcome three wide receivers. Marc Cheatham is a 6-foot-2 transfer from University of Minnesota with two years of eligibility. He caught 25 passes for 452 yards and five

touchdowns in 10 games at Laney College.

The Salukis added height to the receiving corps with a pair of 6-foot-4 freshmen in David Lewis and Luke Standiford. Lewis had 50 receptions, 818 yards and 10 touchdowns last season while Standiford earned all-conference honors as a wide receiver and defensive back.

Running back Anton Wilkins is a two-time Upstate Eight Conference Offensive MVP. He had 1,485 rushing yards and 20

touchdowns last season. He graduated from Neuqua Valley High School with 3,584 all-purpose yards and 46 touchdowns.

Quarterback Taylor Beasley and tight end Christian Hanna round out the recruits on offense. Beasley led all high schools in Florida during the 2005 season when he passed for 2,536 yards and 24 touchdowns. Hanna played in the Max Emfinger All-American Bowl and Lennon said he is a strong blocker.

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15 MINUTES WITH ...

Josh Bone

Megan Kramper
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

At this time last season, sophomore guard Josh Bone was recuperating from a season-ending knee injury.

Now he's one of SIU's leading scorers averaging 7.7 points and has started all but six games this season. The DAILY EGYPTIAN recently sat down with Bone to discuss his friendship with former teammate and Golden State Warrior guard Brandon Wright and his favorite sub from Jimmy Johns.



DAILY EGYPTIAN: Did you think at this time last year you would have a starting position on the team?

JOSH BONE: I always knew I had a chance to get the starting position but I didn't know it was going to come so soon.

DE: If you could play for any coach besides Chris Lowery who would it be and why?

JB: I like (Tennessee head coach) Bruce Pearl. He seems like a coach like Coach Lowery. He's just intense and always on his players. He always looks exciting — look at the game and see him dressed in his orange and stuff. He's animated and brings a lot of excitement to the game.

DE: Do you still keep in touch with former teammate Brandon Wright (who now plays for the Golden State Warriors)?

JB: Oh yeah. I talk to him everyday. I just got done talking to him actually. We text during the day all the time. We talk at nights. We're best friends and that relationship hasn't died.

DE: How many tattoos do you have?

JB: Five.

DE: Do you plan on getting any more?

JB: Yeah. I'm not done yet.

DE: If there were a movie made about your life, who gets the starring role?

JB: I like Terrence Howard.

DE: All right, it's late and you're hungry. Who do you call?

JB: Right now I'd probably call Jimmy Johns. Italian Nightclub No. 9. It's nice.

DE: Do you ever get nervous before tip-off?

JB: Oh yeah. Well I haven't been getting nervous lately, but the Creighton game I was nervous. But I think everyone should get a little butterflies in games like that.

DE: Why did you pick No. 4 as your jersey?

JB: I don't know. I guess I always had 23 for all of my life and I thought it was time for a change so I picked a number where I didn't know anyone really famous or really big in the number in the pros. I just wanted to create something of my own.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Freshman forward Katrina Swingler runs through a defensive drill during practice Monday morning at the SIU Arena. Swingler was a key player in the Jan. 20, game scoring 10 points when the Salukis hosted Creighton.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Swingler gives SIU a foundation

Matt Hartwig
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Katrina Swingler may not fill up the stat box like her freshmen counterparts, but she does have one thing that should help her stand out for years to come.

Her height.

The 6-foot forward from Teutopolis has used her height advantage to climb into the SIU women's basketball team's starting lineup and give coach Dana Eikenberg something to look forward to in the future.

Eikenberg said between October and February, Swingler has made impressive progress.

"In high school she was a face-up player," Eikenberg said. "We're asking her to play with her back to the basket. So not only is she changing a mental approach

to the game, she's been thrown into the fray with the physical approach."

Swingler netted four points on 2-of-4 shooting against Northern Iowa Jan. 31 and followed that up with another four-point performance in a 76-59 loss to Bradley.

While the numbers probably won't get anyone excited, she is currently SIU's best active shooter at 50 percent a game.

Senior guard Jayme Sweere has worked closely with Swingler in practice and said she's always ready and willing to learn and get better.

"She really works hard at understanding the game and advancing herself that way, as well as getting a feel for the pace of college play," Sweere said. "We're trying not to overwhelm our freshmen with

having to do too much. We don't need them to come in and score 20 points a night."

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 SIU women's basketball head coach