Students call for capital punishment

TARA KULASH
Daily Egyptian

Bangladesh Student Association members demanded justice, and it’s being served.

Nineteen students and community members gathered in front of the Student Center and then the Communications building Sunday to demonstrate solidarity for the ongoing Shahbagh Protest in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The goal of the mass movement in Bangladesh is for 10 accused 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War criminals to receive capital punishment. The war lasted nine months and resulted in 3 million deaths as well as 200,000 raped women and children. Abdul Quader Mollah, a Jamaat-e-Islami party leader, was sentenced Feb. 5 to life in prison. Thousands began to protest the same day, citing the verdict was too lenient. Jamaat supporters also resisted Mollah’s verdict, though, and fought with police, which resulted in at least four deaths. As of Monday, Bangladesh’s cabinet approved changes to war crime laws so those on trial can be executed if convicted. The change was made after pressure from the week-long mass protest.

At the demonstration Sunday, Mahbubul Khan, a graduate student in computer science and vice president of the Bangladesh Student Association, said proper justice has not been served to the war criminals.

“As long as the government is not going to give them capital punishment and not bringing them in proper trial, the movement will be continued,” he said.

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University program hosts Brazilian teachers

ELIZABETH ZINCHUK

A group of South American teachers have come to the U.S. as students.

The university was chosen as one of 18 in 15 states to host the Brazilian English Teachers Program. The first 50 of 540 teachers arrived Jan. 14 and will stay six weeks. Kevin Self, the special groups coordinator and lecturer for the Center for English as a Second Language, said the teachers will take classes that involve language and pronunciation, American culture and methodology.

Self said teachers will observe local high school classes as well. The program gives students and teachers an insight into other cultures’ daily lives, she said.

“One focus is to teach English as a second language, and they are teaching it as a foreign language, so there is similar methodology,” she said. “They are comparing teacher styles.”

Patricia Krejcik, CESL lecturer, said CAPES, a Brazilian Ministry of Education foundation, and the Fulbright Commission put together a selection process and chose the 540 teachers from 1,500 applicants. The students take courses with CESL students, she said.

“It’s been very interesting to see the exchange between these Brazilian teachers and the students,” she said.

Krejcik said many Brazilian program participants think they are behind on the newest instructional techniques. However, she said they use many of the same techniques CESL uses.

The program also allows a cultural exchange that goes beyond educational value, she said.

“I think it does benefit Brazilian students as well, because these teachers will go back to their universities, to their high schools, to their language programs, with a different view of what life is in America is, and what Americans are,” she said. “I think that helps a lot.”

Krejcik said the program has been a two-way street to help university CESL students as well as the Brazilian teachers. The program helps facilitate a professional network and communication between teachers and students.

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Carterville fire claims century-old building

Firefighters tend to the scene of a fire that broke out Monday in downtown Carterville. The fire started at approximately 6 p.m. at Corbell Telephone and Electronic Telecommunications.” on the 100th block of Division Street. The building, which was more than 100 years old, was owned by Dennis Corbell. Tenants were instructed upon the Carterville Fire Department’s arrival to vacate the premises, and they removed personal belongings from their residence. More than five local fire departments including West Frankfort, Hurst, Williamson County and Marion were called to the scene to help control the blaze. Create A Smile Thrift Store and one other building owned by Corbell also risked catching fire. No injuries were reported, and area authorities are still investigating the fire’s cause.
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Students face technology purchasing pressures

ZACH MARTIN
Daily Egyptian


With rumors of a cheaper plastic iPhone the Wall Street Journal leaked in late January, at least one person is more aware about the money they spend on technology. However, some are divided on how they want to spend more on technology and the university’s technology fee, to be successful.

Rod Severs, university spokesman, said the school technology fee is used for a variety of items. “It costs nearly $15 million to operate the entire campus computer infrastructure,” he said. “The technology fee covers about $2 million of this cost.”

The fee also supports campus-wide Internet access, SudokuNeS and دون2لآر的支持, upgrades to outdated computer equipment as well as future campus-wide upgrades, Severs said.

While every student pays this fee, the amount can and does vary. Along with the technology cost, the student’s tool costs could come from personal equipment students deem necessary for academic success.

As a first student purchases, Severs said the university has no set amount it expects students to spend to be successful. “All students are free to determine what personal technology needs will work for them,” he said. “Individually, technology needs will depend on the course of study.”

Severs said the university charges an average of $82.50 per semester based on 12 credit hours, whereas comparable universities such as Northern Illinois University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign charges an average of $233 for the same amount of credit hours.

However, the increase in students’ technology use begins even before they enter college.

Kelly Cummins, technology services director, said students face increased pressure to purchase the latest technology. “I think because of this exposure to technology at a continually younger age, students may have more pressure to have that same level of technology when they go to college,” he said.” Many K-12 school districts are starting to implement technology in the classroom some early as grade school.

Cummins said students should not feel they have to bridge a gap when it comes to what technology can afford and what they feel they need to succeed.

“It is our job at the university to help provide this technology for the students to use and help prepare them for after they graduate,” he said.

“We try to provide the students with technology that some students may not be able to afford.”

Technology upkeep is important not only for cost effectiveness, Cummins said, but also for university adaptability. “In today’s economy, I think it is a more important to make intelligent, strategic decisions to improve technology and help the university become more efficient, while at the same time creating a better learning environment for students,” Cummins said.

Allison Lampje, a junior from Polo studying photojournalism, said the campus’ available technology benefits her studies. “There’s a nice big lab of Macs if and when I need them, and the library almost always has a free computer,” she said.

Although the resources are plentiful, Lampje said she recently purchased a personal computer and tablet to be more prepared for classes.

While she said she didn’t feel pressured to purchase the latest technology, she wondered more about which technology brand to buy.

“Now that I’ve gotten here, the “go Mac or go home” attitude is kind of rampant among photographers,” she said.

Stephanie Burgs, a freshman from Danville studying elementary education, said she feels pressured to purchase the latest technology. “I feel a student has a much better chance of getting a better grade in a class if they have something that gives them access to do their homework at any time of day,” she said. “Some students work to pay for college or are just too busy to stop by the library or borrow a laptop from a friend for a bit.”

Burgs said she has spent almost $1,000 on technology between a new laptop and personal printers, but the school technology fee is fine. “If we don’t pay a good price, our technology would be as great,” she said.

Markum Reed, a graduate student in economics from Carbondale, said the university’s technology environment is also necessary for post-graduation success. “With the increasing technological advances in the world today, I believe that it is important for a university to keep up,” he said. “Universities have a responsibility to the students to give them the best education possible.”

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March is colorectal cancer awareness month and you can help raise awareness about this type of cancer and the necessary screenings for early detection. In 2012, Illinois had approximately 5,030 new cases of colorectal cancer diagnosed and approximately 2,300 deaths from this type of cancer. Whether you prefer to be competitive or participatory and aware, you are invited to join us for the 4th Annual Colon Cancer Awareness Run and Walk. To help draw attention to the need for preventative screenings such as the colonoscopy, we will provide all participants a necklace. To register by March 7, 2013 with t-shirts. Participants will be encouraged to wear the latest fashion.

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Derby Date for Valentine’s Day

Southern Illinois Roller Girls skate Toxic O’Dendron pulls ahead of the pack Saturday during the St. Valentine’s Day Massacre at The Pavilion in Marion. The Southern Illinois Roller Girls hosted the scrimmage bout as their season opener and played in pink and black jerseys in celebration of Valentine’s Day. O’Dendron was named MVP Jammer of the bout after the pink team lost to the black team with a final score of 152-223. The next match is March 2 at The Pavilion in Marion.

ACADEMICS

However, Blaylock said opponents on the field aren’t the players’ only competition. They are also competing with each other.

“It brings out their competitive side,” she said. “They want to compete with their teammates, and they want to beat them.”

In total, 13 of SIU’s 18 athletic teams recorded a 3.0 or better term GPA.

Moccia said the team is most proud of didn’t record a 3.0, but it recorded the highest semester GPA for the program since the athletic department began tracking GPAs by team in the early 1990s.

“The team I’m most proud of by far is the men’s basketball team,” Moccia said.

The men’s basketball team recorded a 2.947 GPA.

“Our academic issues were very well reported and very high-profile,” he said. “For those guys to step up and record a 2.947 GPA is historic.”

The men’s basketball team narrowly avoided NCAA penalties last year when they posted the lowest Academic Progress Rate score out of any Saluki athletic team. APR represents each program’s eligibility and retention rate for its students-athletes. SIU’s men’s basketball team had an APR of 908, which was 42 points below the nation-wide average.

Coach Barry Hinson said he thinks a couple of reasons he was hired to coach the basketball team was his academic track record and his emphasis on the importance of each student-athlete’s daily routine.

“My grandmother used to say ‘to have a term GPA of 3.06 is pretty much a high watermark for us.’”

― Mario Moccia
Athletic Director

The proof’s in the pudding, and we have proved that with hard work we were able to do those things the right way and certainly it has paid off,” he said.

Hinson said he stresses consistency to his team, which is something the team failed to have in the past.

“We start every day off the same,” he said. “As a team we meet every morning for breakfast. We know they have a good meal in their stomach, and we know they are going to class. Fifteen years from now, I could care less whether they could hit a jump shot from 15 feet or not, but what I do care about is (whether) they have a degree that’s going to last them the rest of their lives.”

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The news that free-roaming cats are responsible for killing up to 3.7 billion birds and 20.7 billion mammals every year — a death toll that makes cars a greater threat to wildlife than nearly any other human-linked cause — is enough to make any cat lover cringe.

You might think the solution lies in simply keeping Mittens inside, and that is certainly an important step toward protecting not only wildlife but also cats.

But a new Smithsonian study indicates that "owned" cats account for the deaths of only about 29 percent of the birds and 11 percent of the mammals killed by cats.

The rest are killed by the estimated 80 million stray and feral cats eking out an existence in our nation's alleys and barns. Eighty million — let that number sink in for a moment. That's nearly 6 million more than the estimated 74.1 million cats living in homes — and that's not even counting the unwanted cats turned over to animal shelters every year, who also number in the millions.

How did we end up with so many homeless cats?

A female cat can come into heat at as young as 4 months and can have as many as three litters of six kittens every year. In seven years, one female cat and her offspring can produce a staggering 370,000 cats.

We have a bizarre double standard when it comes to cats and dogs. Someone who would never dream of letting a dog roam the neighborhood thinks nothing of allowing a cat — altered or otherwise — to do so.

Similarly, people often move away and, rather than taking their unwanted cat to an animal shelter, simply leave her sitting on the doorstep. "It's OK," they assure themselves. "She'll catch mice."

Even animal shelters have a double standard. Some "no-kill" shelters refuse to accept "healthy" feral cats and even justify this by saying that such cats "help control the rodent population," although it makes no mention of the millions of songbirds that feral cats also "control."

Can you imagine a reputable shelter having a similar policy for stray dogs?

"Those who promote feral-cat trap-neuter-return programs have a similar double standard."

We need to change the way we view cats. We need to start thinking of them as our best friends, our beloved companions, our lifelong responsibility. If we wouldn't encourage people to abandon their own cats in a parking lot or at the end of a country road, how can we say that this approach is acceptable for any cat?

Feral cats do not die of old age. They are attacked by other animals, are hit by cars or succumb to exposure, starvation, parasite infestations or deadly infectious diseases. PETA receives calls every single day about free-roaming cats who are shot, drowned, poisoned, beheaded, set on fire or subjected to other horrors.

If we want to get serious about protecting wildlife — and cats — we need to change the way we view cats. We need to start thinking of them as our best friends, our beloved companions, our lifelong responsibility.

Like dogs, they should be licensed, neutered, spayed or neutered, on a "leash law" (i.e., required to be kept indoors unless accompanied) and, most importantly, spayed or neutered.

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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Sunday’s Crossword

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Saluki athletes in class of their own

College sports program success is typically judged by conference play, NCAA tournament appearances and national championship wins.

For most student-athletes, however, classroom success is just as important as their performance in their respective sport.

The SIU athletic program finished the fall 2012 semester with a combined 3.06 grade point average. Sixty-two percent of SIU student-athletes recorded a 3.0 or better semester GPA, and 45 student-athletes recorded a perfect 4.0. Sixty percent of the athletes finished the semester with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or better.

Athletic Director Mario Moccia said he is pleased with how well the university’s athletes perform in the classroom, and he credits each program’s coaching staff for pushing their players to succeed.

“Having a term GPA of 3.06 is pretty much a high watermark for us,” Moccia said. “Just tells me we have coaches who are stressing the importance of going to class and going to study table.”

SIU’s Athletics posted a 3.03 GPA for spring 2012. Moccia said SIU has always favored well when it comes to student-athletes and their academic performances.

“We have always done very well here, certainly if you benchmark our performance against the non-student-athlete,“ Moccia said.

He said one reason the athletic program continues to see academic success from its athletes is because of the Troutt-Wittmann Center, where they study.

The Troutt-Wittmann Center, which was in 2005, features a fitness center nearly three times larger than the previous facility available to Saluki athletes. More importantly, it includes a mix of quiet areas where athletes can receive tutor help along with Internet and several educational resources from books to study guides and computer labs.

Liz Smith, an academic assistant for the athletic program, said the center can get very busy in the evening. She said she will sometimes see 20 to 30 athletes at a time studying or doing homework.

Smith said the center is convenient for athletes because it is close to the athletic center, a place where athletes spend a chunk of their time. “It is very close to everything else they need throughout the day,” she said. “Whether it be talking to coaches, or to get treatment from the trainer, or practice, it’s all right here.”

Sophomore Lauren Cheadle, a sprinter on the track and field team, said she spends six hours a week in the center. She said she has to dedicate a certain amount of time to the center according to her coaches, but she finds herself there most times because of its available resources.

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Terry Peacock

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Salukis men in class of their own

Student athletes are honored Feb. 5 during the men’s basketball game against Wichita State at SIU Arena. More than 300 athletes who earned at least a 3.0 grade point average were recognized during half time at the game. Of those, 45 held a 4.0 GPA.

“We joke about softball being upstart with volleyball because they took their top spot,” he said.

Softball coach Kent Blaylock said the team prides itself on its grades because the team members’ respective degrees will be what most of them will fall back on.

“There is a pro softball league, but it is not very established,” she said. “For them, life after softball is going into the working world and what they want to do with their lives.”

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The SIU men’s basketball team has yet to outperform its 10th-place preseason ranking, but the Salukis have provided an elevated performance in some of the bigger games on their schedule.

After winning three of its first four games, SIU (9-15, 2-11) faced its first challenge in Fresno State Nov. 28 at home. The Bulldogs opposed Southern with superior size and even greater offensive ability. However, the Salukis rode their hot shooting (they entered the game as the No. 14 shooting team in the country) and a last second bank shot from junior guard Domin Jackson to a 57-54 defeat of Fresno State.

The junior guard also posted a career-high 29 points in the upset victory over Indiana State in the SIU Arena Jan. 12. It was the first time in the Salukis’ season that coach Barry Hinson played man-to-man defense for the entire game.

The coach’s decision led SIU to nine steals and forced INS into 19 turnovers. Senior guard Jeff Early also had a career night as he grabbed 13 rebounds in a 76-71 win.

The Salukis bested Wichita State 64-62 Tuesday in Carbondale. Senior guard T.J. Lindsay scored a game-high 14 points on four 3-pointers in the win.

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“They have really good players top to bottom,” coach Dan Nelson said. “We were matching up well to them in a few different spots in singles but had some trouble in some other spots.”

Sophomore Jorge Caveri was one player who performed well during the meet. Caveri went head-to-head against Memphis junior Joe Salvitsky, who is one of the nation’s top players. Salvitsky took the first round 6-4, but Caveri fought back to take the second 6-0.

Caveri said his serve broke Salvitsky and that helped him establish the lead he built. His next serve was off a bit, and it gave Salvitsky the chance to get back in the match. Despite the serving struggles, Caveri said he never thought he was out of the match.

“I never thought that they were unbeatable,” he said. “In doubles play, we could have picked up a point if the match would have been finished and there were also two other matches that were really tight but also ended in unfinished. It was an awesome experience to play that kind of team.”

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