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**Fire department gets new nose**

Danny Wenger  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Arson Investigator Jay Crippen has a new tool that can detect one drop of gasoline in a burned-down house. “The tool happens to be a 70-pound, yellow dog,” he said.

Pal, a 3-year-old “goldador,” a mix of a golden retriever and Labrador retriever, is the Carbondale Fire Department’s new detection dog. As a detection dog, he has been specially trained to find certain chemicals. “The best way this canine is he’s a tool,” Crippen said.

Pal is trained to “alert” when he smells an accelerant, a chemical that can ignite a fire. “The key about this canine is he’s a tool,” Crippen said.

Crippen demonstrated one of the ways that he works his dog, Pal, in training. Pal is trained to “alert” when he detects accelerants, which helps Crippen in his arson investigations.

**Carbondale fire inspector Jay Crippen works his dog, Pal, though a drill to find chemical accelerants Saturday morning at the Carbondale Fire Department on South Illinois Avenue. Pal is trained to detect several types of accelerants, which helps Crippen in his arson investigations.**

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**Rec to offer iPods, more for exercise**

Joe Crawford  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

There is hope for students who have put off their resolutions to take up exercise.

On Feb. 5, Recreational Sports and Services is launching the “Healthy U Incentive Program,” which is intended to motivate students to exercise, improve their emotional health and physical well-being.

Lyne Thompson-Cundiff, fitness coordinator at the Student Recreation Center, said students who participate in the program receive “Healthy U dollars” for working out and attending workshops.

Students earn U dollars for every minute they participate. Those who earn 180 U dollars in a week are eligible for a weekly drawing for prizes such as an iPod Shuffle and a European Spa certificate.

Thompson-Cundiff said SIUC has done incentive programs in the past, but this is the first that targets more than physical activity.

“Research shows that if you are invested in something, even if it’s a small amount, you have more consistency with it,” Thompson-Cundiff said.

She said students are encouraged to exercise, but other activities — such as meeting with counselors at the Wellness Center — also earn them U dollars.

The program, which is only open to SIUC students, has a $5 registration fee.

Sally Wright, interim director of Recreational Sports and Services, said participants could take advantage of discounted services at the Rec Center.

Fitness assessments and metabolic tests that normally cost $20 will be offered for $10 to participants, she said.

Thompson-Cundiff said most SIUC students don’t pay enough attention to their diet and don’t exercise as often as they should.

SIUC and the American College of Sports Medicine recommends a person get 30 to 60 minutes of exercise three to five days a week. To earn 180 U dollars, a participant would have participate for three hours a week.

While he worked at the Rec Center Tuesday afternoon, Thompson-Cundiff, a former from Sullivan studying electrical engineering, said he didn’t think most students took their health seriously.

“I just don’t think people want to put out the effort to come work out when they could be just setting around watching TV and stuff like that,” Craig said.

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Iliinois in $8 million settlement with Bayer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pennsylvania and 29 other states, including Illinois, have reached an $8 million settlement with Bayer Corp. over allegations the drug maker failed to adequately warn consumers about risks associated with a cholesterol-lowering drug.

The company allegedly learned after introducing Baycol in the U.S. in May 1998 that the drug posed significantly greater risks than similar drugs, particularly when taken in combination with another cholesterol-lowering drug, Zyprexa. Illinois Attorney General Tom Corbett said Thursday.

Bayer informed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration about Baycol's higher risks, but did not sufficiently warn consumers about potential problems such as a potentially fatal muscle reaction that could damage kidneys, Corbett said.

Bayer has not admitted any wrongdoing, but has agreed to register relevant clinical studies and to post the results online. Bayer must pay $8 million to the 30 states for future consumer protection and enforcement programs.

Governor begins effort to privatize lottery

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich is beginning the difficult job of selling skeptical lawmakers on his proposal to privatize the state lottery as a way of generating money for education.

The Chicago Democrat estimates that leaving the lottery could yield $1 billion or more, but the idea got a frosty reception when he proposed it eight months ago.

The Blagojevich administration is asking potential bidders to speak up by Feb. 22 to demonstrate that they would be able to submit serious proposals.

The administration hopes that gauging the private-sector interest will help sell the idea to lawmakers.

The powerful speaker of the Illinois House has publicly questioned the wisdom of the plan. The No. 2 Democrat in the state Senate calls it a "short-term fix."

Blagojevich's plan for the lottery would work by letting a private company take over the lottery for decades to come, or perhaps even permanently. The company would pay Illinois billions of dollars over the next few years and, in exchange, get to keep any money the lottery generates over the long term.

StABBED 13-year-old boy found dead in home

CHICAGO (AP) — The body of a 13-year-old boy who was fatally stabbed has been found inside his home.

The body was found around 10:30 p.m. Monday in the 3500 block of South Rhoden Avenue, police spokeswoman Amina Greer said early Tuesday.

The boy had a stab wound on his side, police said. No one is in custody.

Police questioned the boy's 14-year-old brother who was home when the boy was found.

Great declined to give further information on who made the call or if any witnesses had been recovered.

The Cook County medical examiner's office could not provide further details Tuesday. The death initially had been ruled "non-criminal" in nature, police said.

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A check forgery for $5,841 occurred between Monday, Jan. 9 and Thursday. There are no suspects at this time.

A theft from a motor vehicle of a SIUC parking decal was reported Monday at Lot 45.

SIUC student Corey Dontey Harper, 18, of Glen Carbon, was arrested and charged with driving while suspended. Harper posted $100 cash bond.

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John Simon has found that nothing can be done to boost class attendance at SIUC. The professor of history said he has tried everything he can think of to get his students to class — to no avail.

“I’ve tried and tried,” Simon said. “I tell jokes. I make up fantastic stories. I give away door prizes. Still I can’t get everybody in their seat to attend.”

Simon has been at SIUC for more than 40 years. The 73-year-old said he came to the university to continue work on a project he started in 1962 — a work still in progress.

His work focuses on editing all correspondence to and from Ulysses S. Grant and publishing it for the Ulysses S. Grant Association. Simon said the group has published more than 20 books.

He said remaining in contact with students has opened him up to new ideas.

“The directors of the project would have preferred that I edit full time,” he said. “But I said, well, I need something else in my life — either bowling or history.”

It was during his teaching career many years ago that Simon started giving away door prizes to students in class. He said this practice began after he received a door prize at a lecture he was paid to give.

He said he felt guilty and gave away a Civil War newspaper to one of his students.

Stephen Hansen, a history professor at SIU-Edwardsville, said he knew of Simon’s reputation regarding the Grant papers while he was a doctoral student, but didn’t have a chance to meet him until the mid-1990s.

Hansen said he has taught a course with Simon over the distance learning network — a project that broadcasts lectures live to other universities — about five times.

He said Simon expressed jealousy over an Abraham Lincoln course Hansen was teaching, so they decided to do a joint-class.

“Sometimes John and I purposefully get into disagreements over some interpretation of Lincoln just in order to stimulate conversation among the students,” Hansen said.

Professor of History Jonathan Bean said he has known Simon since 1995. He said Simon is very well known not only on campus, but nationwide.

“Professor Simon is a legend on campus both among students and people in the community,” he said. “He’s very gregarious, extremely knowledgeable and humorous.”

Bean said he has people from all over the nation discuss Simon with him as soon as they hear he is from SIUC.

He attributed this to their interest in the Civil War, and Simon’s extensive work in this era of history.

“He’s probably one of the most public faces of SIU in America,” Bean said.

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**Breathing history**

Professor tries to spread love of history to students

Ryan Rendleman

Professor of history John Simon poses for a portrait at the McLafferty Annex on Tuesday afternoon. Simon is the executive director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association and has been working to edit the papers of Ulysses S. Grant, which have been published by Southern Illinois University Press.

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ANTHONY SOUFFLE — DAILY EGYPTIAN
Few glitches reported as new passport rules take effect
WASHINGTON — A new rule requiring U.S. airline passengers to show a passport upon boarding a plane to Europe, Canada or the Caribbean took effect Tuesday, with few reports of problems.

Most travelers who forgot about the new requirement were able to enter the country after receiving a warning and a passport application mailed to their house, which they were able to pick up Wednesday from a nearby U.S. citizen-service office.

The new rules are aimed at stemming a growing tide of illegal immigrants, drug smugglers and terrorists who are using the U.S. passport system to travel to other countries.

U.S. authorities said Tuesday that they expect the new rules to have a significant impact on the number of people who try to enter the country without a passport or other identification.

The new rules require travelers to present a valid passport or other form of identification, such as a driver's license, when boarding a plane. The new passport requirement also applies to travelers who are flying to Mexico, Canada or the Caribbean.

The new rules are part of a broader effort by the U.S. government to strengthen border security and prevent the entry of illegal immigrants, drug smugglers and terrorists.

While there were few reports of glitches on Tuesday, some travelers reported that they were unaware of the new rules and did not have a passport or other form of identification.

“I didn’t know about it,” said one traveler, who said she was unable to enter the country because she did not have a passport.

Another traveler said she was unable to enter the country because she did not have a passport and did not have a driver's license.

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Family found safe at motel in same city as abduction; father arrested

Tom Coyne
The Associated Press

ELKHART, Ind. — A mother and her four children were found safe Tuesday night at a motel just miles from where police said the father had shot a man and abducted the family three days earlier, authorities said. He was arrested as he tried to escape through an air duct.

Jerry D. White, 30, was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and several counts of confinement, police said.

Authorities had issued an Amber Alert for the four children, ages 16 months to 9 years, and their mother, 31-year-old Kimberly N. Walker, and shot her sister’s boyfriend, who was still in the hospital Tuesday. White then held everyone captive and shot her sister’s boyfriend, who was still in the hospital Tuesday. White then held everyone captive until leaving with Walker and the children nearly 10 hours later, police said.

Officials knocked on the door of the motel room about 8 p.m. Tuesday and heard rumbling inside, after which Walker opened the door.

“She was sobbing hysterically and physically shaking like I’ve never seen anybody shake,” Wargo said. “I asked her if she was Kim. She very hesitantly shook her head yes.”

Officers pulled her out of the room and rushed her behind a building, he said.

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Sean McGahan
Daily Egyptian

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Carbondale subscribers have been unable to view popular FOX and My Network shows since Sinclair Broadcasting Group — the exclusive owner of the local channels — pulled its programming from Mediacon.

Sinclair, the second largest operator of broadcast stations in the nation, and Mediacon, the nation’s eighth largest cable provider, had reached a standstill in negotiations over fees charged to retransmit free, over-the-air stations.

In a statement released Sunday, Mediacon Chairman and CEO Roccos B. Commisso said Mediacon is willing to accept terms agreed to by Sinclair and Time Warner, a cable provider involved in a similar dispute with Sinclair.

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Mediacon previously requested that Sinclair follow with the Federal Communications Commission’s recommendations to enter into a binding arbitration agreement, in which the dispute would be settled by an impartial third party.

Sinclair Vice President Barry Faber did not return multiple calls for comment, but in a statement released Jan. 16, he blasted Mediacon’s “continued effort to publicly air private business negotiations.”

“Mediacon’s efforts represent nothing more than the desperate attempt of a private enterprise to seek Congressional assistance to remedy its failure to reach agreement during private negotiations,” he said.

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**Chance for U.S. in the Mideast**

Despite the Iraq gloom, some good news has emerged in recent days from the Middle East. The good news concerns Iran and Syria and points to an opening for a diplomatic process involving all of Iraq’s neighbors. Such a process holds the best hope for averting a dangerous defeat in Iraq. The burning question is whether the Bush team is willing or able to take advantage of the opportunity that this news presents.

First, the good news from Tehran: Iran’s ambitious President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is coming under harsh criticism from the highest authorities in Tehran. Contrary to Western perceptions, Ahmadinejad does not have either power to make foreign policy or control over Iran’s nuclear program – powers that rest with Iran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Khamenei appears to be reconsidering Ahmadinejad’s behavior; the ayatollah’s newspaper has called on the president to stay out of all nuclear matters. Criticism in Iran’s press and parliament has also focused on Ahmadinejad’s economic failures. U.S. and U.N. sanctions make foreign investment scarce, including in Iran’s oil fields. This puts the country’s economic future at risk.

Ahmadinejad’s economic failures are being accentuated by Ahmadinejad’s behavior: to convince Iraq’s neighbors that Iraq’s future collapse would somehow endanger them that they have to work to stabilize the country. Their cooperation: to convince Iraq’s neighbors that Iraq’s future collapse would somehow endanger them that they have to work to stabilize the country.

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The White House should keep pushing Syria to end its misbehavior in Lebanon, but it should not be needing Syrian involvement in regional talks. The pressure on Ahmadinejad signals that Iran is concerned about further economic and political isolation. That means the United States has strong cards to play in any talks. Moreover, Syria should be able to open up the conflict confrontation with the Sunni Arab world that looms if the Iraq civil war continues. Rather than rally Sunni Arab states against Tehran, as it is now doing, Washington could be working to prevent that Sunni-Shiite explosion.

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Geoffrey Aronsen of the Foundation for Middle East Peace helped organize the talks. He says: “We wanted to jump-start a discussion.” At a time when some senior Israeli political and intelligence officials are calling for talks with Damascus, the White House shouldn’t veto the idea. The White House should keep pushing Syria to end its misbehavior in Lebanon, but it should not be needing Syrian involvement in regional talks. Recently, Pennsylvania’s Republican Sen. Arlen Specter made his 16th trip to Syria and had his fourth conversation with President Assad. “I don’t think he (Assad) views us in a position of weakness,” said Specter, who recently visited Syria to meet with President Assad and had his fourth conversation with the president.

In other words, America has leverage for the kind of diplomacy that is essential if we want a peaceful nuclear future in the Middle East. The goal of such diplomacy: to convince Iraqi neighbors that the Iraqi future collapse would so endanger them that they have to work to stabilize the country. Their cooperation would go far in enabling U.S. forces to leave.

But President Bush has made clear that he has no interest in using regional talks as a means to stabilize Iraq. Such talks – a key recommendation of the Baker-Hamilton Iraq Study Group – would have to involve Syria and Iraq, as well as Saudi Arabia.

Instead, the White House has chosen a confrontational approach toward Iran, moving additional ships and missiles off Iran’s coast, and putting the economic squeeze on Tehran. The administration believes Iran has grown omnipresent because of the Iraq mess, so there is no talk to point.

**Letter to the Editor**

**Go Colts**

Dear Editor:

The true team of destiny in this year’s Super Bowl is not Da Bears, but the Colts of Indianapolis.

So far, this season has been a fitting follow-up to last year’s heartbreak that resulted in the Colts being eliminated from the playoffs early and a sixth seed winning the whole shebang. The ending this year will be more appropriate.

The Colts have shown that their defense can handle one-dimensional offenses that rely too much on the run. I have no doubt that Dwight Finnerty and company will hold Tomm Brady and company to less than 100 yards rushing combined on Super Sunday and Rex Grossmann’s confidence will be destroyed after a few turnovers. Conversely, Peyton Manning and the offense will make enough plays to win the game and the Lombardi trophy will come home to championship-starved Indy.

In my mind, the only way the Bears stand a realistic chance is if Devin Hester goes crazy. Ed almost like to see Adam Vinatieri kick the ball on each kick-off to limit Hester’s potential impact.

As it is, though, I see the Colts winning by at least 10 points. No guarantee is necessary.

Jon Martin
Graduate student in clinical psychology

**Bears fans want a ruckus**

Dear Editor:

My sister emailed asking if I would be a true Hoosier and cheer for the Bears in the Super Bowl.

I wrote her that, from the beginning, I’ve been a fan of the NFL’s Central Division (now the Northern Division) with the Minnesota Vikings as my favorite team followed by the Bears, Packers and Lions. Although the Colts are now in Indianapolis, they are originally from Baltimore (somewhere between here and Mongolia).

Living in Illinois, and since the Vikings smell worse than stinkin’ (a Scandinavian dish of dried cod, preserved in potash, then skinned, boned, and boiled), I should support the Bears.

However, as you may know, fans from Chicago tend to rant and become destructive when their teams win (or figure). When the White Sox won the World Series a few years ago, celebrating fans destroyed several lamp posts on campus. On Sunday afternoon, after the Bears won the NFC game, celebrating fans took over US-31 for about 30 minutes.

So, in order to prevent a few idiots from being expelled from IU and sent back north to the middle of winter, I’m going to cheer for a Colt victory as the Bear fans will then hopefully just order another beer to drown their sorrows and dreams of next year as I have done for the last 38 years.

Joel Frittsler
Councilman Carbondale City Council

**Their Word**
Through the black eye

Alex Ayala  
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I never thought a jab to the eye could have such an impact on someone's life. Having observed it many times in movies, local bullfighting broadcasts, I found myself at it but never expected to be in the receiving end of a lethal jab. This resulted in a darkened left eye.

For the first time ever, I received a facial injury during a sparring session at the gym, and even though I hear references to Muhammad Ali of how the sport leads to permanent cerebral damage, it's a short-term risk I chose to take and one that keeps me in shape.

Believe me, eyes around campus don't look bag-less when the first week of class begins.

But there's no slashing the eye like Rocky, ointments or raw steak being applied here. I learned I had to get off the stool and face the consequences, returning to what is my last semester here at SIU.

Even though at times you may feel like the Punishment Groundhog and decide to hide from the public, I don't have a choice here; I have to come out be it rain or snow.

This semester means a rigorous and emotional time with my design thesis, my work at the SIU community can be quite an experience for me, eyes around campus don't look bag-less when the first week of class begins. Even though many all-nighters and unhealthy practices away many of you outgoing seniors, just make an attempt to practice healthy sleeping habits.

Walking around with a black eye through the SIU community can be quite an experience. People stare at you and notice the detail, usually forgetting to react. Actually, only about five people asked last week the most popular predictable question "How was your break?" I guess the eye summed it all up for them.

But in reality my break was one of the best in shape.

I got to paint a mural on a grade school of children that spoke "Nahuatl" in the mountainous region north of Puebla and witness the slaughtering of a pig for a birth-day party. It's those kinds of random experiences that motivate me to travel as often as possible.

Random experiences, whether positive or negative, such as a black eye, help fuel my last semester at SIU, which I hope to finish den while they slept. Their killer stated they were "attended SIU and be surrounded by nature as you earn your degree." However, actions speak louder than words.

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Crippen explained that some dogs are given toys for tasks such as finding drugs.

"With arson dogs and bomb dogs you’re not in a situation where you can play," he said.

"It’s not starving your dog," Crippen said.

Pal gets plenty of food, though, because he is trained three to five times a day.

"I was around Beau, and I was there when Beau was running on fire," Crippen said. "So I got to see first hand the benefits of having an accelerant detection dog."

Carbondale received the new dog through a scholarship from State Farm Insurance. Crippen flew to Maine where he trained with Pal at Maine Specialty Dogs.

"He doesn’t go through any more [food] than an average dog," Crippen said. "And Striegel Animal Hospital... they’ve donated for the 10 years of Beau, and they’re staying consistent with that with Pal here."

When investigating arson, samples are taken from the area to determine if an accelerant was used and then sent to a lab to be analyzed.

Michaleisko said arson dogs reduce the time spent finding samples, and the samples are more accurate.

"The amount of time that you can save, and their confirmation for samples, is a benefit to the department," Michaleisko said.

Mayor Brad Cole, who introduced Pal at the Jan. 16 city council meeting, said having an arson dog helps the city by improving fire inspection.

"What it does is it allows us to provide a higher level of fire inspection and detection to be able to resolve an issue," Cole said. "If there’s fire that’s suspicious, we can come in with the dog, and detect these accelerants and indicate whether or not there may be foul play involved."

"We have books for alternative life cultures like books and magazines for alternative lifestyles, like how to grow hemp and marijuana," Bradshaw said.

The alternative approach seems to have worked out for the bookstore, as Becker said they have fought off competition from Barnes and Noble and other corporate stores, and appealed to Carbondale’s sense of community.

"I like shopping at locally owned community places, like a pro-active culture jamming," Garcia said.
The next best thing to new

Ben Erwin

Alkaline Trio "Remains"

Like fellow Windy City natives such as Naked Raygun and Rise Against, Alkaline Trio has helped define the genre of Chicago punk and hardcore for the past decade with a slew of records that were often equal parts ferocity and melody. With the group's latest compilation, "Remains," the band has compiled an impressive retrospective of B-sides, live cuts and music previously available only on various split EPs. While the album offers nothing new or out-of-print for hardcore fans, "Remains"chronicles the group's progression from punk upstarts to the polished mainstay the band once exuded with such insouciant aplomb. Likewise, songs that the band once treated as B-sides, such as the crunching "Old School Fire" or the rollicking "While You're Waiting," the rollicking " while You're Waiting" and the rollifling "remains" progress into more refined, slow mellowing production.

The compilation is nice for those who have no desire to track down a half dozen EPs or soundtracks... however, the band's eponymous album or "From Here to the Infirmary," the album is a solid collection overall. It's nice to see the band going in a new direction, but what "Remains" is missing is new or out-of-print records fans can no longer find. The compilation is nice for those who have no desire to track down a half dozen EPs or soundtracks, but offers little for those who have followed Alkaline Trio since the band's 1996 inception. Vagrant Records would have done well to offer additional live tracks. Demo material or simply something new. For now, however, "Remains" is the next best thing to a new Alkaline Trio studio album or another tour.

Hating Every Minute, "Dead and Broken" and "If You Had a Bad Time" also illustrate Alkaline Trio's progression into more refined, slow mellowing production. While the latter material contained on "Remains" is still largely enjoyable, the band's slow mellowing production is often disheartening. "Remains" also contains perennial favorite tracks such as "My Standard Break From Life," "Jaked On Green Bore" and the album's opening tune, "Hell Yes." Although "Remains" never quite flows as well as the band's eponymous album or "From Here to the Infirmary," the album is a solid collection overall.

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Career dead for K-fed

Wayne Utterback

Kevin Federline: Playing with Fire

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"Who told this bastard that he can't rap? He got 50 mill, I can do whatever I want." It's those lyrics from Kevin Federline's debut album, "Playing with Fire," that summarize just how the tide of public opinion came to fruition.

Not only can K-fed not rap, but he can't rhyme either. To top it all off, he doesn't have $50 million anymore since Britney Spears ditched him to go party with Paris Hilton.

Listening to "Playing with Fire" is similar to trying to kick a flaming dog — it's not only a bad idea, but it can be hazardous to your health.

In the opening track, he says, "I make music America can feel." I liken that line to the famous Upper Sinclair quote "I aimed at the public's heart, and by accident I hit it in the stomach." Sinclair was talking about the disgusting meat market, but Federline's albums should turn into an exposé on the direction of the music industry today.

Federline intelligently referenced how his marriage to Britney Spears will stand the test of time over and over in what feels like every song. Spraying of the baby/hit dropping diva, makes an appearance on "Crazy," which is a fitting title for the mind frame she was in when she lent her voice to the song. Between proclaiming he's "America's Most Hated" and referencing himself to Jesus in the hidden track "Middle Finger," he spends his time digging an early grave on his career. He actually says, "I'm hotter than a pizza oven." Do I really need to say more?

Maybe not, but I'm going to because this album has tarnished my ears and left me permanently scarred. Is Federline "America's Most Hated?" Hardly, if America thinks anything about him it would be that he's a washed up wannabe rapper.

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Federline usually would only have 15 minutes of fame, and this album runs 50 minutes long. He needs to give us those extra 35 minutes back. Where is K-fed now? Well, the last time he was seen it was in a wrestling ring, getting dropped faster than his album did on the charts. Hopefully the last hit related to his career will be one that inflicts bodily harm on him.

Best Supporting Actress

Adriana Barraza, Babie
Cate Blanchett, Notes on a Scandal
Helen Mirren, The Queen
Jennifer Hudson, Dreamgirls
Penelope Cruz, Volver

Best Supporting Actor

Alan Arkin, Little Miss Sunshine
Jackie Earle Haley, Little Children
Djimon Hounsou, Blood Diamond
Eddy Murphy, Dreamgirls
Rinko Kikuchi, Babie

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Girls and Sports
by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

Today’s Birthday (01-24-07).

You’re making new friends this year, who will introduce new adventures. Mentally and physically, let them coax you outside your comfort zone.

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 a 6 - You should be feeling more assertive, but you still need to take care. You can get to the prize, but there are hurdles between here and there.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - You’re under pressure to produce the results you’ve promised. Go shopping for an item that will help you meet your deadline.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Give yourself plenty of time for meetings. Share ideas with your team. Don’t worry about having all the answers, yet. Choose responsibilities.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - You’ll see that, with strong leadership, you can proceed with confidence. As everybody plays their part, all of you will succeed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Take action now on whatever it is that you’ve been contemplating. Decisions made now will be beneficial in more ways than you can imagine.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You’re very good with money, as everybody knows. Right now, for example, you can use somebody else’s to get something for your home.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Ask for another point of view, and assistance from afar. Somebody else can see a way that’s not obvious to you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21 - Today is an 8 - Push now with enthusiasm. Your new theory is opening up lots of possibilities. Buy something to speed up the process, and improve efficiency.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - If you just don’t feel like working now, there’s astrological confirmation. Conditions favor being warm and cozy and lots and lots of hugs.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Your income is steady and that always helps you relax and concentrate. Ask for advice and support from your family, they’ll be there for you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Your friends came up with the suggestion, and you can make it happen. More study will be required, and now’s the best time to begin.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Invest in your career and get something that will go up in value. You probably already have the perfect item all picked out.
The game began with the Panthers scoring the first seven points and lead-
ing SIU 19-11 before the Salukis went on a 13-point run.

Mullins, though, missed a shot at the buzzer and the Salukis entered halftime trailing 27-25.

The Salukis took a 39-37 lead in the second half on a pair of Mullins free throws after he wrestled away a rebound and was fouled. The two teams traded baskets and leads the rest of the game until junior forward Randal Falker sparked an eight point run that culminated with UNI head coach Ben Jacobsen being whistled for a technical foul. Young hit both free throws to put SIU ahead 49-42 with 6 minute, 23 seconds remaining in the game.

The Salukis never looked back and held the lead for the remainder of the game and Mullins finished with a career high of 16 points.

SIU and the Panthers last played Jan. 6, when Northern Iowa outlasted SIU to win, 66-61. In that game, Northern Iowa senior guard Brooks McKowen scored seven points and added six assists. McKowen came into Tuesday’s game averaging 10.4 points per game and 6.3 assists per game, improving from his statistics from last season, when he averaged 5.6 ppg and 2.8 apg. In Tuesday’s game, McKowen scored 12 of his 17 points in the first half and tacked on five assists.

"He’s a great guard," Mullins said. "He really got hot in the first half, made a couple threes, got into the lane so he did what his team needed him to do to stay in the game.

The Salukis regained the lead in the Missouri Valley Conference from the Panthers with Tuesday’s win.

"We’re happy, but there’s eight games left in the conference," Mullins said. "Way too many games to be celebrating."
Chicago Olympic organizers release more details on bid

Deanna Bellandi
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — As the city waits to learn whether it will get the chance to bid for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games, organizers on Tuesday detailed their plans for some of the venues and how much they will cost.

At the center of Chicago’s proposal to the U.S. Olympic Committee is a $1.1 billion lakefront athletes’ village. The price tag for the 80,000-seat stadium, which looks like a shal-

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A Dawg eat cat day

Salukis tops in conference with 56-54 win over Panthers

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That was close.

With the SIU men's basketball team leading with less than a minute remaining as Tuesday's game against the University of Northern Iowa, Saluki senior guard Tony Young attempted a three-pointer that would’ve put the game out of reach for the Panthers.

However, Northern Iowa senior forward Grant Stout grabbed the rebound and the Panthers had one final attempt.

Panther forward sophomore guard Travis Brown missed the final shot attempt and SIU prevailed, 56-54.

“I guess we’re going to keep playing them until the last five seconds decide the game,” SIU head coach Chris Lowery said. “Every game we play against Northern Iowa is going to be like this.”

The Salukis (16-5, 7-3 MVC) started the game cold, shooting 33 percent in the first half and finishing the game with a 35.9 field goal percentage and 3-for-20 from three-point range. UNI (15-5, 6-3) shot 50 percent from the field and hit 11-of-15 on its threes.

The Panthers, though, turned the ball over 24 times to SIU’s six and 15 on its threes.

With Mullins help, the Salukis forced 10 turnovers from the Panthers. Mullins tallied 16 points, a team high, and set up junior forward Randal Falkner for the majority of his 12 points.

But, the Saluki defense just forced more turnovers, and played hard-nosed defense. Even when SIU’s defense playing hard inside, the Panthers managed to keep the game close, shooting a hot 73 percent on 11-of-15 shooting from the arc.

SIU steals game with defense

Jim Nelson
DAILY EGYPTIAN

If at first you don’t succeed, keep forcing turnovers.

Defensive pressure was the key for SIU as they forced 24 Northern Iowa turnovers last night, on the way to a hard fought 56-54 win over the Panthers to move in to

first place in the Missouri Valley Conference.

“We needed to get after people,” SIU head coach Chris Lowery said. “We’ve been sound defensively but we haven’t been attacking like we needed to be. We really got after these guys (UNI) defensively.”

The Salukis had already forced 13 Panther turnovers in the first half, helping them get through a cold 33 percent shooting performance.

Owen shots were not falling for SIU.

At one point in the first half, the Salukis were shooting 3-of-13 from three-point range.

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SIU Tony Boyle shoots the ball over Northern Iowa’s Grant Stout Tuesday night at the SIU Arena.

See SALUKIS, Page 14

MATT HARTTWIG

I t’s been a long time coming for sophomore guard Bryan Mullins.

In SIU's 56-54 win over the University of Northern Iowa, it took an unfamiliar effort on the offensive end to send the Salukis over the top.

Despite the great defense by SIU, Mullins’ extra effort gave the Salukis sole possession of the Missouri Valley Conference lead.

Mullins tallied 16 points, a team high, and set up junior forward Randal Falkner for the majority of his 12 points.

This is a huge step for Mullins, who seldom shot the ball with much success throughout the season.

It wasn’t that Mullins shot at a poor percentage, he simply seemed afraid to shoot at times.

Through the first 20 games of the season, Mullins only averaged 6.3 points per game. But more importantly, he averaged 3.9 assists per game.

But with the team shooting 35.9 percent from the field and 3-of-20 from beyond the arc, Mullins stepped up hitting 5-of-13 shots including 2-of-4 from downtown.

Hopefully, this is another piece of the puzzle for the Salukis.

A well-balanced offensive attack is key to postseason glory. Just take defending national champion University of Florida.

All five of their starters averaged double figures.

If led by the Salukis are on the same level as the Gators, but with all five starters scoring on a consistent basis, this team is going to be dangerous.

Hopefully this is the start of something new and Mullins will continue to be dangerous with the ball, both passing and shooting.

For now, I'm going to cherish first place while it lasts.

In addition to impressive offensive flow from Mullins, I didn't even mention the defense. With Mullins help, the Salukis forced 10 turnovers from the Panthers.

Sure, the Panthers made 11-of-15 from downtown and shot 50 percent from the floor, but again, take a look at the turnover category.

In the game, there were 24 turnovers for UNI and six for SIU. A stifling defense coupled with a ball control offense wins games in the MVC, plain and simple.

For now, I'll enjoy our halftime lead in first place over UNI and Creighton.