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Obama's inauguration adds to King's legacy

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On the eve of a historic inauguration that will give the nation its first black president, a group of equality supporters gathered Monday to remember one of world's most iconic civil rights leaders.

More than 200 civil rights activists participated in SIUC's Multicultural Programs and Services' Freedom-For-All March, which honored the legacy left by Martin Luther King Jr. and acknowledged struggles for equality still prevalent in the world.

The march recalled the life of King and kicked off the university's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recognition Week.

Carl Irvin, a coordinator of MPS, said Tuesday's presidential inauguration of Barack Obama — one day after Monday's federal holiday honoring King's birth — added to the group's energy and commitment to civil rights.

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Adorned by a Barack Obama hat and T-shirt, SIUC alumna Patricia Mayberry adjusts her neck pillow as she waits with a group of roughly 100 others from southern Illinois to depart Monday morning for the 13-hour bus ride from Carbondale to Washington to see the presidential inauguration. Check out ongoing coverage of the inauguration and the SIUC students in Washington at siuDE.com.

SIUC to offer nursing program in joint venture with Edwardsville

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Students interested in pursuing a career in nursing will have an opportunity outside of Edwardsville come fall 2009.

SIUC is partnering with the Edwardsville campus to expand the university's nursing program, said university spokesman Rod Sievers.

Sievers said the joint program would admit first-year nursing students to SIUC. Though students would study on the Carbondale campus, the actual degree would come from SIUE.

Sievers said a program is expected to be in place by the fall semester, which is when administrators hope to admit pre-nursing students to SIUC. Details such as which campus would receive tuition and fees and what classes need to be altered remain as obstacles to the program's creation, Sievers said.

"All those things have got to be worked out," Sievers said. "It's not that they can't be worked out,

it's that they just have to do it and they'll do it."

Janet Followell, a nursing instructor at John A. Logan College, said a nursing program on Carbondale's campus should be successful, especially with the program at Edwardsville providing a base.

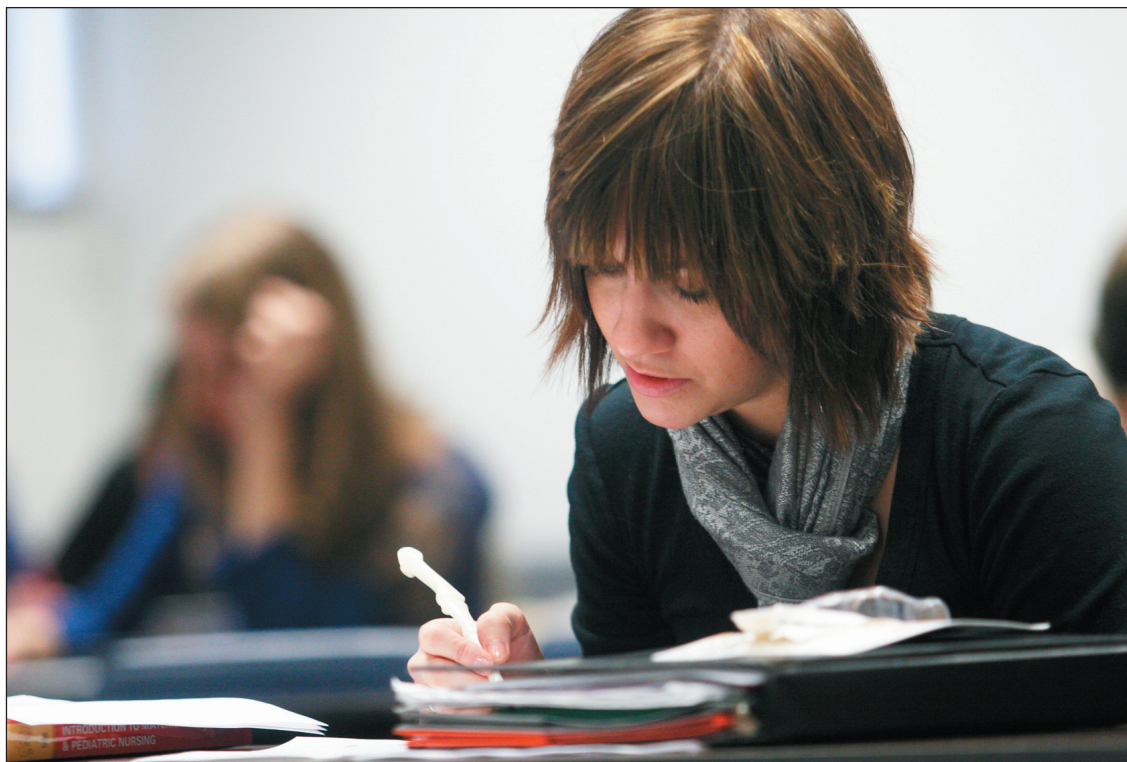
"You need a solid foundation as far as faculty," Followell said. "The program should make sure that the basic needs are provided for the students."

The SIUE School of Nursing is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Its Certified Nurse Anesthesia Program is also fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs.

Sievers said though SIUE already offers a nursing program, there are no other health care fields available for students who do not get accepted into the program.

At SIUC, however, pre-nursing students would have other options if they do not get accepted into the program, such as physical therapy or health care management.

"They're going to admit so



EMILY SUNBLADE | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Brittany Newman, a freshman from Herrin studying nursing at John A. Logan College, takes a math practice exam during class Friday. Newman said that she likes the nursing program at John A. Logan but would have considered SIUC if it offered a nursing program.

many students and only a certain amount of those students are going to qualify to get on to the next level," Sievers said. "There's no reason to think because you didn't make the (nursing) program that you're done. There's other opportunities for you here."

Brittany Newman, a freshman from Herrin studying nursing at John A. Logan College, said she

looked at SIUC first but decided to attend John A. Logan after she realized SIUC had no available nursing program.

"I like the idea of having all four years at SIUC," Newman said. "John A. doesn't have as much as SIU has, so it would be a real plus if they had a nursing program."

Sievers said faculty arrangements for the program have not

been finalized. Either faculty from the Edwardsville campus would come to Carbondale or classes would be held online, where faculty would teach through a video link.

Followell said for SIUC's program to be successful, administrators should look to online courses, an easier way for classes to continue with a shortage of nursing instructors.

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"We are all excited about Barack's election," he said. "The fact is that it was these students that made the difference then and can make a difference now."
 "Obama's inauguration) means so much more now because we were just there," he said. "We just acknowledged the greatness of (King's) dream coming true."
 The group — many carrying Obama signs and pictures — marched from the university's Interfaith Center to Carbondale's downtown pavilion, where participants were encouraged to protest for civil rights along Illinois Route 13.



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Shatara Layton, of Carbondale, carries a poster decorated by children in the Carbondale Boys and Girls Club during the Freedom-for-All March from the Interfaith Center to the Carbondale Pavilion Monday. The march is one of eight programs being held as part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. recognition week.

Abed Abukhdair, the graduate assistant who coordinated the event, said situations such as Israel's offensive in the Gaza Strip fueled the group's efforts to fight for civil rights.
 "We are raising awareness while keeping Dr. King's dream alive," Abukhdair said. "We're raising awareness for civil rights not only in the U.S., but across the world."
 We all share the same pursuit of happiness and freedom and we believe that all men are created equal."
 Kendra Torres, a sophomore from Sauk Village studying journalism, said Obama's popularity helped raise awareness for the march and said the symbolism

between the two events made for a special occasion.
 "This is the best thing we could do right now with a lot of people being really excited (about Obama)," she said. "I think we'll see a lot of people shouting Obama's name and that is important when thinking of Martin Luther King."
 Israel's Jan. 3 invasion of Gaza also prompted many marchers to urge for Palestinian civil rights. The death toll in Gaza reached more than 1,300 as Israeli troops began to pull out of the region

Monday, according to The New York Times.
 Nearly half of the participants carried Palestinian flags and wore 'Free Palestine' T-shirts to support the country, which has been under Israeli control for more than 60 years.
 "Any time you kill over 1,200 people in three weeks, it is a massacre," Abukhdair said. "Palestinians just want their rights and they want their self determination. We are standing up for those that don't have any rights or don't have the voice to stand up for themselves."

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City, neighborhood leaders discuss community safety

Annual meeting spurs questions about housing, economy

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City Councilwoman Mary Pohlmann said she keeps a hard hat, sturdy shoes and leather gloves under her bed as a precautionary step for emergency situations.

"In the first hour after a disaster everybody's calling 911," Pohlmann said. "You need to be able to take care of yourself, at least within the first 'golden hour,' they call it."

Pohlmann and other city officials worked with community members at the annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting Saturday at Our Savior Lutheran Church during a two-hour discussion about neighborhood safety, housing concerns and the city's economic issues.

Members of Carbondale's neighborhood watch groups focused the majority of the meeting on Map Your Neighborhood, a disaster readiness program designed to make the first hours after a disaster more safe and productive.

The group shared a packet and video which included instructions for creating a map of gas valves, houses with children or people with disabilities and which houses could accommodate other families in the event of an emergency.

"I'm trying to get my own neighborhood mapped," Pohlmann said. "Map Your Neighborhood is a grassroots effort, it's the neighbors themselves getting prepared."

Sarah Heyer, assistant coordinator for Carbondale Conversations for Community Actions, said Map

Your Neighborhood is a small version of neighborhood watch and goes toward their overall goal to neighborhood safety and participation.

"The main thing is that you're getting to know your neighbors," Pohlmann said.

Carbondale police officer Randy Mathis told the group of roughly 40 people that keeping their neighborhood safe meant more than calling police when they observe suspicious activities.

"Let them know what the activity is that you saw and what about it made it suspicious," Mathis said.

Thieves know empty electronics boxes sitting outside with the trash are a good indicator of new TVs, computers and other valuable electronics inside the residence, Mathis said. He said residents should wrap these boxes up or recycle them to avoid giving potential thieves ideas.

"We do offer free home security surveys," Mathis said. "You can call my office, I will come out, look at your residence and make recommendation-based set principles."

He said they assess everything from locks to landscaping to lighting to reduce the potential for criminals to target a specific residence.

Rita Moss, a Carbondale resident, referred to residential areas primarily occupied by students as "student ghettos."

City Manager Allen Gill said the city is working on a comprehensive plan to address student housing as well as a number of other issues

affecting the community.

He said the university and the city's large student population make Carbondale unique from other cities he has encountered in 36 years with this type of work.

"Planning in a community with a university is much different than working in a community without a university," Gill said.

Gill brought copies of a 1997 comprehensive plan for the city as an example of what the plan will look like when it is completed.

"Now we live in different times, so we've got to look at it differently," Gill said.

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— Randy Mathis
Carbondale police officer



Katy Bernard, a resident of Hennepin, has her St. Louis Cardinals jersey signed by former Cardinals players before Sunday's game against Bradley.

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Hundreds gather for King Day service in Atlanta

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ATLANTA — The inauguration of the nation's first black president is a huge step toward realizing Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of racial equality, but there is still work to be done, King's nephew told a large crowd Monday at the church where the civil rights leader once preached.

Isaac Newton Farris, president of The King Center, told the jubilant crowd on Martin Luther King Jr. Day that the election of Barack Obama was built on a foundation laid by King.

"There is definitely a spiritual connection between these two events," Farris told the mostly black congregation that erupted in applause at any mention of Obama's name.

Though Obama's election to the nation's highest office is a milestone, King's final achievement will not be complete until disparities in health care, education and economics are eliminated, he said.

"The dream was not about an individual or any race of people attaining power," Farris said. "It was a human dream."

The sanctuary of Ebenezer Baptist Church was packed with about 2,000 people, and dozens were left outside.

The celebration also included a keynote address from Pastor Rick Warren, a Southern Baptist who is scheduled to give the invocation at Obama's inauguration on Tuesday. Warren urged the crowd to follow King's example of



Thousands crowd the National Mall for the opening of the Obama Inauguration Celebration on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial Sunday.

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service and selflessness.

"Tomorrow when I pray the invocation for my friend, Dr. King and a whole host of witnesses will be shouting," Warren said. "Martin Luther King was a mighty tool in the hand of God. But God isn't through. Justice is a journey and we're getting further and further along."

The selection of Warren, who opposes same-sex marriage in his home state of California, was controversial for both events. Obama's decision to give Warren a role in the inauguration sparked protests from the gay community and the National Organization for Women. At the Atlanta service, about 100 protesters gathered across the street, and there

was an outburst from at least one critic before Warren addressed the audience.

Farris defended The King Center's choice of keynote speaker, saying that Warren's stances on issues like global warming, AIDS and poverty are in keeping with King's ideals.

"Warren is not so easy to pigeon-hole as your average conservative," Farris said.

Audience member Margaret Towner, a resident of Stockbridge in Atlanta's southern suburbs, said she enjoyed Warren's message and was only vaguely aware of the controversy surrounding him.

"Everybody has their own opin-

ions," Towner said, shrugging her shoulders. "That's what makes us so different. That's what makes America so great."

King preached at Ebenezer from 1960 until his death in 1968, and a service commemorating his birthday and life are held there annually. On election night, the mainly black audience there was moved to tears when news networks announced that Obama had won the presidential race.

King would have been 80 years old on Jan. 15.

Only one of King's three living children, Bernice, attended the Monday event. His sister, Christine King Farris, led the ceremony.

Science vs. emotion in NJ's river dolphins debate

Wayne Parry
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIGHLANDS, N.J. — Federal wildlife officials are convinced science is on their side in the decision to leave a group of bottlenose dolphins in a frigid New Jersey river over the winter, even if it means they die.

But they didn't count on the "Flipper factor": An intense, emotional attachment many people have toward dolphins, the highly intelligent, social mammals whose facial anatomy makes them look like they're smiling.

When science and sentiment collide, the result is what has been playing out at the Jersey shore since June — a battle over whether wild animals need humans' help to survive, or whether they should be left alone to let nature take its course.

"They're like children," said Marlene Antrim of Hazlet, of the animals. She has circulated "Save The Dolphins!" fliers in businesses near the Shrewsbury River, north of Asbury Park and the central Jersey shore. "They're frightened."

Three dolphins are known to have died so far, and only five of the original 16 have remained in the Shrewsbury. Officials of the

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration say the other eight possibly returned to the open sea on their own, but they have no way to know for sure.

The head of a marine mammal rescue group said Monday he's afraid the last five may have died.

Ice has increased in the Shrewsbury and Navesink rivers, and no one has seen the dolphins since Thursday, said Bob Schoelkopf, co-director of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine. He said they were emaciated and weak when he saw them last Tuesday.

"I don't think they're alive anymore," he said Monday. "We probably won't see them until the spring when they wash up somewhere."

NOAA has long said that trying to move the dolphins has its own risks and probably wouldn't ensure the animals' survival. Critics fear a repeat of 1993, when four dolphins

died in the river when ice closed in on them and they drowned.

"There is a very strong connection a lot of people feel with the animals," said Teri Frady, a spokeswoman for NOAA. "If you believe that these

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— Teri Frady
spokeswoman for NOAA

animals are trapped or can't get out, then I can completely understand why people want us to move them. Our real job is to help people understand that we don't think they're trapped, and that actually trying to move

them can cause fatalities rather than improving their prospects for survival."

Antrim berated federal officials for refusing to allow marine mammal rescue groups to coax, scare or carry the dolphins back out to sea.

"I wish they would spend a night in that river and feel how cold the water is," she said.

This isn't the first time emotions

have run high over perceived threats to wild animals and whether or not to try to save them. In June 2001, a 50-ton right whale dubbed Churchill became tangled in fishing gear in the Atlantic Ocean off Massachusetts, spurring a three-month rescue effort that included seven unsuccessful tries to save the animal.

Rescue groups and the federal government spent more than \$250,000 on the effort, which failed when Churchill died that September.

Frady was part of NOAA's handling of that case, as well.

"People from all over the world were calling about the whale," she said.

It isn't solely an American phenomenon. In 1985, the Soviet Union sent an icebreaker to free thousands of white beluga whales that had become trapped by ice in the Senyavin Strait, about 130 miles from the Alaskan coast. Helicopters and experts were sent in and villagers took frozen fish to feed the whales.

Royal navy divers in England freed a humpback whale from fishing gear in 2006 near the Isle of Skye, and just before Christmas last year dozens of volunteers in McBride, Canada, spent a week digging a passageway through snowdrifts to rescue a pair of starving, ice-covered horses abandoned on a mountain.

GAZA STRIP

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Hamas fighters seek to restore order in Gaza Strip; Israel warns it will strike if provoked

GAZA CITY — Uniformed Hamas security teams emerged on Gaza City's streets Monday as leaders of the Islamic militant group vowed to restore order in the shattered Palestinian territory after a three-week pummeling by the Israeli military. Hamas proclaimed it won a great victory over the Jewish state — a view that appeared greatly exaggerated — and the task of reconstruction faced deep uncertainty because of the fear of renewed fighting and Israel's control over border crossings.

UNITED STATES

Bush commutes prison sentences of former U.S. Border Patrol agents in drug dealer shooting

WASHINGTON — In his final acts of clemency, President George Bush granted early prison releases to two former U.S. Border Patrol agents on Monday whose convictions for shooting a Mexican drug dealer fueled the national debate over illegal immigration.

Bush, responding to heavy pressure from Republican and Democratic lawmakers alike, commuted the prison sentences of Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean. The two guards from El Paso, Texas, were sentenced to more than 10 years for the shooting, which they tried to cover up.

CUBA

9/11 suspects offer unapologetic admissions of guilt in chaotic session of Gitmo war court

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE — Two alleged orchestrators of the 2001 attacks on America casually declared their guilt on Monday in a messy and perhaps final session of the Guantanamo war crimes court. This week's military hearings could be the last at Guantanamo — President Barack Obama has said he would close the offshore prison and many expect him to suspend the military tribunals and order new trials in the U.S.

UNITED STATES

NTSB investigator says US Airways probe will last a year, lessons will endure for decades

NEW YORK (AP) — The probe into the crash-landing of a US Airways jetliner will take a year and the lessons learned from the spectacular accident will last much longer, a senior investigator said Monday.

"I think this one is going to be studied for decades," said Robert Benzon, chief investigator on the case for the National Transportation Safety Board.

Benzon said the fact that all 155 people aboard the plane survived removes the guilt and finger-pointing that sometimes accompany aviation accidents.

Illinois governor's trial delays action on other woes

Andrea Zelinksy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — While the Illinois Senate zeros in on Gov. Rod Blagojevich in a historic impeachment trial, other vital state issues are being shoved aside.

There will be no discussion of how to fill the enormous budget deficit that is delaying payments to hospitals and pharmacies. No early start on next year's budget. No work on a huge public works program that would create jobs during the economic downturn.

"Until we get this taken care of, it is very, very difficult to think that we're going to concentrate on revenue, spending, programs and all of that," said Republican state Sen. Dan Rutherford.

Then, there are the problems created by the governor's legal difficulties.

After Blagojevich was arrested Dec. 9 on corruption charges that included scheming to sell President-elect Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat, the state's bond rating fell, costing it an extra \$21 million in interest on a loan to pay overdue bills.

But the trial, scheduled to get under way Jan. 26 and finish by Feb. 4, could bring quick progress to Springfield.

Blagojevich's removal would instantly raise the possibility of new agreements at the Statehouse, where he and legislators have bickered more than governed for the last couple years.

"I believe if Lt. Gov. (Patrick) Quinn would take over, he knows that he's going to have to sit down and work together with the other leaders," said state Rep. Robert Rita, a Democrat.

Quinn said if that happens, he'll move "rather swiftly" to strike a deal with legislative leaders to fix the state's problems.

But in the meantime, the drama surrounding Blagojevich stymies progress and the financial toll mounts.

The state is \$3.6 billion behind paying its bills to hospitals, pharmacies and other service providers, forcing some businesses to close their doors or turn away Medicaid clients. The state's unemployment rate climbed to 7.3 percent in November, meaning more people may need government aid to buy food and get health care.

And the overall budget for the fiscal year that ends June 30 has a hole of \$2.5 billion or more.

Already, Blagojevich has closed seven state parks and 12 historic sites, and more cuts may be needed to close the deficit and get ready for next year's equally tight budget.

Students work to clothe orphans in Zambia

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A group of SIUC volunteers used empowering phrases, intricate designs and colorful artwork to decorate T-shirts for orphans in Zambia, Africa, and give new meaning to the phrase "no shirt, no service."

Roughly 15 students in the Saluki Volunteer Corps and AmeriCorps met in the Illinois Room of the Student Center Saturday to design T-shirts for Zambian children that are unable to attend school because they do not have the proper clothing.

Allida Plumer, coordinator of the T-shirt project that is now in its fifth year of production, said the goal is to help clothe orphaned children who have been diagnosed with HIV or AIDS in Zambia.

The Hospice of Southern Illinois and the SIUC chapter of AmeriCorps teamed up with the Ranchhod Hospice and Children's Centre in Kabwe, Zambia for the project, Plumer said.

Mythil Runblad, coordinator of Saluki Volunteer Corps and the SIUC chapter of AmeriCorps, said she wanted to find a significant way to show they were thinking of the children in Zambia.

"I feel we can take a few hours of our time to do something that makes a difference, like creating these shirts," Runblad said.

Travis Huffman, a junior from Carbondale studying history education, said he has been a part of AmeriCorps for two years and enjoys the small projects such as designing T-shirts.

"World events are very important to me," Huffman said. "I like the



Raymone Fleming, a junior from Chicago studying early childhood education, and Jason Bustamante, a senior from Gurnee studying economics, share a moment of laughter while decorating T-shirts for AmeriCorps. The shirts will be sent to impoverished children in Zambia.

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idea of helping someone across the world with something as simple as a T-shirt to show them that somebody loves them."

After students completed their designs, they posed for a picture with their shirts and filled out cards

with their information to send to Zambia.

Jacke Bessette, a junior from New Lenox studying English education, said she was more than willing to give up her Saturday morning for the Zambia cause.

"This event was totally worth it," Bessette said. "I wouldn't mind sacrificing another Saturday morning for something like this in the future."

Plumer said she has visited Zambia five times and was very

happy with the overall outcome of the event, even though there were not as many students as last year.

"Students will take this information out to their friends and more students will know about the issue in Zambia," Plumer said.

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Barack Obama
 President, at the conclusion of a musical extravaganza on the National Mall

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WEEKLY WENGER

Driveways are the best place to park

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Parking on campus is a problem. It seems there is never enough and when there are open spaces, they tend to be on the far end of the lot.

Parking permits are a pain as well. For example, residents of Wall and Grand apartments, which are part of University Housing, are required to pay \$50 to park in the overnight parking lots on campus, in addition to \$140 to park in the Wall and Grand lots. To frustrate matters, the closest lots are reserved for the faculty and staff permits and denied to students.

A simple solution to this dilemma would be to reduce the number of students who drive to campus by encouraging carpool systems, biking and better bus systems.

Many businesses and corporations, such as Banner Health, a health care corporation I worked for in Arizona, have programs that reward employee carpooling. At Banner, the closest spaces that were covered were set aside for carpools. Banner even offered bonuses, such as drawings for money or gift cards, for people participating in the program.

A majority of students have roommates. Initiating a carpool system with the best spaces marked for student carpools could get four or five students from the same house in the same car. The university might also offer prizes, such as guaranteed floor seats at home basketball games, and have a license plate drawing to pick a winner.

Biking would be an ideal solution because the fact of the matter is most students live close enough to campus that the difference between driving

and biking to class is minimal. Given the weather lately, no one could be blamed for driving instead of biking. But once the weather warms up students who drive due to ice, snow or freezing temperatures could leave the car at home.

One reason people choose not to bike is maintenance. Their bike is rusted, the tire is flat, the chain came off, etc., and they don’t have the cash or tools to fix it. Ron Dunkel, the coordinator for the Craft Shop, recently procured a small grant to set up bike repair stations at the Student Center and the Recreation Center. Students would have access to tools they could use to fix their bikes themselves. If enough students use the stations, maybe the university will build more in the future.

Modifying Saluki Express would be another way to get fewer students driving. Instead of having a large bus with a long route, a series of shuttles that pass between campus and the most student-populated areas could work better.

Think airport. For example, the school could use smaller shuttles or those large vans to pick up students every 15 minutes at Cherry Street, Lewis Park and Evergreen Terrace and drop them at the Student Center during high traffic hours in the morning and afternoon. With multiple shuttles cycling to and from campus, people could get to class on time.

The solution to parking is fewer people driving. Last year the “green fee” was passed. Using some of that money to implement programs such as these would be beneficial to everyone, and an admirable environmental initiative.

With many students living so close, there really should be fewer cars on campus.

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SPRINGFIELD FROM 145

Pat Quinn may not want to be Pat Quinn in 2010

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With the anticipated removal of Gov. Rod Blagojevich, Pat Quinn should prepare to take on everything that comes with being governor, including criticism over issues he cannot control.

As Illinois’ lieutenant governor, Quinn, 61, would be governor in the event of Blagojevich’s removal from office.

Like nearly every Democrat elected to the state’s executive branch, Quinn was suspected of a 2010 gubernatorial run. Now, Quinn is on the verge of getting the job he wants at a time in the state’s history where neither the legislature nor governor can be blamed for all of the state’s problems. That may come back to hurt him in 2010 if Quinn plans to run for a term of his own.

Quinn’s worst enemy in 2010 will be the voters’ lack of short-term memory. Even if Quinn navigates the state without flaw and improves the state’s economic situation, voters are likely to criticize him because the state has not been perfected by November 2010.

Following its December meeting, the National Conference of State Legislatures released a report of what it thought would be the top issues states would face in 2009.

“Money will be the No. 1 issue for states in 2009,” the report stated. “Shrinking state revenues will squeeze every area of state government.”

A shortfall in revenue is nothing new in Illinois. Comptroller Dan Hynes said in November he expects the state’s debts to reach \$5 billion by March, and that does not factor in the shrinking value of the dollar.

Meanwhile, the legislature sent Blagojevich a budget for fiscal year 2009, which began June 1, with \$2 million more in expenditures than what the state anticipated it would allocate throughout the year. Blagojevich vetoed items, which House Democrats restored.

The governor, whether he is Blagojevich or Quinn, is scheduled to deliver a budget for fiscal year 2010 on Feb. 19. If Quinn is governor by then, that budget could reveal whether he plans to mimic his predecessor and increase state-funded programs even though the cash to support them does not exist, or if he will tackle the \$5 billion deficit.

If he goes after the debt through an increase in taxes, Quinn would set himself up for criticism from 2010 gubernatorial race opponents such as Sen. Bill Brady of Bloomington.

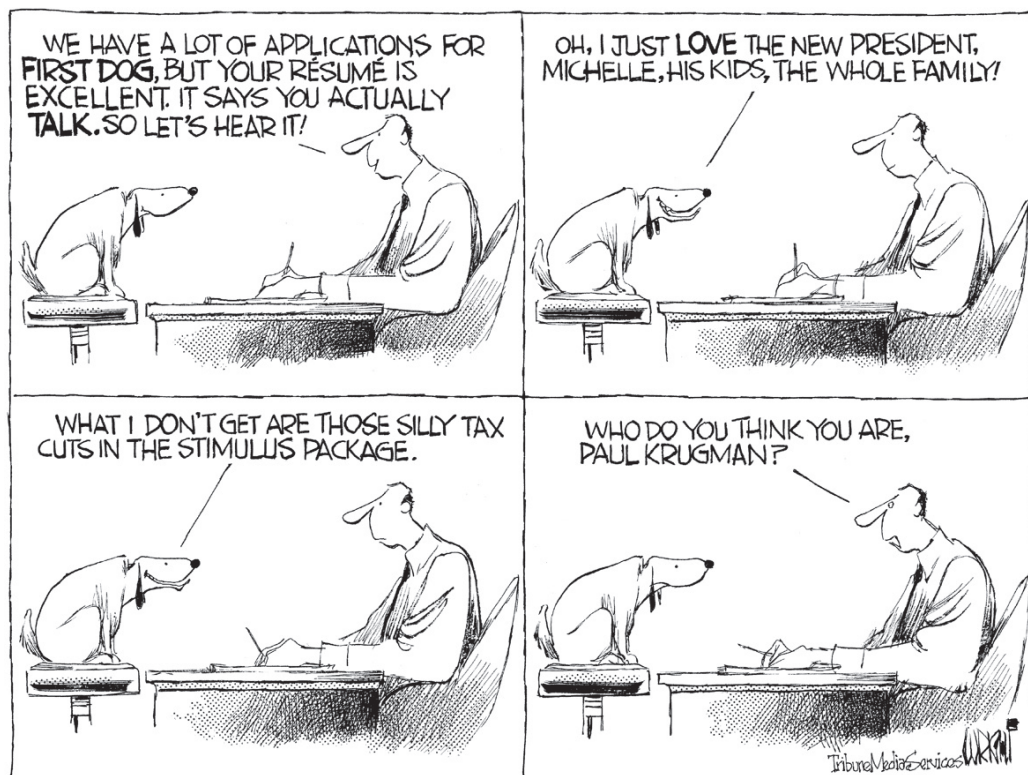
“The last thing we should do is increase the burden of government,” Brady said of a proposed tax increase to boost state revenue, which he opposes. Such a boost could allow the state to end its deficit and invest in capital improvement projects.

Before the Blagojevich scandal broke, Quinn was a quieter politician, who “stuck his neck out” only to voice his opinions on issues with little opposition. He was a proponent of a capital improvement plan, campaign ethics reform, a constitutional convention and called for Blagojevich’s resignation after the governor was arrested on corruption charges.

But if he plans to stay in office longer than 2010, Quinn needs to break his populist politician ways and remind people such as Brady that he inherited a mess and turned it around.

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TEN-YEAR ITCH

Hang on to 'Repo'

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Editor's note: Ten-Year Itch is a weekly column that takes a peek back at an album or film that is at least 10 years old and deserves a second look.

When most people think of Emilio Estevez, they go to the image of dean-cut coach Gordon Bombay. I like to think of Emilio not as the coach of that scrappy group of hockey-playing youngsters, but as a punk-rock, drug-crazy repo man.

No, this is not just some fantasy I have dreamt up; it is an actuality. Estevez played just this in Alex Cox's 1984 sci-fi, horror, comedy and drama flick, "Repo Man."

All of these genres are visited throughout the film and Cox keeps everything cohesive to create a wonderfully interesting piece of cult cinema.

Estevez plays Otto Maddox, a young punk rock kid who wants something more than just going to the same punk shows every weekend. His life starts falling apart after his girlfriend sleeps with his best friend, his parents give the money he was to receive upon graduating high school to a televangelist and he gets fired from his job at a grocery store.

With no money and no real prospects, Otto meets Bud (Harry Dean Stanton) who introduces him to the fast-paced life of a repo man in 1980s Los Angeles. Otto's love for punk rock and his former ways dwindle as he

cannot get enough of the drugs, car chases and intensity that come with his new gig.

A great scene comes when Otto has a moment of clarity when he decides to go back and see another punk show. The Circle Jerks shows up in a cameo appearance, playing an original tune that is slowed down immensely from its usual hardcore ways. Otto cannot stand what he is hearing and heads back to Bud.

The pair, along with the rest of the city's repo men, look for a 1964 Chevy Malibu that will net the finder a \$20,000 reward. Unbeknownst to those searching is the mysterious cargo in the trunk.

This is where the film totally goes off the rails. The plot starts to touch on aliens, CIA conspiracies and gangs of punk rock criminals to name a few of the unusual aspects of the film's second half.

Do not let these plot points sour the film; they push it into a territory unlike any other flick.

Estevez and Stanton are great in their respective roles. Stanton's portrayal of a grizzled, veteran of the repossession business is creepy, hilarious and at times, sad.

This film really has it all. A plot that is all over the place, an ace cast, a searing punk rock soundtrack and Estevez.

It is a treat to watch the man who would lead The Mighty Ducks to the gold medal of the Junior Goodwill Games, taking speed and chasing down a mysterious Chevy Malibu.



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Dear Hollywood ... Mad props

The week's biggest bravo, though, goes to Broadway actress Patti Lupone, who stopped her show "Gypsy" to get rid of a man in the audience taking pictures.

the many celebrities to speak out against the Mormon support of Proposition 8 considering he produces the show "Big Love," a show about polygamists. It is pretty gutsy of him to call them un-American to national press. "I do not like to see any discrimination codified on any piece of paper in any of the 50 states in America," he said this past weekend. Bravo.

Kate Winslet is awesome. She smokes, she's one of the best actresses around, and she is absolutely unafraid of her sexuality and her slightly imperfect body. Since winning two Golden globes last week, she has been nothing but humbled by the experience. She fights hard to keep her family out of the press, which can be a difficult task considering her husband is director Sam Mendes. Also, who else could sit with Oprah and maintain an air of composure as she lovingly talks about her breasts? Kate Winslet needs to win an Oscar this year.

Also, big ups to Liam Neeson, who is completely against the banning of the horse drawn carriage industry in New York. He said he views it as an integral part of the city and anyone who has taken

a ride through Central Park can attest to that. The PETA crowd is trying to get it banned, but hopefully, Neeson will have his way in the end.

The week's biggest bravo, though, goes to Broadway actress Patti Lupone, who stopped her show "Gypsy" to get rid of a man in the audience taking pictures. For those who don't know, taking flash photography at a Broadway show is pretty much the biggest blunder you can commit.

Lupone called him on it, asking the lights to be brought up and for the man to be escorted from the theater. Without even missing a beat, she improvised new words to a song from the show condemning the photographer for his actions and thanking the rest of the theater audience for appreciating the art by not being such idiots. It takes a lot of nerve to break the illusion of the live stage, but she certainly earned the right.

So despite the ramblings in this column of all the things that Hollywood does wrong, it is nice to see that once in a while, people in Hollywood can get things right. For that, they deserve all the credit they can get. Good job, Hollywood!

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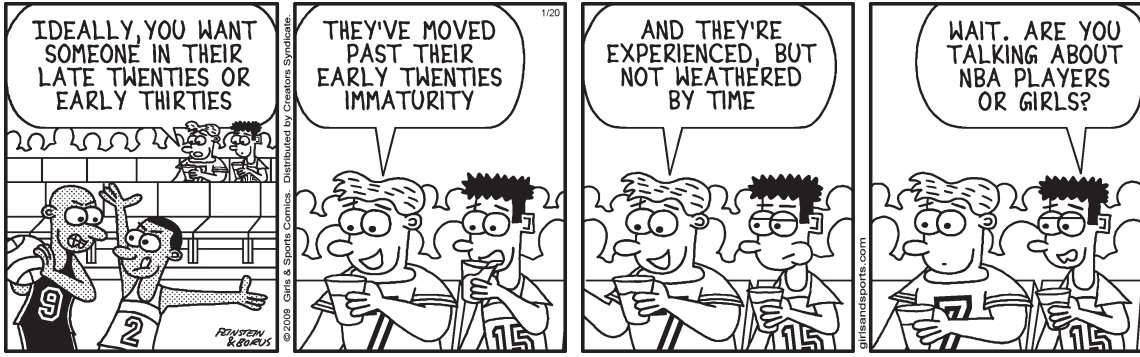
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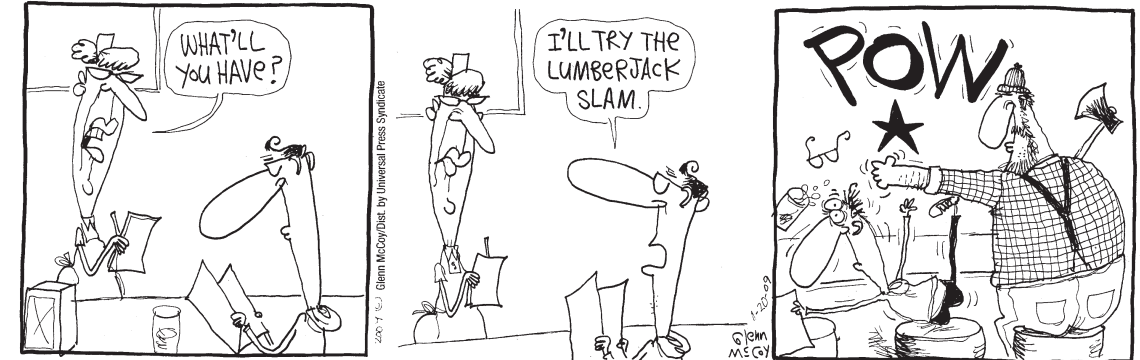
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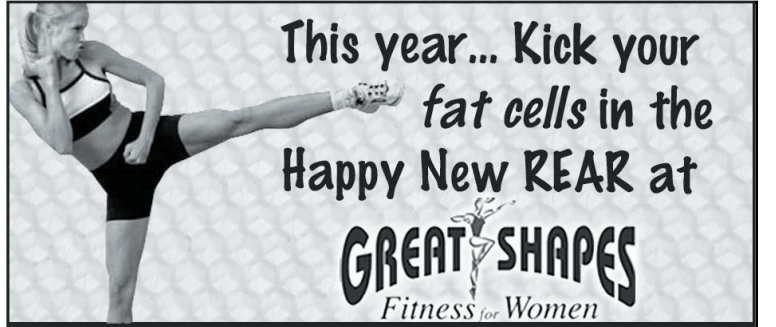
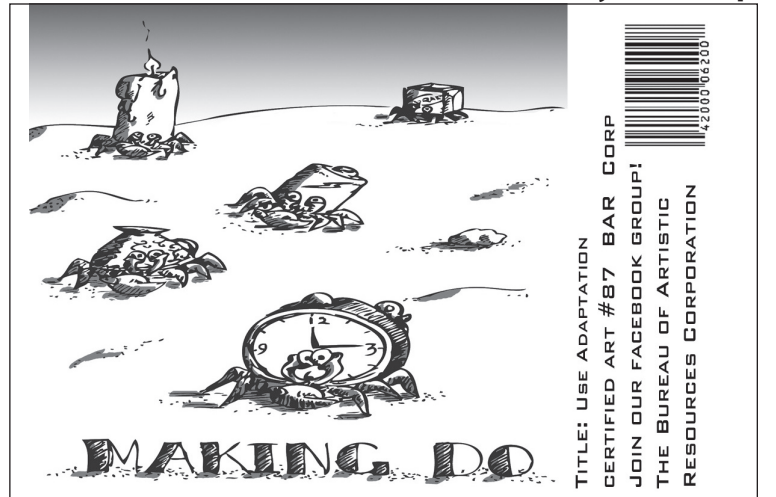
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Today's Birthday — You're amazing this year — compassionate and generous. You'll easily convince the powers that be to go with your plans. Well, maybe not easily, but you will be successful. Don't give up. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — **Today is a 6** — You're sometimes a loner, but you can do very well working with a team. You're the spark that gets them ignited. You push them from thinking to doing.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — **Today is a 7** — You should be able to advance your cause quite a bit in the next few weeks. So figure out what your cause is, exactly, and what you'll do to achieve it.

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — **Today is a 7** — Conditions are good for cuddling up in a comfortable place. If obligations interfere, just get back as soon as you can. Invite your favorite companion to join you there.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — **Today is a 7** — There will be more work and more breakdowns for the next four weeks. Be sure to have extra parts; you may have to fix something. Think about it and be prepared.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — **Today is an 8** — Follow a friend's suggestion and get into a new book. Consider it research for the next novel you write. If you still haven't published your first, this could be your inspiration.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — **Today is a 7** — A home-based business can do well now. Do you have one of your own? If not, now's a good time to begin. Make a few notes, as a start. Figure out what you can sell.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — **Today is a 7** — Double-check any information you receive before sending it on. You have a natural compulsion to tell the truth, which is good. Make sure you know what that is.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — **Today is a 7** — No need to act hastily. Better to wait and see what you can generate from what you already have on hand. Don't race out and buy new.

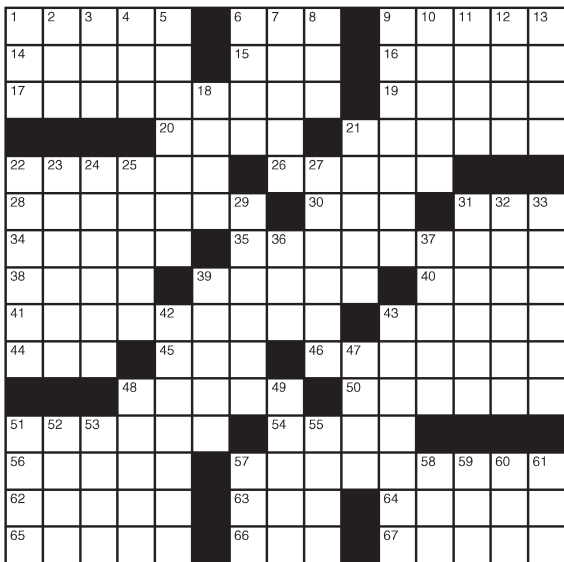
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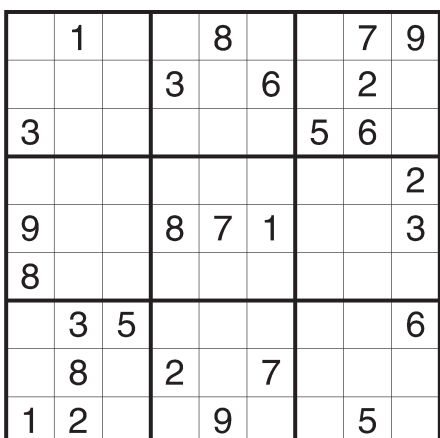


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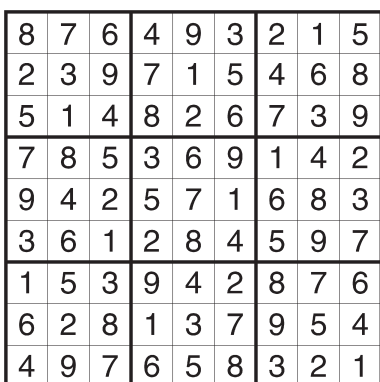
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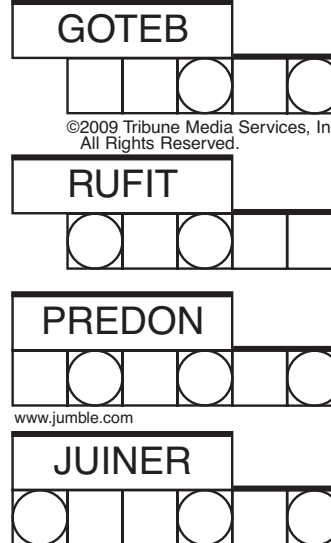
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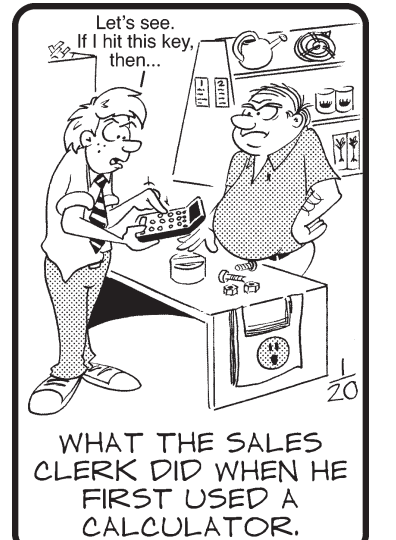
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(Answers tomorrow)

Saluki Insider

ESPN will likely be hiring a new ombudsman when Le Anne Schreiber's contract expires. Why should the "World Wide Leader" in sports hire you to be its own media critic?



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Like the Oakland Raiders of the 1970s, ESPN under my watch will be committed to excellence. That means Skip Bayless and Screamin' Stephen A. Smith should keep their heads on a swivel because their stupidity would no longer be tolerated. I would be the perfect choice for ESPN's new ombudsman because I watch the network so much, I cannot remember the last time my television was tuned into another channel.

I nominate myself based on the platform that under my regime, ESPN Classic would devote at least 20 hours a week to showing the best games from Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Jerry Rice, Walter Payton, Wayne Gretzky and all the other greats who played recently enough for there to be good footage of them. I would mention this every week until they made it right, because if you do not show more from those players why have an ESPN Classic?

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Scott makes a good point about ESPN Classic, so I think I will expand on that. I would be the perfect ombudsman because I would not let them air the same boxing matches over and over again on Classic. I would demand that any top prizefight that is three months removed from airing on pay-per-view should be aired on Classic. Sports fans are not introduced to new stars such as Antonio Margarito, Joe Calzaghe and David Haye because they cannot afford it and it is hurting boxing.

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BRADLEY

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With the win, the Salukis are one game under .500 in the MVC, two games under .500 overall and three games out of first place in the Valley.

Lowery said the SIU offense has

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— Chris Lowery
SIU head coach

sparked the team's resurgence since losing at home against Drake on Jan. 4.

"We really have gotten better, offensively, running sets and running things, and having Kevin (Dillard) be a catalyst, offensively," Lowery said. "He goes 5-for-15, and we still win. That's showing that our team is growing up a little bit."

DRAKE

CONTINUED FROM 12

Junior forward Karlee Myers also turned in her best performance of the season with 12 points. She hit several big buckets for SIU in the second half and her steal led to Smith's game-tying layup after Drake (10-7, 4-2 MVC) had taken a 63-61 lead.

Myers, who had shot 1-for-3 from 3-point range this season

before this game, also hit a three late in the shot clock in the first half.

"She did a terrific job today," Eikenberg said of Myers. "She did what we asked, and that's get to the rim. She got to the rim better than, I thought, our other posts, and was able to knock down a big three and have real poise to take it."

After the game, Eikenberg said she saw good things from the Salukis that they can build on.

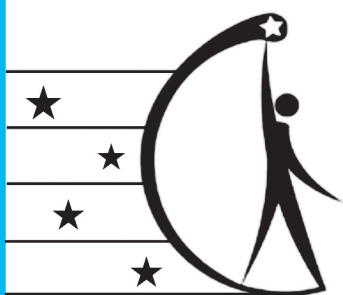
Despite the heroics of Myers and Smith, SIU's skid now stands at six.

Eikenberg said the other losses sting just as much as coming so close to a win but losing in overtime.

The Salukis shot 18-for-28 from the free throw line against Drake, and in five conference games, SIU has shot 63.5 percent from the charity stripe.

"They all sting. We weren't mentally into the game at Bradley, but (Northern Iowa) was the same outcome, Evansville was the same outcome, Drake was the same outcome," Eikenberg said. "You hit free throws, we're (4-1) in the Valley right now."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

SIU gets revenge against Bradley



Sophomore Carlton Fay rebounds the ball during Sunday's 68-62 win against Bradley University at the SIU Arena. Fay completed two offensive and four defensive rebounds. EDYTA BŁASZCZYK DAILY EGYPTIAN

Salukis bounce Braves from first place with 68-62 win

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The SIU men's basketball team battled foul trouble, injuries and its own miscues Sunday to limp away with a 68-62 victory against Bradley.

The physical defense from both teams caused Bryan Mullins, Carlton Fay and Anthony Booker to miss some playing time with injuries. Mullins played the second half on an injured ankle while Fay battled with a sore back. Booker suffered the worse injury, struggling to get to his feet after hurting his knee.

The Salukis were still able survive and escape with a six-point win, which ousted their in-state rivals from the Missouri Valley Conference's top spot.

SIU head coach Chris Lowery said he was pleased with the team's effort in its first game since losing by one point against rival Creighton.

"I'm proud of our guys' effort," Lowery said. "It would have been really easy to lay an egg today after the emotional loss at Creighton."

All five starters scored in double figures, including senior forward Tony Boyle and freshman guard Kevin Dillard, who scored 13 points each. Fay scored 11 points while Mullins and Ryan Hare chipped in with 10 points each to offset a lack of offensive production from the Saluki bench, which only accounted for 11 points.

The Braves (11-7, 5-2) and Salukis exchanged baskets in the game's opening minutes, which featured four lead changes. But with the game tied at 12 points

with 9 minutes 58 seconds remaining, Mullins nailed a 3-point jump shot to break the tie. The shot, combined with forcing Bradley to commit eight turnovers in an 11-minute span, sparked SIU into a 20-5 run to close the first half with a 32-17 lead.

The Salukis (8-10, 3-4) expanded their lead to 21 with 14:32 remaining in the game and looked poised to blow out a team that beat them by 16 on Dec. 28.

However, Bradley forward Theron Wilson scored a season-best 22 points and grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds as he single-handedly attempted to keep his team in the game.

Braves head coach Jim Les said Wilson was the driving force of Bradley's comeback attempt.

"Theron (Wilson) led by example in terms of his effort, and him making sure his teammates didn't give up," Les said. "And they just tried to battle and continue to make plays and find a way to claw themselves back into the game, which they did."

Down by 21 with 13:40 to go in the second half, Wilson began Bradley's revival with back-to-back layups as the Braves began to chip away at what seemed to be an insurmountable deficit.

Guard Dodie Dunson joined Wilson on the comeback trail, scoring 15 of his 18 points in the second half. And while much of the 6,501 in attendance had dispersed earlier in the half, those who remained in their seats became anxious as Wilson cut SIU's lead to eight after a 3-point basket with 1:18 left.

But the Salukis connected on nine of their final 14 shots from the charity stripe in the game's closing moments to seal the victory. SIU finished 23-for-38 from the free-throw line.



READ who knew all the SIU men's basketball team needed was some love?

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis entangled in 0-5 conference start

SIU women lose 79-69 to Drake in overtime

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The SIU women's basketball team continued its slide and is still in search of its first conference win of the season.

The Salukis lost their sixth straight game Saturday and fell to 0-2 in overtime games as Drake picked up the 79-69 win at the SIU Arena.

SIU head coach Dana Eikenberg said she was proud of the way the Salukis played for 40 minutes, but said they were unsure of themselves and not confident of what they needed to do in overtime.

"I just think we kind of hit the panic button in overtime," Eikenberg said.

While the Salukis' last lead was lost 3 minutes and 11 seconds into the game, they never trailed by more than three points in the final 9:50 of regulation. SIU had two

opportunities in the final six minutes to take a lead as it trailed by one with a player at the free throw line.

"It's frustration," Eikenberg said. "And it's the players' responsibility, and we could've taken the lead ... the game wouldn't have gone into overtime."

Senior guard Erica Smith returned to her usual form for the Salukis (4-10, 0-5 MVC), scoring a game-high 22 points on 8-for-14 shooting while adding three rebounds, two steals and a block.

Smith missed two free throws with SIU trailing 57-56 with 5:09 to play in the second half, but she would redeem herself when she drove to the basket and made a layup to tie the game at 63-63 with 21.8 seconds remaining in regulation. Smith's bucket forced overtime.

"I'm going to keep being aggressive all year," Smith said. "We have to get to the foul line and we have to knock free throws down."

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I'm going to keep being aggressive all year. We have to get to the foul line and we have to knock free throws down.

—Erica Smith senior guard



Junior guard Christine Presswood drives past Drake University's Brittney McSparron during Saturday's 79-69 overtime loss. JAMES McDONNOUGH DAILY EGYPTIAN