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No progress on GLBT issue proposals

Brandon Weisenberger

More than a year after a committee formed to address gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues at SIUC submitted its recommendations, the university has taken minimal action.

Meanwhile, one of SIUC’s most prominent and uphold gay figures has become acquainted with the lack of progress.

The Aug. 15, 2005, report submitted to Provost John Dunn chiefly called for more extensive GLBT curriculum and a resource center dedicated to the study of diversity.

Dunn, who was charged with forming the committee, said the report addressed many important issues and the committee assembled an in-depth analysis of GLBT issues on campus.

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Debating on debate

Blagojevich, Topinka blame each other for scheduling difficulties

Wayne Utterback

Gov. Rod Blagojevich needed negotiations for a gubernatorial debate Monday, quashing the chance for southern Illinoisans to see candidates face in a formal setting.

Blagojevich said previously that he would agree to just two debates, one in southern Illinois and one on a Chicago radio station. He said no debates would happen if Republican candidate Judy Baar Topinka did not show up, according to the Associated Press.

On Monday, Topinka spokesman John McGovern said Blagojevich would attend one of Blagojevich’s debates if he accepted an invitation for a debate on either Oct. 30 or Oct. 31 in Chicago or Springfield.

At the Columbus Day Parade in Chicago on Monday, the governor said Topinka failed to meet a 10 a.m. deadline, so debates will not be held.

“We would like to have had more, but she would never give us an answer,” McGovern said. “And I’m astounded that she would refuse to debate me.”

“It’s been like nailing Jell-O to a wall.”

— Rich Whitney

Green Party candidate for governor

“We responded with a commonsense compromise so that the interest of both sides could be met,” McGovern said. “When he didn’t get his way, he picked up his toys and went home.”

The missed opportunity eliminates the chance of southern Illinois getting to hear the candidates speak in the same place at the same time, said Mike Lawrence, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. Lawrence was part of a group attempting to set up a gubernatorial debate in southern Illinois.

“I think it’s regrettable, but I’m not surprised,” Lawrence said.

Green Party candidate Rich Whitney said the only logical reason he can think of for the cancellations is that Blagojevich is afraid to debate.

He said the difficulty in scheduling the event has been frustrating.

“It’s been like nailing Jell-O to a wall,” Whitney said.

Blagojevich’s campaign did not return multiple calls seeking comment.

Lawrence said it was disappointing to hear the debates won’t happen, and that the debates already held were not widely available through-out the state, except for one that was broadcast on the Internet.

The candidates had one debate Oct. 9 in the Columbus Day Parade in Chicago.

“We are often an opportunity for people to hear candidates talk beyond sound bites,” Lawrence said.

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Andres Card to speak about his experiences

Former White House chief of staff will take Shryock stage tonight

Alexis Boudreau

President Bush’s former chief of staff, who whispered into Bush’s ear on the morning of the Sept. 11 attacks, will speak tonight on the SIUC campus.

Andrew Card’s speech, “What I Have Learned and Would Like to Pass On,” begins at 7 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium.

A native of a veteran of three presidential administrations, Card may be most recognized as the man who told Bush about the attack on the second World Trade Center tower while the president sat in an elementary school classroom in Florida.

Even though he resigned earlier this year, Card has reappeared in the national news after claims in a new book that the former chief of staff tried to persuade Bush to fire Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Card has since clarified the statements, saying he wanted the president to have a “healthy debate” about the topic.

Matt Baughman, assistant director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, said the speech would be a chance for Card to reflect on his experiences in his career and life as a whole.

“Because of Andy Card’s experience and time in Washington, it would be interesting for political science majors, faculty involved in political science and community members interested in current events and international attendance to attend,” Baughman said.

A former member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and veteran of both President Reagan’s and President George H.W. Bush’s administrations, Card had plenty of experience when the younger Bush appointed him White House chief of staff in November 2002.

Card is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, the United States Merchant Marine Academy and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is the second-longest serving White House chief of staff.

“This has a very impressive public service record and the kind of experience in our nation’s capital that would make a very enlightening and insightful time to spend with students and members of the community,” Baughman said.

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**State’s interviews could impede investigation**

CHICAGO — Gov. Rod Blagojevich has allowed his office to interview state law enforcement officials, but the Illinois attorney general’s office says the governor’s actions could impede a similar federal investigation. "The large fees paid to these firms raise many concerns about whether the governor’s administration is engaged in an investigation that could impede the United States attorney’s investigation," said Cara Smith, a spokesman for Attorney General Lisa Madigan. U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald confirmed in June that officials were investigating Blagojevich’s administration, saying his office has found credible witnesses to "very serious allegations of embezzlement." Blagojevich has not been accused of any wrongdoing.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31 criticized the state for interviewing employees, saying that it could intimidate them from cooperating with federal investigators.

The administration agreed to halt interviews of union members until it could reply to AFSCME’s concerns, but other interviews are continuing.

**Head of Office of Professional Standards quits**

CHICAGO — The head of the agency responsible for investigating police misconduct often shapes the public’s overall view of the police department. A panel led by retired Chicago Police Supt. Terry Hillard will evaluate the candidates from companies and make a recommendation to Daley.

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**Police reforms**

University

A theft under $500 occurred between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday at Life Science III. Approximately $300 in cash was reported stolen. No suspects are known.

A theft of lost or mislaid property occurred between 450 and 600 p.m. Tuesday at the Communications building. A wallet was reported stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

**Mayo Richard Daley, who called the position one of the most challenging jobs in city government, said the city will retain a firm to conduct a national search for Morris’ replacement. He said Morris was quitting for personal reasons.**

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City officials acknowledged Monday that CPS’ response to allegations of abuse and misconduct often shapes the public’s overall view of the police department. 'Police know they can do the job of fighting crime alone, and trust is central to the success of good police work,’ Police Supt. Phil Cline said.

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**SPC Student Christian P. Jennings, 18, of Kankakee was arrested on a felony warrant out of Kankakee County on an original charge of unlawful use-to-appear warrant out of Kankakee County.**

**SPC Student John A. Lacy, 18, of Chicago, SIUC student Jovan D. Lacy, 18, of Chicago and Michael Ziegelier, 18, of Chicago were arrested and charged with robbery and aggravated battery at 11:34 p.m. Friday at 104 N. Lacy, Rees and Zeigler were transported to Jackson County Jail where they remain.**

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Navajo poet discusses importance of ‘place’

Sean McGahan
Daily Egyptian

For Laura Tohe, place is more than just a location.

Tohe, a Navajo poet and author, spoke on the importance of place among indigenous people Monday evening at the Student Center auditorium.

Laura Tohe signs a copy of her book for a fan before speaking on the importance of place among indigenous people Monday evening at the Student Center auditorium.

Tohe grew up on a Navajo reservation in northeastern Arizona. She said, though she no longer lives on the reservation, it would always be home to her soul.

Boyd said her group was excited to have such a well-known Native American author speak.

"She really focuses on educating people about, specifically, her culture but, through that, educating people on Native American culture in general," Boyd said.

"I've written a lot of poetry in English as well as Navajo. She said this helps her convey the poetic imagery with which the Navajo people view the world.

"This is not just my voice but the voices of my ancestors," Tohe said. Anthony Webster, an assistant professor of anthropology, said Tohe uses humor to address serious topics.

By doing this, Webster said she can be politically engaged in a manner that is more comfortable for the reader. Webster said the main thing he takes away from Tohe's work is an understanding of the Navajo people as a whole.

"I hope to have my poetry and stories alongside other American poets, or any poets in the world who've told stories of who they are and what they believe in," Tohe said.

"This is not just my voice but the voices of my ancestors."

— Laura Tohe

Navajo poet and author

New natural food store offers fresh alternatives

Liz Choate
Daily Egyptian

Over the last 30 years, Rene Cook has worked in three natural foods stores in downtown, and consequently they have all been on the same block. Only this time, she hopes the newest store, Town Square Market, is here to stay.

Frisch eggplant, a variety of squash and about 20 other colorful organic fruits and vegetables welcome customers as they enter Town Square Market, 106 E. Jackson St.

The new store, which opened last week, is one of two places in Carbondale that offers an array of organic food and products year-round. The other is the Neighborhood Co-op, which relocated to the west side of town in downtown in the early 1980s.

After that, Cook began working for the Neighborhood Co-op, where she remained until the business relocated to the opposite side of town in the spring. She said it was important to her to remain on that side of town to maintain accessibility for surrounding residents and to uphold the longtime tradition of a natural food store in that area.

"We want people to know we are here — and that we are here to serve them," Cook said.

The store carries only organic food and also offers a variety of locally produced goods, such as meat, grains and bottled water, to name a few, Cook said.

The store also carries environmentally safe health and body products, organic pet food and recycled toilet paper and paper towels.

Brad O'Dell, a senior from Chicago studying zoology, visited Town Square Market for the first time Monday afternoon.

He said he used to go to the Neighborhood Co-op until it relocated to the Murdale Shopping Center on the west side of town.

O'Dell, who does not own a vehicle, said the bike ride is too far, taking him at least 15 minutes to get there from downtown.

He said the location of the Town Square Market was very convenient and the store appeared nice and classy.

"I'm definitely going to come here for my produce," he said. "I've never been too savvy on organic food, but this place is really nice."

Cook said a grand opening will take place in early November and plans to serve food soon inside the market, along with tables and chairs where customers can lounge.

In addition, Cook allows customers the chance to request items via a list hanging by the checkout counter.

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Navajo poet and author

"Come and grow with us," she said.

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**DAILY EGYPTIAN**

**WORLD & NATION**

**North Korean test causes global outrage**

Deb Reichmann

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

WASHINGTON — Facing the real or perceiveduclear threat, the North Korean PresidentBush on Monday called the communist regime’s claim of a nuclear test a pro-

vocative act and warned Pyongyang against further nuclear material.

“Once again, North Korea has defied the will of the international community, and the international community will respond,” Bush said.

Other world leaders joined Bush in calling for an immediate and harsh rebuke from the United Nations. North Korean leader Kim Jong II, who wants to join the club of nuclear-nation,

Bush has made national security a priority in his re-election campaign, and Democrats said North Korea’s success in rais-

ing questions about the administration’s Iraq policy.

The all-stock deal announced Monday unites one of the Internet’s most popular entertainment destinations with a major television.

Google Inc. is snapping up YouTube, a still-

year-old CEO.

The price makes YouTube, a still-

goal of building the next-generation partnership we’ll have the flexibility to users, content owners and advertisers,” Eric Schmidt, Google’s chief executive officer.

YouTube will continue to retain its brand, as well as all 67 employ-

ers, including co-founders Chad Hurley and Steve Chen. The deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter of this year.

‘I’m confident that with this partnership we’ll have the flexibility and resources needed to pursue our goal of building the next-generation platform for serving media world-

wide,” said Hurley, YouTube’s 29-

CEO.

While most videos posted on YouTube are homemade, the site also features volumes of copyright-

ed material — a problem that has caused some critics to predict the startup eventually would be sued into oblivion, much like the once-

popular music-sharing site Napster.

But Hurley and Chen, 27, have been months coping with major media executives in an effort to conv-

ince them that YouTube could help make them more money by help-

ing them connect with the growing number of people who spend most of their free time on the Internet.

**Wire Reports**

**WASHINGTON**— The Senate Armed Services Committeeagain called North Korea a nuclear threat, as it convened for a hearing Friday.

“The threat we face today is a serious one,” said Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-N.C., the panel’s chairman.

Lawmakers have been particularly concerned about North Korea’s ongoing nuclear weapons program and its potential capability to produce a nuclear weapon within the next five years.

In his opening remarks, Inhofe cited a recent report from the International Atomic Energy Agency, which revealed that North Korea has continued to develop its nuclear weapons program despite international pressure to denuclearize.

Inhofe also noted that North Korea has repeatedly violated international resolutions and agreements, including the 1994 Agreed Framework, which called for the country to freeze its nuclear program and allow international inspection of its facilities.

“North Korea is a dangerous and unpredictable regime that poses a serious threat to regional and global security,” Inhofe said. “We cannot afford to ignore the threat that North Korea poses to our nation and to the world.”

Inhofe said the committee would continue to work with the administration to ensure that North Korea is held accountable for its actions.

“I believe that the United States must take a strong stance against North Korea’s nuclear proliferation activities,” Inhofe said. “We must be clear in our message to North Korea that its nuclear weapons program is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.”

**COLOMBIA**

**New bird found in unexplored forest**

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A colorful bird new to science has been discovered in a remote Andean cloud forest, sparking efforts to protect the area, conservation groups have announced.

The bright yellow and red-crowned Yariguies brush-finch was named for the indigenous tribe that once inhabited the mountainous area where it was discovered and which committed mass suicide instead of submit-


Thanks in part to the discovery, the government has decided to set aside 500 acres of the forest where it lives to create a national park.

Yves De Soye, of U.K.-based Birdlife International, a conservation group, said "such discoveries are very important calling attention to unprotected, vulnerable areas."
Contract talks resume Oct. 17

Officials and union meet again to finalize contracts
Brandon Weisenberger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

University officials and the faculty union plans to return to the bargaining table next week to hammer out the final details of a new contract more than three months after the previous one expired.

Negotiators are due to resume talks Oct. 17 and 18. The two sides temporarily halted meetings in August to separately discuss three contentious issues that prevented the contract's completion.

The administration's spokesperson, Gary Kolb, who is also associate dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, said SIUC officials want to finish negotiations by the end of the month.

Bargaining teams deadlocked on tenure and promotion issues, pay raises and a proposal from the Faculty Association asking all faculty members vote for a service charge to the union that would be applied to non-members.

Faculty Association spokeswoman Lenore Langsdorf, a professor of speech communication, said the union remains dedicated to interest-based bargaining with the university. Union members want their pay to be equal to that of faculty members at similar universities and want a stronger voice when professors are denied tenure and promotion.

Kolb said the university now has a more definite idea of its financial situation and can better work with the union on negotiations.

SIUC is down about $2.3 million from the on-campus enrollment drop compared to last year. Kolb said each on-campus student amounts to about $4,000 in revenue for the university, and the declining numbers put pressure on an already-strained budget.

"There's troubling financial news on the horizon." he said.

Administrators have stated they are willing to double salaries when faculty members are promoted from one tenured or non-tenured position to another.

"I don't know how many new options will be put on the table," he said.

To date, home-repair rip-offs have accounted for only a modest share of the hundreds of millions of dollars in fraud that followed Katrina's wake. But authorities expect the problem to grow worse as billions in federal grant money starts to flow to homeowners in Mississippi and Louisiana.

"I think we'll see an unprecedented congregation of some of the best con men in the world to converge on our Gulf Coast and New Orleans when this taxpayer money hits the ground," Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood said.

Hunting unscrupulous contractors is Ron Werby's job. He went to work in July as an investigator for the sheriff's department in Harrison County, Mississippi's most populous coastal county, weeks after retiring from the FBI's joint terrorism task force.

"These are terrorists, too," Werby said of scammers posing as legitimate contractors. "They're terrorizing old people. A lot of them are vulnerable people who are desperate and will take anybody to do the work."

One of the first cases Werby investigated was Romero's. She filed a complaint against the contractor, and a judge later issued an arrest warrant charging him with home-repair fraud. The contractor is one of dozens charged with defrauding homeowners since Katrina struck Aug. 29, 2005.

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The Foley Folly phonies

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

With the Foley Follies into their second week, America's political class remains transfixed by one thought, and it's not, "Oh, those poor kids who got hit on by that creepy congressman." No, with the midterm elections less than a month away, the immediate concern is how the affair will affect the careers of former Florida Rep. Mark Foley's Republican colleagues. The victors? Oh, yeah, too bad, but what about Denny Hastert? And will Nancy Pelosi actually become Speaker of the House? And isn't this all a Democratic dirty trick? With luck, the teenage pages and former pages who were targeted for attention by Foley will survive the encounter unscathed, except for an understandable cynicism.

With luck, the teenage pages and former pages who were targeted for attention by Foley will survive the encounter unscathed, except for an understandable cynicism. Foley's lawyer has said his client never actually acted out any of his fantasies, portraying Foley as a survivor of childhood sexual abuse by a clergyman. That would only deepen the tragedy. Experts in childhood sexual abuse say that while the percentage of childhood abuse victims who become adult perpetrators is low, a child who fails to disclose his trauma is more likely to become an abuser himself.

If Foley's colleagues ever manage to stop worrying about their own political futures, they could take some steps to address the problem of child sexual abuse. More education and research is needed, as is funding for more and better treatment programs. But that will have to wait until after the election, Hastert, the Republican speaker, spent last week defending himself against charges that he had reacted too slowly and too ineffectually to initial reports of Mr. Foley's proclivities. The Speaker's No. 2 and No. 3 men — Majority Leader John Boehner of Ohio and House Whip Roy Blunt of Missouri — spent the week expressing a brand of "What's your hurry? Here's your hat" loyalty to Hastert.

Meanwhile, Pelosi, D-Calif., the minority leader, spent the week recalculating her party's chances of turning Foley's problems into the 16 seats it needs to re-take the House. This has convinced Republican apologists that the timing of the Foley incident was a Democratic plot cooked up in collusion with ABC News, probably in a black helicopter on a grizzly knock. An AP/IPSos poll taken last week said about half of likely voters say the scandal will play a key role in how they vote. Fox News reported that internal GOP polls say the Foley Affair has put at least 50 Republican-held seats in jeopardy. Go figure. It does not diminish the seriousness of the Foley affair to say that the 109th Congress has done far worse things to America than send dirty instant messages: The Patriot Act, the Military Commissions Act. The "K Street Project" of Former Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and lobbyist pals like Jack Abramoff. Earmarked pork for bridges to nowhere and reducing the estate tax despite $300 billion deficits. Giveaways to the pharmaceutical industry. Weeks debating gay marriage and the Pledge of Allegiance and failing to pass an immigration bill. Democrats have sought to link the Foley Affair, particularly the failure of leadership to respond more quickly, to "Republican arrogance." Perhaps so, but arrogance is not the particular province of Republicans. The 19th-century British historian Lord Acton said it best: "The danger is not that a particular class is unfit to govern. Every class is unfit to govern. Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Dire consequences of miscalculation: nightmare scenarios

John Beres The Orlando Sentinel

North Korea, by threatening a nuclear-weapons test, is demonstrating how a relatively small, insignificant, reclusive and quirky country can dominate the global stage. Can a small, cantankerous, reclusive and quirky country like North Korea survive the encounter? Is it too late? North Korea should be forewarned that the United States is bogged down in Iraq and Afghanistan. As they apparently think such efforts may also have concluded that their nation's protection. They may also have concluded that their "nuclear insurance" will shield them, as they appear to think such efforts have done in Iran, especially considering that the United States is bogged down in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In so doing, they risk miscalculation — with dire consequences. On its current course, North Korea is foreshadowing several nightmare scenarios.

One such scenario could start with North Korea's testing of a nuclear weapon, continue with the marriage of that device to a ballistic missile and spread terror by attacking targets in Japan. In light of Tokyo's recent nationalistic tilt, the desire of its new prime minister to modify the country's militarily restrictive constitution and the capability of Japan's scientific community to produce nuclear weapons relatively fast, the result could be the U.S. nuclear umbrella and would not need to resort to such extreme measures might be lost in its domestic future.

A made-in-Tokyo nuclear weapon would rattle not only North Korea but other countries that harbor suspicions about Japanese ambitions, especially China. In another nightmare scenario, a nuclear-weapon-tipped North Korean missile could hit U.S. forces in Japan or South Korea, or it could provide extra muscle to an invasion of the South by Pyongyang. That would ignite a titanic battle, dwarfing the Korean War of the 1950s. And there's no way to predict how extensively nuclear weapons might be used — by both sides.

In that scenario, China would itself, which periodically underscores its "lip-and-teeth" relationship with North Korea — stay on the sidelines. Would it swarms in, if it had a half-century-old legacy? Beijing's interests, particularly economic ones, with the United States, South Korea and Japan might discourage such a dangerous route, but ideological brotherhood is not dead. In another twist, a nightmare scenario on the Korean peninsula could produce unanticipated additional disruption in the Asia-Pacific region. If it coincided with a moment of Chinese-Taiwanese tension. Imagine if Beijing decided to take advantage of the global focus on the Koreas to invade Taiwan. North Korean leaders might well relish such developments. But the international community cannot afford them. Therefore, the increasing volume of Pyongyang's nuclear-weapons-testing talk demands a similar response in terms of diplomacy. The United States certainly must step up its efforts, but frankly China has yet to demonstrate the influence of its "lip-and-teeth" connection to North Korea in urging restraint.

It is past time for the world to close ranks. The North Korean missile threat to more South Korea, the United States and Japan. It is a global concern. If Pyongyang persists despite the best diplomatic efforts, the international community will have no choice except to punish it — collectively — with sanctions. And North Korea should be forewarned that if it turns to violence, cherry picking of targets will not be allowed, and the military might of the world will respond.

Beres, who won a Pulitzer Prize in editorial writing for the Orlando Sentinel in 2000, is also the special assistant to the president for global perspectives and a professor at the University of Central Florida.
Homeschoolers study, too

COLLEEN LINDSAY

Autumn is upon us. Green, sum- mer leaves are quickly changing to brilliance of hues of orange and yellow. The wind blows, swirling the leaves to the ground. They jump across the road as they do. Wouldn’t it be fun to rake up a pile and jump into it? That’s the reality of the papers due, tests to study for and appointments to attend set in. But I know a group of kids who will never be playing in the leaves no matter what the time of year. They don’t have to! Homeschooling is a way of life because they don’t attend school. These kids are homeschoolers that I know first-hand because I am a home- school graduate.

What I’ve found is that homeschoolers often have a more flexible schedule than traditional students, there are some misconceptions about this form of education that I would like to address.

First, homeschooling is not an inferior form of education. Having a par- ent as your teacher does not make your education is lacking. My mom chose to stay at home and educate me rather than send me to a public school. Every student learns differently. Homeschooling allowed me to take my time and space to learn about subjects that I was interested in and go ahead on others.

Second, homeschooling does offer social connections. There are at least five homeschool support groups in southern Illinois alone. My family has been involved in the Abraham Lincoln Republic and the Krakow Christian Home Educators, or AMACHE, for as long as I can remember. Parents who have families in the support group, we go on field trips, meet for organized P.E. and social connections. There are at least five other homeschoolers taking advantage of this opportunity through the Association of Marion Area Home Educators.

In recent years, homeschooling has come under attack. Even though it is the oldest form of education, it has undergone recent contro- versy. Early last month, the Regional School Board in Marion and Williamson counties decided to overturn its ban on homeschoolers as a possible target. This act was unfounded and in defi- ance of the law. A recent court claim was that any homeschooling home may be audited and the family questioned about their teaching methods. Because homeschools are, by law, private schools, the regional office has no authority over them, much less the authority to search private homes.

Finally, critics of homeschooling will discover scare tactics do not work with families committed to edu- cation. In fact, more and more people are turning to homeschooling as their method of education for their children. Homeschool graduates, such as me, often want to carry the tradition of homeschooling to the next genera- tion. I don’t think we will be seeing the last of the homeschoolers.

Lindsay is a senior studying journalism.

Fascist Tolerance

DEAR EDITOR:

I have heard of liberal minds say that the only thing they will not tolerate is intolerance. What they really mean is that they will not tolerate any beliefs other than their own. This is clearly demonstrated by all the attacks on the Scientists in the News award that was presented to speak at colleges throughout the United States.

The recent insanity that occurred at Columbia University is just one example. Ann Coulter, Bill O’Reilly and other conservative voices have been stopped from getting to speak on campuses across the nation.

I don’t think we will be seeing the last of the homeschoolers.

Respond to SRN letter

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to the letter posted last Monday discussingTypedracers and the Scientists in the News Network. As their advisor, I wish to be more forceful in making sure my GLBT students are safe and supported on this campus, but unfortunately, at least in this instance, I am afraid our force is not what it should be.

When the GLBT students at SIUC discovered on April 14, just 22 days after Stonewall, the beginning of the modern gay rights movement. We were in the midst for many years with our programs and services, but we have worked tirelessly behind the past several years.

We expect the recent events on our campus to change the way GLBT students are perceived on this campus. Our concern is that the majority of the reaction to the controversy is that the GLBT community should be no less than us.

As a result of the GLBT Center’s response to the controversy, it is now clear that eight of the 19 bias incidents reported to the Campus Safety office in the past two years were anti-gay in nature (42 percent), the task force report could have provided thoughtful guid- ance in creating a more welcoming and supportive environment. But instead of accepting the recom- mendations of the task force and committee with a generous heart, we have continued to improve the experience of GLBT people at SIUC and incorporate changes because it is the right thing to do, the administration has intentionally dragged its feet and tried to avoid the harshest minimum standards.

A Resource Center exists with costs. I rec- ognize that we live in a time of tight budgets and limited resources, but as the saying goes, it is not what you do with the money, but how you spend it. That is an important lesson to be learned.

A resource center exists with costs. I rec- ognize that we live in a time of tight budgets and limited resources, but what is the point of saving money if education becomes a bauble for people considering SIUC. If we are to compete with major research universities, we are to continue to push the harshest of the minimum standards.

Chuck Jines

Crimson student

More on life with boys

LAURA TEEGARDEN

When you live with boys, you have to be relaxed, spontaneous and willing to laugh at off-the-wall humor.

All my mom wanted was a cheerleader, not just one girlly follow to fall in her footsteps.

Unfortunately, she ended up with three tomboys.

But the longer I live with my roommates, Trim is going to be the last person I think of. This has nothing to do with my roommates. Trim is my little brother. Not that I can do anything about that.

Trim is a freshman who just graduated from high school. Being智能家居, I am used to deal with him, but this has been something else. He lives in the same room as me with no cookie-cutter way to teach child- ren.

Like most people, Trim is a germophobe. Every time I turn around, I find something. Now, I have to admit that I’m more relaxed than Trim, but I’m also a lot less anal about it. Suppose it suffices, to say homeschoolers are different, but we are not any different than traditional students. I know my mom is unique, too; she decided to stay at home and educate me rather than send me to a public school.

Because homeschools are, by law, private schools, the regional office has no authority over them, much less the authority to search private homes. In fact, more and more people are turning to homeschooling as their method of education for their children. Homeschool graduates, such as me, often want to carry the tradition of homeschooling to the next generation. I don’t think we will be seeing the last of the homeschoolers.

Trim is a senior studying journalism.

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Details are still scarce on a Carbondale Main Street program to install wireless Internet in downtown, but Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn likened the Illinois Main Street organizations to Johnny Appleseed, spreading the high-speed Internet seeds throughout the state.

Quinn came to town Monday afternoon to give Carbondale Main Street a $17,000 grant to set up a wireless Internet network that would stretch for 30 blocks.

The announcement was made at the Town Square Pavilion downtown while several members of the City Council, Mayor Brad Cole and Carbondale Main Street executive director Roxanne Conley stood nearby. Cole said the wireless Internet should be available within the next 60 days, and Carbondale is taking the lead in technology.

The grant is the result of an application that City Council members and Cole put together and submitted to the Illinois Main Street program, which is dedicated to historical preservation, tourism and local participation in democracy in communities in Illinois. Conley said details on the service providers and equipment remain undecided.

“Everything is all in the process,” Conley said. “There are a lot of choices on the table for us to choose from.”

Conley also said Carbondale would help area communities, such as Murphysboro and Marion, in developing their own wireless programs in the future.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said the Carbondale Information Systems Division will provide most of the maintenance for the system once it is functional.

“Ideally, we would like to see Illinois as a wireless zone, but we have to build it step by step,” Quinn said. He also said objections from local commercial Internet providers had not been a problem in areas such as Quincy, Belleville and Mount Vernon.

“This allows for a lot of local participation,” Quinn said. “It sets up a start. It encourages local providers to come forward with their ideas and become a part of it.”

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Iraqi vice president's brother killed, Sunnis blame Shiites

400 Shiite policemen sick after a Ramadan meal

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The brother of Iraq's Sunni Arab vice president was assassinated Monday by gunmen who broke into his home, the third of the politician's four siblings to be slain this year. Sunni blamed Shiite militias and demanded a crackdown to stop the capital's escalating sectarian violence.

Iraqi authorities, meanwhile, arrested the head of the mess hall at a base where up to 400 mainly Shiite policemen suffered food poisoning during a Ramadan meal amid concerns it may have been the first known attempt by insurgents to carry out a mass poisoning against police.

A military spokesman, Brig. Qasim al-Moussawi, said the poisoning likely was intentional, though he did not rule out that spoiled food was used in the meal as part of a scheme by contractors or officers to skin off money from food funds.

The policemen fell ill after eating their iftar, the meal that ends the sunrise-to-sunset fast during the Islamic holy month, at their base in the southern town of Numaniyah.

Also detained for questioning was the Iraqi general's guards and a neighbor — who is also an al-Moussawi said, without providing details.

Baghdad was torn by new violence. A car bomb ripped through a market in a Shiite district, killing at least 10 people and wounding dozens, and a brazen assault on their checkpoint in Sadr City, a Baghdad neighborhood dominated by the Mahdi Army, the country's most powerful Shiite militia.

Elsewhere in Iraq, the U.S. military announced that three Marines died Sunday after fighting in the western region of Anbar, a hotbed of Sunni insurgents, bringing to 32 the number of American servicemen who have died in Iraq this month.

The death of the brother of Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi — the country's most prominent Sunni Arab politician — alarmed Sunnis and fueled their demands that the government crack down on Shiite militias.

Critics of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki accuse the Shiite leader of hesitating on reining in the militias because many of them — like the Mahdi Army — belong to parties in his government.

"The clock is starting to strike after today's events," Khalf Al-Asayan, a Sunni parliament member told The Associated Press. "They (Shiite militias) consider Sunnis terrorists who must be killed. If the zero hour is coming, we will take the decisions needed to defend ourselves."

"We say to the government, you still did not disarm the militias," Salim Abdullah Tawfeq, a Sunni politician, said in a statement read in parliament. "And here is what it has led to."

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North Korea has not mentioned Ban's bid to become U.N. secretary-general. But it previously has accused him of blindly following the U.S. line by urging the North to resume negotiations and give up the atomic weapons program.

The reported test drew immediate condemnation from members of the U.N. Security Council, with the United States looking forward to quick approval by the General Assembly.

"It's really quite an appropriate juxtaposition that today, 61 years after the temporary division of the Korean peninsula at the end of World War II, we're electing the foreign minister of South Korea as secretary-general of this organization and meeting as well to consider the testing by the North Koreans of a nuclear device," he said.

"I can't think of a better way to show the difference in the progress of those two countries — great progress in the south and great tragedy in the north," Bolton said.

In Seoul, Ban told reporters that if the General Assembly appoints him, he would "contribute as much as I can to the resolution of all kinds of problems including the North Korean nuclear issue that may threaten international peace and security."

Ban called North Korea's reported nuclear test "an act of provocations and a grave and direct threat to the peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia."

Ban Ki-Moon likely to show his ability to stop the difference in the north and south

Edith M. Lederer
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — South Korea's foreign minister was officially nominated Monday as the next U.N. secretary-general, and he pledged to work to resolve the North Korean nuclear crisis hours after the communist regime announced it had tested a nuclear weapon.

"This should be a moment of joy. But instead, I stand here with a very heavy heart," Ban Ki-Moon told reporters in Seoul, South Korea. "Despite the concerted warning from the international community, North Korea has gone ahead with a nuclear test."

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Marcos Lightfoot, 6, of Carbondale uses rocks and pieces of tree bark to play checkers with his grandparents, John and Joyce Lightfoot. Mr. and Mrs. Lightfoot are in Carbondale on a 10-day visit from their home in England.

Phillip Carrier, a freshman from Carbondale studying art, plans on attending the speech.

“It will be interesting to hear his insights that he has on today’s government,” Carrier said.

William Freivogel, interim director of the School of Journalism, said Card is speaking at an interesting time because of the recent claims in Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward’s book “State of Denial.”

According to Woodward’s book, Card twice attempted — and twice failed — to persuade Bush to ask Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to resign.

Although Card issued a clarification on the claims, Freivogel said he thinks it does not deny what is being said of him.

“This is a time for one of the insiders to talk when the management style and competency of Bush’s White House is such an issue. Students are able to have an insider view,” Freivogel said.

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The southern Illinois debate was postponed twice, with Topinka pulling out of the original date of Sept. 5 and Blagojevich unable to attend a Sept. 26 debate. Blagojevich suggested rescheduling it for Oct. 3, but Topinka had prior commitments.

DEBATES

The southern Illinois debate committee met a Sept. 29 deadline for the parties to reach an agreement, but it was missed. Committee members were from the institute, WSIU and The Southern Illinoisan. Candidates were also expected to meet in front of the Chicago Tribune editorial board Monday and at a Chicago public television station later in the month.

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Daniel Le, junior at Carbondale High School, practices a 540, which is when a skateboarder makes a 540 degree turn in mid-air, Monday at the skateboard park behind the Lesar Law Building.
Sudoku

**Level:** 2

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

**Solution to Monday’s puzzle**

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**Girls and Sports**

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

Do you want to know the name of the street you live on? Look on page 12.

Do you want to know the name of the street you work on? Look on page 12.

Do you want to know the name of the street you go to school on? Look on page 12.

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Today’s Birthday (10-10-06).

Travel seems like a good idea, but there are complications. If you’re going anyway, be prepared to replenish your supplies. A route that seems to be direct could really be circular.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** Today is an 8 - All sorts of information is going around. Some is true and some isn’t. Don’t base your actions on what you hear, make sure you have the facts.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Today is a 6 - You do the best you can and, others are impressed. Skill and talent are required, but so are caution and practice. Don’t make a silly mistake.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Today is a 10 - You’re ready to start again but you still need to be careful. Listen to your competition, your adversaries and your partner. Oh, and your conscience, too.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** Today is a 6 - Undoubtedly, there’s at least one genius in your group. Don’t assume that everything he or she suggests will work, however. Check it out.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is an 8 - You may be surprised to find out what the people really want. It’s good to know, even if you decide that’s not what you’re going to do.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Today is a 5 - People are telling you what they want. Figure out how to provide it. Let your imagination run wild, and you’ll be well rewarded.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Today is a 9 - Allow yourself to make big plans, but don’t begin them yet. Give yourself time to figure out what will work and what probably won’t.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Today is a 8 - The game is to see how much you can get without spending your savings. You get extra points if you end up with a profit.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Today is a 7 - Conditions are unstable for a while, so pay attention. Use experts and other associates to help, to minimize frustration.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today is a 6 - There’s lots of work, but there are also lots of changes. Keep communicating, and keep making corrections.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Today is an 8 - You’re especially attractive now, and interesting, too. Choose your priorities for the future with somebody you admire.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** Today is a 6 - There will be squabbling, not your favorite environment in which to work. Maintain your calm. Don’t let the little turkeys drag you down.

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**The Duplex**

**by Aaron McGruder**

**The Boondocks**

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**JUMBLE**

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

YALIG

SUDOE

SNUFIO

ENBAUT

**Ans:**

YAGLIL

SODUE

SOFNU

BARTU

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“**THE BRUSH OFF**

Saturday’s Jumbles: SHOWY BUSHY SCURVY TOFFEE

Answer: What the hairdresser gave her customer —

(The answer is submitted.)

**Crossword**

ACROSS

1. Come quickly (7)

2. USA coins (3)

3. Keep in good order (4, 6)

4. Paintless removal of dirt (9)

5. Touch of gold (7)

6. Shoppers’ dodge (5)

7. Emerged quickly (9)

8. What cleansers do (7)

9. Musical top (8)

10. Attractive individual (5)

11. Down the drain (7)

12. Suggestive words (9)

13. Blue (9)

14. Constructions (6)

15. Cotton ball (5)

16. In the future (9)

17. Watcher (6)

18. According to (6)

19. Springtime (4)

20. Unidentified (6)

21. What a big cat is (7)

22. Sort of food (5)

23. Food (9)

24. Note (7)

25. Day of the week (9)

26. In the future (9)

27. Footwear (5)

28. Arrange in order (6)

29. A mauve color (6)

30. A hit (7)

31. Ripe berries (6)

32. A term of endearment (6)

33. Quick (6)

34. Streamers (5)

35. To the core (9)

36. A drug (6)

37. A spherical body (9)

38. Find (5, 4)

39. A daily paper (6)

40. Imitation (9)

41. A tree (7)

42. What we do not (6)

43. Choose by lot (9)

44. Come out (9)

45. Purely (3)

46. A perfect fit (9)

47. Oddly (9)

48. A measure of length (7)

49. A fact (7)

50. A gift (7)

51. A way of traveling (5)

52. A piece of wood (5)

53. Show (9)

54. A disease (9)

55. Have an opinion (5)

56. A writer (5)

57. A part of a garment (7)

58. A tool (7)

59. A rough surface (9)

60. A piece of paper (5)

61. A place (7)

62. Libido (7)

63. A condition (9)

64. What the work piled up, the seamstress turned into a — REAL SEW AND SEW (Answers tomorrow)

SHOWY BUSHY SCURVY TOFFEE

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

**SUDOE**

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**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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Barcelona Spain — About a dozen photographers snapped away, showering hundreds of blizzards of light on NBA commissioner David Stern and Euroleague Basketball CEO Jordi Bertomeu in a portrait of worldwide basketball cooperation.

To some observers of basketball in Europe, however, Stern is saying all the right things and being respectful of everyone while plotting some evil deed in secret.

The NBA has been mightily visible in Europe over the last week with four teams — the 76ers, San Antonio Spurs, Phoenix Suns and Los Angeles Clippers — holding their training camps and playing pre-season games against local squads. Stern said this will be done again next season, presumably with different teams.

The concern of fans of the Euroleague, a 24-team circuit that is spread all over the continent, is that NBA Europe Live is an important step toward future expansion by the NBA into a Europe with a five-team division. Stern brought that idea up as far back as the 2002 All-Star Game in Philadelphia and felt then that it could be done within a decade.

Stern insists there is no timetable and publicly suggests that expansion may not happen at all. But there are worries that a meeting Stern had Thursday with Real Madrid officials — vice president Jose Sanchez and basketball operations head Vlade Divac — will lead to a significant step toward expansion and cooperation for Euroleague.

"We talk a lot, but the way of cooperation is the best way. They are not taking anything from us. In this world, no one accomplishes anything from fear. We always approach things from a positive perspective, I prefer to work risking that way than having any fear."

"We can get out there and run."

"It's really important if you're going to balance school work, having a life and running," Williams said. "You have to stay healthy."
Eikenberg: For me that is first and foremost, winning.

Eikenberg: Yes, I am.

Eikenberg: So you’ve never taken on any of your players one-on-one before?

Eikenberg: That is a phenomenal athlete. He just had a phenomenal season.

Eikenberg: I think I would coach football because there is the same type of intensity and same type of details.

Eisenberg: I think a little bit of time and transitional-oriented philosophy. I think it will benefit us a lot.

Eisenberg: I don’t know if they think I am too old or too out of shape to do those things. But I do know there is a lot of respect for me and for the other coaches.

Eisenberg: I think I would coach football because there is the same type of intensity and same type of details. If you weren’t coaching, what would you do instead?

Eizenberg: I think LeBron is the best player on the court.

Eikenberg: I can’t take a pass on this one. I like the scrappy, underdog natures of both teams, and I really don’t care who wins or why. Both teams have compelling stories — ‘Moneyball’ versus redemption from a losing season. If there is an edge, I give it to the Tigers for winning in New York.

Eikenberg: Yes, you have won the lottery.

Eisenberg: I am hoping that it is a big advantage. We are starting to really promote the ‘pack the Doug House’ for the Missouri game. We have seen what it has done for the men’s team, and I think if we just get 50 percent of that, it will benefit us a lot.

Eisenberg: It’s sad when the A’s main bat – Frank Thomas — is like 57 years old. The Tigers will take this, they are the hottest team in baseball right now after punching the Yankees in the gut. Tigers in five!

Eisenberg: I would own theyuniverse.

Eisenberg: The American League Championship Series starts tonight with the Detroit Tigers in Oakland to face the Athletics. Both the A’s and Tigers were underdogs in the Divisional Series, and neither team has been to a Championship Series in over a decade. Which team will win this year?

Eisenberg: I have the scars. They have the easy best pitching in the playoffs and have a lineup that can hurt you in more than one way. The A’s will rely too heavily on Barry Zito and Frank Thomas. After these two, the A’s don’t have much. The Tigers win in six games.

Eisenberg: I think we are going to have to outwork the other team. We are going to have to go one-on-one with. I’ve seen her throw a few elbows and a couple things that we taught them, and I don’t think there is a lot of respect for me and for the other coaches.

Eisenberg: I think I could coach any other sport besides basketball, what sport would it be?

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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FOOTBALL

Diagnosis: Danger

Braden Jones catching passes, passing the MCAT

D.W. Norris Daily Egyptian

Braden Jones is often labeled a freak. Jones, SIU's sixth-year senior tight end, has a mix of size and extraordinary athleticism that makes him a blocking threat in the running game, a big play or check-down option as a receiver and a terror on special teams.

Western Illinois found out the hard way in its 31-24 loss to the Salukis on Saturday. Jones scored a touchdown against the Leathernecks and blocked a punt that set up another.

And in 2006, Jones has the stats and plays to make his mark in a season in which national championship dreams dance in the heads of fans and players.

"Braden is a freak of nature when it comes to athleticism," SIU head coach Jerry Kill said. "There's nobody in our conference like him and probably very few in the country."

Jones, listed at 6-feet-4-inches and 260 pounds, brings size, strength and speed to one of the most dangerous offenses in Division I-AA football. He can block, catch, run and, when called upon, make game-changing plays on special teams. Kill said Jones has the skills and athleticism to play in the NFL.

But for now, he plays in Carbondale, quite a distance from the Big Ten's Northwestern University where he started 11 games in two seasons as an outside linebacker before transferring to SIU in 2005.

Jones also makes his mark off the field. In the spring semester, Jones passed the MCAT, or medical school admissions test. When he lines up in punt-block formations, his strength and quick burst of speed causes serious problems for smaller defenders who must block him. Jones routinely lines up against players who are a little lighter and a lot weaker.

The result has been three blocked punts in two seasons in Carbondale. Jones' block in Saturday's 31-24 win over Western Illinois was huge in Kill's eyes.

"That kind of kept us one step ahead, so to speak," Kill said.

The Salukis held a slim 7-3 lead on a dangerous Western Illinois offense. The defense did its job, forcing the punt. Then it was time for Jones to meet a challenge from Jay Sawvel, SIU's special teams coordinator.

Jones said early in the week of practices leading up to the game Sawvel challenged him to block a punt. He said he took Sawvel's challenge somewhat seriously but wanted to fulfill his own personal goal.

"I knew in coming that I would have the opportunity, and I would have been disappointed in myself, honestly, if I didn't block that punt," Jones said.

First plays after the block, senior running back Akeem Whitlock scored on a one-yard run to put SIU ahead 14-3. The Leathernecks would later tie the game but could not overcome the Salukis.

A game earlier, in SIU's blowout win over Indiana State, Jones proved his worth beyond blocking punts and linbackers.

Not many men Jones' size can, in the same game, make a leaping, one-handed catch on a sailing pass and later bust out the longest play from scrimmage of the season. Jones did both against the Staggos.

He caught two passes for a game-high 101 yards and a touchdown, including a season-long 80-yard touchdown reception.

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15 Min with...

Women's basketball coach Dana Eikenberg

Brian Feldt Daily Egyptian

Dana Eikenberg can picture herself alongside Jerry Kill with a hard hat, a lunch pail and a big shovel.

Eikenberg enters her third year as head coach of the SIU women's basketball team and said her mental preparedness for the season is as important as her physical counterpart.

The Salukis posted a 10-18 record last year under Eikenberg's direction, the best record by a Saluki team since the 1997-98 season.

This year, Eikenberg and company will look to carry their newfound experience and athleticism into a season that is as competitive as ever in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The Daily Egyptian recently sat down with the former Penn State player to talk about her desire for academic success, unselfishness to take elbows from her players and what she would do if she won the lottery.

DE: What is the outlook for this year's Saluki women's basketball team?

Dana Eikenberg: I think our outlook is that we are taking it another step. We are talented enough, skilled enough. It is just going to come down to our health and our mentality.

DE: With four starters returning, how important is that to the team's success?

Eikenberg: It's huge. All four of them are very instrumental. They are four players that I have seen make big adjustments over the summer. Both in their basketball ability and their confidence level, and that is what it is about right now.

DE: What does the competition in the Missouri Valley Conference look like this year?

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CROSS COUNTRY

Illnesses disrupting Saluki cross country

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Colds and allergies have wreaked havoc on the women's SIU cross country team, and these ailments are greatly affecting their performances the past three weeks.

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Saluki women's basketball coach Dana Eikenberg celebrates out with her players after the Salukis 74-66 win against Drake Jan. 21, 2006.

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