Mars takes closer look at Earth

‘Red Planet’ to be closest to Earth in almost 60,000 years

Bethany Krajelis

Daily Egyptian

On Wednesday morning, at 7:31 a.m. CDT, Mars will be less than 31,848,418 miles away from Earth, the closest it has been in nearly 60,000 years.

You won't see little green martians or alien life forms flying around the sky. But Jerry Masden, astronomy professor at SIU, said you will see something.

"It's a sight that the people of the state have yearned to see," Masden said.

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After all your hard work, maybe it’s time to share that hardbodied with someone else.

NATIONAL NEWS

NASA launches last of the ‘Great Observatories’

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (CNN) — After two decades of development and a budget of nearly $7 billion, the final space observatory of the so-called Great Observatories series launched into orbit Wednesday night.

The Great Observatories’ last and largest member, the Spitzer Space Telescope, was launched aboard a Delta II rocket at 8:14 p.m. EDT. The observatory is designed to peer into the deepest reaches of space, using infrared light to record events that are invisible to the human eye.

Support for recall drops

LOS ANGELES, California (CNN) — Gov. Gray Davis says efforts to show him out of office are losing steam.

The Los Angeles Times polls published Sunday found that 46 percent of California voters support recalling Davis, down from 58 percent in a Field Poll last week. Another 45 percent said they would vote no to keep Davis in office, and 5 percent were undecided.

The first part of the October ballot will ask voters whether they want to toss Davis, who won a second term and a recall ballot in 2003 out of office. The second part of the recall ballot will ask them to pick a replacement if the recall succeeds.

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POLICE REPORTS

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Davis Michael Stayer, 18, of Glen Carbon was cited for resist and obstructing a peace officer at 12:33 a.m. Friday in the 700 block of Southern Hills. Johnson was unable to produce a valid driver's license at that time.

Omari Johnson, 23, of Riverdale was arrested on a Jackson County failure to appear warrant on an original driving with a suspended driver's license at 12:33 a.m. Friday in the 700 block of Southern Hills. Johnson was unable to produce a valid driver's license at that time.

James Patrick Peterson, 20, of Machesney Park was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at 1:05 a.m. Friday in the 1200 block of Lincoln Drive.

Correction

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In the Aug. 22 issue of the Daily Egyptian, a quote attributed to Casey Hicks in the page 26 article "Spirit moved without a coach" should have read, "She's such a great person and I hate to see her go, but I know she'll come through this just fine."
Drivers pay extra at pumps

National gas prices increase at shocking rates

Amber Ellis

Daily Egyptian

Jackie McNew of Herrin drives to Tennessee and Kentucky at least a few times a year, according to Casey's General Store was 5 cents cheaper than at Kroger, she knew she could not pass up the opportunity. McNew is like many Americans who have been shocked by the increase in gas prices, not only this year, but year over year.

Gasoline prices across the United States have increased more than 10 cents in the last week, and more than 30 cents within the last year, according to the Energy Information Administration.

The increase is considered a direct result of two events: refineries that were temporarily shut down because of the massive power outage that hit parts of the United States and Canada, and a botted pipeline in Arkansas.

The price of gasoline in eight states, we have a serious problem," said Matt Lobosco, a SIUC graduate student, "now it's hitting us in the pocketbook.

As of Monday afternoon, gas prices throughout Illinois ranged anywhere from $3.10 to $3.40. Kathy Akes, manager of Casey's General Store, said she decides what the price for gas will be each morning after checking out the prices of other gas stations in the area and talking to her boss. The national average for gasoline prices is just 3 cents shy of surpassing the all-time high it reached in March when the war in Iraq began.

Ed Crocker, a junior from Sesser, said the increase in gas prices has been terrible. "I'm really not happy about it, to be honest with you," Crocker said, "I just have to keep on footing the bill each month."

McNew usually runs her air conditioner on driving on the highway, even though air conditioners tend to burn more gas.

"I try not to turn on the AC, but you almost have to in this kind of weather."

The average cost of gasoline on the East Coast is $1.69 a gallon, while the West Coast exporter that at $2.05 a gallon. The Midwest placed somewhere in between the two costs in cost per gallon at $1.72.

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State, local police buckle down on holiday safety

Jackie Keane

Daily Egyptian

Safety may always be the priority of police officers, but with the upcoming Labor Day holiday weekend, every available Carbondale Police Officer and Illinois State Police Officer in District 13, the area covering Jackson County, will be working to keep the area safe.

"We have a Ray Minor, a state trooper and safety education/public information officer for District 13, Labor Day weekend is traditionally a highly-traveled weekend because it marks the end of the summer and the start of the fall season," said R.T. Finney. "We go back to school."

"Being out there and having a presence increases seat belt compliance, as well as speed compliance," Misor said. "And there are number one causes of injury and death." Minor said every county in the state of Illinois will be conducting a least one seat belt enforcement.

Monday marked the first day of a two-week, statewide Click It or Ticket Labor Day enforcement period.

Over 780 state, county, local and federal enforcement agencies will be involved in the crackdown, he said. Illinois State Police now have a tendency to not wear their seat belts, Misor said. It is also the age group most at serious risk of getting into accidents, he said.

What happens on the road this weekend, the chances are increased for a crash in a car accident are increased.

"The threat of getting a ticket because of wearing seat belts is not attracting a large number of motorists who aren't wearing seat belts, Pastuvio said. Since Click It or Ticket became law, police officers have been able to pull over and ticket motorists not wearing their seat belt. There will be more than 100 safety belt enforcement zones throughout Illinois. It is within these zones, that officers will focus on ticketing motorists observed not wearing seat belts because of highly traveled roads this weekend."

"Our goal is to see an increase in seatbelt compliance," Minor said. "We want to get the word out to people to buckle up."

Pastuvio said the national average for safety belt compliance is currently at 81 percent. This year, the national average was 83 percent.

"If we can jump that to 83 percent, we can save 100 lives," he said.

Every 1 percent increase in seat belt compliance can save seven to 10 lives, according to Minor.

Carbondale Police Department Chief R.T. Finney said while his officers will be issuing citations and tickets for those not wearing seat belts, this is a very busy time of year and Carbondale's police officers can only do what their manpower allows.

He said there will be an increase in working officers over the weekend. He roughly estimated the extra cost of Labor Day weekend to be $500 in overtime, because officers are paid for overtime.

He said Labor Day weekend is a high weekend for driving under the influence, which results in DUI arrests and DUI fatalities. Finney suggests that this weekend is a "seat your seat belt, drive carefully and don't drink and drive."

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International Friends Club holds annual meet, greet

Leah Williams

Daily Egyptian

Originally from China, Yuan Chen is in his first semester at SIUC. Having only been here for two months, Chen has yet to meet many Americans.

"I want to meet Americans because I want to learn more about their culture. I can also work on my English," said Chen, a computer science and engineering major.

Chen was given that opportuniy Sunday afternoon when the (International) Friends Club turned the Recreation Center into a global fair.

Each August, IFC provides now and returning international students a chance to meet and greet by offering a day of games, prizes and food.

Volunteer Betty Smotherland greeted the students as they walked in. Sitting at a table just outside the event, she made small talk with everyone.

"Hi, how are you? What country are you from?" she asked.

After checking in at the welcome desk, students could enter into the party. Inside, students engaged in "crowd breaks" and other games. Tickets, backpacks, and gift cards were given at random, students at finger foods prepared by volunteers.

The event presented a friendly atmosphere for entertainment and education. "Being aware of students dealing with life in a new country. Since Stamford arrived in Carbondale four years ago from Bulgaria, she said she was unaccustomed to American customs. It was through volunteer work and programs like IFC that Stamford learned to break out of her shell. She now uses her experience to volunteer with the organization.

"I know what they are going through," said Stamford. "I can tell them what it's like." Stamford is a graduate student now pursuing her second master's degree in nutrition. Stamford credits much of her success to IFC's caring nature.

"The reason we have so many international students here is because they feel welcomed. And it is through programs like this that they feel welcomed," said Southland.

"I am doing this as a volunteer, not as person getting paid," said the "It is so rewarding to meet different kinds of people."

IFC also offers several other programs that benefit international students and members of the community. Programs include International Spouses, which supports wives whose husbands are in school, and Washer Women, set up to help pregnant women.

A trivia hour is held every Friday at the Intramural Center, located at the corner of Grand and South Illinois avenues, and a welcome picnic is scheduled for Thursday.

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CARBONDALE

Carbondale Police Department to hold citizens' patrol classes

The Carbondale Police Department is accepting applications for the fall "Citizens Police Academy." Anyone is welcome to apply. Classes begin at 1:15 and run until 3:30 on Thursdays, except for Oct. 30 and Nov. 27.

Classes are scheduled to run for 10 weeks, each week will last for one hour. Each week will focus on a different subject. Anyone interested should contact Sergeant Brian Thomas at 435-0350, or come in to the Carbondale Police Department. You do not have to be a Carbondale resident to apply, and there is no cost for the classes.
SIU senior Joel Landry from Chatham went to Israel August 1-16 so he could come back to share his experience with local legislatures and with Carbondale. Landry will be giving a presentation this Tuesday and Wednesday at the Interfaith Center. Landry is majoring in Economics and Political Science.

NEW PERSPECTIVES

SIUC student Joel Landry returns from Israel-Palestine to share experiences with Southern Illinois

story by Nicole Sack

Although news of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is depicted on the nightly news and in articles of morning newspapers, it can be distanced from people’s daily lives, easily tuned out, ignored or avoided.

But for SIUC Student Joel Landry, the issue is impossible to ignore. He traveled to Israel and Palestine this summer and saw first-hand the people and issues that are left out of traditional media reports on the region.

Landry, who is pursuing a double major in economics and political science, has returned from his travel and will now share his experience with the Carbondale community in two presentations at the Interfaith Center, noon on Tuesday and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Landry, 22, was part of an Interfaith peace builders’ delegation of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation to Israel-Palestine. The delegation of 12 national group members was sent to provide ground witnesses to the actual living conditions in countries, talk with people who are directly affected by the conflict and to return to their community to share what they learned from their experience.

There are certain abstractions found in the news and in books that you can’t break through until you go there,” Landry said. “I had an idea of the situation, but to experience it — to talk to people who feel hopeless and trapped, so people without a future — is very different.”

Delegations of FOI are sent to Israel-Palestine every two months, each with a different focus topic. Landry’s delegation concentrated on groups that advocate non-violence in resolving the conflict, with particular attention to women and women’s groups whose work and voices are often overlooked.

He also met with the other delegations, one with human rights activists, peace and justice activists, women’s rights groups, social workers and members of the Palestinian Legislative Council.

The $3,000 cost of the trip was funded in part by the Committee Against War, the Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois, the Interfaith Center and the Mark Russell Study Abroad Scholarship.

Landry met and stayed in the homes of those in the middle of the conflict, giving him a personal glimpse into the lives of those dealing with the real-life consequences of the fighting.

Landry recalled meeting Khalil Bashir, a Palestinian man, who in the most personal way feels the effects of occupation in his own home. Israeli soldiers have occupied the top two floors of Bashir’s three-story home for the last 11 years, Landry said.

Bashir is raising his family in constant danger and violence. He has clothes that are riddled with bullet holes, he has been hit with a missile himself and he has only one eye — and peace.

Bashir gave Landry insight into why it is not an option to leave his home. According to

A new and controversial security fence at Jayous, part of a 370-mile barrier between Israel and Palestinian territories, is multi-layered, and is comprised of razor-wire, a trench and a 20-foot fence. It further threatens the peace process because it is built on Palestinian land.

Landry, Bashir told him, “I can’t imagine myself out of my home. To leave is to die.”

There is a history and an identity with the land that has existed for hundreds of years, not something that is easily forgotten, Landry said.

Landry witnessed the magnitude of the 370-mile security fence that will separate Israeli lands from the future Palestinian state. The security fence is composed of a combination of varying materials like brick, wire, razor wire and electrified fences. Besides making the obvious distinction between sides, the wall also enforces on Palestinian land and does not allow for contiguous borders.

The United States-backed peace plan, known as the “road map,” was something that was welcomed and accepted by the people who live in the region, Landry said.
New technology donated to Dental Technology

Provides cutting edge equipment for students

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

Students in SIUC's dental technology program will learn cutting edge technology thanks to the use of a new Procera Scanner. The equipment is used in dentists' offices to prepare crowns and other prosthetic reconstructions in the mouth.

The $18,000 piece of equipment was donated by Jean Tom Ash, a 1979 graduate of SIUC who has a dental lab in Santa Fe, N.M.

Nobel Biocare, a leading producer in dental implant technology, sold and operated the scanner.

Standard crowns, which fully cover the tooth to restore and strengthen it, are made with a metal base, which is cemented to the tooth and is painted over with a ceramic coating. However, John V. Winings, a associate professor in dental technology, said the metal substructure can cause discoloration to the new tooth.

"With Procera, we can characterize it to make it look like a regular tooth," Winings said. "It has a little light and color and it's better, which makes the final result better."

Though the tooth is prepared the same way as a metal crown, the dye, or wax mold of the prepared tooth, is placed on the scanner. Instead of making a metal substructure, a laser scans the dye and projects a digital image onto the computer screen. Each student then adjusts the digital image to ensure the crown will fit correctly.

"This comes at a time when many are using free music downloads," Winings said. "We hope to educate students on what is and isn't permitted."

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The finished digital image is sent to a lab in Pennsylvania that constructs the base, normally made of metal, out of a high-strength aluminiun oxide.

"By not using a metal alloy, the tooth is stronger, and it eliminates the tisk of a metallic allergic reaction to the prosthesis."

The base is used to cement it as easily as the day before, and students then apply ceramic mix to the coping in various layers to mimic the original tooth.

The final product is estimated to last from seven to 10 years.

About 30 students will be using the scanner next semester to learn how to scan in actual cases as part of the ceramics course offered through the dental technology department.

"I anticipate students will learn a very valuable product, the cutting edge of technology, for when they get out into the industry," Winings said.

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Student Programming Council has large variety events

Homecoming, trip, debate part of schedule

Jessica Younanta
Daily Egyptian

The Student Programming Council has high expectations for what they hope will be a bright semester.

This semester, the council will be debating on the issue of legalizing marijuana to a showing of the classic film "Easy Rider." The council, along with the Student Union Board, will also continue in their tradition of providing diverse entertainment to SIUC students.

The council is also planning an all-day Monday to inform interested students about the variety of upcoming programs they have, making the council more accessible.

Events range from comedy shows, debates, trips and films to this year's Fall Homecoming, the theme of which is "Cinéria: the Nile Saluki Style."

In order to perform the programs the group has planned, the council needs SIUC students to assist in putting together these events.

Volunteer positions are open to any student at the University who is enrolled in at least one course and is willing to dedicate free time to the organization.

"It's great for anyone from a another club to someone who does volunteerism in their school who has 30 hours," said SPC Director Jeff Hunter, a junior in political science.

"I guess they wouldn't have that much time... we would appreciate their company."

Volunteers of SPC are given the opportunity to attend events, but also to make suggestions as well as possibilities for upcoming events.

"It's great opportunity to benefit from Juliet and the Firecracker of films, said SPC's Laura Green, a junior in Mass Communications.

"We try to think of what people want to do," Davis said.

"I'm not going to lie and say that my own interests don't bleed in sometimes, but it's mainly based on student's interests," Green said.

...class event that UNM's network on be used to start gathering "We have filters in place that prioritize illegal downloading," said John Garcia, a senior in Computer Science.

"If they agree to terms that cover the type of downloading necessary, we will provide them with an account," Garcia said.

"You don't have to know anyone to sign up," Garcia said.

"At University of New Mexico, security measures are in place that can identify the user, that is exactly the file-sharing program." Garcia added.

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"We also have filters in place that the RIAA will inform CIRT that copyrighted files are downloading," Garcia said.

"If they agree to terms that cover the type of activity that UNM's network can be used for. The RIAA would inform CIRT that copyrighted file-sharing activity occurred. CIRT would then notify the Dean of Students who the individual is.

"We want to investigate if that student was using UNM to download copyrighted information," said Rob Burford, the judicial Affian Specialist at CIRT. "We are going to do a massive information fall that informs them that can you be severely financially hurt. We want to inform students, so that it doesn't happen to them."

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Don’t complain about progress

Construction... this is the word on the lips of students everywhere.

This is for all those who are complaining about the construction on Grand and U.S. 51.

We all pass it on our way to and from campus. The thick dust is in the air as we feebly try to maneuver our cars through the debris. Our radios can’t even block out the sound of the jackhammers as we pass.

By the time we reach our destination, we feel frustrated and stressed out. The most logical course of action is to talk to the equally frustrated person parking next to us.

While heated words about the construction are flying out of our mouths, there is a silent force helping to complete the project at wages as low as $13.74 an hour.

Construction workers begin work at 6 a.m., and many times don’t leave until 4 or 5 in the afternoon. It is a job that requires much endurance. Not only must they endure the heat and humidity every day.

Since March, E.T. Simonds Construction Company has worked to complete the stretch of U.S. 51 between the University’s Physical Plant and Mill Street. Since then, there have been many temporary problems as the work was completed. The most recent closure has been at the intersection of Grand Avenue and U.S. 51.

Many people wonder why they didn’t wait until after school started to begin the work or finish the project sooner. Time and money are the issues. Every sign and the noise around town is funded by E.T. Simonds. Extra workers were also added to help finish the project promptly.

Also in the interest of students’ convenience, E.T. Simonds decided to begin the project Aug. 5 and finish Aug. 19. As told to the DAILY EGYPTIAN, Operations Manager Brian Norris knew an overlap of the construction schedule and the beginning of school existed but saw the advantages of beginning the project as soon as possible.

Many do not realize another task was also being completed at the same time as the construction. Illinois Central Railroad Construction is replacing the railroad crossing and signals at the Grand Avenue intersection. According to Norris, it wasn’t the construction that closed Grand Avenue but mainly the work being done to replace the railroad crossing.

The Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois Central Railroad completed the two projects to occur simultaneously to avoid as short of inconvenience as possible to all involved.

The project’s so far ahead of schedule that E.T. Simonds believes they will be done by October even though their contract extends into the fall of 2014. The initial construction on Grand was scheduled for the fall after move-in. E.T. Simonds pushed it up to finish far ahead of schedule. This reduced the amount of hassle students put up with when the fall semester began.

In many construction projects, there is a cash bonus for companies that finish projects early. This time that was not the case.

The University put $300,000 toward this project in anticipation of a new multipurpose stadium. The extra interest will be used to help draw into the stadium.

Construction can be frustrating for everyone involved, but it is something that should be dealt with calmly. If there is a serious matter about a construction project, IDOT should be able to answer any questions.

A construction worker hardly deserves the wrath of someone who steps in on extra 15 minutes and begins to work. This worker has probably been working since dawn to complete the project and make his or her wage.

Instead of rolling down the window to hurl along phrases at the next worker you see, thank them.

Patrick Dilley, Ph. D.
Assistant Professor of Higher Education

Despite editorial, gay high school is a must

The issue is not as simple as the editorial presented. The Harvey Milk School in New York City is an established alternative to negative scholastic experiences for non-heterosexual youth and a cost effective preventative for the NYC school district.

The school is not new, it was established in 1984 as an alternative school for students who were at risk dropping out due to harassment and assault in regular high schools.

This year the Harvey Milk School moved beyond two rooms, it became a fully accredited public high school. The school plans on enrolling around 100 students, which is roughly one out of every 11,000 students in the NYC school system.

Some people might feel that such a school is a waste of money or a misguided educational reform; they are wrong.

Harassment is a real problem for many non-heterosexual students being verbally harassed because of their sexual orientation. 63.9 percent reported being sexually harassed (that figure for girls is 64.3 percent; 41.9 percent reported being physically harassed grabbed or shoved), and 21.1 percent reported being physically assaulted (punched, kicked, attacked with a weapon) because of their sexual orientation. That is two out of every 10 gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) youth being physically harmed because of who they are.

Certainly, not all gay students have such experiences but the climates in our schools too often foster discrimination that leads to physical manifestations. But school districts are learning. After many court cases, that they must provide safe educational spaces for non-heterosexual students.

A Little Rock, Arkansas school district had to pay $25,000 to a student in July for allowing harassment to go unchecked against him. Last year, a Nevada school district paid $45,000. The reality is that if schools allow harassment and discrimination of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, the costs will be very high, both in money and human experience.

The DE opined that non-heterosexual students need to learn that the world is tough, harsh and many times unacceptable and forgiving. That is a toxic LGBT students have already learned, the hard way they do not need further misjudgment.

Moreover, I believe one of the prime sins of education should be tolerance, if not outright elimination, such hardships for all students.

The DE also implied that the non-heterosexual students should try to help teach the straight students tolerance and diversity. This is what theorist Maia Ettinger refers to as the “Stoicohamms Paradigm,” making the non-majority responsibly for the education and enlightenment of the majority.

Why should 100 students be responsible for teaching 11,000 other students this, at the risk of their own education and safety? The majority should be required to learn these lessons as well as not bash and hate others — but not at the expense of those most vulnerable to abuse.

These views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.
University shouldn't drop standards to save money

Dear Editor:

At an SICU almost and Carbondale community member, I deeply shared by recent documents of the Budget Task Force. In particular, I'd would like to comment on several proposals from your August 23 article.

First, that is the general approach of eliminating and existing programs. While this may be appropriate for standardized, it is a dangerous precedent.

In an 83 students at college level. Further departments may be targeted for having no diversity and depth of study. This will greatly diminish the strength of SICU in an educational and research community.

Second, I believe that the notion of merging Black American Studies, Sociology, and Women's Studies into departments may have a loss. I urge all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members to speak out in support of these programs. They are just in part saving money if the quality of education is lost.

Treaty

University of Illinois, Chicago

Gay marriage is a civil liberties issue

Dear Editor:

Right on, Chicago Tribune! For your Friday re­ports endorsing gay marriage!

Free and equal rights should be a right of all people. The First Amendment protects the right to marry, and the Ten Commandments is inextricable from church and state. Our government is the expression of church and state. For this superior attitude. Recently, on his program "The 700 Club," Pat Robertson prayed for impeachment of the Supreme Court judges who ruled against his "Christian agenda."

Yet last but not least, Moore and his followers should remember the dissenting justices who upheld the Constitution. By putting the Ten Commandments in the courthouse, it is obviously reaffirming the constitutional separation of church and state.

On a rather ironic note it is highly interesting that a judge in Alabama is interested in the commandments, since Supreme Court judges who rule against the commandments are not the same battle that the south is losing.

African-Americans reacted to Jim Crow in Alabama. Courts. To begin with, the South is losing.

The Ten Commandments monument in the Alabama Supreme Court building. "This is not the only commandment I know that was broken."

Gay marriage is a civil liberties issue.

By Laura Adolphson

Letters to the Editor:

Letters are limited to 300 words and must be double-spaced. Allletters are edited. Acceptable content suggestions.

Letters should be on a specific topic and not necessarily reflect the views of the Daily Egyptian.
Tylenol targets extreme sports crowd with pain-is-cool concept

Jeff Gammage
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA (KRT) — As the videogame opens, moun-
tain bike Josh Thadin is riding down toward a dirt-and-rock jump, his launching point for a spectacular 30-foot drop. His takeoff is smooth, his mil-
excrescent of airtime seeming to last forever. But his bike is not.
Bender bounces hard. The back wheel of his bike comes up, pushing his feet and forcing his arms down on the handlebars.
Bender's heart makes it impos-
able to see this far, but it's easy to imagine that his jaws are clenched in grim satisfaction. On the other side, they will sail wide apart, entering the scream that foreshadows what's to come.

He vanishes behind a screen of trees and spruceries. When he emerges a split second later he's on the ground, barreling down the mountain on his chest while his bike teams marred cartwheels above him. He nearly makes it to the middle of the valley, trailing a cloud of white dust. The end.

The end. — time before you see sales impact.”

Landry said. “There is hope everywhere, a split second later he's on the ground, barreling down the mountain on his chest while his bike teams marred cartwheels above him. He nearly makes it to the middle of the valley, trailing a cloud of white dust.

When most people see an extreme-sports tape like this, they think of a single word: opportunity.

When executives at McNeil Consumer & Specialty Pharmaceuticals see one, they think of a single word: opportunity.

Now, the Fort Washington, Pa.-based firm is embarking on an expensive new ad campaign that promotes a solitary, seemingly counterintuitive idea: Pain is cool.

Pain isn't just for the old, the infirm, the sedentary. For the young, the athletic, people who hurt because their bodies are worn out, but because they're being pushed to the limit.

McNeil is setting out to position its flagship product, Tylenol, as the pain reliever of choice for people who embrace ache and injury as their personal badge of honor: Mountain bikers. Skateboarders. Break-dancers. Surfers. Snowboarders. Campbell, a marketing professor, promoting the movies he makes about professional skateboarders and snowboarders.

The company has been moving its product strategy down the age di-
art, broadening its use from the sports set to the young, the athletic, people who just need a little relief after a long day of skateboarding, says the kids he works with before and tweak the packaging changes.

The end. — time before you see sales impact.”

It's what the business-school graduates call "repositioning," the tactic that is called repositioning or searching for white space, it's a proven business strategy, coaxed forward by overt techniques such as celebrity endorsements and the music industry.

The important thing in reposi-
ing is that it isn't just for the old, the infirm, the sedentary. For the young, the athletic, people who hurt because their bodies are worn out, but because they're being pushed to the limit.

Landry said. “There is hope everywhere, a split second later he's on the ground, barreling down the mountain on his chest while his bike teams marred cartwheels above him. He nearly makes it to the middle of the valley, trailing a cloud of white dust.

There's a hope everywhere, Landry said. “It gives you...
College life at age 80 differs from norm

Alex Lucas
The Oracle (U. South Florida)

TAMPA, Fla. (UPI) — While most retirees spend their days relaxing, John Stein and wife Vera spend their time exercising at the University of South Florida or swimming in the Campus Recreation Center.

For the past 13 years, they have been students at USF. But they aren’t passing after the buck. They exercise with students under the minor’s tuition in Neshoba, Miss. She married at the age of 18, had great-grandkids, but no great-grandchildren. Two years later, Vera met John three times a week where you may ask questions about the business.

“My boss doesn’t have a daily routine in this office, whether he is free on the street or in jail incarcerated.”

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“It’s a little odd to have to pay more to become what a (licensed) offender,” but I have to,” said Home Rentals tenant Danny Gerhardt.

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Kermit Banks House can be reached at bwsaon@dailycgypian.com
North Korea nuclear talks begin Wednesday in Beijing

Michael Dorgan & Warren P. Strobel
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BEIJING (KRT) - Amid high tensions and low expectations, representatives of six nations will gather in China's capital Wednesday for three days of talks aimed at easing the nuclear standoff with North Korea.

While the outcome is uncertain, the stakes are clear. While much of the world recently has focused on Iraq, Afghanistan and the war on terrorism, North Korea has emerged as the most dangerous diplomatic challenge facing President Bush and other world leaders.

"The North Korean nuclear threat is about as real and serious as the threat as we could have anywhere in either the region or the world," Australian Prime Minister John Howard noted during a visit to Beijing last week.

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SU Athletics may change website provider

Official College Sports Network seeking exodus among mid-major schools

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

Saldhi faxes accessing information via the Internet may lead to significant changes in the SU Athletics website, according to sources. The site, located at www.SalukiSports.com, is scheduled to go up in three to six months. It is currently operated by the Official College Sports Network at a price of $15,000 per year.

“SU Athletics is one of the original OCSN clients,” said Brian Frumund, the school’s Director of Athletic Media Relations.

SU Athletics Director Paul Kowalczik says he would be happy to list the Salukis to the Official College Sports Network in the fall, which is evidenced by the fact that SU Athletics will now change Website provider.

“We’re looking at it as a difficult task,” Kowalczik said.

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Kowalczik said that whether or not the local provider isn’t as important as a service that provides a quality service at a price.

“We’re going to throw open the door and hopefully find the best company and the best financial arrangement,” said Kowalczik, who added that the Salukis’ current site is handled by 1,000 unique users during the last fiscal year.

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Kowalczik said that whether or not the local provider isn’t as important as a service that provides a quality service at a price.

“We’re going to throw open the door and hopefully find the best company and the best financial arrangement,” said Kowalczik, who added that the Salukis’ current site is handled by 1,000 unique users during the last fiscal year.

Michael Valley Conference member Evansville and Creighton have also recently left OCSN, citing significant savings. In July, Evansville left OCSN in favor of College Sports News, a company that provides a service similar to that of OCSN.

Creighton now utilizes a local Internet company after going through a free trial with OCSN. The move took a month for instead of freezing a pay bill.

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Out of the SHADOW

Jitco transfer Melvin Vance gets his chance to shine
Story by Adam Soebbing

Starting SIU junior cornerback Melvin Vance has been the lightweight, pulls his helmet off of his head and gently rests it against his right hip after a successful tackle.

Supporting the weight of the helmet with his dangling right arm, Melvin is starting off into the backdrop of the SIU football practice fields. Lined with tall trees that mask just about all of the enclosed practice area along Highway 101, the setting captures the true essence of Southern Illinois.

But there is something weird about this moment.
The practice fields at SIU have never before been granted by the presence of Vance.

For the first time in his life, Melvin is out just Chirs's little brother anymore.

Melvin and Chris Vance, who went on to become a star wide receiver and key component to the Ohio State Buckeyes' national championship team last season, grew up in Fort Myers, Fla., a city located on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River in Southwest Florida. Raised by their mother Adilcan, Melvin and Chris, known as Jason to those closest to him, were inseparable.

"If you knew Jason you knew Melvin," Adilcan said, "and if you knew Melvin you knew Jason.

From the time they were 9 years old, they were playing sports. Whether it was football, basketball, baseball or whatever, they were always competing.

The two brothers continued their love for competition at Fort Myers High School. Excelling in multiple sports, Chris gained all-conference honors and more than enough attention as a standout receiver for the Greenwave.

But Melvin, who is slightly shorter than Chris, wasn't too shabby either.

Nurturing at both defensive end and tight end, in addition to starting on special teams, Melvin never left the field as he earned all-conference and all-state honors in football. Melvin also earned a member of the track team.

But by comparison, Melvin always seemed to get lost in the shuffle by the more outgoing Chris.

"Melvin is real quiet. He's the baby," Adilcan said.

As a result, a nickname became attached to Melvin that he wasn't too fond of.

"People were always like, 'you're Chris's little brother,'" said Adilcan. Kelly, cousin and mentor to Melvin and Chris, referring to the way some people would often address Melvin.

"And he would say, 'oh, I'm Melvin Vance.'

They're the right and still totally different people.

But there was a common thread throughout his years at Fort Scott.

"Even though Chris would eventually end up at Ohio State, that doesn't necessarily mean that he was the better athlete. As the older brother, he just seemed to fall onto his shoulders.

"Everybody always wanted me to be like my brother, but the way I see it, I can't be like him because we play two different positions and we're two different people," Melvin said. "Threw living in that shadow, but that OK, because that's my brother and I love him.

Even though Melvin didn't like having to live up to Chris's example, they remained as close as two brothers can be. In fact, Melvin decided to attend the same college out of high school as Chris, Fort Scott (Kansas) Community College.

In his first season at Fort Scott, Melvin redshirted and was used as a utility player in practice. The coaches had the physically gifted Melvin playing defensive end, tight end, defensive tackle and defensive back.

He was even able to polish his corner skills against his brother.

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Salukis prepared to unleash scoring frenzy

SIU high-powered offense led by trio of running backs

Jens Deju

You've seen them on poormis. Their names have dominated the local media headlines.

They are "Thunder and Lightning."

SIU's running back combination of Muhammad Abdulqadir and Tom Koutsos is not only the greatest ever at SIU, it might be one of the best ever in Division I-AA.

In his one season in Carbondale, Abdulqadir racked up 1,231 rushing yards and scored a total of 21 touchdowns. The preseason All-American was well on his way to one of the finest seasons ever for a running back before a hand injury ended his year with three games remaining on the schedule.

Koutsos, who played in just three games a year ago before he too suffered a season-ending injury, enters the season with a school-record 3,747 yards and a 5.02 rushing average in the winning distance of the all-time Gateway Conference mark.

Another starting in the backfield is senior Brandon Robinson, who gained 172 rushing yards and 217 receiving yards a year ago.

The trio is regarded as the best in the Gateway Conference with Abdulqadir and Koutsos both earning preseason all-conference honors and Robinson being named honorable mention.

"It doesn't really matter who you hand it off to because you know that a big play can happen at any time," SIU sophomore quarterback Joel Steinberg said. "That's going to be scary for defenses and so I'm really excited. It takes a lot of the burden off my shoulders."

A healthy Abdulqadir and Koutsos mean the SIU rushing attack will be even deadlier than it was a year ago, which is saying a lot. Last year the Salukis ranked No. 3 in all of Division I-AA in rushing with 3,308 total yards and an average of 275.67 yards per game.

But all that firepower will mean nothing if the linemen cannot pull things together and anchor the Salukis high-octane offense.

Gone are former senior starters Richie Schaffer and Mike Fritzler, as well as Zach Schumacher, who played...