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Police arrest suspect in stabbing attack

Missouri man arrested after incident outside Big Boys Q’n on Jan. 26

Brandon Augsburg

Police have made an arrest in connection with a stabbing following a fight outside Big Boys Q’n in Carbondale on Jan. 26.

Carbondale Police arrested Matthew C. Stainbrook, 21, of St. Ann, Mo., Tuesday night in the 400 block of West Monroe Street. He was arrested on a warrant for aggravated battery with a knife and was taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro.

Stainbrook has been charged with two counts of aggravated battery and remains in jail on a $50,000 bond.

Carbondale Police Officer Randy Mathis said there was no indication as to why Stainbrook was in Carbondale.

According to a press release from the department, police originally responded to Big Boys Q’n, located at 104 W. Jackson St., after a fight was reported.

Two men fled the scene, but one — Willie C. Carr, 20, of Carbondale — was arrested and charged with fighting and resisting a police officer.

During the ensuing investigation, police learned that an employee — James Connell, 24, of Murphysboro — was stabbed in the lower back while trying to break up a different fight outside the establishment before police arrived.

Police said Connell drove himself to the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale where he was found to have a lacerated kidney. Connell was transported to a St. Louis hospital for treatment.

Stainbrook’s preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 22.

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Towers to require all-day sign-in after spring break

Sarah Lohman

After spring break, the SIUC campus will see an increase in spring break.

A new safety feature for SIUC residents living in Brush Towers will make sign-in mandatory 24 hours a day, said Beth Scally, associate director of housing for residence life.

Currently, students are free to enter the building as they please during the day. Residents must swipe their student identification cards to gain access from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Guests must have a photo ID and be signed in by a resident.

She said the new policy would be implemented when housing reopens after spring break.

"That will give us an opportunity to let residents know what we’re doing and why we’re doing it, appreciating that it’s going to be a bit of an inconvenience for students, but the security outweighs that inconvenience," Scally said.

University Hall implemented a similar policy this week, Scally said. The hall has always had an electric keycard entrance, but will now require the card for entry at all hours, she said.

Director of University Housing Julie Payne Kirchmeier said students who do not live at University Hall but still wish to eat there will still be able to do so. She said a desk attendant would sit in the lobby to check IDs so students can access the dining hall.

The security changes are part of a series of enhancements University Housing has been working on for the past several years, Scally said. She said they started night walks in the areas, improved lighting, and evaluated desk operations in the residence halls.

The new Brush Tower policy was a request made by the Resident Housing Association last semester, Kirchmeier said.

“We’re also conducting a security audit to see if there are even other ways and better ways we can continue to provide a safe environment for our students, with the understanding that we always need our students to help us with that,” Kirchmeier said.

Caren Oliver, a freshman from Naperville studying fashion design, said she was not thrilled by the new policy.

“It is going to be time-consuming and kind of a hassle,” she said.

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Beyond the baskets

Could athletic prominence solve campus problems?

Sean McGohan

A sellout crowd of students from “the worst college sports town in America” is expected to root the nation’s 21st-ranked SIU men’s basketball team to victory over its rival Creighton Saturday.

While the Salukis are among the top college competitors, the jury is still out on where the team’s supporters — and its campus — rank.

Sports Illustrated On Campus Magazine named SIUC the worst college sports town in the nation in 2003, stating that the student body is more prone to drinking spirits than having any. It is the distinction.

The most recent time the magazine released its “college sports town, the Salukis defeated Bradley 60-50. A sellout crowd is expected for Saturday’s home game against rival Creighton.

Criticism has been aimed at Carbondale since 2005, when they were at the No. 25 poll for the first time this season, named the No. 21 team in the nation. It was the first time the Salukis cracked the Top 25 since 2000, when they were at the No. 25 spot for one week.

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**Watch group reaches out with students**

DANNY WENGER

To Bob Luebers, there are two important questions to measure the quality of a neighborhood.

*One is you ask the question — do I feel safe to walk this neighborhood day or night?* Luebers said. *Number two — do I know my neighbors?*

Luebers is the neighborhood watch captain in the area between Poplar Street and University Avenue, where Ryan Livingston was stabbed last year and Luke Wirth was shot Jan. 29 while he stumbled another male.

Luebers organized a walk-through of the neighborhood Thursday night in part to respond to the shooting of Wirth. Among the walkthrough’s participants were members of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and Carbondale Police Sgt. Stan Reno.

Luebers said the theme of the event was “random acts of kindness.”

“This walkthrough is just letting people know that people still care about the safety of this community and being part of the community ourselves, it would be good to be involved,” Tilton said.

Kerin said the area had several burglaries during the holiday season in the past, but lately there have been fewer. He attributed the fewer burglaries in part to the activity of the watch group.

As the group walked from house to house, Luebers pointed out good and bad lighting on the streets.

“Notice the good light,” he said at one house with a bright porch light.

Luebers also noted the condition of trees and untrimmed bushes at another house explaining that trimming will reduce the areas where people can hide.

Another important part of the event was to get to know the residents of the area, he said.

“It’s a way for us to put a face with the neighborhood,” Luebers said.

Jessie Vargas, a neighborhood resident and graduate student in physiology, said the watch helps him feel a little safer, but not completely secure.

“It helps a little bit, but I feel world,” Vargas said. “This neighborhood is not the safest, but I guess any little bit of extra vigilance helps.”

Jake Costello, a sophomore from Alton studying finance, said the goal of a safer community is a constant effort.

“I think the biggest part of it is that it’s a 24-7 job. It’s having the willpower to, when you see something happening, to get out there and report it to the police.”

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**Birth control prices rise**

JOE CRAWFORD

The federal government is meddling in the sex lives of SIUC students.

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Chaney said the price of other forms of prescription birth control would likely increase soon as a result of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which took effect in January. When signing the bill in February 2006, President Bush said the act was designed to save the government money.

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“In my opinion, if you’re in a couple relationship, the significant other should help pay for birth control,” she said.

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Although anyone can purchase over-the-counter medication from the center’s pharmacy, only students can buy products that require prescriptions.

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**Giuliani suggests announcement of a matter of when, not if**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rudy Giuliani, the former New York City mayor who became a national hero for his response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, suggested Monday that a formal presidential announcement was a matter of when, not if.

“Today we just took another step toward running for president,” the Republican said, hours after filing a so-called “statement of candidacy” with the Federal Election Commission, which moved him closer to a full-fledged campaign.

“It’s a big step, an important one. Quite honestly, we’re probably ahead of schedule,” Giuliani told reporters in long island while campaigning with a state Senate candidate. “We still have to think about a formal announcement and how to do it, but this is a pretty strong step.”

Later, in an interview on Fox News’ “Hannity & Colmes,” Giuliani was more direct. “I’m in this to win,” he said. “My campaign is going to be about the future.”

Unlike chief GOP rivals Sen. John McCain and Mitt Romney, Giuliani has thus far been ambiguous about whether he would pursue the Republican nomination, even though he had taken the initial steps.

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**Volunteers in the Neighborhood Watch Group stuff bags with cookies**

MAX BITTLE

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**Rising prices**

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**Form of prescription birth control**

Source: Sue Chaney, pharmacy director at the Student Health Center

George Marshello — Daily Egyptian

Bob Luebers, center left, and Ed Tilton deliver cookies on Elm Street as part of the Neighborhood Watch Group ‘random acts of kindness’ on Thursday night. The Neighborhood Watch Group is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church and the Delta Sigma Phi. The volunteers canvassed the neighborhoods surrounding the church knocking on doors and handing out cookies.

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**Neighborhood Watch Group’s ‘random acts of kindness’**

MAX BITTLE

The Neighborhood Watch Group’s ‘random acts of kindness’ Thursday night.

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Washington

White House treads carefully to avert GOP opposition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is attempting an awkward straddle as Congress debates resolutions critical of the Iraq war, determined to avoid a repudiation of President Bush yet reluctant to boost tanh too soon in an effort to forestall a frustratio of a Republican backlash.

At least a half-dozen Republican senators appear ready to vote for a motion to reverse Bush's decision to deploy an additional 21,500 troops.

In the House, GOP leaders concede there will be deflections next week when the vote is taken on a measure expressing disapproval of the troop increase.

For the sign of the relationship between congressional Republicans and the administration after nearly four years of the deaths of more than 3,000 U.S. military personnel and the midterm elections that gave Democrats control of the House and Senate.

Alabama

4 dead, 4 injured after freight train hits van at crossing

THORSBY, Ala. (AP) — A freight train struck a van early Thursday, killing four men on their way to work and injuring the four others.

The crossing was marked only by a faded sign, with one of its “X” gone. There were no cross bars or flashing lights.

The white van rolled several times before landing in a ditch beside the train tracks, with windows broken and seats and contents from inside strewn on the ground. As distraught family members made their way through the scene, the van lay la the ditch, its right front corner crumpled.

Police said the men left in the dark each morning because they were going to construction job sites about 50 miles away.

Saudi Arabia

Rivals sign deal on power-sharing government

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Rival Palestinian leaders signed an agreement on a power-sharing government Thursday, with the militant Hamas group promising to “respect” peace deals made with Israel.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, of the mainstream Fatah movement and Hamas, signed the accord at a ceremo

nized by Saudi King Abdullah in a palace overlooking the Kaaba, Islam’s holiest shrine.

Arizona

3 illegal immigrants killed by gunman

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Gunmen opened fire on three illegal immigrants who parked their truck at a ditch on either side of the border after a woman was killed, another was shot in the hand.

During a confrontation, one man was struck with a pistol in the head.

The immigrants were heading north when four men armed with rifles in a car in the front vehicle faced the truck to stop. During a confrontation, one man was shot in the hand — losing several fingers — and a woman was shot in the head.

World & Nation

Suzette Laboy

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Anna Nicole Smith, the pneumatic blonde whose life played out as an extraordinary tabloid tale — jeans model, Playboy centerfold, widow of an octogenarian billionaire, marital-sho subject, tragic model died Thursday after collapsing at a hotel.

She was 39.

She was chinking while staying at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino and rushed to a hotel.

Edwina Johnson, chief investigator of the Broward County Medical Examiner’s Office, said the cause of death was under investigation and an autopsy would be done on Friday.

Just three months after her 20-year-old son died suddenly in the Bahamas in what was believed to be a drug-relax.

Seminole Police Chief Charles Tiger said a private plane called 911 after finding Smith unconscious in her sixth-floor room. He said Smith’s bodyguard administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation about an hour before she was declared dead.

Through the 90s and into the new century, Smith was famous for being famous, a pop-culture punchline because of her up-and-down weight, her Marilyn Monroe looks, her exaggerated curves, her high voice, her dirty-blond persona, and her over-the-top revealing outfits.

“She was going to be like Marilyn, her whole life and ironically died in a similar manner,” said Smith’s former hairstylist Leon Lents.

No one has been charged in her death.

The former Topless dancer was shot in the head at a home in suburban Houston, one of six children of one of 10 children of a Houston, one of six children of her mother.

She married Bill Smith in 1985, giving birth to seven children.

“From my professional exposure to Anna Nicole, I can say she was always personable, down to earth and driven. All in all, a joy to have as a client,” said Wayne Munroe, her Bahamian lawyer who has overseen the aftermath of her son’s mysterious death in Nassau.

Prostitution rests in US leak case

Matt Apuzzo

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — NBC’s Tim Russert deficit covered an excruciating interview with Richard B. Clarke as he completed a heated second day of cross-examination Thursday in the trial of former White House aide I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby.

Russert, who testified that he never discussed out CIA opera

tional Valerie Plame with Libby, was the final witness called in the case.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald rested his three-week perjury and obstruction of justice case against Libby. Libby’s attorneys will begin calling witnesses Monday.

The “journalist was forced to the kind of interrogation he usually goes on to his Sunday television show “Meet the Press,” as attorneys flashed excerpts of his previous statements on a video monitor and asked him to explain inconsistencies.

A law school graduate, Russell avoided several traps defense attorneys laid before him. He seemed uncomfortable at times, however, as they asked him to explain why he willingly told on FBI agent about a July 2003 conversation with Libby, then gave a sworn statement saying he would not testify about that conversation because it was confidential.

Rassier’s credibility is under fire because he and Libby tell very different stories about a July 2003 phone call that is at the heart of the case.

The question of who to believe could be a critical jury room issue.

Both men agree that Libby called Rassier to complain about a colleague’s news coverage.

Libby says the call at the end of the call, Rassier told him “all the reporters know that Plame, the wife of a prominent war critic, worked for the CIA.”

Rassier testifl that the part of the conversation never occurred.

“Then that would be impossible,” Rassier testified.

Libby subsequently repeated the information about Plame to other journalists with the caveat that he had heard it from reporters, he has said.

Prosecutors say Libby con

lected the Rassier conversation to shield him from prosecution for revealing classified information from government sources.

Iran warns U.S. it will retaliate if struck

Nasser Karimi

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran stepped up its warnings to the United States Thursday, with the nation’s supreme leader saying Thursday that if the United States attacked Iran, it would retaliate if struck.

Days earlier, an Iranian diplomat was detained in Iraq in an incident that Iran blamed on America. The United States denied any role. The U.S. also said it has no plans to strike Iran, but has sent a second aircraft carrier to the Persian Gulf to show strength in the face of rising Iranian regional influence.

But many in Iran say they fear attack. Iranian media and Web sites have almost daily commentaries on a possible U.S. attack — some of them blaming the hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for the deterioration in the already sour U.S.-Iranian relations by his provocative rhetoric against America and Israel.

A possible U.S. attack would shutter Iran’s nuclear facility.

Iran, which is a major supplier of oil to the West and is awaiting development of a nuclear weapon, is believed to be undeclared.

The nation’s supreme leader saying Thursday that if the United States attacked Iran, it would retaliate if struck.

But even as Iran’s rhetoric has escalated, it has increasingly insisted it is open to a diplomatic solution to its standoff with the West. Iran’s top nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, said Wednesday he would meet European officials for talks on Iran’s nuclear program during a security conference this weekend in Munich, Germany.

Also Thursday, Iran’s intelligence minister said the government had detected a network of U.S. and Israeli spies operating on its bor

ders and had detained a group of Iranians who planned to go abroad for espionage training, state television reported.

But the minister, Gholam Hossein Moghaddam, did not say whether any of the U.S. Jewish network had been arrested nor provide any details on the Iranians.

Many Iranians have said they feel under siege and fear an attack despite U.S. denials of such a plan. President Bush has ordered American troops to act against Iranians suspected of being involved in the Iraq insur

gency, in addition to sending the second carrier to the region.

Whitney Holbourn, 16, takes her photo with Anna Nicole Smith at the Barnstable-Brown Kentucky Derby party in April 2004 in Louisville, Ky.

David Stephenson — McClatchy-Tribune

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World & Nation

Smith dies at 39 after collapsing
$20,000 grant pays for Internet project

Alejandro Gonzalez  
Daily Egyptian

People with Wi-Fi Internet devices now have more places to check their e-mail in Carbondale as wireless hotspots have been created around downtown.

The wireless connection will be available at City Hall, Antrakl, Town Square, Veterans Plaza, Friendship Plaza, the Carbondale Civic Center, Carbondale Public Library and Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

The network was paid for with a $20,000 grant that the city received five months ago from Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn’s office. The project cost the city $19,495, and SlingShot Wireless Communications of Woodlawn created the network.

Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty said the network exists to help attract customers to the downtown area.

“It’s there to give them another reason to come in and hopefully frequent the businesses,” Doherty said. “In the downtown area, it’s an attraction.”

Businesses close to the connections will benefit, Doherty said.

“Right now, it is available for public use,” he said. “If there is a business that is adjacent to one of these spots to use the wireless network, then all the better. We don’t have any restrictions on who can use it.”

Rosanne Conley, executive director of Carbondale Main Street, helped obtain the grant for Carbondale. About 70 cities throughout the state were eligible to receive the grant.

Conley said the network was made with a certain type of Internet user in mind.

“This Wi-Fi is actually designed for more of a casual user, someone who’s traveling through town, or someone who wants to bring their laptop in to one of the hotspots,” she said.

People who use the service will be booted off the network after two hours, whether they use the Internet or not, in order to keep business productive.

“Students who come to Carbondale are very Internet savvy and we want to be careful to protect anyone in the area,” Conley said. “The other reason is that many of the restaurants really can’t encourage someone to stay at a table all day and maybe sip coffee.”

Conley said she believes the hotspots are important for people of Carbondale.

“Having Internet access is no longer just a convenience, it is pretty much a necessity,” she said.

Seeing red over debit cards

Alicia Wade  Daily Egyptian

If buying stacks of books for class or splurging on a weekend out with friends has caused a shrinking budget to be stamped into the ground, the Center for Responsible Lending has a solution for an account in the red.

In a recent report, titled “Debit Card Danger,” the nonprofit research organization wrote that banks should warn people who are ready to make a purchase with their debit card or withdrawal from an ATM if their account will be overdrawn.

CRL spokeswoman Sharon Reuss said banks have the means to notify customers during a transaction, but they simply don’t.

“It’s very feasible,” she said.

“Banks just opt to not inform their customers.”

According to the report, banks can warn customers with ease because the transactions happen electronically. They even have the ability to tell those using ATM machines from other banks that their accounts will drop into the red, the report said.

The initial research followed 5,000 customers who used the nation’s 15 largest banks. The study showed debit card spending and ATM withdrawals cause 46 percent of overdraft charges.

“As part of that research, they did a survey and people said, ‘Yeah, we’d like to be warned,’” Reuss said.

The CRL also reported the average overdraft fee nationwide is $34.

Emily Fitzgerald, a senior from Normal studying accounting, said she had never overdrawn her bank account, but doesn’t blame banks for not notifying their customers of falling into a negative balance.

“But if I overdrew my account, it would be my own fault.”

She said if people could find a way to keep from doing that, they would have the ability to receive e-mails indicating when accounts reach a certain amount.

“I can set a limit online,” she said. “If it drops below $500 then they send me an e-mail.”

The CRL report said some banks have already begun the practice of notifying their customers when a transaction will put the customer’s account in debt.

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United wins final OK for China flights

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines said Thursday it will begin the first nonstop daily flight between Washington, D.C., and Beijing next month, with tickets going on sale Saturday.

The nation’s second-largest carrier said it received final approval from the Department of Transportation, giving UAL Corp.’s United a route to travel to the Olympic Games in Beijing.

The move was one of several announced Thursday that beat out AMR Corp.’s American Airlines, which sought to fly between Dallas/Fort Worth and Beijing; Continental Airlines Inc., which applied for service between Newark, N.J., and Shanghai; and Northwest Airlines Corp., which applied for Denver-Shanghai service.

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Wireless hotspots in place around city
Students to the rescue — again

The call is out once more for SIUC students to shoulder the weight during a financially challenging time. Administrators admittedly need students to do more than go to class and graduate. They need them to save the university.

A proposal is on the table to raise student fees — two of them by 100 percent — next school year. The $552 in extra fees, alongside a 9.3 percent tuition boost for new students, is meant to aid a school reeling from problems inside and out.

Interim Chancellor John Dunn, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz and Athletic Director Mario Moccia stated their case to the Undergraduate Student Government Wednesday. They say the cash is needed to take care of extra expenses, and declared that the quality of campus life was on the line.

Unsettling words from some of this school’s leaders, who are among a group chiding for having no marketing plan and shoddy communication. It would seem as if SIUC’s top Dawgs brought these monetary woes on themselves.

In this case, the university can’t be blamed for everything.

Finance assistance from the government is at a low and the state is requiring the university to pay for everything. Undergraduate Student Government Wednesday.

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Entrapment was down by 438 students in the fall and 528 this semester when compared to a year earlier.

Do it for the team. It’s not pretty.

If the university expects students to pay up without revolt, it needs to make this the best SIUC possible. The fee increases a necessary proposal. But the university needs to do something in return.

That brings up Saluki Way.

The two fees proposed to raise 100 percent — the Athletic Facilities Fee and Student Services Facility — will do directly into the project, a massive overhaul of the campus’ east side that includes a new football stadium and student services building.

The vision is grand, but the money is not yet there.

Moccia said about $600,000 — contradictory to SIU President Glenn Poshard’s $500,000 estimate last week — is on hand for the project.

Not too impressive considering Saluki Way is slated to cost millions.

This project cannot fall squarely on the students, especially if they are making up for the university’s shortcomings.

Saluki Way fundraising or is standard and no donor will bite until officials come up with some definite material that shows the project is on track.

The SIU Board of Trustees is likely to approve the fee increase proposal. Only two of its members in May 2006 voted against raising student fees, and the board is almost certain to allow the latest increases unless it decides to force the university to come up with another solution.

SIUC should go at these increases like they are on a team with the people who’ll provide the nuts and bolts of this project.

Then, students won’t think they’re just getting the screws.

Campaign tactics?

A political hopeful — say, in a mayor’s race — is a figure of the city and a leader to the people.

He or she is a person who can direct the city into a brighter future and who listens to the people.

But in order to hear the people, one has to go out and actually meet them.

A political candidate who lacks personal contact with his or her potential voters is unlikely to win. People won’t vote for a political figure who doesn’t care enough to walk door-to-door to meet the people he or she may represent.

Some students have recently been bombarded with political phone calls from mayoral candidates.

Vanessa Castano, a law student irritated with the lengthy phone call, said the inconvenience influenced her decision to not vote for Davis.

Obvioulsy, Davis’ intention wasn’t to drive away a vote.

Many other students received the phone calls and wondered how their numbers were obtained for a political campaign.

It may seem like a case of invasion of privacy, but School of Law Dean Peter Alexander explained that the phone numbers were obtained from the University Directory legally and they are public information.

Davis had no comment on her methods of campaigning.

Prior to any political election, a key aspect for people is personal interest from the candidates. These potential leaders need to introduce themselves to the people and share why they should be the next mayor of Carbondale.

A political candidate playing as a telemarketer reflects the callousness of a campaign committee that isn’t considering the voters.

We don’t encourage you to vote against a particular candidate based on this incident, but vote for a candidate that shows they care for the people of Carbondale. Any prospective political hopeful — say, in a mayor’s race — is a figment of the voters.

People need to know who the candidates are. This can’t be done unless they come out and meet the people.

Fast-tracking is essential for U.S. survival

The United States is home to the most innovative companies and the most efficient and productive workforce in the world. As the world’s largest exporter of goods and services, it is estimated that one in every 10 American jobs is directly tied to our ability to export our products, services and farm goods overseas.

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With 95 percent of the world’s population outside of our borders, America must continue to forge trade agreements that will allow our manufacturers, farmers and service providers more and better opportunities to sell their products overseas. The question isn’t whether we should engage in foreign trade, it’s how can we do it better?

Members of Business Roundtable applaud the leaders of both parties in Congress who recognize the benefits of the international marketplace and the necessity of TPA. We are fully supportive of a bipartisan approach to trade promotion authority – understanding that it is too critical of a tool, and our country and our economy must have it to move forward.

Our nation’s workers and businesses are the best in the world, but it’s engaging with the world that gives us the opportunity to compete and win. We can rest on our past successes and let our competitors pull past us with new trade agreements that benefit their businesses and workers – or we can work together to create new and better opportunities to help our businesses and workers be more even more successful in the world economy.

A new bipartisan compact on trade is essential for U.S. economic growth and renewal of TPA should top the list of priorities. We urge Congress and the administration to find the common ground needed to move this critical agenda forward, and Business Roundtable is committed to help achieve that objective.

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Refusal to weigh in on war is dereliction of duty

Michael Goodwin
McClatchy Tribune

During four years of war, the U.S. Senate has not taken a stand on our policies in Iraq. It now has a duty to do just that. If it would only shout up and vote.

But instead it plays political games, seeking partisan advantage over solutions. The world’s so-called greatest deliberative body has become a collection of blithering yakkers who make fools of themselves and suckers of us.

For the last two days, while our troops are fighting for a mission that has run off the rails, the Senate has tied itself in knots over procedure. It is, one member scoffed, “a debate about whether we should debate.” He left out the finger-pointing, the grandstanding and the running from duty that can properly be called cowardice.

At a time of war, the Senate’s dereliction is a scandal. Shame on them all, Democrats and Republicans. They are playing “gotta” games instead of tending to the most important issue of our time.

Too many Republicans are wrapping themselves in the flag by claiming that any criticism of President Bush’s troop surge aids the enemy and hinders our troops. With White House arm-twisting, they united to block a vote on the lone resolution that has bipartisan support.

In doing so, they make Bush’s war their war.

Democrats are no better. Theyくれ borrow from the GOP challenge to vote on all resolutions and not just the one that criticizes the troop surge. Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada denounced the GOP attempt to force multiple votes as a “trick play” and told Republicans, “You can run but you can’t hide.”

Actually, those changes apply to Democrats, too. But it’s a trick and trying to fade by refusing to allow a vote on all resolutions. Most frightening to him is a GOP resolution that would preclude not only cutting for the troops. Reid knows he would be countering political disaster if he put members on the spot, especially those running for President in 2008.

Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, for example, are heavy critics of the war, but the last thing they want to do is to take a clear stand on funding. A “yes” vote on that resolution would bind them to the war no matter what they say in the next two years. A “no” vote would open them to charges that they are abandoning our troops.

One vote would hurt them in the party primaries, the other in the general election.

So Iraq will just have to wait its turn. Politics come first.

Republican presidential candi
date John McCain of Arizona is also in a jam. His resolution supports Bush’s surge but sets benchmarks for the Iraqi government, thus backing the troops while giving himself an easy strategy if the effort collapses. That political straddle is an example of how twisted McCain has become. He settled on the Senate floor yesterday that Democratic claims of support for the troops “won’t sell” if they criticise the surge. Yet he has been the harshest critic of American commanders and has threatened to torpedo the promotion of one.

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Letter to the Editor

Alternative to fee increase

Dear Editor:

Here’s a solution to this seemingly ridiculous situation: Put Saluki Way on hold. Use the money that is currently going towards that project to pay the rising wages and utility costs. Then to fund Saluki Way, the university can actually make significant attempts at fundraising, as was originally proposed when the project was announced. It might take another few years for construction to begin, but rapidly rising fares and tuition costs will turn away more prospective students than will outdated facilities. It will also win favor from current students, who are currently paying due to the administration. I know I am not the only current student who does not have an extra $524 to lay around to pay the fee increase. Stop depending on the students to open their checkbooks for everything, and maybe enrollment will stop decreas-

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Senior studying cinema

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Fee season

Sen. Demetrous White, Jr.

GUEST COMMENT

Once again it is what I like to call “fee season.” In case you are lost, this is the time of year in which the Administration proposes its budget for the following year. Like many other universities, SIU has seen a significant increase in its fees over the last 10 years. Last year these increases raised concern among thousands of students as the university proposed its plan called “Saluki Way.” Total cost, tuition and fees last year increased $963.90. This year the pro-

posed increase is $1,140. These fees are all mandatory with the exception of the Student Health Service Extend Care Fee. Wednesday evening administra-
tors spent approximately two hours informing the Senate how these increases are needed. We heard reasoning that ranged from a drop in enrollment to utility increases. It seems that the spark in energy prices are the forces behind a new fee proposed called the Facility Maintenance Fee. This fee would mostly fund the utilities for academic buildings. The maintenance aspect, which is greatly needed, would not be a priority for the next year. We, as representatives of the student body, would like to know how the students feel about the proposed increases. We would like to know how should we vote.

How should we vote in a time where higher education is becoming more unaffordable for the middle and lower class families?

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Dan Medina, an undecided freshman from Chicago, said he felt the new rule would be an inconvenience.

“It’s unnecessary security,” he said. “I’ve never felt threatened during the day.”

Scally said they are hoping the change will not be too much of an issue for students.

“Students already have their IDs with them,” she said. “They’re used to showing them at the school, it’ll just be that they’ll show it during the day also.”

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BASKETS

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Antwon Smith, a freshman from Chicago studying criminal justice, said the basketball team’s recent success was a large factor in his decision to come to SIUC, and he expects more students to follow.

“It attracts a lot of people, not only athletes, but other people who like sports and like supporting people, to come to the school,” he said.

Jennifer Wilson, a pre-med senior from Kentucky, also said good athletics were a consideration when she chose SIUC.

“It should be the academics that are bringing the students, but nowadays sports has a lot to do with enrollment,” she said.

Despite the excitement over the team, not all students on campus are bleedin Saluki mania.

Sam Estes, a senior from Anna studying art, said he has not seen an increase in pride on campus.

“Aside from the basketball teams’ success, other people are just looking at negative aspects of the university at this time, like how the buildings are run down and need to be repaired,” he said.

He said a lack of pride is directed more toward the university as a whole than athletics.

“One thing that would get me more excited is the buzz around campus, people talking about it, but what I hear mostly is the news,” he said. “The Salukis aren’t the news — it’s the drama that’s going around campus. That’s the buzz that I hear on top, and the last thing I hear about is, ‘Oh yeah, the Salukis won again.’”

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Bush seeks to boost spending on national parks

WASHINGTON — The brochures are coming back to national parks. So are the park rangers, if President Bush has his way.

Park supporters say Bush’s proposed federal budget for fiscal 2008 would make a big difference at the 390 federally owned parks, monuments and other sites controlled by the National Park Service. In an otherwise lean domestic budget, Bush wants to boost park funding by $100 million — the first installment in an ambitious plan to spend as much as $3 billion on America’s natural treasures over the next 10 years.

Of course, first Congress must go along, and it’s not clear that it will. The plan includes a controversial proposal to leverage federal and private money by the time the park service budget failed to meet the needs. Now Bush wants to try a new approach.

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Proposed improvements

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• Some visitor centers would get extended hours. About $1 million would be used to make sure the park system has enough brochures.
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“Our national parks are national treasures, and their funding is a national responsibility,” said Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., the senior vice-president for programs at the National Parks Conservation Association, a private group that pushes for more parks funding. “Every park in the system, for the first time ever, would get a real dollar increase. It would make a real difference.”

Tipton said park visitors would see the results by the summer of 2008.

Harry Truman’s former home would get new drapes. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park would get 55 more park rangers. Everglades National Park would be able to better protect its aquatic specimen collections.

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But Tipton, the parks advocate, thinks it could work — if Congress is willing to give it a try.

“I don’t think it’s pie in the sky,” he said. “It will not be easy to find $100 million (in donations) every year, but I don’t think it’s an outrageous figure either.”

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High Stakes (continued from page 20)

Recent history seems to favor the Salukis against Creighton. Since the beginning of the 2001-02 season, SIU is 51-1 in home conference games and 77-3 overall at home.

The Salukis are also 11-0 at the SIU Arena this season and have beaten the Bluejays in the two last seven meetings.

SIU escaped Creighton with a 38-37 win Jan. 20, when Mullins hit the game-winning shot with 4.1 seconds remaining in the game. Nate Funk, the Bluejays’ senior guard, attempted a 3-pointer at time expired that nearly sent SIU home with a loss in front on an MVC-record crowd of 17,459.

Saluki freshman guard Joshua Bone said SIU will have to be aggressive on offense and defense when the Salukis face Creighton Saturday.

“We just have to do the same thing we did at Creighton in Omaha,” Bone said. “We just got to bring it to them.”

Funk is the leading scorer in the MVC this season with 17.5 points per game and has scored in double figures in Creighton’s last 16 games.

“We’re not going to key on him, saying that we have to stop him to win the game because he’s a good player,” Mullins said. “We just got to come out and play the same defense we’ve been playing the last couple games.”

The Salukis’ leading scorer, senior guard Jamaal Tatum, missed the second half of Wednesday’s win against Bradley with a deep thigh bruise. Tatum played all six of his minutes in the first half.

SIU coach Chris Lowery said he’s not going to rush Tatum back and risk the injury lingering longer than it should.

“Obviously we want to be at full strength and have everybody go to battle,” Lowery said.

Saluki senior guard Tony Young was the leading scorer for SIU Wednesday, racking up a season-high 24 points. Young said he almost had to step it up a little bit”, Young said.

“They are a much improved team, they’ll come out and work hard and we still have something to prove,” Sweere said. “We’re stepping up everything a notch including defensive pressure and fast break offense.

On Sunday the Salukis will finish off their home sand with a 2:05 p.m. tilt with Northern Iowa.

The Panthers (13-9, 7-4) are in fourth place in the MVC and rank below SIU in both offensive and defensive categories.

Northern Iowa is sixth in the conference in scoring at 67.2 ppg allowing 64.8 ppg on the defensive end.

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Weekend (continued from page 20)

MVC First Place Saluki Women in Action Friday and Sunday

Friday:

Saluki vs. Bradley
7:05 PM at SIU Arena

Saturday:

Saluki vs. UNI
2:05 PM at SIU Arena

Tickets:
$5 for Adults
$3 for H.S. and Under
SIU Students Free with ID
A card accepted approval.

The women’s MVC swimming and diving championships final round began Friday evening. Fourteen Salukis advanced to the final round during Thursday’s preliminary round.

Junior Abby Blask, who hails from Hayden, Idaho, raced her way to win her heat in the 200-meter medley relay with a time of 2:08.65. The time was a career best and the 200-medley is one of the events the team hopes to repeat.

Julie Ju, a junior from Shanghai, China, finished second in the 50-meter freestyle.

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The Salukis are also 11-0 at the SIU Arena this season and have beaten Bradley in their last seven meetings.

SIU escaped Creighton with a 38-37 win Jan. 20, when Mullins hit the game-winning shot with 4.1 seconds remaining in the game. Nate Funk, the Bluejays’ senior guard, attempted a 3-pointer at time expired that nearly sent SIU home with a loss in front on an MVC-record crowd of 17,459.

Saluki freshman guard Joshua Bone said SIU will have to be aggressive on offense and defense when the Salukis face Creighton Saturday.

“We just have to do the same thing we did at Creighton in Omaha,” Bone said. “We just got to bring it to them.”

Funk is the leading scorer in the MVC this season with 17.5 points per game and has scored in double figures in Creighton’s last 16 games.

“We’re not going to key on him, saying that we have to stop him to win the game because he’s a good player,” Mullins said. “We just got to come out and play the same defense we’ve been playing the last couple games.”

The Salukis’ leading scorer, senior guard Jamaal Tatum, missed the second half of Wednesday’s win against Bradley with a deep thigh bruise. Tatum played all six of his minutes in the first half.

SIU coach Chris Lowery said he’s not going to rush Tatum back and risk the injury lingering longer than it should.

“Obviously we want to be at full strength and have everybody go to battle,” Lowery said.

Saluki senior guard Tony Young was the leading scorer for SIU Wednesday, racking up a season-high 24 points. Young said he almost had to step it up a little bit”, Young said.

“They are a much improved team, they’ll come out and work hard and we still have something to prove,” Sweere said. “We’re stepping up everything a notch including defensive pressure and fast break offense.

On Sunday the Salukis will finish off their home sand with a 2:05 p.m. tilt with Northern Iowa.

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On Thursday, the Dallas Cowboys hired former San Diego Chargers' defensive coordinator Wade Phillips to be their next head coach. In his previous head coaching stints, Phillips compiled a 4-10-1 record while going 0-3 in the playoffs. Is Wade Phillips the clear-cut choice to replace Bill Parcells?

Jim Nelson

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“I just hope a lift develops between Phillips and Terrell Owens. I just can’t get enough of T.O. It’s always fresh, exciting and exhilarating. I wonder if we could get it this way someday the way they got the monster billboards in the Simpsons — just don’t do it, just don’t do it…”

Matt Hartwig

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Sports Friday, February 9, 2007

SALUKI TRACKER Matt Painter

Former SIU men’s basketball coach Matt Painter has guided the Purdue Boilermakers to a 1-6 record in his second year at head coach after an 9-19 first season. The Boilermakers also are 1-5 Big Ten record including a win over former SIU Saluki boss, Bruce Weber of Illinois, on Jan. 27.

MATT PAINTER

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Feb. 9  Stetson 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 10  Stetson 5:00 p.m.
April 7  Valparaiso 7:00 p.m.
March 14  Southern Miss Tourn. 4:00 p.m.
March 17  Southern Miss Tourn. 12:00 p.m.
March 18  Southern Miss Tourn. 11:00 a.m.
Feb. 23  Central Michigan 2:00 p.m.
Feb. 24  Central Michigan 1:00 p.m.
Feb. 25  Central Michigan 1:00 p.m.
Feb. 28  Tennessee-Martin 2:00 p.m.
March 02  Northen Illinois 2:00 p.m.
March 03  Northern Illinois 1:00 p.m.
March 04  Northern Illinois 1:00 p.m.
March 07  Murray State 2:00 p.m.
March 10  Youngstown State 2:00 p.m.
March 11  Youngstown State 1:00 p.m.
March 13  Middle Tenn. State 3:00 p.m.
March 14  Middle Tenn. State 3:00 p.m.
March 16  Western Michigan 2:00 p.m.
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March 18  Western Michigan 1:00 p.m.
March 21  Murray State 2:00 p.m.
March 23  Illinois State 2:00 p.m.
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March 28  Tennessee-Martin 2:00 p.m.
March 30  Evansville 6:00 p.m.
March 31  Evansville 2:00 p.m.
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April 10  St. Louis 1:00 p.m.
April 13  Wichita State 3:00 p.m.
April 14  Wichita State 2:00 p.m.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered? E-mail de_editors@dailyegyptian.com

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — John Mallinger was on the wrong course at the right time, starting to try that he dodged the worst of the wind along the ocean holes or the rain on his home’s course because it has five par 5s and enough trees to block the cold northeast wind.

Mallinger gets through Pebble on a tough day

PGA

Feb. 10  Creighton 5:05 p.m.
Feb. 13  Missouri State 7:05 p.m.
Feb. 17  ESPN Bracket Busters 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 21  Indiana State 7:05 p.m.
Feb. 24  Evansville TBD
Mar. 1  MVC Tournament TBD
Mar. 2  MVC Tournament TBD
Mar. 3  MVC Tournament TBD
Mar. 4  MVC Tournament TBD

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Feb. 9  Bradley 7:05 p.m.
Feb. 11  UIC 2:05 p.m.
Feb. 16  Chicago 7:05 p.m.
Feb. 21  Creighton 10:05 p.m.
Feb. 25  Evansville 2:05 p.m.
Mar. 1  Missouri State 7:05 p.m.
Mar. 3  Wichita State 2:05 p.m.
Mar. 5  MVC Tournament TBD
Mar. 6  MVC Tournament TBD
Mar. 10  MVC Tournament TBD
Mar. 12  MVC Tournament TBD

SWIMMING AND DIVING SCHEDULE

Feb. 9  MVC Tournament TBD
Feb. 10  MVC Tournament TBD
Feb. 15  MVC Tournament TBD
Feb. 16  MVC Tournament TBD

Come see the Saluki Banter play a game at 11:00 tonight. It could be exciting or you could be watching a home run in the 9th inning. Maybe it’s both. Either way, we hope to see you there.
**Men’s Basketball**

**High stakes game**

The SIU men’s basketball team has been doing all it can to pull away from the rest of the Missouri Valley Conference, but so has Creighton.

The No. 21 Salukis have won six games in a row — their first win of the run was at Creighton Jan. 20 — and the Bluejays are riding into Carbondale on a five-game winning streak.

Creighton (17-7, 11-3) defined Evanville Wednesday, 79-74, after the Bluejays entered Carbondale on a five-game winning streak.

The Salukis (13-9, 9-2) are coming off a win against Illinois State on Sunday and have a pair of games with middle of the pack MVC teams coming up.

SIU (20-5, 11-3) and the Bluejays are tied for first in the MVC, and the winner of Saturday’s game will take sole possession of the top spot in the Valley.

"This should be a lot of fun," Saluki sophomore guard Bryan Mullins said. "This is why everyone came here; it’s why we have such a great atmosphere around here. This is what you want out of college basketball."

See **HIGH STAKES**, Page 18

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Salukis ready to defend home court**

The SIU women’s basketball team has a target on their back as they try to maintain first place in the Missouri Valley Conference this weekend when Bradley and Northern Iowa come to town.

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"They have some guards who can really shoot the ball as well as some post players can get inside," Eikenberg said. "We got to be aware of their transition offense because they are a team who is very hungry."