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Greek recruitment successful, future unclear

SARAH CECHOWSKI
Daily Egyptian

A leader of campus Greeks says fraternity and sorority members are frustrated by the lack of recognition and support they receive from the university, and they worry about the future after the planned demolition of Greek Row.

Nora O'Leary, president of the SIUC Panhellenic Association and member of Alpha Gamma Delta, said members of the eight sororities and 20 fraternities that make up Greek life are 5 percent of the university's student population.

"We do somewhere (around) 50 percent of all community service hours on campus, so the fact that 5 percent of the population is that much (of the community service) and we don't get recognized for it is really disappointing," O'Leary said.

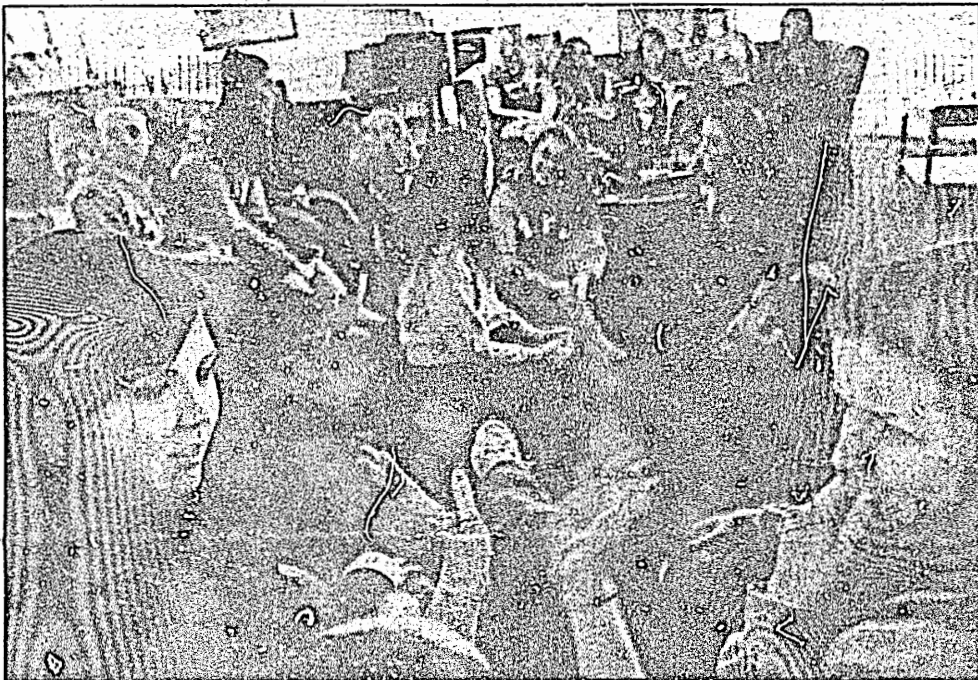
Andy Morgan, coordinator of student affairs and adviser for SIUC's fraternities and sororities, said Greek participation and members' GPAs continue to increase.

Each chapter has its own requirements, but most require an average of 10 to 15 community service hours a semester and a minimum 2.5 GPA, Morgan said.

The average Greek GPA in both fall 2010 and spring 2010 was 2.8, while the university average for the same semesters was 2.78, according to the Office of Institutional Research and Studies.

Shell Layton, vice president of membership for Panhellenic and member of Sigma Kappa, said SIUC does not publicize Greek life like other universities do with similar enrollment numbers.

Morgan said there are more fraternities than sororities nationwide, which makes it easier to start a chapter, but the imbalance between the eight sororities and 20 fraternity chapters can also be the result of a



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Alyssa Butler, a sophomore from Gurnee studying elementary education of Sigma Kappa; Natalie Wagner a Junior from Chicgo studying political science of Delta Zeta; and Kerry O'Connell, a Junior from Orland Park studying physical education of Alpha

Gamma Delta; gather with other Panhellenic sorority sisters Tuesday at the Alpha Gamma Delta house. The Greek system has been a part of campus since 1923. Wagner said the sororities are getting along better and membership maybe increasing as a result.

higher percentage of men enrolled at the university.

"Fraternities (are) more like capitalism," Morgan said. "It's survival of the fittest. ... You want to start a group; you can start it. There are certain policies you have to follow, but there aren't as many as compared to the sororities."

Several programs at the university such as engineering traditionally draw higher levels of male enrollment, but the university has taken action

by creating the nursing program and recruiting more at all-women high schools in the five-state area, Chancellor Rita Cheng said.

Each chapter's fees vary, but most are around \$500 to \$600 a year without new membership fees, Layton said. She said new members should be aware that costs will rise because the university will not allow students to live in Greek Row dormitories after the spring 2012 semester.

State law requires sprinklers

in dormitories, and the university determined that renovation of the aging Greek Row buildings where sororities are housed was not worth the investment.

O'Leary said she fears what the transition to new housing will do to sororities if their members have to find temporary, smaller and separated living arrangements.

The Greek Housing Fire Safety Act extended the deadline to require existing dormitories to install automatic

fire sprinkler systems to Jan. 1, 2019. Sprinkler systems must be included in any current fraternity and sorority housing construction, or any that began after Jan. 1. If construction began before Jan. 1, the fire sprinkler systems are required in those structures by Jan. 1, 2019, according to the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts' website.

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Senate backs off statement regarding Minish

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

The Faculty Senate voted Tuesday to distance itself from a statement released by its executive council in January denouncing Chancellor Rita Cheng's administrative style.

The Senate voted 20-5 with two abstentions that the statement by the executive council be considered personal opinion and not representative of the senate as a whole.

The executive council released

a statement criticizing Cheng for a "top-down, heavy-handed approach" Jan. 22, three days after Gary Minish resigned as provost, citing disagreements with Cheng over the direction she was moving the university.

Minish was selected by Cheng as the university's provost Nov. 18 and spent 10 official days in the office before he resigned in an e-mail to her. The council said it was dismayed by the sudden departure of Minish, whom it praised as an effective leader who listened to varied opinions.

"Executive council members agree that the resignation of Provost Minish is a significant loss for the university," the council said in its statement. "Although there seems to be no hope for reconciliation at this time, we strongly believe that the best option for us is to nullify Provost Minish's resignation and bring him back with the authority to lead the university's academic affairs and implement fundamental changes by bringing everyone on board, starting at the grassroots level."

At Tuesday's meeting, eight

senators, including one member of the executive council, presented a statement that urged the senate to reconsider its words.


"The recommendation to reinstate Dr. Gary Minish to the provost office is no longer germane; he clearly no longer wishes to remain part of the university, much less its chief academic officer. Likewise, the allegation of 'a widespread belief' that the chancellor relies on a small inner circle where all decisions are made simply ignores the many venues for the faculty's shared governance at the university."

Members of the council defended the statement, saying they were troubled by what they learned in meetings with Minish and Cheng, though none would say specifically what.

"We heard a lot of things that we really don't want to talk about. We heard a lot of unpleasant things that we would like to put under the rug and make disappear," said Mary Lamb, a professor in English and secretary for the senate.

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Eurma C. Hayes programs protest budget cuts

KAYLA KEARNS
Daily Egyptian

The I Can Read Program and Attucks Community Services may be cut from Carbondale's budget unless voted otherwise in April.

City staff received unsolicited requests from the I Can Read program for \$9,270 and Attucks Community Services for \$153,883. City Manager Allen Gill said when the city gave the Eurma C. Hayes building — where both are housed — to the community, part of the agreement prohibited any more direct money be given to the programs involved.

Margaret Nesbitt, director of I Can Read Program, said she had no idea that the program signed any contract or form saying it could no longer expect any financial support from the city because the building had been given to the community.

"We are in the Eurma Hayes Center, we did not buy the Eurma Hayes Center. We did not see the contract that was made between the City Council and the buyers of the estate," Nesbitt said. "We still need support, financial support, where ever we are."

Abdul Haqq, director of Attucks Community Services, said his program, as well as I Can Read, are all separate agencies.

"If you give the building to one agency, you cannot hold all the other agencies accountable for what you gave to one," Haqq said.

Mayor Brad Cole said a proposal given in his state of the city address in December 2010 provided the same services as both the I Can Read Program and Attucks Community Services.

"It was my understanding that the reason we were offering the facility to the community was so we could step away from the



City Councilwoman Corene McDaniel embraces Danny Piquard, superintendent of the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant, Tuesday at the Carbondale City Council meeting. The council honored Piquard, Revenue Officer Charles Vaught and City Clerk Janet Vaught for their services to the city. The three plan to retire Feb. 18. After commemorating the staff members, members of unsolicited programs protested city budget cuts.

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director of Attucks Community Services

organizations that were being funded there. Primarily, paying for rent," Cole said.

Council member Steven Haynes proposed the reconsideration of budget money for both

programs. Attucks Community Services requested to amend their proposal amount from \$153,883 to \$35,000.

In other business, three city staff members retired after more than 30 years of service to Carbondale. Janet Vaught, city clerk; Danny Piquard, superintendent for the Northwest Wastewater Treatment

Plant; and Charles Vaught, who served for 36 years in various positions in the city's finance department, will retire Feb. 18. They were all given a certificate of appreciation from the council.

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Funding request lowered, tradition to continue

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

Undergraduate Student Government senators reduced funding for one registered student organization event and granted the requested amount for three others after a debate at their Tuesday meeting.

The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity requested more than \$13,000 for its annual Kappa Carnival but received \$9,196, while the Native American Student Organization (\$5,855), the Caribbean Student Association (\$1,924), and the Zeta Phi Beta sorority (\$850) each

received their requested amount for events.

USG Finance Chair Ashley Jordan said the Kappa fraternity received about \$15,000 for its carnival event last year, but that money came from the \$415,000 spring allocation budget and not the general fund. Jordan said the fraternity missed the deadline for spring allocations this year and couldn't receive the requested amount because the money was coming from the \$60,000 general fund. The \$60,000 in the general funds account was left over from last year's spring allocations, USG President Marcus King said.

The fraternity conceded \$4,000 in order to receive any funding from the smaller pool of money. The event, which marks the fraternity's 100th national anniversary, will be held in March.

Levi Scott, senator for East Side Housing, said he disagreed with full or nearly full funding of the Kappa Carnival. During his three semesters as a senator, USG never fully funded an event with general funds, he said.

Edward Obidi, an undeclared graduate student and Kappa member, said the 2010 event had 3,000 attendees. He said he expects it will draw more than

4,000 people this year as well as bring in 5,000 out-of-towners to Carbondale.

"We're doing the event a disonor by cutting back so much," he said.

Jordan said the carnival was vital to SIUC's traditions, but it is not the biggest event of the year, and money should be left for other RSO events.

Scott said better planning to secure funding should have been taken because the carnival is held annually.

Justin Murphy, Kappa president and a senior studying criminal justice, said the fraternity

has raised \$2,500 to support its week of events, which will end with the carnival.


Murphy said local businesses see a boost in revenue from the carnival. Businesses should see more customers this year because more people are likely to come to celebrate the fraternity's 100th anniversary, he said.

Scott said there's no guarantee USG will fully fund any event, and the fraternity would need to anticipate that and fundraise earlier.

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"Since we have a new chancellor, we're really trying to make an effort to speak with her so that she understands Greek life, and I think that's really going to improve living," O'Leary said.

Cheng said she has heard the students' concerns and has spoken with Peter Gitai, vice chancellor of student affairs, about the issue. She said the university is in the beginning stages of establishing sorority housing on or near Greek Row, but she recommended members also speak with Gitai to discuss concerns regarding future plans and construction.

Reserving money for repairs to the buildings will help start the construction, but most will come from borrowing and will be paid back by student fees throughout the life of the building, she said.

Although the Greeks would like to add two new sorority chapters, the existing sororities need more members first, O'Leary said. She said sororities need 70 members to expand, and the three chapters now average around

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Panhellenic Association

60 members each.

Alpha Gamma Delta, Delta Zeta and Sigma Kappa held their formal spring semester Panhellenic sorority recruitment at the Student Center during the weekend.

O'Leary said the sororities begin informal recruitment in the fall by helping freshmen move into university housing, challenging posting fliers and setting up tables. They recruit around 100 members in the fall and around 30 in the spring for the Panhellenic association, she said.

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Jyotsna Kapur, an associate professor in cinema and photography and member of the executive council, said she also was bothered by what the council witnessed in discussions with Cheng and Minish and stands behind the council's statement.

Kimberly Asner-Self, an associate professor in educational psychology and special education, said there isn't much of transparency in the Faculty Senate, and the executive council is making decisions for the senate based on information the rest of the senate is not allowed to have. That is probably what the council believed about the chancellor after Minish

resigned, she said.

One of the senators who wrote the statement asking for reconsideration of the council's position said the measure was not intended as a rebuke of the executive council but only of its words.

That senator, Jim Ferraro, associate professor of physiology, said the chancellor's position has been riddled with trauma during the last decade and to have that kind of statement about Cheng go out to the public wasn't needed.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be March 8.

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Trust fund grant keeps clinic afloat

JULIE SWENSON
Daily Egyptian

John Erbes says a grant from the Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois allows students at a law school clinic to continue to help area elderly people.

"Last year when we were applying, they told me that, because of the downturn in the economy, they were going to reduce a lot of the funding for grants and also perhaps terminate some of the grants completely," said Erbes, director of the clinic. "We were really concerned that we would get cut and very pleased that we did not."

The \$40,000 grant is approximately 25 percent of the SIUC Law School Civil Practice Clinic's Legal Services to Older

Persons Program budget for ongoing office supplies, paying student workers and staff attorney travel expenses for 2011. It has been awarded to the clinic annually since 1985.

Attorneys and law students routinely travel to and meet with clients age 60 and older in Williamson, Jackson, Franklin and neighboring counties, Erbes said. The number of clients the clinic serves has nearly tripled from about 200 in past years to more than 600 per year, he said.

Mark Marquardt, deputy director of LTTI, said the grant ensures people in southern Illinois vulnerable to physical abuse, scams and financial exploitation have legal representation through the clinic.

Susan Moberly, program administrative assistant in charge of grants and finances for the clinic, said grants cover the majority of the clinic's expenses. A grant from the Egyptian Area Agency on Aging in Carverville covers another 25 percent of the clinic's expenses, and the law school pays the three attorneys' salaries, she said.

The clinic also does public presentations on elderly people's rights and what attorneys can do for clients at the EAAA's request, Erbes said.

Moberly said being able to properly fund the clinic's office expenses is vital to ensure the clinic can continue to provide invaluable services to 13 counties in southern Illinois.

"We serve a population that

many of them would not have the opportunity to obtain legal advice and assistance," she said.

"It's definitely an underserved population in our area that the Civil Practice Clinic is able to help."

Without the grant from the LTTI, Erbes said the program would have had to cut back the services it provides to elders, scale back the number of students enrolled in the program and possibly let go one of the two full-time staff attorneys. Alternate sources of funding could have come from the EAAA or the law school, but the program would have suffered, he said.

"We wouldn't be able to provide the same level of services in the same coverage area with only one attorney," Erbes said. "Hopefully that

wouldn't happen to this program, but it has happened to another program in the past."

The clinic is expanding its services to include protection of minors through a new juvenile court program, Erbes said.

He said students and an attorney will be employed by Jackson County courts in juvenile abuse and neglect cases. The program will round out the legal protections the clinic offers and serve growing community needs, Erbes said.

"Providing free legal services, the need is not going to go away, and it's just going to get greater," he said.

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EGYPT
Youthful leader freed from detention energizes Egyptian protests with arrival in square
CAIRO — A young Google executive who helped ignite Egypt's uprising energized a cheering crowd of hundreds of thousands Tuesday with his first appearance. "We won't give up," he promised as one of the biggest protests yet in Cairo's Tahrir Square.
Once a behind-the-scenes Internet activist, 30-year-old Wael Ghonim has emerged as an inspiring voice for a movement that has taken pride in being a leaderless "people's revolution." Now, the various activists behind it — including Ghonim — are working to coalesce into representatives to push their demands for President Hosni Mubarak's ouster.
With protests invigorated, Vice President Omar Suleiman issued a sharply worded warning, saying of the protests in Tahrir, "We can't bear this for a long time, and there must be an end to this crisis as soon as possible." In a sign of growing impatience with 16 days of mass demonstrations.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Government probe finds no electronic flaws in Toyotas to explain sudden acceleration
WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's investigation into Toyota safety problems found no electronic flaws to account for reports of sudden, unintentional acceleration and other safety problems. Government investigators said Tuesday the only known cause of the problems are mechanical defects that were fixed in previous recalls.
The Transportation Department, assisted by engineers with NASA, said its 10-month study of Toyota vehicles concluded there was no electronic cause of unintended high-speed acceleration in Toyotas. The study, which was launched at the request of Congress, responded to consumer complaints that flawed electronics could be the culprit behind Toyota's spate of recalls.
"We feel that Toyota vehicles are safe to drive," said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Seeking to boost job growth, Obama to call for \$53 billion in spending on high-speed rail
WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is calling for a six-year, \$53 billion spending plan for high-speed rail, as he seeks to use infrastructure spending to jump-start job creation.
An initial \$8 billion in spending will be part of the budget plan Obama is set to release Monday. If Congress approves the plan, the money would go toward developing or improving trains that travel up to 250 mph, and connecting existing rail lines to new projects. The White House wouldn't say where the money for the rest of the program would come from, though it's likely Obama would seek funding in future budgets or transportation bills.
Obama's push for high-speed rail spending is part of his broad goal of creating jobs in the short-term and increasing American competitiveness for the future through new funding for infrastructure, education and innovation. During last month's State of the Union address, Obama said he wanted to give 80 percent of Americans access to high-speed rail within 25 years.

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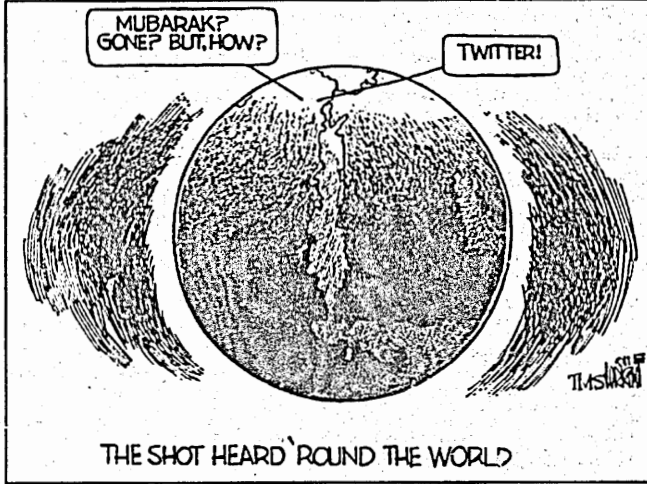
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GUEST COLUMN

New bill takes rights from U.S. women

The following editorial appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Sunday, Feb. 6:

The "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortions Act" introduced Jan. 20 in the U.S. House of Representatives is a broad attack on women's reproductive health care. The talk for the last couple of days has been the bill's supposed attempt to redefine rape — limiting a "rape" exemption to "forcible rape" — but the potential harm to women is larger.

The bill would prevent the use of taxpayer funds for abortions, except in the cases of rape, incest involving a minor or the risk of death for the mother. The 35-year-old Hyde Amendment already prevents the use of taxpayer funding for abortions except in the case of

rape, incest or risk of death to the mother, but it must be renewed every year. The new bill would make such exclusions permanent. Polls indicate that a majority of Americans support restrictions on federal funding of abortions.

On Thursday, the bill's sponsor, Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., dropped the "forcible rape" language, agreeing to substitute the Hyde Amendment language. That's a positive development, especially because there is no statutory definition of "forcible rape" in federal criminal code. Rape is rape.

But the bill's other problems haven't been addressed.

The bill would prohibit the use of tax-exempt money, including health savings accounts, from paying for abortions or insurance plans that

include abortion coverage. The bill is written so broadly that some abortion-rights advocates claim it would end insurance coverage for abortions altogether.

The burden would fall most heavily on low-income women. Forty-two percent of women who have an abortion have incomes below the federal poverty level — less than \$11,000 for a single woman with no children. They are less likely to have private health insurance or the available cash to pay for an abortion.

Worse, the bill reintroduces the so-called Hyde-Weldon "conscience clause," which prohibits recipients of federal funding from discriminating against medical providers for refusing to perform abortions or refusing to refer patients to other

abortion providers, or even to provide abortion medication.

Under some interpretations, the conscience clause might even protect medical personnel who refuse to provide the morning-after pill, a high-dose hormonal contraceptive that can prevent pregnancy if taken within a couple of days of unprotected sex.

Research from the Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit organization that promotes sexual and reproductive health causes, and the World Health Organization has shown that abortion rates are similar in countries where it is illegal as where it is legal.

Abortion opponents can't have it both ways. They can't restrict access to contraceptives, sex education and family planning and also claim

to be against abortion.

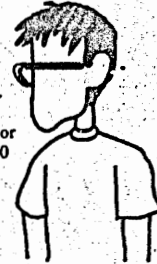
We have long supported a woman's right to make her own reproductive choices. When to become a parent is a personal and private decision between a woman and her partner. We agree that abortion should be legal, safe and rare.

Birth control and family planning are the keys to making abortion rare, and they should be covered under the health care reform bill passed last year. The Obama administration has asked the Institute of Medicine to identify preventive services for women that must be covered at no cost under the reform bill.

Those services must include contraceptives and family planning services.

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Alumnus advocates for art education

BRENDAN SMITH
Daily Egyptian

Combining advocacy and artistry is both Ra Joy's passion and profession.

Joy, a 1996 graduate of SIUC, said he fights to keep art programs a vital part of schools and communities throughout the state as executive director for the Illinois Art Alliance.

Joy moved to Washington, D.C., after graduation and served six years as a senior staffer for U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky. He said it was during that time he recognized the importance of advocacy and being the force in creating change.

"You have to stay informed and speak out about issues that affect you," Joy said. "Whether that's writing a letter to the editor of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, registering to vote or volunteering, utilize the tools you have."

This way of thinking is what Joy said prompted him to work with the art alliance. As executive director, Joy oversees civic engagement, coalition building and public policy strategies that advance support for the arts and arts education in Illinois.

Joy said the primary challenges for arts education are time and money. Because of the No Child Left Behind legislation, schools receive incentives to focus only on the subjects students see on standardized tests.

"The state has a district state report card for schools that monitors reading, math and science, but we don't track participation, in the arts," Joy said. "If we're not measuring participation, it's hard to hold schools and districts accountable."

Joy visited Carbondale on Monday to give a lecture at the Varsity Center for the Arts. Craig Hinde, president of the center,

Think any arts organization knows about struggle, and certainly the Varsity is no exception. We want to provide a place for all sorts of arts activities in Carbondale, but sometimes it's hard to make that come out.

— Craig Hinde
president of the Varsity Center for the Arts

said he connected with Joy's message and agreed with his advocacy for the arts.

"I think any arts organization knows about struggle, and certainly the Varsity is no exception," Hinde said. "We want to provide a place for all sorts of arts activities in Carbondale, but sometimes it's hard to make that come out."

Nancy Stemper, executive director for Carbondale Community Arts, stressed the importance of campus involvement for the arts. She said students can have a lasting impact on Carbondale's artistic community.

Stemper said CCA offers a diverse collection of projects,

programs and services for students to get involved. The Poetry Out Loud Competition, Arts Ambassadors Council and ArtWorks in Schools Initiative gives students an opportunity to participate in the arts in their community.

"We need volunteers for all of the activities we sponsor," Stemper said. "We're always looking for students from (the university) and to help the university cultivate new talent."

Joy said finding volunteers is a challenge he can relate to. He said when he was a student, volunteering gave him the foundation for his work today.

He said serving more than 900 hours of national service in

Carbondale through AmeriCorps was an amazing learning experience and the springboard for his career.

In addition to volunteering, Joy said having a creative mind is essential to succeed in today's job market.

"For young people to compete in this 21st century workforce they have to have a 21st century skill," Joy said. "That includes creativity, the ability to communicate, the ability to collaborate, and all of those skills are cultivated and nourished through the arts."

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Black Eyed Peas continue to ruin music



RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Not even crapping the bed in front of the largest television audience in history can stop the Black Eyed Peas' momentum.

Nor is it likely to stop their ability to make millions of dollars off being the least-talented performers in the music industry.

The Black Eyed Peas — featuring Will.i.am, Fergie, Taboo and apl.de.ap (yes, that's seriously his name) — represent everything that is wrong in the music industry today. Gone are the days when the group actually attempted to rap or sing; now every song has been processed to remove any wit or interesting parts and instead becomes fodder for the 30-second ringtone generation.

The group has yet to find something it can't turn into a mindless sing-along chant.

The Peas are the personification of the idea of just turning off your brain and having a good time, and that works in small doses. We're all guilty of singing along to the smash

hit "I Gotta Feeling" even though the lyrics are as banal and stupid as anyone will find in mainstream music. Hell, they actually have written a decent track once in a while: the David Guetta-produced "Rock That Body" is a catchy club song with a great hook. The song "Where is the Love," even if the lyrics sound like they came from a stoned college sophomore in the dorms, shows the group is capable of some deeper thought than "My Humpis."

But as they've gotten older and more acquainted with each other, the Black Eyed Peas have found a way to devolve their sound, finding any heart or soul they may have accidentally recorded and crushing it before it's heard by the

mainstream. The band's first album with Fergie, 2001's Elephunk, was strong, with some good rap verses from Will.i.am and a solid blend of funk and pop. But each album since has had less funk and more pop, and the pop is overly auto-tuned garbage devoid of any soul. It's as though a robot, not four human beings, is producing, recording and singing these songs.

One look at the Super Bowl halftime performance confirms this. Without the studio equipment to tune their vocals, the Peas fell flat on their faces. Fergie's self-described "pitchy" singing nearly shattered the windows of houses across the country, and the group looked uncomfortable performing in front

of a live audience. Yeah, it was the Super Bowl, but YouTube clips confirm they simply don't know how to perform their songs without the assistance of auto-tune and a producer mixing their sounds.

It really is a shame; the Peas were once a likable group who could produce catchy club music, but any trace of human element or lyrical competency has long left the foursome. The Black Eyed Peas have said they want people to just turn off their brains and enjoy the music, but to enjoy their music now may require a full-scale lobotomy.

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Doctor: Goal for Giffords to see husband's launch

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Associated Press

PHOENIX — The doctor for Rep. Gabrielle Giffords said Tuesday that he hopes the wounded congresswoman can make enough progress to attend her husband's space launch in two months, describing it as "a goal for us to work towards" as many in Arizona paused to mark one month since she was shot at a political event.

The space shuttle Endeavor will leave April 19 for a two-week mission to the International Space Station, and astronaut Mark Kelly announced last week that he'll be aboard and expects his wife, who was shot in the forehead, to see him off.

But Dr. Gerard Francisco said doctors would have to decide on a variety of medical issues for that to happen, including whether Giffords can fly to Cape Canaveral, Fla., how much assistance she would need, and how much noise she can tolerate.

"It's too early to say. It's only early February," said Francisco, the head of Giffords' rehabilitation team at TIRR Memorial Hermann hospital

in Houston. He said Giffords is doing "very well" but wouldn't provide details, including whether she is able to speak or if she's been told about the attack.

In a Facebook post on Tuesday, Kelly wrote it's hard to believe only one month has passed.

"The doctors say she is recovering at lightning speed considering her injury but they aren't kidding when they say this is a marathon process," he said. "There are encouraging signs every day, though."

Kelly wrote that Giffords has her appetite back and is enjoying three meals a day "even though it's hospital food."

He said he wants the families of the other victims and the entire Tucson community to know that his wife "will soon stand by your side to mourn this tragedy and learn how we can heal."

By appearances, Tucson has largely returned to normal since six people were killed Jan. 8 outside a supermarket. Massive makeshift memorials to the victims have been dismantled and boxed in locked storage for a future permanent memorial. The grocery store has reopened.

“People come up and hug me, and I just start bawling. And they feel so bad for making me cry, but my husband says, ‘It’s all right, it’s what we do these days.’”

— Susan Hileman
Tucson shootings survivor

But the 13 survivors are struggling with their injuries and the emotional scars left behind.

"People come up and hug me, and I just start bawling," said Susan Hileman, 58, who survived three gunshot wounds. "And they feel so bad for making me cry, but my husband says, 'It's all right, it's what we do these days.'"

Hileman was holding 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green's hand when the shooting erupted, and Christina was killed.

Office workers at a title agency in the shopping complex where the shooting occurred held a lunch Tuesday to raise money for the victims.

Mary Ann Christensen, executive vice president with Landmark Title, said about 360 people attended, and nearly \$7,000 was raised. The money will be given to the nonprofit Homicide Survivors to be given to

victims of the shooting.

"It was an event to help us all," Christensen said. "We feel very uplifted."

In Phoenix, the family of a Giffords aide killed in the attack joined lawmakers to call for a new state law to ban large-capacity gun magazines like the one used in the rampage.

Gabe Zimmerman's fiancée said she supports the right to own a gun, but said Jared Loughner, the 22-year-old Tucson man charged in the shooting, clearly intended to kill many more people.

"One month ago today my life was changed forever," said Kelly O'Brien. "Something good must come of this tragedy. This must not be allowed to happen again."

The bill faces a difficult road to passage at the Republican-led Legislature, which has a strong record of supporting gun rights.

"We have the capability of stopping the carnage of any of these future events at 10 bullets instead of 31," said Rep. Steve Farley, who represents Tucson. "That's a commonsense bill."

But gun rights advocates said it would not have prevented the tragedy.

"I think it's wrong-headed, misguided, unconstitutional, and I don't think it will have any chance of passing out of this Legislature, much less than being heard," said John Wentling, a lobbyist for gun rights group called Arizona Citizens Defense League.

A second piece of legislation would require educational institutions and public agencies to notify health authorities about terminations, expulsions and suspensions resulting from violence or threatening behavior.

Loughner was kicked out of Pima Community College because of behavior that campus police considered disturbing. He was told to get a mental health evaluation or not return.

Associated Press Writer Paul Davenport in Phoenix contributed to this report. PLSHNIK-MASTI contributed from Houston.

Biden asks Egyptian counterpart for fast progress

MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden said Tuesday that the demands of the Egyptian opposition can be met through "meaningful negotiations" with the government of President Hosni Mubarak. That contradicts the position of many protesters who say no real progress can happen unless Mubarak resigns.

Biden made his comments in a phone call with his Egyptian counterpart Omar Suleiman, according to a White House statement. Suleiman is a longtime ally of Mubarak who was recently appointed vice president and is now undertaking some incremental reform steps that

are increasingly gaining U.S. support even though many protesters view them as little better than cosmetic.

Mubarak has said he will not seek re-election in September after 30 years of authoritarian rule. But he is resisting stepping down before then despite two weeks of dramatic street protests aimed at forcing him to do so.

Although President Barack Obama called last week for a transition to begin "now," the U.S. appears increasingly reluctant to push Egypt's government too far, too fast.

During his conversation with Suleiman, the White House said, Biden listed steps the U.S. wants him to take including ending detention and harassment of journalists and activists; immediately rescinding emergency laws that give broad powers to security

forces; and including more opposition members in negotiations on a timetable and road to transition.

"These steps, and a clear policy of no reprisals, are what the broad opposition is calling for and what the government is saying it is prepared to accept," the White House said. "Vice President Biden expressed the belief that the demands of the broad opposition can be met through meaningful negotiations with the government."

Suleiman on Tuesday made a new gesture, declaring a panel of judges and scholars to recommend constitutional changes within a month. Protesters, mostly youthful, massed in huge numbers in Cairo's Tahrir Square to insist anew that no concessions will do unless Mubarak steps down.

But Biden's message to Suleiman

was different: He noted the steps the government has taken and urged "immediate action to follow through."

Biden also reiterated the U.S. position that the Egyptian people must determine the outcome in their country. He called for an orderly transition that is "prompt, meaningful, peaceful, and legitimate" and produces "immediate, irreversible progress that responds to the aspirations of the Egyptian people."

As the U.S. anxiously awaits political developments in its staunchest Arab ally, a signatory to a peace treaty with Israel, administration officials warned that a precipitous exit by Mubarak could set back the country's democratic transition.

Under Egypt's constitution, Mubarak's resignation would trigger

an election in 60 days, well before September, and U.S. officials said that's not enough time to prepare.

"A question that that would pose is whether Egypt today is prepared to have a competitive, open election," State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Monday. "Given the recent past, where, quite honestly, elections were less than free and fair, there's a lot of work that has to be done to get to a point where you can have free and fair elections."

President Barack Obama said Egypt is making progress toward a solution to the political crisis enveloping the country and preparing for free elections to replace Mubarak.

"Obviously, Egypt has to negotiate a path, and I think they're making progress," Obama told reporters.

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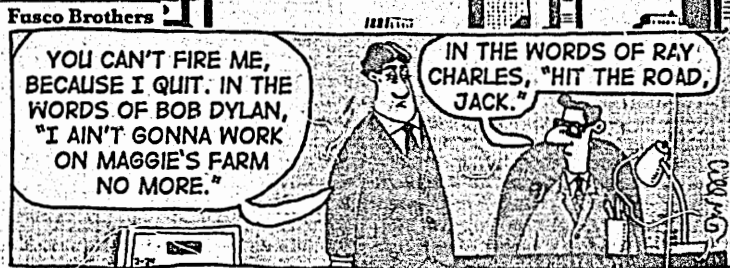
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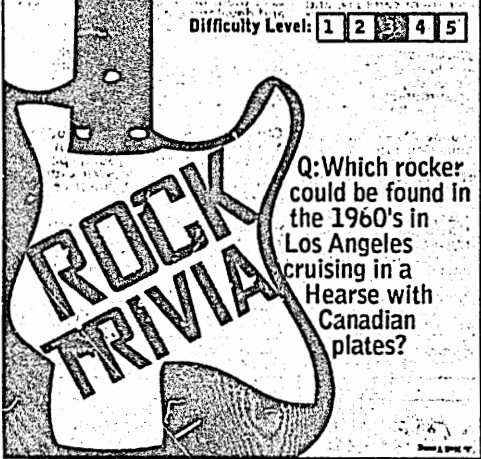


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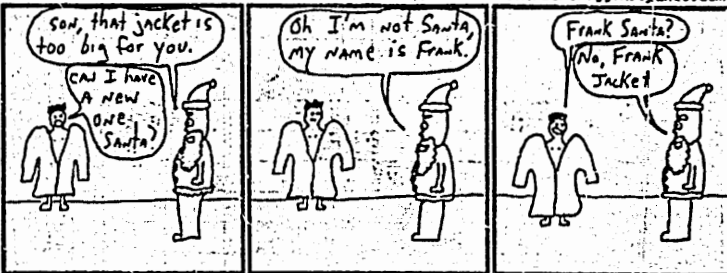
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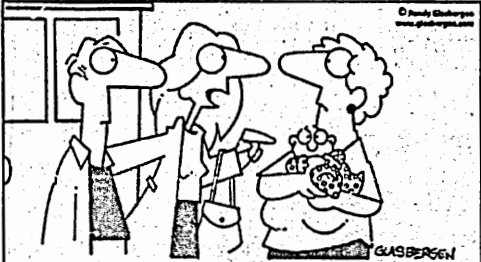
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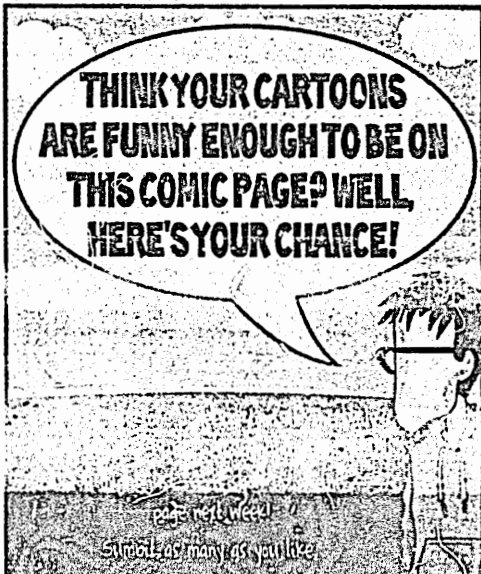


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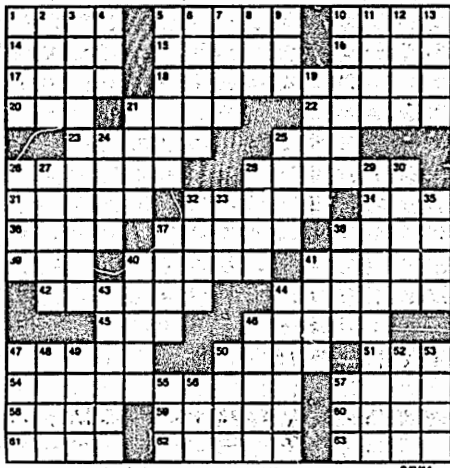
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 5 Toothed-leaf birch tree
 10 Applaud
 14 Reverberate
 15 Light color
 16 "Othello" villain
 17 Cat's cry
 18 Restoration and updating of a building
 20 Lyrical work
 21 Certain
 22 Raised strip
 23 Too sentimental
 25 Clumsy fellow
 26 Blockhead
 28 Tripoli resident
 31 Plumbed heron
 32 Jib & spinnaker
 34 Tills or Gibson
 36 MacGraw and others
 37 Celebrations
 38 In this place
 39 2,000 pounds
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 41 Tire feature through which air is inserted

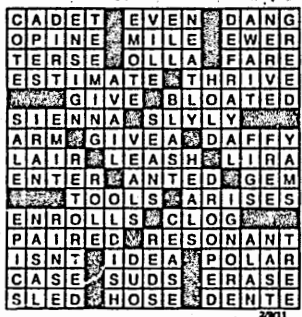


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 44 World ... fall baseball event
 45 Mr. Garfunkel
 46 "Same for me!"
 47 Excuse
 50 Company symbol
 51 ... of; free from
 54 Restriction
 57 Indian garment
 58 Oak or elm
 59 Seacoast
 60 Tiny particle
 61 Dobbin's dinner, perhaps
 62 Slight or taste
 63 Autry or Kelly

- DOWN**
 1 Short note
 2 ... tea; cold drink
 3 On a ... operating with very little cash

- 4 Mother pig
 5 Sudden
 6 Suspicious
 7 Have supper
 8 Self-esteem
 9 Gun the engine
 10 Accustom to an urban lifestyle
 11 ... up; sick
 12 Very eager
 13 Corn bread
 19 Riyadh citizens
 21 BBQ rod
 24 Astonishes
 25 Lubricates
 26 Orderly
 27 House of snow
 28 Dishonest one
 29 Make more tolerable
 30 Boldness
 32 Be impudent
 33 Beer's cousin
 35 Pinky & Bruce
 37 Main point
 38 Writer Moss
 40 Earn
 41 President's power to nix

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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 44 Document endorser
 46 Entryways
 47 Choir member
 48 Italy's dollar before the euro
 49 TV's "How Your Mother"
 50 Roaring beast
 52 Press, as clothes
 53 Thin coin
 55 Pack animal
 56 Definite article
 57 Droop

Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's Birthday — This year, you may resolve previously hidden issues from the past. There's room for growth in many areas, especially around the home. Expect good news in real estate. Family comes close this year, sharing important experiences.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Opportunities for making money abound. Consider them carefully, and plan for a rainy day. After all, it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — Everything lines up for you for the next couple of days. You're very sensitive to your surroundings, soaking it all in. Enjoy what you have.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Your imagination runs rampant today. Don't rein it in. Let it feed your future wish possibilities, and see where it takes you. Write it all down.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — It's never too late to start planning or to find partnership in your community. Work together for a common goal and discover satisfaction.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — All of the exploration of the previous few days is paying off, with new career possibilities opening up. Don't let the apparent ease throw you off track. Keep playing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — New adventures lie in your path. Go ahead and take the challenge. Make a deep breath and take it all in. You deserve it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You may be surprised today by pleasant (yet perhaps shocking) news. Dream big, and then go after it with everything. Partnership produces results.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You see opportunities for romance on the horizon. It's up to you to either take them on or concentrate on work and developing new skills.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Work seems extremely easy today. Take advantage of the situation to considerably reduce the height of your Inbox. Take on those projects you've been avoiding.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Spend more imagination than money. Learn from young people. Add some romance to your ordinary routines. It's as easy as lighting a candle or two.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You're inspired to others. It's a good day to investigate your family history. Ask an elder for advice. Listen intently, and capture details.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Confidence builds. You're winning admiration and feel the love. Now start learning what you need to know to get the results you want to accomplish.

JUMBLE

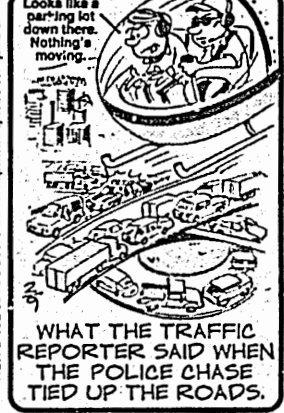
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argilron and Jeff Krucek



WHAT THE TRAFFIC REPORTER SAID WHEN THE POLICE CHASE TIED UP THE ROADS.

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

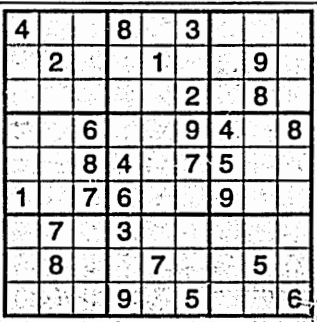
Jumbles: GUIDE CARGO BEETLE PRIMER
 Answer: You might say that a veterinarian has this — A "PET" DEGREE

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES, By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

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



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Salukis stun Shockers to end losing streak

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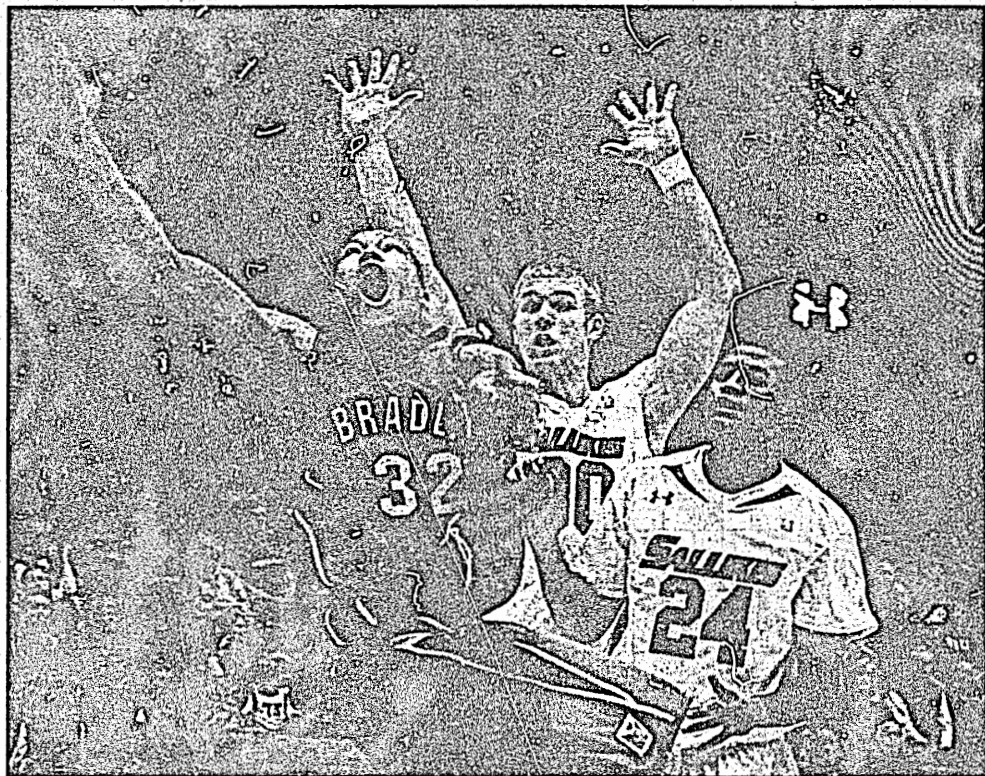
After the SIU men's basketball team's longest losing streak since the 1996-97 season, the Salukis finally broke through with a win as they beat the conference's top-ranked team, Wichita State, 56-53. SIU (11-14, 5-9 Missouri Valley Conference) stayed toe-to-toe with the Shockers through the first half, although it trailed by 10 at one point. Wichita State (20-5, 11-3 MVC) led 27-26 at the half. Both teams shot 42-percent from the field and Wichita State had only two more rebounds. Only three players scored in the first half for the Salukis.

Junior forward Mamadou Seck and senior guard Jack Crowder combined for 12 points as senior forward Carlton Fay carried the team with the rest, dropping 14 points in the half. SIU kept the rhythm in the second half, as the lead changed multiple times, including a 3-pointer by Fay and another when sophomore guard Kendal Brown-Surles drained one from behind the arc.

Fay gave SIU its first lead when he drained a 3-pointer with 17 minutes remaining in the game to put the Salukis ahead 33-31. Fay led the team with 21 points and sunk two free throws with six seconds remaining to force the Shockers to shoot a 3-pointer on their last play.

Fay made plays in the final minutes on defense, as well. With 1:16 remaining, Fay drew a charge under the basket to nullify a Shockers' basket.

The Saluki guards made plays during Tuesday's game, as well. With 12 seconds to go, freshman guard Diamond Taylor couldn't inbound a pass, so he called a timeout before drawing the five-second violation. SIU came back to get the ball downcourt to Surles, who dumped it off to Fay, which led to



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Bradley sophomore guard Dyrlicus Simms-Edwards drives past Salukis senior forward Carlton Fay and sophomore guard Diamond

Taylor on Saturday at the SIU Arena. The Salukis beat Wichita State Tuesday 56-53.

his final two free throws. "I just go up and shoot them," Fay said. "Whatever happens, happens."

With 5:30 left in regulation, the Salukis cleared the lane out while Surles had the ball on the right-side wing. Surles, who contributed eight points for the night, drove through the middle and beat the defender to the basket for two points. Forty seconds later, Surles had the ball at the point and saw Seck wide-open in the lane off a cut. Surles threw

a one-handed pass to Seck for an uncontested layup.

Seck added 14 points in the Salukis' second win in nine games. He shot 7-14 from the field and made several shots in the paint. With 1:33 left, Seck got the ball inside, executed a spin move, faked out the defender and dropped the ball in for two while drawing a foul. Seck missed the free throw then missed another one later in the game while SIU was up 54-49.

Coach Chris Lowery said the Salukis played a better game defensively than they had been lately. SIU held a team that averages 74 points per game to only 53 at home.

"I felt much better defensively than I have in a long, long time," Lowery said.

Wichita State head coach Greg Marshall said the Shockers' loss was surprising, especially since it came on their home court.

"Any loss is unexpected this

year at home," he said. Carlton Fay said the team's mentality was much different than that of Wichita State.

"We came in with nothing to lose," Fay said. "They did."

The Salukis' next game will be at 7:05 p.m. Sunday against Creighton in Omaha, Neb.

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CONFERENCE STANDINGS

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

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| 3. NORTHERN IOWA | 9-5 | 18-8 | 3. ILLINOIS STATE | 7-3 | 15-6 |
| 4. EVANSVILLE | 8-6 | 15-11 | 4. MISSOURI STATE | 7-4 | 16-7 |
| 5. CREIGHTON | 7-7 | 14-10 | 5. INDIANA STATE | 5-5 | 11-10 |
| 6. INDIANA STATE | 7-6 | 12-12 | 6. DRAKE | 5-6 | 11-11 |
| 7. DRAKE | 6-8 | 11-14 | 7. WICHITA STATE | 5-6 | 11-11 |
| 8. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS | 5-9 | 11-14 | 8. BRADLEY | 4-7 | 11-11 |
| 9. ILLINOIS STATE | 3-10 | 11-13 | 9. EVANSVILLE | 2-9 | 7-15 |
| 10. BRADLEY | 2-11 | 8-16 | 10. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS | 0-11 | 2-20 |

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Once lampooned, world ranking now a talking point

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PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — His vocation was civil engineering. His passion was sports and statistics. Tony Greer found enough spare time between the two to devise a world ranking for golfers, and it turned into more than a hobby. His system got the attention of Mark McCormack, the late founder of IMG who had been publishing his own rudimentary rankings in the annual "World of Professional Golf."

Neither could have imagined how it would shape golf's growing landscape.

"It's an exciting time at the moment," Greer said Tuesday from his home in London.

When he first started to develop a world ranking, Greer said it was far less complicated to figure out the best players in golf.

"You looked at the PGA Tour money list," he said.

That all has changed now.

First came the emergence of Seve Ballesteros and Nick Faldo, then Greg Norman and Bernhard Langer. And while Tiger Woods has dominated the ranking like no other — he has

been at No. 1 for 85 percent of his pro career — his recent slump has created opportunity for so many others. And it has put the Official World Golf Ranking at the front of any discussion involving global golf.

Lee Westwood, Martin Kaymer and Woods — Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in the world ranking — will be in the same group for the Dubai Desert Classic. It's the first time since 1994 that a regular European Tour event has had the top three players in the world. On the other side of the world, Phil Mickelson is at Pebble Beach with a chance to move ahead of Woods for the first time since the 1997 Masters.

At both tournaments, players will be jockeying to finish among the top 64 and qualify for the \$8 million Match Play Championship.

You can count on some controversy. That hasn't changed. Questions about the mechanics and methodology of the world ranking will never go away. There is no system to accurately compare the strength of tours around the world.

"How do you know that I'm No. 198, and some guy from Zimbabwe is No. 199?" said Paul Goydos.

For those who don't like the rank-

ing, they better get used to it.

Paul Azinger once said the only things that ever made him choke were cash or prestige. He never said anything about ranking points.

But that's the direction golf is going.

The USGA's decision last week to eliminate the money list as a criteria for getting into the U.S. Open was only the latest step in giving the Official World Golf Ranking more importance, if not credibility.

The U.S. Open still puts as much emphasis on "United States" as it does on "Open." It is sensitive to where the major is played, and it strives to keep half of its 156-man field open to qualifiers. But it also wants to be the strongest test for a major, inviting the best from around the world. The USGA ultimately decided what McCormack figured out years ago — money might not be the best barometer anymore.

That's why starting next year, it will swap out money lists from four tours with the top 60 in the world ranking.

"We're more comfortable with that than we are trying to figure out internally how we judge various tours around the world," said Mike Davis,

the senior director of rules and competition. "Virtually everybody will admit that any ranking system is never going to be perfect. But we think it's more equitable than what we do."

The knock on McCormack and his initial idea for a world ranking was that he was only trying to promote his clients at IMG. The rebuttal was that IMG had most of the best players, anyway.

"He was always a bit of a statistical buff," Johnson said. "For a long time in his annual, he compiled a world money list. That spawned the ranking, as it became clear a money list was distorted by the value of the dollar and obviously the overwhelming focus on the U.S. tour and the size of its prize money. That made everything else in the world somewhat irrelevant as far as performance on the golf course."

There have been some critical junctures for the world ranking, none more than when the Royal & Ancient became the first to use it to help determine the field for the British Open.

Five major tours around the world, along with four major championships, endorsed the world ranking at a meeting in Turnberry in 1997.

A year later, the U.S. Open created a new exemption for the top 20 in the world. And then came Augusta National a year after that, doing away with its PGA Tour winners exemption (since restored) in favor of the top 50 in the world.

"It wouldn't have gotten off the ground without the R&A endorsing it," Johnson said. "It wouldn't have been born. And with the Masters, that's what I would call absolute icing on the cake."

The latest development to elevate interest in the ranking is Woods.

He has gone nearly 15 months without winning, paving the way for Westwood to reach the top. But so many other players are lined up behind the Englishman that as many as a dozen have a chance at No. 1 this year.

Even so, some players might never buy into it.

Davis Love III doesn't think the system is fair. But the more he spoke, he couldn't find a better way to measure the world.

"Is it the best we have? Yes," he said. "Is it perfect? No."

Fair or not, the world ranking is more relevant than ever.

D.E. Daily Bark

The Denver Nuggets and Los Angeles Lakers have reportedly had preliminary discussions about a trade that would send Carmelo Anthony to the Lakers. Where do you think Melo will end up?

If the Lakers are serious about getting rid of Ron Artest, then Anthony should go to LA.

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Send him to LA. The Nuggets need to dump salary, and an Anthony-Bryant duo could make for a fun title match against the big three in Miami.

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LA is a strong possibility. If they want to keep winning championships, Anthony would blend well with the team and is the type of person who would be willing to share the spotlight to get the job done.

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As student-athletes, McCall said they have to compete and make adjustments to make sure they hold on to that opportunity.

"It's a lot of sacrifice," she said. "There are times when I may only

have enough time to go to practice, study, go to sleep and wake up and do it all over again. You have to do what you have to in order to compete."

Setting higher standards can often benefit students, and not just those in the athletic programs, Sparks said.

"You're here in college to get a

degree and the higher your GPA is when you graduate, the more it will set you apart from people you are competing for jobs with," he said. "We try and hold them to a higher standard so they can leave the university and do better for themselves. It's more just to help them achieve more in life after they finish

with the university."

With two meets left before the State Farm MVC Championships, McCall said every week is somewhat of a balancing act and she thinks she still has room for improvement with her studies.

"I look back sometimes and think maybe I could've devoted

more time to one subject, but as the season is underway, things get hectic and you have to know your priorities," she said.

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While there were nine different champions in the 1980s, the '70s and '90s were dominated by dynasties, including the Oakland Athletics of the early '70s and the New York Yankees of the late '90s.

However, the biggest jump in new champions has come from the National Hockey League.

The NHL had just three franchises win the Stanley Cup in the 1970s — the Boston Bruins, Montreal Canadiens and Philadelphia Flyers — and four teams win in the

'80s. However, the NHL saw a big jump in the 1990s as eight different teams lifted the cup.

Finally, the National Basketball Association has actually gone the opposite direction in recent years. While eight teams won in the '70s, only four different teams won in

both the '80s and '90s and five different franchises have won in the past 10 years, with the Los Angeles Lakers winning four championships in that time.

For those who long for the days when fans of the Steelers, Washington Redskins or San

Francisco 49ers could plan their Super Bowl vacations months in advance, there will still be classic matchups such as this year's Super Bowl. But there will likely continue to be more and more new-age oddities, such as a championship hockey team from Florida.



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Student-athletes excel on track, in classroom

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Student-athletes on the STU track and field teams have not only excelled on the track but in the classroom as well.

Senior thrower Gwen Berry and senior distance runner Jeff Schirmer were named the Prairie Farms Missouri Valley Conference Scholar Athletes of the Week Feb. 3.

In addition, junior thrower Jeneva McCall was named MVC Field Athlete of the Week Jan. 19.

In the 2010 season, McCall earned Indoor All-American honors and has continued to be a top contender in the women's weight throw events this season. McCall has managed to finish in the top five in the weight throw at every meet, and she made an automatic qualifying mark of 21.21 meters this past weekend at the Saluki Invitational.

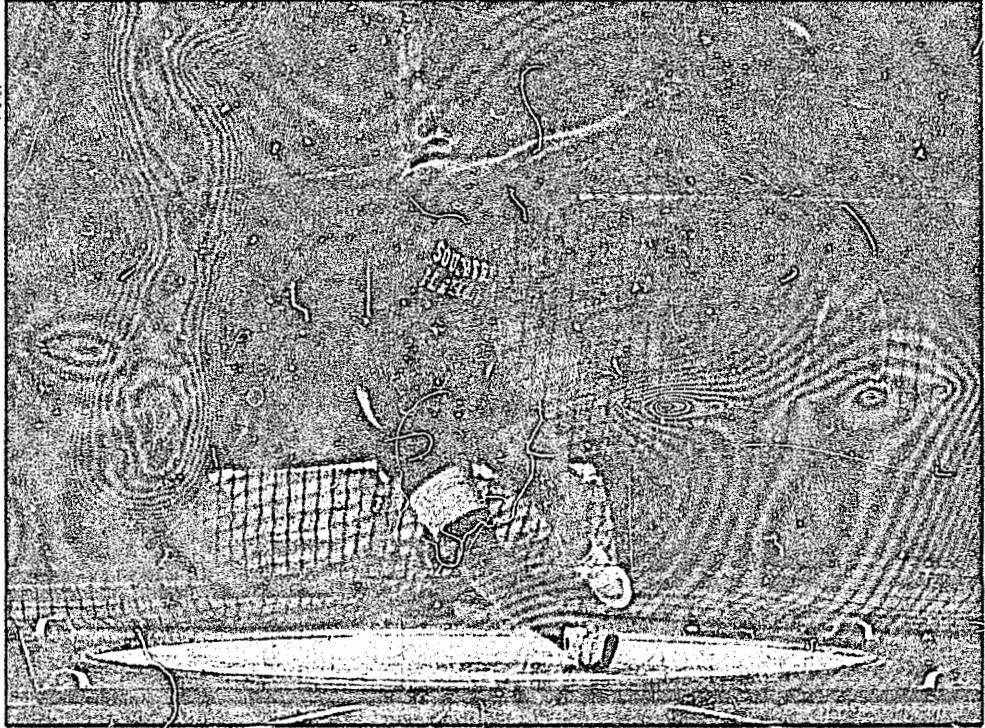
McCall said it's always an honor to be recognized and she has learned how to manage track and school through careful planning.

"In order for me to keep up with my studies and track every week, I meet with an adviser and we go over my schedule," she said. "I make note of my tests, important assignments and major projects. It helps me to keep things under control."

All athletes are held to basic academic standards by the university and the athletics department, said Tim Estes, academic adviser for athletes.

Estes said each student is required to attend all of his or her classes and must stay in good academic standing with the university, but coaches can implement their own rules.

"We get reports back from



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Senior thrower Jeneva McCall prepares to throw Friday during the STU Invitational at the Recreation Center. McCall was named the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Field Athlete of the Week Jan. 19 after

her performance at the Saluki Open. Both the Saluki men and women placed first in the invitational and will take part in the Grand Valley State University Big Meet in Allendale, Mich., Friday and Saturday.

professors about their attendance," Estes said. "They must remain in good academic standing with the university, but the individual coaches may have additional requirements."

Athletes who don't fulfill the necessary requirements may have to participate in additional

activities until the requirements are met, Estes said.

The athletics department offers students free tutors, printing and access to the Trout-Wittman Academic Center, he said.

Cross-country coach Matt Sparks said members of the track

team must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and new athletes must complete a certain number of study hours to remain eligible.

"Each student must have a 3.0, and each student that doesn't has to attend a set number of study-table hours," Sparks said.

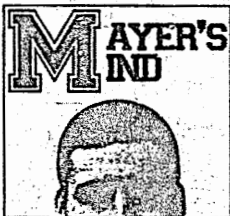
Schirmer maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.4, Berry a 3.3 and McCall a 3.1.

It is important to use the available resources to meet all of the standards, McCall said.

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STAFF COLUMN

Packers' win continues decade of professional parity



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As Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers' knee touched the ground Sunday to end Super Bowl XLV, he secured the

Lombardi Trophy for the seventh different team in the past 10 years.

The National Football League has built a competitive environment where several different teams can make it to the Super Bowl and bad teams can become good ones relatively quickly, which is part of why the sport is so popular.

In previous decades, the NFL has had a pretty steady rate of new champions. Although the Pittsburgh Steelers won three Super Bowls in a five-season span in the 1970s, the decade still saw five different franchises win the big game. The '80s and '90s saw similar results as each decade had six differ-

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ent Super Bowl champions.

However, the parity party has spread throughout American sports, even in leagues that don't have a salary cap.

Across the four major sports, 30 different franchises have won their respective sport's championship in the past decade, which is by far the most diverse pool of winners in the past 40 years.

The '70s had just 22 different

champions, the '80s had 23, and the '90s saw 24 different teams take home the big prize.

Part of this explosion of new winners can be explained by the simple fact that there are more teams around than in past decades. Teams such as the Arizona Diamondbacks, Tampa Bay Lightning and Baltimore Ravens would have never been factors because the oldest of those teams, the NHL's

Lightning, didn't exist until 1992.

Also, new rules such as the wild card have allowed more teams into the playoffs. Three of Major League Baseball's champions in the past decade were wild card teams, and this year's Packers were a No. 6 seed and a wild card in the NFL Playoffs.

Major League Baseball, long seen as a league dominated by big-market teams with a large gap between the haves and have-nots, has had nine different World Series champions in the past 10 seasons.

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