Deadline looms for city’s voters

Options available for those who fail to register in time

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

People wishing to vote in the city’s Feb. 27 primary elections must register by Tuesday.

Jackson County Clerk Larry Reinhardt said address changes are the biggest problem for students. If students registered to vote while living in the residence halls but now live off-campus, they must re-register, he said.

“That is the biggest problem we have with students and that causes a lot of heartache for them and for us trying to deal with that,” Reinhardt said.

The primary election will narrow the mayoral race from four to two and the city council field by one. Those who do not register to vote in time for the Feb. 27 election will still be able to do so for the April 17 runoff.

On Tuesday, City Council hopeful Joe Moore staked out his potential voters outside Fayer Hall to make sure they were registered for the elections.

Campaign volunteer Shane Turnage, a graduate student in political science, called out to passersby hoping to attract them to sign up.

“Choose your mayor, choose your city councilmen!” he said. “Let’s get the students speaking, ma’am!”

Within a few hours, Turnage stuffed a large stack of about 200 registrations into a manila envelope.

Moore, who is the only student running for City Council, told the stopped students his plan and why he wants to be the first student ever to win a seat.

After the 2003 city elections, it was speculated that student voters were a major factor in pushing winner-incumbent Carmen Suarez on an official deputy registrar must be prepared to show a picture ID at the polls, Reinhardt said. Traditional voter registration requires proof of age.

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Chris Wright, a Hollister Co. employee, drinks a glass of milk after taking the Buffalo Wild Wings Blazin’ Challenge Wednesday afternoon. The competition was part of Hollister’s ‘Help Raise a Buck for Duck’ event to help raise money for Jeff Duck, a Hollister Co. employee battling cancer.

Joe Gusby stood on a table Wednesday afternoon at Buffalo Wild Wings and shouted words of warning to the rest of his party.

“You’re going to be close to death!” Gusby shouted.

Gusby, a 25-year-old from Cape Girardeau, was one of 17 participants in the Hollister Co.’s “Raise a Buck for Duck Blazin’ Challenge” at the restaurant on East Main Street.

The challenge was to eat 12 of Buffalo Wild Wings’ hottest wings as quickly as possible.

No drink. No napkin. No more than six minutes.

Jone Falker, a Hollister Co. employee, takes the Buffalo Wild Wings Blazin’ Challenge with a group of Hollister Co. employees and friends.

Heather Dial, a Hollister Co. employee, takes the Buffalo Wild Wings Blazin’ Challenge with a group of Hollister Co. employees and friends.

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Dunn reviewing proposal for marketing change

A proposal to restructure SIUC’s primary marketing tool was submitted to interim Chancellor John Dunn Wednesday in an attempt to counter declining enrollment and reinvigorate department criticized for its apparent lack of priorities.

The 10-page proposal focuses on campus collaboration, student involvement and improving customer service within Media and Communication Resources, said Mike Ruiz, communications director for the Office of the President.

The proposal comes after a November report by the higher education marketing firm SimpsonScarborough called for the department’s reorganization, saying the office is not as effective marketing operation.

The report also recommended officials re-examine Southern at 150, the plan to become a top 75 research institution by 2019.

“It doesn’t mean if you do all of these things enrollment is never going to go down again, no, but I do think what it will prevent is some of the major foundational problems we have seen lately,” he said.

Dunn said he received the proposal Wednesday, but had not looked it over yet.

He said he expects the final version of the proposal to become public within the next two weeks.
Central Illinois bar owner guilty of taping in women’s restroom and tanning room

Livingston County Judge Harold Frobish found William Lutson, 57, of Chatham, guilty Tuesday after reviewing 90 minutes of videotapes. Lutson will be sentenced March 24.

Prosecutors alleged that Lutson secretly recorded at least 12 women as they used either the bathroom or tanning booth at the Grand Ole Bar in Chatham on July 25.

The camera in the bathroom was found hidden in an overhead light and fan placed almost directly over the toilet, officials said.

Lutson’s attorney, Lance Eagle, said the time stamp on the recorder might be broken and argued that some of the minors may have turned it 18 by the time the tapes were made. Lutson did not testify.

Ethics charges filed against Duke lacrosse prosecutor for withholding DNA evidence

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The state bar has added ethics charges to a complaint filed against the prosecutor who brought sexual assault charges against three Duke lacrosse players, accusing him of withholding DNA evidence and misleading the court.

The new charges by the North Carolina State Bar against Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong were announced Wednesday and could lead to his removal from the state bar, according to a copy of the updated complaint.

Nifong offered a private plea to avoid a public trial, but after consulting with his lawyers, he decided to take the stand. Nifong appeared calm as he took the stand but had tears in his eyes when he testified that he did not intentionally mislead the court.

The judge found none of the victims to be credible.

Evidence recovered from the victims included DNA samples. Nifong was charged with first-degree sexual assault and two other counts.

This trial on the ethics charges is set for May, although bar officials said at Wednesday’s hearing they expect it will be pushed back to June.

Workers claim hiring influence came from Gov. Blagojevich’s office

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Two state workers accused of misconduct by the Blagojevich administration are firing back with documents they say prove the governor’s office was intimately involved in hiring close-heavy job applicants.

One document filed Wednesday by the fired workers showed Blagojevich told the governor asking about the job application of someone who, according to other records, had given $500 to Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s campaign fund in 2005.

The documents were filed with the Civil Service Commission by Dawn Deforia of the governor’s staff and a former assistant to the governor who claims she is trying to get her jobs back after Blagojevich fired them in April, claiming they manipulated hiring procedures to bring politically connected candidates.

The pair claim they were blocked in their attempt to create an electronic hiring system to take subjectivity out of the process, and that the so-called special applica-

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Memorial Hospital of Carbondale will soon have a new $7 million facility. In April, construction will finish on a new office building for Prairie Heart Institute cardiologists. Prairie Heart Institute is based out of Springfield, and has more than 42 doctors and 20 clinic sites statewide. The building will house doctors who are currently in Carbondale, and have offices for new doctors.

George Maroney has been the hospital administrator for 31 years and has watched the cardiology program expand. “We are the busiest heart program, probably south of Springfield,” Maroney said. “Not only are we the busiest and the largest, but we’re one that is still growing.”

According to Southern Illinois Healthcare, the company that manages Memorial Hospital, local cardiologists perform more than 3,500 procedures a year, not including open-heart surgeries.

“That gives you a good ball park idea of how many people are coming to the hospital for heart care,” said Grant Walker, a communications coordinator at SIH. “The growth of the heart care program has triggered growth in the hospital.”

“As their numbers are growing, the hospital is growing along with it, and that basically caused us and [Prairie Heart] to partner and build them a building,” Maroney said.

The two-story building has been under construction since April 2006. When it is finished it will have more than 20,000 square feet with offices for nine physicians and multiple exam rooms.

Greg Timmers, the chief executive officer for the physician group at Prairie Heart Institute, said the building would provide needed space. “The big advantage to it is the fact that we’ve really not been able to accommodate the number of patients,” Timmers said. “This will give us much more space.”

With the additional space staff may be added, meaning more service for the community, and the building’s proximity to the hospital is another advantage. “The key thing, why we chose that location ... we try to always be on campus with the hospital,” Timmers said. “That way if there’s an emergency we’re already right there on the campus, so it’s a lot easier for us to respond.”

Carbondale’s central location in southern Illinois is beneficial for Prairie Heart cardiologists because they frequently visit outlying communities. “Part of Prairie’s philosophy has always been to actually travel to the locations closer to where the patients live,” Timmers said. “What they do is they actually spend part of their day out in different community hospitals.”

As doctors come to Carbondale the amount of patients will increase, and the hospital will continue to expand. “It’s a growing program,” Maroney said. “And as more patients are coming to Carbondale for their medical care, and those patients that see our physicians end up being treated at the hospital.”

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— George Maroney, administrator of Prairie Heart Institute

Bill Yeager wires a light box in the west stairwell of the newly constructed addition of the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale on Tuesday.
Senators reject Bush's Iraq plans

WASHINGTON

Former Mississippi lawmaker charged in 1964 slayings of black teens

TALLAHASSEE — A former Mississippi sheriff's deputy was arrested Wednesday in Florida for the alleged murder of two black teenagers who were long believed to have been kidnapped and killed by the Ku Klux Klan.

The former deputy, James Ford Seale, of Ruleville, Miss., was named in a federal indictment charging him in connection with the teens' disappearances and deaths while they were hitchhiking in a rural area of the state east of Natchez.

Seale, 73, was taken into custody by U.S. marshals Wednesday afternoon and was taken to Jackson, Miss. He is expected to be arraigned Thursday on kidnapping charges stemming from the May 1964 disappearances of Henry Dee and Charles Moore.

U.S. forces launch airstrike in Somalia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States launched an airstrike in Somalia against suspected al-Qaida members Wednesday in what military officials said was a first strike in a monthlong investigation into allegations that al-Qaida was planning to send an army to the Horn of Africa. The officials did not specify the number of targets. Earlier reports indicated that up to 20 targets might have been struck.

Israel

Israeli president asked to step down over rape charge

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Four civilians were killed when their car wasAccuracy approach killed by a Blackwater USA contractor in central Baghdad on Wednesday.

The women were shot in the back of the head. Five others were wounded, the Iraqi military said. An official in Washington said there were no indications that the Iraqis were shot down by Blackwater USA aircraft, owned by Blackwater USA. Blackwater USA officials did not respond to an Associated Press request for comment.

The Biden administration on Wednesday offered condolences for the five Americans killed in central Baghdad.

Helicopter crash leads to 5 American deaths in central Baghdad

Qassim Abdul-Zahra

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Five of the four Americans killed when their helicopter crashed in a dangerous Sunny neighborhood in central Baghdad on Wednesday were leaders in the hunt for the ousted Saddam Hussein, officials said.

“We had a very bad day yesterday,” Khalilzad told reporters during a roundtable discussion at the embassy in central Baghdad. “We lost five fine men.”

The Qatar-based Al Jazeera television said the 1920 Revolution Brigades insurgent group claimed responsibility for shooting down the helicopter and showed a video of the wreckage. But it did not provide any images of the site.

In Baghdad, a U.S. defense official said four of the five killed were shot in the back of the head but did not know whether they were still alive when they were shot.

On his own, Bush said, “It is unclear to me whether details had not been made public, said the Senate bill will be held in the Senate until the leaders resolve the impasse.

The White House administration on Thursday, January 25, 2007
Forensic science minor in the works

Sarah Lohman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students intrigued by the popular television series “CSI” and its spin-offs could soon get a piece of the action.

SIUC is poised to offer a minor in forensic science, and one professor says it’s all thanks to Hollywood.

Luke Tolley, an assistant professor of chemistry, teaches the new introduction to forensic science class, which instructs students how to process a crime scene and work with evidence.

The popularity of “CSI” and the importance of DNA evidence in highly publicized trials such as the O.J. Simpson case helped launch young people’s interest in the field, Tolley said.

“It’s fortunate because it’s a rapidly growing area,” he said.

Lori Vermeulen, chairwoman of the chemistry and biochemistry department, said the new forensic science minor is a collaborative effort among the chemistry, anthropology and administration of justice departments.

The 15-hour minor, open to students of all majors, could be available for students to declare in fall 2007, said Susan Ford, chairwoman of the anthropology department.

She said students should be able to take the classes now and have them count towards the minor retrospectively.

The pending minor has three required classes — introduction to criminal justice, forensic anthropology and introduction to forensic science.

Six hours of electives are also required, ranging from dental anthropology to toxicology.

Tolley said forensics is also a fairly broad area, and students may be unsure what job opportunities are available and what to study to get into those jobs.

“It helps people to understand which area of forensics they may want to go into,” Tolley said.

Ford said the program is unique to Illinois.

“The only other minor in forensic science is currently at Western Illinois and it’s really a minor in chemistry,” she said.

“It’s not a broad-based minor like this one.”

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Obama challenges allegation he attended radical Islamic school

Nedra Pickler
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Barack Obama fought back Wednesday against an allegation that he was educated at a radical Islamic school as a child in Indonesia, determined to avoid being tripped up by unsubstantiated charges like those that undermined John Kerry in 2004.

Interviews by The Associated Press at the elementary school in Jakarta found that it’s a public and secular institution that has been open to students of all faiths since before the White House hopeful attended in the late 1960s.

Obama, who was born in Hawaii, moved to Indonesia at age 6 to live with his mother and stepfather, attending schools in the country until age 10, when he returned to Hawaii to live with his maternal grandparents.

“The allegations are completely baseless,” said Ahmad Solichin, the vice principal at SDN Menteng 1, who added, “Yes, most of our students are Muslim, but there are Christians as well. Everyone’s welcome here ... it’s a public school.”

A spokesman for Indonesia’s Ministry of Religious Affairs said claims that Obama studied at an Islamic school are groundless.

“SDN Menteng 1 is a public primary school that is open to people of all faiths,” said the spokesman, Sutopo, who goes by only one name. “Moreover, he studied earlier at Fransiskus Assisi, which is clearly a Catholic school.”

The contention that Obama was educated at a radical Muslim madrassa, which is clearly a Catholic school.”

The push-back was a signal Obama would fight to protect his reputation in the presidential campaign.

Many Democrats argued that Kerry’s failure to challenge aggressively his critics in the 2004 presidential race cost him in his effort to unseat President Bush. A group with conservative ties, the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, charged that Kerry did not deserve the medals he won in the Vietnam War — despite his combat record of bravery and valor. Kerry announced Wednesday that he will not run again in 2008.

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“I think they recognize that the notion that me going to school in Indonesia for two years at a public school there at the age of 7 and 8 is probably not going to be endangering in some way the people of America,” Obama said on NBC’s “Today” show.

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Energy to burn

Photo column by Joseph Midkiff – DAILY EGYPTIAN

A collective wave of “burning energy” can overcome the masses at lightening speed. The spread of heightened pulse rates and the mutual understanding of the person at your side is an invigorating experience. Fansatics of the Bears indulged themselves to the high of a rioting frenzy on Illinois Avenue last Sunday. True, blood was not shed and metal was not bent, but the elements were there for a celebratory throw down.

The patrons of the frenzy collected fast and quick and were not easily deterred by authorities. Yes, the excitable mob relocated to a place more accepted by the law. This event was fast and quick and were not easily deterred by authorities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIU pride

Dear Editor: 

Your editorial of Jan. 22, which served as a premise for your observation that nothing good happened in the university over the past year, might just be a reflection of your narrow focus of what makes good news and what is too mundane to make, at SIU, for every error in judgment, for every

Dogs and cats

Dear Editor: 

Congratulations, Salukis, on a hard-fought win over the UNI Panthers. Also, thank you for yet another exciting game. As a UNI graduate, I always look forward to the next battle between the cats and dogs, because I know it’s going to be worth the price of admission. There’s no team I’d rather have my Panthers beat than SIU. And, please, take that as a compliment. Rivalries are what make college sports rock. And, the UNI-SIU rivalry is easily my favorite. We may very well see you again in March. So, good luck (until then), and I hope to see both of us in the Big Dance.

Marvin Kleinau

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WORDS OVERHEARD

“With arson and bombs dogs you’re not in a situation where you can play.”

Jay Crippen

arson investigator,
explaining chemical training for dogs
first bites. He said he hoped his participation would make a statement about the importance of cancer awareness.

“T’m hoping it’s going to be like after a long run where all your endorphins are rushing through your body and you’re elated that you’re done,” Travelstead said. “You’re happy that you did it even though it will be six minutes of terror.”

Howell and Michael Lewallen, an assistant manager at Hollister, came up with the idea for the fundraiser after trying the Blazin’ Challenge, which is offered to Buffalo Wild Wings customers seven days a week. Those who complete the challenge earn a T-shirt and get their picture put up on the restaurant’s walls.

“We got to the topic of ‘Hey, I bet I can do it faster than you can,’” Lewallen said. “It was a friendly bet.”

This time, Howell won the bet. He finished his fiery meal in two and a half minutes, defeating the 16 other participants.

Paul Badgett, a senior from Mt. Vernon studying management, bowed out of the competition before finishing all of his blazing wings. “I’m so much pain right now,” Badgett said, holding a glass of milk in one hand and a glass of water in the other.

Guys went beyond the requirements of the competition, attempting to finish 24 wings instead of 12. “I got 16, but I don’t know if it was worth it or not,” Gusby said. “I’m still hurting right now.”

Howell said Hollister partnered with Buffalo Wild Wings previously to raise money for Duck in December. He said last time Duck donated the money to the Pediatric Cancer Foundation and he may choose to do so again.

“This is to show what the Carbondale area can do with some support,” Howell said.

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MARKETING CONTINUED
โบราณ that student involvement — one of the cornerstones of the proposal — is an important part of the recruitment effort.

“We know that some of the best methods that we can use to recruit other students to the university has to do with the voice of students currently here,” he said.

He also said the SimpsonScarborough report validated some existing concerns among university officials.

The report said Media and Communication Resources lacked clear campus priorities and was viewed by university employees as controlling and “the mouthpiece” of former Chancellor Walter Wendler, who was demoted in November.

SimpsonScarborough analyzed the department while it was under the leadership of former Executive Director Sue Davis, who stepped down in December to analyze how the university can market through popular social Web sites such as MySpace.

Davis also acted as SIUC’s spokeswoman. Dunn recently announced that Rod Savion, formerly an associate director of Media and Communication Resources, now holds the position.

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**Today’s Birthday (01-25-07).**

Allow yourself a few adventures early in the year, but be careful. You'll be staying closer to home after April. Don’t have it be with a broken leg. Better you should be working on your garden. To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

- **Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 7 - You’ll soon be in a better position to make lots of money. Be thinking about what you’ll do when you get there, so you can do it quickly.
- **Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 6 - You’ve made a tough job look almost easy. Don’t push that impression too far. Don’t take on another impossible task quite yet. Get back to them later on that.
- **Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is an 8 - Soon, you’ll be into the doing part of the plan you’re devising. Know that new difficulties will arise. Proceed with confidence, and caution.
- **Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is an 8 - Do the best you can with what you have. You’ll be well rewarded. You’ll gain not only wealth, but also a lot of respect.
- **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is an 8 - You’re taking on new responsibilities, and there will be conflicts. Be patient with a person who used to give you orders.
- **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 7 - Make the decision and cinch the deal early. If you can’t it’s better to wait. Regular chores take precedence later and tomorrow.
- **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is an 8 - Listen and learn from a person who’s more willing to take a risk. You won’t have to do that at all. Follow when the danger’s over.
- **Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is an 8 - There are a couple of chores you shouldn’t ignore any longer. You know what they are, though. You may not know how to do them. More study is required.
- **Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is an 8 - Make sure new systems are running properly, and then hold back. Be watching for problems to develop, and bugs to be worked out.
- **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is an 8 - You’ve been thinking of ways to protect what you’ve acquired, and that’s good. Now, relax with people who love you, in a beautiful place. Don’t buy or sell anything.
- **Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 7 - Devote as much time as you can to your latest investigation. After you collect all the data, you get to build upon it. That’s the fun part.
- **Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 7 - There are a couple of chores you shouldn’t ignore any longer. You know what they are, though. You may not know how to do them. More study is required.

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**Sudoku**

**By Michael Mepham**

**Level: 1/2/3**

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

**Solution to Monday’s puzzle**

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**Jumble**

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

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YOPEN
ARLAT
TAILIC
WELBIA
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**Ans:** A

Yesterday’s Jumbles: SKUNK DRAWL WOBBLE BOTTLEY

Answer: The title of the song "Booker T. and the M.G.'s"

(Written by Caroleen S. Kugel)
For a game that doesn’t have much of a storyline or a purpose, WarioWare: Smooth Moves sure is laugh-out-loud hilarious and fun. In this version of WarioWare, made specifically to cater to the Wii’s motion-sensor controls, players get the opportunity to jump, squat and hula- hoop their way through several series of mini-games featuring abstract cartoon characters as they learn different “forms,” or ways to hold the remote for use in the games.

Each, er... we’ll just call them “chapters,” is kind of a story. Centered in Diamond City, there’s the captain of the cheerleading squad, Mona, who is coveted by the star football player of the cheerleading squad, Mona, who is coveted by the star football player. (The “janitor,” for the “janitor,” one could play by holding the remote one-handedly, or by putting the remote in the left hand, filth.”) This game is the funnest, most absurd game to hit the game. Use the “umbrella” form to sweep the floor... and do 15 other things (for the “janitor,” the blocks don’t fall when you realize what you just did). Another game tests how long you can bang a ball on a ping-pong paddle. Sure, it sounds easy, but just try it. Needless to say, when you learn you have to wear the wrist strap. Some of it you may try to be cool and decide not to, but when you break yours on the remote, don’t say nobody warned you.

There’s also the king of the disco, Cousin Andy’s Hangar 9, who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs. And while this is going on, Jimmy T., who dances with cats and dogs.

Voting

OWNERSHIP FROM PAGE 1: residency and a picture ID at the time.

Reinhart said there are three other options — absentee, grace period and early voting — for those who miss the Jan. 30 registration deadline.

Traditional absentee voting ends Feb. 26 and voters who choose this option must provide a reason for doing so. He said the easiest form for his office is grace period voting, which forces people to cast their ballots at the same time as registering and can only be done at the County Clerk’s office in Murphysboro. This runs Jan. 31 through Feb. 13.

Unlike traditional absentee voting, early voting does not require people to provide a reason for using this method. This will run from Feb. 5 to Feb. 22 at the Murphysboro office or at the Carbondale Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 15 and 22.

For a list of all registered voters and people who must register by Jan. 30 to vote in the city primary on Feb. 27, visit the County Clerk’s Office website. This can be done at the County Clerk’s Office, located at 200 S. Illinois Ave., the Department of Motor Vehicles, 2516 W. Murphysboro Road, or the County Clerk’s Office in Murphysboro.

Two forms of ID are required to register; one with a picture and a second proving residency, such as mail.

Other forms of voting:

Grace period voting will be Jan. 31 through Feb. 13.

This form can be used by those who miss the regular deadline, and votes must be cast the same day as registered in the County Clerk’s Office.

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Absentee voting is currently under way and ends Feb. 26, but unlike early voting, people must provide a reason for submitting an absentee ballot.
Riley in record books

Her coach describes her as “one of the best students of the sport.”

SIU thrower Brittany Riley calls herself “her worst critic.”

Both qualities played a role in Riley recording the year’s longest indoor weight throw, 77-feet, 5 1/2 inches, and third longest in U.S. history at last week’s Saluki Booster indoor track meet.

The throw is a Missouri Valley Conference and SIU record, along with a personal best for Riley.

The humble Riley is not satisfied with her accomplishment.

“My main goal is to get better each day,” said the junior from Flossmoor. “I want to throw 80 feet.”

If Riley were to throw 80 feet, it would put her into first-place on the U.S. Female all-time best list.

The current record in the indoor weight throw is 79-06, recorded by Erin Gilreath.

“Wisdom comes with experience, and if Parson trades Deng, he’ll regret it,” said the guy and think he’s going to be a stud in a couple years,” Gordon, even though he can score, has hit his ceiling. Wallace isn’t getting any younger. Ideally, I’ll find a way to get KG.”

Riley spends four hours each week in the weight room, and another 15 training on her throw.

Practice Smith has his throwers use 20-pound weights to offset the burden of the 20-pound weight used during indoor competition.

“Our thought as a pitching coach is we want them to be able to deal with adversity because most of the time you’re pitching, you’re dealing with some kind of adversity.”

And the adversity starts with the weather.

“The Salukis can answer the questions about readiness on the practice field and those 16 days will be gone before they know it.”

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STATS OF THE DAY

Tony Young

Outdoor practice works for the Salukis on two levels: they get tougher and they get a chance to keep up with southern teams.

Teams such as Stetson usually get a head start on its northern opponents simply because the weather is less severe, though rain is a concern.

And when the Salukis practice in cold weather they get used to dealing with less than ideal conditions.

Tim Dixon, SIU’s new pitching coach, said he is a firm believer in testing his pitching staff mentally.

My thought as a pitching coach is when our pitchers I want them to have adversity,” Dixon said. “I want them to be able to deal with adversity because most of the time you’re pitching, you’re dealing with some kind of adversity.”

But getting to the level Riley is at, SIU track and field coach Connie Price-Smith said, takes more than just physical strength.

Riley said being a student of the sport helps her see where she needs to be. She said it gives her motivation to see what other throwers are doing. It takes talking to competitors and comparing her training to what they are doing.

Price-Smith doesn’t think Riley has reached her limit.

“It will lead to bigger and better things,” she said.

Riley, and the rest of the track team, will be in action this weekend at Indiana University participating in the Gladstein Invitational.
**Shot swatter**

Falker fourth at SIU in all-time blocks, only three away from third

Scott Mieszala  
*Daily Egyptian*

The SIU men’s basketball team only has one player with more than 10 blocks this season, but Randall Falker is more than making up for it.

After a four-block performance in the Salukis’ win Tuesday over the University of Northern Iowa, Falker has 43 blocks this season and 120 in his career at SIU.

Falker, a junior forward, is fourth on SIU’s all-time career blocks list and three behind Marcus Timmons, who accumulated 123 blocks in 125 games with the Salukis. The all-time leader at SIU is Joe C. Mowrer with 164 blocks.

“That’s insane, just to be ranked in a category,” Falker said. “Kind of crazy.”

Falker has averaged two blocks per game this season, most in the Missouri Valley Conference, but he is also averaging 12.7 points per game and seven rebounds per game, fourteenth and fourth in the MVC, respectively.

The 6-foot-7 forward is also the best player to don the Saluki uniform.

“I don’t think I did enough to be ranked that high,” he said. “Put myself as a good player right now. I have potential, not to say that I don’t. I have a lot of potential, it’s just I got to keep building every day.”

Falker has been steadily improving his numbers since the 2004-05 season after redshirting the year before. He led the Salukis in blocks in his freshman and sophomore campaigns and is leading the team again this season.

His 12.7 ppg is up from last season, when he scored 9.1 ppg.

“His going to continue to progress and that’s what you hope to get,” Lowery said. However, Falker’s effect on the court isn’t confined to the box score. Sophomore guard Bryan Mullins said Falker’s low-post presence also benefits the guards defending on the perimeter.

“He’s a great defender and he always has our back,” Mullins said. “So when we’re pressuring the ball, in case someone does get by us, we know he’s back there and he’s going to either block the shot or make it a tough one by jumping and adjusting the other person.”

Lowery said Falker is the anchor of the Salukis’ defense and his presence near the basket makes the opponents think twice about driving the lane, but that doesn’t mean SIU’s other players can take it easy defensively.

“Him blocking more shots makes it better, but it doesn’t change anything we do defensive-ly,” Lowery said. “We don’t practice thinking he’s going to block every shot.”

Falker has blocked four shots in each of his last two games and accomplished that feat four other times this season, including five blocks Dec. 23 in a 66-61 win at Saint Mary’s College.

If a player happens to get into the lane against the Salukis, Falker said blocking the shot attempt is another way for him to help his teammates, something he has been doing since high school.

“If they want to come in here and shoot layups, I’ll try to block it,” Falker said. “Why not? It’s fun.”

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### SIU career blocks leaders

1. Joe C. Mowrer (1973-75) — 164  
2. Ashraf Amaya (1989-93) — 158  
4. Randal Falker (2003-Present) — 120  
5. Fred Camp (1960-62) — 107

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**Cold-blooded:** Saluki baseball opens outdoor practices

D.W. Norris  
*Daily Egyptian*

A simple sign printed on white paper was taped to the doors of the “Itch” Jones Clubhouse.

It served as a daily reminder to the Saluki baseball team encapsulated in a six-word question: “16 days left. Am you ready?”

As a blustery January wind sliced through the barren trees surrounding the Abe Martin Field, the team worked on answering that question in its first week of practices. The weather may have been more suitable for foot- ball but the Salukas do not care about the winter chill.

A Feb. 9 date with Strton University approaches like a Jordan Powell fastball and if they blink, it will be on them before they know it. Practicing indoors, while comfort- able, could not simulate game condi- tions.

Hitters needed to face live pitch- ing. Pitchers needed to get comfort- able with the defense behind them. Fielders had to get used to the demands of controlling balls on dirt and grass.

The team could not accom- plish those goals under the roof of Crabounble’s Sports Blatt, though associate head coach Ken Henderson said he appreciated the option.

“We have facilities where we can throw inside live but it’s still not the same,” Henderson said. “When you hit inside, with the lighting and the backdrop, it’s just completely differ- ent. And obviously, in terms of game defene, you can’t do any of that.”

And with 16 days remaining until their first game, the Salukas did not want to take any chances.

How the team plays on the Florida road trip can set the course of a season. Come in at less than game speed and the results can be disastrous.

Senior center fielder Kevin Koski has seen the difference field time makes and knows first-hand what can happen when the competition has a jump on the Salukas. “I can’t even begin to explain the importance of getting outside,” Koski said. “My freshman year, we didn’t get outside once and we went to Florida Atlantic and just got abso- lutely destroyed.”

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