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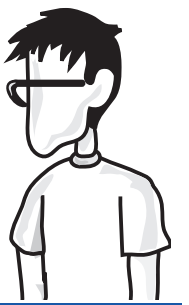


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There are no suspects in the theft of CDs and a baseball hat from a motor vehicle at 10 p.m. Jan. 14 at Lot 56.

James E. White, a 21-year-old SIUC student from Carbondale was arrested at 9:20 p.m. Thursday for driving on a revoked driver's license and an existing warrant. White posted \$600 bond.

There are no suspects in the theft of a laptop computer valued at \$1,220 at 5:25 p.m. Friday at Schneider Hall.

Amanda Thomas, a 22-year-old SIUC student from Chicago, and Lavante L. Windfield, 23, of Chicago, were arrested for illegal transportation of alcohol at 10:05 p.m. Friday at the intersection of E. Mill St. and S. Wall St. Thomas was released on a personal recognizance bond. Windfield posted his Illinois driver's license as bond.

Josette M. Maxime, a 21-year-old SIUC student from Chicago, was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 7:13 p.m. Saturday at 710 S. Illinois Ave. Maxime posted \$100 cash bond.

Stephen J. Gray, an 18-year-old SIUC student from Lindenburt, and Liam J. Orr, an 18-year-old SIUC student from Lake Villa, were issued citations for possession of cannabis in an amount less than 30 grams at 2:37 a.m. Sunday at Neely Hall.

Patrick McDonnell, a 19-year-old SIUC student from LaGrange, was issued a citation for possession of cannabis in an amount less than 30 grams at 5:13 p.m. Sunday at Mae Smith Residence Hall.

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— President Barack Obama

Emotional crowds relish Obama inauguration

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WASHINGTON - Roughly 100 SIUC students, faculty and alumni culminated a two-day journey Tuesday to witness of history.

But one student entrenched in an estimated mass of 2 million said she felt like an outsider looking in.

Aygul Idiyatullina, a third-year graduate student in interdisciplinary arts, said President Barack Obama's inauguration was like nothing she had seen in her native city of Kazan, Russia.

As she huddled in the crowd with a fellow student from Spain, she said she appreciated the event but was not able to value it as much as natives of the United States.

“Everyone else was so into it,” Idiyatullina said. “We felt like observers — and still had to stay in the cold.”

Frigid temperatures did little to ward off what some have called the largest gathering in the history of the nation. Hoards of people of varying ages and races gathered in the wee hours of the morning to usher in the 44th president's reign.

After hours of anticipation, Obama took the stage to chants of “Obama!”

Children as young as 4 years old sat on shoulders peering above the crowd, waving flags and sporting smiles. The elderly shared tears and cries of joy.

The diverse masses engulfed the National Mall in the roughly two-mile stretch extending from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial.

It was a sight even those familiar to the flash of the nation's Capitol said they would never forget.

The numbers were staggering, said Trena Mills, 40. Attending her first inauguration ceremony in 23 years of residing in the city, Mills said she was thrilled to be a part of history.

“It's a day that I never knew would happen in my lifetime, and I can't tell you how proud I am to see it happen today,” she said.

As she took in the ceremony, Mills said she recalled stories of racism told to her by her grandfather, who lived in a racially divided Columbia, S.C.

She said knowing the history of Jim Crow laws and segregated schools made the moment more meaningful, but also warned people not to take this positive step too far.

Mills said those wearing T-shirts at the inauguration that stated “We have overcome,” were off-base.

“We haven't. We still have a ways to go to completely live out the dream,” she said. “But this is definitely a step in the right direction.”

Idiyatullina said many in Russia see Obama's election as positive. She said she was particularly amused when former President George W. Bush took the stage and the crowd chanted “Na-na-na-na, hey hey hey, goodbye.”

While she appreciated moments such as the crowd's reaction to Bush's appearance, Idiyatullina said she did not experience the emotion of many U.S. citizens in attendance.

Idiyatullina said she felt particularly left out of parts such as the benediction, which she said would never be a part of



ANTHONY SOUFFLÉ | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kathy Stanish, right, a senior studying radio-television and Lisa Bland, a senior studying journalism, both from Glenn Elyn, scream as President-elect Barack Obama is introduced Tuesday at the National Mall in Washington. Stanish and Bland were two of almost 100 students, faculty and alumni from SIUC who traveled to Washington for the inauguration.

a Russian inauguration.

Then again, neither would the masses of crowds, she said.

Idiyatullina said she and most others would never go to the swearing in of any Russian president, as it is a much more private event.

Although the history of the moment was clear, the procession did not hold the power of many previous Obama-

centered events, said Rocío Rosales, a 28-year-old graduate student from Van Nuys, Calif., in behavioral analysis.

Rosales said she has been to Obama rallies, but the inauguration had a different feel.

Obama's address to the crowd took a more serious tone than rallies in St. Louis and Springfield and was not as compelling as his presidential accep-

ance speech in Grant Park, she said.

This was necessary, Rosales said, because the nation faces a host of pressing issues and people must realize things may get worse before they improve.

“It's definitely a step, but it's not an end-all,” she said. “I think there's a danger that people think the dream has come true, but there's definitely more to go.”

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— President Barack Obama

Obama takes historic spot as first black president

Jennifer Loven
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON— Barack Hussein Obama claimed his place in history as America’s first black president Tuesday, summoning a dispirited and divided nation to unite in hope against the “gathering clouds and raging storms” of unfinished war and grave economic woe.

A jubilant crowd of more than a million waited for hours in frigid temperatures to witness the moment as a young black man with a foreign-sounding name took command of a nation founded by slaveholders. It was a scene watched in fascination by millions — perhaps billions — around the world.

“We gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord,” the nation’s 44th president said.

The presidency passed to Democrat Obama from Republican George W. Bush at the stroke of noon, marking one of democracy’s greatest gifts: the peaceful transfer of power.

Buoyant and relaxed through the three days of pre-inaugural festivities, Obama seemed somber as he stood on the Capitol steps, placed his left hand on the Bible used by Abraham Lincoln and repeated the inaugural oath “to preserve, protect and defend” a Constitution that originally defined blacks as three-fifths of a person. A deafening cheer went up.

“What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility — a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly,” Obama said. “This is the price and the promise of citizenship.”

It was a day of high spirits — jarred by sudden concern about the health of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, a legendary Democrat who is suffering from brain cancer and was rushed to a hospital from a Senate luncheon after the swearing-in. “My prayers are with him and his family and (Kennedy’s wife) Vicki,” Obama said. Later, fellow Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts said Kennedy was laughing and joking at the hospital and itching to get back to work.

On the inaugural parade route,



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President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama walk down Pennsylvania Avenue en route to the White House on Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

Obama and his wife, Michelle, climbed out of the heavily armored presidential limousine and walked a few blocks along famed Pennsylvania Avenue, waving to adoring crowds under the watchful eyes of security agents.

Obama wove a thread of personal responsibility and accountability through his inaugural address, an 18-minute sermon on civic duty. A liberal Democrat proposing billions of dollars in new spending, Obama nonetheless spoke of the limits of government.

“It is the kindness to take in a stranger when the levees break, the selflessness of workers who would rather cut their hours than see a friend lose their job which sees us through our darkest hours,” he said. “It is the firefighter’s courage to storm a stairway filled with smoke, but also a parent’s willingness to nurture a child, that finally decides our fate.”

Obama’s 10-year-old daughter, Malia, aimed a camera at her father as he spoke. Michelle leaned onto the edge of her seat, body tensed and brow knitted.

“Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and

begin again the work of remaking America,” Obama said.

He alluded to the inability — or unwillingness — of Americans to adjust to the passing of an industrial-based economy. “Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age,” he said. With that, the 47-year-old former Illinois senator transformed him-

self — from a candidate claiming his campaign is about the voters to a president promising to put the nation in the people’s hands.

Unlike most predecessors, Obama takes office with his agenda in many ways set for him.

An economy that seems more foreboding than at any inauguration since Franklin D. Roosevelt took office in 1933, with some 11 million people now out of work, and trillions of dollars of stock market investments lost. Two wars, one in Iraq that most of the country has long wanted over and another in Afghanistan that is spiraling downward and needs an overhaul. The continuing fear that

another calamitous terrorist attack is not out of the question.

More inspirational than prescriptive, Obama’s inaugural address only glancingly mentioned a series of promises from his campaign: to get the United States out of Iraq, stabilize Afghanistan, create jobs, “restore science to its rightful place,” boost the use of alternative energy, address climate change, transform schools, manage government spending wisely and oversee a more bipartisan, less-divisive approach to policy-making.

To a world eager for his leadership to replace Bush’s, Obama had welcome words: “We are ready to lead once more.”

The day began well before dawn as people made their way downtown to secure spots from which to witness history, and it was to extend well past midnight through a swirl of 10 official inaugural balls and many more unofficial galas.

The drama exceeded even the breathless buildup of recent days’ nearly nonstop discussion on TV, blogs, podcasts and text messages. Not only heavily policed and barricaded Washington but much of the country virtually halted in its tracks — even, albeit briefly, inside the casinos of Las Vegas.

Age of Bush ends with handshake

Deb Riechmann
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — With one last handshake with President Barack Obama, George W. Bush boarded a helicopter on Tuesday at the Capitol and began his post-presidential life, closing a two-term administration marked by war, recession and the biggest terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

Vice President Joe Biden gave Bush a brief salute as the chopper left the Capitol grounds and headed to Andrews Air Force Base, flying over the throngs of supporters who came to Washington for the historic inauguration of the 44th president.

The unpopular incumbent and Obama, who has ascended to rock-star status even as he faces daunting and international challenges, stood with their wives on the Capitol steps smiling and laughing. If there were any hard feelings between the incoming Democrat and outgoing Republican, they weren’t apparent in the Bush send-off at the base of the helicopter. The two men hugged and clasped hands one final time, sealing the transfer of power.

Bush actually began the first few minutes as an ex-president listening to a musical prelude at the swearing-in ceremony. Obama had not yet taken the oath of office, but while the musicians played, he became president at 12 noon EST, according to the Constitution.

Some in the crowd, weary of Bush’s eight years in office, booed the president when the large viewing screens near the World War II Memorial flashed an image of the exiting president arriving at the swearing-in. Moments later, rounds of cheers welled up as the same screens showed the incoming first lady, Michelle Obama, and her two daughters, Sasha and Malia.

Unfazed by his unpopularity, Bush smiled and waved throughout the day’s activities. He blew a kiss out the window of his limousine as he left the White House with Obama.

After the inauguration ceremony, some in the crowd waved at the aircraft in the sky. Others, however, cheered when they heard a television broadcaster announce, “George Bush is no longer president of the United States.” Still others in the crowd, broke into chants of, “Na-na-nah, hey, hey, hey, goodbye.”

WASHINGTON

Sen. Kennedy feeling better after suffering seizure

WASHINGTON — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, ill with a brain tumor, was hospitalized Tuesday but quickly reported feeling well after suffering a seizure at a post-inauguration luncheon for President Barack Obama.

“After testing, we believe the incident was brought on by simple fatigue,” Dr. Edward Aulisi, chairman of neurosurgery at Washington Hospital Center, said in a statement released by the senator’s office.

“He will remain ... overnight for observation, and will be released in the morning.”

WASHINGTON

Chief Justice Roberts stumbles over words while swearing in Obama

WASHINGTON — Both Chief Justice John Roberts and President Barack Obama stumbled over wording of the presidential oath of office on Tuesday, providing a brief, awkward moment in an otherwise smooth inauguration ceremony.

Initially, Obama interrupted Roberts midway through the opening line.

Next in the oath is the phrase “... that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States.” But Roberts rearranged the order of the words, not saying “faithfully” until after “president of the United States.”

NEW YORK

Agents searching Hudson River for jetliner engine detect large object

NEW YORK — Police and federal marine agents searching the Hudson River with sonar equipment for the left engine of US Airways Flight 1549 say they’ve found what appears to be an object of the same size.

New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne said Tuesday the object is 16 feet long and 8 feet wide. It’s about 60 feet underwater north of the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum.

The NYPD says the currents are too strong for a robotic device to confirm whether the object is the engine. Divers are in the water trying to examine it.

MICHIGAN

Boy spent 10 days with mother’s body after she died in their home

ROMULUS — An 8-year-old boy lived for more than a week with the body of his dead mother before anyone discovered his situation, police said.

The woman, 41, apparently died Jan. 9 in their apartment in the Detroit suburb of Romulus, and the boy survived in part by eating dried rice, butter and flour, authorities said.

The boy came into Romulus Liquor in recent days wearing pajama bottoms and buying snacks, store owner Sam Saco told The Detroit News.

“Our challenges may be new. The instruments with which we meet them may be new. But those values upon which our success depends — hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism — these things are old. These things are true.”

— President Barack Obama

Obama's inauguration brings sense of renewal

Viewers still in awe, eager to see what future holds

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Naseem Ahmed came to the United States 33 years ago with the belief the American dream would be within her reach.

But after 33 years, the Bangladesh native said she experienced prejudice and racism that made her question America's ability to conform.

Tuesday's inauguration of President Barack Obama invigorated her faith in a nation she said is redeeming itself to the rest of the world.

"I'm just speechless," Ahmed said. "I'm just so fortunate to have lived around to see an event like this. I came to this country 33 years ago believing in the values of America and today, I feel renewed with a new hope for the United States."

Ahmed, an SIUC educational programs coordinator, was one of more than 200 people who gathered in Ballroom B of the Student Center to watch the historic inauguration of the first black president of the United States.

The mass of Obama-supporters cried, cheered and reverently watched Obama's inaugural address, which reached nearly 1.5 million people in the

National Mall in Washington, D.C.

"I'm still in awe," said Chesaree Rollins, a graduate student from Chicago studying business. "It's all still kind of surreal. The possibilities are now limitless."

Student Center workers were forced to open Ballroom A about a half hour before Obama's address to accommodate a larger-than-expected crowd.

Eager viewers spilled into the open hallways to catch a glimpse of Obama's first speech as president of the United States.

Kevin Mulligan, a junior from Chicago studying administrative justice, said he would remember the event for the rest of his life.

"This is our starting point of a new era, and I think this inauguration really sets the tone for his administration," he said. "We can say that we actually saw this and lived through it."

Mulligan said he originally supported Sen. John McCain for president and thought Obama was the wrong choice. But after listening to Obama during his President-elect speeches, Mulligan said he became a supporter.

"I really do think now that he is someone who we should really look up to," Mulligan said. "He captivates you in a way that not a lot of people can. His catch phrase is hope, and a lot of people brush that off, but he is starting



Charlene Harris, a junior from Chicago studying marketing, was one of the first to jump to her feet when President Barack Obama took the oath of office. More than 100 people watched the historic inauguration in Ballroom B of the Student Center Tuesday.

BRANDON CHAPPLE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

to inspire more and more people to change the way they are thinking."

The crowd watched in silence as Obama addressed the future challenges that lay ahead of his administration.

Jolie McFallar, a senior from Chicago studying marketing, said while Obama's plate is full of issues that need immediate resolution, his progress should be judged patiently.

She said a dismal economy, troops overseas and a slumping education system were all issues she hopes Obama would resolve.

"A lot of people are going to want

him to rectify all these situations immediately," McFallar said. "They are going to want him to attack this at one time and I'm not sure if people will be disappointed by that or if they will think he can get it all done at one time. But it's going to take a few years."

Ahmed said while the economy should be Obama's No. 1 concern heading into his first term, an equally pressing issue has already been addressed just by his taking office.

"We are also redeeming ourselves to the rest of the world," she said. "I think this is the face that we want to show. I

think the world is rejoicing because he is such a change from the last administration.

"There is a tremendous amount of hope around the world that America has changed to a president that is a visionary and a person with true compassion for the world."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Know that America is a friend of each nation and every man, woman and child who seeks a future of peace and dignity, and that we are ready to lead once more.”

Barack Obama
U.S. President, in his inaugural address.

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INSIGHT



Before he was a rockstar

Anthony Soufflé
DAILY EGYPTIAN

There was energy in the room Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, as excited supporters waited for the newly elected Sen. Barack Obama to speak at the Carbondale Civic Center.

People lined the walls in the standing-room-only crowd, eager to meet the man who had given the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention four months earlier. Many political analysts said that speech, which Obama gave to thousands in Boston, was the first time voters saw him as a viable candidate for the presidency.

I was a sophomore at the time, working on my second year as a photographer for the DAILY EGYPTIAN. I remember being struck by how enthusiastic Obama's supporters were as he entered the room.

People erupted in applause as Obama

made his way through the crowd, stopping to shake nearly every hand extended in his direction. He had a charismatic attitude more reminiscent of a rockstar than a senator.

Obama gave a speech regarding his plans in the Senate and took questions from the audience. After the address, he signed copies of his book as well as recent magazine articles written about him.

An hour passed and Obama's assistants were quick to usher him out. Just as he was leaving, a small group of students stopped him to ask a question. He waved off his handlers and took a moment to respond.

Here's hoping that approach — a willingness to address the concerns of the average person — does not change as his title did Tuesday.

“What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility – a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task.”

— President Barack Obama



“He seemed to be looking out for more people as far as health care.”

— Tommy Smith
junior from Bloomington, Ind., studying cinema and television



“I think it’s good for international politics.”

— Joseph Lane
senior from Carbondale studying sculpture

“I think it is a step forward for progress all around.”

— Hannah Redfeairn
senior from Centralia studying political science



“I think everybody is setting him up for a big letdown. They have put him on a pedestal. I hope he does a great job.”

— Tony Gooch
plumber with Fager-McGee Commercial Construction

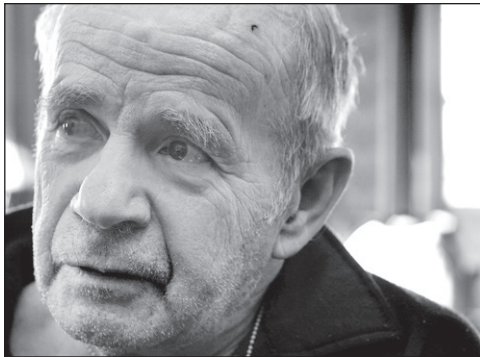
“Hope is a good thing. You can’t say no to hope.”

— Joseph Castrejon
Murphysboro resident



“A very motivational and uplifting moment for America and for many youth.”

— Willie Akerson
freshman from Chicago studying agribusiness economics



“I think he can do something for this country if they will just let him.”

— Bob Reid
resident of Prairie Living at Chautauqua, an assisted living center



“I am an immigrant. He’s willing to help more with immigrants. For us it is a positive thing.”

— Heriberto Duran
SIUC alumnus



“I’m from Indiana, so it was the first time since the election of Lyndon B. Johnson that my state went Democratic, so that was exciting.”

— Kirstin Smith
senior from Bloomington, Ind., studying biology and radio-television

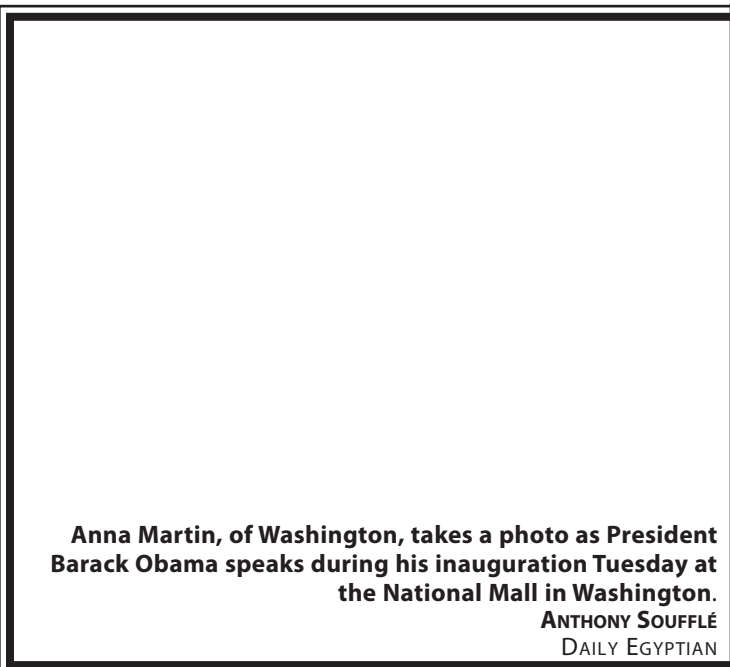


To those leaders around the globe who seek to sow conflict, or blame their society's ills on the West - know that your people will judge you on what you can build, not what you destroy. To those who cling to power through corruption and deceit and the silencing of dissent, know that you are on the wrong side of history; but that we will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist.

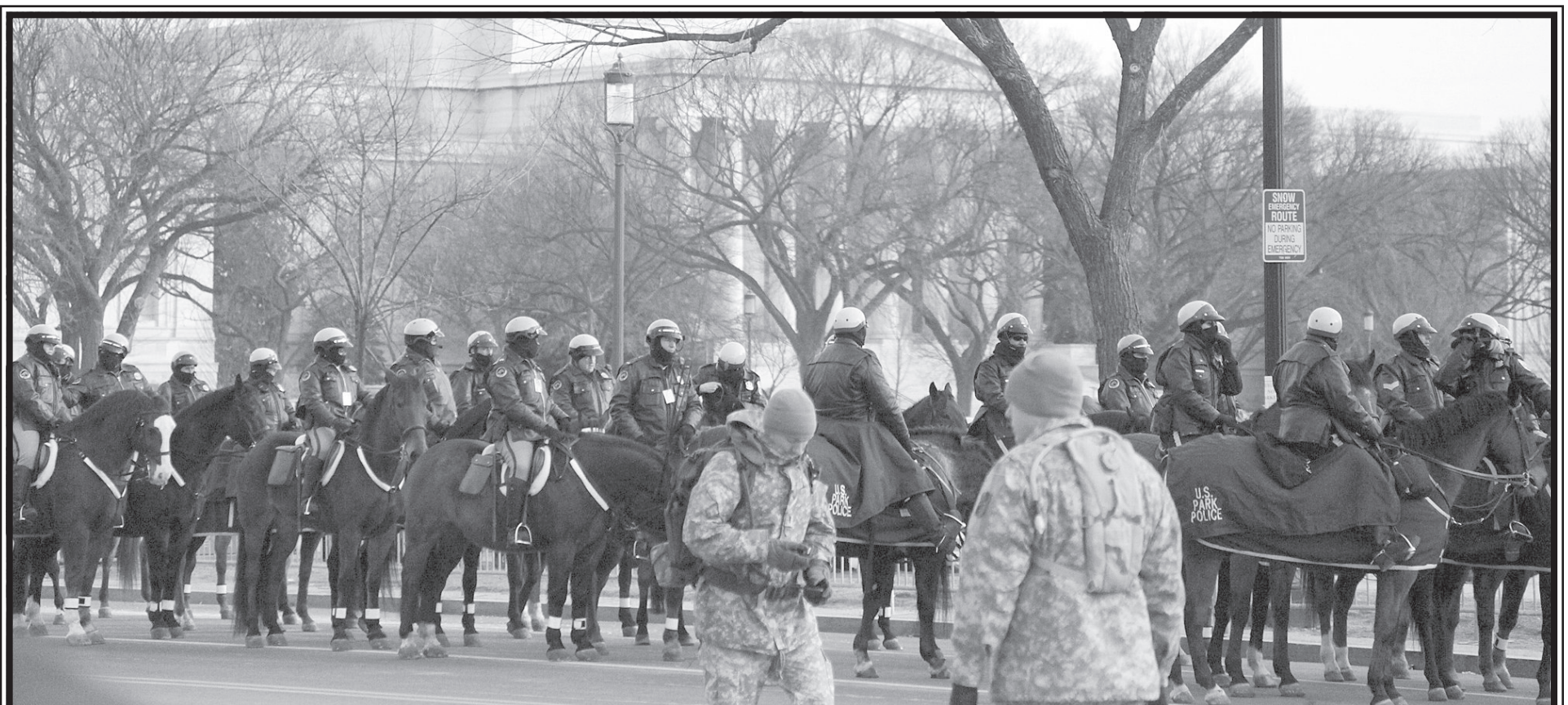
— President Barack Obama



Ruth Thomas, of Richmond, Va., watches as President Barack Obama speaks during his inauguration Tuesday at the National Mall in Washington.
ANTHONY SOUFFLÉ
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Anna Martin, of Washington, takes a photo as President Barack Obama speaks during his inauguration Tuesday at the National Mall in Washington.
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A row of mounted U.S. Park Service Police gather to act as crowd control for President Barack Obama's inauguration Tuesday at the National Mall in Washington.
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On January 19th at 2:00 a.m., 98 SIUC students, staff and faculty boarded two buses headed for Washington D.C. to witness history: the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States and the first of African descent.

After hours of winding their way through the Appalachians, they reached the Capitol area. And yesterday they observed as many as two million Americans and hundreds of journalists recording and reporting the monumental event, as Barack Hussein Obama took office.

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— President Barack Obama

What should be Obama’s top priority?

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EGYPTIAN
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Economy

“First and foremost is working on the economy to make sure we do not continue on the downfall toward recession that they say we’re in. Once our economy is in order ... the war needs to come to an end.”

— Kamilah Banks
second-year medical preparation student from Chicago

“I’m a single mother, so I definitely struggle. I’m hoping he can get these taxes down and maybe have better child care incentives.”

— Miesha Thomas
a graduate student from Chicago in English

“The economy and agriculture. I have a feeling that agriculture is going to be one of the things that could predominantly turn around the small economies in our local, small towns. Local agriculture, I think, is going to be the future of the economy in middle America. I think that starting small is what’s going to have the greatest impact on the larger picture.”

— Josh Brown
33, of Pomona

“I’d like to see businesses like the Co-op survive and I’m afraid if somebody doesn’t do something about the economy that’s not going to happen. Personally, I’m worried about keeping my house. I think it’s going to take a lot of work no matter who it is. It’s all a big machine.”

— JB Clements
manager at the Neighborhood Co-op

“With how bad it has been since early September, that’s our main focus right now. We need to get our economy back on track. As a lot of people said after Obama was elected, we’ve turned a new page. Now, we need to completely turn that page and put the Bush administration behind us.”

— Zac Reimer
junior from Woodstock studying kinesiology

“Until you can get the economy going, you can’t get the other issues fixed. I imagine the flow of credit needs to be established and employment. If anybody can turn it around, he can.”

— Sherry Hohman
70, of Cobden

“Getting us out of our depression and fixing the system that got us into this mess in the first place.”

— Eric Peterson
coordinator of visual resources for the School of Art and Design

“Jobs, that’s my concern. I guess I’m selfish, but I’m worried about myself. It’s the economy.”

— John Seratt
undecided freshman from Lockport

Global Warming

“Global warming or there won’t be anything else left. We need to take care of our planet or it won’t last. I’d like the world to last for (my daughter) to grow up.”

— Carma Gorman
associate professor of art history at SIUC

Foreign Policy

“Our position in the world really hasn’t changed. We have wars on two fronts. The Middle East is an tense place and I think we need to pay attention.”

— Laura Benedict
46, of Carbondale

“The economy and getting the hell out of Iraq. Iraq is probably my biggest frustration. We’ve killed 4,000 young men, plus tens of thousands of innocent Iraqis for no reason. I mean, I’m a Vietnam veteran, so it’s doubly anguishing to me. I was in an unneeded and unnecessary war.”

— Harry Threlkeld
61, of Carbondale



ANTHONY SOUFFLÉ | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Crowd members wave American flags as President Barack Obama is introduced during his inauguration Tuesday at the National Mall in Washington. Almost 100 students, faculty and alumni from SIU who made the 13-hour trip to Washington for the inauguration.

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“We will not apologize for our way of life, nor will we waver in its defense, and for those who seek to advance their aims by inducing terror and slaughtering innocents, we say to you now that our spirit is stronger and cannot be broken; you cannot outlast us, and we will defeat you.”

— President Barack Obama

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Must-own Obama memorabilia

Pulse Staff
DAILY EGYPTIAN

President Barack Obama is all over the place these days. From diapers to bobbleheads, the merchandising of our newest president cannot and will not be stopped.

The Pulse team is here to take a look at some of the more interesting items adorning President Obama's image.



Obama Nike Air Force Ones

Wes Larson

Did you see that baller picture of Obama getting off the plane in sunglasses and smiling and pointing? I envision wearing these shoes and immediately becoming attractive to women, like Obama in every photo he's ever been in. He really needs to give a shirtless State of the Union address.



Obama bobbleheads

Genna Ord

Although it may be unoriginal, the bobblehead is always a good standby. Expect a special edition Labradoodle bobblehead to accompany the figurine of our new president.

Obama "Yes We Can" opener

Chris McGregor

This is perfect because I have always thought my cans of soup were lacking political wit.

Obama shot glass

Luke McCormick

The shot glass is a welcome addition to any liberal's inaugural celebration and just the right size for any downtrodden conservative.

Obama Occidental College jersey-tee

Luke McCormick

The Obama jersey-tee is just right for those times you go to a major league game in which your team is not playing. Do not wear a Cubs jersey to Cardinals vs. Pirates game, rock the Obama.



Obama piggy bank (2009 presidential seal printed on translucent blue piggy bank)

Genna Ord

I would definitely go for the Obama piggy bank. If the economic recovery plan does not go the way it's supposed to, change might be all we have left. Where better to collect it?



Obama baby onesie

Wes Larson

I am reminded of the Family Guy line; "Belt buckles are a great way of expressing opinions!" I am sure that your baby does not care who you support politically, but it is pretty cute.

Obama thongs

Chris McGregor

The Obama thong is a wonderful idea; it places my two favorite things in a central location.

BRINGING SOMETHING NEW TO ΣIU

Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority is recolonizing their chapter at SIU



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Friday	January 23	Philanthropy Night	7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Student Center: Renaissance

We hope that you are asking, "What is a colony? How does starting a new chapter work?" A colony is a newly formed group of a well-established national Greek organization that has been invited to be a part of the campus and Greek community. A team of National staff and volunteers, alumnae and collegians from our other chapters in the area will participate in Open House Socials so we can have the opportunity to meet potential new members.

Tri Sigma strives for excellence in academics, community service, campus involvement, social environments and leadership positions. Our goal is to recruit freshmen through senior undergraduate women that also value these principles and view themselves as trend setters to build our legacy on campus. The opportunity for immediate leadership experience, shared memories and lifelong friendships are endless for you. We are eager to meet women during this process and share what makes Tri Sigma so exceptional!

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Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested we refused to let this journey end, that we did not turn back nor did we falter; and with eyes fixed on the horizon and God's grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations.

— President Barack Obama



Joelle Nanivazo, a graduate student from the Democratic Republic of Congo in economics, wipes tears from her eyes as she watches President Barack Obama's inauguration speech Tuesday in the Student Center. "I have a baby and this is a way to tell me my baby can do whatever she wants, equal to anyone," said Nanivazo regarding President Obama's speech.

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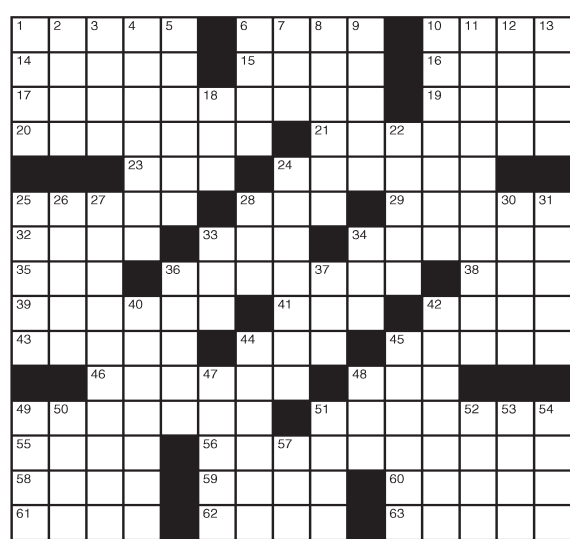
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By Linda C. Black

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- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7** — If you already work at home, you'll be especially creative now. If you don't yet, start figuring out how to make that happen. Use everything you can from modern technology.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9** — The more you learn, the more you realize you still don't know. It's a good feeling, though. It's your excuse to keep on studying a subject you find fascinating.
- Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8** — Don't get stuck inside the box of what you've done before. Look further away for good ideas. Get out and investigate a place you've never been. Keep your juices flowing.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6** — You're receiving certain benefits in exchange for doing what somebody else expects of you. This is perfectly normal, don't let it rub you raw.
- Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 8** — You and your partner love to make lofty plans for the future. Compile a list now; you're coming up with some good ones. Catch this moment. It's good for beginnings.
- Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 8** — Do the extra work so you'll have more to stash away. Don't waste a thing. You'll be amazed at how much you can acquire. If you don't know how, ask an older person.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8** — Discussing your hopes and dreams with a loved one makes those dreams seem more achievable. It actually works that way, too. The more you talk about them, the more real they become.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6** — Continue to invest in your own nest and your family. That's a good place for your money now. Improve your property value, and your living environment.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 8** — The more you learn, the more possibilities open up. There are so many, it may be hard to choose. Don't worry, you don't have to do make a choice unless you really want to.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 6** — Do what you already promised and gain a nice benefit. This might be more like advertising than generating cash. Looking good never hurts.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 8** — You are an inspiration to your many fans. They think you can do things you're not even sure about. Don't let on, OK? They believe in you. Maybe they're right.
- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 6** — Confer with friends who understand before you raise a fuss. A person who's ordering you around may have a good reason. You might even agree with it, after you calm down.

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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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6	8	9	2	5	7	1	3	4
1	2	4	6	9	3	8	5	7

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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

FLAIN
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 MULVLE
 MOINCE

As long as I'm with you... Are you okay?
 WHEN THE SWEETHEARTS SLIPPED ON THE ICE, THEY---

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

Ans:

(Answers tomorrow)

Tuesday's Jumbles: BEGOT FRUIT PONDER INJURE
 Answer: What the sales clerk did when he first used a calculator — "FIGURED" IT OUT

“To all other peoples and governments who are watching today, from the grandest capitals to the small village where my father was born: Know that America is a friend of each nation and every man, woman and child who seeks a future of peace and dignity, and that we are ready to lead once more.

— President Barack Obama

Middle school students welcome Obama



ANTHONY DAY

“It just means that change is going to come to our country and we’re going to stop going down this path.



EMILY FINK

“It gives us a sense of pride that we have found someone that is definitely eligible for our country.

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Karen DeVantier teaches advanced classes at Carbondale Middle School. In an effort to keep her students politically involved, DeVantier has welcomed Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin to the school for a discussion and hosted a Carbondale mayoral debate in 2006.

Eight students from DeVantier’s seventh-grade class shared their views Tuesday on the outgoing presidential administration and what they expect from President Barack Obama.

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HEAR more of the students’ opinions about the inauguration.

“It’s something no one has ever seen before. It’s really special. It gives us hope as a country that we can redeem ourselves.



RILEY GLASSETT

“I think that since he has two daughters, he is going to be around for a while, and he really should care about our future.



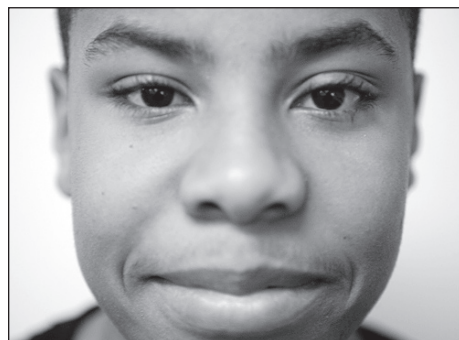
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“We probably will finally have a good president that will actually change our country for the good.

“I think that now that we have a black president, even though segregation is no more, it all kind of binds those two colors together.

“I’m not trying to be racist, but I am glad that he is black. It makes me feel better about being my race.

“I think (Obama) really wants what’s best for our country, and I think for the first time in eight years we can have hope.

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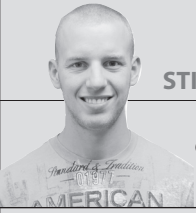
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— President Barack Obama

Saluki Insider

Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard is petitioning for \$18 million in arbitration. The Phillies offered him \$14 million, and Howard's 2008 salary was \$10 million. Is Howard worth what he's asking for?



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Considering the best player in baseball, Albert Pujols, made less than \$14 million last season, then no, Ryan Howard does not deserve \$18 million. Yes, Howard is a home run hitting machine, but he's also a strikeout machine. Howard can have his \$18 million when Phat Albert is making more than that. Until then, you're just out of luck, Mr. Howard.

There is no way Howard should be asking for \$18 million. Not unless he added Albert Pujols' plate discipline, Kevin Youkilis' uncanny ability to get on base and Derrek Lee's Gold Glove defensive ability all in one offseason. There is nothing like a base-clogging, strikeout-racking, defensively inept \$18 million first sacker. Rejecting the \$14 million the team is offering is like rejecting an Escalade because it doesn't have 27-inch rims.

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No, and he shouldn't have been second in MVP voting either, when he wasn't even the most valuable player on his own team this past year. The Phillies better point out in the hearing that Howard walked 26 fewer times last season than he did in 2007 ... or better yet, sign him to a long-term deal. Unless they think they'll be able to find another 30-year-old first baseman who consistently slugs 45-plus home runs a year.

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SYCAMORES

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Boyle said he and the team are prepared to avenge last season's road loss.

"It's all about getting your next chance," Boyle said. "Last year, the loss kind of broke us a little bit. But now we get another chance with a new team and hopefully the outcome is better this time."

SIU has its own concerns after watching three players miss game time with injuries in Sunday's game. Mullins, along with forwards Carlton

Fay and Anthony Booker, was pulled after sustaining an injury during Sunday's six-point win against Bradley. Mullins and Fay played key minutes down the stretch, however, Booker did not.

The highly-regarded freshman forward suffered a bruised right knee while going for a ball under the basket and later re-aggravated the injury going after a defensive rebound. Booker, who was limping as practice began, scrimmaged with the team Tuesday and participated in all team drills.

Booker and head coach Chris Lowery confirmed the reserve forward would be available and ready to play in Wednesday's game.

While Lowery said winning three out of the last four games is nice, he added he would like to see the team continue its strong play on the road.

"The one thing you take away from every game, which is what I'm taking away from every game we play, is that we have to maintain a level of consistency on both sides of the ball if we're going to go on the road and win," Lowery said.

TRADITION

CONTINUED FROM 20

Trust me, Kenny Williams still has a chance to get something of value for Dye after he bounced back in 2008.

That tradition of championship winning teams visiting the White House is one of my favorite sports traditions because it has been going on for so long and I do not even know how it started. Same thing with why Red Sox fans sing "Sweet Caroline" in the middle of the eighth inning of every game – it has been going on a long time, I can not tell you why the tradition started, but I know I would be disappointed if they stopped.

The traditions in sports are not all good. For example, did you know that Kurt Warner bagged groceries before he signed with the Rams? It is mentioned before almost every single Rams game.

So I present to you a list of good and bad sports traditions, in no particular order ...

The Good

• Nationally televised games on Thanksgiving and Christmas. I am one of those people who think the Lions and Cowboys should always play on Thanksgiving, no matter how bad they are. Just don't involve the Cardinals again. Somehow they will still get blown out even in the

season they make the Super Bowl. It figures.

• Old-school sports songs, like "Bear Down, Chicago Bears" and "Go Cubs Go." I'm a White Sox fan and I know most of the words to "Go Cubs Go," which I'm not too proud of. I can't help but sing along when I hear it, kind of like when the robot Bender from "Futurama" automatically sings folk songs whenever a magnet is attached to him. This does not mean that I secretly want to be a Cubs fan, like Bender secretly desires to be a folk singer.

• The Cubs not winning the World Series. It is one of the longest running traditions in sports – going on 101 years.

The Bad

• Throwing back an away team's home run ball. I just don't get it. How can anyone, like a particular Twins fan from last year, actually think, I caught this Ken Griffey Jr. home run ball, but he hit it for the other team, so I don't want it! I have a better idea. Wait until that player whose home run ball you caught takes the field again, and throw a nine-volt battery at him. That will show him.

• Video game companies buying exclusive rights from the leagues to make licensed video games. EA Sports did this first so "Madden" would be the only

licensed NFL game, paying the NFL more to eliminate the competition. In response, 2K Sports made a deal with Major League Baseball so only they and the console manufacturers could make an MLB game. MVP Baseball 2005 is, without question, the best baseball video game ever made, and there has not been a new major league installment of MVP Baseball for four years now. Living in the future stinks sometimes.

• The yearly debate about whether the NCAA should institute playoffs for football. Our new president said he plans to do something about this, but I really hope he doesn't expend too much energy on this – you know, he might have more important things to worry about than college football. Heck, even I have more important things to worry about than college football. But the simple solution is to keep the same sponsors for each game of an eight-team playoff. That way, everyone is happy. That is the solution the president should pitch.

Now, if Obama wants to make me happy, he will abolish some of the bad sports traditions I have listed.

No pressure, sir. I forgot to vote. And by "I forgot to vote," I mean, "I was too lazy to register to vote."

Seriously though, Tuesday was a great day for our country.

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Salukis hope to keep streaking against Sycamores

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After knocking off the Missouri Valley Conference's top-ranked team Sunday, the SIU men's basketball team wants more than respectability.

The Salukis moved to within one game of .500 in conference play and begins a two-game road swing tonight against Indiana State. The Sycamores captured a 64-62 win in double overtime the last time the two teams squared off in Terre Haute, Ind., as Marico Stinson hit a 3-point field goal with less than two seconds remaining.

Stinson will not be a factor in this year's game, as he left the team before the season because of personal reasons according to a university-released statement.

Senior guard Bryan Mullins said he hopes a different team will help erase the painful memory of last season's defeat.

"I know a couple of us remember how we lost, and obviously it still hurts," Mullins said. "We got some momentum right now and people are feeling really confident. This team is really starting to come together so we don't want anything to affect us negatively. We know this is a very important game for us."

Indiana State (4-14, 2-5 MVC) has struggled lately, losing five of its last six games. However, its lone win was a 75-70 overtime win against Illinois State, who entered



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Sophomore guard Justin Bocot dives for a loose ball in Sunday's 68-62 win against Bradley at the SIU Arena.

the game with only one loss. If junior guard Harry Marshall returns to the lineup, the Sycamores could pose a threat to the Salukis.

Marshall averages 14 points and 3.9 assists per game, but has been sidelined since scoring 12 points and dishing five assists in 38 minutes in the win against the Redbirds. Jay

Tunnell, a 6-foot-8-inch senior forward is Indiana State's biggest low-post threat. Tunnell averages 10.5 points and a team-high 6.3 rebounds per game.

Tunnell could draw the assignment of guarding senior forward Tony Boyle, who is averaging 12 points and seven rebounds in his

last four games.

Boyle's emergence in the post has helped guards such as Mullins and freshman Kevin Dillard get open looks at the basket, while helping their assist totals by making layups and dunks.

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THE PLACE TO BE

Looking at sports traditions

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A new president was inaugurated Tuesday, and he happens to be the first black president in the history of the United States. I do not have to tell you how inspiring and historical this is. You already know.

Events like this get me thinking about the history and tradition that serves as the foundation to just about everything we do. For the next four to eight years, the players of teams that win championships will be visiting this country's first black president, which I am sure will not be lost on them.

And I'm sure President Barack Obama would like to see the Chicago White Sox, his favorite team, visit him after winning a World Series. The chances of this happening would be better if Obama would only accept the Sox's invitation to throw out the first pitch at Opening Day on the condition outfielder Jermaine Dye is traded.

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