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Food for thought

Student Center to consult students about new options  

Chris Klarer  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students with qualms over the food choices on campus could soon be able to do more than flap their jaws. The Student Center food service contract with Chartwells Educational Dining Services expires in June 2008, putting students in a unique position to turn their individual grievances into institutional considerations, said center director Lori Lynn Stertler.

Students will be surveyed later this semester so their input can be accounted for. A committee of students, faculty and staff will be formed in the fall to assess the many options that will be available to the center, she said.

“We want to provide a great experience in the Student Center. We just need students to speak up and tell us how,” Stertler said.

Joe Yancey, a senator for the Undergraduate Student Government, said students certainly do have some constructive criticism.

Yancey, a sophomore from Alton in pre-law, said he is crafting a report based on about 150 letters from students concerning food issues. He said a common theme in the letters revolves around health concerns.

Ashley Jacobs, a junior from Chicago studying art history, said she would like to see healthier, more affordable options.

“It’s a lot of cheap stuff that’s really bad for you,” she said. “I just got done eating Doritos and pizza for lunch.”

The salad bar in the Main Street Marketplace is her favorite alternative to the “garbagey mall food” that stereotypically fills the center, she said.

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John A. Logan Community College President Robert Mees said SIUC and his college in Carterville have always worked closely.

“The campuses have agreements with housing, international students, transportation and work together in the 2+2 program — an effort allowing students to complete their first two years of school at John A. Logan and the rest at SIUC.”

“It’s very important that that whole program is planned out from day one,” Mees said.

“That way, they can probably complete their degree in a more timely basis and not take any unnecessary classes that won’t help them finalize their degree.”

He said the outreach centers would help students in the same way, and give SIUC a greater physical presence on the John A. Logan campus.

“It will allow us to have even better articulation and cooperation with SIU Carbondale,” Mees said.
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- Available in UGC office

**HHH Sk run for beer with geocaching**

- Sponsoring in Carville
- In the HHH House Tavern.
- The monthly race will be on March 21.
- The HHH House Tavern.
- It is a race to find items.
- Contact Ray Cunningham at 659-2005, ext. 15 to enter.

**Chicken and Dumpling Dinner**

- 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Locations: UGC office, 50 Main St., Carville
- The free dinner is open to the public.

**Event Calendar**

- **Gem and Mineral Show**
  - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 17 at West Monroe Church, 1609 W. Monroe St., Carville.
  - Free admission; parking, food, and live music.
- **Une Platica Por Mis Ojas Jose Guajardo Thesis show**
  - March 20-28 from 4 to 6 p.m. March 23 reception.
  - An art show featuring works by Jose Guajardo.
- **Annual fish fry**
  - March 19 at Carville Intermediate School Gym, Carville.
  - Free admission, free parking, free drinks.

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**Terrorism defendant to go on Disney World trip**

- **Chris A. S. Agana**—a federal judge Thursday approved a trip to Disney World for a minor figure in a terrorist supervision case, brushing aside clients’ protests that he might take the opportunity to flee.

- "I’m confident that he will come back,” said US District Judge Amy J. S. Eve, in giving former Chicago grocer Muhammad Salah permission to make the trip to the theme park.

- The judge said he would allow S. Agana “to go for a trip to an amusement park" and that he would not grant the motion for bail.

- S. Agana, 53, and former business partner Abdellah Anaghe, 48, were acquitted Feb. 1 of a 37-count terrorism conspiracy and providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations charge.

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Chamber of Commerce takes youthful direction

New executive director looks to leave her mark

Brandon Augsburg  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The new executive director of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce may be young, but she doesn’t let that youthfulness stand in the way that could make her the right fit for the city.

Meredith Rhoads was named executive director of the chamber in late February, placing Joel Sambursky after his yearlong tenure. Rhoads, a 23-year-old West Frankfort native, graduated from SIUC with her MBA in December.

Rhoads said she wasn’t exactly sure what she wanted to do after graduating, but she was very happy about landing the chamber position.

“That’s not something I would have thought to do, but it’s probably my dream first job,” she said.

She said she is passionate about the job because Carbondale is a small enough community where she should be able to leave her own mark on the town. She said the flexibility that the chamber offers would help her achieve her goals.

“N’t is this huge corporation where you are kind of in a box and you have to stay in that and do the one task you were hired to do,” Rhoads said.

Rhoads said fire was the underlying force because it has to grow and increase membership.

As the executive director, Rhoads also manage the chamber budget, help businesses promote themselves, help increase business community cooperation and increase enthusiasm for the city. It may seem like a tall task, but one of Rhoads’ former professors said she showed her ability to multitask while working in the marketing department at the university.

Rhoads also put together a report on the issues the chamber would face over the next few years while Sambursky was the executive director. Nasco said the report indicated the chamber capitalizes on people traveling through the area and promoting the region as a whole.

Rhoads reviewed the report before even applying for the chamber position, Nasco said. She then worked the late shift for more than six years.

“Maybe over the middle of the night she would see a fire break and no one ever knew about it,” he said.

Crombar said fire alarms and power outages are two problems that cause him the most stress.

“At the center campus once lost power in the middle of the night, he said, and an electrical engineer eventually found that a snake had slithered into the electrical substation.

“Actually got to see some pictures of this fried snake,” he said.

Crombar said a fire alarm is triggered anywhere on campus, Crombar said his center is the fire and no one ever knew about it.

“I think there is a misconception that fire alarm systems are a chamber must capitalize, but they’re not,” he said.

Lt. Harold Tucker, field operations division commander for the SIUC Department of Public Safety, said the center notifies his office when an alarm goes off and a police officer is sent to assess the situation.

The fire department is usually notified immediately.

In some of the residence halls, a prankster-proof system has been put in place to keep the fire alarms’ flashing lights and horns from going off if only one smoke detector is activated, said Brad Dillard, associate director of facilities for the Physical Plant.

He said in those situations the center is notified and investigators try to find out whether a system malfunction or a delinquent with a match caused the problem.

Crombar said he once noticed a security alarm was triggered in Life Science II and, using the building’s security cameras, was able to give the police a description of the burglar.

Once the police apprehended a suspect, they brought him to a place where Crombar could see him with the security cameras, he said. Crombar identified the suspect while still in the center, he said.

“We’re really behind the scenes,” he said.

Meredith Rhoads  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rhoads worked for Nasco as a research assistant for two years, and Nasco said Rhoads was intelligent and approachable while working dual jobs.

“She’s always smiling, and brings light into the room no matter where she’s at — working or for class — and I think that’ll be really good for her career,” Peter said.

Even though this is Rhoads’ first professional job, Peter said she showed her ability to think outside the box when they worked on a project for Assistant Marketing Professor John Summey and created the ‘Easy Ion.’

Peter said Summey was so impressed with the hand held, hair-stripping-like iron, that he encouraged them to pitch the product to a company.

Rhoads also loves the small town atmosphere of Southern Illinois. Peter said they used to visit Mugy McGain’s on karaoke night to sing John Mellencamp’s ‘Small Town.’

Peter said Rhoads’ disarming personality would help her and the chamber make solid relationships.

“I think she’d do great at her job because she’ll be able to network and build relationships,” Peter said.

After about three to a half weeks on the job, Rhoads said she is still learning the ropes and the duties she must now take on. But by the past is any indication, Rhoads should get up to speed quickly.

“It’s just learning the functions of everything and learning the functions of my job,” Rhoads said. “Because I can read them on a job description, but you don’t really understand until you do it.”
**Democrats want Iraq pullout by fall 2008**

*The Associated Press*

Washington — In a direct challenge to President Bush, House Democratic leaders are preparing legislation Thursday requiring the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq by the fall of next year. The White House said Bush would veto the measure.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the deadline would be added to legislation pending nearly $810 billion the Bush administration has requested for fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

She told reporters the measure would require the first use of the new Democratic-controlled Congress has established a “date certain” for the end of U.S. combat in the four-year-old war that has claimed the lives of more than 3,100 U.S. troops.

In a statement, House adviser Dan Bartlett, accompanying Bush on a flight to Latin America, told reporters, “It’s a done deal. It’s a non-starter for the president.”

Within an hour of Pelosi’s news conference, House Republican Leader John Boehner attacked the proposal.

He said Republicans were proposing legislation that amounted to “establishing and telegraphing to our enemy a timetable” that would result in failure of the U.S. military mission in Iraq.

“Gen. (David) Petraeus should be the one making the decisions on what happens on the ground in Iraq,” not Pelosi or John Murtha, the Ohio Republican added.

Murtha, a Pennsylvania Democrat, has been heavily involved in crafting legislation designed to end U.S. participation in the war.

According to an explanation of the measure distributed by Democratic aides, the timetable for withdrawal would be accelerated if the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki did not meet goals for providing for Iraq’s security.

The Democrats won control of Congress last fall in midterm elections shadowed by public opposition to the war, and have vowed since taking power to challenge Bush’s policies.

Pelosi made her announcement as Senate Democrats reviewed a different approach — a measure that would set a goal of a troop withdrawal by March of 2008.

Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada called a closed-door meeting of the rank-and-file members to consider the measure.

In the House, Pelosi and the leadership have struggled in recent days to come up with an approach that would be relatively less painful for Bush, who is likely to veto any more moderate Democrats unwilling to see the task of mili- tary commanders.

The decision to impose con- ditions on the war risks a major rift within the Democratic administra- tion and its Republican allies in Congress.

But without a unified party, the Democratic leadership faced a nearly impossible task as a war within a war within a war threatened to override the war.

Bush has denied that it does not move faster to cut carbon dioxide emissions that are required under the Kyoto Protocol, a treaty signed in 1997 to set limits on global emissions of the greenhouse gas. He said he would not move faster to cut carbon dioxide emissions in part because the U.S. economy would suffer.

But European nations have said the Kyoto Protocol is not moving fast enough to meet its goal of reducing emissions by 2012.

European leaders who are setting to develop energy- saving technologies that would ultimately deliver results for our grandchildren,” said the summit’s final declaration.

The EU is leading 27 countries to decide on a new green energy strategy to fight climate change and reduce Europe’s dependence on imported oil and gas.

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Celebrated Moroccan professor discusses Islamic women's movement

Sean McGahan

All women who adorn black dresses and study the Quran are not victims of oppressive, fundamentalist societies, a celebrated Moroccan scholar said Thursday.

Fatima Sadiqi, a senior professor of linguistics and gender studies at the University of Fes in Morocco who was recently appointed to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, spoke on the power of the women's movement in Islamic nations at the Student Center's Mississippi Room.

The presentation coincided with International Women's Day — a global celebration commemorating the achievements of women worldwide.

Sadiqi said common beliefs that women in Islamic nations passively accept oppression are unfounded. She said a prime example of this is in her home country of Morocco — a constitutional monarchy in North Africa largely populated by Sunni Muslims.

She cited drastic reforms in the Moroccan family code, known as Mudawana, as evidence. In February 2004, King Mohammed VI revised the code to include restrictions for polygamy and punishment for sexual harassment, among other things, according to the BBC Web site.

The revision — which was considered extremely progressive for the region — also raised the legal age of marriage from 15 to 18 and gave women additional rights in divorce.

Naeem Ahmed, a coordinator for educational programs, said she brought Sadiqi to campus in hopes of informing people about a culture that is commonly misunderstood in America.

“All we hear about here is more fundamentalist versions of Islam with the images of women as oppressed and not being able to navigate public space and all that kind of stuff,” she said. “The majority of the Muslims in the world actually live in moderate Muslim societies, not fundamentalist Muslim societies.”

Abdes Kharram, a 17-year-old high school senior from Carbondale, said she was inspired by Sadiqi’s sentiments that women with Islamic beliefs can be powerful and make change happen.

“Even though I wear a hijab (a traditional Muslim head covering), I believe that Islam empowers women,” she said. “In some countries, they culturally suppress women and use Islam to do that, and I don’t think that’s right. I think Islam actually gives women a lot of rights.”

Kharram, who hails from Pakistan, said the speech gave her a new perspective on her heritage.

“Throughout my childhood I always wondered why people think that Islam suppresses women, and I really connected with the idea that she talked about that it was introduced into a patriarchal society, and that’s the patriarchal traditions and everything fit,” she said. “They used it for their own purposes.”

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OUTPOSTS

A lot of our students go on to SIUC, but I think this will definitely increase that number,” Meros said.

Southeastern Illinois College, Shawnee Community College, Kaskaskia College, Southwestern Illinois College and the four campuses of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges system have also offered new scholarships for SIUC to set up outposts, said John Davis, SIU’s special assistant to the president.

Davis said the university hopes to initiate the centers when the new fiscal year starts in July.

“I think that it conveys very nicely that we have a very positive and very strong relationship with our community colleges, and the students that we collectively serve, and that we want to serve them the very best that we can,” Dunn said.

Davis said a closer relationship with local community colleges could help connect SIUC to high schools that already work closely with the community colleges.

Ashley Young, a sophomore from Ava studying special education at John A. Logan, said she is part of the 2+2 program and will transfer to SIUC in the fall. She said she joined the program to ensure the transfer of her credits.

She said the SIUC representative she spoke to about the program answered her questions and made her comfortable with the decision to attend SIUC.

“It was very welcoming,” Young said. “They’re like, you’re bringing people from SIUC into John A. I think it’s a great idea.”

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Sean McGahan
USG appreciates Dunn, Poshard transparency

I would like to seize the opportunity to thank SIU President Glenn Poshard and interim Chancellor John Dunn for being guest speakers at our last senate meeting. The administration felt encouraged to share their comments and beliefs about the progress and development of this institution. I particularly adore this sort of transparency and open dialogue between the administration and student body because this will go a long way into legitimizing the path that the institution should take to grow.

It also promotes unity and integrity. The student government also had the opportunity to make free comments and ask questions that relate to the student welfare and life on campus. A major part of the discussion was about the proposed fee increases and ideas on how to integrate the relationship between the student body and administration while we continue to communicate on the issue of financing the project. We hope we can reach a constructive compromise on this issue so that students are not burdened financially by the increase.

The Board of Trustees is set to vote on the proposed fee increases at 9 a.m. April 3 at SIU-Edwardsville. If students can travel to St. Louis to watch and cheer the Saluki basketball team, it would be quite impressive if they could participate in a meeting that may determine whether they get to save some money to invest in their textbooks for the next school year.

Furthermore, the student government widely supported the creation of a Black American Studies program during Wednesday’s senate meeting. Both an internal and external review have been made to gather more resources towards this program in the past. As I have attended some of the internal review sessions, it is to my knowledge that we have an array of students on this campus who would not only love to have it as a major so that they can learn more about black American history, but also use it as a stepping stone toward a professional major. This would definitely help enrollment and especially retention at SIUC, and after all, with proper scrutiny, a BAS major is actually prospective. If philosophy and history departments can have majors, then BAS should. We hope the administration would look critically into this request.

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Akeem Mustapha

Dear Editor:
The editors of the DAILY EGYPTIAN have a wonderful idea with regard to the designated driver program they suggested the school should organize. Now we should expand it even more. Perhaps the person getting the ride home should be required to pay a nominal fee for the service to compensate the school for the costs of gas and upkeep of the vehicle. Perhaps even a little extra, because as we all know, there are athletic department buildings that need constructing. It may even be a good idea to paint the cars a particular color to make them easily distinguishable from the other cars near the bar. Might I suggest yellow with black checks? Maybe go as far as to print a logo on the door?

Perhaps to save space on the side of the door, we can shorten the name through acronym. Seriously, though, there is good potential for liability to the school if the idea was to be implemented. First of all, many insurance policies would not cover a stranger driving someone’s car. Second, should the designated driver wreck, or (being mindful of statistics) when the designated driver wrecks, the school could be held liable for the damage to the vehicle and the injuries to its occupants. The school could probably defeat these claims, but the costs associated with the legal action could be quite high.

The volunteer may be held individually liable as well. This may dissolve many volunteers from offering their time and services; it certainly would dissuade me.

Additionally, who is to pay for these services? We are already experiencing a record setting amount of fee increases to fund Saluki Way. The school is considering discontinuing the women’s tennis program partially because it was cost prohibitive. People just were not using the program.

Do you really think that people would use this one either? Sober people at night failed to utilize a safe ride. Is it reasonable to suggest that inebriated people will take the responsibility and make the call? During my time working for the Jackson County State’s Attorney, I saw firsthand the problems associated with drunken driving in southern Illinois. I am not decrying the efforts to make a change, but a program such as the one suggested by the editorial would not solve the problem. It would be under utilized, create liability and would add additional costs to the already drained financial resources of this university. Should the fraternities and sororities decide to expand their programs, perhaps the idea may be feasible, though they would have to be willing to accept the associated responsibility, costs and liability.

No program or idea should displace the importance of personal responsibility. The lack of personal responsibility among many of the local bar patrons lead me to believe that even if a safe ride home were provided, most people who are willing to drink and drive without the program will continue to do so after its inception.

Justin Raver
third year law student
**People need purpose**

**Student creates documentary on today's generation**

Veronica Hilbring

While most seniors are taking it easy, one was busy. Candace Griffin is on a mission that is one year in the making. The question of "Got Purpose?" is the result of Griffin's over-the-top feeling of discontent with her generation. The project is fully produced out of Griffin's own pocket.

Griffin said that she is unhappy with the mindset of her peers on the SIUC campus and wants her film to reinforce the vital need of purpose.

"I don't believe that we are living purposefully but we are lacking meaningful purpose like morals, value and a connection with God," she said.

The documentary consults many influential people including rappercommon, author Sam Gernerle, SIUC alumni and filmmaker Tracey Taylor and the president of media sales for BET. Illinois-state legislator Mattie Hunter and Madon Colvin also appear.

The documentary, feature-length documentary touches on subjects such as purpose, spirituality, social value and moral dilemmas among other issues.

Griffin said most people look to the media documentary on how they should live.

"The only songs on the billboard chart shouldn't dictate your lifestyle," she said.

Before Griffin started on her documentary in the fall, she served as a managing intern at BET in summer 2006. That connection may lead to the opportunity to appear on one of BET's most popular shows, "106 & Park," next month to promote her documentary.

"Unlike many documentaries, "Got Purpose?" has an accompanying soundtrack. Griffin said she wanted the entire project to be for students, by students. The soundtrack is created, composed and performed by Griffin and mostly students.

The music on the soundtrack ranges from spoken word to hip-hop.

Mattie, of the band Mathiens, contributed three songs to the documentary. Mathiesen said he has done scores for many film students, but has never contributed a song for a soundtrack. Mathiesen said he created a song about safe sex called "Without My Hat."

Mathiesen, a production assistant on the film, said the project's viewpoint is different than other documentaries.

"It's given by someone from our generation. It's not an older person looking down on our generation," he said.

After the viewing of the film, Griffin said she plans to have the soundtrack, the DVD and "Got Purpose?" T-shirts available for purchase.

"Now that the project is complete, Griffin said she production company, Making Noise Media, is looking for sponsors to sell the merchandise.

As for the future, Griffin said she is sifting through job offers. Wherever she goes, Griffin said she hopes to inspire others to do something great.

"I feel like it's a responsibility of mine, since I have certain gifts to do certain things, to at least try to enlighten and inspire others to try to live with purpose," she said.

Gloria Bode says new movie and music reviews will be online during spring break

** Terrorism battles for top fighting game spot**

Wayne Utterback

The world of fighting games is a cutthroat competition to see who can come out on top with the most solid fighter.

"Tekken 5: Resurrection," the latest fighting game franchise from Bandai-Namco, comes to the table with more talk than walk.

The real problem stems from the fact that the game is a direct sequel with more talk than walk. "Tekken 5: Not a better looking version of "Tekken 5" and not a better looking version of the PlayStation Portable version. Many of the fun modes such as Command Attack, Tekken Bowl and even the necessary training mode are all missing.

"Tekken 5" incorporates new fighters, each with their own unique style. It's just too bad that there is no training mode to get accustomed to them. There is a Blade rip off which is hilarious to watch because the character's name is Blaze. Characters such as Lili and Seger Draganov need some practice to get down how to use them properly.

Here's a question for Bandai-Namco: When are you going to take out the fighting bear, panda and kangaroo? Nobody likes them, they are lame. Take them out and have those spots for characters that have some depth to them.

The graphics are a real problem. While they do look very stylized and clear, there are still some blocky characters. Add in animations that have been in the game for a long time you get a dated game. The only real saving grace for the characters is that they each have their own distinct look and feel, so there aren't three characters that look and move alike.

"Tekken 5" does support high definition and looks great on the screen. It's just a shame that the visuals and flow of the game don't use the potential of the PS3 to make it work.

Luckily, sticking true to what got "Tekken 5" to the dance in the first place does work. It has always been a solid fighting game and fans of the series will not have to learn anything new with this release.

The game play is as fun as ever and Ghost Emperor provides for some good solo replay value.

One of the clear bonuses to "Tekken 5" would be that it only costs $20 and that it can be downloaded from the PlayStation Store. The file size is about 500 megabytes, but downloads fairly quickly.

Where most games try to maintain popularity by evolving, "Tekken 5" is more than happy to coast on the coattails of every game that came before.

It will only be a matter of time before some sort of major progression will have to be made to stay in the fight for best fighting game.

Veronica Hilbring

I can remember exactly when I was and what I was doing on March 9, 1997. I was shopping with my mother and my mother asked me to do — washing the dishes. But I got distracted, interrupted by my brother yelling my name. I ran into the hallway to see what the commotion was.

"Biggie Smalls just got killed," he said.

I didn't believe him and I said he probably was talking about Tupac. It was a stupid thing to say when I think about it now.

But sure enough, scrolling on the bottom of MTV the next morning, I saw the rapper known as the Notorious B.I.G. had been killed in Los Angeles.

I was so hurt. Everyone I knew loved Biggie Smalls. I also used to ride as the ‘92 Chevy blasting "Big Poppa" the whole summer of 1995.

The next day at school, it was the hot topic among all the sixth graders. People were asking me if I wanted to watch the funeral and I said no. I watched the teary-eyed funeral broadcast succession through Brooklyn on MTV and I'll never forget how the last words of the song "Hypnotize" were "Youngin'."

It's hard to believe that it has been 10 years since the senseless death of Christopher Wallace. Rap music as a whole has changed drastically. Rap music wasn't the same before Biggie and Tupac, and it certainly hasn't been the same without them.

Biggie's death left an opening for his old high school classmates, Jay-Z andamp; B.I.G. B.I.G. forever! Notorious B.I.G. had been killed in 1997.

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By Linda Black

Todays Birthday (03-09-07) - You like to know exactly what you’re getting into. Unfortunately, you can’t make any progress that way, so give it up. You will make mistakes this year, use them to your advantage. Some mistakes turn out to be miracles in disguise.

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 don’t have enough money to waste, although you may wish you did. True friends don’t need you to buy them expensive presents anyway.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Don’t follow meekly behind a person who’ll get you into trouble. Choose your friends wisely, and if you’re in doubt, head the other way.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - You’re doing a good job. Don’t think about the money. That’s not important now, and such thoughts inhibit your Muse.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - If you can agree on your long-term goals, it’ll be easier to figure out what you should do now. Meanwhile, postpone the decisions and perhaps even the conversation. Tempers are short.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - Continue to be cautious when spending the family money. What seems to you like a good idea might not be to your mate. You’d better have a good reason.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You’re stalled, but only until you’ve learned how to run a new machine or program. Try not to get discouraged. Take your time and develop good habits.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - The good news is that you have the check and it’s good. That’s wonderful. The bad news is that you’ll have it spent in practically no time at all, even without gambling.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - A person you find quite attractive feels the same way back at you. You’re still waiting for the next move. Don’t make promises you won’t keep.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Somebody’s nagging at you, quite possibly your own conscience. Yes, it is time for you to get busy and finish up what you promised.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Pass up the opportunity to splurge with your trendy friends. An evening of reckless abandon would be more expensive than you can imagine.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - You could gain lot more than expected, or a lot less. The difference depends, in part, on your attitude. Assume you’ve earned the greater amount and don’t be intimidated.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Travel could get complicated. Pack carefully. Don’t forget to take a few extra bucks along to replace anything you lose. And expect changes in the schedule.

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Salukis send two to nationals

Josh Johnston

The Salukis are sending two of its own to compete with some of the best college athletes in the nation.

Junior thrower Brittany Riley and sophomore long jump competitor Bianca Stuart are set to represent the Salukis today and Saturday at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ariz.

“This is a really good crowds,” Blaylock said. “We like it a lot. We like playing in front of our fans and we had problems is that we play down to the other team’s level, but I think we will play stronger and come out wanting to win.”

Garza leads the Salukis in batting average with a .345 batting average, offensively with a .345 batting average, and doing their best.”

Sophomore sprinters Stere Warren credited the track and field coaches for the success of not only Riley and Stuart, but also for the entire team. “The coach-athlete relationship goes hand in hand,” Warren said. “I think it is a great accomplishment for them.

Eikenberg, now in her third season as head coach at SIU, guided her team to the NCAA championships — six for the Missouri Valley Conference Coach trophy to prove it.

Jeff Engelhardt

The SIU softball team will head south this weekend, hoping to continue its climb in the rankings. The No. 18 Salukis will compete at the Florida State Invitational in Tallahassee, Fla., this weekend. SIU will be the highest ranked team in the tournament and will begin play at 1:30 p.m. today against Florida A&M.

“The Salukis (14-3) will play four games this weekend against Florida A&M, Buffalo, Western Carolina and Florida A&M senior pitcher Danielle Brown has the most strikeouts in school history with 530, and leads the team in overall record in 2005-06, their best season since the 1997-98 season. The Salukis improved to a 10-18 record.

The Salukis’ first opponent is Florida A&M (4-15), who enters on a three-game winning streak. Florida A&M pitcher Ashley Hamby tossed a no hitter in Sunday’s 10-0 victory over Western Illinois, and SIU outscored its opponents 19-0 over the weekend.

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Hamby said she credits her success to the offenses’ ability to get her a head. “It’s always very beneficial as a pitcher to go out there and have a couple runs on the board,” Hamby said. “You’re a lot more relaxed and can just go out there and throw.”

SIU will compete as bracket play Sunday after they have finished pool play today and Saturday. The Salukis could play a total of seven games over the weekend if they make it to the championship.

Blaylock said the key to winning tournaments is the practice put in beforehand. “I told them last week that we practiced well and we played well,” she said. “I’m hoping that translates and that they come focused for practice so we can play well.”

Scott Mieszala

Saluki coach Dana Eikenberg has turned around the SIU women’s basketball program, and now she has a trophy to prove it.

Eikenberg was named the Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year Thursday. SIU also won the MVC regular season championship this season with a 16-2 conference record.

The Salukis (20-9, 16-2) have seen their win totals jump year by year under Eikenberg.

Eikenberg, now in her third season as head coach at SIU, guided her team to a 3-24 record in her first season. The Salukis improved to a 10-18 overall record in 2005-06, their best record since the 1997-98 season.

But SIU surpassed last season’s 10 wins this year, doubling that total. The Salukis are an eight-game win streak and have won 14 of their last 15 games.
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Our loss in the NCAA Tournament spells the end of the season for the losing team, and for SIU seniors Tatum and Young, a loss means their final game as a Salukis uniform.

“Rivals tell me the game is coming in and have an input to our game,” Moore said. “It’s a great push for us; everyone wants to beat us, but our focus is to stay poised and not let the emotion and excitement take over,”

Troy Hudson, a guard for the Minnesota Timberwolves, has now appeared in four straight games, his latest coming Tuesday against the Los Angeles Lakers. Hudson, a former Saluki, played 23 minutes and scored four points with three rebounds and two assists in the Timberwolves’ 117-107 win over the Lakers. This four-game stretch comes after eight straight games for Hudson without logging a minute.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?

E-mail de_editor@dailyegyptian.com

COACHES BRIEFS

NFL

Jamal Lewis to play for Cleveland Browns

NEW YORK (AP) — Jamal Lewis agreed to a one-year deal with the Cleveland Browns, a person within the NFL told The Associated Press.

Lewis was released last week in a salary-cap move by Baltimore, which elected not to pay his career rushing total 536-3311 ext. 269

PGA

Tiger Woods to host the PGA tour event

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tiger Woods plans to award one of only three players to host a PGA Tour event during their career.

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Salukis prepare for NCAA Tournament

Scott Mieszala

The Salukis are hoping experience can lead to more success in the 2007 NCAA Tournament.

SIU has four seniors, including guards Jamaal Tatum and Tony Young, both starters. Saluki coach Chris Lowery said he hopes the extra experience helps SIU perform well in the NCAA Tournament, which kicks off March 15.

This season's NCAA Tournament will be the fourth for both Young and Tatum.

"I think the experience of having seniors will hopefully be more beneficial than it was last year," Lowery said.

The Salukis bowed out in the first round of last season's NCAA tournament, losing 64-46 to No. 6 seed West Virginia. The two SIU seniors in 2006 were Austin Brooks and Kyle Smithpeters, who combined to play seven minutes in the loss to West Virginia.

SIU (27-6, 15-3) was the No. 11 seed in the Atlanta Region in last season's tournament, playing the game in Auburn Hills, Mich.

The No. 14 ranked Salukis are expected to be favored in the first round of the NCAA Tournament this season, but Tatum said being favored isn't important.

"It doesn't really matter, for real. Being the underdog or being the favorite, you still got to go out and play. Otherwise you lose, and that's the bottom line," Tatum said. "You got to go out and compete and forget about everything except what you have to do to win that game."

SIU played in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament last week-end, beating Drake in the first round and Bradley in the semifinal before falling to Creighton, 67-61. Tatum scored 25 points in the losing effort, and Saluki junior forward Randall Falkner shot 3-for-5 from the floor in a game with a season-low three points.

Falkner, though, said he isn't feeling discouraged heading into the NCAA Tournament.

"You're going to have bad games, you're going to have games where you don't produce like you want to," Falkner said.

SIU will not find out who, where or when it plays next until 5 p.m. Sunday. The Salukis will play the Copper Dragons for Selection Sunday, and the event is open to the public.

When asked if it mattered where SIU will compete, Lowery said that's unimportant.

"You just want to go and do well," he said. "It's about the draw, it's about the preparation of knowing who you're going to play is more important than knowing where you'll go."

The Salukis won this season's MVC regular season title, winning 13 games in a row between Jan. 20 and March 3. They also achieved the highest ranking in school history, coming in at No. 11 in both of last week's major polls.

However, Tatum said none of that matters once the NCAA Tournament begins.

"We're familiar with all these teams. We've played against both teams. We're familiar with all these teams so it's about us being in good position and playing with hunger," Saluki coach Dana Eikenberg said.

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Salukis have dual title in sight

Matt Hartwig

Daws need to win tournament to grab NCAA berth

The SIU women's basketball team has a daunting task ahead of it.

After clinching the Missouri Valley Conference regular season championship weeks ago, the Salukis will still need to win their conference tournament at the Drake Knapp Center in Des Moines, Iowa, to garner a NCAA tournament berth.

SIU begins its quest for a dual championship at 12:06 p.m. Friday against either Wichita State or Drake.

Both the Bulldogs and the Shockers have losing records and the No. 1 seeded Salukas swept the season series against both teams.

In the 2006 tournament, the Indiana State Sycamores went into the tournament as the No. 1 seed but lost in the championship game to No. 7 Missouri State. While Missouri State snatched the NCAA automatic bid, the Sycamores were not invited to the NCAA tournament despite winning the regular season title.

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