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Chancellor put on leave



EMILY SUNBLADE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chancellor Treviño addresses concerns about university policy, tuition and enrollment at the GPSC meeting Jan. 22. SIU President Glenn Poshard said Monday that Treviño was put on administrative leave because of serious concerns expressed about his leadership.

Treviño's performance to go under review because of 'serious concerns'

Joe Crawford DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chancellor Fernando Treviño has been put on paid administrative leave after serious concerns were expressed about his job performance, according to a statement Monday from the university president.

"The decision, made in consultation with the Board of Trustees, is in effect pending a review of the serious concerns brought to my attention by campus and community officials relating to the performance of Dr. Treviño's assigned duties," SIU President Glenn Poshard said in the statement.

Poshard declined to comment further, saying it was an employee matter and he respected Treviño's privacy. Other university officials also declined to comment on the reasons for the action.

Treviño was notified of the decision last week, according to the statement. Interim Provost Don Rice will assume the day-to-day responsibilities of the chancellor until the review is completed, the statement said.

Sam Goldman, a member of the SIU Board of Trustees, said the board discussed issues with Treviño's performance in executive session at its meeting Feb. 28. Goldman said the board periodically reviews the performance of the university president and the chancellors.

The board had briefly talked about problems with Treviño's performance at other meetings, Goldman said, but he said he could not remember how long the board had been discussing the matter. Goldman also did not say what the university's concerns were.

"This didn't emerge instantly," Goldman said. "Over a period of time, the president has shared with us some of his concerns."

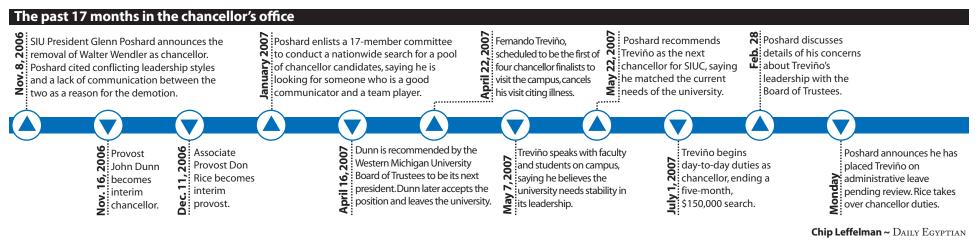
Treviño did not return two messages for comment left on his cell phone Monday.

Shari Rhode, a Carbondale attorney who previously worked as chief trial attorney for the university, will represent Treviño. Rhode said she had not been told yet what the university's concerns were.

"When we receive them we'll address them, and hopefully that will resolve the issue," Rhode said.

SIU spokesman Dave Gross said Treviño would receive a list of concerns from the university in the next few days. The chancellor will then attend a hearing with Poshard, who will decide whether his response is satisfactory and whether any action needs to be taken, Gross said.

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Code review nears completion

the matter

Committee prepares final report on Student Conduct Code revisions

> Madeleine Leroux DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sarvela said the committee is now trying to schedule a meeting for all involved committees, which he said he hopes to have within the week.

After making any added changes, Sarvela said the com-

mittee will send a The fact of report to the chancellor's office, where the final changes will be mad

he had brief meetings with Treviño before spring break to go over added changes to the conduct code. Now that Treviño is on administrative leave, White said he hopes to make an appointment with

White said.

interests in mind.

Rice within the next two weeks.

"My task now is to go and talk to the vice chancellor for student

tee, students were on the losing side of the vote most of the time.

"The fact of the matter is students are outnumbered on that committee," White said. "Nine times out of 10, the administrators on the committee stuck together."

White said certain proposed changes have been made, including changes to the interim separation policy. The policy allows the university to ban a student from campus without a hearing, as long as there is reasonable cause to believe there is a significant threat to the campus community. Sarvela said the White said the policy previouscommittee has received ly included property damage as an positive feedback on the example of when to implement the revisions and all recompolicy, but has now been dropped mendations were made from the code. Whether added changes take with the students' best place or not, Sarvela said the conduct "We're trying to get code is in the final stages of revision. the best student con-"The light is at the end of the duct code that meets the needs of the tunnel," Sarvela said. "We can see it."

outlined in Student Conduct Code March 2007 Student Conduct Code committee

expelled due to procedures

• Seven SIUC students accused of beating a fellow student were

Conduct code under review

appointed to review and revise code

November 2007

October 2006

 Committee begins drafting proposed changes to code

As the review of the Student Conduct Code nears the end, the responsibility of finalizing the regulations has changed hands.

Paul Sarvela, committee chair and dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, said the committee is ready to make its final report on the year-long review of the conduct code, a set of rules regarding behavior for students at the university.

Chancellor Fernando Treviño has been put on administrative leave and interim Provost Don Rice is going to fulfill his duties for now, which includes approving the final code, said university spokesman Rod Sievers.

"The chancellor, or Dr. Rice, gets to decide what changes will be made or not," Sarvela said. "We're going to try to give him as comprehensive a report as possible and then he'll make the changes."

Sarvela said Rice has been a part of the chancellor's executive council to review the code and will ultimate-

ly make the decision of when the revised conduct code will be released.

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December 2007

 Committee turns in draft of code to Chancellor Treviño

January 2008

 USG President Demetrous White attempts further revisions

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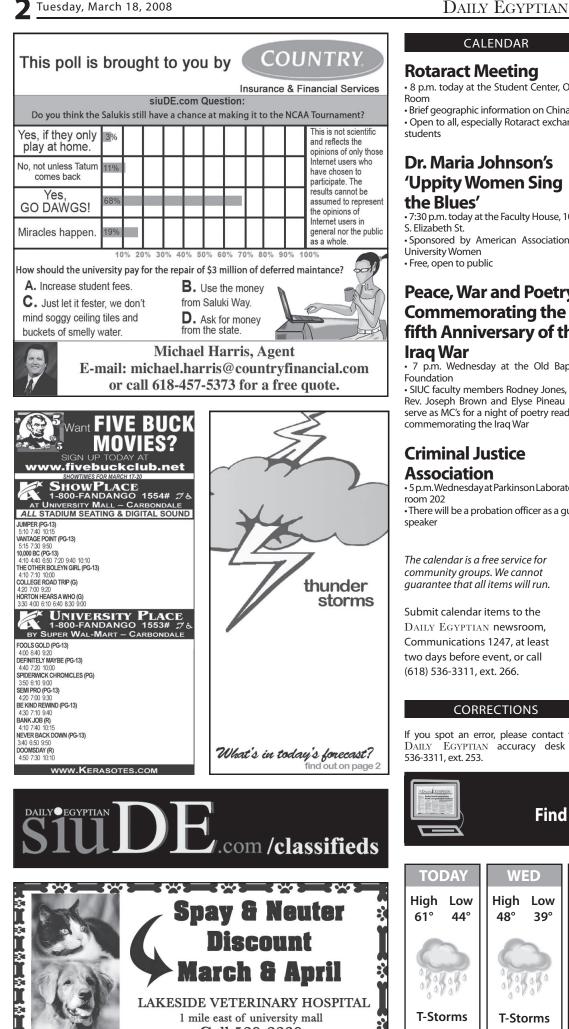
 Committee prepares final report to send to chancellor's office; Interim Provost Don Rice will make final decision on what changes are made and when revised code will be released

Michelle Arras ~ DAV GYPTIAN

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But White said with only three

students on the nine-person commit-



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Rotaract Meeting

• 8 p.m. today at the Student Center, Ohio

 Brief geographic information on China Open to all, especially Rotaract exchange

Dr. Maria Johnson's 'Uppity Women Sing the Blues'

• 7:30 p.m. today at the Faculty House, 1000 S. Elizabeth St. Sponsored by American Association of University Women

Free, open to public

Peace, War and Poetry: **Commemorating the** fifth Anniversary of the Irag War

• 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Old Baptist Foundation SIUC faculty members Rodney Jones, the Rev. Joseph Brown and Elyse Pineau will serve as MC's for a night of poetry reading

Criminal Justice Association

 5 p.m. Wednesday at Parkinson Laboratory, There will be a probation officer as a guest

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NEWS BRIEFS

Drew Peterson appears in court, seized belongings to be returned

JOLIET, (AP) — Drew Peterson entered a courtroom for the first time since being named a suspect in his wife's disappearance, emerging with a judge's order that cars and computers seized by authorities be returned to him.

The former Bolingbrook sergeant has denied involvement in the disappearance of his wife, Stacy, who hasn't been seen since October, and hasn't been charged in the case.

Under Will County Judge Richard Schoenstedt's order, Peterson can pick up his GMC Yukon Denali and Pontiac Grand Prix on Tuesday, and he can get his computers along with copies of the hard drives within 15 days.

The judge, however, said he needs more time to consider a request from Peterson's attorney Joel Brodsky, who suggested weapons taken from the retired police officer be given to Peterson's son, who is a police officer.

"Drew is very pleased that he's getting his property back," Brodsky said after the hearing. "The judge has reviewed the secret testimony of the state, he looked at the affidavits, and still found there was no compelling reason for the state to retain the property any longer."

During the brief hearing, Peterson also agreed not to challenge the validity of more than 200 digital photographs of his cars and other property. Schoenstedt said last month that would be a condition of returning the items.

Dressed in a dark suit, Peterson said little in court, answering "yes your honor" to a number of judge's questions about his agreement not to challenge the photographs, whether it was his signature on the agreement and whether he understood what he was signing and if he had enough time to study it.

'I was so embarrassed,' vote switcher tells **Rezko's trial**

CHICAGO (AP) — A member of a powerful state health care planning board told political fundraiser Antoin "Tony" Rezko's fraud trial Thursday that he switched his vote on an \$81 million hospital construction project partly because he felt embarrassed and humiliated by another panel member.

"I was just so embarrassed I just wanted him to get back in his seat," Dr. Imad Almanaseer told the jury in describing what federal prosecutors call a key moment at the heart of a massive and wide-ranging fraud scheme.

Rezko, 52, a key fundraiser for Sen. Barack Obama and Gov. Rod Blagojevich, and millionaire attorney Stuart Levine are accused of scheming to split a \$1 million kickback for ramming the \$81 million hospital project through the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board.

The board has life or death power over such projects, which promise to bring in enormous profits for companies that get its permission to build.

But when the crucial vote came on April 21, 2004, the Mercy Health Systems proposal to build the hospital and medical office building in Crystal Lake in McHenry County, fell a single vote short of approval.

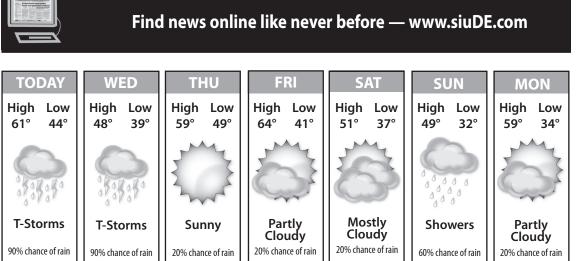
At that moment, Levine, who was also a board member, got out of his chair, chatted briefly out of earshot with Chairman Thomas P. Beck and then walked over to where Almanaseer sat and whispered in his ear.

"He wants you to vote," Almanaseer quoted Levine as saying.

Almanaseer had voted pass. But now, he testified, he felt humiliated and embarrassed by Levine's action. "Mr. Beck voted yes and I raised my hand and said I want to vote yes," he testified. The project was approved.

POLICE REPORTS

There are no items to report at this time.





Morris opens three new floors

Switch will allow renovation of bottom three floors

Lindsey Smith DAILY EGYPTIAN

Morris Library opened three new floors Monday, tripling its floor space after nearly two years of construction.

Floors three, four and five were opened to the public for the first time Monday, but the "semi-grand opening" for them will be held today, said David Carlson, dean of Library Affairs.

Some students are already enjoying the new space.

"The library? I heard that's the new hang out," said Isabel Madeira, a junior from Brazil studying economics.

Carlson said speakers would be present at 2 p.m., but he did not know which administrators would attend. Tours will run on the hour, every hour. Refreshments, compliments of Sylvia Smith's Hospitality and Tourism Administration class, will be provided from 2 to 4 p.m.

Everything previously on the first floor has been moved up and spread out on the new floors. According to the library's advertisement, the third floor now contains items such as computers, newspapers, videos, and compact discs, while reserves, maps and SIUC theses and dissertations are located on the fourth floor. The fifth story holds Library of Congress collection books as well as music scores.

The previously crammed first floor is now vacant and ready for its makeover. Construction on the second floor



BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Gwen Hall, a senior from Anna studying accounting, searches for books Monday afternoon in the newly renovated fifth floor of Morris Library. After nearly two years of construction, the third, fourth and fifth floors of Morris Library are now open to the public.

is still in progress, Carlson said.

The move was originally scheduled for early January, but was delayed several times. The DAILY EGYPTIAN previously reported in November that the delays were caused by a lack of ventilation, the elevator and general construction, as well as water leaks in the basement. Though floors three, four and five are now open, completion of the rest of the building is up in the air. October is the goal for the basement and floors one and two, but Carlson said he was skeptical about making the deadline.

"We're a little worried about making October. If we don't make

October, the next logical date would be the December/January time frame," Carlson said.

This delay would put the opening of the bottom three floors near three and a half months behind as well.

The auditorium and floors six and seven have been renovated, but cannot be completed because of a lack of funding.

Additional funds to finish the project have been stalled in the state's capital for more than a year. The capital construction bill would provide SIU with \$21 million if passed.

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Cheney urges political unity in Iraq

Balqis Kareem, 46, a housewife and part-time cook, shows one of the two water pumps in her backyard in the Karrada neighborhood of Baghdad. Five years after the U.S.-led invasion of the country, the biggest complaint is lack of electricity and other basic services such as water supply which has such low pressure it is often hard for residents to get water without the aid of a pump. HANNAH ALLAM MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE



VP: Drop in violence 'remarkable'

Deb Riechmann The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Vice President Dick Cheney warned Monday against large U.S. troop cuts that could jeopardize recent security gains in Iraq, as he marked the fifth anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion with a two-day visit to the country.

Cheney used words like "phenomenal" and "remarkable turnaround" to describe a drop in violence in Iraq, and he hailed recently passed legislation aimed at keeping Iraq on a democratic path.

"It would be a mistake now to be so eager to draw down the force that we risk putting the outcome in jeopardy, and I don't think we'll do that," Cheney said after spending the day zigzagging through barricades and checkpoints to get to meetings in and out of the heavily guarded Green Zone. He spent the night at a U.S. military base, the second overnight stay in Iraq for the vice president — the highest-ranking official to do so. Reporters accompanying him were not allowed to disclose the location. Last May, Cheney stayed at Camp Speicher, a base near former leader Saddam Hussein's hometown and about 100 miles north of Baghdad.

"It is good to be back in Iraq," Cheney, dressed in a suit and dark cowboy boots, said after his meeting with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. "It's especially significant, I think, to be able to return this week as we mark the fifth anniversary of the beginning of the campaign that liberated the people of Iraq from Saddam Hussein's tyranny, and launched them on the difficult but historic road to democracy."

He acknowledged that there is still a lot of difficult work to be done in Iraq, where 160,000 troops are deployed and the U.S. death toll is about to top 4,000. His own motorcade, escorted by Humvees manned by troops with machine guns, never ventured farther than about a mile outside the Green Zone.

Female suicide bomber kills 43 in holy city

Kim Gamel The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A female suicide bomber struck Shiite worshippers in the holy city of Karbala on Monday, an official and a witness said, killing at least 43 people and leaving pools of blood on the street leading to one of Iraq's most revered mosques.

The blast was the deadliest in a series of attacks that left at least 72 Iraqis dead, including six youths killed when mortar rounds slammed into a soccer field in eastern Baghdad.

Two U.S. soldiers also were killed

Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The violence marred overlapping trips by Vice President Dick Cheney and Sen. John McCain to Baghdad. Their visits were aimed at touting recent security gains and stressing Washington's long-term commitment to fighting insurgents in Iraq.

The U.S. Embassy and military issued a joint statement blaming al-Qaida in Iraq for the Karbala attack.

The bomber struck after the worshippers had gathered at a sacred historical site about half a mile from the golden domed shrine of Imam Hussein, a grandson of the Prophet Muhammad who was killed in a seventh-century battle. information, said the attacker was a woman — as did a witness.

The U.S. military described the attack as a suicide operation but put the casualty toll at 40 Iraqis killed and 65 wounded. The U.S. statement said the identity of the bomber remained unknown.

Brig. Gen. Raed Shakir Jawdat, Karbala's police chief, said 43 people were killed and 73 wounded. He denied it was a suicide attack, saying a bomb had been planted in the area. The discrepancies could not immediately be resolved.

Karim Khazim, the city's chief health official, said seven of those killed were Iranian pilgrims who had traveled to the holy site. es were broadcast from loudspeakers nearby.

The witness, who did not identify himself, told AP Television News that a woman in the crowd had blown herself up.

If true, it would be among the deadliest attacks carried out by women during the Iraq conflict.

Female suicide bombers have been involved in at least 20 attacks or attempted attacks since the war began, including the grisly bombings of two pet markets in Baghdad that killed nearly 100 people last month.

The U.S. military has warned

WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Clintons counter Pelosi's take on Democratic nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a weekend of campaign adversity, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and her husband separately prodded Democratic Party leaders Monday to look beyond mere delegate strength in picking a presidential nominee at this summer's national convention.

"I don't know that it will be an easy decision, but that's what leaders sign up for," said the former president, declaring that a candidate's ability to win a general election should be considered.

The former first lady, who trails rival Sen. Barack Obama in the delegate chase, concurred. "I think it's a question about everything and I think people are going to have to take everything into account," she told reporters.

Made in different settings, the remarks underscore the debate roiling the Democratic Party as the primary season nears an apparently inconclusive end — while Republicans have begun to close ranks around Sen. John McCain for the fall campaign.

Second Amendment meaning at issue in Supreme Court case over D.C. handgun ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court gets to write on a blank slate when it takes up the meaning of the Second Amendment "right to keep and bear arms" and the District of Columbia's ban on handguns.

The nine justices have said almost nothing about gun rights, and their predecessors have likewise given no definitive answer to whether the Constitution protects an individual's right to own guns or whether that right is somehow tied to service in a state militia.

The case that will be argued Tuesday is among the most closely watched of the term, drawing 68 briefs from outside groups. Most of those support an individual's right to own a gun.

"This may be one of the only cases in our lifetime when the Supreme Court is going to interpret an important provision of our Constitution unencumbered by precedent," said Georgetown University law professor Randy Barnett.

New York

David Paterson sworn in as governor of New York

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — David Paterson was sworn in as governor Monday before a crowd of lawmakers who chanted his name and cheered his message of unity in a state eager to move past his predecessor's sordid and speedy political collapse.

Paterson became the state's first black chief executive and nation's second legally blind governor almost exactly a week after allegations first surfaced that Gov. Eliot Spitzer was "Client 9" of a high-priced call girl service.

"We move forward. Today is Monday. There is work to be done," Paterson said. "There was an oath to be taken. There's trust that needs to be restored. There are issues that need to be addressed."

Monday in a roadside bombing north of Baghdad, bringing the American death toll closer to 4,000 as the U.S.led war enters its sixth year. At least 3,990 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the

A police officer, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the

State Condoleezza Rice and Defense

Secretary Robert Gates that his

nation is ready to accept portions of

a proposed new framework for often-

troubled U.S.-Russian relations. He

Putin disclosed that he had

did not provide details.

AP Television News footage showed a man carefully picking up pieces of flesh and wires apparently from a fuse as evening prayer servicthat insurgents are using female attackers because they can more easily avoid checkpoint searches and can hide the explosives under traditional all-encompassing black Islamic robes.

U.S., Russia begin talks on missile defense

Robert Burns The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Outgoing President Vladimir Putin, in talks with President Bush's two top foreign policy aides, embraced on Monday a U.S. proposal to set a broad agenda for the future — not just on the thorny issue of missile defense but on a range of problems the next U.S. and Russian leaders will face.

Putin, whose hand-picked successor, Dmitry Medvedev, is due to take office May 7, told Secretary of The president wanted to assess whether there was an openness to cooperation on issues that have been difficult, like missile defense.

> — Condoleezza Rice Secretary of State

received and closely analyzed a letter from Bush, which a Gates spokesman said was meant to spell out an agenda for this week's talks in Moscow and to propose that both sides agree on the fundamental issues for the future of their relationship. Rice said Bush sent the letter last week after talking by phone with Putin to set up this week's meetings in Moscow. "The president wanted to assess whether there was an openness to cooperation on issues that have been difficult, like missile defense," Rice said after the Putin and Medvedev meetings.

"I frankly was surprised at the relatively positive tone of the meetings, both with the president-elect and with the President Putin," Gates told reporters. "I think we have some oppportuniteis here. We'll see." LEARS

ER doctors should start to ask about cocaine use in young patients

DALLAS (AP) — Younger ER patients with heart attack symptoms should be asked if they've recently used cocaine, which can cause similar chest pain, the American Heart Association warns doctors. For these patients, honesty can be a matter of life or death: Some heart attack treatments can be deadly to someone using cocaine.

New guidelines published online Monday in the American Heart Association journal Circulation say that emergency room doctors need to be aware that symptoms of a heart attack in younger patients with no heart disease risk factors may be caused by cocaine use.

The drug can cause chest pain, shortness of breath, anxiety, palpitations, dizziness, nausea and heavy sweating — all symptoms of a heart attack.

"Not knowing what you are dealing with and giving the wrong therapies could mean death rather than benefit," said Dr. James Reiffel, professor of clinical medicine at Columbia University Medical Center/New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Rec Center gets new game

Luke McCormick DAILY EGYPTIAN

News

Flashing lights, sound effects and loud music are taking over outside the cardio room in the Recreation Center this week.

The lights and sounds are not part of some new concert series running through next Monday, but

are the promotion of a new interactive aerobic game, known as NEOS. The game consists of four towers that have four blinking lights each, play music and show off different effects during games of 45 seconds to a minute.

The goal of the game is to slap a

blinking light before the other player, whileslapping the most lights in the time allotted. There are nine variations of the game within NEOS, incorporating three different skill levels.

Corné Prozesky, assistant director of facilities at the Recreation Center, said Recreational Sports and Services staff members found out about NEOS through literature they received in the mail and decided to ask

Playworld, the game's manufacturer, for a trial period.

'We liked the idea of students getting a good workout and having fun at the same time," Prozesky said.

The assorted games require players to use memory, endurance and hand-eye coordination to be successful.

NEOS The machines have been placed in school yards, playgrounds and other areas of physical fitness, where they have been successful, according to Playworld's Web site. Dale Schaffenacker,

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Associates, the company that markets NEOS, said the game can be used for team activities. Staff members could even create intramural events around NEOS, Schaffenacker said.

He said he would also like to see athletic teams put the machine to use because it works on speed and hand-eye coordination.

Teams could even use it as a test because the score is impartially made by the machine, unlike a 40-yard dash where a human is starting and stopping the watch," Schaffenacker said.

Schaffenacker said the game was originally developed for playgrounds and school yards.

"It was designed to almost trick kids into exercising, using the flash-ing lights and music," Schaffenacker said. "They'd be exercising without even knowing it."

While the game might have been intended for a younger audience, the students who played Monday night seemed to enjoy the game.

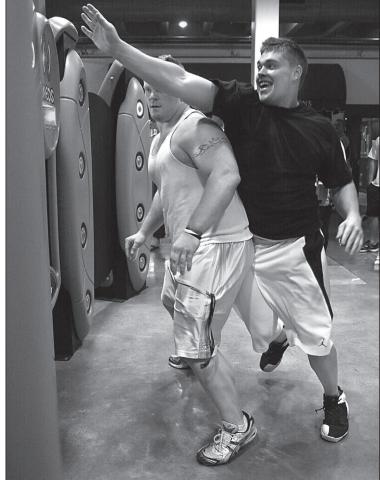
Eddie Knox, an undecided freshman from Chicago, said he really liked beating his friend.

"It reminded me of speed and agility drills from football in high school," said Knox, who was out of breath after playing for a minute.

If the university decides to keep the machine after the weeklong trial period, it would come with a price tag of \$29,900, according to a Playworld catalog.

Prozesky said recreation administrators would seriously consider purchasing the game if they received enough positive student feedback.

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Scott Bauer, a sophomore from Lemont studying exercise science, and Chris Arthurs, a sophomore from Wheaton studying education, play the NEOS at the Recreation Center Monday. NEOS is an interactive exercise game that will be available to try until March 24.

House recommends textbook requirements

If materials are sold separately, books may be more affordable

Barton Lorimor DAILY EGYPTIAN

Doctoral student Stanley Weiss and his wife Shannon studied Monday in the Student Center from textbooks that cost the couple \$600.

That expense could be smaller if State Rep. Naomi Jakobsson has her way.

Jakobsson, a Democrat from Champaign, proposed a House bill that would require college-level textbook publishers to sell bundled materials separately.

She said students in her district from the ften what Uhappens is that University of Illinois have complained instructors about requiring expensive classroom materials that remained unused by the end of the course. "Often what happens is that you get to your class and you don't use them," Jakobsson said. The bill would also require publishers to announce changes made to a textbook during the last 10 years on their Web site. Weiss said that policy would allow him to save money by purchasing older editions if the textbook did not have drastic changes. Jakobsson's bill is not receiving smiles from college bookstores, such as the University Bookstore in the Student Center operated by Follett Higher Education Group. Store manager Dan Bonacia said the increasing cost of textbooks should not be resolved through legislation, but by communication

between university faculty and textbook publishers.

"To deny faculty the opportunity to choose the best possible work, regardless of cost, is to potentially deny students the best possible education," he said.

Jakobsson said her legislation would not limit instructors to certain materials, but require the publisher to notify the instructors of a book's selling price.

Manager Randy Johnson from 710 Bookstore declined comment until he was more familiar with the bill, and Sue Loverude, manager of Saluki Bookstore on Grand Avenue, declined comment.

Weiss, a Bridgeport native studying early American literature, said instructors would have to make sure the class could still utilize older textbook editions if the bill was turned into law.

"Instructors must do research," he said.

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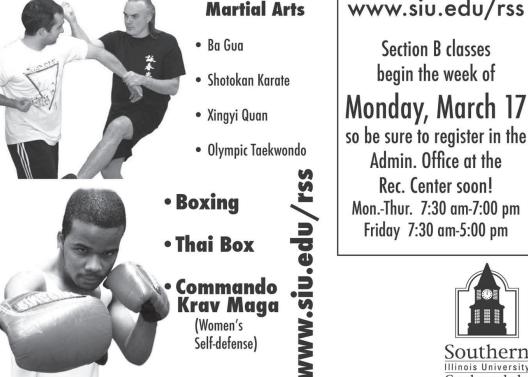
undergraduate -Naomi Jakobsson degree. Though Illinois state representative he will keep

> textbooks used for graduate degrees, Weiss said the rental policy at EIU saves undergraduates from shelling out \$300 to \$400 for books each semester.

> The Illinois House Higher Education Committee, which reviews bills that would impact colleges and universities, voted unanimously in favor of Jakobsson's proposal. It was placed on the House calendar Thursday for a second reading and continued debate.

The bill is listed as HB 4903.

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WHAT THE HEALTH IS GOING ON?

Dealing with test anxiety

THE WELLNESS CENTER

Sweaty palms, trembling hands, heart beat jumping out of your chest.

This may sound like a reaction to a scary movie, but in fact these symptoms describe many students facing a test.

Test anxiety is extremely widespread and is generally experienced as an inability to think clearly, in spite of adequate preparation. Teachers and counselors hear of students who knew their study material well, but "fell apart" taking the test time and time again. Since testing is widespread in our society for a variety of reasons, such as job placements, promotions, professional licenses, it is in the best interest of students to learn to manage their anxiety in testing

on feelings of shame, guilt and self-blame will only add to a downward spiral of performance. During times of perceived stress, hormones of adrenaline and cortisol are released in the body.

One study looked at the effects of these stress hormones on memory. Students were injected with cortisol and then read a short story. Results showed that those students with cortisol were less able to remember simple information. This evidence demonstrates that anxious individuals need to take action to reduce the effects of stress on their lives.

Fortunately, there are effective ways to deal with test anxiety.

Adequate preparation is important. Discussing test content before an exam, with instructors or other students or reviewing past exams may help to guide studying. Reviewing notes on notecards or highlighting key information will reinforce material. Spreading intensive review of notes over several days rather than just cramming the night before a test is recommended.

serve as "brain food". Allowing plenty of time to arrive at the test location early will help avoid a panic response.

Some students find that listening to music on headphones on their way to a test is calming. Use deep, abdominal breathing while waiting for the teacher to begin. Studies have shown that just a few minutes of slow, calm breathing regulates the heart rate, and helps students to focus better.

Practice positive expectations by positive self-talk, using statements, such as, "I can handle this, I will be okay no matter what."

Stretching neck and shoulders, or tensing and then releasing the muscles can be useful. Visualizing a positive scene can induce feelings of calm. Remember, not all stress is negative; a little anxiety can actually help performance. After the test, try not to dwell on any mistakes you may have made. Reward yourself with

THEIR WORD

Wrong decision on waterboarding

without

McClatchy-Tribune

President Bush had a chance to sign legislation that would make it clear once and for all that the interrogation technique known as waterboarding is a crime. Yet instead of enacting a law that would limit interrogations to only those techniques outlined in a U.S. Army manual, he vetoed the proposal, sending it back to a Congress that Tuesday tried but failed to override him. Once again, Mr. Bush made the wrong decision.

This is no time, the president said, to abandon practices that have "a proven

track record of keeping America safe." The public is not well served by such scare tactics. Ever since Sept. 11, 2001, Bush has used the threat of terrorism to expand the president's warmaking powers. Waterboarding is torture—even condoned despite some of the president's staunchest allies in Congress concede the

point-but Bush seems determined to resist any effort that would contradict his view that the executive's authority to wage war in all its forms knows no limit.

Thus, detainees can be held without habeas corpus, wiretapping does not require prior judicial approval, and waterboarding is condoned despite a formal sanction against torture. To boot, the internal-ethics office of the president's own Justice Department is investigating the department's approval of waterboarding of al-Qaeda suspects by the CIA. Even in a White House where the

governing rule is "our way or the highway," this senseless support of waterboarding defies logic.

The notion that waterboarding has extracted information from terrorism detainees has been disputed by many outside the administration. Sen. John McCain, the probable Republican nominee for president, has specifically challenged reports that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, was made to yield valuable information under waterboarding. The CIA may have left that impression, he said, but the FBI disagreed. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-

Thus, detainees W.Va., an ally of the can be held administration on the issue of wiretapping, habeas corpus, said, "I have heard nothing wiretapping to suggest that information does not require obtained from enhancedprior judicial interrogation approval, and techniques has prevented waterboarding is an imminent terrorist attack." As a formal sanction chairman of the Senate against torture. Intelligence

> Sen. Rockefeller is privy to information relating to secret anti-terrorism programs.

Committee,

The House fell 51 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to overturn a veto, but Congress can at least hold hearings to determine how the administration came to approve methods of interrogation proscribed by the Geneva Conventions. Then it will be up to the next president to undo the damage so that one and all will know that the United States does not engage in torture.

uations they will encounter.

Some students use normal anxiety to heighten motivation and "psyche" themselves up for the task. Other individuals find that when they are anxious, they block answers and have difficulty concentrating in test situations. There is evidence that test-anxious individuals actively rehearse negative self-talk during test situations.

These negative self evaluations and predictions interfere with concentration. Wasting energy

Getting enough rest the night before exams may seem like a luxury, but can help keep memory sharper. Avoiding alcohol or drugs days before a test is critical, as they can interfere with cognitive abilities. A moderate breakfast will something relaxing.

You are not your score or your grade. Self worth is more than a test. With persistence, negative mental or emotional habits can be retrained.

> For confidential help in learning relaxation skills, contact the Wellness Center at 536-4441.

This editorial appeared in the Miami Herald on Friday.

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Enough with the hatred in Iraq."

Pope Benedict XVI

during his Palm Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City

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Let's talk about some things you should know. There is some truth out there and someone has to tell it to you

It might as well be me.

Before I get into writing revelations in the weeks to come, I thought it only fitting to introduce myself first. My full name is Paul Howard Flowers Jr., but Paul Flowers will do. I'm a senior majoring in biological sciences with minors in chemistry, marketing and psychology. Before you ask, I'm not going to be a doctor. I basically wanted to take this time to give you a little insight on who you'll be reading on a weekly basis. Check out my Facebook page, it has a link to my MySpace page where all the fun and exciting details of my personality, attitude toward people and

personal life will be posted among other things.

To give you a brief take on my outlook of society, I quote parts of Howard Beale's "I'm mad as hell" speech from the movie Network (1976):

"I don't have to tell you things are bad. Everybody knows things are bad. It's a depression. Everybody's out of work or scared of losing their job ... "

If this isn't the truth, I don't know what is. Seventy-eight million baby boomers plan to retire and cash in on their social security benefits, but I've got some disturbing news for them – don't plan on it.

Let's say the government is going to pay each of its hard working retirees the hefty sum of \$1,000 a month, an amount that most people today can't survive on, as a part of their hard-earned social "security" benefits.

That would be \$78 billion (yes billion with a 'B') a month.

If you think our government is going to spend that much per month on the baby boomers, think again. I digress:

"...We sit in the

house, and slowly the We all have to world we're living in realize that we is getting smaller, and all we say is, Please, are the leaders at least leave us alone in our living rooms. of tomorrow.

Let me have my toaster and my TV and my steel-belted radials, and I won't say anything. Just leave us alone."

'Wow, this guy's out there!' is the reaction I'd expect from my audience, but there are a few thinkers reading this who see where we're coming from. Instead of the toaster and steelbelted radials, it's more like my cell phone and computer with Internet connectivity. But for a movie that's 32 years old, he sure sounds like he's talking about present day United States.

ate' comments, jokes, etc. Especially interesting is that humor/jokes ABOUT sex/gender are prohibited! A clear violation of first amendment rights which do not outlaw jokes that someone may find 'inappropriate....' Possible interference with one's education etc. is long forgotten and we're immersed in anyone-being-offended land."

In our years at SIU, we have known many individuals who faced frivolous, false or malicious accusations of harassment. They included men and women, gays and straights, young and old, liberals and conservatives. Nearly always the charges were vague and had nothing to do with actual sexual harassment (the stuff of the "bad old days").

It is time to can the code and begin anew. A good place to start is with a statement by the Office for Civil Rights (U.S. Department of Education) at http://tinyurl. com/28zf6a and the NAS Statement on "Sexual Harassment and Academic Freedom" (http://www.nas. org/statements/harass.htm). Meanwhile those accused ought to seek counsel of their union representatives and

The Saluki Advocates are SIU faculty, staff, students or alumni who volunteer to serve as a personal friend to an incoming SIUC student. As a Saluki Advocate you will be assigned to an incoming SIUC student who shares similar college or career interests, hobbies or backgrounds with you. As a Saluki Advocate you will be asked to send your "Future Dawg" one e-mail a week or make a telephone call each month to help the incoming student stay on track and persist through to degree completion. You could also drop a card in the mail or visit with the incoming student when he is on campus.

If being a Saluki Advocate sounds like something you

the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (www. thefire.org).

is now.

This just goes to show how far

we've come as a country in the past

three decades. Hopefully this sparks

something inside you as you're read-

ing. A spark that says, "If we don't do

something different today, then our

Of course there's much more to

tomorrow may not be so bright."

me than what meets the eye. I'm

about what's going on in the world;

Not just a change for myself, but for

you, your friends and family and the

generations to follow us. We all have

to realize that we are the leaders of

tomorrow. This is something I will

just wanted to touch on it briefly.

come back to in the weeks to come; I

Stay tuned to your weekly 'Two

Minutes of Truth' and I'll keep you

informed and moving forward with

the times because the time for change

Flowers is a senior studying

biological sciences.

I'm actually working for a change.

not just some angry guy ranting

If SIU doesn't get its house in order, it may face the embarrassment of negative media publicity or a major lawsuit. Indeed, one of the above-mentioned committees concluded that "office practices - which, it should be pointed out, are not consistently followed - are so profoundly prejudiced against respondents that one can only wonder that they are apparently approved by the Office of Legal Counsel."

For more information on the SIU Code, Daphne Patai's commentary and the committee recommendations, go to http://tinyurl.com/2tcpj4. The committee's case study of a witch-hunt is particularly horrifying to read.

Leonard Gross professor of law

Jonathan Bean professor of history

training which will be held in three different sessions today in the SIUC Student Center Mississippi Rooms. There are from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; or 5:30 p.m. to 7:30p.m. Food and refreshments will be provided and all Saluki Advocates will receive a T-shirt and jacket.

Please join the Saluki Advocates and help us welcome our community college guests at the Saluki Advocate Southern Style Barbecue, which will be held on the Stehr Fields behind the Wham and Pulliam complex 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 29.

TWO MINUTES OF TRUTH

Say 'hi' to the new guy

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Can the code: It's not about sex

DEAR EDITOR:

We invite everyone to a forum on SIU's "sexual harassment code," slated for Thursday in the Law School Auditorium. Two high-level committees have already recommended sweeping changes in a code that violates due process, assumes guilt on the part of the accused and operates as a speech code.

Above all, the definition of "harassment" is dangerously broad. In "Heterophobia: Sexual Harassment and the Future of Feminism" (1998), Professor Daphne Patai (University of Massachusetts) cited SIU's loose harassment language as an example of what is wrong with the system. Nine years later, she examined the code once again and stated:

"The long list of possible offenses is, of course, absurd. It covers sexual assault (a crime) and 'inappropri-

Have a heart

DEAR EDITOR:

Be a friend to help another student persist and progress toward his college, career and life aspirations.

As a current SIUC student, did you ever wish you had a friend on campus before you arrived in Carbondale? Would having an advocate have helped you with questions about registering or dropping classes, finding Woody Hall or exploring the trails around campus lake?

If you would like to help an incoming student make seamless transition to SIUC, please join in the Saluki Advocate campaign.

Tiered pricing isn't fair

DEAR EDITOR:

When reading about University Housing's recent proposal for a tiered pricing scale, something immediately struck me as unfair. Although it is described as a plan aimed toward assisting students, I find it to be discriminatory and altogether harmful in application.

As it stands, those who contract for housing early are offered first priority in choosing their room, and Thompson Point always fills up the fastest. This firstcome-first-serve system rewards the students who plan would like to do, please do join us for our Saluki Advocate

ahead and complete all of the application procedures early - regardless of economic status.

I feel that making Thompson Point the most expensive and the triads the least puts students with financial needs at a new disadvantage. Now not only do economically challenged students have to work extra hard for scholarships and other academic rewards, they also feel pressure to scrape together more money to live where they want.

It is no secret that the Triads are consistently underpopulated and in need of renovation. Why corral students with financial need into sub par housing? Furthermore, Thompson Point is the most handicap accessible residence hall complex, which means that students with

Becky Robinson Saluki advocate director

mobility restrictions are automatically obligated to come up with the additional \$600 a year just to live in suitable housing.

As far as the tiered meal plan goes, giving financially privileged students more opportunities to eat on a weekly basis is just ludicrous. While I can somewhat understand what University Housing was attempting with this plan, I think that it ultimately fails students and creates an unnecessarily segregated living atmosphere on our campus.

Kate Gramlich

junior studying sociology

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Southern Illinois

Climbers scale the sandstone

Audra Ord DAILY EGYPTIAN

For most people, the thought of hanging on a rope several hundred feet above the ground sounds less than enticing. For a growing number of people, though, rock climbing is becoming a more accessible alternative to traditional sports.

While there obviously aren't any mountains in southern Illinois, this region does offer a wide variety and a substantial amount of rock climbing on the sandstone bluffs.

The region has potential for all types of climbing, including bouldering, top-roping, sport climbing and traditional climbing.

Ted Peterson, a junior from Rockford studying architecture, has been rock climbing for 14 years and is a member of the SIUC climbing club. He said bouldering is the most basic form of climbing because it allows the climber to focus on the pure act of climbing. It is a simple style of climbing that requires minimal gear and technical know-how.

"It's pretty self-explanatory; you climb boulders, and if you fall, you land on a pad," said Eric Miller, a junior from Rochester studying mechanical engineering. Miller has been climbing for seven years and is also a member of the SIUC climbing club.

Top-roping is the kind of climbing most people are familiar with; it is the style that is found at most sporting goods indoor rock walls and

the wall at the Recreation Center. The rope is attached to the climber, goes up through anchors at the top of the climb and comes back down to the belay.

Both sport and traditional, or trad, climbing requires more equipment, technical ability and commitment than top-roping or bouldering. In these styles, climbers place their own gear as protection on the rock.

Because of the nature of the sport, falling is an inherent part of climbing and there is potential for injury. However, Peterson said climbing is as safe as the person who does it.

"It's probably safer than partying on the Strip," Peterson said.

One of the primary reasons many people climb is for the athletic aspect. Climbers use their own power to climb up a rock, and so must develop strong muscles and tendons in order to repeatedly lift their body weight.

"It's one of the purest ways to use your body; it's like ballet on the wall. We're not rock climbers, we're cliff dancers," Peterson said.

Matt Jeffers, a junior from Rochester studying mechanical engineering, has been climbing for seven years. He said climbing is primarily an individual sport, so a rewarding aspect of climbing is the feeling of accomplishment after completing a challenging climbing route or boulder problem.

It allows a person to set goals and push themselves beyond their preconceived limits, Jeffers said.



Audra Ord ~ Daily Egyptian Bryant Noble rappels after completing a climb in the Jackson Falls public climbing area. Jackson Falls is located approximately 45 minutes southeast of Carbondale and is home to more than 450 climbing routes.

The sport also develops and reveals certain personality characteristics, such as trust, responsibility, discipline, commitment and accountability, Peterson said.

"There's so much accountability involved with the whole thing, especially on bigger routes," Miller said. You have to deal with the consequences of your actions; if you get in a bad situation you have to get yourself out.

"A lot of times, it's either up or it's up. You have to commit yourself to the route," Miller said.



Alicia Wade DAILY EGYPTIAN

'Lewis Black's Root of All Evil' Comedy Central New episodes air 9:30 p.m. Wednesday on Comedy Central

In the seemingly never-ending world of bland talk shows, comedian Lewis Black attempts to establish an irreverent comedic talk show with his latest Comedy Central production "Lewis Black's Root of All Evil."

And - pinky swear - he succeeds.

"Root of All Evil" operates on a simple concept — Black plays judge in a battle of two pop culture topics of discussion led by

various comedians acting as advocates for each cause. In their discussion, the

advocates try to prove their topic is, in fact, the root of all evil through stand-up bits and video clips. In the final sequence of the show, Black announces who he believes is the more evil of the two.

Topics range from Oprah vs. the Catholic Church to Donald Trump vs. Viagra, lending a risqué tone to the show as wrongs by both parties are brought to light and hilariously scrutinized.

In one battle, Paul F. Thompkins, acting as advocate for Oprah being the root of all evil, highlighted the daytime talk show queen's charitable action of building a school in South Africa. Thompkins then presented the question of why Oprah did not build a school in the United States, and answered it from a quote she had in Newsweek.

"I became so frustrated with visiting inner-city schools that I just stopped going," she said. "If you ask the kids what they want or need, they will say an iPod or some sneakers. In South Africa they don't ask for money or toys."

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Thompkins then presented a hilarious video clip of him surveying innercity children about whether they want a state-of-the-art school to attend or stuff, tallying "stuff" against "school." School beat stuff 14 to 1.

"Root of All Evil" allows comedians besides Black to flex their muscles and show their talent. With advocates, such as Greg Giraldo, Kathleen

Madigan and Patton Oswalt, the show has little potential to ever be anything below belly-achingly funny.

The limited angry speeches from Black also keep his shtick from getting old and allow him to be something more than a yelling comedian.

The show has shades of the now defunct "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn," but remains infinitely more funny because, well, Quinn isn't there to stutter through the half hour. It discusses pop culture and pokes fun at topics people are inundated with every day. Though it isn't a round table, having two advocates and Black on every show keeps each member of the cast from getting stale.

In the world of talk shows, it's obvious that "Root of All Evil" is by far the least evil half-hour chat around.

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TREVIÑO

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"I think you're going to see most of this happen in the next

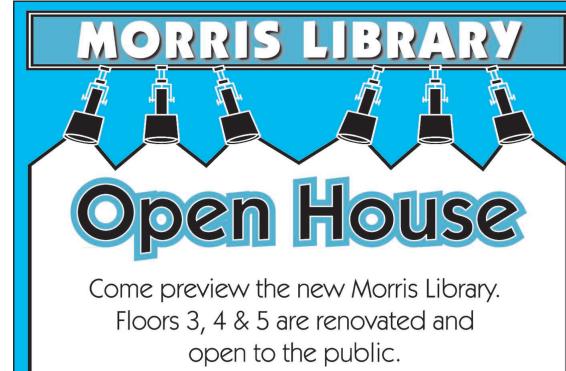
seven to 10 days,"Gross said. Poshard selected Treviño, the former dean of the School of Public Health of the University of North Texas Health Science Center, from a pool of four chancellor finalists in May. The Board of Trustees made the hire official in June after a five-month search that cost the university \$150,000.

said in May. SIUC's top spot had opened up after Poshard ousted former Chancellor Walter Wendler from

the post in 2006. Before he was selected, Treviño made a visit to campus during which he held an open forum with faculty. At the time, he said he knew it would be a large leap from former dean to the chancellor spot.

"Åm I ready to make that leap? I'm not sure," he said.

Treviño's three-year contract When he announced Treviño calls for him to receive \$290,000 annually in addition to a \$27,500 housing allowance.



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as his pick for chancellor, Poshard said Treviño had a personality that would work at SIUC.

"On the basis of what I've learned of him ... I am convinced that he is the right leader for this great university," Poshard 536-3311 ext. 254 or jcrawford@siude.com.

Allison Petty and Madeleine Leroux contributed to this report. Joe Crawford can be reached at



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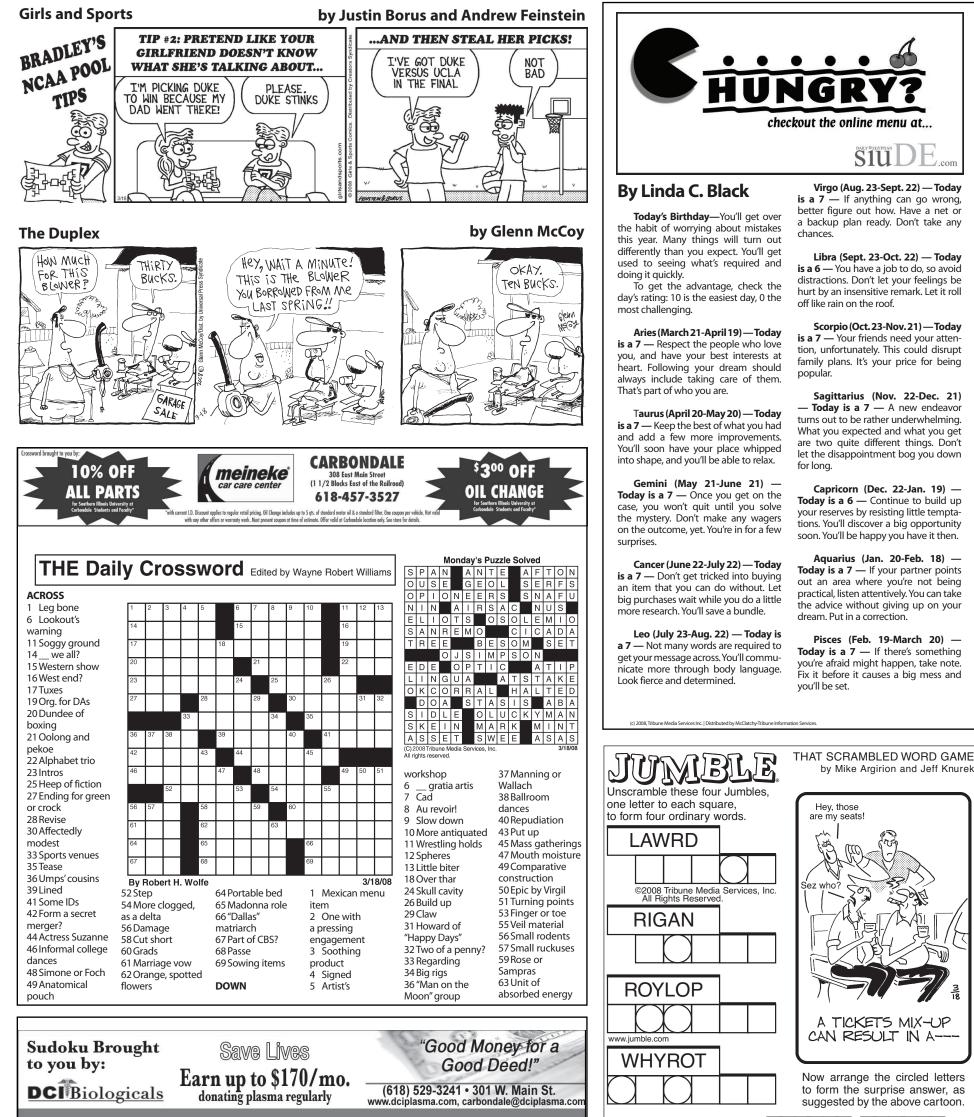
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Owen Mackedon and Scott Elmendorf are still working on getting comfortable playing next to each other.

Mackedon, a senior shortstop, and Elmendorf, a junior second baseman, were in two different states a year ago. But after winning five of seven games last week, things may be turning around for the tandem as well as the SIU baseball team.

The Salukis (8-7) are counting on the duo to shore up a middle-infield that committed 39 errors in 2007 on top of providing an offensive punch.

Defensively, Mackedon and Elmendorf turn the double play faster than the Salukis did in 2007, and through 15 games, the pair has committed only four errors this season.

On top of getting to know his second baseman, Mackedon is also learning a new school. He played at Nevada-Reno in 2007 before transferring to SIU.

Mackedon said he wanted to come to Carbondale because of the good things he heard about the team.

"It's always a little different when

you move to a new place, but it's nice when you're on a team," he said. "I had coach (Tim) Dixon in junior

college and he said they had a good program." While Elmendorf may not have changed schools, he's dealing with

some change himself. He bounced around the infield in 2007, making 30 starts at third base while making 25 starts at second base.

This year, his position has been second base from day one.

Elmendorf said it doesn't really matter what position he plays.

"It doesn't make a difference on the offensive end but on the defensive end I don't have as many things to worry about," he said.

Saluki infielder Owen Mackedon attempts to turn a double **play** during practice Monday at Abe Martin Field. SIU will face **Murray State** in a four-game home-stand beginning Tuesday. STEPHEN RICKERL DAILY EGYPTIAN

Offensively, both players are making their presence felt in the lineup.

Mackedon is batting .333, third best on the team, and contributed to a 16-8 win against Texas-Pan American Friday by going 4-for-5 from the plate with four RBIs and four doubles.

Elmendorf has upped his average from .281 in 2007 to a team-high .364. He also has a team-high .456 on-base percentage.

Elmendorf went 2-for-4 with a pair of RBIs and two runs scored in a 10-4 win against Prairie View A&M Thursday.

SIU will take on Murray State 2 p.m. today at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis are undefeated in three home games this season.

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this season.

"That was the one piece of the puzzle we could never figure out," Lowery said. "But now I think we've got some adversity and hopefully the kids will rally around that and be happy about being in the NIT."

Oklahoma State (17-15) is led by freshman guard James Anderson, who averages 13.3 points per game, with junior guard Byron Eaton adding 11.7 points.

Like the Salukis, the Cowboys were on the bubble for an NCAA bid before a loss in their conference tournament. They were blown out 77-49 in a second-round matchup with Texas Saturday.

Coach Sean Śutton said the team was disappointed the day after its loss to the Longhorns but the last few days the Cowboys have accepted their position in the NIT.

"The last couple days (the players) have grown more and more excited about the opportunity that is there to continue our season and to continue what we build on down the stretch." Sutton said

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 Illinois State's Osiris Eldridge goes up for a reverse dunk against

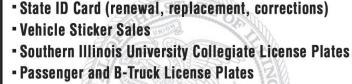
 Northern Iowa in the Redbirds' semifinal win March 8 in St. Louis.

Illinois State was left out of the NCAA Tournament, leaving the MVC

with only one team represented for the first time in 12 years.

Most of his players were still in high school during that game, Sutton said, and a more recent memory gained respect in their eyes — the Salukis' close Sweet Sixteen contest against Big 12-rival Kansas last year. This is the Salukis' ninth appearance in the NIT, with its lone cham-

pionship coming in 1967 when SIU Hall-of-Famers Walt Frazier and Dick Garrett led the way.



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Sutton said as soon as the players saw they would be facing Southern Illinois they remembered the last meeting of the teams in the 2005 NCAA Tournament. The Cowboys walked away with an 85-77 victory. Dien Guilett ieu the way.

If the Salukis win tonight, they will face the winner of No. 1 Arizona State and No. 8 Alabama State. Location of the game will be played at the higher seeded school's home court.







weekend series at Wichita State. Wagner said after she went out

whether she will be ready for the

bottom of the sixth to complete the

bases and leads the team with a .409 average.

The Salukis will face off against SEMO at 3 p.m. today in a nonconference game and will travel to Wichita State Friday and Saturday in an MVC weekend series.

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the final game of the weekend and blasted a three-run home run in the sweep.

Haas credited Wagner's performance as a spark even when she was sitting in the dugout. "We all wanted to do it for her and we wanted her out there with us," Haas said.

of the game she was content watching her teammates from the sidelines.

"It's just nice to play for a team that, no matter what, has your back on both defense and offense," Wagner said.

Wagner's efforts earned her second-straight MVC Player of the Megan Kramper can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 256 or megkramp@siu.edu.





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Men's Basketball

Cowboys first on Salukis' NIT trail

Team without injured Mullins

Megan Kramper

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While it may not be the glitz and glamour of the NCAA Tournament, the SIU men's basketball team will get another chance in the National Invitational Tournament to prove doubters wrong.

The No. 4 seed Salukis (17-14) will host No. 5 seed Oklahoma State at 8 p.m. at the SIU Arena. It is the Salukis' first NIT game since their second-round exit in 2000.

It has been an up and down season for the Salukis, who snapped a conference-best six consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament.

Absent from tournament play for the first time in three years will be junior guard Bryan Mullins. Mullins, who averaged 10.7 points and 4.9 assists while starting every game this season, will miss the remainder of the season with a stress fracture in his lower leg.

Mullins said the pain started to bother him about a month ago and affected his performance in the last two games of the season, losses against Illinois State and Northern Iowa.



After the Salukis' early Missouri Valley Conference Tournament exit March 7, Mullins said he agreed to see a doctor.

"It was a rough couple of last weeks, but I wanted to see if I could help my team and play through it," Mullins said.

Mullins said the risk of not finding out the problem now could have hurt his chances of playing at full speed in his senior season.

Coach Chris Lowery said players who haven't seen much time off the bench this season, including senior Dion Coopwood and sophomore Christian Cornelius, will get a chance to help replace the void at point guard left by Mullins.

"It's a very short time to figure it out, but hopefully it's a time for adversity and our guys to step up and we just do it by committee," Lowery said.

Sophomore guard Joshua Bone will replace Mullins in the starting lineup tonight, Lowery said.

Senior forward Randal Falker said he is excited for the opportunity to play in the postseason, as another home game could replace the sour taste left in his mouth after the loss to Illinois State March 1.

Falker said the team is coming together after spending the last week away from SIU Arena and need to be ready to play today.

"Practice is high energy and it's a lot of fun right out here," Falker said. "We're really glad to be back around each other so I think we want to play, but we have to go out here and execute and be the best we can."

Lowery said the team's inability to carry over practice concepts in gametime situations was one of the biggest factors for the Salukis' shortcomings

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Valley suffers at committee's hands

Arizona, Oregon and Villanova.

MVC sends just one than such tournament teams as conferences in the RPI.

The selection committee has no Illinois State became one of set system for choosing teams aside only 14 teams in the last nine from the conference tournament first time in 12 years seasons to miss the tournament champions that automatically qualify, but most of the attention is usually directed at RPI, strength of schedule and wins over quality opponents. One factor Elgin said affects selection is the national media. Elgin has served on the selection committee before and said programs on ESPN can influence who makes it and who does not. "If you saw the ESPN interviews with the five talking heads in the studio, it was ridiculous some of the generalizations they were making about teams like Illinois State," Elgin said. The MVC is no stranger to being on the outside looking in. Missouri State was overlooked during the 2006 season when it ranked 21st in the RPI, yet missed the tournament. Despite the lack of representation in the NCAA Tournament, the Valley managed to send half the conference into postseason play. SIU, Illinois State and Creighton

Missouri Valley Conference teams in the NCAA

will head to the NIT while Bradley

will compete in the inaugural

last 10 years the MVC has had

four teams advance to postseason

Iankovich said he is disappointed

the Redbirds were not selected and

thinks there is not enough focus on

the regular season.

Illinois State coach Tim

play.

This is the eighth time in the

College Basketball Invitational.

The Missouri Valley Conference has the minimum representation in the NCAA Tournament despite a #8 ranking in the RPI.

Junior guard **Bryan Mullins** guards Northern lowa's Travis Brown during the 54-49 loss to the Panthers March 7 in St. Louis. Mullins is out for the season after trying to play through a stress fracture during the last month of the season. JAKE LOCKARD DAILY EGYPTIAN

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For the past 11 years, the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament champion has brought at least one conference partner to the NCAA Tournament.

This season, Drake will dance solo.

The NCAA Tournament selection committee chose MVC regular season and tournament champion Drake as its only MVC representative. The last time only one MVC team made the tournament was Bradley in 1996.

The MVC "bubble team" this season was the Illinois State Redbirds, who finished the season 23-9 and as the runner-up in the MVC Tournament. Along with a solid record and tournament run, the Redbirds ranked 33 in the Ratings Percentage Index — higher

when ranking in the top-40 in the RPI.

MVC Commissioner Doug Elgin said he thought Illinois State had a strong enough résumé to make the tournament, but lack of respect toward mid-major conferences doomed the Redbirds.

"I think it's a very, very dark day for all teams below the BCS cut line," Elgin said. "It's abundantly clear that teams in leagues like ours have to be not just a little bit better, but a lot better in order to make the grade."

Elgin said the label "midmajor" should no longer apply to the MVC because the conference ranks near the top next to the power conferences. Out of the 32 NCAA Division 1 colleges, the MVC ranked eighth in the RPI right behind the Atlantic-10 and Big Ten.

The MVC also boasted the toughest non-conference strength of schedule among the top-10



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"I thought completely that we had earned the right and deserved to be in, but at the same time I understand it's a very small window," Jankovich said. "I would just like to see the committee focus on the regular season more since I think the conference race is the most intense part of the season."

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