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Saluki Way construction sails through preliminary stages

Groundwork for new stadium is being laid down

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Clear skies and warm temperatures have allowed the first two weeks of Saluki Way construction to move along as planned.

Associate Athletic Director Jason King said the good weather provided ideal conditions for the beginning work of the new football stadium, which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2010.

King said students could expect to see drastic changes at the site of the new stadium in the coming weeks, especially if the weather continues to cooperate.

"If we can keep good there, you're going to see a lot of changes in the next two weeks," King said. "It will really go quickly."

King said he expects the tennis courts to be demolished and the soil for the new stadium to be completely laid out within the next two weeks.

Saluki Way is the massive overhaul on the east side of campus. The first phase carries a price tag of \$83 million, with \$20 million expected to come from a tax imposed by the city of Carbondale, \$41.5 million set to come from student fees and the remaining \$21.5 million expected to come through private donations.

King said the main work during the first two weeks has been putting down the soil for the football stadium and implementing a drainage system.

Athletic Director Mario Moccia said after months of anticipation, he's pleased to see the construction crews on site.



BRANDON CHAPPLE | DAILY EGYPTIAN
 Mark Goetting, center, a construction manager for SIUC, directs John Spence, left, and Steve Parry while they remove excess rock from underneath the SIUC tennis shed near the tennis courts Monday. The shed was moved to accommodate the Saluki Way construction effort. Workers have begun initial work on the new football stadium, which is expected to be ready by the 2010 season.

"I think when people drive by or see it on the Web site, it just makes it that much more real," Moccia said. "You can actually see it with your own two eyes, so it's a great help."

Moccia said the beginning of construction, along with the ability to meet with potential donors one-on-one following the conclusion of the basketball season, should help secure more donations towards the project. He said he hopes to meet the projected \$21.5 million in private funding in 12 to 14 months.

Director of Plant and Service Operations Phil Gatton said once all the beginning work is complete,

the project will begin moving at a fast pace.

"It's nice to see, because it will start up real quick once all that mobilization is done," Gatton said. "You're going to see a lot of activity in the next 30 to 60 days."

Gatton also said work on the additions to the Troutt-Whittmann Center, where administrative offices and facilities for football and men's and women's basketball will be held,

is about to begin. He said dirt has to be removed from the hill to the east of the Troutt-Whittmann Center to make the additions.

Gatton said renovations to the SIU Arena would not begin until after the spring semester so May graduation ceremonies could still be held there.

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It's extremely important to have good weather right now because a lot of what we're doing is earth work.

— Jason King
associate athletic director

Pannu sentenced to five years in prison for October hit-and-run

Victims file lawsuits seeking damages

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Dalevir Pannu was sentenced to serve five years in jail Friday and now faces lawsuits from the pedestrians he injured during an October hit-and-run.

Pannu, 21, of Canada, pleaded guilty to aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol on Jan. 15 — a felony that carries a penalty of one to 12 years in jail. Associate Judge E. Dan Kimmel delivered the sentence in Jackson County Court Friday.

Police were dispatched shortly after 2 a.m. Oct. 18 to reports of a hit-and-run on Poplar Street near

the West College Street intersection. Pannu was taken into custody minutes later after police located his gray 2000 Ford Mustang parked outside his West Freeman Street home.

Witnesses told police they saw Pannu's car hit four pedestrians — Laura Gilbert, John Koch, Jade Swisher and Sydney Rollinson — as they were crossing the street.

A toxicology report later found that Pannu's blood-alcohol content was nearly three times higher than the legal limit for him to drive.

Though criminal proceedings against Pannu have ended, he now faces lawsuits from the victims. Gilbert, Koch, Rollinson and Swisher have filed civil charges against Pannu seeking damages, according to court records.

Court documents indicate a fifth lawsuit was filed by Aryan Zarandazchi, who could not be

reached for comment.

Jim Swisher, whose son, Jade Swisher, sustained life-threatening injuries during the accident, said he hopes the suit will reimburse his family for his son's medical expenses valued at nearly \$1 million.

"It's not fair to Jade because he didn't ask for any of this to happen," he said. "(Pannu) about killed my son and left him there in the road to die."

Civil defense attorney William Brandon, who represents Pannu in the lawsuits, declined comment.

Swisher said his family was pleased with Friday's sentence.

He needs to serve some time for what he did to these people. Jade almost died twice.

— Jim Swisher
father of Jade Swisher

for driving drunk who got off easy.

Rollinson said she cannot recall the accident, but remembers waking up at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale with a broken leg and fractured skull. A gash in her head reopened two weeks after she was discharged, which sent her to a Springfield hospital for surgery, she said.

"I just feel really lucky to be as healthy as I am now," Rollinson said. "It's been hard seeing the two people that were hurt really badly and seeing them have to go through that."

Gilbert, 44, of Carbondale, attended the sentencing in a wheelchair. She said she is still being treated for a broken leg and fractured pelvis, but expects to begin physical therapy within the coming months.

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It has not affected my spring break plans	32%

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A. Yes.
B. No, more aid is needed by students
C. Anything done is better than before



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King said poor weather conditions could slow down the project, but would not put construction behind schedule because the projected completion date planned for poor weather.

"It's extremely important to have good weather right now because a lot of what we're doing is earth work," King said. "If we get a significant amount of rain, that pretty much brings the earth

work to a halt. The contractors are really hitting it hard because, at any time, we could have a week of rain."

King said he was happy to see the amount of work that was done during the first two weeks of construction.

"If they would have just shoveled two shovels worth of dirt, I would have been excited," King said. "I think it's great. We're actually showing progress out here. This has been a long time coming for the university."

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Gilbert said she was hoping Pannu would be sentenced to serve the full 12 years in prison but was satisfied with what he got.

"With the sentencing behind us, that makes me feel better," she said Monday.

Pannu's defense attorney in the criminal case, Paul Christenson, did not return a phone message and was not in his office Monday to speak to reporters.

Calendar

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- 8-10 p.m. Thursday at the Student Center, Video Lounge

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- 5:11-7:11 p.m. today at Quigley Hall
- A forum about the common misapprehension of love and

Pre Health Professions Association

- 7 p.m. today at Life Science III, room 1059
- PPA is having a guest speaker and welcomes anyone of pre-medical, -dental, -optometry, -pharmacy and -allied health students

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LET THE MADNESS BEGIN

Staff Final Four Predictions

	Midwest	West	East	South

It's always this unpredictable and never a science.

The NCAA men's basketball tournament begins tonight with the 64-team tournament's play-in game between Morehead State and Alabama State, and it will kick-off a nation-wide frenzy of office pools, bracket busters and Cinderella teams.

The winner of the play-in game will advance to the official bracket and is expected to lose to the No. 1 seeded Louisville.

In fact, the No. 1 vs. No. 16 matchup is likely the only take-it-to-the-bank pick for the most ignorant-of-ignorant sports fans. Since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985, no No. 16 seeded team has had the fortune of upsetting a No. 1 seed.

However, the bracket challenge affectionately known as March Madness throughout the world is far from a science. If anything, it's as close to unpredictable as a seeded tournament can get.

Brackets of so-called experts will undoubtedly be in shambles before the first round is over. And brackets belonging to even the most uninformed sports fan stand a chance.

Here are a few tips and figures that could help your brackets along the way.

The No. 1 Seeds



Midwest
Louisville Cardinals



East
Pittsburgh Panthers



South
North Carolina Tar Heels



West
Connecticut Huskies

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TIPS AND ADVICE:

STICK WITH THE SEEDS

Picking the higher-ranked team in each game throughout the tournament may not provide much excitement in your bracket, but it should get the job done.

More often than not, the likes of higher seeds advance to the Final Four. However, last year was the only time in tournament history that four No. 1 seeds advanced to the Final Four.

GUESSING

Guessing would certainly add an intriguing element into bracket predictions but would likely render your bracket useless. According to mathematician Mike Breen, from the American Mathematical Society, randomly picking the outcomes of every game in the NCAA tournament stands the chance of one in more than 18 quintillion.

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Sudan's president: Foreign aid groups must leave

Sarah El Deeb
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KHARTOUM — Sudan's president said Monday he wants all international aid groups out of the country within a year, insisting they can drop off supplies "at airports or seaports" and let Sudanese organizations take care of it.

Government officials later tried to downplay the president's comments, calling his directive a "process" and stressing that U.N. agencies operating in Sudan would not be affected.

President Omar al-Bashir has already expelled 13 large foreign aid agencies, most of them operating in Darfur, accusing them of spying for an international court that issued an arrest warrant against him on March 4 for war crimes in the western Sudanese region.

He also shut down three local aid groups, including one of the largest operating in Darfur. The United Nations said those expulsions would leave millions at risk of a humanitarian crisis.

"We directed the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs to Sudanize voluntary work," al-Bashir told a rally of security forces as thousands shouted their support for the president and waved their guns in the air.

"Within a year, we don't want to see any foreign aid group dealing with a Sudanese citizen," al-Bashir said. "If they want to bring



In this 2008 photo, mothers wait to have their children vaccinated at a clinic run by Doctors Without Borders-Holland in Muhajariya, in the Darfur region of Sudan. The clinic has been closed due to the expulsions in March of 13 international relief groups from Darfur.

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relief, let them drop it at airports or seaports. Let the national organizations deal with our citizens."

But Sudan's humanitarian minister later played down al-Bashir's remarks. When asked if his comments meant all international aid groups would be expelled from Darfur within a year, he said: "Not necessarily."

State Minister for Humanitarian Affairs Ahmed Haroun told The Associated Press that ministers will draw a plan to work out a transition. But it will not apply to U.N. agencies, said Haroun, who is also wanted by the International Criminal Court for war crimes. Sudan refuses to hand him over.

In Washington, the State

Department said it was reviewing the latest threat and repeated its demands for Khartoum to reverse its earlier decision to expel relief organizations from Darfur.

"Any responsibility for the humanitarian suffering that flows out of this decision should fall squarely on the shoulders of the Sudanese," said spokesman Robert Wood.

U.S. military shoots down Iranian drone

Robert H. Reid
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — U.S. jets shot down an Iranian unmanned surveillance aircraft last month over Iraqi territory about 60 miles northeast of Baghdad, the U.S. military said Monday.

A U.S. statement said the Ababil 3 was tracked for about 70 minutes before U.S. jets shot it down "well inside Iraqi airspace" and that the aircraft's presence over Iraq "was not an accident."

An Iraqi official said the Iranian aircraft went down near the Iraqi border town of Mandali. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

The Ababil is believed to have a maximum range of about 90 miles and can fly up to 14,000 feet. It is primarily designed for surveillance and intelligence-gathering.

U.S. officials have frequently accused the Iranians of supplying weapons, training and money to Shiite extremist groups opposed to the U.S. military presence and to the U.S.-backed Iraqi government.

Iran has denied links to militant groups inside Iraq and says the instability in this country is a result of the U.S. "occupation." The Iranians con-

sider the presence of about 140,000 U.S. troops in a neighboring country as a threat to their national security.

In Baghdad, a United States soldier was fatally injured during combat operations Monday, the U.S. said in a statement. No further details were released.

It was the first combat death reported by the U.S. military in Baghdad this month and the first among U.S. forces nationwide since March 7, when a soldier was killed in the Tikrit area.

U.S. casualties have dropped sharply since Iraqi soldiers and police have taken a greater role in security.

President Obama has pledged to withdraw all U.S. combat troops from Iraq by September 2010.

American combat troops are due to leave bases in Baghdad and other cities by June 30 under an agreement that provides for all U.S. forces to leave the country by the end of 2011.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told The Associated Press on Sunday that U.S. troops may stay in some areas that are not completely secure even after the June 30 date.

He did not identify those areas, but U.S. and Iraqi troops are still trying to secure Mosul, the country's third-largest city where al-Qaida and other Sunni militant groups remain active.

Also Monday, an Iranian opposition group said Iraqi troops tightened their siege of a camp north of Baghdad where about 3,500 of their members have been based for about 20 years.

The People's Mujahedeen said Iraqi troops have prevented food and fuel from reaching Camp Ashraf for the past six days — despite written guarantees by the Iraqi government that it would guarantee human rights of the residents.

But Iraqi national security adviser Mouwaffak al-Rubaie branded the allegations "totally baseless." He said People's Mujahedeen members had taken over a building belonging to the Iraqi army and were preventing soldiers from entering it.

"They have a huge propaganda machine all over the world and are known to exaggerate things," added al-Rubaie, whom the People's

Mujahedeen said was behind the alleged crackdown.

Iran and the United States consider the People's Mujahedeen a terrorist group and Tehran has stepped up pressure on the Iraqis to close the camp. Iraq took over security for the camp from the U.S. on Jan. 1.

But the Iraqi government promised the U.S. that it would not force the group's members to leave against their will.

The People's Mujahedeen opposed Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi during the 1979 revolution but fell out with the clerical regime that replaced him. Saddam Hussein allowed the group to set up a camp during the Iran-Iraq war for staging raids across the border inside Iran.

U.S. troops disarmed the fighters and confined them to Camp Ashraf after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam.

Meanwhile, residents of the Kurdish town of Halabja marked the 21st anniversary of the March 16-17 poison gas attack by Saddam's forces against Kurdish separatists.

The 1988 attack killed thousands of people and was the biggest use of chemical weapons against a civilian populated area in history.

Local officials and victims' relatives placed wreaths on a monument to the dead.

They have a huge propaganda machine all over the world and are known to exaggerate things.

— Mouwaffak al-Rubaie
Iraqi national security adviser

UNITED STATES

Obama offers \$15 billion plan to help small businesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Obama freed billions of dollars to help the nation's small businesses Monday, hoping to get credit flowing again to Main Street as well as Wall Street and showering praise on the little guys of American industry who have complained about being left out of rescue efforts.

The centerpiece of Obama's latest plan will allow the government to spend up to \$15 billion to buy the small-business loans that are now choking community banks and lenders.

AUSTRIA

Austrian pleads guilty to incest but denies he murdered daughter

ST. POELTEN (AP) — An Austrian who fathered seven children with a daughter he held captive for 24 years refused to even speak to her for years, coming into the squalid cellar only to rape her, often in front of the youngsters, a prosecutor said Monday.

Wearing a mismatched gray suit and hiding his face behind a folder as the trial began, Josef Fritzl pleaded guilty to incest and false imprisonment, but he denied enslaving his daughter Elisabeth or murdering her newborn son. He pleaded only partially guilty to additional counts of rape and coercion.

UNITED STATES

Researchers discover remains of pint-sized raptor in Canada

WASHINGTON (AP) — Imagine a vicious velociraptor like those in "Jurassic Park," but only as big as a modern chicken. That's what Canadian researchers say they have found, the smallest meat-eating dinosaur yet discovered in North America. This pint-sized cousin of velociraptor, weighing in at 4-to-5 pounds, "probably hunted and ate whatever it could for its size — insects, mammals, amphibians and maybe even baby dinosaurs," according to Nicholas Longrich of the University of Calgary. There has been plenty of evidence for large and medium-size dinosaurs in North America, but not small ones.

NEW YORK

Wall Street gives up most of its gains after four-day rally

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street's big rally fizzled — and maybe that's OK. Analysts said Monday's pullback after a four-session surge didn't necessarily signal that traders were reconsidering their newfound optimism about financial stocks, a main driver behind last week's advance.

In fact, some viewed the measured easing in stocks as reassuring following a surge of more than 9 percent in major indicators last week, more than the market has moved in some years. "This is healthy," said Dave Rovelli, managing director of trading at brokerage Canaccord Adams in New York.

Obama blisters AIG, vows to try to block bonuses

Tom Raum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Joining a wave of public anger, President Obama blistered insurance giant AIG for "recklessness and greed" Monday and pledged to try to block it from handing its executives \$165 million in bonuses after taking billions in federal bailout money.

"How do they justify this outrage to the taxpayers who are keeping the company afloat?" Obama asked. "This isn't just a matter of dollars and cents. It's about our fundamental values."

Obama aggressively joined other officials in criticizing American International Group, the company that is fast becoming the poster boy for Americans' bailout blues.

The bonuses could contribute to a backlash against Washington that would make it tougher for Obama to ask Congress for more bailout help — and jeopardize other parts of the recovery agenda that is dominating the start of his presidency. Thus, the president and his top aides were working hard to distance themselves from the insurer's conduct, to contain possible political damage and to try to bolster public confidence in his administration's handling of the broader economic rescue effort.

Obama had scheduled a speech Monday to announce new help for recession-pounded small businesses. But first, he said, he had a few words to say about AIG. He lost his voice at one point and ad-libbed, "Excuse me, I'm choked up with anger here."

"This is a corporation that finds itself in financial distress due to recklessness and greed," Obama declared.

He said he had directed Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner to "pursue every legal avenue to block these bonuses and make the American taxpayer whole."

Later, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the administration would modify the terms of a pending \$30 billion bailout installment for AIG to at least recoup the \$165 million the bonuses represent. That wouldn't rescind the bonuses, just require AIG to account for them differently.

Gibbs said the tough talk from Obama and other administration officials was aimed in part at pressuring bonus recipients to turn them down. Anyone accepting the money should "think long and hard" about whether keeping it was appropriate "given the performance of the company," he said.

On a separate track, New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said Monday he would issue subpoenas for information on the bonuses after AIG missed his deadline for providing details. Cuomo said his office would investigate whether the employees were involved in AIG's near-collapse and whether the \$165 million in bonus payments were fraudulent under state law.

Recreation Center works for the environment

'Green Team' organizes eco friendly projects

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Extra weight isn't the only thing students will be dropping at the Recreation Center this semester.

Students can drop off their empty plastic grocery bags at the Recreation Center and exchange them for eco-friendly reusable bags, said Corne Prozesky, assistant director of the Recreation Center.

The bag-collecting project was the brainchild of the "Green Team," a group of Recreation Center staff members and student workers who have decided to initiate eco-friendly projects in the Recreation Center, Prozesky said.

"We're trying to green our business operations," Prozesky said. "So we created a small committee of students and myself to look at projects that can create awareness to our students."

For every 20 plastic grocery bags a student brings in, they would be given one reusable grocery bag. At the end of the semester,

the bags would be put on display in the Recreation Center, said Dustin Soderman, a Green Team member.

"(It will be) a visual statement that all of these bags are going to be recycled," Soderman said. "We hope that a large visual statement will make people aware of what they are throwing away."

After the bags have been displayed, they would ultimately be recycled, said Soderman, a graduate student from Pardeeville, Wis. in recreation.

Robert Livingston, a Green Team member, said the group chose the project because they thought it would be simple and effective.

"Plastic bags are pretty easy to deal with," Livingston said. "Seeing the impact of how many plastic bags you use is pretty alarming."

Soderman said the project has been successful so far. At least 3,000 bags have been collected and more reusable bags remain to be given out. The Green Team plans to stop collecting bags once they run out of reusable bags to hand out.

Prozesky said the Recreation Center hopes to take on new eco-friendly projects each semester. Next semester, they are hoping to collect plastic



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Michael Fitts, a sophomore from Marion studying exercise science, collects plastic bags March 3 in the Recreation Center. A person who turns in 20 bags will receive a reusable bag for free.

water bottles in exchange for reusable ones, he said.

Soderman said the Green Team also hopes to plan a canoe trip to Cedar Lake to pick up litter.

"Through the Green Team we hope to continue to offer environmentally friendly programs throughout the year," Soderman said.

Prozesky said he hopes the eco-friendly

projects would also serve as marketing tools for the Recreation Center.

Soderman said these projects provide the Recreation Center an opportunity to give back to the campus.

"We are a facility that services a large portion of the campus," Soderman said. "It's our responsibility to do something for the campus."

Vermont begins hearings on same-sex marriage bill

John Curran
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTPELIER — Nine years after it played host to a bitter fight over civil unions, Vermont's Statehouse is again a gay rights battleground.

More than 200 same-sex marriage opponents, cheering and wearing buttons that read "Marriage — A Mother & Father for Every Child," converged Monday on Montpelier as lawmakers began a week's worth of hearings on a bill that would allow gay and

lesbian couples to marry.

If approved, Vermont would join Massachusetts and Connecticut as the only U.S. states that allow gay marriage.

The measure would replace Vermont's first-in-the-nation civil unions law with one that allows marriage of same-sex partners beginning Sept. 1. Civil unions, which confer some rights similar to marriage, would still be recognized but no longer granted after Sept. 1.

Supporters cast the debate as a civil rights issue, saying a civil unions law enacted by the state in 2000 has fallen short of the equality

it promised same-sex couples. Its appeal has declined, too: In 2001, the state granted 1,876 civil unions, compared with only 262 last year.

Passing a gay marriage bill "is one of the most important civil rights issues of our time," said Greg Johnson, a Vermont Law School professor who testified before the state Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday.

While the bill won't guarantee federal benefits, supporters say it would provide societal recognition, improve access to health benefits and eliminate one of two obstacles to federal protections such as Social Security

survivor benefits.

Opponents say gay marriage would undermine traditional male-female marriage, rendering men and women interchangeable and destroying the connection between children and marriage. They want the question put to voters in a referendum.

Legislative leaders announced two weeks ago that they intended to pass the bill — titled "An act relating to civil marriage" — before adjourning in May, and they have scheduled hearings to get testimony on the legal, social and practical implications of it.

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OUR WORD

The university needs a few more good women

SIUC is a boy's club. Of the top 20 positions at the Carbondale campus, only one is held by a woman.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN thinks SIUC should take advantage of this situation — an administration riddled with interims and temps — and fix this problem.

SIUC has had its share of hiccups the past few years, but this problem has been ongoing for much longer than anything else on the university's radar.

And people know it.

Mary Dee Wenniger, the editor of the "Women in Higher Education" monthly journal, has labeled the university as a "hostile environment for women leaders."

Ouch.

There are a lot of reasons women aren't appointed to such positions. They have less experience because they take time off when they have children. The university's reputation as a "hostile environment" may discourage female applicants. And often-times promotions from within

draw from positions that have been held by males for a very, very long time.

Overall, only 37 percent of full-time SIUC faculty is female, compared with a 41 percent average statewide. While that number has increased in the past 10 years — from 26 percent of SIUC faculty being women in 1998 — it is still behind the state average.

Nationally, women make up 45 percent of all administrators in public universities, according to the American Council on Education.

The university's administrative makeup is 35 percent.

Women hold 36 percent of dean positions nationwide. SIUC does not have a single female dean.

This university strives to keep a diverse student body. The faculty and especially administration should reflect that diversity if this university is to serve its diverse student body adequately. It is time the university stopped saying it strives to diversify positions and actually do it.

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THE WEEKLY WENGER

New food and new friends

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Before I moved to Carbondale I had never eaten Indian food.

It's kind of sad that it took me so long to discover the amazingness that is naan bread, chicken tiki masala and pork vindaloo. After my first taste, I was hooked. Only one of the two Indian food restaurants that were here when I first moved in remains, Jewel of India, and it moved locations some months back to right across from 710 Bookstore. If you haven't tried the food, go do it now. As it stands, India is now the No. 1 country I would move to based solely on the deliciousness of the food.

Despite its small size and rural location, Carbondale manages to offer residents, in particular students, the chance to branch out of their cultural shells. This is due mainly to the presence of the university and the large number of international students who come here to study.

Another great place to experience the different and delicious tastes the rest of the world has to offer is the International Grocery in the Murdale Shopping Center. If you feel apt enough in the kitchen, you might try making your own exotic dish with the help of the Internet and the staff at the International Grocery.

Food, however, is only a small step. As mentioned above, Carbondale is home to many people from many countries. The best way to get out of your cultural shell is to go up and talk with one of them.

I've had the good fortune of making some friends from Latin America due to my work at the

DAILY EGYPTIAN and my second major being Spanish. My time with them has given me a better understanding of how things work outside the United States as well as valuable cultural insight. I've also found them to be good people with great humor and intelligence.

The biggest barrier to overcome when befriending international students would have to be language, and I think this makes some people skittish about interacting with them. What many people don't realize is the majority of international students speak English. While it may not be perfect, it would in no way inhibit one from building a friendship. In fact many new international students would gladly make friends with someone with whom they could practice their English.

Speaking from personal experience, I know how hard it is to be living in another country trying to learn the language. There is nothing more frustrating and embarrassing than trying to express yourself and the person to whom you are speaking doesn't understand you. Showing patience and kindness by offering nonjudgmental help and friendship means more for some international students than you may realize.

I strongly encourage students to take advantage of the time here in Carbondale to get to know another culture by making some new friends. Chances are slim that you will ever find such a diverse population in such a concentrated area outside this campus.

Making international friends now may lead to long lasting connections that could come in handy if you ever find yourself in Mumbai, Seoul or Bogota and need a couch to sleep on.

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SPRINGFIELD FROM 145

Quinn's free ride is over; budget address should provide state context

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Gov. Pat Quinn has earned himself good press since he was sworn in nearly three months ago.

He toured the state to meet with legislators and give them a chance to vent their frustrations with Illinois politics. He reversed suspicious executive orders to close Pontiac Correctional Center and transfer Department of Transportation jobs. He formed an ethics reform commission and resides in the executive mansion.

Any other year these actions would be expected of the chief executive. But Quinn's popularity has been fueled by the fact that he is not Rod Blagojevich.

If Quinn is not afraid of Wednesday's budget address, he should be. If he plans for the flow of respect to continue, he will have to provide context to his statements of support for health care, education and infrastructure improvements.

The time for upbeat speeches is over. Who knew that a politician likes building roads, bettering schools and providing health benefits to his or her constituents?

It's time to replace those speeches with dollar amounts, which are likely to anger state agency leaders when they discover they are not as high on the governor's list of priorities as they thought.

There is a lot of uncertainty in Springfield about how Quinn and the Legislature plan to pay off the state's \$9 billion debt, raise another \$9 billion for capital improvement and distribute shrinking tax dollars among the

state agencies and institutions. Part of that uncertainty is fueled by a lack of communication from Quinn and his budget directors. However, Friday's report in the Chicago Tribune revealed that Quinn's plan to raise income taxes to 4.5 percent is a good start to answering some of those questions.

During the Blagojevich era, state agencies expected to take the backseat behind expensive health care expansions. Officials from the Office of Management and Budget also notified the agencies of what level of funding they were forecasting for the new budget.

Neither is true this time around.

Last week, public university leaders including SIU President Glenn Poshard and Dave Gross, the university's government liaison, answered questions from members of a senate appropriations committee. The university submitted a budget request worth \$259 million — an \$11 million increase from last year.

Gross said Friday senators were sympathetic to SIU and expressed concern that tuition was increasing to pay for maintenance needs on the Carbondale campus.

The trouble with the hearing is that neither Poshard, nor Gross, nor the committee members knew how much money Quinn and the budget office plan to give higher education. One guess is as good as the next.

Because the state has suffered already and Illinoisans will continue to lose if the state's situation does not improve, there are no Rush Limbaughs wanting to see Quinn deliver a weak budget address. Governor, at least tell these agencies what they face so they can make do with what they have.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There are a lot of terrible things that have happened in the last 18 months, but what’s happened at AIG is the most outrageous”

Lawrence Summers
economic adviser to President Obama, on the lavish bonuses paid to AIG executives after the government bailout.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Postal Service must adapt to endure

DEAR EDITOR:

Because of the current economic downturn, the United States Postal Service is taking certain tough but necessary steps here in the St. Louis area and around the country. In order to maintain affordable service and remain viable, we're making change to operations, staffing and facilities similar to what other businesses are doing in these tough economic times.

That perspective is important to keep in mind. The Postal Service is a self-supporting agency, funded entirely from the sale of postal products and services, not from tax dollars. Like any commercial business, the Postal Service is subject to increased costs and reduced revenue. We're facing competition from e-mail and online bill paying. And this past year we've seen some of our biggest mailing customers, in fields like financial services, insurance and housing, struggle at an unprecedented level.

This general economic decline has had an historic impact on the volume of mail, which fell nationally by an unprecedented 9.5 billion pieces, or 4.5 percent last fiscal year, resulting in a net operating loss of \$2.8 billion after the Postal Service paid a law-mandated \$5.6 billion to pre-fund retiree health benefit liabilities.

We did not escape this trend here in central and northeastern Missouri and southern Illinois where mail volume was down by 9.1 million pieces.

This stark reality requires action. We are taking step to manage costs, increase efficiency and optimize our workforce.

Eligible workers were offered early retirement, redundant mail processing operations are being consolidated, routes are being reorganized, overtime is being reduced and operating hours at processing facilities and Post Offices are being adjusted to match mail flow and customer use. We're even relocating some blue mailboxes from low-volume growth areas.

We're adapting products and services to contemporary lifestyle and working to improve customers' experience in Post Offices, on <http://www.usps.com> and by phone. We're launching competitive shipping prices, driving technology and using our service to every home and business in new ways to create value for customers.

We recognize these steps will have an impact on employees and some will require a difficult adjustment. People may end up doing a different job, working different hours or in a different facility. These changes help to secure employees' jobs, allow us to weather this economic storm and be positioned to best serve customers when the economy rebounds.

The Postal Service has been a vibrant part of the highs and lows of every economic cycle for more than two centuries. We will keep it that way by pursuing innovative approaches that support our mission of delivering trusted, affordable, university service to America.

Danita Aquiningoc
district manager for the
United States Postal Service

USG money should be spent on students who are here now

DEAR EDITOR:

The other day I was glancing through my issue of the DAILY EGYPTIAN when I stumbled upon an article about a new scholarship program. USG managed to recover roughly \$90,000 in misallocated funds, and plans to do something to give it back to the students. The proposed plan would fund a scholarship program that would help undergraduate students pay for their books.

I am fond of the plan. Surprisingly, USG has, for an instant, stopped arguing about dress codes and actually moved toward developing a program that would benefit the students they supposedly represent. However, as I thought about the program, several more glaring things

stood out to me.

The plan calls for providing money to three students a year every year until the \$90,000 runs out. The plan presented in the DE isn't too specific, but suggests the monetary amounts would be roughly \$300-\$700 per student. Even if we give the maximum \$700 to each student, the program can exist for roughly 42 years. While this desire to provide for future SIUC students is admirable, I believe the majority of students would like to see some of that money while they're actually in school. If the plan were willing to provide \$300 per student to a 100 students every year the plan could last for three years reaching 300 students. I realize this isn't the "grand legacy" the USG imagines for its program, but practical-

ity-wise it serves the best interests of the students who are here now. If the money is distributed over the 42 years to three students it will help 126 students. The only way it reaches 300 students is if they spend \$300 a year for a hundred years.

I understand that USG (especially Chiquita Watts and Steve Turner) wants to create a lasting legacy at SIUC by providing this well-intentioned program to students who need economic aid.

However, it is the current class of students that elected Chiquita Watt and USG, and rather than focus on grand dreams of those to come, why not help out those of us struggling right now?

Jonathan Klemke
sophomore studying cinematography

Remember the dance halls and musicians

DEAR EDITOR:

People pass away. Buildings crumble. However, memories live on. As did Mr. Summers, I would like to express my thoughts about the Tuscan Lodge, which was located on the corner of Jackson and North Washington streets.

My first memories were those of enjoying a delightful meal at Jeremiah's restaurant. I also played in a traditional jazz group and entertained many patrons.

However, it wasn't until I heard about the possible demolition of the

building that I learned its historical and cultural significance. It attracted several national entertainers in its day. There was Miles Davis, Lady Holiday and the Duke. Later on, a local resident stated that he went to a show featuring Ike and Tina Turner.

Call it luck or good fortune, but I have always had a fondness for the old dance halls and musicians in southern Illinois. There was White City, Curve Inn, Club 9, Okie Dokie, Spinning Wheel and many more. Now I can add to that list, the Tuscan Lodge.

I am in the process of doing a docu-

mentary film of the dance halls and local musicians from southern Illinois. I am still collecting research in the form of text, pictures, audio and stories. Do you have any you can share? My e-mail is egyptswings@gmail.com.

This documentary will be my contribution to keeping the memories of swing music and dance halls in southern Illinois alive ... and that certainly includes the Tuscan Lodge.

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TEN-YEAR ITCH

'Beautiful Girls' for tough guys

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Editor's note: Ten-Year Itch is a weekly column that revisits a film or album, which is at least 10 years old and deserving of a second look.

Ladies have their chick flicks full of romance and relationships and gossip. But what do men have? Just action flicks or gross-out comedies?

Well, I can always dig on "First Blood," but it is possible for a film to revolve around a male cast and deal with their relationship troubles and livelihoods without losing you your man card in the process of watching it.

Films such as "Diner" or Judd Apatow's two films, "The 40 Year Old Virgin" and "Knocked Up," fit nicely in this canon. Another entry would have to be Ted Demme's 1996 feature, "Beautiful Girls."

"Beautiful Girls" is set during an intense winter in the fictional town of Knight's Ridge, Mass. A class reunion is going down and Willie (Timothy Hutton) has returned home for the event. The film's first third is dedicated to Willie getting reacquainted with his high school pals who did not end up leaving Knight's Ridge after high school.

Matt Dillon heads up the group of friends playing his usual gruff-voiced, tough-guy self. Michael Rappaport also has a great turn by not being the essence of annoying as per usual for his roles. The supporting cast is rounded out by Uma Thurman and Rosie O'Donnell, who chews up scenes as the town's resident feminist.

Demme does an excellent job of creating this group of friends, making their interactions plausible and often hilarious. Where he really shines is when the guys' relationships are established and he delves into the struggles and pitfalls they are facing in their own lives. It is the women in these men's lives being the main source of pain and uncertainty for them.

While the film can be compared to "Diner," it is cer-

good times never seemed so good

- matt dillon
- lauren holly
- timothy hutton
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tainly lacking that film's sharp dialogue and cast. However, it does do the same stellar job of creating relatable, everyman characters. By not choosing any high A-list actors (well, Dillon maybe, but he hadn't done "Herbie: Fully Loaded" yet) it is easy to see these guys as regular dudes instead of getting blinded by stardom.

So, gentlemen, the next time you are feeling a bit tired of huge explosions or penis jokes and just want some witty banter and solid acting, "Beautiful Girls" is a safe bet.



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Dear Hollywood: The Tonight Show, featuring Barack Obama?



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Nothing really happened in the celebrity world this week. Lindsay Lohan both had a warrant for

her arrest and had it dropped in the same weekend. Rihanna and Chris Brown are back together, and America wonders why. Ron Silver, that great scenery-chewing actor, died.

But the most exciting news of the week was the announcement President Obama would be sitting down with Jay Leno on "The Tonight Show" to talk about the economy, making him the first active president in history to sit down for a talk show appearance. This comes at the tail end of Obama's speaking engagements in Santa Ana and Los Angeles, where he will most likely be talking about the economy, as he must.

It's been pretty fashionable to beat down on Jay Leno for the last few years, partially because he hasn't been funny in quite some time, and his interviews lack the bite and

sarcasm of David Letterman or the hilarity of Conan O'Brien.

However, the ability to get Obama on his show is quite impressive, and it speaks very well of our leader. He is willing to sit down, outside the spin of news networks and other TV outlets, and talk to a man whose prime was around the time Monica Lewinsky was in the news.

Think back a couple months, to when George Bush was still president. I know it's difficult, and you might have to take some Valium to get through the memories, but think about it for just a moment. Remember how whenever he appeared on TV, nobody knew what exactly he was going to do next? It was frightening, because his speeches were all garbled sound bites and reiterations of a point he had made a thousand times.

This is the kind of newspeak that most politicians use, and though it seems to be accepted as the norm in America, it really didn't become prevalent until Bush was in office, sending us to wars and whatnot.

Now that Obama has agreed to go on a talk show while in office, he seems like the cool president who sits in the back of the class making jokes, but who is actually really smart and funny. He's trying to relate to the people, and it makes him infinitely more relaxing to be around. Obama certainly speaks like a politician, but when was the last time you saw him speak and felt frightened of what he was going to do next, either as president or as a candidate?

Obama's appearance raises an interesting question: What if other politicians went on shows and talked frankly with the hosts about

their political experiences? Would the country be better? Would we feel safer about the people we have in power? How much better would our country be if we always knew what was going on? Obama has made the promise to keep the public updated in his campaign, and this is a perfect opportunity for him to do it.

Leno will probably not ask Obama tough questions, but he really needs to. We are in the midst of one of the worst economic times in American history. People are losing their jobs, homes and lives. He needs to ask Obama for some concrete answers about what is going to happen next in this country. He certainly has the capability, but one hopes that he isn't going to waste his time on dumb headlines and cheap potshots at other political figures.

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- 301 N. Springer #1,2,5
- 919 W. Sycamore
- 1710 W Sycamore
- 404 S. University #S
- 404 1/2 S. University
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- 504 W. Walnut
- 820 W. Walnut #2
- 1004 W. Walkup
- 400 S. Washington A,C
- 402 S. Washington *
- 600 S. Washington #1,3,5,6,8,9
- 406 W. Willow
- 804 W. Willow

Three Bedroom

- 607 N. Allyn
- 609 N. Allyn
- 408 S. Ash
- 410 S. Ash
- 504 S. Ash #2, 3
- 508 S. Ash #1
- 514 S. Ash #1,3
- 405 S. Beveridge
- 407 S. Beveridge
- 501 S. Beveridge
- 503 S. Beveridge
- 507 S. Beveridge #1,3-5
- 509 S. Beveridge #5
- 513 S. Beveridge# 1-5
- 515 S. Beveridge #1-5
- 510 N. Carico
- 604 N. Carico
- 405 W. Cherry
- 407 W. Cherry
- 501 W. Cherry
- 612 W. Cherry
- 614 W. Cherry
- 405 W. Cherry Court
- 406 W. Cherry Court
- 407 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Cherry Court
- 406 W. Chestnut
- 408 W. Chestnut
- 303 W. College
- 1201 W. College
- 406 W. Chestnut
- 303 W. College
- 309 W. College #1,3-5
- 400 W. College #1,2,3-5
- 401 W. College #1
- 407 W. College #2,4,5
- 409 W. College #1-5
- 501 W. College #1-3
- 503 W. College #1
- 507 W. College #2
- 509 W. College #2
- 807 W. College
- 506 S. Dixon
- 104 S. Forest
- 115 S. Forest
- 120 S. Forest
- 303 S. Forest
- 603 S. Forest
- 706 S. Forest
- 716 S. Forest
- 605 W. Freeman #1
- 607 W. Freeman
- 109 Glenview
- 507 S. Hays #1
- 509 S. Hays
- 511 S. Hays
- 208 W. Hospital #2
- 903 W. Linden
- 610 S. Logan
- 614 S. Logan
- 407 E. Mill
- 409 E. Mill
- 411 E. Mill
- 413 W. Monroe
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- 402 W. Oak #E, W
- 501 W. Oak
- 505 N. Oakland
- 511 N. Oakland
- 514 N. Oakland
- 1305 E. Park Lane
- 506 S. Poplar #4-6
- 202 N. Poplar #1

- 509 S. Rawlings #6
- 519 S. Rawlings #2, 4, 5
- 1710 W. Sycamore
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- 504 W. Walnut
- 820 W. Walnut #2
- 168 Watertower Drive
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- 504 S. Ash #3
- 405 S. Beveridge
- 501 S. Beveridge
- 502 S. Beveridge #1
- 503 S. Beveridge
- 405 W. Cherry
- 407 W. Cherry
- 501 W. Cherry
- 606 W. Cherry
- 614 W. Cherry
- 408 W. Chestnut
- 300 E. College
- 312 W. College #1-3
- 401 W. College #1
- 807 W. College
- 1201 W. College
- 502 W. Freeman
- 104 S. Forest
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Inside the small brick building across from the courthouse, inmates had the run of the place, having sex with their jailer girlfriends, bringing in recliners, taking drugs and chatting on cell phones supplied by friends or guards, according to authorities. They also disabled some of the surveillance cameras and made weapons out of nails.

The doors to two groups of cells didn't lock, but apparently no one tried to escape — perhaps because they had everything they needed inside.

The jailhouse escapades — some of which date to 2006, according to authorities — have rocked Montague, a farming and ranching town of several hundred people near the Oklahoma line, about 65

miles northwest of Fort Worth.

There were whispers in the past year about an affair between a female jailer and male inmate, but folks dismissed the rumors as small-town gossip. It was not until late last month, when a Texas grand jury returned a 106-count indictment against the former sheriff and 16 others, that the inmates-gone-wild scandal broke wide open.

The indictment charged Bill Keating, sheriff from 2004 until December, with official oppression and having sex with female inmates. The others indicted include nine guards — seven women and two men — who were charged with various offenses involving sex or drugs and other contraband. Four inmates also were charged.

Local, state and federal authorities are still trying to figure out how this small-town Texas jail was turned into something resembling a frat house.

The new sheriff, Paul Cunningham, said he was stunned

while touring the jail for the first time just hours after being sworn into office Jan. 1. He saw partitions made of paper towels that blocked jailers' view into cells and pills scattered about.

Cunningham, who had not worked for the county before his election in November, immediately ordered the jail closed and moved the nearly 60 inmates to another institution.

“It literally scared me — not for myself but for the employees,” Cunningham said. “How somebody kept from being killed was beyond me.”

Cunningham, who defeated Keating in the Republican primary last spring, suggested that Keating lost interest in the jail after that and turned his back on the place.

Separate from the indictment, Keating, 62, faces up to 10 years in federal prison after pleading guilty in January to charges he coerced a woman into having sex with him by threatening to jail her on drug charges.

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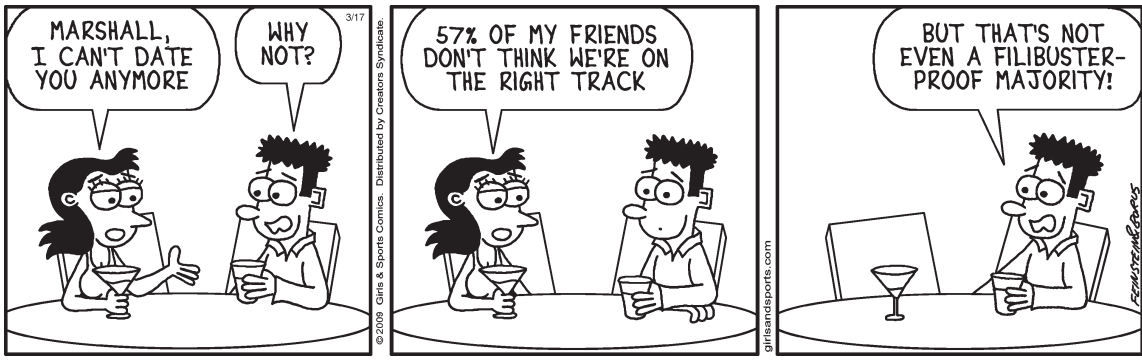
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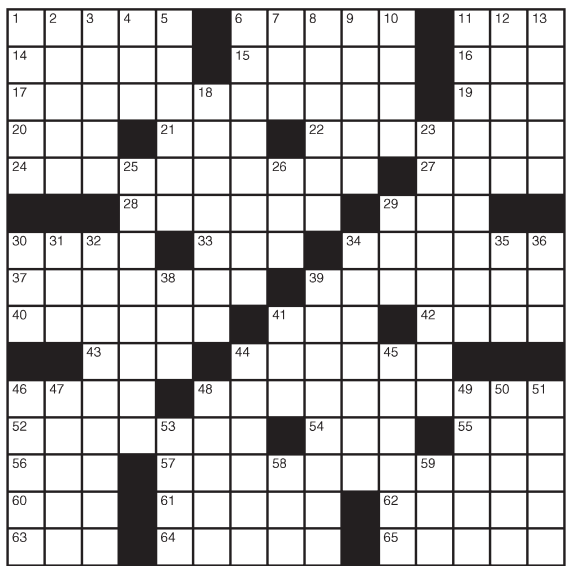


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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — **Today is a 7** — Be careful; don't get impatient. There are several indications you could break something if you hurry or start throwing things around. Treat everything as if it's fragile, even stuff that's not. Like people, for example.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — **Today is a 7** — It seems like everything you want is slightly too expensive. You can change what you want, but that's difficult. Instead, watch for sales. There will be killer deals.

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — **Today is a 6** — The curriculum you're being taught may not be entirely true. It may not agree with your own deeply held beliefs. Don't worry, you can learn anyway. You're learning whom to trust.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — **Today is a 7** — Don't let friends distract you from an agreement you've made. The promise is to yourself, regarding your spending. Stop looking at being frugal as a terrible thing. Think of it as a game.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — **Today is a 7** — If you suspect the other guy's not listening, choose your words carefully. You can get your message across through your actions, too. If all else fails, just cross your legs, fold your arms and say no.

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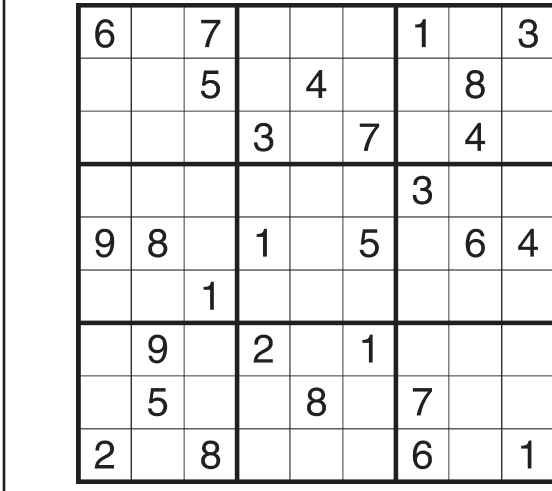
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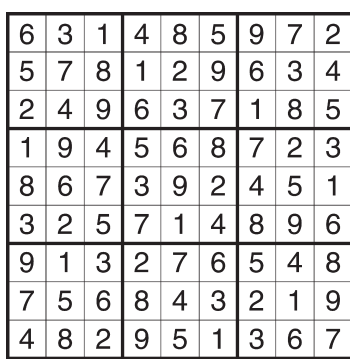
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Monday's solutions



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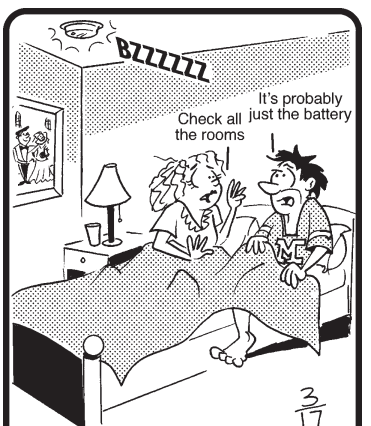
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MEN'S GOLF

Golf wins GEICO intercollegiate

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After notching four top-five finishes during its fall season, the SIU men's golf team looks to have carried that success into the spring semester.

The Salukis placed in the top five four times last fall, and they added two more top-five finishes last week — along with their first tournament win of the spring season.

SIU was able to hold its early lead and win the GEICO Intercollegiate on March 14 at Savannah, Ga. The Salukis led early and never looked back, as they held a nine-shot lead after 36 holes. They finished with a 54-hole total of 904, holding off Bryant University, which finished with a 56-hole total of 911.

Seton Hall (912), Appalachian State (916) and Yale (917) rounded out the top five in the 14-team tournament.

Head coach Leroy Newton said he was not surprised by his team's

performance.

"We thought we were going to win. The kids have been playing that well," Newton said. "They have the attitude to just play and see if they can win."

Senior co-captain John Danielson said though the team did not play its best in Savannah, he would not complain.

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— Leroy Newton
head coach

"A win is a win," Danielson said. "It was nice to get back into the winner's circle, that's a good feeling."

Junior Patrick Scheil led the way for the Salukis with a 54-hole total of 224, which gave him a career best third-place finish

overall. Danielson finished with a 54-hole total of 226, which tied him for sixth overall.

"I can't complain about my performance, it was alright," Scheil said. "I'm more excited about the way the team performed."

The team's first tournament at the Samford Invitational in Limestone Springs, Ala., wrapped up on March 10 with the Salukis notching a fifth place finish. SIU showed some initial rust, but shot a 298 on its last day to jump over host team Samford University to finish tied for fifth with Clayton State University in the 13-team tournament.

Murray State finished in first place with a score of 859, finishing ahead of Kennesaw State, Eastern Kentucky and Illinois State.

"It was their first time under pressure, but they handled it well," Newton said about the first tournament. "It helped them learn just how good they could be if they played consistently."



SIU freshman Chris Serritella rounds third base on his way to scoring Sunday during the Saluki's 7-5 loss against University of North Dakota. The Salukis face Middle Tennessee State today and Wednesday and attempt to make up for last year's 7-3 loss.

JAMES McDONNOUGH
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BASEBALL

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It will be on the Salukis to make the necessary changes instead of searching for excuses, Henderson said.

"Our top three or four pitchers and every one of our hitters, I would say, are underachieving right now," Henderson said. "Everybody keeps saying, 'It's an accident, aw, things will turn around.' It is not going to turn around until we start doing things right."

Kelly is hitting .289 this season and leads the Salukis with 15 RBIs and five doubles in 18 games.

He had success against the Blue

Raiders last season in the Salukis 7-3 loss, going 2-for-5 from the plate and scoring a run.

The key for SIU to get on track this season will be getting back to the fundamentals, Kelly said, and keeping the bats of Middle Tennessee (13-2) quiet. The Blue Raiders are hitting .347 as a team this season, compared to .275 for SIU.

"We need to get back to the fundamentals," Kelly said. "They always hit the ball hard, every year we've played them. But we got to get back to doing the little things right and making the routine plays and executing pitches, and

executing on offense, too, which we haven't done lately. So it's going to be a test to see if we can do that against a good team."

Senior right-handed pitcher Andrew Dunn, who tossed 4.2 scoreless innings in relief in the Salukis' extra innings win on Saturday, also said the Blue Raiders' hitters have a strong reputation.

"We're going to have to pitch. All I've heard was how good of sticks they got," Dunn said. "They had good sticks last year and my buddies from other Valley teams that played them said that they're a real good hitting team, so we're going to have to pitch, and that's it."

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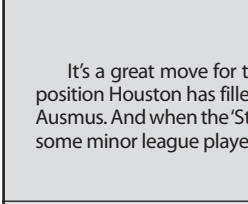
It's been reported that the Houston Astros plan to sign catcher Ivan Rodriguez to a one-year deal once he is done playing in the World Baseball Classic, based on his performance thus far. Is this a good move for the Astros?



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Well, Houston's catchers last year were worthless offensively, and they brought nobody new in, so yeah, it's a good move. They'd obviously be best off if J.R. Towles would pan out for them, but it wouldn't be smart — at all — to bank on that happening. Wait, a question about a 37-year-old catcher and an answer that includes J.R. Towles? Aren't bigger things usually happening in March?



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It's a great move for the Astros, because they're adding a talented player at a position Houston has filled in prior years with an aging and offensively inept Brad Ausmus. And when the 'Stros fall into the NL Central cellar, they can trade Pudge for some minor league players to re-stock their farm system. It's a win-win deal.



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Signing anything with a pulse that can wear a glove would be an improvement for the Astro's catching position. J.R. Towles has not proven that he could even hit a quality pitch with his career .189 average. What's worst is he is their starter, with only Humberto Quintero challenging him. So yeah, good move if the Astros do sign Pudge.

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BASKETBALL

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"I think it was pretty clear how we physically got bullied at times," Lowery said. "Added strength will make you more competitive, so that's one of the main concerns for us is getting strong."

SIU has two available scholarships and Lowery is searching for junior college transfers to compliment a roster that should feature five second-year players, four of whom will be sophomores.

The Salukis have had JUCO transfers contribute to the team's recent runs of success. Bryan Turner, Lamar Owen and Tyrone Greene each played key roles in SIU's runs to postseason appearances.

"Class balance matters a lot," Lowery said of bringing in junior

college transfer students. "We can't just take a bunch of high school kids again and have sophomores teaching freshmen. You can balance out your class with a junior college player."

"We've got to find balance, but they've got to be a good player."

While the Salukis will be one of three Missouri Valley Conference schools to be watching postseason basketball from home, SIU will still be represented in the postseason through other connections.

Former Saluki coaches Bruce Weber and Matt Painter punched their tickets to the NCAA Tournament, leading Illinois and Purdue, respectively.

Weber told the Chicago Sun-Times he called SIU's coaching staff for tips on the Fighting Illini's first-round opponent, Western Kentucky. The Hilltoppers beat the

Salukis on Nov. 26, 2008, 79-70.

Painter might feel a sense of déjà vu when his Boilermakers hit the court against Missouri Valley Conference champion Northern Iowa in the first round. In his lone season at SIU, Painter led SIU to 17 consecutive wins against MVC opponents before losing to the Panthers in the regular season finale.

Rodney Watson, who has been an assistant under Weber, Painter and Lowery, said postseason rooting interests are each individual's decision.

"We root for Illinois and Purdue because we know those guys. And we have different friends that are involved that you're wishing good things for," Watson said. "I was in Kroger yesterday during the selection show, so that's about how much interest I have."

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Chris Lowery has become accustomed to preparing his teams for postseason play.

However, this season, with the SIU men's basketball team on the outside looking in at March Madness, Lowery and his coaching staff have already started working toward improving next year's team.

Lowery said while it is difficult for the team to be missing out on postseason play for the first time since 2001, getting an early start on the recruiting trail could be beneficial.

"It's tough because you want to be playing, whether it is in the NIT or NAAs. But the one thing about it is that we're out of the office," Lowery said in a phone interview. "We're trying to recruit and get better, and that's the one advantage you do have."

After being ousted in the first round of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament by Bradley, Lowery immediately was able to focus on recruiting players for the team's available scholarships and was recently recruiting junior college players in Kansas.

But it was not as if the Salukis could not have made a postseason appearance. Oregon State of the Pac-10 Conference accepted a bid to participate in the College Basketball Invitational postseason tournament and will host a game in Corvallis, Ore. The Beavers finished 13-17 overall and 7-11



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Saluki head coach Chris Lowery gathers the team to talk about plays during a timeout in their game against Illinois State Feb. 4 at SIU Arena. Lowery said he and the rest of the coaching staff are looking for ways to improve next year's team, be it on the recruiting trail or in the weight room.

against conference opponents.

SIU Athletic Director Mario Moccia said there was a possibility for the Salukis to play in the postseason, but having a short-handed squad and buy-in costs factored into the school's decision to re-focus on next year.

Moccia estimated entering the CBI would cost the school \$60,000 and participating in the inaugural College Insiders Tournament would

have cost approximately \$20,000.

"Chris (Lowery) and I really didn't have a lot of discussions about it," Moccia said of the decision making process. "Let's take the break, let's get in the weight room, let's hit the weight room, and let's focus on next year."

"I don't think it would have hurt the team. But let's focus on what we need to do to get back where we want to go."

Lowery said one of the team's primary offseason goals is to improve in the weight room.

And while the team could have benefitted from another game together, Lowery said he believes the team would be better next year if it started concentrating on getting stronger.

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BASEBALL

Salukis frustrated with slow start

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Senior catcher Mark Kelly said it is becoming frustrating that the SIU baseball team still has not put it all together.

The Salukis (6-12) play at 3 p.m. today at Middle Tennessee State, and associate coach Ken Henderson said out of the Salukis' pitching, fielding and hitting, only fielding has been a constant for SIU. Kelly said all the team has to do to be successful is get two of those elements going in each game, but the inability to do so has been aggravating.

"It's getting frustrating because we can't put it all together," Kelly said. "We can't pick up the pitchers when they have a bad day and the pitchers can't pick up the hitters when we're not hitting."

Henderson said the Salukis would have to make some changes if they are going to turn the season around, and it is still very possible for SIU to be successful once they do.

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