Activist speaks at Black Men of Excellence banquet

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A message of compassion and honesty was delivered to audience members at the second annual Black Men of Excellence banquet.

The Black Male Initiative held the banquet in the student center ballrooms Saturday to honor graduating seniors, graduate students and outstanding freshmen who made an impact on campus through scholarship, activism and leadership.

Steve Perry, founder of the Capital Preparatory Magnet School in Connecticut was the keynote speaker for the second annual Black Men of Excellence banquet.

Perry speaks across the U.S. and said the commitment from SIU is what made him come. He said the fight for equality was not over and people should not be satisfied with only making progress.

"Equality will not fall in our laps," he said. "We need action. We must constantly ask ourselves, 'What are we doing to move ourselves closer to equality?'"

Amber McKinley, a junior from Chicago studying social work, said Perry's speech was very impactful.

"When I heard Dr. Perry speak, I felt that the things he touched on were necessary topics, especially with such a diverse crowd present," she said. "A lot of the time we preach diversity and inclusion to African Americans so it was great to hear a topic that everyone could relate to."

Perry also spoke on the struggle between linking activism with academia.

"One of the challenges I have with academia, is that it is so damned academic," he said.

Perry emphasized the importance of building a team to build equality, it is not about color, but about consciousness, he said.

"We spend so much time talking and planning, but we spend a lot less time actually doing," he said. "We need a lot more people actually making things happen, changing the conditions in which our children and adults live in."

McKinley said Perry's speech changed her view on a bevy of diversity issues.

"I know it was a lot of students and especially with such a diverse crowd present," she said. "The speech helped me personally develop a different perspective on the issue that I had never thought of before."

Alexander Martin, a first-year graduate student from Normal studying educational administration and higher education, said Perry made a positive impact on everyone in the room.

"His sheer passion for providing top quality education, and his honesty towards stating what needs to be done to provide our children with a better educational upbringing made him a perfect choice for a keynote speaker," Martin said.

Libby Liston, a junior from Hillsboro, Mo., studying animal science, listens to her Intro to Riding instructor Stephanie Speiser, a senior lecturer in animal science food and nutrition Monday at the Equine Center. The class was able to ride outside for the first time after spending the first half of the semester in the indoor arena.

Brittany Cain, a senior from Chicago studying equine science and teaching assistant for the class, said students learn basic skills from grooming to walking and turning the horses in the class.

Members of the bomb squad remove an unknown item from WSL Channel 3 Monday in Carterville with the use of SIU Police Department's Remotec Andros S6A robot. Chad Beights, SIU Police Department corporal, was able to communicate with the hazardous material disposal team through the robot. Tests for the package that was delivered to the building earlier that day came back negative for hazardous substances and bombs.

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The Carterville Fire Chief was unamused by what he deemed a waste of resources in an incident Monday morning.

A suspicious package delivered to WSL Channel 3 in Carterville forced a building evacuation and required the bomb squad to respond and remove the unknown item.

Crainville Police Chief Curtis Rogers said he received a report of a suspicious package around 9:15 a.m. Rogers immediately called in the Carterville Fire Department.

Carterville Fire Chief Bruce Talley said tests on the package came back negative for bombs and hazardous substances. He said there was a message on the package, but could not confirm what it said. The 16-square-inch box was removed from the scene around noon.

Talley said the package was hand-delivered and placed in WSIL's mailbox. Then an employee brought the package into the building.

He said the employee realized the package did not look normal, and put it in a safe area. The employee was unharmed.

Rogers said Crainville, Williamson County, Carterville and SIU police departments; Carterville Fire Department and the Carbondale Police Bomb Squad were called to the scene. Talley said the FBI was present as well.

"We started isolating folks that were involved in the product movement," Talley said.
Fourteen dead in Washington mudslide; search continues

OSO, Wash. (AP) — The search for survivors of a deadly Washington state mudslide grew Monday to include scores of people who were still unaccounted for as the death toll from the wall of trees, rocks and debris that swept through a rural community rose to at least 14.

In the struggle to find loved ones, family members and neighbors used chainsaws and their bare hands to dig through wreckage that was tangled by the mud into broken piles.

Authorities said they were looking for more than 100 people who had not been heard from since the disaster about 55 miles northeast of Seattle. They predicted that the number of missing would decline as more people are found safe. But the startling initial length of the search and rescue crews discovered an additional six bodies, bringing the number of fatalities to at least 14. The slide critically injured several others.

About 30 houses were destroyed, and the debris blocked a mile-long stretch of a highway near Arlington.

Cory Kunts and several volunteers worked Monday with chain saws to cut through the roof of his uncle's house, which was swept about 150 yards from its previous location. Kunts said his aunt, Linda McPherson, was killed. He and the others pulled out files, his aunt's wallet and a box filled with pictures and slides.

"When you look at it, you just kind of go in shock, and you kind of go numb," he said, adding that there were more people out helping Sunday. On Monday, they couldn't get through mudblocks.

"They are all eager to get down here, but unfortunately they can't. It just shows how tight this community is," he said.

Doug Retsovast, who grew up in the area and was also helping in the search, said authorities had told people to stay away.

"We're related to a lot of these people from around here. So that's why we're here," he said.

The mudslide struck Saturday morning, a time when most people are at home. Of the 49 structures in the neighborhood, authorities believe at least 25 were full-time residences. An overnight search of the debris field turned up no other bodies. Hots said Monday's search included aircraft, dogs and heavy equipment.

Frustrations were growing as family members and neighbors waited for official word on the missing and the dead. Elaine Young and her neighbors uncovered several bodies Sunday and had to contact authorities to get them removed. They also found a chocolate Labrador named Buddy alive, and helped pull the dog from the rubble, leading her to wonder if other survivors could be out there, desperate for help.

"If we found a dog alive yesterday afternoon that we cut out of a part of a house, doesn't that seem that maybe somebody could be stuck up under part of a house and be alive too?" asked Young, whose home survived the slide but was on the edge of the devastation.

Authorities believe Saturday's slide was caused by recent heavy rains that made the terrain unstable.

From the beginning, rescue crews on the ground have faced dangerous and unpredictable conditions as they navigated quicksand-like mud that was 15 feet deep in some places. Some who went in caught up to their hips in the thick, sticky sludge.

The threat of potential flash floods or another landslide also loomed over rescuers. On Monday, some crews had to pull back because of concern that a hillside could shift.

Retired firefighter Gail Moffett, who lives in Oso, said she knows about 25 people who are missing, including entire families with young children.

"It's safe to say I'll know everyone affected or who they are," Moffett said. "There's so much pain going on in the community right now."

Among the injured were a mother and her baby. Amanda Sturjane, 25, was in satisfactory condition at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, spokesperson Susan Gregg said. Her 22-week-old Duke Suddarth, remained in critical condition and was improving, Gregg said. Three other men were in serious condition.

Snoboshim County Emergency Management Director John Pennington said the list of 108 names included construction workers who were working in the area and people just driving by.

But, he cautioned, that does not necessarily mean there are dozens of additional fatalities.

"It's a soft 108," Pennington said, explaining that the number would almost certainly fall as people are slowly located.

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According to a study done by the National Center for Education Statistics, from 1976 to 2010, the college enrollment rate for African American students went from 9 percent to 14 percent.

"When children understand that you are ride-or-die for them, they'll make enemies to make a change," Beights said.

"Better be safe than sorry," he said. "We don't know what was contained in the package so we did the steps on the hazardous material side and on the possible bomb side."

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Race is on to find Maylasia airliner’s black boxes

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Canberra, Australia — Time is running out to find the crucial keys that could solve the mystery of how and why Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 went down.

After the excruciating 17-day wait for confirmation that the Boeing 777 crashed into the southern Indian Ocean, searchers are racing to locate the so-called black boxes before a battery-powered ping they emit fades away.

By law, the boxes with must be able to send signals for at least 30 days following a crash. But experts say they can continue making noise for another 15 days or so beyond that, depending upon the strength of the black box battery at the time of the crash.

Without the black boxes — the common name for the voice and data recorders normally attached to a fuselage — it would be virtually impossible for investigators to definitively say what caused the crash.

Now that some debris has possibly been found, here’s what comes next:

Needle in a haystack

The location of the plane is still unknown more than two weeks after it crashed, although Malaysian authorities say a British satellite company has pinpointed its last position in the Indian Ocean, where several countries have reported finding floating debris. It’s now up to experts in ocean currents and weather patterns to give searchers their best estimate on where the plane actually went down, which is where the black boxes — they’re really red cylinders — are likely to be located.

“We’ve got to get lucky,” said John Goglia, a former member of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board. “It’s a race to get to the area in time to catch the black box pinger while it’s still working.”

To “catch” the signal, searchers will be putting to use a high-tech listening device loaned by the U.S. Navy. Towed Pinger Locator:

One of the Navy’s Towed Pinger Locators is already en route to the search area. It’s a 30-inch-long cylindrical microphone that’s slowly towed underwater in a grid pattern behind a commercial ship. It will pick up any black box ping emitted from, on average, 1 mile away — but could hear a ping from 2 miles away depending upon a number of factors, from ocean conditions to topography to if the black boxes are hosed or not.

The listening device is attached to about 20,000 feet of cable and is guided through the ocean depths by a yellow, triangular carrier with a shark fin on top. It looks like a stringray and has a wingspan of 3 feet.

The device sends data up the cable every half second, where both human operators and computers aboard a ship can listen for any strong signals and record a ping’s location. The ship keeps towing the device over the grid so that operators can triangulate the strongest ping — and hopefully locate the exact location of the black boxes.

Aided from the Towed Pinger Locator, an Australian navy support vessel, the Ocean Shield, is expected to arrive in the search zone within three or four days, officials said. It’s equipped with acoustic detection equipment that will also listen for pings.

If the pings aren’t heard:

If no strong signals are located before the battery on the black boxes fades away, then searchers must move on to using devices called side-scan sonar that creates an X-ray of the ocean floor, allowing experts to look for any abnormalities in the seabed or any shape that wouldn’t normally be associated with the area.

Union: Train operator in Chicago crash ‘tired’

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Chicago — An operator of a Chicago public transit train that jumped the tracks and scaled an escalator at one of the city’s busiest airports Monday may have duted off, the president of a Chicago transit union said.

The woman said she had worked extensive overtime recently and was “extremely tired” at the time of the accident, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 308 President Robert Kelly told a news conference.

The derailment happened just before 5 a.m. Monday at the end of the Chicago Transit Authority’s Blue Line at O’Hare International Airport. The timing of the accident helped avoid an enormous disaster, as the underground Blue Line station is usually packed with travelers.

More than 30 people were hurt, but none had life-threatening injuries. A CTA supervisor and another worker near the top of the escalator said they saw the train enter at a normal rate of speed, about 15 mph, according to Kelly.

“The next thing they heard the sound (of impact) and the yelling and the screaming,” he said. Investigators had not drawn any conclusions about the cause of the accident, National Transportation Safety Board official Tim DePaepe said Monday afternoon, but that were looking into whether faulty brakes, signals or human error were factors.
NEW YORK — A long-awaited museum dedicated to the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks will open to the public at the World Trade Center site on May 21, officials announced Monday.

The opening will follow a May 15 ceremony and a six-day dedication period during which the museum will be open around the clock for 9/11 family members, rescue and recovery workers and others directly affected by the 2001 attacks, Joe Daniels, president of the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum said.

“We want to make sure that our doors are open for them to see it before the public does,” Daniels said.

The museum includes two core exhibitions at the foundation of the trade center complex.

One of them, called “In Memoriam,” pays tribute to the 2,983 people killed in the attacks as well as the six people killed in a truck bombing at the trade center on Feb. 26, 1993.

The other, a three-part historical exhibition, tells the story of Sept. 11 and explores what led to the terrorist strikes.

The museum’s regular hours will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

“This is a major milestone,” Daniels said. “It’s just a very real marker of the rebirth of the World Trade Center.”

Planners had originally hoped the museum could open in 2011, on the 10th anniversary of the attacks. Construction delays were made worse by flooding caused by Superstorm Sandy and by a funding dispute with the site’s owner, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, stopping all work for nearly a year.

The planned ticket price of $24 has angered some Sept. 11 family members. Retired Deputy Fire Chief Jim Riches and Sally Regenhard, each of whom lost firefighter sons in the attacks, complained earlier this year that the museum “was never intended to be a revenue-generating tourist attraction with a prohibitive budget and entrance fee.” Museum officials defend the planned ticket price, saying the museum’s operations are privately funded.

Daniels said there will be no admission charge for relatives of Sept. 11 victims or for rescue and recovery workers. Children age 6 and younger will get in free, and admission will be free for everyone from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays.

There will continue to be no charge to enter the World Trade Center memorial plaza, which is already open. About 5.3 million people visited the plaza last year to see the two huge fountains that sit in the original footprints of the twin towers.
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Daily Egyptian

College students: it’s important to know you are not alone.
Here are 35 things you have probably done more than once
during your college career.

1. Skip at least one class per week.
2. Eat the same thing for weeks at a time (ex: ramen noodles, peanut butter sandwiches, hot pockets).
3. Watch Netflix.
4. Lie about reading the assigned pages.
5. Sleep less hours than the average person should.
6. Ask your parents to put money in your account.
7. “No mom, it is not for beer.”
8. Dream big.
9. Miss home.
10. Have wine nights.
11. Have dance parties.
12. Never clean the bathroom.
13. Cram for exams.
14. Then tell yourself, “C’s get degrees”
15. Cry because you don’t know how you will get everything done.
17. Try some crazy diet.
18. Complain about your roommate(s).
19. Hate work.
20. Love money.
22. Procrastinate.
23. Realize your parents aren’t that bad.
24. “Liquor before beer you’re in the clear. Beer before liquor never been sicker.”
25. Tell your friends the embarrassing stuff they did last night.
26. Forget to eat.
27. Eat every 30 minutes.
28. Search for love.
29. Revitalize priorities.
30. Then reevaluate them again.
31. Change your major.
32. Find out who your friends are.
33. Get scared of the real world.
34. Discover what you want out of life.
35. Work your butt off to get it.

Editorial Cartoon

But this is what we always mean to funerals...

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Vineyard visitors find serenity in the Sky

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From 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each Sunday, Blue Sky Vineyard provides live music to people who want to close out their weekend in a peaceful setting. Dubbed “Sundays in the Park,” the program features performances from area artists, and when weather permits, is held outside in the winery’s outdoor area.

Each week the winery books a different musician; singer/songwriter Bill Harper, of Murphysboro, performed Sunday. Although it was sunny and the sky was clear, temperatures were too cold for outdoor activities and the music was forced inside.

Harper strummed his guitar gently and melodically as his soft voice sang the lyrics to several classic acoustic tunes, including songs by The Beatles and The Allman Brothers. He enjoys playing at Blue Sky for Sundays in the Park, and has played multiple times since the winery opened, he said.

While he enjoys playing outside, Harper said he likes when the music gets moved inside. He said he gets a chance to be more interactive with the audience.

“I like it when it’s outside and when I have an audience that is really into it,” he said. “Sometimes (inside) is really intimate, sometimes outside is really intimate. I’m used to playing small clubs in California.” Harper got the bug to perform in his youth and after spending two years learning songs, began his 35-year musical career. Outside of performing, Harper works with Catholic Church ministry and administration as a pastoral associate.

Harper said he is working on remodeling his own home studio and plans to begin working on a new album.

Since Blue Sky began welcoming artists on the weekends, Jim Ewers, Blue Sky’s general manager, said he’s noticed other wineries following suit. He’s also seen a big difference between the winery’s atmosphere on Saturday and Sunday, he said.

“Saturdays here are crazy, Sundays are not nearly as packed and it’s a nice mellow mood,” he said. “It’s a good crowd.”

Because the weather has been quite unpredictable this winter and spring, the winery has had to cancel music, Ewers said. However, as it gets warmer, winery employees expect to see larger crowds coming out to enjoy the day, he said.

Kim Bauernfeind and Mindi Mezo, both of Herrin, were among those in the Blue Sky audience.

“It has been very relaxing,” Bauernfeind said. “We have had the chance to have some very good girl time.”

Dan Barron is next up to perform at Blue Sky when the series continues Sunday.

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Mindi Mezo, left, and Kim Bauernfeind, both of Herrin, enjoy sangria Sunday at Blue Sky Vineyard in Makanda. Bands play at the vineyard from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. every Sunday. Bill Harper of Murphysboro said he plays at Blue Sky at least once a month and also works for the Catholic Church. “I have played at Blue Sky since they have been open,” Harper said. “I like when I can play outside at the Vineyard and there’s a crowd because it can be intimate.”
Black Keys, Pixies announce new albums

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Two beloved bands have each announced new albums. The Pixies said Monday that a new record, “Indie Cindy,” would compile three recent EPs and singles into a single long-player. The album, produced by longtime collaborator Gil Norton, will be released April 29 on the band’s own label, Pixiesmusic, in a variety of formats. “New music seemed like something we just had to do; we just couldn’t continue to go out and tour without anything new,” drummer David Lovering said in a statement to Rolling Stone. “So the talk evolved into writing and recording, and we’re all very happy with the way everything worked out.” The EPs have earned mixed reviews at best. The Los Angeles Times’ Mikael Wood described “EP-1” thusly: “After touring its classic material for several years as a kind of hipster oldies act, the hugely influential alt-rock band finally put out some new music last September in the form of the four-song ‘EP-1.’ The only problem? It wasn’t any good.” The band’s lineup has also seen turmoil. Founding bassist Kim Deal left, then the group fired her replacement, the Muffs’ Kim Shattuck, and has yet to announce a permanent replacement. Meanwhile, the indie-blues duo the Black Keys have an LP of entirely new tunes on the way. “Turn Blue” is the eighth full-length from the group, whose 2011 album “El Camino” went platinum and made them major stars. “Turn Blue” is scheduled for a May 13 release on Nonesuch Records. The band produced the album with Danger Mouse, and it is a marked departure from the fiery riffs of the Black Keys’ past records. Lead single “Fever,” which is out now as a paid download or as part of an album pre-order, has a disco-inspired beat and a heavy coating of vintage synthesizer. It is likely to polarize longtime fans, but it does signal a new adventurousness from a band with a very identifiable sound.

Fox News to launch Sunday show with Maria Bartiromo

MEG JAMES
Los Angeles Times

Maria Bartiromo’s new Sunday morning show debuts this weekend on Fox News Channel. Bartiromo joined Fox last month after 20 years at rival CNBC. As part of the multimillion-dollar deal to woo Bartiromo to Fox News, the network offered her a Monday-Friday stock market show on the Fox Business Network and an hour-long Sunday business program on the juggernaut Fox News Channel. Fox on Monday said that her new show, “Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo,” will follow Bartiromo’s program. Her new program is expected to “focus on the intersection of commerce and news events, offering viewers in-depth analysis on recent developments in the economy,” the network said in a statement. Bartiromo plans to interview business leaders and newsmakers on topics “such as job creation and investment opportunities.” Fox News, the No. 1 cable news network, is owned by Rupert Murdoch’s 21st Century Fox. Bartiromo also serves as Fox Business Network’s global markets editor and the anchor of the market-focused “Opening Bell with Maria Bartiromo,” which runs weekdays from 9 to 11 a.m. EDT.
Cell phone texts show tensions

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PRETORIA, South Africa — Oscar Pistorius' friend Reeva Steenkamp argued fiercely in the turbulent weeks before he killed her, and the athlete's girlfriend told him she was sometimes scared by his behavior, which included jealous outbursts in front of other people, according to phone messages revealed at the Olympian's murder trial on Monday.

"I'm scared of u sometimes and how u treat me and of how u will react to me," Steenkamp wrote in a message read out in court by police Capt. Francois Moller.

In another message, Steenkamp wrote to the double-amputee runner: "I can't be attacked by outsiders for dating u AND be attacked by you, the one person I deserve protection from."

The messages suggested both lovers were experiencing emotional insecurity, though the exchanges revealed in court reflected prosecutors' efforts to portray Pistorius as an aggressor with a short fuse, matching earlier testimony from a former girlfriend who had told the court she got upset and jealous. In one message, the runner indicated Steenkamp had not told him the full story about smoking "weed," or using marijuana.

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Portray Pistorius as an aggressor with a short fuse, matching earlier testimony from a former girlfriend who had told the court she got upset and jealous.

The long message was sent after the two attended a friend's engagement party and appeared to be written in haste because she said he got upset and jealous. As Moller read the message, Pistorius, who had been looking at a book of the compiled messages, closed his eyes. Tears fell to his lap. He wiped his eyes with a handkerchief and regained his composure, closed his eyes with a handkerchief and regained his composure.

Steenkamp wrote to the double-amputee runner: "I wasn't a stripper with the declaration: "I wasn't a stripper while she defended past conduct.

"I'm scared of u sometimes and how u snap at me and of how u will react to me," she then replied: "I have no idea what you're talking about!"

Pistorius has pleaded guilty to a firearms charge related to that episode. Earlier Monday a neighbor testified that she heard gunshots as well as screams from both a man and a woman on the night that Pistorius fatally shot Steenkamp.

"You make me happy 90% of the time and I think we are amazing together," Steenkamp wrote to Pistorius in another message, according to the testimony. Moller also read messages exchanged after a shooting incident at Taenzer's restaurant in Johannesburg about a month before the fatal shooting. Bosor Kevin Lerena and Darren Fresco, a onetime friend of Pistorius, testified that the Olympian asked Fresco to take the blame for a shot that went off after the loaded gun was passed to Pistorius under the table.

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Moller said that from Steenkamp's communications, closed his eyes. Tears fell to his lap. He wiped his eyes with a handkerchief and regained his composure. The court adjourned with Moller expected to return to the witness box on Tuesday. He has not yet revealed if police recovered any phone messages or communications from the night of the killing on Feb. 14, 2013.

Moller said he received more than 1,000 exchanges with Pistorius on WhatsApp and other phone messaging applications. Moller said he received as evidence two BlackBerry phones, two iPhones, two iPads and a Mac computer from Pistorius' house the day after the shooting death of Steenkamp.

The data on Steenkamp's phone would point to more than 35,000 pages, said Moller. Of the fraction of exchanges between the couple, he said that about 90 percent were what he called normal and "loving" exchanges.

In Steenkamp's message about being scared of the athlete, she also added: "You make me happy 90% of the time and I think we are amazing together."

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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

TLOCH
ELPUM
EGTSAK
RTSHAH

Answers:

Jumbles:

TLOCH
ELPUM
EGTSAK
RTSHAH

Now arrange the circled letters suggested by the above cartoon.

Start with cleaning out your closets. Buy toys. Focus on keeping old money to save for a couple of days. There’s preparations for the big job. There’s cheaper ones. Personal matters... everyday jobs. There’s a 5 — a new departure. Apply yourself. Goto slow; be flexible. Follow the path of least resistance. Important: He’s a 7 — Resist the impulse to be impetuous. Put in some fun with water. Be cautious with a new skill or tool. Prepare the garden to flourish. Bury the evidence threatens complacency. The garden to flourish. Bury the evidence threatens complacency.

Libra — Today is a 7 — Get into some fun with water. Be cautious with a new skill or tool. Prepare the garden to flourish. Bury the evidence threatens complacency. Some things are lost and creditors. Apply yourself. Goto slow; be flexible. Follow the path of least resistance.

Cancer — Today is a 6 — Make big changes without spending money. Negotiate higher expenses with vendors and creditors. Apply yourself. Goto slow; be flexible. Follow the path of least resistance.

Virgo — Today is a 5 — Focus on making money. Don’t gamble; do more testing. Work out the details... commit time, energy and resources when you’re clear about it. Don’t talk back. Avoid an argument. Wish.

Pisces — Today is a 7 — Keep a lid on distractions... especially expense ones. Personal matters demand attention. Effort at home pays off. Go slow; be flexible. Follow the path of least resistance.

Aries — Today is a 6 — Postpone a financial discussion. Focus on your next gig. Clarify issues first. It takes patience; make the changes. Some things are lost forever. Your team is inspirational...

Taurus — Today is a 6 — Someone needs to take responsibility. Grow your courage and leadership skills... Be cautious with a new skill or tool. Prepare the garden to flourish. Bury the evidence threatens complacency.

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Baseball players learned their roles quickly

Either Pauly or Whitmer could replace freshman Connor McFadden in the rotation as the team's fourth starter. McFadden's only problem is his control. He has pitched two outings where he did not give up a hit, but he had eight walks and three earned runs in those games. SIU is 3-1 in games this season when McFadden was a starter. He has been improving, but Pauly or Whitmer would fit better in the rotation as of now.

The team's first three starters have kept them in almost every game this season. Junior pitcher Aaron Hauge is the team's best starter right now. In five outings, he has only allowed four earned runs and he shut out both Purdue University and the University of Illinois in his last two starts.

Junior Sam Coonrod throws the hardest, but has yet to get a win this season. He is pitching well, but has not received enough run support. He threw six scoreless innings in his last start against the Boilermakers and the Salukis had a one run lead when he left the game. SIU's bullpen gave up two runs, which gave Coonrod a no decision.

Senior Todd Eaton was the team's closer last year and has filled in as a starter this season. His biggest issue has been getting out of the first inning. In six outings, he has given up 10 first inning runs. After that, he is nearly flawless. He is the second starter right now, but could be third in the rotation.

The bullpen has been the best part of the team. Five SIU relief pitchers have perfect ERAs including senior Tyler Dray. Dray has four saves in four opportunities and has eight strikeouts; he is the most reliable option to go late in a close game. Senior first baseman Cody Daily has the hottest bat on the team by far. Daily has 12 hits and posted a .345 batting average during the last five games. He also has doubled at least once in each of those outings.

Senior shortstop Jake Welch was a preseason All-Missouri Valley Conference shortstop. Welch was batting only .143 throughout the first nine games this season. Welch has a four-game streak with two hits and has brought his batting average up to .303. He has hits in 12 of the last 13 games, posted a .407 batting average, one home run and six RBIs as the Salukis' leadoff man.

Freshman second baseman Connor Kopach has been playing excellent defense this season, but his batting has suffered. Second base is one position that is still up for grabs. Kopach is batting .157 and has an on base percentage of .218. Senior Ryan Rosthenhausler is batting .371, and has been hitting well recently. He will probably be the starter going forward. Kopach could be used as a defender late in a game.

The Salukis play Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Murray State University and begin conference play this weekend at Missouri State University.

The SIU baseball team (13-9) has the potential to get back to the Missouri Valley Conference championship game for the first time since 2012. SIU was picked to finish in fifth in the preseason, but they have enough talent to prove that wrong.

There are 15 freshmen on the roster and some have been the best players on the team this year. Freshmen pitchers Kyle Pauly and Chad Whitmer will be starters by their junior season. Pauly has 15 strikeouts in 19.2 innings and has an ERA of 1.37. Whitmer has a 2-0 record with a 2.45 ERA.

Senior Jake Welch is the team's best reliever. He has posted a 0-1 record with a 2.93 ERA and nine strikeouts in 9.2 innings. SIU's bullpen has been the best part of the team this season.

The most talked about players in college basketball this season have been freshmen. Duke's Jabari Parker, and Andrew Wiggins and Joel Embiid of Kansas, could all be top five picks in this year's NBA Draft. However, these three players combined to only win one NCAA Tournament game this season. Do you think the NCAA should make a rule about players having to stay in college for a certain number of years?

It’s obvious these freshmen players are the future of basketball. Yes, I like college basketball more than the NBA, but I think a rule making players stay at least two years would be better for the game of basketball. College is not only about these players getting their game ready for the NBA, it is also about teaching them the life skills needed to make good decisions in the NBA and after their career is over. - Tyler Dixon

I struggle with this question because it seems wrong to dictate when someone can go pro if they are good enough to do so. I’m also not interested in seeing the NCAA gain more money off of these players. I would be okay with a two-year minimum because the league would get more polished adults and players, but if they did this, expect the player compensation question to come back. - Tyler Davis

I think players should be allowed to go straight to the pros in any sport who is the NBA to say they have to go to college? If they’ve got the skill set and the ability they should be able to enter the draft out of high school. - Tony McDaniel

No, if such rule were in place bigger schools would be too stacked. The tournament would have less upsets and less madness. If Duke still had Austin Rivers and Kansas still had Ben McLemore, there is no chance Mercer University or Stanford University would have upset either team. March Madness would not be the same. - Aaron Graff
Skateboarders intend to improve image

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Daily Egyptian

The stereotypical image of long-haired men rolling down public streets on skateboards has been a headache for city officials in America for decades.

The SIU skateboarding sport club, known as Skate Society, hopes to reverse that idea. The club was founded just four years ago and has already made a name for itself in terms of community service and unity. It has more than 20 members and has participated in multiple community service projects.

Clark Nelson, a senior from Chicago studying computer science, is the Skate Society president and was a founding member of the club. Nelson said the club began as just a group of people looking to skate with others.

"Really it was a place where people can just meet and skateboard," he said. "It's everybody who enjoys the same thing, so it's a connection and an easy way to find friends."

The connection has spawned a club that is one of the most active on campus. Nelson said the club is open to long boarders as well and he hopes to see more of both around campus.

Shane Bennett, the Assistant Director for Club Sports and Intramurals, said "skate culture" usually has negative connotations, but his work with the club has highlighted the positives skating has to offer.

"Just sitting there talking with them I learned so much about the skateboarding world and Skate Society," Bennett said. "It's not just about them, I think it is the culture of skateboarding; as much as it is individually, they understand the bigger picture of community."

The feeling of community has led the club to partake in open skates, competitions for local skaters and even a toy drive for the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale. The open skates and competitions are held at a Carterville skate park.

Nelson said the club hopes to get the support to build a skate park in Carbondale. He said the goal is to show the community skateboarding can be a positive influence in Carbondale.

"We think that maybe the community service will help towards the community wanting to build us a skate park," he said. "We really want to make a good name for skateboarding on campus because skateboarders had a bad name, especially through the '90s and we'd really like to change that."

Tina Carpenter, program director for the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale, said the club created a positive image of skating and students at SIU in general.

"It's wonderful that the students at SIU are invested in the community that they live in while attending college," Carpenter said. "It's great to see students who care about the children of the community and who are positive role models."

Nelson said while people like Carpenter have realized the positive nature of the club and skateboard culture as a whole, the club has seen little progress in the process to get a skate park built. Not only is funding an issue, Nelson said figuring out who would build the park is a problem as well.

"There's not even a clear definition between who would want to build that; the school or the city of Carbondale," he said. "Neither of them have enough money to throw us skateboards to just build a big skate park so we're working on some short-term fixes right now."

The club said they have not approached the sport club board or the city council yet about the skate park. Nelson said he hopes to get better organized and get more community and student body support before the club takes the necessary steps.

In the meantime, Nelson said the club is pursuing smaller goals. Those "short-term fixes" include getting the funding for small things to skate on.

"Through the sports club we have a lot more chances for getting a mini ramp on campus or figuring out how to get more community and student body support before the club takes the necessary steps."

"Really it was a place where people can just meet and skateboard," he said. "Something manageable that we can fundraise for, that we can make happen."

Nelson said he would make any of those changes for the club but his main goal is still to provide skateboarders and long boarders with a place they can skate in Carbondale. He said the club will continue to organize events for the community and local skaters and help out with the Boys and Girls Club.

Bennett said he expects nothing less of the club.

"Philanthropically, they are our best sport club," Bennett said. "We have sport clubs that do well with fundraising and stuff, but going out and doing things for the community, I mean they are outstanding students doing outstanding things."

Skate Society meets at 5 p.m. Thursdays on the sixth floor of Morris Library. Students interested can also find the club skating around campus or at the hockey courts near Brush Towers and University Hall.

Nick Apple, of Chicago, attempts to complete a grind March 18 at the hockey courts on Wall Street. Apple is a member of Skate Society, a sport club at SIU that focuses on the skate culture of Carbondale.

Nick Apple, of Chicago, attempting skateboard tricks March 18 at the hockey courts on Wall Street. *Daily Egyptian* photo by Jennifer Gonzalez

James Accurso, a junior from Chicago studying piano performance, films Nick Apple, of Chicago, attempting skateboarding tricks March 18 at the hockey courts on Wall Street in Carbondale. Accurso and Apple are members of the Skate Society sport club, which has 20 active members. The organization is petitioning for a skate park to be built in Carbondale after one was torn down four years ago. "We are the only university in Illinois to not have a park and now there is nowhere to skate here," Clark Nelson, president of Skate Society said.

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