Comedian, activist returns for Homecoming

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Dick Gregory returned to the university he said transformed his life to be honored and recognized for his achievements.

Gregory, an internationally recognized comedian and activist, was honored Thursday at the Varsity Center for the Arts as the first inductee to the Varsity Hall of Fame. Gregory will also act as Grand Marshall in Saturday’s Homecoming parade.

As a student in the 1950s, Gregory helped integrate the Varsity Theater after he refused to sit in the balcony, the then-designated area for black people. Two weeks later, the Varsity had integrated seating.

Gregory said in his hometown of St. Louis, whites and blacks were not allowed in the same establishments at the time, so a seat in the balcony of the Varsity was a privilege.

“You had to know somebody to sit in the balcony; that’s like prime real estate,” Gregory said.

“About the third time I came (to the Varsity), that’s when I was informed that you can’t sit downstairs. And so the next time I came, we sat downstairs.”

Gregory said once the theater was integrated, he went back to the balcony.

“As long as they weren’t telling me where to sit,” Gregory said.

Harvey Welch, a retired university employee, said he has known Gregory since his arrival in Carbondale in 1952.

“We are recognizing a person who has done so much for so many people all over the world,” Welch said.

“No one deserves recognition more than Gregory.”

Molly Norwood, an SIUC alumna, met Gregory through her husband, Bill, who was an old college roommate of Gregory’s. Norwood said Gregory was always very active and outspoken and was an advocate for more than just civil rights.

“There is no doubt in my mind he is for human rights,” Norwood said.

Ex-addict turned to prison system, faith to change life

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Abdul Rahim Khalil refused to rot in prison.

The ex-heroine addict found his Muslim faith and mapped out his entire future when he spent multiple terms in jails and the state penitentiary, starting in 1969. Khalil opened Inner-City Merchant, his general merchandise store, Oct. 3 on Carbondale’s northeast side.

Khalil’s father was killed when he was five. He said because his mother worked, he was first raised by the streets of Chicago’s South Side and then by the prison system.

“I always wanted to go to school,” Khalil said.

“But I got locked out of school and became part of the culture in the streets.”

His 22-year heroin addiction began there, he said.

Khalil’s family asked him to take advantage of the schooling and vocational training programs in jail, he said.

Khalil said after inmates receive an education, they come out into the same environment expecting it to be different, but ended up making the same mistakes.

“Being in the streets, not having a full family structure, you don’t learn any values. You don’t have role models to follow,” Khalil said.

“What I’ve learned from the street culture was in the jail as well. So the values I was learning were how to survive in the street culture.”

Every time he was released, his addiction brought him back to jail, and every jail sentence brought him closer to morality, Khalil said.

“It came to my attention that I don’t want to come to jail, so I’m going to have to learn something different,” he said.

That something was religion. During his fourth sentence, Khalil studied Christianity and Buddhism and was introduced to Islam by a fellow inmate.

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Legislation to create free textbooks

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The cost of textbooks could be reduced — to free.

Illinois Senator Dick Durbin introduced a legislation to create a competitive grant program to make online textbooks available to the public for free.

Christina Mulka, Durbin’s press secretary, said the Openly College Textbook Act would give students free access to otherwise expensive material.

“It would be like a pilot program to develop quality textbooks to be open on the Internet for students to have access to,” Mulka said.

The program would be available to students, professors and the public for free.

Jim Allen, director of the University Core Curriculum, said most students and professors do not want to read a book from a computer screen.

“I want that paper in my hand,” Allen said. “I want to mark things in the margins. I want to under-score things. Yeah, you can do virtual elements of that digitally, but it’s not the same.”

But Paul Grumich, a freshman from Kankakee studying cinema-tography, said having the books available online would be better for him than hard cover copies.

“We can’t fall into the notion that online material is the silver bullet.”

— Jonathan Bean, history professor at SIUC

“I have magazine subscriptions that are online through my computer, so for me that would be good,” Grumich said.

Grumich said he would never have to worry about losing his books or getting them wet in the rain if they were online.

Jonathan Bean, a history professor at SIUC, said he thinks there is too much of a reliance on online material.

“We can’t fall into the notion that online material is the silver bullet,” Bean said.

“I teach five online courses; I’m a great believer in online education. But the books themselves are hard covers that students purchase and read, then send in their assignments online,” he said.

Free online material could also hurt bookstores.

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KHALIL
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The inmate practiced the Na-
tion of Islam, an Afro-centric sect, which Khalil instantly rejected, but
another inmate who practiced the
Nation of Islam dealt with black nationalism, the uplift-
ing of the black people, whereas Islam dealt with humanity — all peo-
ple,” he said.

Upon his 1985 release, Khalil attended SIUC and earned a de-
gree in university studies, but his drug addiction brought him back to Chi-
ago and eventually to a prison cell in 1987, he said.

“Addiction is cunning and baf-
fing,” Khalil said. “(You say), ‘I’m just going back to see my moth-
er… but in all reality, I’m going back
because I know my old hunting grounds. You lie to yourself and
manipulate yourself to failure.’

Khalil said he thought he
would let down the people who believed in
him.

Though his professors and counselors’ visits were disap-
pointed, Khalil said they didn’t lose faith in him and continued to
support him when he was released for the first time.

“My faith in God also kicked in and
after I got out, I went straight to the Good Samaritan House in Carbondale. I didn’t go to Chi-
ago,” he said, “I’m staying away from Chicago.”

Khalil also kicked his addiction to the penitentiary, though not by
his own accord — Khalil tested positive for HIV.

“For three weeks it was an emotional time. I didn’t want to admit it
I don’t want any human being to go through,” he said.

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find a new job.

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inmate’s degree in social work from SIUC. He also attended sessions
covering investments, credit,
savings, budgeting and other
financial strate-
gies. After he received his master’s degree in social work from SIUC,
Khalil pursued his plan for tapping into the African-American busi-
ness market in Carbondale.

He said banks would not loan him money because he lacked credit,
but Khalil worked with one particular banker for a period of
time and eventually coaxed out a $3500 loan to buy a van to sell his
merchandise.

But the engine in Khalil’s van
died, and he was back at the bank for
repair money.

“I said, ’If I don’t get the engine
to get the money, I can’t do any-
thing’,” he said.

The banker sat back in his chair and thought for a minute, Khalil said.

“’If you got up, went in the back
d and came back with a $1,700 check, and said it’s on you,”’ he
said, “I was stunned”.

Khalil made several trips to Chicago for merchandise, and soon
his out-of-town business was boom-
ing and the ex-addict was accumu-

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The utility giant has requested a rate increase of $226 million, but Kolata, the executive director of the Citizens’ Utility Board, has teamed with the AARP in the “Stop Ameren” campaign, designed to mobilize consumers and prevent the increase.

Ameren submitted the increase request in June 2009. Kolata said the company was granted a $162 million rate increase in September 2008 and allegedly mismanaged consumers’ money.

Despite making more than $600 million in profits last year, Ameren wants to raise consumers’ gas and electric bills in a harsh economic climate, Kolata said.

The board published a comparative study done by a third-party, Power System Engineering, Inc. The study compared the operating efficiency of Illinois’ AmerenCILCO, AmerenIP and AmerenCIPS to 115 other utility companies across the nation.

The study was done in two categories: distribution and customer care expenses, and administrative and general expenses. It found all three Ameren subsidiaries ranked in the bottom quartile in both categories. “We certainly think that instead of spending more of consumers’ money, they should spend the money they currently have from consumers more wisely,” Kolata said.

Ameren spokesman Leigh Morris said the company has an obligation to provide its 1.2 million electric and 840,000 gas customers with safe, reliable and efficient services, and the cost to do that has increased.

“We’re dealing with the same challenges everyone is dealing with,” Morris said. “We certainly recognize how difficult it is.”

Ameren cut $28 million out of its 2009 budget and will cut $48 million out of its 2010 budget, Morris said. The company delayed construction projects and vehicle purchases to curb costs, he said.

“We’re not cutting fat, we’re cutting at muscle,” Morris said.

Morris also said the company submitted benchmarking tests to the Illinois Commerce Commission to support the study published by the Citizens’ Utility Board.

Morris said the results are available to the public and convey Ameren’s rates are reasonable. IllinoisRateFacts.com also allows Ameren customers to type in their account number to see exactly how the proposed rate increase would affect them, he said.

“I don’t know any other utility in the U.S. that’s doing that,” Morris said. “We believe in openness, transparency … we have nothing to hide, and that includes the impact of the rates and why we need to do this.”

Jim Chilens, director of communications for the board, said Ameren’s benchmarking test was skewed to favor its request.

In the test, Ameren did not account for variables — such as natural and rural consumer base — in the companies it compared itself to and was selective, Chilens said.

“Our benchmarking analysis did much more to control for all the different variables,” he said.

Kolata said the board is doing everything it can to prevent the rate increase, but it needs the public’s help.

“I think we’ve proven in the past that while Ameren may have the electricity, the people ultimately have the power,” he said, adding the board with public support, won a $3 billion statewide refund from Ameren in 2007.

The Illinois Commerce Commission will weigh testimonies from both sides and make a decision on the request in April, Kolata said.

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**Talking, communication and media**

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Recently, I have become increasingly aware of the difference between talking and communicating. I am not sure what spurred this realization, but I have been paying much more attention to when people (myself included) are talking and when they are communicating.

There are a few major revelations that have emerged from my recent “epiphany.” One: I strive to avoid and be affected in conversation, two: I now filter news media according to whether they are talking to me or communicating with me.

So what is talking and what is communicating? I like to think of talking as people saying statements to each other and the responses are not related to the previous statement. Say we are friends and I run into you outside Morris Library. If we are talking to each other, and assuming we have already introduced ourselves, our conversation might go like this: “So, I bought a new shirt today.” “Cool, I got a new pair of pants at the mall yesterday.” “Yeah, they were on sale so I was pretty sure I needed to have them.” “There was a sale at Macy’s the other day.” And the conversation would continue on like this.

Now, there is nothing wrong with this and I talk like this all the time. But what I am trying to convey is that there was no singular idea being expressed. We were talking within a subject — shopping, but we were not discussing a central point related to that subject.

What if we were communicating with each other? Then our conversation would go something like this: “So, I bought a new shirt today.”

“Cool, do you like it?” “Of course! That’s why I bought it, but it was also on sale.” “Hmm, when things are on sale, I feel like I like those things a lot more than if they weren’t on sale.”

We are still talking within the subject of shopping, but we are communicating about the subject of sales.

You cannot affect someone by talking to him or her. There is no idea being expressed, no opinion to be gained, no basis by which to change or reaffirm your beliefs.

To affect someone you don’t have to change his or her mind. If I say something to you and you disagree, then I have affected you in some way, or else you wouldn’t have disagreed with me in the first place.

If I said something to you and it didn’t affect you and you carried on with a statement unrelated to what I just said, then we would be back to talking again.

This is important to me because I want to gain more knowledge. Any small amount of information gained is important. If I am not going to learn anything, then what is the point in speaking with you at all?

Talking and communicating has quite a bit to do with the news media. Take Keith Olbermann for example: I try and watch his show a few nights a week. However, I pretty much agree with everything he says. I do not disagree with him, nor does he make me reaffirm my beliefs by testing them in some way. Keith Olbermann does not communicate to me. Bill O’Reilly does communicate to me. This is because he makes me defend, and occasionally question, my beliefs.

Just because I frequently disagree with him doesn’t mean he exchanges ideas that affected me.

The next time you are watching a talk show, perhaps you should question if they are communicating with you, or talking to you.

And if it is the latter, what good does listening to them even do?

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**The Counseling Center**

**Balancing demands, shoulds and wants**

Rosemary E. Simmons

Guest Columnist

As we near the halfway point of the fall semester, many students are trying to figure out how to get everything accomplished on their to-do list and still have time for relaxation and socializing.

The demands from classes, work, family, and friends seem to increase exponentially. This increase in demands and the feeling of being pulled in numerous directions leads to stress and feelings of being overwhelmed, anxious, frustrated or even depressed.

So let’s break this down and figure out how we obtain that hope for balance in life. Priorities are the things and activities that are important to you or that you want to get done. For example, spending time with your friends may be important to you. Demands are the activities and things that others want you to do. For example, professors assign you homework and set dates for your midterm exam.

A classmate wants you to join a study group or a volunteer organization. Most difficulties between priorities versus demands are because of your own priorities conflicting with other people’s priorities (i.e. demands).

Learning to balance priorities and demands is the basic task for structuring one’s life so it isn’t too empty or too full.

If you are the type of person who has difficulty saying no, wants to always please other people or wants to avoid conflict, you may find yourself feeling overwhelmed.

If this describes you, it’s time to sort out what is more and less important to you.

Make a list of all your commitments and obligations — class attendance, homework, sleeping, eating, your job, social activities, volunteer work, exercise, etc.

Now sit back and ask yourself, “What it really important to me?” and “What are my priorities for this week, this month, this semester?” Once you’ve answered these questions, begin to rank order your commitments to reflect what is important to you: your priorities.

Keep in mind, that importance is relative. For example, getting your homework done may be a low priority, but getting a B in your class is a high priority.

This means you have to make time for the homework in order to get that B. After you’ve created and ranked in order your list, review it and make sure your rankings reflect both your short-term goals and your long-term goals.

After all, spending time with friends may be your short-term goal, but if you perform poorly in classes and get on academic probation you are risking your long-term goal of obtaining your college degree.

So how do you successfully “live” your priorities while balancing the demands? Let’s say your main priorities are keeping close friendships, getting a 3.0 GPA and keeping physically fit.

With each new opportunity or request you need to ask yourself how this fits into your priorities. If it doesn’t, say no.

When you have competing priorities, you will have to learn to compromise or negotiate. Example: A good friend invites you to hear a band perform tonight. You want to spend time with your friend, but also want to get that B on your midterm. Time to balance those competing priorities.

For example, “No, I can’t go out tonight. I have a midterm exam in two days. But I do want to spend time with you. How about going to the Recreation Center to work out and have dinner together in the dining hall before I study and you hear the band?”

The negotiation allows you to successfully meet your priorities.

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“Ding Dong! The Witch is dead.”

“Which old witch?”

“The Wicked Witch.”

“Ding Dong! The Wicked Witch is dead.”

Keep that tune in mind as you read this. When the International Olympic Committee announced last week that Chicago was no longer in the running to host the 2016 Games, I couldn’t believe my ears.

It wasn’t the announcement that surprised me, much less shocked me. Nor was it the gaupps and groans from the thousands who had gathered in the Windy City, bitterly disappointed that their town had been eliminated in the first round of voting.

There was the sound of surprised jubilation from the remaining cities in the running, still hoping that their city (and country) of Tokyo, Madrid and Rio de Janeiro would be chosen for this event that would attract athletes and visitors from across the globe for a few glorious days seven years from now.

And then, after Tokyo had been knocked out of the competition, came the announcement that Rio had beaten out Madrid for the coveted prize.

That’s when I heard the most sickening sound imaginable. No, not the screams of joy from Brazilians who had worked hard and long to bring this moment to their country, nor from those mourning patriots in Spain who thought they had a good chance of capturing the Games. The worst sound I heard came from Americans who were delighted that a U.S. city had lost its bid. The reason for their utter glee? It was a defeat for a president whom they not only despise but have come to hate.

Because Barack Obama had gone to Copenhagen, Denmark, to support the bid of his home city, just as the heads of state for the other finalist countries had done, many Republican and right-wing naysayers were rooting for anyplace other than Chicago.

Of the finalists, Chicago’s probably was the worst bid, economically and politically — half the people in Chicago were against the Olympics coming to their city. Chicago’s loss was no more a reflection on Obama than his choice of a restaurant to celebrate his and the first lady’s 17th wedding anniversary, but I’m sure his detractors can find some fault in that as well.

I’ve said before that the Obama-haters would rejoice in the very failure of this nation if it meant a defeat for the president. Their reaction to Chicago’s losing bid for the Olympics proves it. But they are the flag-waving, banner-waving patriots who are ready to condemn others who dare question any policy or action of this country.

Sadly, many of them exhibit the traits of several other characters who made that trip with Dorothy to see the Wizard, but that’s all I’ll say on that. Meanwhile, they will continue their vicious attacks on the president and continue to pray for his failure.

Of course the opposition leaders will always have their chorus to applaud and mimic their vile juvenile behavior. Cue the Munchkins.

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Moonstruck: Making one giant thud for mankind

Alicia Chang

WASHINGTON — For as long as man has looked up, the moon has inspired romance, poetry and songs. Man also likes blowing things up. Now we get to do both — in the name of science.

The aim of today’s elaborate crash of two unmanned NASA spacecraft into the moon is to see if they can kick up some ice. It is the 20th lunar crash, most of them done on purpose, since the Russians first did it 50 years ago last month.

And that doesn’t count the eight times we tried and somehow missed the moon or couldn’t get off the ground.

For more than a century, the idea of Earthlings taking a swipe at the moon has permeated popular culture. The most endur- ing image is from the 1902 classic movie, “A Trip to the Moon,” in which a bullet-like rocket wincingly lodges in the eye of the man in the moon.

As much as we like to gaze at the moon, we like stirring things up even more. It’s the specialty of the hit show “Mythbusters” and the aptly named show “Destroyed in Sec- onds.”

Today’s first smack: a 2.2-ton empty rocket stage crashing into the moon at twice the speed of a bullet, equal to the power of 1.5 tons of TNT, followed four minutes later with a smaller hit.

For those fearing that the crashes like today’s could cause the moon to shift its orbit or send huge chunks back to Earth, agency scientists have some words of comfort. They say such crashes have no more effect on the moon than an eyelash dropping on a jet. Sure the impact may seem big, but so is the moon.

This also is something that happens four times a month to the moon, said Dan Andrews, the head of this NASA lunar crash mission. The only difference is that those hits are from naturally occurring space rocks.

No one personifies the blow-em-up-in-the-name-of-science more than Brown University geologist Peter Schultz, a scientist who worked on NASA’s similar purposeful crash into a comet in 2005. He’s a regular cosmic crasher in the name of science — and jokes.

“Whenever these things happen, the first thing that comes out of your mouth is ‘Geez,’ Schultz said. ‘I’ve got the newest job in the world.’

‘It’s human nature to blow things up and dissect what happens,’ Schultz said Thursday from the Vertical Gun Range at NASA’s Ames Research Center.

“There’s a reason you drop pumpkins off a 30-story building,” he said.

He won’t say whether he’s done that — but he has shot eggs out of jet engines in the ground to see what happens to the shells. And then there’s this don’t-do-this-at-home moment from his boyhood: He put a firecracker into an ant mound and took pictures of the flying ants during the explosion.

Schultz later got a telescope and fell in love with the moon and its craters. He planned to look at the crash with spacecraft cameras capable of 1 million frames per sec- ond — getting millisecond-by-millisecond details of the violence.

NASA’s plan, which often mistakenly was called “booming the moon,” has gener- ated lots of late-night humor and even some outrage.

David Letterman, who has dropped wa- termelon- off Manhattan rooftops, has riffed on it repeatedly. He speculated on a counter-attack by the moon with its own NASA- like animation and then compared it to the U.S. war in Iraq, as an attack-first, ask-questions- later scenario.

Others aren’t completely joking about their concerns.

Novelist Amy Ephron doesn’t understand the hoopla surrounding NASA’s moon crash and wondered whether the public would be as excited about the mission if a country like Iran were in charge.

Ephron created a “Help Save the Moon” Twitter campaign — part tongue-in-cheek and part serious — to prevent future lunar dastards and to start a debate about who owns the moon.

“I really am a pacifist. I don’t like the idea of sending a missile to Afghanistan or to Iraq or to the moon,” said Ephron, while stressing that she’s not against space exploration.
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On Saturday, the SIU football team takes on Illinois State in the annual Homecoming game. But before the big game, there are plenty of events scheduled on campus.

FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Dental Hygiene Professional Seminar, New Horizons in Periodontal Therapy; Pathos of Pathology: Puzzles, Paradoxes, and Paradigms (Featured Speaker: Betsy Reynolds, RDH, MS) — Student Center Auditorium
2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Distinguished Alumni Recognition Reception — Student Recreation Center, Alumni Lounge
3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. — Technology and Innovation Expo — Dunn Richmond Economic Development Center
7 p.m. — Alumni Band Group, Marching Saluki Alumni invited to attend a reception — Student Center, Cambria Room
7 p.m. — Alumni Cheerleader and Mascot Reunion — Missippi Flyway
7:30 p.m. — “Company,” a single man considers his interest in a relationship by taking a close look at his good-and-crazy married friends — McLeod Theater

SATURDAY

9:30 a.m. — Homecoming Parade — Downtown Carbondale
10 a.m. to noon — Tailgating Breakfast — University Museum
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Alumni Tailgate — SIU Alumni Association Tent, lawn east of McAndrew Stadium
11 a.m. — Saluki Row Tailgates — lawn north of the SIU arena
11 a.m. — SIU Wesley Foundation Alumni Reunion — Wesley Foundation, 816 South Illinois Avenue
2 p.m. — Homecoming football game — SIU vs. Illinois State — McAndrew Stadium
6 p.m. — Alumni Band Group, Marching, Saluki Dinner — Sponsor's
7:30 p.m. — “Company,” a single man considers his interest in a relationship by taking a close look at his good-and-crazy married friends — McLeod Theater

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1:30 p.m. — Pre-show lecture on “Company” at the McLeod Theater
2:00 p.m. — “Company,” a single man considers his interest in a relationship by taking a close look at his good-and-crazy married friends — McLeod Theater
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The first day of classes at freshman orientation, Gregory said former SIU President Delyte Morris addressed the students, telling them to achieve more than just good grades, but to find the “universal spirit.”

“I walked out of there a different human being,” Gregory said. “That was the first time a powerful white man spoke to me and didn’t call me ‘boy.’”

Gregory said being the Grand Marshall in the Homecoming parade is an extra treat, even though he’s not much of a football fan.

“I love marching bands,” Gregor-y said. “I was the best bass drummer that this school ever had.”

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Dick Gregory addresses the audience gathered at the Varsity Center for the Arts at his induction into its Hall of Fame Thursday.

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Stand-up comedian Lav Luv performs as part of The LOL Comedy Zone Thursday at the Student Center Ballrooms. The performance was put on by the Student Programming Council for the 2009 Homecoming celebration. The two other comedians who performed were Gary Owen and Sean Larkin.

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Pulse: Fight song gets a makeover

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At first, all Brian Covelli received for his original song was a “godly” trophy.

Covelli, a 2009 SIUC alum, created a rap beat for his final semester and submitted it to the university’s Radio and Television Awards. He won Best Producer and was told he should give the song to SIU Athletic Director Mario Moccia, he said.

“The song, which has been dubbed ‘SIU Sports Anthem,’” is now played at home football games, Moccia said.

Covelli said he created the song after he had made a similar track dedicated to the Chicago Bears. He went online and listened to the university’s fight song, and some other fan-made tracks.

Covelli said he used bits and pieces from the fight song for the finished product, he said.

“The beat started out simple, but as he had more ideas and developed a feel for the sound of the song, he added more elements, Covelli said.

“I don’t feel like anything is over finished until it’s finally pressed up,” he said.

Before he could finish the track, he had to find the right rapper to add the vocals. He was introduced to local artist Duh Zen (Bilal Spiller) and played him the track, from there, the two started working on the song, he said.

Spiller said Covelli told him he had the idea to make a school song and played the beat for him. It took Spiller only 10 minutes to come up with the song’s hook.

Spiller, a Du Qoin native has been rapped for years and has four studio albums, he said.

He has always been interested in SIU athletics, especially when Nick Hill was quarterback because the two went to high school together in Du Qoin, he said.

“The response to the song has been incredible,” Covelli said.

Covelli said he wanted the song played at games and used in university commercials.

Moccia said he heard the song at the end of last school year and immediately enjoyed it.

“I popped it on in the car and was like ‘Oh my God, this is so good,”’ he said.

“The music played in pregame is used to get the team ready and pump up the crowd, Moccia said.

“The song is specifically about the athletic program and has a hard, driving beat, it’s something the players can get amped up to,” he said.

After the first home game of the season, Covelli said he started getting texts and calls from friends after they heard his song before the game.

Saturday’s football game against Illinois State will be the first game of the season Covelli will attend, he said.

“I can’t wait,” he said. “I’m so excited to hear it this weekend.”

Spiller said he also received messages from friends about the song, and he said he plans to come to Carbondale for the game as well.

When the two made the song, and Covelli told him he gave it to the athletic department, he never thought it would get played, Spiller said.

“It makes me want to get down there and hear it,” he said. “I can’t wait to see the crowd’s reaction.”

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Salukis dominate Evansville

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The Saluki swimming and diving team maintained its undefeated record as SIU won its first dual meet of the season against Evansville Wednesday. The team will look to take its success into a home meet against the University of Miami (Ohio) Saturday.

The Salukis compiled 17 first-place finishes as the women’s team pulled out a victory against Evansville with a score of 123-120. The men’s team defeated Evansville with a solid score of 165-77.

For the last 17 seasons, swimming head coach Rick Walker led the Salukis to a combined 28-0 winning streak against the University of Evansville.

“Evansville has a much better team this year, and I was really proud of the girls for fighting through the injuries and not giving up,” Walker said. “The men kept focus, gave it their best-effort and played with great intensity.”

Tam Silatari, Jamesson Kuper, Justin Wolf and Tony Bousquet won the 200-meter medley relay with a time of 1 minute, 34.97 seconds.

“It is nice to compete again and get outside of the usual training routine because I love competition,” Kuper said. “Most of us haven’t competed since July.”

Sophomores Jennifer Kwock and César Peretz took first place in the 1000-meter freestyle with times of 10:29.67 and 9:56.43 respectively. Kwock also took first place in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 4:51.95.

“I’d like our team to take their intensity into this meet with University of Miami (Ohio) because it is a conference meet, and it is going to be a lot closer of a meet, and we need to be prepared for that,” Walker said.

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Crossword

Across
1. Heartless
2. Run in a traffic jam?
3. 9... fan tuta?“— Misart opita
4. Hodgepodge
5. Be silent, in music
6. Tropical fruit that grows underground?
7. Autobiograph autop
19. Incirled, as a budget
20. Ankle-wrenching promise
21. Video game played with cars and bottles?
22. Dating
23. More cunning
28. Not away
32. Michigan college town
37. Leader from the Florida Keys?
39. Snof
40. Fictional author of

Down
"The World According to Benjamin" 4 letters
1. Slip to get off
2. Giant opponent
3. Feel what was once
4. Body shop offerina
5. SMART team supply
6. Ask trail
7. Jargon of ancient Yucatan?
19. Nansos and mins
20. Drive the galaxy car
21. Prefix with dollar
22. Last word sung with champagne in hand
23. Presidential power
24. Future I.D. refund
25. Designer Chanel
26. Patron saint of Norway
27. Like glowing coal
28. Hall of Fame second baseman Bobby
29. Stem with a bow
30. Chain that serves the Grand Slam breakfast
31. Fall behind
32. "Strange Magic" band
33. Ray of Niagara lake
34. Continental divide
35. Baseball commissioner since the 1990s
36. 12... big deal
37. Scantly higher ups
38. G.I. nation
39. Moon landing
40. Enduring opera
41. Novel Baldwin
42. Rabbi’s request
43. Compound containing a hydrid group
44. Splitting sound
45. Giant great who wore

Thursday’s answers

Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today’s Birthday — Plan your own party today. That way you get the exact mix of people, entertainment and food that you want. It’s better to control the environment than be controlled. It’s your party.

Aquarius (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Get down to business with your partner as early as possible. Take care, take action.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — The list of challenges is longer than expected. Pray for one quickie and one difficult problem by 5 p.m.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You face obstacles in getting your ideas across to just about everybody. Don’t push it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Get creative movement in every area of your life. Logo, prepare your logo to change.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — No one knows best than you to how to please another person. But you have to do it, not just think about it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — The challenge is to maximize the romantic potential that you see. This could mean jazzing up your marketing copy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Love conquers all of your energy. Nothing else comes into focus, so stick with love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Love always finds a way. If you pay attention to subtle signals, you get plenty of stability today.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — You want what you want. You also know what your partner wants. Together as one, you make beautiful music.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — You can remember the last time everyone accepted your ideas so easily. You can smooth out the rough edges.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — There’s more than one way to make forward progress now. Your insight, fuel, communications, and convinces others.

Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (the bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudokulinks.org.uk.

Jumble

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THursday’s answers

Jumbles: COLIC BULLY GARISH SEPTIC

Answer: What the retiree needed when he decided to take up golf — A "COURSE"
Derek Robbins

**DAILY EGYPTIAN**

Derek Robbins brings professional experience.

The women’s tennis team’s new No. 1 has brought a professional mutually with her to Carbondale.

Freshman Melanie Delsar, from Buenos Aires, Argentina, has experience in the International Tennis Federation, which is a branch of the Women’s Tennis Association.

SIU head coach Audrey Nothwehr said recruiting Delsar to play in Carbondale was more of a find.

"I was talking to a friend of hers that ended up going to Arkansas," she said. "She mentioned she had a friend that was looking for a school. I asked for her contact information. Melanie didn’t go through a recruiting company and was more of a find."

Nothwehr said when she looked up information on Delsar, she saw that Delsar had defeated her original recruit, Fernanda Perrotta, in singles competition 6-3, 6-0. Perrotta is now the No. 4 player for the University of Arkansas.

Nothwehr said she confirmed how good Delsar was through connections she previously established in Argentina.

"I coached a lot of players in Argentina, used my contacts back there," Nothwehr said. "I got confirmation on how good she was from my former players."

Delsar has been ranked as high as 897th in ITF Doubles and 933rd in ITF Women’s Doubles.

Delsar boasts wins over the University of Arkansas, William & Mary and in the women’s world.

The experience she brings to the court has her teammates feeling confident in their new No. 1 player.

"She’s awesome…she’s very aggressive, and she competes," senior Jessica Flannery said. "She beats everyone on the team, she competes with (assistant coach) Fadzai (Mawisire) who was the No. 1 last year. She’s just great."

Mawisire won the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year last season.

Delsar has not competed for SIU because of unfinished paperwork, but she is expected to make her first appearance Friday at the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Tournament.

Even though she has not played in a match yet, Flannery is confident the new No. 1 will back up the hype.

"Her national experience is awesome," Flannery said. "It’s a shame we haven’t got her to take on the road yet, but I’m sure when she gets out there she will be able to help the team."

Delsar said she enjoyed the national experience and wanted to keep playing with the ITF, but money restrictions forced her to look elsewhere.

"I wanted to keep playing in the ITF, but I didn’t have enough money," Delsar said. "I wanted to study and find a possible other career, saw the campus was beautiful and that Audra was really nice and decided to come here."

Delsar said in order to earn professional status, the player must have more earnings than expenses. Delsar said she had more expenses than earnings and is defined as an amateur, which made her eligible to play for SIU.

Delsar said the hardest part about collegiate play is the courts because she is used to playing on clay in Argentina.

"The points are quicker in grass," Delsar said. "It’s a lot different. At first I was really lost, but now I am doing OK."

Delsar said she is playing well but needs to improve in order to get to where she was in her ITF days.

"I have a long way to go to get to perfection," she said.

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**Homecoming continued from 16**

Junior safety Mike Ealey said while the players don’t try to make Homecoming a big deal, he knows the fans enjoy it.

"I know it’s really big with the fans; they love it," Ealey said. "It pumps us up, and it’s really cool to see them out and support us. I’m glad it means so much to them."

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**Redbirds continued from 16**

If the long history of the rivalry repeats, then SIU’s homecoming should be a thriller.

Saturday’s game will be the meeting between the state rivals, with the Salukis leading the overall series 36-32-3. Although SIU has won the last two meetings, both games were decided by less than 10 points.

"They had good players even last year," Lennon said. "They’ve been very close to turning the corner and having a big season."

Redbird senior running back Deji Karim will look to continue his impressive season against a struggling Redbird defense.

Karim, who is ranked No. 2 in the nation in rushing yards (140.3) and all-purpose yards (207.3) while leading the nation in kickoff returns, will face an Illinois State defense that had problems stopping the run. The Redbirds have allowed an average 201.8 yards on the ground this season, while allowing a 100-yard rusher in their last two games.

Karim said every time he touches the ball he looks to score.

"Anytime I get the ball in my hand, I’m looking to do something special with it," Karim said. "We’re all just getting out there, trying to take it one game at a time. We work in week and week out, trying to improve ourselves."

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**Dodgers rally past Cardinals for 2-0 leads**

**Beth Harris**
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — All that Matt Holiday needed to do was make the catch, and the Cardinals would have tied the series.

Instead, his error gave Los Angeles a second chance, and St. Louis wound up on the brink of elimination.

Holiday dropped a sliding line drive with two outs in the ninth inning, leading to a two-run rally by the Dodgers that gave them a 3-2 victory Thursday.

Ronnie Belliard and pinch-hitter Mark Loretta came through with RBI singles off closer Ryan Franklin, giving the Dodgers a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five NL playoff series. Game 3 is Saturday in St. Louis.

The Cardinals got a second-inning homer from Holliday and a stellar performance from starter Adam Wainwright, who left with a 2-1 lead after eight innings. Still, St. Louis went home empty-handed.

“You can’t control what your opponents do, only what you do,” Winkler said. “We just have to keep the focus on our side of the net and play Salt Lake volleyball. If we can do that, we will be fine in any match we play.”

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The Shockers were ranked No. 11 in the country when SIU played them last season.

Despite its ranking, Wichita State lost in its first match of last year’s MVC tournament, losing to Missouri State.

Wichita State won its first match of the NCAA tournament 3-1 against Rice. It fell in its second match against the University of Texas-Arlington.

Head coach Brenda Winkler said it is important for SIU to keep it together and play consistent volleyball.

“We were, what a shocker! Who can honestly say that the bad officiating can make any more of a negative change on the league? The only change I can see is that the games will take a little longer. The referees should bring out the rules of sheet ball—most notably the rule of no blood, no foul. That would make a difference.”

Derek Robbins

**Saluki Insider**

In Wednesday’s Celtics-Rockets pre-season game, replacement referees called 75 fouls. The two teams combined to shoot 102 free throws. Is the poor officiating hurting the NBA?

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You mean a traditionally poorly officiated sport was poorly officiated? What next? Will someone discover steroids and inflate the nation’s baseball players? Really, I don’t think this will change the day-to-day action in the NBA. Games will still come down to the final two minutes most of the time and bad calls will still happen every single game and fans of the losing team will still blame refs no matter how poorly their team does. Yay NBA!

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**Derek Robbins**

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The Salukis get their first taste of conference competition Friday.

The SIU women’s tennis team will take part in the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Tournament that starts Friday and finishes Sunday.

“We have expectations are always pretty high,” senior Jessica Flannery said. “We always go out there and try to play our best. Hopefully we will come home with a couple of flight victories.”

The team is coming off an impressive performance at the Steve Baras Fall Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn. The Salukis sent two single performers into the finals in their respective flights: Flannery and sophomore Vishakha Sheoran.

Sheoran won her flight, which was the fourth overall, while Flannery took her flight.

In doubles, senior Michela Cruise and sophomore Emily Whitney made it to the finals in their flight.

Cruise and Whitney lost in their finals’ match against University of Tennessee-Martin’s Anna Maria Herold and Anna Winkelman. Coach Andrea Nothwehr said she wanted to work on doubles for the tournament.

“This week we spent a lot of time working on doubles,” Nothwehr said. “We want to get the girls comfortable with their partners and hopefully all of the teams will do well in conference play.”

The team that made the finals for doubles has been disbanded.

Should No. 1 player freshman Melanie Delsart play in the tournament, she would team up with Cruise.

The pair would play in the third flight. Nothwehr said this is not to put pressure on the new No. 1 player. Nothwehr said Delsart is more comfortable in singles than in doubles.

Delsart has missed each tournament this season because of the processing of her freshman papers.

Delsart said she likes what she sees on her team so far.

“I think they have gotten better with each tournament. They have all improved,” Delsart said.

SIU finished the spring season in third place in the conference. As a result, every player participating in the tournament is seeded.

The teams ahead of SIU last season were Indiana State and Wichita State.

Because of financial issues, Indiana State has withdrawn both its men’s and women’s tennis programs. As a result, SIU received the second seed.

Nothwehr said the team should have a great attitude after its performance in the last tournament, but shouldn’t let the No. 2 seed be a distraction.

"Some people take seeds as pressure to win," Nothwehr said. “They just got to forget about that and just go in there to play and win. They can’t play out of fear of losing their seed, they just have to go out there and give it their all.”

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Saluki corner Kory Lindsey plays physical defense against Kory Faulkner in practice Thursday. Lindsey has three interceptions this season, good enough for sixth in the nation. The defense as a whole is at 99.28 percent efficiency.

**Football**

**Lennon: ‘Just another game’**

As students and community members participate in the Homecoming pagentry, the football team has only one thing on its collective mind — Illinois State Redbirds.

“We’re going to look at this like every other game,” head coach Dale Lennon said.

“We know it’s Homecoming, and it’s a great time, but we cannot let ourselves get too caught up in the festivities; our only focus is on Illinois State.”

If Lennon focused on Homecoming, he said he would be pleased with its past results. The Salukis have won their last seven Homecoming games, including last year’s 60-7 beat down of Indiana State.

Junior cornerback Kory Lindsey said Homecoming is always an exciting time for the team.

“We as players love the Homecoming games,” Lindsey said. “We get a good crowd to show up, and that really pumps everybody up. It helps, especially against a team like Illinois State.”

Redshirt senior running back Deji Karim said the team’s focus remains on Illinois State University, but there are perks with Homecoming.

“All these old players come back into town, so that’s pretty exciting,” Karim said.

“They’re all good guys, and you learn a lot. But as a team, we just need to keep our focus on Illinois State.”

The Redbirds are looking to ruin another opponent’s Homecoming after winning 27-24 Saturday at North Dakota State. Lennon said he does not want the same to happen to his team.

“They have a lot of confidence heading into (Carbondale), and we need to watch out for that,” Lennon said.

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**Volleyball**

Salukis on the road for revenge

**Derek Robbins**

The 13-2 Salukis are out for revenge. The SIU volleyball team (13-2, 3-2 Missouri Valley Conference) goes on the road Friday and Saturday to play conference matchups against Missouri State and Wichita State.

The Salukis did not win a single match against either team last season.

“We want to show the teams in our conference that we are a different team this year,” senior middle blocker Marika Medici said. “We want to go out there and beat those teams that beat us and make some noise in the MVC.”

On Friday, SIU plays against Missouri State. Missouri State is 12-4 in the season and 5-0 in conference.

In the five conference games, Missouri State has won 15 of 18 sets. One 3-0 victory came against one of the teams that beat SIU — Illinois State.

Last season, Missouri State won both matches against SIU 3-2. SIU almost beat Missouri State on the road after it won the first two games, but were outscored 65-50 over the three games.

Missouri State is the defending conference champions. The Bears beat the University of Northern Iowa Panthers in straight sets to win the tournament.

“It was good that we bounced back from our second loss like we did,” junior outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger said. “All we can do is play our very best and try to win. All of the teams in the conference are good, but anything can happen.”

Missouri State has won the last nine matches against SIU and is 40-14 in the all-time series.

On Saturday, SIU plays against Wichita State. Wichita State is 12-3 on the season and 3-2 in conference.

Wichita State has already lost to SIU’s Friday opponent Missouri State 3-2. Wichita State has also beaten Illinois State. The Shockers won the match in straight sets.

Last season, Wichita State won both matches against SIU. The Salukis lost the match against Missouri State 3-0.

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