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Just a drop in the bucket



STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

In the basement of the Communications Building, plastic is taped to the concrete wall to channel rain water into barrels.

Outdated buildings crumble under depleted funds

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Without state funding, hazardous bucket-filled hallways will continue to haunt SIUC.

As buildings on campus slowly deteriorate and SIUC enters its fifth year without capital funding for the problem, the University's estimated \$400 million in deferred maintenance continues to rise.

Popular architecture from the 1950s, '60s and '70s — decades when a large number of SIUC's buildings were built — was the flat roof made with tar, felt paper and rock. The roof was eventually covered with more rock and rubber as a quick fix for leaks in the '80s, and over time the rubber shrank and cracked, forcing 10-year roofs to last 25 years or more.

About 10 years ago, SIUC was getting about \$800,000 for roofs annually and was making progress in getting the outdated ones replaced, said Roger Hines, assistant superintendent of building maintenance.

"We had a project in 2002 to replace some roofs, the funding was withdrawn, the project was put on

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Carbondale offers free wireless Internet

Barton Lorimor
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Free Internet access has now expanded outside of the offices and computer labs.

A grant issued by Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn has allowed Carbondale to offer free wireless Internet from various locations centralized throughout downtown.

In the 2005 State of the City speech, Mayor Brad Cole pitched a proposal offering free wireless Internet to Carbondale patrons. As a result, City Manager Jeff Doherty began the application process to obtain the grant from Quinn. Though denied after the first application in 2005, Carbondale was awarded the grant upon its second attempt in 2006.

James Throgmorton, CEO of ScientistSuperstar — the company eventually contracted to get Carbondale's Wi-Fi up and running — also heard Cole's idea in the State of the City speech. After Doherty had obtained the grant,

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Police to graduate from dorms

Sales tax increase will help raise money to build new station

Danny Wenger
DAILY EGYPTIAN



THOMAS BARKER ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Officer Randy Mathis takes a look around the worn restroom at the Carbondale Police Station on East College Street. The station was converted from an old dorm building years ago and shows numerous signs of wear throughout its cramped and out-of-date interior.

Thanks to the new sales tax legislation, the Carbondale Police Department should no longer have to play cops in a dorm room.

With the recent City Council vote to increase the sales tax by a half percent, plans to build a new police station have gone into the works, which is good news to Carbondale Police Chief Bob Ledbetter. Currently the police force resides in an old dormitory.

Located on East College Street, the station is actually a set of dorms built by the University around 50 years ago. Ledbetter said the Carbondale police converted the dorms into a station in 1975.

The new station would be safer for police and more accessible for the Carbondale citizens.

Ledbetter said the fact that the building was not originally built for a police station is the cause of several problems.

"The major issue here is these buildings were never constructed to be a police station," Ledbetter said. "They were never constructed to have offices; they were never constructed to run a 24-hour operation."

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There are no items to report.

NEWS BRIEFS

Blagojevich rejects required moment of silence in schools

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich rejected a proposal Tuesday to force public school students to reflect quietly at the beginning of each day.

In a veto message to the General Assembly, the Democrat said current state law allows teachers to ask students to take a moment for silent reflection before class. Requiring it could violate the Constitution's ban on state-sponsored religion, he said.

"I believe in the power of prayer," Blagojevich wrote. "I also believe that our founding fathers wisely recognized the personal nature of faith and prayer, and that is why the separation of church and state is a centerpiece of our Constitution, our democracy and our freedoms."

The measure's House sponsor, Rep. Will Davis, D-Homewood, had argued it was not a religious exercise, but a chance for pupils to settle down and reflect on the coming day.

He noted that both the Illinois House of Representatives and Senate begin each legislative day with prayers led by members of the clergy.

Three teens arrested after handguns found at Pontiac High School

(AP) — Police aren't sure what was planned for six handguns found at Pontiac High School.

The guns weren't loaded and students didn't have ammunition. Still, the weapons, found just eight days into the new school year, left authorities, parents and administrators speculating about worst-case scenarios.

Three teens, all juveniles, were arrested on campus at the 900-pupil school on Tuesday, police Chief Dale Newsome said during a news conference in Pontiac, a town of 11,800 about 30 miles northeast of Bloomington.

Livingston County State's Attorney Thomas Brown declined to identify the three students because of their ages. He wasn't sure what charges they could face.

Police locked down the high school about 8:30 a.m. after someone told a police officer based on campus that at least one student had brought guns to school.

Five other schools near the high school were locked down as a precaution Tuesday morning, Woolford said.

Illinois poverty down, number of uninsured up since 2006

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Poverty dropped in Illinois last year, but the number of residents without health insurance increased, U.S. Census data released Tuesday shows.

About 1.39 million, or 11 percent, of state residents last year were poor, down from 1.49 million, or 11.9 percent the year before.

Median income increased slightly and unemployment fell, but in 2006, 1.75 million Illinoisans were without health insurance, a 4 percent increase from the previous year.

"We're living in a day and age when employer-sponsored health insurance is by no means a guarantee for any of us," said Amy Rynell, director of the Chicago-based human-rights group Heartland Alliance. "It impacts very low-income people but it also impacts middle-income people."

Gov. Rod Blagojevich last spring proposed a multibillion-dollar universal health insurance program that the Legislature scuttled. But he cut \$463 million last week from the state budget lawmakers sent him and pledged to expand health care coverage anyway.

"It's not going away, the problem's going to get worse," said Jim Duffett, executive director of the Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care. "For those of us who are fortunate enough to have health insurance, we're going to pay more and more."

Heartland recommends lowering taxes for the state's impoverished by expanding the earned income tax credit and being more judicious about offering incentives to businesses locating in Illinois that pay low wages or don't offer health insurance.

Besides the poverty rate decline, median income in Illinois rose slightly, to \$52,619 from \$51,908 after inflation, and unemployment dropped to 4.5 percent from 5.7 percent.

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Scholarship deadline becomes uniform

Christian Holt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For most students, the process of filling out a scholarship application is grueling and tedious enough without having to worry about deadlines.

An official deadline put intact this week for all university scholarships should help alleviate some of the applicants' woes.

The Financial Aid Office, with the help of a representative from each college on campus, has made the process simpler by setting a campus-wide deadline for all university scholarships — March 1.

While the change seems to be a step in the right direction for many, Terri Harfst, the field representative for the financial aid office, said she hopes the deadlines will eventually fall between Dec. 1 and Feb. 1.

Harfst said she was worried about the lack of cooperation between the colleges when it came

to scholarship information and their deadlines. She said a definitive deadline would only help students apply for scholarships.

"There is not a one-stop shop on campus for scholarships," Harfst said.

The Financial Aid Office has tried to make the current process more bearable though.

Kevin McGhee, a freshman from Chicago studying accounting, said he feels not only will the process be more bearable, but it also makes more sense for the scholarships to be on the same deadline.

"I think it's a good thing," McGhee said. "As long as the University puts out flyers to let students know they are available."

After FAFSA and other information is completed and turned in, the Financial Aid Office prepares a package for each student showing how much money the student will be rewarded.

With the new all-encompassing deadline, the Financial Aid packets should be more accurate and help students know if SIUC can be an affordable choice, said Bruce Chrisman, coordinator for the College of Engineering.

Chrisman said close to 30 percent of SIUC students are eligible for Pell Grants and other financial aid. However, the Pell Grant does not completely cover a full time student's tuition.

"The biggest reason that SIU's enrollment has gone down has more to do with this gap between the state and federal governments not being willing to provide educational opportunities to students whose families don't have the financial resources," Chrisman said.

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Blagojevich defends state budget cuts

Governor says cuts were 'moral choices'

Christopher Wills
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) - Gov. Rod Blagojevich defended his state budget cuts Tuesday as moral choices meant to help people, but he couldn't explain why the cuts largely helped political allies and hurt opponents.

Still, he denied that politics played a role in his actions.

Blagojevich also stood by his decision to sue House Speaker Michael Madigan over a series of special sessions that the governor called and legislators largely ignored. He said the courts need to clarify the governor's power over special sessions.

The Democratic governor cut \$463 million from the budget before signing it into law last week. The cuts hit health care for the poor, raises for home-care workers and pet projects requested by lawmakers.

Blagojevich cut virtually all projects requested by House Democrats and Senate Republicans, two groups with which he has strong disagreements. He spared money for his Senate Democratic allies and for House Republicans, where he needs votes to sustain his spending vetoes.

He also approved most of the projects requested by members of a legislative panel that is likely to review rules for new health programs he wants.

Blagojevich, appearing Tuesday in Du Quoin to sign a bill, called budgets "moral documents. They are

“We think a court needs to get involved and clarify precisely what the Constitution is.”

— Rod Blagojevich

agreements to help people.”

He insisted his cuts, which could still be reversed by lawmakers, were intended to help people by cutting wasteful spending.

"If you make the decision about what's more important — getting a child health care or investing in a resale shop, or getting a woman access to a mammogram or investing in salsa festivals — I think the choices are pretty obvious," he said.

Blagojevich called a series of special sessions over the summer in an attempt to force lawmakers to stay in Springfield and negotiate a new state budget.

Now he is suing Madigan, a fellow Chicago Democrat, for not holding the sessions at the specified time and for telling lawmakers they should skip some of the sessions. Blagojevich considers that an unconstitutional infringement on his power to order special sessions — an argument that Madigan rejects.

"We think a court needs to get involved and clarify precisely what the Constitution is," Blagojevich said.

Get a grip on Saluki Sports



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WIRE REPORTS

IRAQ

Pilgrims ordered to leave as Shiite gunmen clash in Karbala

BAGHDAD — Fighting erupted Tuesday between rival Shiite militias in Karbala during a religious festival, claiming 51 lives and forcing officials to abort the celebrations and order up to 1 million Shiite pilgrims to leave the southern city.

Security officials said Mahdi Army gunmen loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr fired on guards around two shrines protected by the Badr Brigade, the armed wing of the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council.

Residents of Karbala contacted by telephone said snipers were firing on Iraqi security forces from rooftops. Explosions and the rattle of automatic weapons fire could be heard during telephone calls to reporters in the city 50 miles south of Baghdad.

CHINA

Chinese miners trapped for 6 days ate coal, drank urine

BEIJING — The Meng brothers felt pretty good about their chances of making it out of the collapsed coal mine, until the sound of digging from outside stopped.

With no food or water, they were forced to eat coal and drink their own urine from discarded bottles. When they were too exhausted to try to dig themselves out, they slept huddled together in the cold and dark.

Meng Xianchen and Meng Xianyou finally clawed their way to the surface after nearly six days underground — a rare tale of survival in China's coal mines, the world's deadliest, where an average of 13 workers are killed every day.

The two even managed to crack jokes about their wives remarrying once they were dead after they emerged Friday from the illegal mine — which had no oxygen, ventilation or emergency exits — in Beijing's Fangshan district.

POVERTY

U.S. poverty rate down with first significant decline since 2000

WASHINGTON — Five years into a national economic recovery, the share of Americans living in poverty finally dropped.

The nation's poverty rate was 12.3 percent in 2006, down from 12.6 percent a year before, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday. Median household income increased slightly, to \$48,200.

The numbers provided some good economic news at a time when financial markets have been rattled by a slumping housing market. But they were tempered by an increase in the number of Americans without health insurance, from 44.8 million in 2005 to 47 million last year.

STOCK MARKET

Dow, Nasdaq finish lower as investors grow more uneasy

NEW YORK — Volatility returned to Wall Street Tuesday, sending stocks plunging as investors grew more uneasy about the economy and whether the Federal Reserve will take the steps needed to prevent credit market problems from spreading further. The Dow Jones industrials fell 280 points.

The stock market found little to assuage concerns in minutes from the Fed's last meeting, released during afternoon trading. The major indexes' losses steepened after investors parsed the minutes for signs of a possible cut in interest rates.

"Investors are getting whipped side-to-side because their expectations, which are changing almost on a daily basis, aren't being met," said Chris Johnson, chief investment strategist at Johnson Research Group. "We've gone from 'the roof is on fire' to 'the Fed is riding in on a white horse,' and what we're seeing now is a reality check."

NEW JERSEY

A&P fires and sues after brothers put 'Produce Paradise' video on Internet

NEWARK, N.J. — Two New Jersey brothers sacked from their grocery jobs for filming a gangsta rap parody at the store now face a defamation lawsuit from their former employer.

A&P claims the video by Mark and Matthew D'Avella motivated at least one "disgusted and distressed" customer to boycott the supermarket because of the video's "repulsive acts."

The Montvale-based chain seeks at least \$1 million in compensation and demands that the D'Avellas remove "Produce Paradise" from the Internet. On Tuesday it remained on YouTube and the brothers' Web site.



KERRY MALONEY ~ IDAHO STATESMAN/MCT

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, right, answers questions with his wife, Suzanne at their Boise, Idaho home, May 14, 2007. On Tuesday, August 28, 2007, a government watchdog group filed an ethics complaint against the Idaho senator after Craig said he pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges stemming from complaints of lewd conduct in a men's room.

Senator: I did nothing wrong

Todd Dvorak
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOISE, Idaho — Under fire from leaders of his own party, Idaho Sen. Larry Craig said on Tuesday the only thing he had done wrong was to plead guilty after a police complaint of lewd conduct in a men's room. He declared, "I am not gay. I never have been gay."

"I did nothing wrong at the Minneapolis airport," he said at a news conference with his wife, Suzanne, at his side.

Craig's defiant stance came as Senate Republican leaders in Washington called for an ethics committee review into his involvement in a police sting operation this summer in the airport men's room.

"In the meantime, the leadership is examining other aspects of the case to see if additional action is required," Sen. Mitch McConnell and other top GOP lawmakers said in a written statement.

A private group, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics, also filed a complaint with the ethics committee seeking an investigation into whether Craig violated Senate rules

“I did nothing wrong at the Minneapolis airport. I did nothing wrong, and I regret the decision to plead guilty and the sadness that decision has brought on my wife, my family, friends, staff and fellow Idahoans.

— Sen. Larry Craig
plead guilty following a police sting operation

by engaging in disorderly conduct.

Craig entered his plea several weeks after an undercover police officer in the airport arrested him and issued a complaint that said the three-term senator had engaged in actions "often used by persons communicating a desire to engage in sexual conduct."

Craig said he has hired a lawyer and will ask him to review the case.

The airport incident occurred June 11. Craig signed his plea papers on Aug. 1, and word of the events surfaced Monday. The senator issued a statement Monday night that said, "In hindsight, I should have pled not guilty."

He repeated that assertion at the Idaho news conference. "In June, I overreacted and made a poor decision," he said. "I chose to

plead guilty to a lesser charge in hopes of making it go away."

Craig was at times defiant, at others apologetic on Tuesday.

"Please let me apologize to my family, friends and staff and fellow Idahoans for the cloud placed over Idaho," he said. "I did nothing wrong at the Minneapolis airport. I did nothing wrong, and I regret the decision to plead guilty and the sadness that decision has brought on my wife, on my family, friends, staff and fellow Idahoans."

The conservative three-term senator, who has represented Idaho in Congress for more than a quarter-century, is up for re-election next year. He said he would announce next month whether he would run again and suggested he still considers himself a politician with a future.

Turkish foreign minister wins presidency

Christopher Torchia
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A devout Muslim won Turkey's presidency Tuesday after months of confrontation with the secular establishment, promising to be impartial and praising the idea that Islam and the state should be separate.

Still, in a sign that tension could lie ahead, top generals did not attend the swearing-in ceremony in parliament of Abdullah Gul, their new president and commander in chief. Local media interpreted their absence as a protest against the 56-year-old Gul, the former foreign minister in

Turkey's Islamic-oriented government.

Gul, who has tried to engineer Turkey's entry into the European Union with sweeping reforms, received a majority of 339 votes in a parliamentary ballot in the capital, Ankara. The secular opposition had thwarted Gul's earlier bid for the presidency, but his triumph this time was assured by a ruling party that won a second term in general elections last month.

The burly and affable new president was careful to reach out to the many Turks who suspect he has a secret Islamic agenda.

"In democracy, which is a system of rights and liberties, secularism, one of the core principles of

our republic, is as much a model that underpins freedom for different lifestyles as it is a rule of social harmony," Gul said. "I will continue my path, in a transparent and fully impartial manner, embracing all my citizens."

Gul, a former practitioner of political Islam who later cast himself as a moderate, vowed to campaign for gender equality and the rule of law, and he said "change and diversity" were not things to be feared.

"It is imperative for our country that we carry out the political and economic reforms geared toward EU membership more resolutely," he told lawmakers in a nationally televised speech.

Iran: U.S. influence waning in Iraq

Ali Akbar Dareini
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad boldly declared Tuesday that U.S. political influence in Iraq is "collapsing rapidly" and said his government is ready to help fill any power vacuum.

The hard-line leader also defended Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a fellow Shiite Muslim who has come under harsh criticism from American politicians for his unsuccessful efforts to reconcile Iraq's divided Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds.

"The political power of the occupiers is collapsing rapidly," Ahmadinejad said at a news conference, referring to U.S. troops in Iraq. "Soon, we will see a huge power vacuum in the region. Of course, we are prepared to fill the gap, with the help of neighbors and regional friends like Saudi Arabia, and with the help of the Iraqi nation."

Ahmadinejad did not elaborate on what he had in mind, but his remarks reflected what may be the Iranian regime's eagerness to have an increasing influence on its neighbor's political scene.

Former astronaut to plead insanity

Travis Reed
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — Former astronaut Lisa Nowak is pursuing a temporary insanity defense on charges that she assaulted and tried to kidnap a romantic rival, according to a court document released Tuesday.

Nowak suffered from major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, insomnia and "brief psychotic disorder with marked stressors," defense attorney Donald Lykkebak wrote in his notice of intent to rely on the insanity defense.

He also noted that the already petite Nowak recently lost 15 percent of her body weight and struggled with "marital separation."

"Even the most naive observer should recognize that Lisa Nowak's behavior on February 5 was uncharacteristic and unpredicted for such an accomplished person with no criminal record or history of violence," Lykkebak said in a separate public statement.

Nowak, 44, was arrested in February after confronting Colleen Shipman, the girlfriend of a former space shuttle pilot Nowak had been seeing. The former astronaut allegedly stalked Shipman at the Orlando airport, then attacked her as Shipman arrived at her car.

Cities join the Rev. Jackson in protesting gun violence

Lubna Takruri
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About 100 people rallied outside a gun shop Tuesday, joining protesters in more than a dozen cities nationwide to call for tougher gun laws.

The national day of protest, organized by the Rev. Jesse Jackson's nonprofit Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, was planned for at least 17 cities, and Jackson led a rally near a Chicago gun manufacturing plant, organizers said.

"Where is our conscience? Most people in this community didn't even know there was a gun manufacturer in their own backyard,"

Jackson said in a statement. "We have the right to live safe and secure no matter where we live in America."

The protesters in District Heights, just across the District of Columbia border, rallied outside Realco Guns.

Local officials said the shop provides a disproportionate number of guns later recovered in the nation's capital, where private handgun ownership has been strictly banned for more than 30 years.

A federal appeals court overturned the D.C. gun ban in March, but it remains in place while the mayor appeals to the Supreme Court. But despite the ban, guns

are commonly found in criminals' hands — a major theme of Tuesday's protest.

Shanda Smith, a D.C. resident whose 19-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter were killed in a shooting years ago, said gun shops should be more helpful in identifying people who sell guns to criminals.

"We know the guns are in D.C. You just need to tell us who bought them," she said.

Realco owner Greg del Real was inside the shop and would not talk to reporters.

In a written statement, he said Realco has provided "law abiding American citizens with knowledge-

able assistance toward selecting and safely using firearms for self-defense and the shooting sports" for 35 years.

The store was working to keep guns out of the hands of criminals with strict background checks for buyers, he wrote.

District police recovered 2,656 firearms last year, and many of the guns had been used in crimes. Federal registration information showed that by far the largest number of traceable weapons — 566 — was sold in Maryland and Virginia.

Of the traced weapons, 76 came from Realco Guns. A distant second was another Maryland gun shop that sold 20 firearms. There

was no indication the guns were sold illegally — only that they were illegally in Washington.

D.C. police recorded 137 homicides committed with a firearm in 2006 — 81 percent of that year's total homicides.

On the other side of the store, a smaller crowd of counter-protesters held signs and shouted slogans through a microphone. At times the two groups drowned each other out.

"I'm not in favor of gun control because it's only going to affect legal customers," said Mark Cathro, of Manassas, Va. He said Realco was being targeted because it's the closest gun store to the D.C. border.

Pathologist says Beethoven was poisoned by physician

George Jahn
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Did someone kill Beethoven? A Viennese pathologist claims the composer's physician did — inadvertently overdosing him with lead in a case of a cure that went wrong.

Other researchers are not convinced, but there is no controversy about one fact: The master had been a very sick man years before his death in 1827.

Previous research determined that Beethoven had suffered from lead poisoning, first detecting toxic levels of the metal in his hair and then, two years ago, in bone fragments. Those findings strengthened the belief that lead poisoning may have contributed — and ultimately led — to his death at age 57.

But Viennese forensic expert Christian Reiter claims to know more after months of painstaking work applying CSI-like methods to strands of Beethoven's hair.

He says his analysis, published last week in the Beethoven Journal, shows that in the final months of the composer's life, lead concentrations in his body spiked every time he was treated by his doctor, Andreas Wawruch, for fluid inside the abdomen. Those lethal doses permeated Beethoven's ailing liver, ultimately killing him, Reiter told The Associated Press.

"His death was due to the treatments by Dr. Wawruch," said Reiter, head of the Department of Forensic Medicine at Vienna's Medical University. "Although you cannot blame Dr. Wawruch — how was he

to know that Beethoven already had a serious liver ailment?"

Nobody did back then.

Only through an autopsy after the composer's death in the Austrian capital on March 26, 1827, were doctors able to establish that Beethoven suffered from cirrhosis of the liver as well as edemas of the abdomen. Reiter says that in attempts to ease the composer's suffering, Wawruch repeatedly punctured the abdominal cavity — and then sealed the wound with a lead-laced poultice.

Although lead's toxicity was known even then, the doses contained in a treatment balm "were not poisonous enough to kill someone if he would have been healthy," Reiter said. "But what Dr. Wawruch clearly did not know that his treatment was attack-

ing an already sick liver, killing that organ."

Even before the edemas developed, Wawruch noted in his diary that he treated an outbreak of pneumonia months before Beethoven's death with salts containing lead, which aggravated what researchers believe was an existing case of lead poisoning.

But, said Reiter, it was the repeated doses of the lead-containing cream, administered by Wawruch in the last weeks of Beethoven's life, that did in the composer.

Analysis of several hair strands showed "several peaks where the concentration of lead rose pretty massively" on the four occasions between Dec. 5, 1826, and Feb. 27, 1827, when Beethoven himself documented that he had been treated by Wawruch for

the edema, said Reiter. "Every time when his abdomen was punctured ... we have an increase of the concentration of lead in the hair."

Such claims intrigue others who have researched the issue.

"His data strongly suggests that Beethoven was subjected to significant lead exposures over the last 111 days of his life and that this lead may have been in the very medicines applied by his doctor," said Bill Walsh, who led the team at the U.S. Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory outside Chicago that found large amounts of lead in Beethoven's bone fragments. That research two years ago confirmed the cause of years of debilitating disease that likely led to his death — but did not tie his demise to Wawruch.

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This may be your freshman year or your senior year. However, the number of years you have attended this university is not what determines if SIUC feels like home. The major factor that makes SIUC home versus an institution at which you are receiving your degree is a sense of belonging.

A primary factor that determines if students stay at their current university, transfer or drop out is having a personal connection with at least one other person. Students who have found their niche stay. Students who feel like they don't fit in are more likely to leave. So in an undergraduate student population of 16,000, how do you begin to feel like you belong? This challenge will be different for each of you. Factors such as what town/city you came from, personality style and cultural background will all influence your approach in

making SIUC your home.

The most important principle in creating that sense of belonging is to keep a balance of the old and familiar, while taking some risks trying new opportunities. Continue to be involved in activities and hobbies that are meaningful to you. Keeping up with familiar routines and rituals helps maintain a sense of continuity in life, helping us feel safe and secure. We need that feeling of safety in order to learn and to have the energy to try new experiences.

So, you've probably heard the only thing to do at SIUC is party. Well here are just a few suggestions of other activities that are available to you. All of these activities are fun, a great way to meet others and you get the bonus of no bed spins or hangovers. Check out www.siu.edu/~oirs for more information.

•Join a Group – Student Development has a listing of over 450 Registered Student Organizations including departmental clubs, public and special interest groups,

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•Scholastic and professional honorary societies, religious organizations and sports and recreation clubs.

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•If you aren't the outdoors type, you can exercise in comfort at the Student Recreation Center. Sign up for a class, go for a swim or ride a bike.

•Volunteer – Volunteering brings many personal and practical rewards. We all feel better about ourselves when we help others, plus it's a great experience to add to your resume. So take the leap to help yourself and someone else at the same time by investigating the volunteer opportunities.

•Expand your Cultural Experiences – SIUC has a rich tradition of diversity and you are a part of that tradition. Learn about

other cultures, beliefs and values and help fellow students better know your culture. Explore SIUC's multicultural opportunities by visiting International Programs and Services, and the Multicultural Programs through Student Development.

•Explore the Arts – Make your own art at the Student Center Craft Shop.

• Enjoy the art of others by attending concerts, theatre, mixed media or public lectures. There are performances, lectures and art openings nearly every day on campus.

Of course, as hard as we try to belong, sometimes stress, relationship problems or anxiety gets in our way. If you are having difficulties or experiencing undue stress, please remember that we are here to help. The Counseling Center is here to assist you with personal, academic and relationship concerns. To learn more about the Counseling Center and how we can help contact us at 453-5371 or log on to www.siu.edu/offices/counsel.

STUDENT COLUMN

A quiet death for the EV1

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It is with great reluctance that I have chosen a highly controversial woman — one whom I have harbored a love-hate relationship with for a while now — as an illustration for this column. She is none other than Ayn Rand, an infamous and brilliant personality who emerged from the height of the Cold War.

For those unfamiliar with her work, she was a popular novelist and philosopher who gained most of her notoriety (and infamy) in the 1950s. The best known of her books is the epic — an understatement at over 1,000 pages — “Atlas Shrugged,” a novel that serves as a giant allegory for her ultra-conservative beliefs.

For those familiar with this book, one of two reactions has already occurred: praise for referencing Ayn Rand or a burning desire to gut me with a Soviet hammer and sickle.

So why risk this frightening public backlash? It's because some 30 years before the first Congressional hearings on global warming, Mrs. Rand inadvertently predicted our current environmental quagmire. Her fiction has entered our reality.

In 1997, General Motors intro-

duced 650 electric cars called EV1s. They were leased to customers that ranged from middle class Americans to Hollywood royalty, and within two years became so popular there was a waiting list for over 4,000 people.

However, by the end of 2001, only a handful of celebrities, politicians and wealthy clients were allowed to renew their contracts. As for the other EV1 owners, they returned their cars to GM, but only after continuous threats of criminal prosecution.

And what happened to the world's first marketable electric car? It was completely and systematically destroyed.

The tie-in to Ayn Rand's “Atlas Shrugged” is, if one is familiar with it, very clear. Nine chapters into the novel, a unique engine is discovered in the remnants of a car factory. The motor was not powered by gasoline but by static electricity. It was the cleanest and most effective means of transportation known to man, but it could not be utilized.

Its creator gutted the invention before disappearing and left no clues as to his identity or how to fix the engine. The story's heroine, Dagny Taggart, suspects this person has joined a conspiracy to dismantle the country by depriving it of its greatest thinkers and therefore its vital

technology, hence the title's reference to Atlas, the Greek god who holds Earth on his shoulders.

Mrs. Rand's symbolic “Atlases” — industrialists, philosophers and artists — refuse to allow a corrupt government to exploit their talents.

And therein lies the problem. Those responsible for destroying the EV1 didn't do so because it would be misused. In the face of a global climate crisis, corporate CEOs pulled this car — one that would have been incredibly popular — and gave incentive for other companies to follow suit in order to protect oil interests.

This is not how America should work. This is not, by any stretch of the imagination, capitalism. And regardless of political affiliation, we can all agree that a rapidly applicable alternative to fossil fuel is necessary for the survival of our planet.

The changes we need so badly will not arrive unless we begin to change this asinine way of doing business, unless, in the words of Ayn Rand, businessmen and politicians realize that wealth should not be the product of maintaining the status quo, but in “one's capacity to think.”

And that's something we have, for quite some time now, stopped doing.

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“How do you put \$16,000 beside somebody's safety?”

Todd Sigler
SIUC police chief
on the new Speed Monitor Trailer placed in random locations throughout campus

INSIGHT



Childhood bliss

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Whenever I am surrounded by children still wholly dependent upon their parents, and see that in the blink of an eye a strong hug is all it takes to make their worries vanish, I can't help but remember the perks of childhood. I often find that while current life dilemmas and predicaments glare at me and bring me to a state of anxiety, I cannot help but reflect upon the fact there was a time in my life when a hug from my mom or an encouraging word from my dad could relieve all my burdens. No matter what the problem was, it was solved through their love.

The times have changed. It is not that my parents don't love me, or that they are no longer offer encouragement. I have slowly realized the older I get, the more I am on my own. I can go to them for support

and comfort, but they can no longer wipe all the burden and pain away with the strength of a hug. I believe this process began sometime before the onset of adolescence and out of necessity has continued up until now. While it has at times been painful to realize my parents can no longer heal all of my wounds, understand all of my burdens or even comfort me in times of affliction, it is necessary for me to grow into the man I was designed to be. Instead of being the one in need of support, I am to be the one who comforts.

So, while at times I reflect upon the age of innocence — that period in life when I lacked a need for anything but my parents — I know that it can no longer be. I am on my own in a hostile world. I am no longer filled with the bliss of childhood.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Service industry income

DEAR EDITOR:

"Tipping is not only a city in China!" I cannot recall how many times I have wanted to say that to people in my life. I am a 26 year-old returning student at SIUC. I have waited tables and tended bar for more than 10 years now, and I've worked in southern Illinois, Chicago and other places. The more I serve, the more I hate it. I am not sure if the general public

specifically in southern Illinois, is aware of how servers and bartenders get paid, but we are not hourly paid employees. The server minimum wage is much lower than the \$7.50 per hour other people receive for food service jobs. After taxes were taken out of my last paycheck, I earned a whopping \$2.35 per hour.

Our income depends on the people we serve and what they leave for a tip after the service that we provide them. Fifteen percent is the bare minimum! Of course, as a server myself, I tip anywhere from 25 to 40 percent, depending on the level of service I receive.

Twenty percent of the "entire bill" is considered adequate for a fair tip. The entire bill is the total amount of food and/or alcohol after taxes. Also, if you receive some sort of discount or use a coupon, the tip should be computed before that discount. Try to keep these things in mind the next time you are out to dinner. The person refilling your beverage and bringing you your meal is trying to earn a living and needs your gratuity to do so!

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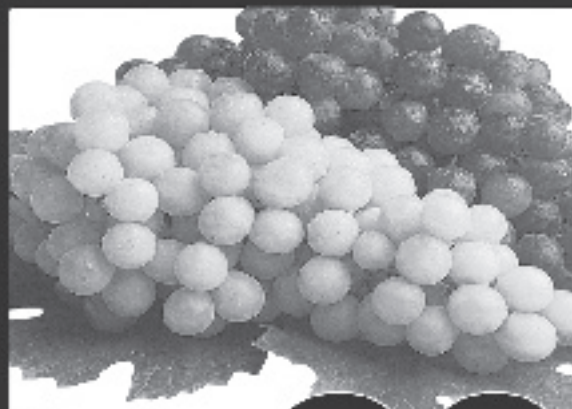




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hold, and there hasn't been another penny in capital renewal funding released since then," Hines said.

The University receives \$1.6 million annually from the state specifically for deferred maintenance. Brad Dillard, associate director of facilities, said those funds could only chip away at the backlogged maintenance.

Recent air conditioning problems in several of the buildings had nothing to do with deferred maintenance problems, Dillard said.

While the Agriculture Building's C-wing and Faner Hall's A and B-wings have the worst roof conditions, Hines said the roofs on Wham, Rhen and Lawson Halls are more than 25 years old and could begin leaking uncontrollably at any time.

Faner's C-wing roof was replaced before the funding was pulled about six years ago.

"It would be more efficient on some of the buildings, like the Communications Building, Life Science II, the Agriculture Building and Neckers to do complete renovations instead of slow, steady maintenance, but we don't have access to that kind of funding," Dillard said.

An internal group of Physical Plant employees chooses where the state funding goes and meets with each college's dean several times a year

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— Brad Dillard
associate director of facilities

to ensure each building's needs are addressed.

Dillard said a large part of the funding goes towards maintenance that may never be visible to students.

Portions of the deferred maintenance fund go toward sidewalk repairs that might be safety hazards and fire alarms, as well as asbestos abatement in SIUC's steam tunnels. About \$50,000 is set aside to repair sidewalks and \$150,000 of the funding was set aside specifically to test and repair aging fire alarm systems on campus.

"Unfortunately, our environment isn't static," Dillard said. "We can have a perfect game plan now, and literally a month from now something will change, causing us to have to shift things around."

While Dillard attributed the years without funds to the tight economy and lack of funds statewide, he believes the problem is being addressed by university administration, and funding will



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Broken windows in the Communications Building have been replaced with plywood in an effort to keep the elements out.

be allotted to SIUC in the future.

"If you talk to our counterparts at Illinois State or Northern or Western, they have some of the same issues," Dillard said. "You go up there and they've got buckets and you know, misery loves company. We know we're

not alone."

He said anyone who notices a problem, such as collapsed ceiling tile or water leaking on the floor, should notify the Facilities Operations Center.

"We tend to be able to pull rab-

bits out of a hat," Dillard said. "We haven't had to close any buildings or classrooms down. We've become very adept at smoke and mirrors."

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New Orleans making strides, but full recovery a long ways off

Jack Douglas Jr.
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

NEW ORLEANS — As they waited for an evacuation bus ride out of this wrecked city two years ago, four close neighbors — three elderly, one mentally challenged — vowed to one day return to the home they love, a place serenely named Peace Lake Towers, which had been battered and flooded by Hurricane Katrina.

"We'll get back," Myrtle Day promised as she sat in the hot sun, several days after the Aug. 29, 2005 storm, without a clue where she and her friends, Margaret Bickham, Barbara Clark and Ulysses Robinson, would land.

All they knew, Robinson said then, was that "we'll be together" ... through it all.

Of the four friends, only Clark, 49, a grocery store bagger, has returned to New Orleans.

For the other three, the thought of returning only brings back memories of a horrific time when they struggled through the chaos of Katrina.

"I don't want to go back to New Orleans to live. It was too scary for me," Day said. "I never want to go through that again. I don't want to risk my life there," she said.

Experts say she has a reason for concern.

The Brookings Institution, in a comprehensive analysis of the state of affairs in the New Orleans area, found that available medical care is lagging — in a place where people are hurting, mentally and physically, because of the lasting ravages of the storm — and that police protection is not up to par.

Sixty-six percent of the city's "pre-Katrina" population has returned, "but only 40 percent of students have returned to New Orleans public schools," with an even smaller percentage of them black students, the report said.

Here's a look at some of the key indicators in the city's rebuilding effort:

Flood Protection

It has been predicted that it will cost between \$2 billion and \$4 billion to rebuild New Orleans' flood protection system to a "minimal" 100-year level, with better floodgates, pumps and walls. To actually guard against the most



Construction workers install large water pumps along the 17th Street Canal in New Orleans, Louisiana in an effort to help prevent flooding during future storms, Aug. 8. Residents of New Orleans are still working to recover and rebuild their city two years after Hurricane Katrina hit the coast with devastating force and flooding.

TOM PENNINGTON
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

dangerous "Category 5" hurricanes will cost "much, much more," said a panel of experts, called "Team Louisiana," that was assembled by Louisiana State University.

In June 2006, Congress allocated \$3.1 billion to the cause, including \$170 million for "armoring" the levees with materials such as concrete slabs and "wire baskets filled with rock."

There is also talk about somehow doing away with the manmade 76-mile ship channel, which connects New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico, because some believe the little-used channel can actually track the brute of a storm into the heart of the city, like a "hurricane highway."

The Corps of Engineers has predicted that work will not be completed until at least 2010, leaving residents in the "Big Easy" to worry about what will happen if another powerful hurricane hits before then.

Medical Care

Before the storm, New Orleans had 23 major hospitals and other medical facilities. According to the Brookings report, as of last month, 10 remain closed, including acute-care hospitals, psychiatric clinics and long-term disability and rehabilitation facilities. The

slow recovery in the availability of health care is especially disturbing since "the New Orleans area struggles with (an) increased prevalence of mental illness, acute conditions and death."

St. Bernard Parish, among the hardest hit by Katrina, still does not have a single hospital in operation.

The Justice System

"Crime remains unacceptably high in the city, eliciting real and legitimate concerns from residents and business owners," the report said. The reasons are "multifaceted, not just limited to the level of policing," but one "critical aspect" is that officers continue to work out of stations that remain in disrepair from Katrina.

Police headquarters, two sub-stations, and departments such as traffic enforcement, recruiting, special operations and the juvenile division continue to work out of FEMA trailers.

Crucial evidence in criminal prosecution cases is also kept in trailers, unprotected "in the event of a significant wind event," and the city's all-important crime lab is only "partially functional." Such conditions, which include little space to interrogate suspects in crimes and interview victims, "undermines the quality" of police officers in a city where they are badly needed.

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As biodefense research booms, reward is weighed against risk

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FORT WORTH, Texas — Ellen Vitetta is a chair at the Cancer Immunobiology Center at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Her research centers on ricin, a potentially lethal toxin that paradoxically may have benefits as a vaccine to fight cancer.

But her work interested the federal government for different reasons.

In the aftermath of the anthrax attacks in October 2001, bioterrorism was seen as more than just an idle threat. The drumbeat for increased spending for biodefense as part of the war on terror resulted in passage of Project BioShield in 2004, which appropriated \$6 billion over 10 years for research.

"If I had put in for a federal grant for ricin vaccine pre 9/11, it would have come back in a garbage pail," Vitetta said.

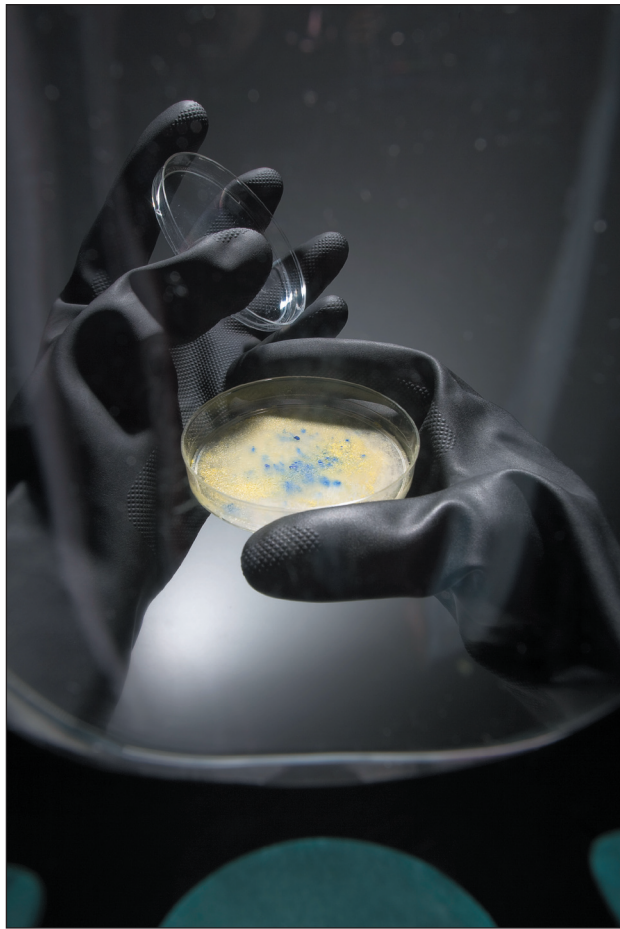
But because ricin is a potential biological weapon, UT Southwestern received a federal grant to continue its research — with a dual purpose.

While she is somewhat dismayed that her work has been co-opted in the name of national security, Vitetta is hopeful that in the long run a ricin vaccine will help win the war on cancer, not just the war on terror.

"We'll use the money to learn as much as we can," she said, "and be poised to use vaccines (in a way) that are more useful to the American public."

Biological and chemical warfare may be as old as conflict itself, but before anthrax-laced letters infected 22 people, resulting in five deaths, research in the U.S. had been almost exclusively the domain of the military.

Now, some estimate that today more than 400 university laboratories alone are involved in biodefense research, up from a handful just a decade ago. Many research labs work with infectious agents such as Ebola, anthrax, West Nile Virus, Q-fever, Tularemia, Avian flu and



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emerging drug-resistant forms of tuberculosis. Others work with more garden-variety organisms.

"Everyone and their cousins are trying to get into it because it's where the money is and it's necessary," said Ronald Blanck, former president of the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, who previously served as the U.S. Army Surgeon General and commander of the Army's medical branch during a 32-year military career.

He says that even though the focus is on biodefense, the expanded research will eventually benefit public health.

"The work being done is beginning to leverage against threats from naturally occurring diseases like Avian flu. A lot of the infrastructure for biological weapons research is also preparing us to deal with things like a flu epidemic."

But not everyone is on board with the burgeoning growth of biodefense.

There is grumbling in the scientific community among researchers who feel they have been "drafted" into working on national defense.

And watchdog organizations say the number of facilities conducting research has proliferated to extremes, increasing the risk of accidents or security breaches and making oversight more difficult for federal agencies.

Edward Hammond, director of the Sunshine Project in Austin, Texas, warns that government oversight is not stringent enough, that laboratory security is suspect and that accidents sometimes go unreported, or worse, are covered up.

"Ultimately we don't need 400 institutions across the U.S. working on biological weapons agents," Hammond said. "We've gone way overboard. I request records from universities, and there are wildly divergent interpretations of what constitutes security."

"They're all doing it by the seat of their pants."

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City manager Jeff Doherty said the city is currently taking proposals to select a designer for the new facility. Doherty said he hopes to have a designer selected by early 2008.

"Depending on how all that goes, I would expect design would start in the spring," he said.

Doherty said he expected construction to begin in the summer 2009, with a completion date slated for the end of 2010.

Ledbetter said electricity poses a problem because rooms in the current station were not wired for the amount of equipment the police use. There has been reconfiguration, Ledbetter said, but the development of new technology has amplified the need for better wiring.

Ledbetter said the Police Department has grown to the point that modern technology is crucial in

their operation.

"We did not envision, when I first started here, that there would be a computer in every room," Ledbetter said. "This building was never constructed and configured to accommodate those kinds of things."

Another problem the police face is the inaccessibility of the upper floors of the station. Without an elevator, persons with certain disabilities can't get to the offices of several people, including Ledbetter and the crime victims advocate.

Carbondale's location near the New Madrid seismic zones puts the station at a great risk in case of an earthquake.

"This building is constructed of concrete blocks, and the potential of this building being damaged in an earthquake is very high," Ledbetter said. "And that would certainly inhibit our ability to serve the community, because we wouldn't have a police department to operate out of."



Doherty said the new station would be built to meet codes on accessibility and earthquake safety, as well as being more secure and safer.

"It'll give us a police station that is a modern facility that meets all the various codes that we have," he said.

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INTERNET

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Throgmorton began overseeing bids submitted to the city for routers to be installed and proper software uploaded for wireless Internet access to become available.

"It's a nice attraction to the downtown area," Doherty said.

Aside from a wireless card, a login name and password is all the software an Internet user needs. The only restriction on the city's Internet service is a time limit of two hours a day, which is monitored by the user's login identification.

"Hotspots" are scattered across Carbondale with specific sites including town square, City Hall/Civic Center, Friendship Plaza, the Amtrak station and the Carbondale Public Library. According to Doherty, each of the locations is able to broadcast a signal across a few blocks.

Before this project, Throgmorton, along with his company ScientistSuperstar, had previously worked with communication

technology. ScientistSuperstar continues to support a live stream of the community radio station WDVX. Throgmorton is responsible for the equipment that is broadcasting and receiving signals from the thousands of users who have already discovered the downtown wireless Internet.

Aside from making the Internet available to a larger audience, the new Wi-Fi system is a project meant to bring more people, especially tourists, to downtown Carbondale.

"The whole project is good for the brand of Carbondale," Throgmorton said.

For more information, visit www.carbondalewireless.com/attachment/asset/13494/Carbondale_Wireless_Initiative.pdf to download PDF version of the Wi-Fi initiative, including maps of hotspots in Carbondale.

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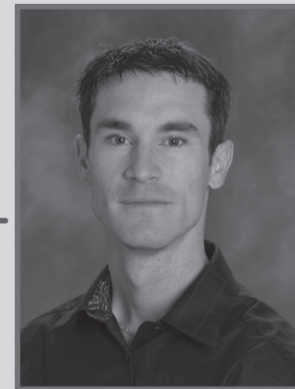
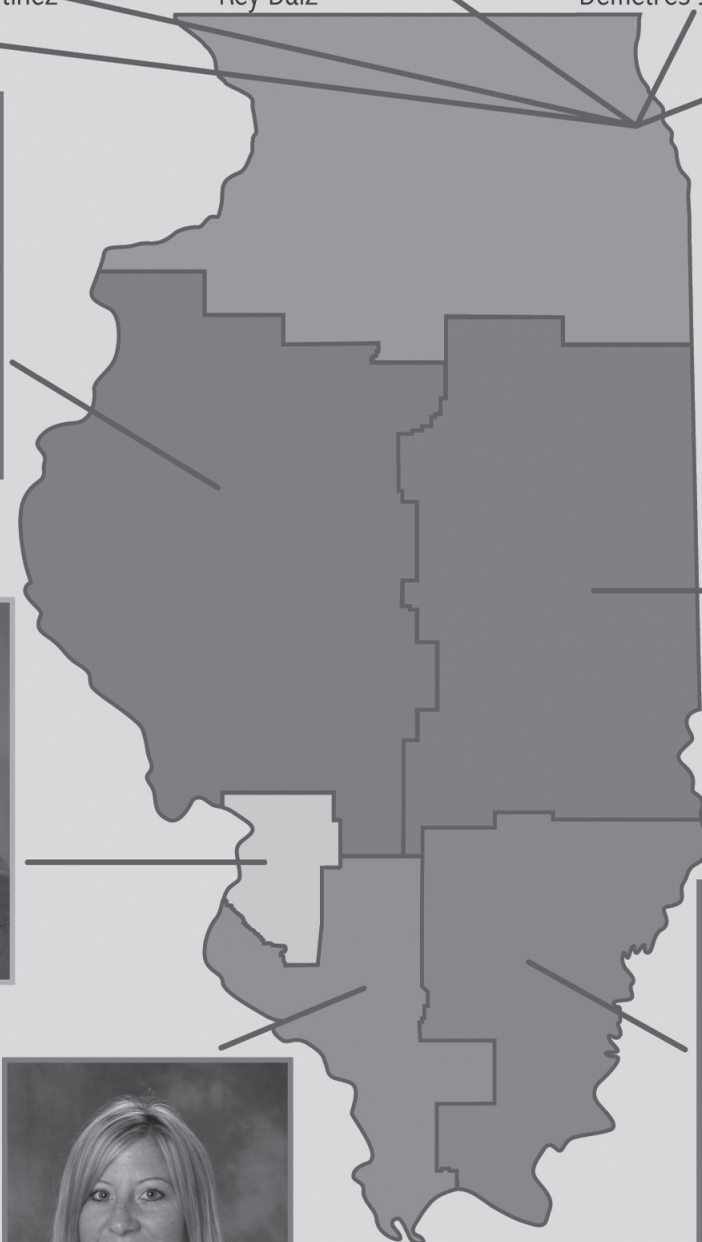
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New Silverchair unique — but not good unique

Eugene Clark
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Silverchair
"Young Modern"
Release Date: August 21, 2007
Record Label: Eleven Records
www.chairpage.com



The biggest problem with the new Silverchair album "Young Modern" is that as it plays it is easy to forget that a CD is playing.

Perhaps the reason for this is that the album doesn't use any catchy intros to draw listeners into the music, instead each track comes straight at you with generic vocals and a sound that may be unique. But unique is not always a good thing.

The songs "Reflections of a Sound" and "All Across the World" sound more like show tunes for an upcoming Broadway show than modern rock and roll. Both of these songs seem out of place on the album and drag on for way too long.

While it's hard to compare the new album with any band past or present, the fluctuating vocals and the use of piano and other instruments on "Young Modern Station"

and "Reflections of a Sound" give the album some similarities with an unrefined old school Sonic Youth or Pixies.



Daniel John's vocals in the new album are its only saving grace. They are a lot more powerful and he has definitely shown he has a decent singing voice that can go to all tempos and vary along with the bass line and drum beat of each song.

The lyrics of the new album have to be the biggest disappointment, though. Obviously the progression of the band has taken them from frivolous songs from their high school days to a more

deep symbolic path. However, many of the words, such as when Johns says, "In the sun we are found to be reflections of a sound," rhyme well and fit in with the music but can't possibly be deciphered as meaning anything other than words thrown on a page.

It is hard to believe the same band that produced hit songs like "Tomorrow" or "Freak" came out with this album. Granted, the trio has obviously grown up since the long haired flannel shirt days of their first album "Frog Stomp," but a more subtle change would have been a better path.

In the five years since Silverchair has come out with an album, it is safe to say their musical approach has taken a full 180. Unfortunately, with their new approach, it almost seems like they are trying too hard to gain acceptance in the artistic genius ranks of Bono or Elton John and should have just been content with being alternative rock stars in the same ranks of a Candlebox or Collective Soul.

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"Conviction" not convincing

Audra Ord
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Aiden
"Conviction"
Release date: August 21, 2007
Record Label: Victory Records
www.aiden.org

"Conviction," the fourth album from punk-rock-gothic band Aiden, should be convicted for a lack of originality.

The opening chords of "Conviction" offer initial promise for the album, but hope is soon dissipated as vocalist Wil Francis comes in, singing mediocre lyrics in an equally mediocre and whiny voice. Slow ballads are obviously not the singer's forte.

While one could say, "it all goes down from there," there is never a high point from which to go downhill from.

The rest of the album is as bad

as the beginning, with a few exceptions like "Teenage Queen" and "Moment," a track with an almost My Chemical Romance sound.

"Conviction" is generic, giving listeners the same sound they hear from every other punk-rock band on the market. Redundancy is also found within the album itself — every song is too similar to the one preceding it, with all of them seemingly possessing the same keyboard chords and runs.



Also, perceptive listeners will find the word "kiss" has an annoying way of finding its way into every song, whether it is relative to the theme of the track or not.

Perhaps the only relief from the endless barrage of sub-par, cloned keyboard strains is "Teenage Queen," the best-known song from the album. This track offers the harder rock style expected from the band and is about the only place on



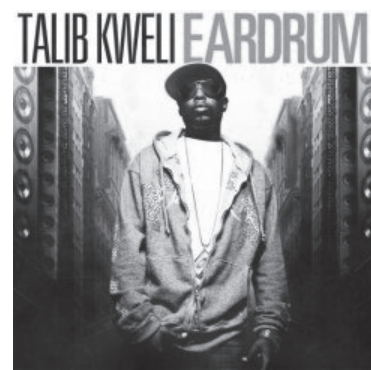
the record where it can be heard. Listeners looking for the punk-rock sound the band claims to possess should keep looking. The album, as painful as it is to listen to the first time, only worsens with each subsequent play, so save yourself the time and a few bucks and avoid it altogether.

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Collaboration saves Kweli

Jakina Hill
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Talib Kweli
"Eardrum"
Release date: Aug. 21, 2007
Record Label: Warner Bros. Records



Ever hear the term "hustling backwards"? You know, when an artist starts out great, and the next thing you know it's like rap on phonics, and the lyrical skills seem to be fading as the artist is supposed to be progressing. It seems Talib Kweli was doing a bit of this with the release of his fourth solo album "Eardrum."

While it can't be denied that Kweli's flow has been consistent, this album lacks true gems. That is, popular songs that everybody is going to like even if they aren't into "conscious" rap/hip hop.

What this 20-track album does have is collaborations. More than



half the songs on "Eardrum" are collaborations, and the closest song to a gem is "Country Cousins" featuring UGK and budding singer Raheem Devaughn. On this song, Kweli adopts a speed flow that matches the subject of the song and counters UGK perfectly.

"Growing up in Brooklyn I thought that everybody talked this way, raised on Rakim and Run-DMC so I thought that everybody walked this way." The track has good lyrics that open the song with a nice beat pushing listeners into the rest of the song that they'll find themselves coming back to.

The problem comes when "County Cousins" ends and an awful song

begins. Kweli, popular for his lyrical abilities, puts out nonsensical songs with a title such as "Holy Moly." Of course "Holy Moly" is not one of the collaborated songs, but who would want to have a title like that attached to anything they put out?

The notion of pushing the envelope is great and works in favor of this album.

Songs such as "Soon The New Day," featuring Norah Jones, and "The Nature," featuring Justin Timberlake, are pleasant surprises but still not as exciting once you hear them.

What saves him, sadly but truly, is the fact that his ability goes beyond this latest effort, as demonstrated years ago on his only real hit single "Get By."

While it's not a bad album, collaborations are definitely what keep this effort afloat. The "conscious rapper" is aware that he needed assistance to put out an album worth copying.

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1. "Unglamorous" by Lori McKenna
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Defending champion Sharapova routs 1st opponent at U.S. Open

Howard Fendrich
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The lady in red shanked a backhand wide, prompting Maria Sharapova's opponent to leap in the air and pump her fist and smile as though she'd won the match — or, indeed, the U.S. Open championship itself. Uh, not quite. That little celebration by 51st-ranked Roberta Vinci of Italy was for winning one game Tuesday night, allowing her to narrow the dressed-for-success Sharapova's lead to 6-0, 5-1. "I win one game, I'm happy," Vinci said. "6-love, 6-love? No. 6-love, 6-1? OK."

A few minutes and one hold of serve later, Sharapova's 50-minute day was done, and she was into the second round at the tournament where she produced her second Grand Slam title a year ago.

"There's no way to get rid of the memories when I walk on the court and feel the vibe," the second-seeded Russian said, 600 crystals on her red dress sparkling in the Arthur Ashe Stadium lights. "Every corner I turn here, I get goose bumps."

Andy Roddick might very well have similar sentiments as he walks around the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. He did, after all, win the 2003 U.S. Open for his only major title, and he won his first-round match Tuesday night, following Sharapova on court and beating Justin Gimelstob 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-3.

It was the 30-year-old Gimelstob's

last match as a pro, and Roddick hugged him at the net afterward.

"We're going to miss one of the funniest guys on tour," Roddick said.

Sharapova, meanwhile, compiled 15 winners before Vinci hit her first and finished with a 30-3 edge in that category during the 6-0, 6-1 victory. It was part of a mini-parade of past champions in first-round action, including victories for Martina Hingis, Svetlana Kuznetsova and Lleyton Hewitt.

Sharapova's been on the wrong end of some routs at Grand Slam tournaments this year, including against Serena Williams in the Australian Open final and against Venus Williams in Wimbledon's fourth round. And Sharapova, whose breakthrough came with the 2004 Wimbledon title at age 17, has been dealing with shoulder problems much of 2007.

No signs of that Tuesday, although she did double-fault twice on match point in the final game. Otherwise, about the biggest problem Sharapova had was when she missed a sip of water during a changeover and spilled a spot on her custom-made outfit.

Even Vinci took note of the getup, saying: "It's difficult to play against her. Strong player. Nice girl. She has a nice dress."

"It's red this year, like the Big Apple, in honor of the city," Sharapova

told the crowd, before gathering her patent leather racket bag and black jeweled handbag and heading to the locker room.

"Put on a nice outfit, and some makeup, and you're the bomb," Sharapova noted later.

Sharapova's good feelings from her U.S. Open title are still fresh, but it's been a decade since Hingis won the tournament. This year, Hingis took a stroll around the new workout room and simply had to smile while scanning the enlarged photos decorating the walls.

There among the posters of previous champions is one of defending champion Hingis, clutching her 1997 silver trophy, a different player and a different person.

"I'm like, 'OK, I look really young.' Short haircut, all that. It's been 10 years," she said. "Sometimes it feels like yesterday, sometimes like a lifetime."

Hingis was willing to reminisce a bit after beating Mathilde Johansson of France 6-0, 6-3. Others winning Tuesday included a man many consider a likely future Grand Slam champion, No. 3-seeded Novak Djokovic, and No. 6 James Blake. The day's biggest early surprise came when No. 9 Daniela Hantuchova, a past U.S. Open quarterfinalist, was eliminated by 50th-ranked Julia Vakulenko of Ukraine 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

“There’s no way to get rid of the memories when I walk on the court and feel the vibe. Every corner I turn here, I get goose bumps.”

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"We could get a little bit of snow, we could get a little bit of rain. It would be nice to know we had an alternate site to go to the next day."

Callahan said the prospect of playing games at Rent One would not mean the team would abandon Abe Martin Field.

"What we have is a great atmosphere," Callahan said. "I wouldn't trade our atmosphere for anywhere else in the league."

The coach added he would still relish the opportunity to play in Rent One.

"As proud as we are of this facility, it would be considered a baseball field or baseball complex — it wouldn't be called a baseball stadium," he said.

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ENEMY

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Terlisner said Williams is a "scatback," while Patterson is a power running back, and both play an integral role in the offense. Last season, Patterson and Williams had three touchdowns apiece on the ground. Williams averaged 5.4 yards per carry while Patterson had 3.4.

"We platoon them. Sometimes we put them out there together," Terlisner said. "One of them will always be on the field."

The leader on Quincy's defense, meanwhile, is junior linebacker Jacob Zsuppon.

Zsuppon led the Hawks in tackles last season with 69 and added two sacks and 9.5 tackles for a loss.

Terlisner said Zsuppon is Quincy's field general when on defense, a role he's held since he first started as a freshman.

"He's just our leader on that defense," Terlisner said. "If he's not involved, even in practice, we don't practice as well defensively."

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SWIM

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Walker said he was particularly excited to start the season in order to see how the incoming freshmen could help the 2007 squad.

Juniors Dan Hedo and Vinicius Waked are also expected to be key components for the Salukis' success in the pool.

The Salukis will participate in their first meet on Oct. 10 at Evansville.

Although practice doesn't officially start until Sept. 4, a good portion of the team came out for voluntary practice this week.

"They know on the first official practice, they're mine," Walker said. "I own them then."

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"He's not another Tank Johnson — not by a long shot. But Briggs did become the answer to the trivia question, 'What professional athlete has crashed the most expensive vehicle and then left the scene of the one-car accident?' I would also like to know who got a phone call from a frightened Lance Briggs at 3 a.m."

"I couldn't care less about what Briggs did on the Edens, what Tank did in his Gurnee estate, what Pacman did in a strip club, what Vick did in his backyard, or what any of the hundreds of other law-defying gridiron stars have done off the field of play. I can't wait until September when NFL headlines will actually involve football."

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"Well the whole situation sounds kind of suspicious to me. The accident happened at 3:19 in the morning and it only involved him. Something doesn't add up here. Bears fans might as well just call him Johnson Jr."

STAT OF THE WEEK

SIU FOOTBALL



The SIU football team, which begins its 2007 season Thursday against Quincy, has not lost its season opener since 2001, when, in head coach Jerry Kill's first season, the Salukis lost 24-5 to Southeast Missouri State and finished the season 1-10. Since 2002, SIU has won its first game by an average margin of 50.2 points.

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Cards bash Astros 7-0

Chris Duncan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — So much for Cecil Cooper's managerial debut with the Houston Astros.

Chris Duncan shook off an August slump with a three-run homer and an RBI single to help the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Astros 7-0 on Tuesday night, ruining Cooper's first game as Phil Garner's successor.

Garner was fired on Monday and replaced by Cooper after Houston limped to a 58-73 record. But the Astros looked like the same, floundering team with Cooper in charge, plagued by mediocre pitching and feeble hitting.

Duncan, meanwhile, snapped a 28-game home run drought with a three-run drive into the upper deck in the first inning off Houston starter Woody Williams (8-13). Duncan was hitting just .167 with only three RBIs this month before Tuesday's outburst.

Rick Ankiel and Aaron Miles added RBI doubles for the Cardinals, who've won six of their last eight and got back to .500 for the first time since they were 6-6 on April 16.

St. Louis starter Braden Loper (11-10) pitched seven scoreless innings, allowing only four hits with four strikeouts. Loper has won five of his last nine starts.

SPORTS BRIEF

Former Salukis cut from NFL rosters

Two former SIU football players were cut from their respective teams before Tuesday's deadline for NFL teams to shorten their rosters to 75 players.

The Kansas City Star reported the Kansas City Chiefs released former Saluki wide receiver Brent Little. The Post-Bulletin in Minnesota reported former

SIU tight end Braden Jones, who was nursing a thigh injury, was waived.

Little had caught two passes during the last two weeks of the preseason, totaling 30 yards receiving.

Jones had two receptions for 24 yards, all in the Vikings' Week 3 preseason loss to the Seattle Seahawks.

Cubs take first game in battle with Brewers

Rick Gano
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Jacque Jones hit a game-tying two-run double in the seventh and scored the go-ahead run on an error by reliever Scott Linebrink as the Chicago Cubs rallied to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 5-3 on Tuesday night.

The first-place Cubs scored four runs in the seventh to increase their lead over the Brewers in the NL Central to 2 1/2 games. St. Louis started play Tuesday night two games back.

The three-game series is the final meeting this season between the Brewers, who'd spent 125 days in first this season, and the Cubs, who have been tied for first or in sole possession of the lead since Aug. 17.

The slumping Brewers lost for the 11th time in 14 games. And

this was a tough one to take.

Milwaukee starter Jeff Suppan, winless in 12 starts since June 22, was staked to a 3-0 lead and was still ahead 3-1 headed into the bottom of the seventh.

But he was removed after hitting leadoff batter Cliff Floyd with a pitch. Mark DeRosa greeted Linebrink by beating out an infield single to short.

Jones then drove a pitch into the alley in right-center field to score both runners and tie the game. After an intentional walk to Daryle Ward and Alfonso Soriano's fly out, Ryan Theriot hit a high bouncer back to the mound. Linebrink jumped for the ball but it went in and out of his glove for an error as Jones raced home with the go-ahead run.

Derrek Lee followed with an RBI single to left finish Linebrink (4-6) and give the Cubs a 5-3 lead.

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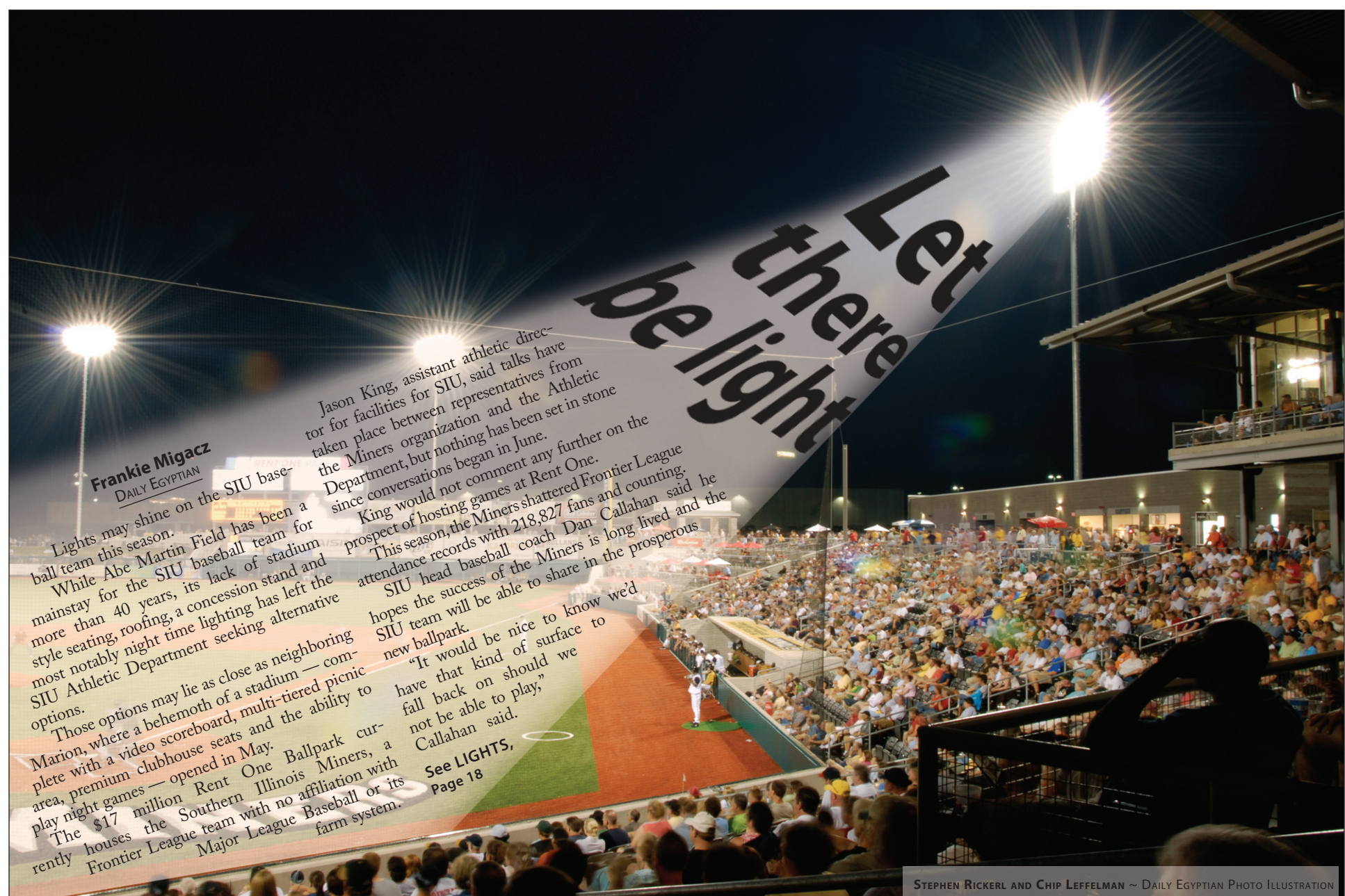
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Lights may shine on the SIU baseball team this season. While Abe Martin Field has been a mainstay for the SIU baseball team for more than 40 years, its lack of stadium style seating, roofing, a concession stand and most notably night time lighting has left the SIU Athletic Department seeking alternative options. Those options may lie as close as neighboring Marion, where a behemoth of a stadium — complete with a video scoreboard, multi-tiered picnic area, premium clubhouse seats and the ability to play night games — opened in May. The \$17 million Rent One Ballpark currently houses the Southern Illinois Miners, a Frontier League team with no affiliation with Major League Baseball or its farm system.

Jason King, assistant athletic director for facilities for SIU, said talks have taken place between representatives from the Miners organization and the Athletic Department, but nothing has been set in stone since conversations began in June. King would not comment any further on the prospect of hosting games at Rent One. This season, the Miners shattered Frontier League attendance records with 218,827 fans and counting. SIU head baseball coach Dan Callahan said he hopes the success of the Miners is long lived and the SIU team will be able to share in the prosperous new ballpark. “It would be nice to know we’d have that kind of surface to fall back on should we not be able to play,” Callahan said.

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FOOTBALL

Quincy looking for experience

SIU’s opponent will use Thursday game as a measuring stick

Scott Mieszala
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

While the Quincy Hawks are huge underdogs heading into their bout against the SIU football team, the Hawks are hoping the Salukis could overlook their first opponent of the 2007 season. The Salukis open their season Thursday against Quincy with a 6 p.m. kickoff. Quincy head coach Bill Terlisner said the Hawks are treating the game as an indicator of their progress thus far. “You pretty much know we’re a big underdog in this game,” Quincy head coach Bill Terlisner

said. “We’re looking to come out, have some success and use this as a measuring stick to see how we’ll do when we get in our conference.” Terlisner said the Hawks benefit from the experience of playing a tougher opponent than they’d normally face. SIU is paying Quincy to play up a division, much like NCAA Division I foe Northern Illinois will pay the Salukis for their Sept. 8 matchup. Defensively, Terlisner said he’s hoping to contain SIU’s running game and force the Salukis to commit to an air attack. With the ball, he said the Hawks should look to spread the ball out and utilize misdirection and screen plays to take advantage of SIU’s

aggressiveness. Saluki defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys said the SIU defense will face its biggest challenge should Quincy spread the field as promised. “They’re going to make you tackle some guys in space, rather than try to bunch it up on you,” Claeys said. “So that’s our biggest concern, is how well we’ll tackle once they get us out in space.” If Quincy were to upset SIU, Terlisner said, it would be a big deal. “We have nothing to lose, but to gain valuable experience and maybe get lucky,” he said. A quick look at the scouting report reveals the Hawks tend to use their quarterback significantly in their running game. Last season, Quincy quarterback Matt Wehrle recorded 110 rushing attempts and led the Hawks in rushing touchdowns. Wehrle, then a senior, has since graduated, leaving the starting duties to junior quarterback Craig Moore, who weighs in at 235 pounds, “Moore is a big, athletic quarterback. We expect him to run a lot,” Terlisner said. “Athleticism, we’re real excited about, but he has no real experience with us, so Thursday night will be his first true test.” The Hawks should also split main carries between two running backs: senior Larry Patterson and junior Corey Williams.



Quincy running back Corey Williams takes off amongst a swarm of defenders. The 5-foot-4-inch back led the Hawks in rushing with 739 yards last season.

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SWIMMING & DIVING

Swimmers jump back in for another successful season

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While the SIU swimming and diving team returns top swimmers on both the men’s and women’s teams, Rick Walker won’t be relying on any single swimmer. Walker, the head swimming and diving coach, can’t afford to depend on a single person — he essentially uses the “There is no I in team” philosophy. “I don’t focus in on individuals,” Walker said. “As a team we aren’t going to win with an individual.” Both the men’s and women’s Saluki squad, who are fresh off a fourth place showing in the Sun Belt Conference and a Missouri Valley Conference championship respectively, are in enviable positions — both teams return conference Swimmer-of-the-Year swimmers. Senior Julie Ju, the MVC Swimmer of the Year, should again lead the Salukis in the water. But while she embraces the awards, Ju realizes the team effort needed in order to repeat as conference champions. A China native, Ju said she also wants to help her teammates by teaching them what she knows in the pool. Last season, Ju didn’t qualify for the NCAA meet, and she said it will be one of her main goals this season, a goal she hopes will be contagious.

“I was kind of tired after practicing so hard for conference,” said Ju. “I didn’t feel perfect.” Ju said she feels her 100-meter breaststroke is almost good enough to qualify her for the NCAA meet, but with a few changes in technique, it could be even better. Walker said underclassmen could look to Ju as a guide and inspiration to what they can mold themselves after in the pool. “That would be the direction you would want to go,” Walker said. Many members of the swimming and diving team take this week to adjust their bodies back to the pool after not swimming since the end of last season. This can help them eliminate pain and soreness from the first week of practice. Walker also credits what he calls “the bottom of the squad” for success as a team. Senior Isabel Maderina and junior Kelly Dvork should be two key factors from the “bottom” that could help the Salukis in important meets. Meanwhile, on the other side of the pool, Walker said the men should only move up in the Sunbelt’s conference standings as they should rally behind SBC Swimmer-of-the-Year Antonio Santoro.

“They know on the first official practice, they’re mine. I own them then.”

—Rick Walker head coach

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