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Capital plan stagnant after one year

Local county gives up on proposed construction funds

Barton Lorimor DAILY EGYPTIAN

Patience is being tested in southern Illinois communities as a plan to finance state construction projects enters its second year of waiting for approval.

The grouping of bills, known collectively as the Capital Construction Plan, would financially support the construction of a Transportation Education Building and final renovations of Morris Library. Though the plan was first introduced to members of the Illinois Senate on Feb. 8, 2007,

State Rep. Mike Bost said the plan is not scheduled to progress as the first sessions of February 2008 begin Thursday.

Projects such as K-12 school construction, road and bridge improvement, repairs to existing state facilities and new buildings for state universities all seek money in the plan. The projects for SIUC would require \$65.6 million, but the entire SIU system is awaiting \$145 million for construction on campuses in Edwardsville and Springfield as well.

SIU is not the only project in the area suffering from the cashflow drought. Voters in Williamson County voted in favor of a sales tax increase on Tuesday's primary election ballot in response to not receiving state funds for its new school building projects.

Such projects include a new

Carterville High School, which was on the state's list to receive state revenue by August 2007. But when Blagojevich did not release funds promised since 2001, the project became a part of the capital plan. Tuesday's decision will make the county responsible for allocating construction costs by raising sales tax by 1 percent.

But one resident of the town worries the increase could send the wrong message to lawmakers.

"If we start to do this, the state will think we can do it ourselves," said Brent Brown, a 42-year-old postal worker from Carterville.

Since being approved by the Illinois Senate on Sept. 18, the plan has only poked its head into the House of Representatives, and does not have a deadline to be on Gov.

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One Year with the Capital Plan

2/8/2007 The Capital Construction Plan is first read to members of the Illinois Senate.

9/18/2007

The plan is unanimously approved by state enators, 58-0-0. The plan now requires approval from Gov. Rod Blagojevich and the Illinois House of Representatives.

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The Gaming Commission meets to discuss the ambling expansion that would allocate unds for the bill worth \$9 billion of state noney.

1/18/2008 The Illinois General Assembly approves a

nass-transit bailout plan, which was lobbied to become part of the capital plan. Downstate legislators are furious, and now question the ife of the plan.

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oters in Williamson County vote in favor of a ocal tax increase to allocate funds for a new high school in Carterville. The project has een awaiting state funds from the Capital onstruction Plan since 2002.

Students indulge in free fancy food

Carl Duncan, a senior from St. Louis studying mining engineering, waits on a couple for the Sweetheart's **Dinner Sunday** evening at University Hall. Hors d'oeuvres for the five course meal included sushi, pictured here, and kissing crab cakes. EDYTA BŁASZCZYK DAILY EGYPTIAN

Christian Holt Daily Egyptian

Michael Iones and Chastity

from the ceiling. Love songs played in the background as about 30 students soaked in the atmosphere. The couples were

kitchen one day.

Michelle Ostien, nutrition counselor and graduate assistant for residence

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Arielle Ratcliff, both freshmen from Chicago studying pre-med, said they were so excited about the dinner that they attended without

Outage not considered emergency

University does not employ crisis procedures during power failure

> Joe Crawford DAILY EGYPTIAN

The university has no protocol for letting students know about widespread power outages like the one that affected 25 buildings last week, university officials said.

SIUC Public Safety Director Todd Sigler said the university did not treat last week's power outage as an emergency, meaning students were not notified of the outage by mass e-mail. The Department of Public Safety typically notifies students of emergencies, such as the chemical spill in Life Science II last month, by e-mail.

"We did not consider a power outage to be a life-threatening emergency," Sigler said.

A short in one of the campus' main feeders, which are basically large circuits, caused the outage. While there are some concerns associated with power outages, such as the disruption or loss of research projects, Sigler said the occurrences are not dangerous enough to warrant a mass e-mail. The university attempts to keep the mass messages to a minimum to avoid desensitizing recipients, he said.

"There has to be a point at which you draw the line," he said.

Sigler said some power outages might constitute emergencies. If an outage had occurred while tornado warnings were in effect Tuesday night, the incident might have triggered an e-mail, he said.

University spokesman Rod Sievers said the outage also caused the university's main server, which is located in the basement of the Wham Education Building, to lose power. While the server was down, the university's e-mail system - through which the emergency messages are sent — was not accessible.



Spencer celebrated their first Valentine's Day as a couple over a free five-course meal Sunday evening.

The two freshmen from Chicago studying radio television were provided the meal by Residence Hall Dining. Spencer said she was excited to take advantage of the preholiday festivities.

"I signed up for it because I have a sweetheart this year," she said.

Guests walked into University Hall to discover an explosion of love-related adornments. Seventeen tables were covered in pink and red, while strings of plastic hearts hung

served sushi and crab cakes for hors d'oeuvres, gingered strawberry soup, fruited mixed spring greens and caramel flan with fresh fruit compote.

For the main course, guests were given a choice of ancho-breaded chicken breast, crusted strip loin, snapper or roasted vegetable paella. Chef Bill Connors

prepared everything on the menu. Connors said he invented the mango salsa that was put on the snapper while experimenting in his

t was just started as a fun opportunity for the students on campus.

> Michelle Ostien nutrition counselor and graduate assistant for residence hall dining

> > campus," she said.

But not all students came with romance on their minds.

Jaleesa Wilson and her friend,

dates.

"I thought it was going to be on Valentine's Day," Wilson said. "When it wasn't, and (my boyfriend) couldn't make it, I brought my best friend."

Ratcliff said the dinner and decorations were really nice and she was glad she could attend.

Ostien said she was thrilled with the event's outcome.

"This is just something that's really fun and free for the students," Ostien said.

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Sievers said the university is working on plans to institute a system that would notify the university community of emergencies by text message.

"It's long been felt that a wide array of methods need to be put in place because no one system is going to do the job all the time," he said.

There are no outlined procedures for outages, he said. Chancellor Fernando Treviño

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University of Illinois.

A university spokeswoman says about a quarter of students and a fifth of the campus' staff members have provided their e-mail addresses and phone numbers to receive the warning messages.

The system launched in the fall and alerts people to campus emergencies.

Officials say they're trying to encourage more students to sign up for the service.

Students and staff can choose to have messages sent to multiple e-mail and phone numbers.

The messages will be limited to 125 text characters.

The emergency alert system is run by Mutare Software of Schaumburg.

Tinley Park and Lane Bryant officials mull

over security concerns TINLEY PARK (AP) — Officials at the

Lane Bryant clothing chain said they are uncertain when the store in suburban Tinley Park will reopen following this month's shooting that left five women dead and another injured.

Meanwhile, Tinley Park village officials are concerned about store security and are considering whether to require surveillance cameras in all commercial businesses in the southwest Chicago suburb.

Such an ordinance, which would require businesses to buy cameras and have them installed in stores, could be among the nation's strictest.

"The first responsibility of government at every level is the security of its citizens," said Village Trustee Patrick Rea. "At the local level, it's no less first on the list of responsibilities."

The women's clothing store where the Feb. 2 shooting took place did not have security cameras. The gunman remained at large Sunday.

Gayle Coolick, a spokeswoman for Charming Shoppes Inc. which owns Lane Bryant, declined to say if store officials have considered additional security measures in the wake of the attack. Coolick said it was "a little bit too soon" to discuss when the store will open.

Experts in security and crisis communication said Lane Bryant, a chain which specializes in plus-size women's clothes, has many hurdles ahead.

At the top of the list is reassuring customers that the Tinley Park location is

Customers might avoid the store because they're scared, said Jim Hagen, a professor who teaches disaster preparedness management at Chicagobased Saint Xavier University.

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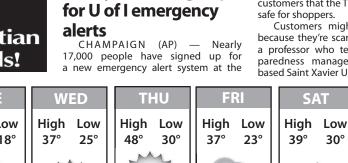
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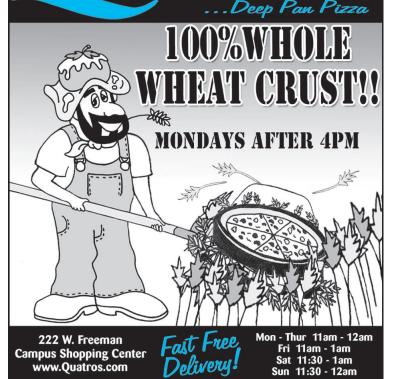
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Nearly 17,000 sign up safe for shoppers. CHAMPAIGN (AP) — Nearly 17,000 people have signed up for a new emergency alert system at the FRI SAT







Whodunit murder staged in Student Center

Actors cook up mystery, murder and munchies

Jakina Hill DAILY EGYPTIAN

Salad, dinner and dessert were served up with a side of murder for SIUC mystery lovers dur-

ing the weekend. A combination of applause and laughter

could be heard Friday night in the Renaissance Room of the Student Center as guests of "The Dapper Flapper," a 1920sera murder mystery dinner, dined and investigated.

The audience members received scripts and

decided how big or small their role would be in figuring out "whodunit."

Former Student Center directors T.J. Rutherford and John Corker were in attendance Friday night. Both said they have been to mystery dinners before.

"They are so much fun," Rutherford said. "Good food and good company."

Though the room could accommodate between 70 and 80 people, only eight tables were filled.

Corker said he thought the other events around campus, including the "Pink Out" women's basketball game, kept students away. The \$20 ticket price might also have been a factor in low student turnout, Corker said.

Student Center Special Programs and Center Events hosted the event. David Schappe, a graduate assistant from Ohio who works with SPACE, said the organization has been planning the event since last

year's murder mystery dinner.

Schrappe said he thought the dinner went well, and said the organiaudience here zation planned to make it an annual event. Next year, however, the organization went very well. would schedule it closer to - John Yard Valentine's Day, Schrappe actor in Bissell Mansion Murder Mystery Theatre said.

group John Yard, one of the two actors, said audience participation is what makes the show.

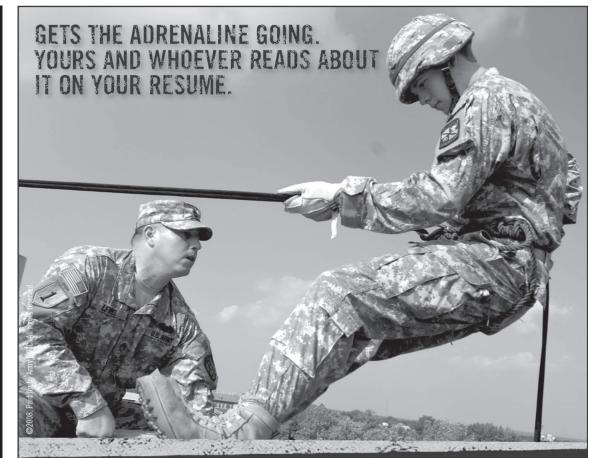
'We had a good audience here so the show went very well,"Yard said.

Both of the actors who performed in and directed the show were from Bissell Mansion Restaurant and Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre of St. Louis.

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Bethany Carriger, a senior from Decatur studying health education, laughs with Brenda Sue Fowler of the Bissell Mansion Murder Mystery Theatre group Friday at the Student Center. Carriger, assigned the part of J. Edgar Hooker, was one of several audience members to have an impromtu performance during the Dapper Flapper Mystery Theatre.



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Striking writers to vote on contract

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Writers Guild of America moved swiftly Sunday toward a resolution of its threemonth-old strike, with guild leaders deciding to recommend the contract to members and ask them to vote on a quick end to the walkout.

By asking writers to vote separately on ending the strike and accepting the contract, the union cleared the way for the entertainment industry to return to work almost immediately.

Membership meetings will be held Tuesday in New York and Los Angeles to allow writers to decide whether the strike should be brought to a speedy end, said Patric Verrone, president of the guild's West Coast branch.

"This the best deal this guild has bargained for in 30 years,"Verrone said.

UNITED NATIONS

U.N. says 12,000 refugees flee Sudan for Chad after airstrikes

GENEVA (AP) - Up to 12,000 refugees fled Sudan's Darfur region to neighboring Chad over the weekend following air strikes by the Sudanese military and thousands more may be coming, the U.N. refugee agency said Sunday.

The agency was bringing emergency assistance to the Chad border where the Darfur refugees were giving detailed descriptions of air attacks Friday on three West Darfur towns.

The refugees are "destitute and terrified," said Helene Caux, spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees headquartered in Geneva "They told of their villages being looted and burned, and encircled by militia." Most of the new refugees in Chad are men and they told the U.N. that thousands of women and children are on their way, Caux added.

U.N. officials say the worsening situation in Darfur has been exacerbated by a recent rebel attack on the capital of neighboring Chad. Chad has accused Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir of backing those rebels in a bid to prevent deployment of a European peacekeeping force in the Chad-Sudan border region where some 400,000 refugees are living.

VENEZUELA

Venezuelan president threatens to cut off oil sales to United States

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) President Hugo Chavez on Sunday threatened to cut off oil sales to the United States in an "economic war" if Exxon Mobil Corp. wins court judg-ments to seize billions of dollars in Venezuelan assets.

Exxon Mobil has gone after the assets of state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA in U.S., British and Dutch courts as it challenges the nationalization of a multibillion dollar oil project by Chavez's government.

A British court has issued an injunction "freezing" as much as \$12 billion in assets.

"If you end up freezing (Venezuelan assets) and it harms us, we're going to harm you," Chavez said during his weekly radio and television program, "Hello, President.""Do you know how? We aren't going to send oil to the United States

Obama wins Maine caucuses

Glenn Adams The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — Barack Obama defeated Hillary Rodham Clinton in Maine presidential caucuses Sunday, grabbing a majority of delegates as the state's Democrats overlooked the snowy weather and turned out in heavy numbers for municipal gatherings.

Democrats in 420 Maine towns and cities were deciding how the state's 24 delegates will be allotted at the party's national convention in August. Despite the weather, turnout was "incredible," party executive director Arden Manning said.

With 87 percent of the participating precincts reporting, Obama led in state delegates elected over Clinton, 1,837 to 1,277, with 17 uncommitted.

Obama won at least 13 of Maine's delegates to the national convention, with three still left to award. Clinton won at least eight. In the overall race for the nomination, Clinton leads with 1,135, including separately chosen party and elected officials known as superdelegates. Obama has 1,106.

The voting came a day after Obama and Clinton made personal appeals here, and after Obama picked up wins in Louisiana, Nebraska and Washington.

Organizers had expected heavy participation at the caucuses, but snow was falling and gusting winds hit as many of the gatherings were scheduled.

The weather didn't appear to have hurt turnout. Caucuses started late in Bangor and several other locations



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Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama waves to supporters with his wife Michelle as they celebrate his Super Tuesday victories at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Tuesday in Chicago.

across the state because so many people showed up that they were lined up outside the doors.

In Maine's largest city, Democrats carrying "Obama" and "Hillary" signs waited to get into the citywide caucus at Portland High School in separate lines that snaked nearly three city blocks in opposite directions.

Colin Johnson, an Obama supporter in Portland, said the Illinois senator is not a typical politician. "I'm convinced he's a once-in-a-generation leader," he said.

"He's young and energetic and Washington and the White House could benefit from some

fresh air," said Joe Lewis, another Obama supporter.

But Tony Donovan said Obama can use some more seasoning. Donavan was supporting Clinton because she, like him, was a baby boomer who shared similar values and because she has the experience and the team to lead in Washington.

Clinton replaces campaign manager

Beth Fouhy THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton replaced campaign manager Patti Solis Doyle with longtime aide Maggie Williams on Sunday, engineering a shake-up in a presidential campaign struggling to overcome rival Barack Obama's financial and political strengths.

The surprise announcement came hours after Obama's sweep of three contests Saturday. The

Illinois senator also grabbed the early lead in caucuses in Maine

on Sunday. Campaign aides longtime Clinton confidante who joined the campaign after the New York senator narrowly won the New Hampshire primary Jan. 8. She will begin assuming the duties of campaign manager this week.

The staff shake-up caps a week in which Clinton grabbed the bigger prizes on Super Tuesday, winning New York, California and New Jersey, but Obama prevailed in more contests. Obama won the popular vote in 13 states, while Clinton won in eight states and American Samoa. Both Clinton

and Obama raised a stunning \$100 million each last year, but Clinton recently has lagged

Gates: Iraqi leaders closer to reconciliation

Robert Burns THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Hard choices face Iraq's political leaders on how to stabilize the country despite promising new signs of progress toward reconciliation, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Sunday.

"They seem to have become energized over the last few weeks," Gates said. The Pentagon chief told reporters who traveled with him from a conference in Germany that he wants to "see

Gates arrived after dark at Baghdad International Airport aboard an Air Force C-17 cargo plane. He flew by helicopter to a private dinner with government officials, including al-Maliki, and the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, as well as U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker.

It was Gates' first visit this year and possibly his last before Petraeus and Crocker return to Washington in April to recommend to President Bush whether to continue reducing U.S. troop levels after Petraeus' current drawdown plan is completed in

Take note, Mr. Bush, Mr. Danger."

WASHINGTON D.C.

Most people in poll believe country is in grips of a recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — Empty homes and for-sale signs clutter neighborhoods. You've lost your job or know someone who has. Your paycheck and nest egg are taking a hit.

Could the country be in recession? Sixty-one percent of the public believes the economy is now suffering through its first recession since 2001, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll.

The fallout from a depressed housing market and a credit crunch nearly caused the economy to stall in the final three months of last year. Some experts, like the majority of people questioned in the poll, say the economy actually may be shrinking now. The worry is that consumers and businesses will hunker down further and pull back spending, sending the economy into a tailspin.

"Absolutely, we're in a recession," said Hilda Sanchez, 44, of Waterford, Calif.

said Solis Dovle made the decision to leave on her own and was not urged to do so by the former first lady or any other senior member of the team. But

it comes as Clinton

struggles to catch Obama in fundraising and momentum and faces the prospect of losing every voting contest yet to come in February.

Solis Doyle announced the shift in an e-mail to the staff on Sunday.

"I have been proud to manage this campaign and prouder still to call Hillary my friend for more than 16 years," Solis Doyle wrote. "Maggie is a remarkable person and I am confident that she will do a fabulous job."

Solis Doyle said she will serve as a senior adviser to Clinton and the campaign, and travel with Clinton from time to time.

Williams, who served as Clinton's White House chief of staff, is a

behind Obama in prouder still to call money collected. Hillary my friend for He raised \$32 more than 16 years.

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million in January to her \$13.5 mil-— Patti Solis Doyle former campaign manager lion, forcing her to lend her campaign

\$5 million before Super Tuesday. The campaign said Saturday that it had raised \$10 million since the beginning of February.

Obama enjoyed a three-state sweep Saturday night, winning the Louisiana primary and caucuses in Washington state and Nebraska. He has the potential to pad his victories in contests Tuesday in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, as well as next week in Wisconsin and his native Hawaii.

Clinton is hoping to stem the tide on March 4 when Ohio, Texas, Rhode Island and Vermont vote.

In a statement, Clinton praised Solis Dovle and said she looked forward to her continued advice in the coming months.

what the prospects are for further success in the next couple of months."

In an interview on the trip to Iraq, Gates cited the recent passage of an amnesty law as an example of political progress. He said he would ask Iraqi leaders to assess the prospects for other important steps such as passing a law that would spell out power-sharing between the provinces and the national government.

He compared the struggle over that idea to the U.S. founding fathers' quest to find a constitutional compromise on how to share power in Congress between big and small states.

Gates said he would make clear to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and other political leaders that "our continued eagerness for them to proceed and successfully conclude some of this legislation" considered essential to reconciling Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds.

July. By then, four brigades are to have gone home, leaving 15.

"I would be interested in how they are planning it - which units are coming out" between now and July, Gates said.

The trickier question is whether Petraeus will tell Bush that security conditions in Baghdad and elsewhere have improved enough to permit even more troop cuts without risking a deterioration in security. Petraeus' strategy is based on an expectation that improved security over time will give Iraqi political leaders an impetus to make compromises on legislation and other moves toward reconciliation.

Asked whether he would question Petraeus about the possibility of recommending a pause in the troop drawdown this summer, Gates replied, "I think our conversation will cover the whole range of possibilities."

OUTAGE

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opted not to shut down campus during the outage last week and instead allow professors to decide whether to cancel classes, he said.

David Coats, a junior from Winnebago studying mechanical engineering, said he did not see outages as emergencies. He said he would like to be notified, but an email seemed inappropriate because many students probably could not receive them while the power was out.

"I think they should inform us somehow but they probably couldn't do it by e-mail," he said.

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JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN A student enters Morris Library shortly after the power went out last Monday. University officials said the university does not treat power outages as emergencies.

PLAN

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Rod Blagojevich's desk.

A list of possible delays include a controversial gambling expansion to allocate the plan's \$9 billion, a continuing battle between two Chicago Democrats and priority shifting by legislators to other issues requiring state funds, such as the mass-transit bailout approved in January.

Bost, R-Carbondale, has been one of many legislators to say the capital plan will not be approved so long as gambling is the primary source of funding. The expansion would make Illinois more dependent on gambling than any other state.

Bost said an ongoing feud between Blagojevich and House Speaker Michael Madigan might be a bigger problem.

'(Madigan) doesn't want to release \$9 billion of the state's money while this governor is in office," he said.

Steve Brown, a spokesman for Madigan, said Bost's theory is not correct. Brown said most legislators believe the plan also needs additional assurance the money will be released to the construction projects.

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Recreation Center recovers from flood

Administrators work to address water damage **Allison Petty** DAILY EGYPTIAN

Custodial staff and administrators at the Recreation Center are working to address water damage caused by Tuesday's flash flood.

Corné Prozesky, assistant director of the facilities, said heavy rains left the lower level of the building covered by 1 to 1.5 inches of water Tuesday night.

Despite the efforts of staff members working to combat the heavy water flow, several floors were still damaged, Prozesky said. However, a positive aspect of the ordeal came when off-duty student workers arrived to help clean up the damage, he said.

"That was so awesome from our point of view, to see all these students of their own free will come and help us," Prozesky said.

Several rooms will need carpet replacements, Prozesky said. Additionally, the water ruined wax on some of the building's cement floors.

He said custodial staff worked all night Thursday to replace the wax, but needed another night's work to replace all the damage.

Gary Tisdale, marketing director for Recreational Sports and Services, said the damage was not significant.

Tisdale, who has worked at the facility for 14 years, said Tuesday's flash flood was minor compared to damage sustained during previous incidents.

He said a large drainage pipe on the facility's lower level could alleviate some of the pressure caused by rapid water flow, but the building's location left it subject to some rainrelated problems.

"It's just a low-lying area. The water just all rushes back there there's just nowhere for it to go," Tisdale said. "With this type of rain, I don't think anything could've handled that."

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Wednesday, February 13

International Bazaar Hall of Fame, Student Cente 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Food Fair Bailrooms, Student Center 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Rang De Basanti (2006) Directed by Rakesh Omprakash Mehra Presented by Jyotsna Kapur (Lecturer) Cinema and Photography College of Mass communication and Media Arts Auditorium, Student Center 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 14 International Bazaar Hall of Fame, Student Center 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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STUDENT COLUMN

Thumbs down to the flu and Facebook spam

It's like

Facebook has

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Thumbs Up to Pinch Penny Pub for shedding the glass for the annual Polar Bear Party. I understand why they made the switch to cans as cans don't shatter and create a 4inch thick layer of broken glass all over the ground.

Maybe next year they can take all the cans and scrap them and then donate the proceeds to something like the Coach Kill Cancer Fund, SIRSS, or even Saluki Way. Since everyone and his brother seemed like he was in town for the event, I'm sure it will continue to grow bigger and bigger each year.

Maybe attaching a cause to the event is something the organizers might want to think about.

Thumbs Down to the flu bug that hit campus. It seems like everyone has come down with it and there seems to be no end in sight. I had it about a month ago and it's not fun.

The symptoms are high fever, chills, sore throat, joint pain — the works. A nurse at the Student Health Center told me it's transmitted through the air by coughing and sneezing, so the best protection is to wash your hands all the time. Especially if you or someone you know might be getting sick.

Thumbs Up to new football coach Dale

Lennon on his first recruiting class. Despite getting a late start on the recruiting season, coach Lennon and his staff were still able to pull in commitments from 19 athletes from 11 different states on national signing day Wednesday.

Thumbs Down to all the Facebook application spam.

Some of these applications Facebook has been adding are getting out of control. I don't know about any of you, but it seems like every time I log on, I'm bombarded with the most random requests for Facebook applications that I know the person who sent it to me didn't actually send it to me.

It's like Facebook has developed a mind of its own.

Thumbs Up to former SIU coach Bruce

Weber and the rest of the University of Illinois athletic department for apologizing for Illinis' cruel behavior towards Indiana player Eric Gordon last Thursday night. Not that SIU students were any better (the F-U Gordon chant on national TV was real classy guys) when we played Indiana earlier in the season, but there were many who took it way

too far last Thursday.

It's nice to see that people like Bruce Weber are willing to step up and acknowledge that a line was crossed. Come on guys, he changed his mind about where he wanted to go to college. This kind of thing happens in college football all the time.

There's a reason it's called a verbal commitment.

Thumbs Up to pitchers and catchers reporting to spring training this Wednesday, which officially begins the 2008 Major League Baseball season. To an avid baseball enthusiast like me, the time from the end of the World Series to spring training is like an eternity.

This time of the year also marks the official season opening for all the trash talking between Cardinals, Cubs and Sox fans down

here in Carbondale.

Thumbs Down to all the government officials who are more concerned with whether Roger Clemons took steroids or if the Patriots spied on the Rams in the 2001 Super Bowl. Aren't there more serious issues going on for the government to deal with then to step in and police the sports world?

Spygate and steroids should be dealt with by the NFL and MLB, not a congressional panel.

Thumbs Up to the Saluki softball team for sweeping through the competition at the Jacksonville University Tournament. The Diamond Dawgs went 5-0, including two wins against the University of Minnesota over the weekend and outscored their opponents 37-9.

Have something you think deserves a Thumbs Up or a Thumbs Down on campus, in Carbondale or in general? Let me know and if I think your Thumbs Up or Down is worthy of the Monday morning DAILY EGYPTIAN, I'll include it in my column. Please, serious inquiries only.

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STAFF COLUMN

The bucket list: Part deux

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For all four of you wondering what numbers five through one are, wait no longer. Last week, in honor of the recent movie "Bucket List," I started a Carbondale knock-off.

In short, these are the things you must do before you graduate. If you slipped into a drunken coma and missed last Monday, here's a quick recap:

10. Rock out at a dirty house party.

9. Stick it to the man – shop locally.

8. SIU sports are free to watch. Free is good. SIU sports are (mostly) good.

7. Stay for the summer. It's a blast.

6. Check out the local watering holes. Been dying to know what tops the list?

5. Hit the outdoors

Staying inside your apartment sucks. It's muggy in the summer because you aren't rich enough to turn the air on. Your place reeks because the dog peed all over the carpet last month. Solution: Venture outside of the box.

Not only is southern Illinois home to some great lakes and forests, but it also boasts great parks such as Giant City. Follow the fresh air further and you'll find a host of wineries, great running trails and minor league baseball in Marion.

4. Wonderful Winston

My brother is a sophomore in high school now. He's only 26. We're real proud of him. If you haven't heard this story and others, you need to get out. Go see the Bagelman.

Winston is usually staked out across from Pinch Penny Pub five or six nights a week. If you're looking for a cucumber-pickle-brown sugar-brownie bagel, you can get it. Or something like it.

afford that.

3. Church

So you've gone to church your whole life. Then you come to college, and forget all 13 Commandments. Yeah, like that.

Just because you have free reign to do whatever you please, don't forget how you were raised. There are plenty of great churches in the area. Don't be afraid to check them out. 2. Quatro's

Oh crap, I already mentioned checking out the local flavor. This doesn't deserve its own placeholder. Must move it elsewhere.

No, Quatro's holds the No. 2 spot. Call me biased, but this pizza rocks my shoes off. I'm not sure how they do it, but this pizza pie makes my taste buds chest bump each other when the cheese touches my tongue.

Aside from my girlfriend, Quatro's will be the reason to drive back to Carbondale after I graduate.

pery rocks and soaking in some sun while floating in some germ-infested water.

Who am I kidding. The Spillway is wonderful. It's like a mini vacation waiting to be had. Last summer, alcohol was banned at the Spillway. For some, this was a striking blow to summertime. I enjoy the dry waters much better this way.

If you're a Spillway veteran, up your game.

Try taking a queen bed-sized blow up raft, cooler and grill, iPod and speakers and a bevy of drinks out on the water with you. Then you've made it to the big time.

That's it. Young ones, make sure to get going and add any amendments you see fit. If you're on your way out, make every effort to soak it up before you ditch irresponsibility and stale chips for a 9-to-5 and nicer clothes.

Most of all, never stop exploring. I'm going to do that now. Revisions may be called for ...

Without any further banter, let's get down to Plus, it's like \$1.50. Even us broke folk can the top five.

1. Spillway There's nothing like a hike up some slip-

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VOICES DESK

As some might already have gathered, technology has not been on our side lately. The Voices e-mail, voices@siude.com, has officially gone kaput.

We have not received any of the surely numerous letters, submissions and other messages for about a week. For this we apologize and bring you a NEW e-mail address that will hopefully never let us down again:

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We hope to hear from you soon. We've been lonely.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

⁶⁶ I happen to agree with those who think you have a right to kill yourself.⁹⁹

Michael Bloomberg

New York City mayor on being opposed to a federal smoking ban. Bloomberg has donated millions to the WHO tobacco study and initiative



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Southern Illinois University

Gloria Bode says check out the pulse team's latest chatter in tomorrow's edition.



Roscoe Jenkins not welcome

Devin Vaughn Daily Egyptian

'Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins' Rated PG-13 Starring: Martin Lawrence, James Earl Jones, Cedric the Entertainer, Michael Clarke Duncan, Mike Epps, Mo'Nique Directed by Malcolm D. Lee Runtime: 114 min



1 out of 5 stars

Good intentions only get a person so much, and they get a film even less.

"Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins" has its heart in the right place, championing family values and staying true to one's roots, but everything else gets lost along the way, leaving the audience stuck with a generic storyline and stereotypes in the place of characters.

Roscoe Jenkins (Martin Lawrence) is an up-and-coming daytime talk show host who returns home with his uppity fiancé after a nine-year absence to attend his parents' 50th wedding anniversary. Comedic antics ensue as reuniting with his family proves to be tough as old insecurities and rivalries return, forcing Roscoe to reevaluate he wishes to be. "Jenkins" offers nothing new or unexpected. Once all of the characters are introduced, it is clear

characters are introduced, it is clear what is going to happen. It doesn't help matters that writer-director Malcolm D. Lee strives to rid his film of all forms of subtlety.

In the film's exposition (which seems to account for half its running time), the audience learns just how big of a deal Roscoe is supposed to be. His fiancé boasts, "He's a star," to which everyone nods, and another man adds, "He's a superstar," and later "You're the talk of the town." Clearly, in Lee's mind, it is better to flatly state who or what a character is, as opposed to showing it.

Shortly thereafter, while en route to the Jenkins' homestead, Roscoe's son reads aloud the itinerary for the anniversary celebration, gushing over all of the scheduled events and leaving no doubt in the audience's mind that it has just heard the plot outline for the rest of the movie.

Lee also does not encourage his actors to play their roles with anything resembling delicacy. Half the time they are mugging for the camera and shouting. In fact, Lawrence's antics are so played-up and over the top they are capable



of being seen from outer space — but I suppose it is impressive on some level to witness Lawrence achieve something only previously accomplished by the Great Wall of China.

Interestingly enough, Malcolm

D. Lee is a younger cousin of acclaimed director Spike Lee ("Do the Right Thing," "Malcolm X," "Inside Man," etc.). More entertaining than watching the Jenkins' reunion would be watching the Lee reunion. One can only imagine,

Obama. Who else would you like to see get back together in support of a political candidate?

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but I'm pretty sure it would be less warm-hearted and would involve more cringing (at least on Spike's part).

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Devin Vaughn The 1985 Chicago Bears.

CHATTERBOX

Audra Ord

I definitely think N*Sync should reunite their dynamite boy band and put together some awesome choreography to demonstrate their support for [insert your favorite candidate here]. Maybe "It's Gonna Be Me" from their "No Strings Attached" album could be the candidate's theme song. Julie Engler

I think Michael Jackson should reunite with the Thriller dancers again.

Not exactly a hidden treasure

ULSE

Julie Engler Daily Egyptian

'Fool's Gold' Rated PG-13 Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson, Donald Sutherland, Alexis Dziena, Kevin Hart Directed by Andy Tennant Run time: 113 min

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1.5 out of 5 stars



Provided Photo

Bigg Bunny owns the island and has his cronies try to kill Finn. Of course they're not successful, otherwise there would be no movie, but the way these characters are portrayed isn't really funny, if it was supposed to be in the first place. There's also the dumb rich girl, Gemma Honeycutt (Alexis Dziena), who gets money from her daddy, Nigel (Donald Sutherland). She's ditzy and always demands money - \$28,000 over a game of gin, or \$25,000 to go shopping. But when it comes to getting a boat full of guys' attention, she does a great job in a tiny bikini. It's even worse when certain circumstances cause a sword to come flying through the air and land right between her legs, the camera sticks on the shot for a pause that's longer than needed. Overall, this movie might've been cute and romantic, but it scores low for just allout horrible direction and stereotyping that's really not enjoyable. And for viewers who are insecure about their bodies, this might not be a good Valentine's Day flick.

More mild than 'Wild'

The remaining members of the Grateful Dead have recently reunited in support of presidential candidate Barack



'Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show" Rated R Starring: Vince Vaughn, Ahmed Ahmed, Bret Ernst, John Caparulo, Sebastian Maniscalco Directed by Ari Sandel Run time: 100 minutes



The film works best during these scenes where we get insight into the way the comedic mind works. It's on much shakier ground during scenes where the comedians visit a Hurricane Katrina camp to give free tickets to evacuees, which seems a bit gratuitous. It also was probably not the wisest decision to show them engaging in their various frat boy antics, which range from uncomfortable to occasionally offensive.

The film, directed by Ari Sandel and edited from more than 600 hours of footage, looks like crap, but that's to be expected from a documentary. What sucks is that the film isn't long enough to be insightful, yet is too long in and of itself. One hundred minutes is a long time to spend with these people in one sitting, and perhaps if the film had been a TV series a la "Dane Cook's Tourgasm," it might have been stronger and more interesting. At its heart, though, the film is a funny endeavor. It takes a while to get going, but there are bits of comedic gold to be found in the proceedings Vaughn manages to keep the whole tour moving along like a whirling dervish, and the free wheeling nature of the shows lead to some hilarious bits. The cameos by people like Justin Long, Dwight Yoakam and Peter Billingsley add to the fun, and what we see of the comedians themselves makes them all seem like nice guys, even if their material isn't always up to snuff. "Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show" is a far from perfect film and yet it is one with a curious fascination, and one that offers some interesting insights into a difficult profession. It's difficult to recommend, but for a video rental on a rainy day, it would do nicely.

where the main characters are much more attractive than the plot or dialogue.

The focus is on Matthew McConaughey's abs and Kate Hudson in a bikini as they struggle through a divorce to find a treasure lost long ago in the sea. It's a light-hearted fluff piece surprisingly full of nasty deaths and crotch hits.

Hudson is the smart intellectual Tess Finnegan, who at the beginning of the movie divorces hubby Benjamin Finnegan (McConaughey) because he's not very smart. The two wound up in Florida searching for the remains of a Spanish ship that sunk hundreds of years ago and hadn't been found.

But when the boat Tess was going to sell for college money sinks and Ben ends up in debt to the island owner, rapper Bigg Bunny (Kevin Hart), the two find themselves in a race to find the treasure to save their lives, slowly uncovering history in the process.

One thing that was disturbing was that all the bad guys in the movie were rich black men looking to snatch up the treasure for themselves. This could have been a fun, happy Hollywood movie, yet the play on racial stereotypes will make anyone cringe.

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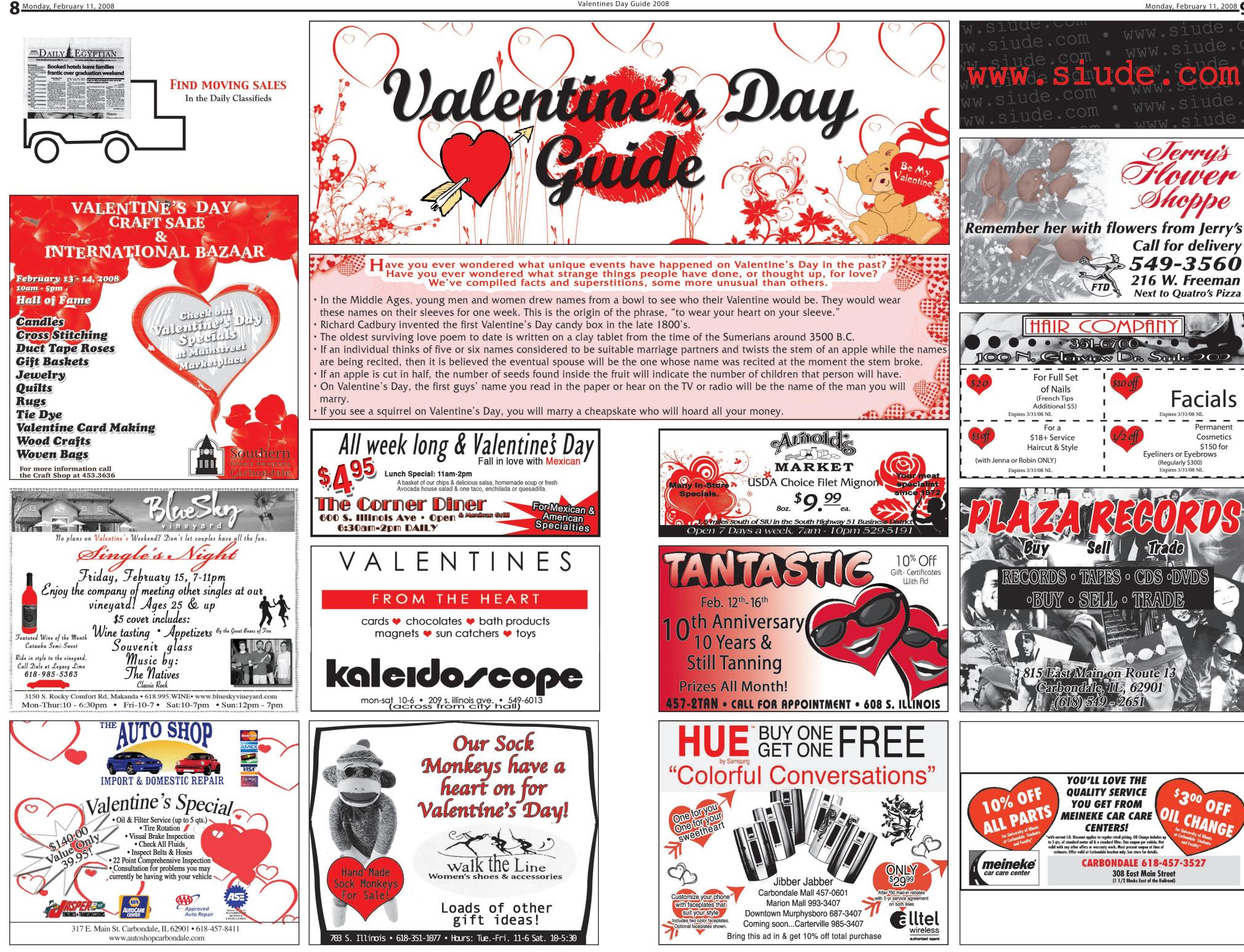
In 2005, Vince Vaughn set out with a group of four comedians to do 30 comedy shows in 30 days. The idea was that at each show, there would not only be stand up, but surprise guests, improvisation, music and general merriment.

"Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show" chronicles this 30-day journey. Although the film is wildly uneven and doesn't give the audience enough of the comedy shows, it's decent entertainment that provides an interesting look behind the scenes at these shows.

It's difficult to describe the film without simply recounting the standup routines, but anyone who has ever attended an open mic night should be familiar with the kind of observational humor these comedians dish out. The two standouts are Caparulo, whose annoying voice and foul mouth instantly endear him, and Ahmed, a man who has two first names and does some terrific jokes about his Arab and Egyptian heritage.

The comedians also recount some of the trials and tribulations that lead to the formation of their material. Ahmed visits a police station where he was racially profiled, and Ernst tells about his gay brother who died of AIDS, giving him new material and a way to honor his brother through standup.

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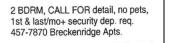
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Basketball

ball and went up."

high 20 points.

State, 78-58.

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The Salukis received a strong per-

The dominating performance was

formance from freshman guard Ellen

Young as well. Young scored a game-

in stark contrast to SIU's Friday night

effort, where it was routed by Missouri

thing going offensively against the

The Salukis struggled to get any-

and again defeated the Golden Gophers 3-1 on a complete game three-hitter by junior pitcher Katie McNamara.

McNamara credited the catching rotation of Wamsley and freshincluding a 1-for-9 performance from beyond the arc. Coach Dana Eikenberg said confidence was part of the problem.

Bears (7-14, 5-5) and shot 24 per-

cent from the field in the first half,

"When you're giving up three and you're getting zero out of it, sure, that starts to kill you," Eikenberg said. "But instead of somebody saying hey we got to get a stop, we keep trying to drive it home offensively."

Smith led the Salukis with a double-double.

Despite her 17 points and 13

rebounds, no one else managed a

significant contribution. Smith's layup

cut the lead to 10 at the 7:41 mark but

in 13 points but Sweere was held

scoreless in the first half and finished

suffered a minor head injury in the

first half and was held out of the rest

of the game and did not play against

Senior guard Erin Pauk chipped

Freshman guard Tanaeva Worden

SIU would get no closer.

with five points.

the Shockers.

(the pitchers)," Wamsley said. The Salukis will travel to Starkville, Miss., Friday to play in the Bulldog Round Robin hosted by Mississippi State University.

Megan Kramper can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 256 or megkramp@siu.edu.



Freshman forward Katrina Swingler fights **Missouri State** forward Tiff Terwelp for the ball during Friday night's 78-58 loss in the Arena. The Salukis trailed the Lady Bears all night and shot just 32.8 percent from the field. BRANDON CHAPPLE DAILY EGYPTIAN

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man Cristina Trapani with helping the new pitching lineup to stay positive and aggressive.

Overall the Salukis outscored their opponents 37-9 and Wamsley said she knew the offense was going to have to be key because of the young pitching staff.

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Stinnett had two highlight reel dunks and a circus shot where he did a 360-degree turn under the hoop while falling down and sinking a shot he never aimed.

Lowery said the combination of Stinnett and Woodfox was too much for the Salukis during the game.

"P'Allen Stinnett is a rhythm guy, he needs the crowd screaming his name to play," Lowery said. "Booker Woodfox comes off the bench and gets 20 on us and those things just make you mad."

Creighton simply could not miss in the first half and when it did, it chased down the rebound. The Bluejays shot 60 percent from the field and out-rebounded SIU 15-8 - six of those coming on theoffensive glass.

The Saluki offense had opportunities to match the Blueiavs and even though SIU managed to shoot 47 percent in the first half, it missed at crucial times.

Creighton started the game on a 10-2 run and the Salukis responded with three missed open looks that led the Bluejays to take a 17-9 lead. Creighton continued to build the lead to 24-11 with 7:30 to play.

Woodfox was the key player in leading Creighton to a 45-26 halftime lead. Woodfox went 5-for-6 from the field and 2-for-3 from beyond the arc to finish the half with 16 points.

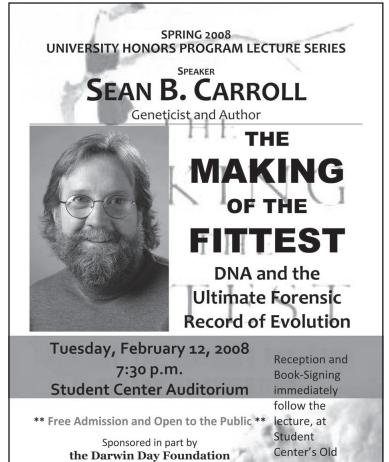
Defensively the Bluejays were just as efficient. Creighton shut down the Salukis' leaders throughout the whole half. Falker, Mullins and Shaw combined for seven points with Shaw's first field goal not coming until the second half.

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CREIGHTON DEFEATS SIU, 72-53

Salukis fall to 1-9 on the road

Jeff Engelhardt DAILY EGYPTIAN

The first time SIU and Creighton met, the Salukis held the Bluejays to 44 points.

Sunday night, Creighton had 45 points by halftime.

The Salukis dropped their ninth true road game 72-53 to Creighton. The loss drops SIU to a fifth-place tie in the Missouri Valley Conference while propelling Creighton into third.

Coach Chris Lowery had never lost in the Qwest Center before Sunday and said the previous success was because of the Salukis' (12-12, 7-6) ability to keep the crowd out of the game. The Creighton fans were into the game the whole time Sunday after the Bluejays set the pace with a 10-2 run.

Lowerv said the team couldn't stop Creighton from building

Women's **B**ASKETBALL

momentum behind the recordbreaking home crowd.

"We told them we had to keep the crowd out of it," Lowery said. "This is a team that totally depends on the crowd and they play much better here at home than they do on the road."

The game was slipping from the Salukis before the second half even began as they found themselves trailing 45-26. Creighton (17-6, 8-5) punished the Salukis as it scored 29 points off turnovers. The Salukis had a total of 23 turnovers, and eight of those were traveling violations.

The Salukis traditional top performers were quiet for most of the game. Junior guard Bryan Mullins finished with a team-high 11 points on the game, but only three of those came in the first half.

Randal Falker and Matt Shaw

On the other side, guards Booker Mullins, who committed seven

up at all."

Senior guard Tyrone Green defends Indiana State senior guard

Gabriel Moore during the 80 - 69 win over the Sycamores Feb. 5 at

SIU Arena. SIU lost 72-53 to Creighton Sunday.

finished with seven and eight points

turnovers, said Creighton came out

than us today," Mullins said. "We

have to be able to play like we do

at home with emotion and ener-

gy. Just because our crowd is not

behind us doesn't mean we can let

"They just wanted to win more

with more energy and heart.

respectively.

Woodfox and freshman P'Allen Stinnett led the offensive attack. Woodfox brought the efficiency by scoring a game-high 20 points while Stinnett brought the energy, finishing with 14 points that kept the crowd screaming.

Matt Hartwig

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Junior guard Kaci Bailey didn't

In the afternoon, Bailey's hot

even know she was going to be in

the starting five until early Sunday

3-point shooting carried the SIU

women's basketball team to a 66-54

win over Wichita State at the SIU

Bailey, a native of Dresden,

Tenn., scored 13 points on 4-of-8

shooting from beyond the arc to

give the Salukis the outside presence they have been looking for.

came from 3-point range and 10

came in the second half.

about making the start.

All but one of Bailey's points

Bailey said she was a bit nervous

"The first shot I took didn't

quite hit the rim, but I just blocked

it out," she said. "I kept telling

myself that I got the next one and I

morning.

Arena.

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Salukis open season undefeated

SOFTBALL

Megan Kramper DAILY EGYPTIAN

Moving their game from the indoors to a warm dirt mound was positive for the SIU softball team.

The Salukis opened the 2008 season with a perfect weekend earning victories over Big Ten opponent Minnesota and host Jacksonville to put their record at 5-0.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said she was extremely pleased with the team's victories this weekend but knows the Salukis have to take every game one at a time.

"We talked about it today — the season isn't a sprint, it's a marathon," Blaylock said after the tournament Sunday. "We're happy with the start but obviously there's a long way to go."

The team opened up play Friday morning as it defeated UNC-Greensboro with big hits by senior shortstop Becky Wegmann and sophomore outfielder Katie Wagner to help put the Salukis up 3-0 in the fifth inning.

Junior catcher Jayme Wamsley and junior third baseman Katie Wagner added two more runs for the Salukis that led to a 5-0 victory.

In the second game of the day, the Salukis edged out Coastal Carolina 4-3 on a big play by Wamsley.

With SIU leading 4-3 at the top of the seventh, Costal Carolina tried for a rally but Wamsley caught junior infielder Verity Long-Droppert trying to steal second and freshman pitcher Nikki Waters shut out the next two batters to seal the victory.

The Salukis opened Saturday with a come-from-behind win over Minnesota 11-4.

Down 4-3 at the top of the fourth, sophomore second baseman Alicia Garza blasted a threerun homer and senior utility player Chelsea Petty pounded an RBItriple to make the score 7-4.

Blaylock said any time the team can get a win over a Big Ten conference opponent it helps them earn respect as a program. The SIU bats continued to connect as the Salukis added three more runs in the inning with a single by Wamsley and double by junior utility player Katie Schmidt. Rounding out play Saturday night, the Salukis' offense didn't rest as they easily defeated the Jacksonville Dolphins 14-1. The Salukis racked up an astonishing 16 hits, which was three shy of their last season record 19 when they faced Northern Iowa on Apr. 21, 2007. Senior first baseman Lauren Hass led the hitting parade as she scored five RBI's including a three run homerun. Senior outfielder Tiffanie Dismore and freshman outfielder Chelsea Held both blasted homeruns in the contest.





Senior guard **Jayme Sweere** threads a pass through Wichita State defense Sunday. The woman's basketball team will go to Creighton Friday. **JASON JOHNSON** DAILY EGYPTIAN

didn't get discouraged. Three years ago I wouldn't have taken the next one but I didn't let it faze me."

SIU finally stopped its fourgame Missouri Valley Conference losing streak thanks to a wellrounded offensive effort.

The Salukis (8-13, 4-7 MVC) went up 33-22 at halftime and never looked back.

They held an 11-point lead over the Shockers (8-15, 2-9) for almost the entire second half.

Wichita State cut the lead to 10 on a 3-pointer from junior guard Whitney Rice with 1:07 remaining, but a pair of free throws from SIU junior guard Erica Smith ended any threat less than a minute later.

Smith finished with four points and 12 rebounds and senior guard Jayme Sweere added 15 points and 10 rebounds.

"We knew that if we wanted a offensive rebound we could go get it," Smith said. "I just pursued the

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On Sunday the Salukis faced Minnesota for the second time

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