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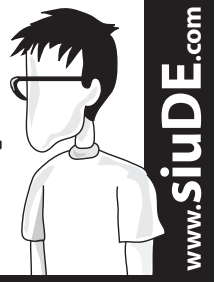
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SIU gears up for national spotlight

ESPN's College GameDay set to broadcast Creighton vs. SIU game

Megan Krampfer
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While the SIU men's basketball game versus Creighton Saturday night might only last a few hours, the process to put it on a national stage will take days.

With much anticipation, ESPN crews arrived in Carbondale Wednesday with its show "College GameDay" to televise the two Missouri Valley Conference rivals as they duke it out. It marks the first time an MVC contest has been featured on the popular broadcast.

But the opportunity to showcase the mid-major on a national stage excites more than just those in the conference, said Michael Fountain, the senior coordinating producer for College GameDay.

"We get excited when we go to a place where we've never been and the smaller towns and smaller venues because the crowds are generally a little more enthusiastic and a little more excited," Fountain said.

Fountain said overall he and his crew — which includes roughly 70 people varying from



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Dawg Pound fans cheer on the Saluki men's basketball team during the Dec. 1 game against Indiana. ESPN's College GameDay will be in Carbondale Saturday and fans are encouraged to dress in maroon for their live broadcast at the SIU Arena.

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USG split on fee increase

Organization says no to two student, two housing fees

Allison Petty
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Heated debate and an unusual number of student participants filled the Undergraduate Student Govern-

ment meeting Wednesday, with most of the discussion surrounding a \$25 fee increase.

The organization voiced its opinion on proposed student fee increases totaling \$100.60. That figure does not include proposed increases to housing fees, which are only paid by students who live in those facilities.

Students and administrators filled nearly every seat in the Student Health Center auditorium for the vote.

The most controversial topic was the \$25.60 proposed campus recreation fee increase, which would increase the fee from \$6 to \$31.60. Willie Ehling, director of recreational sports and services, has said the increase would pay to keep facilities that would be lost to relocation during Saluki Way, as well as add new elements such as restrooms, adaptive fitness trails and a band shelter.

After listening to an hour of public comments from students, senators voted against the measure.

"Your tuition is locked. Your fees are not," said USG President Demetrous White, addressing the senators before the vote. "What do we say to those students who are sitting in their 12th grade classes getting excited about college because they want to be somebody, but won't be able to afford it?"

The organization split the \$54 intercollegiate athletic fee into two parts. Mario Moccia, director of athletics, has said \$10 of the fee would cover operating costs, while the remaining \$44 would be designated for Saluki Way. Senators voted against both amounts, which would increase the \$221 fee to \$275.

Jordan Wicks, a sophomore from Ancona studying animal science, was one of 12 students who spoke during an hour of public comments.

Wicks, a member of the

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Police aim to stem burglary rise

House Watch aims to protect empty residences

Lydia Bargielski
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

After residential burglaries jumped 51 percent during the most recent winter break from one year ago, the Carbondale police are urging citizens to take advantage of some "extra-special protection."

In an attempt to curb burglaries for those away from their residences, Carbondale police provide a free service for applicants wanting extra security. The House Watch program allows officers to help watch and secure unprotected homes.

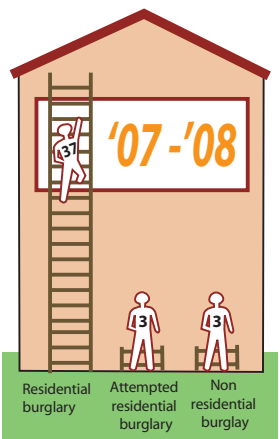
Officer Randy Mathis said thirty-seven residential burglaries and three nonresidential burglaries were reported to the police during SIUC's winter break. Police arrested three individuals in connection with two of the burglaries.

During the university's winter break the previous year, between Dec.

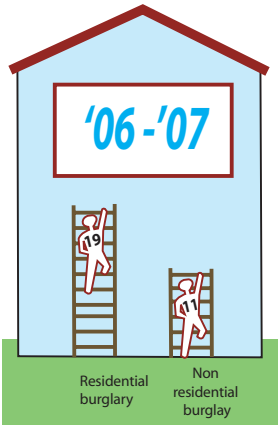
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Holiday break-ins

Incidents of burglary in Carbondale during the Christmas holiday



Source: Carbondale police



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Brandon Allen, a student senator representing Brush Towers and University Park reacts to statements made during the hour long public comments portion of the USG meeting Wednesday night.

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Taco Sale

• 8 p.m.- 2 a.m. today, Friday, Saturday at the Newman Center parking lot
• Fundraiser for students participating in Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge during spring break in Mobile, Ala.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Campus building faces second safety scare

For the second time in a week, students and faculty were evacuated from the Life Science II building.
According to Lt. Harold Tucker, SIUC Department of Public Safety, authorities were notified at 3:16 p.m. Wednesday of a fire alarm in the lower level of Life Science II.
Tucker said, as far as his department could tell, it looked as if the alarm had been manually pulled, and there were no signs of a fire and emergency.
"Someone activated what is called a pull station," Tucker said.
A pull station is the fire alarm that is accessible to the public.
The fire department checked the building and students and faculty were allowed back in at 3:36 p.m.

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Robbery investigation produces suspect photo

A crime that occurred shortly before Christmas break may soon be solved thanks to surveillance footage.
Carbondale Police released a suspect's image Wednesday from the crime in hopes someone may come forward with information leading to an arrest.
On Dec. 8, a robbery occurred in the parking lot of the University Mall. At approximately 2:28 a.m., a 19-year-old male Carbondale resident reported being approached by a man indicating he had a weapon. The suspect, described as a black male, 5'9", 170 lbs, with a medium build in his 20s, reportedly demanded the victim's property and ordered him to the ground before fleeing south on foot.



Surveillance cameras at a local business later captured footage of a man fitting the suspect's description, along with three other black males, using the victim's credit card.
"With this case, we're hoping to get some information from the public to help us out," said Officer Randy Mathis of the Carbondale Police.
Anyone with information is asked to contact the Carbondale police at 457-3200 or 549-COPS.

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POLICE REPORTS

A 23-year-old female SIUC student alleged a 26-year-old former SIUC student sexually assaulted her at University Hall in June of 2007. The suspect has been identified.

Thomas P. Connolly, 18, an SIUC student from Tinley Park, was transported to Jackson County Jail after alleged aggravated battery, obstructing a peace officer and resisting arrest at Schneider Hall Friday at 12:34 a.m. The victim did not require medical attention.

Kyle E. Kowalczyk, 19, an SIUC student from Tinley Park, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia at Schneider Hall Friday at 1:52 a.m. He was issued a Carbondale City notice to appear citations and released.

Jessica L. Skoniecki, 19, an SIUC student from

Bourbonnais, was arrested at Schneider Hall Friday at 1:52 a.m., charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and had a warrant for her arrest on an original charge of underage possession of alcohol. She was transported to the Jackson County Jail because she was unable to post the required bond on the warrant arrest.

Christopher A. Mitchell, 18, an SIUC student from Port Sheridan, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and underage consumption of alcohol at Schneider Hall Friday at 1:52 a.m. He was released on a personal recognizance bond.

Deborah J. Mosgrave, 82, from Cobden, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of drugs at the corner of West Mill and South Poplar streets Friday at 6:59 a.m. She posted her Illinois driver's license and a

\$100 cash bond.
Jeremy R. Watson, 19, an SIUC student from Home Glen, was transported to Jackson County Jail and charged with aggravated battery at 300 Block E. Grand Road. Friday at 11:49 p.m. The victim did not require medical attention.

Cornelius M. Southern, 18, an SIUC student from Chicago, was charged with possession of less than 30 grams of cannabis at the Student Center Friday at 11:56 p.m. He was issued a Carbondale City pay by mail citation.

A 21-year-old SIUC student reported to the police that the driver of a light-blue, newer model Impala passed him in parking lot 94 and displayed a semi-automatic handgun Saturday at 1:30 a.m.

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Students ponder the future of a dream

Panel discusses possibility of MLK's vision

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Rev. Joseph Brown said Wednesday Martin Luther King Jr. was not for equality — he was for justice.

The remark was made during a discussion presented by Underground Arts, a spoken word performance group, and Student Development. The event, "Dr. King's Nightmare?" took place 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Center auditorium and featured an award-winning episode of the cartoon "The Boondocks" titled "Return of the King".

The episode describes the Civil Rights Movement in which King played a profound role, but alters history when, instead of being assassinated on April 4, 1968, King is only critically injured and falls into a 32-year coma.

Being thrust into the modern age,

King enters into book deals and films and begins his tour of the media circus. After the attacks of Sept. 11, King appears on a political talk show, where he is asked how the nation should respond to the terrorist attacks.

When King responds with a non-violent, "turn-the-other-cheek" philosophy, he is depicted as a terrorist sympathizer and goes from beloved leader to despised traitor.

The episode ends with an agitated King giving an impromptu speech to a partying crowd. He describes the world he sees as being full of ignorance and walking contradictions. He speaks of the problems with the portrayal of black people in the media, citing Black Entertainment Television and the film Soul Plane.

King ends his speech by saying he has seen what is over the horizon. It is nothing to celebrate, and he will not be with them when they get there as he is going to Canada.

Following the screening was a discussion led by a panel of SIUC students and open to the audience. The discussion ranged from the use of derogatory words as slang to whether the dream of King is actually possible.



John Martin, left, an undecided second year graduate student from Naperville, listens as Brandon Williams, a senior from Peoria studying journalism, comments on a controversial episode of 'The Boondocks'.
STEPHEN RICKERL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Steven Rahman believes it is.

"It's possible, but it's going to get a lot of people killed," said Rahman, a senior from Chicago studying philosophy.

Rahman, a panel member, said King's dream of justice is something that can only happen through a long and hard process, sometimes even

violent.

A long, hard process is exactly what's stopping the dream from coming true, said Donald Hughes, a senior from Peoria studying sociology.

Hughes said the fact that the goal of justice is something that would take time and would be a difficult process is a problem in a generation of people

who only want instant gratification.

But for Brown, the possibility is closer than it seems.

"Is there hope? It's sitting up there on that stage," Brown said, referring to the panel members.

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University to remove buildings

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A group of vacant and dilapidated university buildings on the northwest side of campus are in their final days.

University spokesman Rod Sievers said Wednesday 13 buildings on South Elizabeth and West Chautauqua streets as well as South Oakland Avenue are scheduled for demolition.

The destruction of the buildings is part of the campus's long-term Land Use Plan, Sievers said. The plan, adopted by the SIU Board of Trustees in 2001, calls for rerouting Lincoln Drive so that it runs behind the Communications Building where the buildings now stand.

Many of the other buildings in the area, most of which resemble houses more than offices, will be torn

down as part of the plan, Sievers said. Some of the cleared land may also remain as green space, Sievers said.

All the programs once housed in the structures have been relocated, Sievers said.

"I think the university wants to tear those old places down and move people into more permanent structures," he said.

Sievers said the buildings are at least 60 years old. Several of them were used in the past to house new faculty members and some have more recently housed the university's public relations unit and the women's studies department.

The aesthetics of many of the buildings are not up to university standards, he said.

"There have been a lot of people who aren't too happy with the way those things look," he said.

Joan McDermott, director of the women's studies department, said

some students have had difficulty finding the department's new office, now located at 913 S. Oakland Ave. The department's old building was located one block south of the new one.

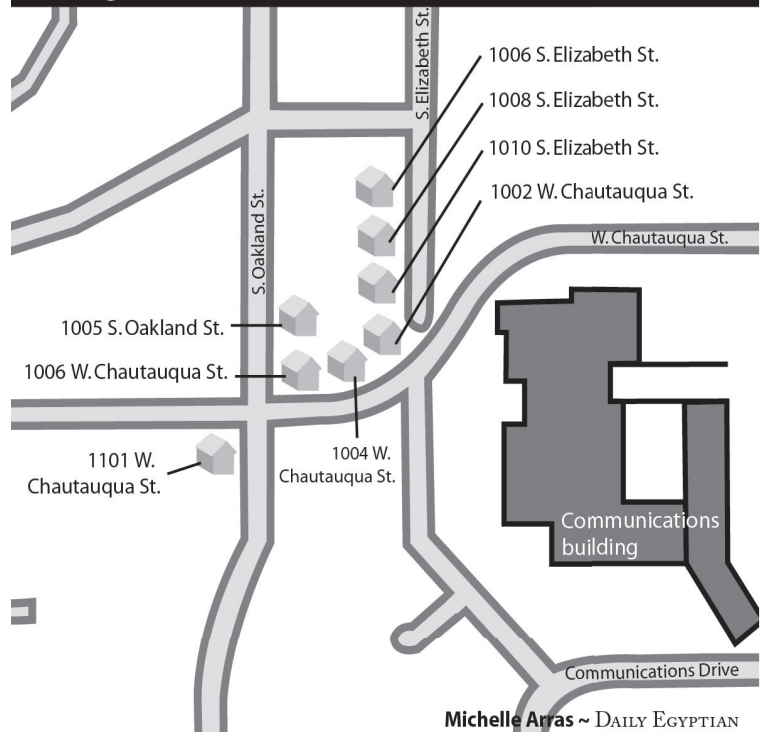
McDermott said the department's new building was nicer than the old one, but the location was still a long walk from the center of campus.

"If we were going to move, I would hope it would be closer to the heart of campus rather than farther away," McDermott said.

It could be several months before the structures are demolished, Sievers said. At least one of the buildings, located at 1101 W. Chautauqua St., must have asbestos removed from the premises before it can be torn down, he said.

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Buildings set for demolition



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WASHINGTON

Army proposal would cut soldiers' war tours

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soldiers' battlefield tours would be cut from 15 months to 12 months beginning Aug. 1, under a proposal being considered by the Army as part of an effort to reduce the stress on a force battered by more than six years at war.

The proposal, recommended by U.S. Army Forces Command, is being reviewed by senior Army and Pentagon leaders, and would be contingent on the changing needs for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Our top priority is going to be meeting the combatant commanders' requirements, so there may be no decision until we get more clarity on that," Army Col. Edward Gibbons, chief of the command's plans division, said Wednesday. He said the goal was to meet those demands while still reducing soldiers' deployments and increasing their time at home between tours.

Gen. George Casey, chief of staff of the Army, has been pushing to move back to one-year deployments, citing the heavy burden that the 15-month stays put on troops and their families. Just last week he hinted the shorter tours could begin this summer.

NEW YORK

Wall Street pulls off comeback from another sharp decline

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street pulled off a stunning comeback Wednesday, surging higher in late trading and wiping out what looked to be yet another massive decline. The Dow Jones industrial, down more than 323 points in earlier trading, ended the day with an advance of just under 300 points.

Such volatility has become a hallmark of Wall Street's performance in recent months amid the ongoing housing and credit crisis and growing fears of recession. And, after five straight days of pull-backs, a rebound was to be expected. But analysts saw some positive signs in the day's trading.

The Federal Reserve's decision Tuesday to lower its benchmark federal funds rate by 0.75 percentage point to 3.5 percent, while met with some skepticism, did give intrepid investors a reason to buy Wednesday.

"You might say this is a belated reaction to what the Fed did this week, compounded by hopes for the Fed to do more next week," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at Avalon Partners. Traders who bet on the Fed's target fed funds rate were pricing in on Wednesday a 100 percent chance of a 0.50 percentage-point cut by the central bank when it meets next Tuesday and Wednesday.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Obama: Clinton engages in double-talk on issues

ROCK HILL, S.C. (AP) — Democrat Barack Obama questioned Hillary Rodham Clinton's candor and trustworthiness Wednesday, saying she has indulged in double-talk on bankruptcy laws, trade and other issues.

Politicians "don't always say what they mean, or mean what they say," the Illinois senator told about 900 people at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C. "That is what this debate in this party is all about."

Extending a theme he has stressed in recent days, Obama mocked the New York senator for saying she voted for a 2001 bankruptcy bill but was happy that it did not become law.

"Senator Clinton said, 'Well, I voted for it, but I hoped the bill would die,'" he said, drawing hoots from the crowd.

Edwards criticizes Clinton for leaving South Carolina before primary

BENNETTSVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Democratic presidential hopeful John Edwards criticized rival Hillary Rodham Clinton on Wednesday for leaving South Carolina in the run-up to the state's primary, saying residents should question whether the New York senator would return if she became president.

"After the debate she flew out and she's been gone and she won't be back until I don't know — later in the week or until primary day," Edwards told a crowd of about 150 people in this small city. "What are the chances she's coming back when she's president of the United States?"

Thousands of Palestinians cross into Egypt

Ibrahim Barzak

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — On foot, in cars and in donkey carts, tens of thousands of Gazans flooded into Egypt on Wednesday through a border fence blown up by militants — puncturing a gaping hole in Israel's airtight closure of the Gaza Strip and giving a boost to Hamas.

In a shopping spree that was both festive and frenzied, Gazans cleared out stores in an Egyptian border town, buying up everything from TV sets to soft drinks to cigarettes.

As waves of people swarmed through the destroyed barrier — some estimated the crowd in the hundreds of thousands — Egyptian security forces lined up on one side of the border and Hamas forces

lined up on the other side. None of them interfered in any way, and it appeared Hamas militants actively participated in the border breach.

That breach, though likely temporary, seemed certain to strengthen Hamas in its showdown with Israel, the West and its Fatah rivals — relieving some of the pain of an international blockade of the Gaza Strip following Hamas' violent takeover of the coastal territory in June.

It also raised Israeli fears of an influx of weapons and militants to Gaza and threatened to undermine crucial Egyptian participation in a Mideast peace push by President Bush.

Official reaction to the day's events ranged from dismay to embarrassment to outright anger.

The United States expressed concern about the border breach. Israel demanded that Egypt take control of its border. Hamas called on its rivals to help come up with new arrangements for Gaza's crossings. And Egypt's leader said he had no choice but to let in the beleaguered Palestinians.

For ordinary Gazans, it was a day of joy and plenty.

Osama Hassan, 25, said the border opening will enable him to marry his 17-year-old fiancée next week, because they were able to get items they need to set up a household. He bought a special mattress for his injured back and she assembled kitchen supplies.

Hassan said he belongs to Fatah, not Hamas, but still wants to "kiss the forehead" of Gaza's Hamas

prime minister.

Hamas did not take responsibility for a series of explosions that destroyed the fence, but it seemed unlikely the systematic operation could have happened without its approval, if not active involvement. Residents said Hamas-linked militants cut through the metal wall with blow torches a month ago — weakening the structure so that it could fall easily when the blasts went off.

The appearance of the fallen wall backed up that assertion. It was neatly sliced at knee-level, with the bottom section still standing and the rest toppled over.

Hamas police quickly took control of the shopping exodus, channeling the crowds through two sections of the frontier.

Suicide bomber attacks Iraqi school

Christopher Chester

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber pushing an electric heater atop a cart packed with hidden explosives attacked a high school north of Baghdad on Tuesday, leaving students and teachers bloodied and bewildered as insurgents appeared to be expanding their list of targets.

The bombing — one of two attacks near Iraqi schools on the same day — follows a wave of recent blasts blamed on al-Qaida in Iraq against funerals and social gatherings.

The trend points to the possibility that al-Qaida has shifted tactics to focus increasingly on so-called soft targets and undermine public confidence that things are looking better in the country. The backlash also coincides with a U.S.-led offensive trying to uproot insurgents from strongholds around Baghdad.

In the suicide attack, the bomber posed as a shopper or merchant transporting an electric heater on a chilly winter day — an apparent attempt to deflect attention from the explosive-rigged cart.

The blast struck the front of a two-story schoolhouse in Baqouba about 8:30 a.m., half an hour after classes began. Panicked parents rushed to find out if their children were alive or dead.

A 25-year-old male bystander

was killed and 21 people were wounded — 12 students, eight teachers and one policeman, according to a doctor at Baqouba General Hospital who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was afraid of being targeted by militants.

"I can't think of any reason to target students," said 15-year-old Mohammed Abbas, his wounded head in a bandage as his father stood near his hospital bed in Baqouba, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. "We did not expect that explosions would reach our school."

In the other attack, a roadside bomb exploded next to a girl's high school in Baghdad's western district of Amiriyah, wounding a 7-year-old boy who was passing by.

But police said the target was an American patrol, not the school.

Insurgents appear to be looking for ways to bypass the heavy security cordons and patrols that cover any major event or site.

During last week's observances of Ashoura, the most important holiday in the Shiite calendar, there were no attacks on the main procession in the holy city of Karbala, where hundreds of thousands marched. Instead, militants struck with suicide bombings and rocket fire on small gatherings of worshippers north of Baghdad, killing dozens.

“We did not expect that explosions would reach our school.”

— Mohammed Abbas
wounded student



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A soldier with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, keeps an eye out during a foot patrol as the sun sets over Husseinliya, Iraq.

House leaders work on economic stimulus plan

Andrew Taylor

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Democratic and Republican leaders said they were getting closer to agreement with the administration Wednesday on an emergency measure to jolt the economy out of its slump, as they held hours of closed-door talks with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson seeking a swift bipartisan deal.

"All of our discussions have been productive and have taken us in a forward direction," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., as she left an afternoon session with Paulson and Minority Leader John A. Boehner, R-Ohio.

"Until there's agreement on the entire package, we have nothing," Boehner cautioned, but he also

called the discussions productive.

Pelosi and Boehner are taking the lead in the negotiations, with the centerpiece of the measure expected to be a tax rebate similar to, but bigger than, the \$300-\$600 checks sent out in the summer of 2001. The two began the day with a working breakfast with Paulson, then met with him in the afternoon and planned another evening session to hash out details.

The negotiators were tallying the cost of various approaches, including the rebate checks, which have sparked a debate over who should benefit from the package.

Democrats want to deliver help to low-income workers who may not pay income taxes because they make too little or benefit from tax credits such as the child tax credit.

"I'm confident that we can get something done," President Bush said in brief comments Wednesday. "There's a spirit that says we need to take a fundamentally strong economy and help it."

Senior lawmakers in both parties met on Tuesday with Bush, who has proposed a stimulus plan worth about \$150 billion. Combined with Iraq war costs and decreasing corporate tax revenues because of the

economic slump, a package that size would more than double last year's deficit spending of \$163 billion, according to new congressional budget estimates.

In Davos, Switzerland, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told the World Economic Forum that the U.S. economy was resilient and would remain an "engine of growth." Speaking to an audience of chief executives and world leaders, Rice said that the stimulus package that Bush proposes would "boost consumer spending and support business investment this year."

Pelosi, Boehner and Paulson are working on hammering out details. Senate leaders Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., have agreed to stand back and let the House take the lead in the talks with the administration.

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— Nancy Pelosi
D-Calif., House Speaker

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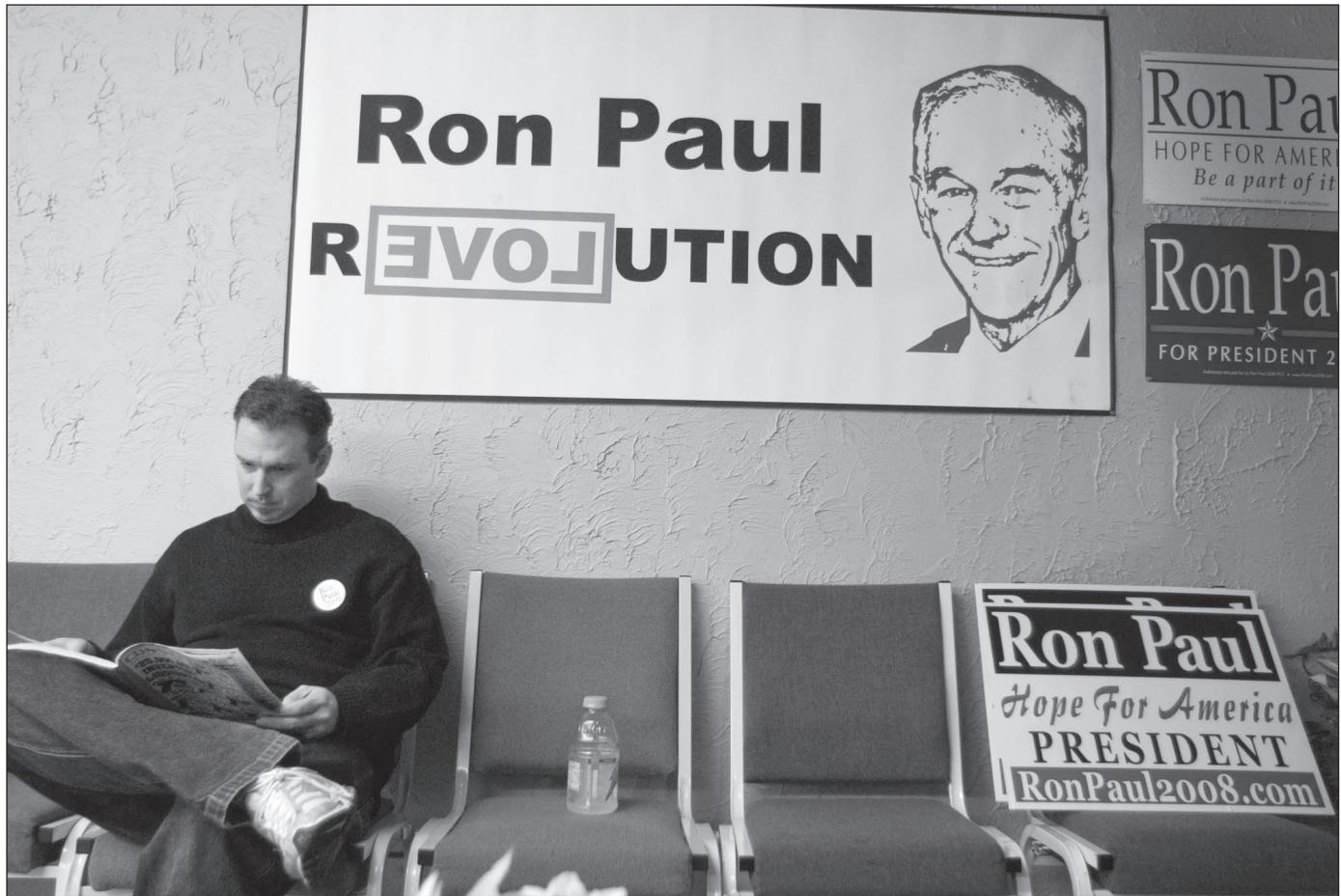
Fewer than two weeks remain until the presidential primary in Illinois, but only one candidate is trying to win the Carbondale vote on a domestic level.

The campaign for Republican candidate Ron Paul has opened a field office in the Wright Center Shopping Plaza to rally support before the Feb. 5 primary. Paul's office is the first of its kind in Carbondale for the 2008 presidential election.

Kevin Shetter, a part-time chef and leader of the office, said the upcoming primary would be vital for candidates hoping to be elected as delegates to the national Democratic convention, which is held during the week of Aug. 25 in Denver. Shetter said he has not seen a sample ballot, but hopes Democratic voters will cast their ballot for delegates supporting Ron Paul.

Using online social networks, the field office has carried out a number of demonstrations and rallies across the city and campus. A television sitting in the office's window, face out, remains on all night with videos of Paul, who has been a Libertarian candidate in previous elections. Visitors to the office can pick up handouts from the national Ron Paul campaign as well as independent newspapers and reading material related to popular campaign issues.

John Jackson, a visiting political professor from the Public Policy Institute, said even though Illinois is strongly backing Democratic candidate Barack Obama, the state is "wide-open" for any Republican nominee.



Kevin Shetter flips through a magazine at the Ron Paul campaign office in Carbondale on Jan. 16. The Paul office is currently the only one of its kind in Carbondale. **STEPHEN RICKERL** DAILY EGYPTIAN

Paul will be the second candidate to appear on the Republican ballot, according to a list of primary election candidates in Jackson County provided by County Clerk Larry Reinhardt. His sequence position was unchanged after the Tuesday announcement that Fred Thompson, a former actor and senator from Tennessee, had removed his name from the presidential race.

Jackson said field offices are important tools for a presidential campaign, especially in a college

town. Though no other candidates have opened offices, Jackson said the city is filled with supporters for Democratic candidates Obama and Hillary Clinton, as well as Republican candidates John McCain and Rudy Giuliani.

Shetter said because Carbondale is such a diverse college town, his office could be beneficial to the campaign.

"We have supporters of every stripe and flavor," Shetter said.

An announcement from

Paul's Illinois campaign said the Carbondale office will sponsor a reception open to the public and those curious about the Texas congressman's presidential campaign at 7 p.m. on Jan. 30.

A report published by The New Republic on Jan. 14 contained excerpts from newsletters Paul has printed since 1978. The report contained several examples of what the magazine thought were anti-Semitic, racist and bigoted newsletter excerpts.

Shetter said the report was a "smear campaign," and referred to an online article stating the president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said Paul is not a racist.

"Don't believe us, but don't believe them," Shetter said of the accusations. "Any intelligent person could do their own research and find the truth."

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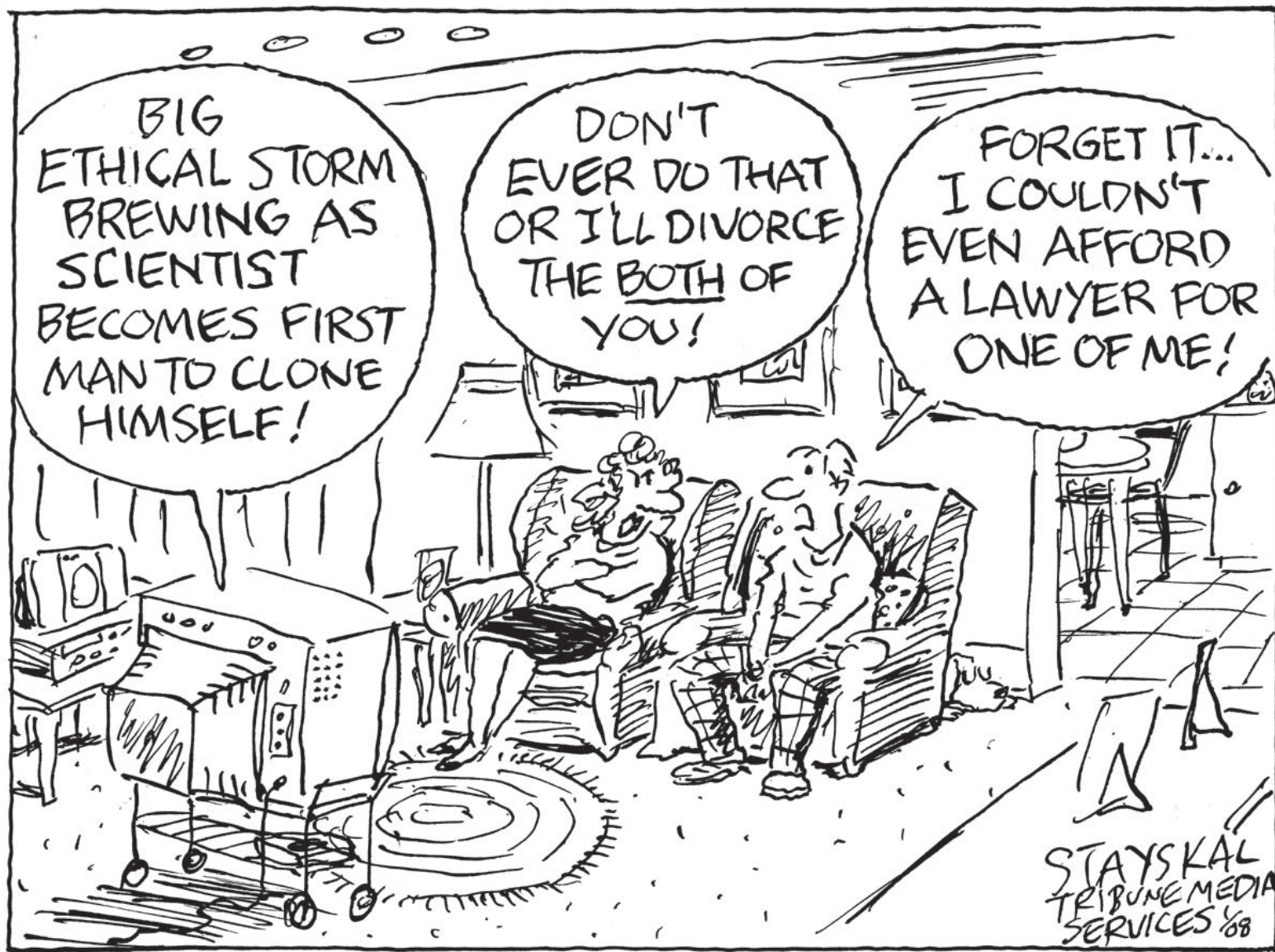
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Surveys available for students and faculty

DEAR EDITOR:

Yesterday's front-page article on Rutgers professor Donald McCabe's survey of academic integrity at SIUC cites only one URL for what are, in fact, two questionnaires, one for students and one

for faculty. They must not be confused.

To ensure the validity of the survey results on attitudes and behaviors concerning writing and its instruction at SIUC, students should complete the survey at: <http://acad-integrity.rutgers.edu/siu.asp>.

Faculty should complete the survey at: <http://acad-integrity.rutgers.edu/siufac.asp>.

Please note that participation is strictly confidential and entirely voluntary. Professor

McCabe has human subjects clearance to conduct his surveys.

In the interest of promoting the Writing Across the Curriculum initiative as well as academic integrity at SIUC, I urge readers to complete the appropriate questionnaire before Feb. 1. Thank you very much for your cooperation and interest.

Jim Allen
director of University Core Curriculum

A dream deterred

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in regards to the article by Mary Foster of the Associated Press about the protests in Jena, La., over the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

The article got me thinking what Dr. King would say in regards to contemporary society and its "advancement" in race relations.

It is my contention that Dr. King would be supremely disappointed because the dream is becoming just that, an illusion. The world

has been reluctant to change and promote harmony between different ethnicities.

There has been advancement, this is true. But said advancement is rendered futile when people, both Caucasian and those of color, refuse to educate themselves on the principles of Dr. King's philosophy. If this education was taking place I highly doubt that the frequency of racially offensive behavior, i.e. Don Imus's comments towards the Rutgers University women's basketball team, Kelly Tilghman's comments towards Tiger Woods, and the infamous Jena 6 incident, would continue. The offensive behavior does not just

degrade African Americans but can turn its head towards Caucasians as well, i.e. the false accusation, public persecution and permanent shaming of those Duke lacrosse players from two years ago.

What continues to go wrong? Perhaps it is the fact that society's priority list has changed. The qualities that Dr. King emphasized – intelligence, activism and brotherhood have been replaced by slothfulness, apathy and a seemingly blissful ignorance to the general condition of the common man.

Does anyone else think that there is something wrong when the general public

knows every lyric of "Crank Dat Soulja Boy" but is totally unaware of who the senators of their state are? Can things change? I am optimistic it is possible, but I am vexed by the apathy of the general public in regards to the racial issues in this country.

The glossy covering demonstrated in movies such as "Save the Last Dance" that masks the reality of this country is clouding the minds of the general public to the underlying decay of society.

Duane Phillips
2005 alumnus

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“ I know you think it's crazy, but I kind of like to see Barack and Hillary fight.”

former President Bill Clinton
commenting on the interaction between
Democratic presidential hopefuls Barack Obama and Clinton's wife Hillary

STUDENT COLUMN

Too many doctors, not enough cures

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"An apple a day keeps the doctor away." Sometimes, I wish I had a bushel.

My family is relatively healthy. We have had our share of accidents, like the time I decided to ride down our gravel driveway, a hill, with my eyes closed. However, we've always managed to avoid doctor trips that were not of our own causing. My experiences with doctors' offices have left me with a somewhat bitter taste in my mouth.

It is not that I dislike all doctors; my cousin is training to be one and, of course, I adore her and several of our family friends who are doctors. However, I have some general comments to make about some bad experiences in my past.

My oldest brother, Payton, gets a queasy stomach every once in awhile. Usually, this comes after his extra-large helping of grape jelly, honey and other sweet toppings mixed into one dish. It

also comes during midterm and finals week (when we all feel like throwing up). He was recently diagnosed with a gluten disorder. His stomach, so we were told, does not process gluten and he should avoid it at all costs.

We went through a month of shopping at the Co-op and in the gluten-free section of Schnucks and Kroger. We altered his lunch menu from a sandwich to salad and fixed separate dishes that did not contain gluten in them, such as gluten-free noodles, for supper. That was fine. My family was adjusting to life with a patient with celiac disease. That is, until we found out he is probably not gluten-intolerant.

Yep. Turns out, he is just fine. I mean, he definitely needs to hold back on eating lots of sweets all at one time, but other than that, he is fine.

So, we soon discovered one tendency of doctors: cautiousness. As I understand it, when you used to go for a doctor's appointment

they would tell you what, if anything, was wrong with you. Lately, however, with the new upsurge of lawsuits over spilled milk (or coffee), businesses are becoming more and more scared.

My guess is this has carried over into doctors' offices.

My mother and I have problems with our hearts. When we get under stress, like midterm and finals week for me, our hearts go crazy. In

my intro to biology class I took at John A. Logan Community College, we had to perform some exercises and measure our heart rate. There was a smoking and a non-smoking team, to show us the effects of smoking on our heart rate. I was drafted into the non-smoking team and my pulse was checked.

My heart rate was well above the normal. I was scared to even mention it, it sounded so crazy. When the teacher asked for our

resting heart rate and I told her, she stared at me as if I had said I was an alien from Mars and didn't even have a heart rate. She then had the guy sitting next to me check my heart rate, and even pulled out an official heart monitor from a closet. By this time, of course, my rate had gone up even more.

During the "exercises" that we did, my professor kept saying "if you need to stop at any time (like you have a heart attack or something), please do." Take-home message: Please don't die in my class! I obviously didn't die. But, I did undergo heart measurements and, hundreds of dollars later, I am fine. My heart still goes batty every once in awhile. But, so far, it hasn't killed me or Mom.

I don't know any easy answer to the problem of finding a true answer to the question, "So, what is really wrong with me?" But I do know there is one. Surely it can be reached before we start getting unnecessary treatments.

Lindsay is a senior studying journalism

So, we soon discovered one tendency of doctors: cautiousness.

STUDENT COLUMN

Holy rollers, Batman!

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Bill Hicks has a famous stand up line about how he was confronted by two angry patrons who were upset over his subject matter.

They said, "Hey, buddy, we're Christians and we don't like what you said."

To which Mr. Hicks replied, "Yeah, so, forgive me."

Intolerance transcends race, gender and religion, but it is modern religious intolerance that is getting a great deal of attention today. Religious intolerance is nothing new. Humans have been killing each other over God since the dawn of civilization. However, modern religious intolerance has developed into a strange beast here in America. The new modern religious intolerance is that of the supposed religious, especially upon those who they have deemed as evil.

Atheists and agnostics can be intolerant (and annoying – take Christopher Hitchens), but there is a difference in how even the most fervent of the secular take their beliefs. Those

who are supposedly religious carry out the majority of religious violence. In America, how many atheists are blowing up "right to life" buildings and churches? How many agnostics are home schooling their children that those who don't believe like them are evil and destined to burn in a lake of fire?

The vast majority of religious people are, of course, not violent. Belief in some form of Higher Power or existence has inspired many to act peacefully. And all the world's major religions basically boil down to the same golden rule; treat other people like you want to be treated and love thy neighbor. Personally, I myself find atheism rather boring and unappreciative (not of God necessarily, but of life).

However, it is the same faith that has inspired people throughout history like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhi who can fuel religious zealots. When you think you

have God on your side, you are convinced that you are just and true, whether or not you actually are. The level of faith someone has does not make him just, and that same faith can blind people from rationally examining their beliefs.

The extremes of intolerance are personified in the Westboro Baptist Church. This is the group that protests military funerals. They feel America should be punished for its homosexuality. They have just announced they are going to protest Heath Ledger's funeral, something even the Joker wouldn't find funny.

Of course this is an extreme example of intolerance, but at the same time, most Christian faiths condemn homosexuality as evil. Are then most Christians as evil as Fred Phelps and the like?

No, but both do agree on the same intolerant principle. It seems to me if this group protested AIDS patients' funerals instead of military ones, you wouldn't have seen nearly as

massive the condemnation they received.

I honestly feel bad for the devout Christians these days. They are receiving so many mixed messages on what it is to be good, and their leadership whom they have given everything to have been of absolutely no help. Those who have built empires on peoples' faiths have perverted their religion to condemn what they call perversion, only to time and time again be caught engaging in this same perversion they condemned. It is just perverted.

Jesus, Buddha, Moses, Mohammed, Krishna, you name the deity; their message was never one of intolerance. That is why the secular often call the religious hypocrites. They feel these people use a religion of peace to preach hate.

By any means, it is not all religious people. But those who are religious: demand accountability from your leaders and their churches. Please use that big brain God gave you to ask questions.

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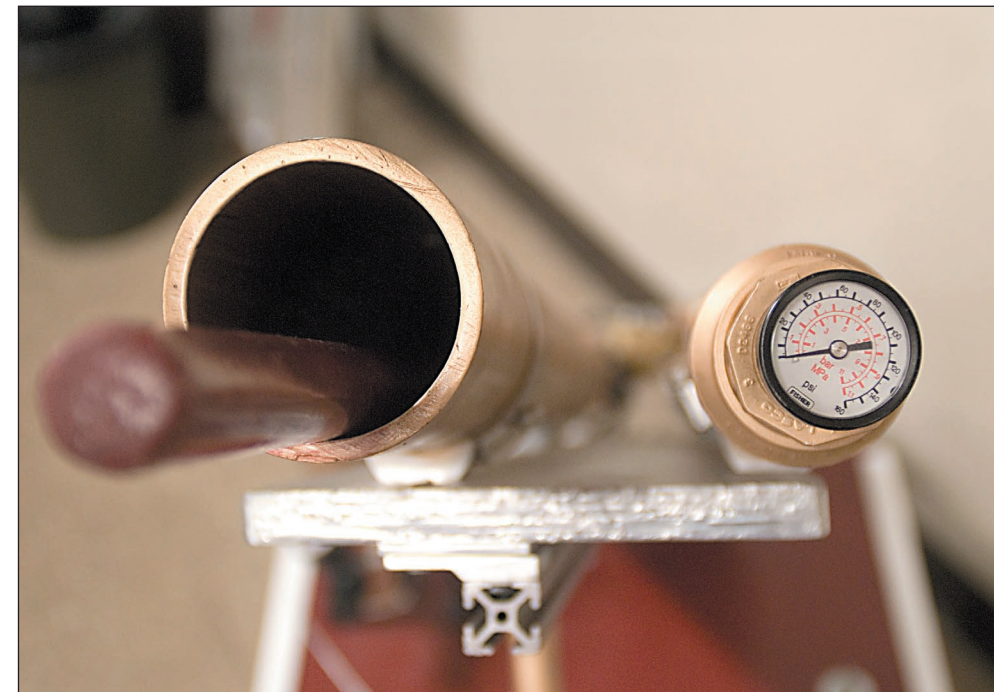
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Martin Hebel, an assistant professor of information systems and applied technology, checks the pressure on the Dawgzooka minutes before the device takes to center court. Hebel and his students designed the T-shirt launcher four years ago as a class project.



A pressure gauge sits to the right of the barrel. The Dawgzooka uses compressed carbon dioxide to provide the force used to blast T-shirts into the stands.



Martin Hebel, left, and David Chaklos roll T-shirts to be shot out of the Dawgzooka during halftime at men's basketball games. The shirts have to be just the right size otherwise they end up stuck in the barrel or not launching far enough.



James Chaklos loads the Dawgzooka into the back of a pick-up truck, so it can be delivered to the SIU Arena. Although the machine weighs about 100 pounds, it usually takes at least two people to lift it because of its size.



James Chaklos, a returning student in electronic systems technologies, left, and his son, David, a freshman in computer engineering, wheel the Dawgzooka into the elevator on its journey from the ASA building to the SIU Arena. The body of the machine was made from an old police bomb squad robot.

FROM INVENTION TO TRADITION

Story by Christian Holt • Photos by Brandon Chapple

Starting college students fill the SIU Arena, jostling for the perfect position to catch a Jimmy John's sandwich as they fly into the riotous crowd: or at least that is how Martin Hebel envisioned it. Hebel said original plans for Dawgzooka, the machine that shoots T-shirts into the crowd at men's basketball games, included the distribution of sub sandwiches to amp up the audience.

However, the idea of tomatoes hitting people in the face resulted in a major change of direction for the creators of the machine, said Hebel, an assistant professor of information systems and applied technology.

Four years later, Hebel said he has heard the T-shirts described as collector's items. Hebel said he has heard people talking about how valued the shirts are on campus because there is only one way to get a piece of this Saluki memorabilia. Audience members compete in cheering competitions, and then struggle to catch the shirts as they are fired at the crowd.

Along with the 14-foot blimp, Saluki fans consider Dawgzooka a staple at men's home basketball games.

Even Paul Sarvela, dean of the college of applied sciences and arts, said he enjoys the publicity the college receives because of the machines.

"It's a great teaching tool because they learn all about robotics and electronics and things of that nature," he said.

Dawgzooka

The Dawgzooka was built four years ago by one of Hebel's classes.

"It's good for our program," he said. "It kind of pins what we do as more hands-on, creative projects."

Hebel, however, is not alone in his quest to entertain the audience at these sporting events. He has a few students who help him.

Aaron Gross, a junior from Bloomington studying electronic systems technologies, has been helping with Dawgzooka for three years.

Gross said he has spent the last few home

games teaching a classmate how to "work the crowd."

James Chaklos, a freshman from Makanda also studying electronic systems technologies, said he got involved simply because he was going to be in southern Illinois over break.

Chaklos said at first it was about getting on the court, shooting a few shirts and getting off quickly.

However, Gross has recently been teaching him to get more involved with the audience and put on a sort of show to make their time on the court more interesting.

Blimp

The Athletic Department started the blimp 17 years ago. However, because of lack of training, initial operators found it difficult to fly during basketball games without serious interference to the crowd.

That is when John Cotter took over. Cotter, assistant professor of aviation technologies, said he started flying the blimp in the 1992 or 1993 basketball season.

However, he said from the get-go it was not an easy endeavor.

"In the beginning, I was going out trying to find sponsors around town to pay for it," he said.

Finally, the Athletic Department stepped in and helped find more permanent sponsors.

"I was making a new sign every week," Cotter said. "Thank God, that got me out of the business of marketing the blimp."

However, after several years of flying the blimp, Cotter said he needed someone to share the responsibilities.

Cotter recruited his colleague, Charles Rodriguez, to help with the large amount of work that comes with flying the blimp.

Eventually, Cotter stepped down as official blimp flyer and handed over all responsibilities to Rodriguez.

Rodriguez, assistant professor of aviation technologies, said it is refreshing to see how excited people get when the blimp flies around.

Cost and restrictions

Running the Dawgzooka and the blimp is not all fun and games, though.

Rodriguez said there is a lot more time, effort and money put into the operation than most people see.

The Dawgzooka currently needs a valve to be replaced. Hebel said the valve would cost around \$150.

The machine requires a \$4 bottle of compressed carbon dioxide to operate for each game. The people running the Dawgzooka also have the cost of T-shirts to work into the budget.

Hebel said they count on donations from faculty, alumni, Jimmy John's and Saluki Central. Saluki Central also gives them a discount on the shirts they buy.

Although Hebel said the Athletic Department tries to give them around three minutes to shoot T-shirts during half time, time restraints do not always allow for that.

The blimp is limited to pre-game and half time flying and one official time out in each



During its downtime, the Dawgzooka rests in the Applied Sciences and Arts building where students perform routine maintenance.

"I'm in the process of trying to do a very elaborate series of modifications to the blimp to try to give it roughly double, perhaps triple the amount of power it has right now."

— Charles Rodriguez, assistant professor of aviation technologies

half. At Saturday's game against Wichita State, the blimp was not flown because of a lack of helium.

Mark Gazdik, assistant athletic director for marketing, is the contact for both Rodriguez and Hebel at the athletic department.

"My role is to help them and assist them in facilitating them with what they need to do," Gazdik said.

It is Gazdik's department's job to order the helium for the blimp. However, due to an ordering mishap, the helium did not arrive in time for Saturday's game.

Rodriguez said besides making sure there is enough helium, a lot more goes on behind the scenes.

He said it takes around 12 hours for the blimp's battery to recharge before each home game, which doesn't include the time it takes to get everything set up and taken down before and after the games. Helium to power the blimp costs \$200 to \$300 a year.

Making them better

Those affiliated with the Saluki game staples said there is room for improvement.

Goss said the engineering club, of which he is a member, plans to donate money so the Dawgzooka can be upgraded.

"It's been the same design for a very long time because it works, so we don't want to break it," he said.

However, Gross said he and his peers would like to give the machine a makeover.

They have discussed replacing the pipe that directs the T-shirts with clear piping. Gross said they also want to add lights to the machine and find a way for maroon smoke to come out of the piping when T-shirts are fired.

Rodriguez said he wanted to change the blimp in a similar fashion.

Currently, the blimp is constructed of an envelope — the balloon part everyone sees — and a gondola, the part underneath the envelope that includes the batteries, helium tanks and motors. Rodriguez said he wants to make it even more complex.

"I'm in the process of trying to do a very elaborate series of modifications to the blimp to try to give it roughly double, perhaps triple the amount of power it has right now so that we can lift heavier things," he said.

Although those who think it would be fun to have subs shot into the crowd during sporting events may never get their wish, the College of Applied Sciences and Arts continues to work towards making their appearances as exciting as possible.

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Aaron Gross watches the shot he just fired into the crowd. The Dawgzooka can reach just about anywhere in the SIU Arena, and on its very first run, the designers underestimated the machine's power and fired a T-shirt into the upper row of the SIU Arena.



Aaron Gross, a junior from Bloomington studying electronic systems technologies, wheels the Dawgzooka into the SIU Arena before it is to take center court. There, Gross will have roughly two minutes to work the crowd and shoot five shirts.



Matt Nollman works to lay fiber optic cable Tuesday evening for Verizon on Wall Street. Nollman said the work will continue for the next couple of days.

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SIUC connects with community colleges

Students get involved to increase university enrollment

Jenn Lofton
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One university department is smoothing the rocky road from community college to SIUC.

The Department of Workforce Education and Development has planned a program to turn volunteering students, faculty and alumni into advocates for the university, said department researcher Becky Robinson.

The main goal of the volunteers, known as Saluki Advocates, will be to help prospective students make a smooth transition into a university setting.

Last year, the university received a \$278,000 grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The funding will go toward programs to entice students at Shawnee, Rend Lake, John A. Logan and Southeastern Illinois community colleges to continue their education at SIUC.

"We want to make community college students realize we can help them persist through to set their sights in completing their bachelor degrees," said Robinson, who

coordinates the program.

Robinson said advocates would be paired with students who have similar career goals and backgrounds to ensure a comfortable environment for both. Advocates would send e-mails, make telephone calls and interact in other ways to strengthen their relationships with students, Robinson said.

Robinson said Saluki Advocates must attend at least one of the monthly training sessions, which will be held in the Student Center's Kaskaskia and Missouri Rooms.

During the two-hour session, advocates will learn how to identify the reasons why students are hesitant to come to a university. Then advocates will focus on what they should do to support their students.

Become a Saluki Advocate

Those who are interested in becoming a Saluki Advocate should contact Project Director Becky Robinson at 453-1902 or at brobinso@siu.edu

Advocates will also receive a \$50 stipend, a customized shirt and an SIU Certificate of Recognition, Robinson said. The

first training opportunity will be Feb. 14.

Suzanne Reese, a graduate student currently residing in Carbondale and studying public administration, said she got involved with the program while she interned at the president's office last semester.

Reese said the program would be successful because it helps community college students learn about the university and makes the shift between the two seem less overwhelming.

"Our goal is to make the program work for the students, so we plan to utilize Facebook, MySpace and YouTube in order to remain relevant to the needs and preferences of students," Reese said.

Although faculty and alumni are welcome to help with the program, Robinson said it would mostly be a student-driven program that will become a registered student organization this semester.

"We want Saluki Advocates to be somebody on (the community college students') behalf that they are not afraid of and will never turn them wrong," Robinson said.

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Cole calls on SIUC students

Volunteer spots for students remain empty

Barton Lorimor
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Carbondale officials said they hope SIUC students will step up to help make decisions about their "home away from home."

During the Jan. 15 city council meeting, Mayor Brad Cole said positions on city committees intended for SIUC students remain empty. Not only do four of the committees require student representatives in order to operate, but decisions they make impact Carbondale residents, which includes students, said John Holmes, chairman of the Human Relations Commission.

Holmes said students interested in volunteering should write a letter to Cole as if they were applying for a job. Applicants are encouraged to be recommended by the USG, but Holmes said it is not a requirement.

Cole said he does not prefer a specific type of student, but if selected the student should make attending the committee's meetings a top priority.

"You get as much as you put into it," Cole said of any committee's time demands.

All members of a city committee need to be appointed by Cole and approved by the city council.

USG President Demetrous White said he interviews any student interested in receiving a recommendation for a position with the city. Before a student can be given the stamp of approval, the USG senate must approve White's recommendation. Potential volunteers should be serious about a job and dedicated to carry out the committees business, he said.

Committees requiring student representation

- Carbondale Information and Telecommunications Commission
- Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission
- Human Relations Commission
- Liquor Advisory Board

Source: Mayor Brad Cole

White said he hopes to recommend Brandon Allen, a USG senator and freshman studying journalism, to fill the vacant student position with the HRC. White said the last student chosen to represent SIUC on the commission left school without notifying the city. Allen could not be reached for comment due to a USG meeting Wednesday night.

The city is also interested in student input for the Liquor Advisory Board, which regulates the sale of alcohol within city limits. The board's charter calls for a student representative to serve a one-year term, with the option of being re-elected. In previous years, the board has banned the sale of kegs during the week before Halloween, which has accompanied special restrictions enforced by the university.

Other committees needing student volunteers are the Information and Telecommunication Commission and the Energy and Environmental Advisory Board, which also has a representative from Carbondale Community High School.

White said it is important the student body continue to work with the city to better serve both party's needs.

"Carbondale is a home away from home for most students," he said.

Allison Petty contributed to this report.

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Carbondale Police Officer, Randy Mathis, organizes applications for the Carbondale Police Department's House Watch program Wednesday afternoon at the Carbondale Police Department. The House Watch program is a free service provided to community residents away from their homes.

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WATCH

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16, 2006 and Jan. 14, 2007, there were 19 residential burglary reports and 11 nonresidential burglaries.

Officer Randy Mathis said homeowners should establish a local key holder if the police need to get into the house. That way, homeowners do not have to come back early from their trips if incidents occur.

House Watch pamphlets are available at the Carbondale police

department at 610 E. College St.

Police also provide home security surveys, in which police inspect a house with its homeowner to locate weaknesses.

Mathis said he only gets about four to five requests each year.

"We have the homeowner play the role of the burglar," Mathis said.

Police urge residents to lock all locks because no force was used on eight of the 37 residential burglaries.

When victims report burglaries, crimes and assaults, police are able to

keep track and try to prevent them from happening.

Mathis said there are many potential burglaries that have occurred but these statistics are based only on crimes that have been reported.

"I hope [these services] give people more peace of mind," Mathis said. "It doesn't guarantee that [a burglary] won't happen while you're gone, but that's the first step you could take."

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FEES

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women's rugby team, said she wanted the organization to vote in favor of the Campus Recreation fee. She said the three unlighted fields used by the rugby teams are among facilities scheduled to be lost to relocation during Saluki Way.

"College is more than education in a classroom," Wicks said. "It's an education any way you want to get it."

Dylan Burns, a senator representing the College of Liberal Arts, said he thought money to replace the fields should not come from students.

"I just bought a Playstation 2. If you came into my room and broke it, I would say ... you shouldn't have done that, you need to give me \$400," Burn said. "Shouldn't athletics, since they are displacing these fields, pay to rebuild them?"

Brandon Williams, a senior from Peoria studying journalism, also spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting.

Williams said he represented students, who would feel negative influences of fee increases on their educations.

"As a university, we should work with what we have," Williams said. "You've got a car, right? Are you going to fix the car, or are you going to fix the wheels?"

Student fees supported by the organization include Student Medical Benefit Primary Care, Student Center, Student Recreation and Mass Transit.

Additionally, senators voted against two proposed fee increases for university housing.

Rent per month at Evergreen Terrace housing, which accommodates married and domestic partner students, as well as students with children, would rise from \$493 to \$533. Annual housing fees for other on-campus residences would increase from \$6,636 to \$7,164.

The organization declined to vote on a proposed \$39 increase to rent for Elizabeth Apartments, since the apartments are only open to graduate students.

White said he would not veto the fees passed by the senate.

"For the most part, those fees are for staff and maintenance," White said. "I can understand why they passed those and I will sign them."

The Board of Trustees must vote to affirm fee increases before they become effective. Fee increases are scheduled to appear before the board in April.

The board will vote on the increases in June.

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ESPN

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production to makeup artists — would spend four days setting up and tearing down the show.

Fountain said the crew's five tractor-trailers carrying the production equipment usually arrive Wednesday night for set up all day Thursday.

ESPN broadcasters — including Jay Bilas, Hubert Davis, Digger Phelps and Reece Davis — will begin shooting segments for ESPN News

and SportsCenter Friday afternoon at the SIU Arena.

Bilas will also lend a hand in broadcasting the game as famed ESPN commentator Dick Vitale recovers from throat surgery.

College GameDay travels all over the country over an eight-week span covering games at schools such as Florida, Duke and UCLA.

Fountain said while the show looks for the key major conference matchups, it also wants to display "mid-major" schools to a national audience.

"We're trying to expose the audience to teams that they might not know as much about and can certainly be a factor become tournament time," Fountain said.

Associate athletic director for marketing Mark Gadzik said ESPN contacted the department about the matchup on Saturday and said it could be a helpful tool in getting the word out across the country about SIU.

Another factor in getting the two MVC schools on GameDay was the partnership with State Farm because

the insurance company sponsors MVC championships, including men's basketball.

Gadzik said the opportunity to get exposure on such a highly watched network is invaluable to the university, as it is basically several hours of free advertising.

"It's a way we can showcase not just our basketball program but our fans, our school and the different programs we have," Gadzik said.

Fans are encouraged to show up for the live 10 a.m. broadcast of College

GamDay Saturday morning. Gadzik said prizes given away include a trip for two to the MVC Tournament in St. Louis including tickets and hotel fare.

While only a number of students will actually be seen in the backdrop of the show, Gadzik said the number of fans the athletic department will let in is much greater.

"We're going to let in as many as we can fit. If we can fill the entire Arena, we will let everyone in," Gadzik said.

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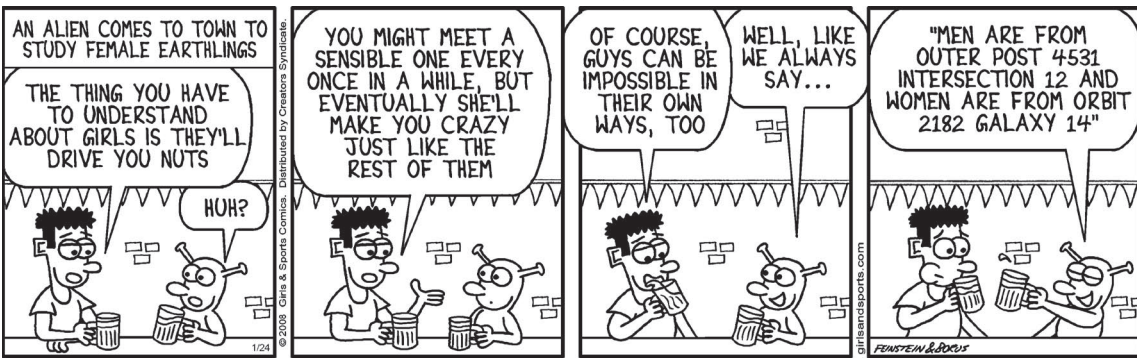
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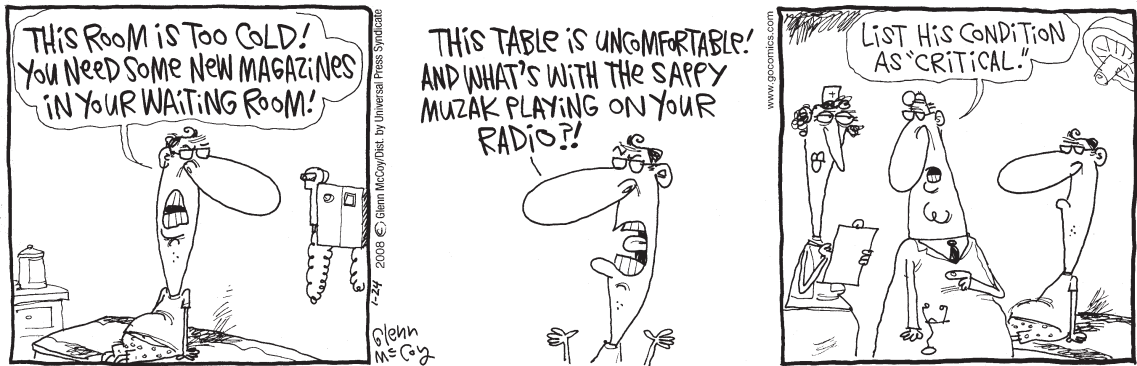
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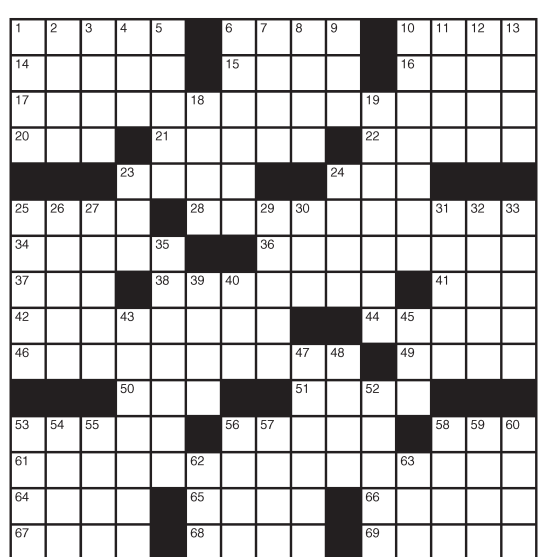
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- ACROSS**
 1 Mist from an atomizer
 6 I say!
 10 SSS classification
 14 Chicago airport
 15 Vega's constellation
 16 Flip through
 17 Start of a quip
 20 Actor Wallach
 21 Flavorful
 22 Penetrating pictures?
 23 Writer Ogden
 24 Abu Dhabi, Dubai et al.
 25 ___Z Camaro
 28 Part 2 of quip
 34 Jose of dance
 36 Conversation opener
 37 Andean tuber
 38 Standoff
 41 Roman greeting
 42 Image produced by ultrasound
 44 Paint additive
 46 Part 3 of quip
 49 Messes up
 50 Golfer Ernie
 51 South African



- By Alan P. Olschwan 1/24/08
 69 Pert
DOWN
 1 Fillet fish
 2 Singer Collins
 3 Sitarist Shankar
 4 "Exodus" hero
 5 Gossipy woman
 6 Cook of "The Maltese Falcon"
 7 "Peer ___"
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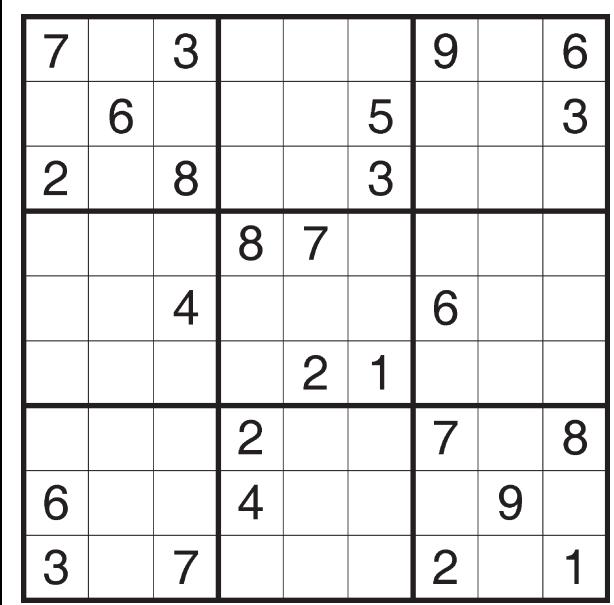
Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



- 19 Lofty
 23 Sgt. or cpl.
 24 Merkel and O'Connor
 25 Admission of defeat
 26 Copier brand
 27 Man from Muscat
 29 Hindu teacher
 30 Expressions of surprise
 31 Studio sign
 32 Word of defiance
 33 Wide-mouth pitchers
 35 Constant carper
 39 Med. tests
 40 Give a rotten review to
 43 Burdensome
 45 Funnyman Skelton
 47 Vestiges
 48 Pageant band
 52 Requisites
 53 Andrews and Keesler
 54 FDR's dog
 55 Hot chamber
 56 List ender
 57 Invitation abbr.
 58 Takes two from Column B
 59 ___ ex machina
 60 Military force
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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

8	9	1	3	5	4	7	6	2
6	4	3	8	2	7	9	1	5
5	2	7	9	1	6	8	3	4
1	8	6	5	7	9	4	2	3
9	3	2	4	8	1	6	5	7
7	5	4	2	6	3	1	9	8
2	7	9	6	3	8	5	4	1
4	1	5	7	9	2	3	8	6
3	6	8	1	4	5	2	7	9

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Your research is apt to lead you back in a familiar direction. Instead of discovering something entirely new, you're getting a different perspective. Amazing, isn't it?

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — It's going to be a lot easier to achieve long-term objectives during the next few weeks. Well, it'll be good during the whole coming year. The next few weeks are awesome.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Take care of household chores and errands before continuing to explore the vast unknown. Practical matters, like food and shelter, come first.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — Consult an expert on a matter you've been worrying about. This might cost you a little now, but you'll save a lot in the long run. It's a good investment.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — More work is coming in. You simply cannot do it all. Luckily, you don't have to. Move yourself into management. You'll enjoy the view better from there.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — A brilliant solution emerges to a household problem. You may not think of the answer yourself. Your participation, however, is crucial. Explain the situation and then listen carefully.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Somebody else provides the answer you've been seeking. Break out of your reverie and let your friends know what's on your mind. At least one of them can help.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Slow and easy does it. Hold out for what you want. Be tough and determined to succeed, just like your competition. They won't give you any slack.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Making money will be easier for the next several weeks. You could make a very lot of it, too. Consider possible methods, and things you can buy and sell.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — You'll be happier for the next several weeks, you'll be glad to hear. Venus, for love and well being, is going through your sign. It looks good on you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — You'll be wanting to spend more time alone for the next few weeks. You have a lot to think about, without interruptions. Set it up so you can.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — The situation is getting better, and so is your attitude. The hardest part is over now, and you've got some welcome help. Delegate as much as you can.

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JUMBLE
 THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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 NORACE
 TINIVE

Print answer here: ○○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FROZE LUSTY JIGGLE TEACUP
 Answer: What the boss did when he went to bed facing a big decision — "SLEPT" ON IT

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Dear Hollywood: 'Norbit' up for Oscar gold ... ?

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The Academy released its list of nominees for the Oscars and, of course, most of what was nominated was completely deserved and expected.

But reading down the list of "There Will Be Blood," "Juno," "No Country For Old Men" and others, there is no mistaking somewhere the thermometer in hell dropped just below freezing.

A snowball got a chance.

Pigs sprouted wings.

The four horsemen saddled up.

And "Norbit" was awarded an Oscar nomination.

Read it again. Let it sink in.

"Norbit," the atrocious Eddie Murphy movie that boasted Murphy in both of the starring roles (one as a horrendously bossy obese woman, the other as a nerd), received an Oscar nomination for best achievement in makeup.

The comedy in the film is the lowest of the low, resorting to stereotypes, racism and fat jokes for laughs.

This decision totally devalues all of the other nominees in that category, not to mention calls into question every other nomination given by the academy this year.

Frighteningly, "Norbit" garnered more than \$90 million dol-

lars at the box office and debuted at number one, but critical reviews were harsh and the film received eight Razzie nominations, including the dubious honors of worst picture of the year, worst actor and worst actress (both credited to Murphy).

Hollywood, without resorting to the profanity this decision deserves, what were you thinking? Imagine Oscar night, Hollywood. Two stars, dressed in their finest, up at the podium with the winner's name in the envelope in front of them.

"And the winner for best achievement in makeup is ... " (eye roll please).

"Norbit!"

Everywhere, dusty copies of

"Norbit" relegated to the back of store shelves will mystically reappear at the front with the words "Oscar nominated" or even worse "Oscar winning" on the cover.

OK, Hollywood, let's break this down rationally. Sure, hefty make-up was used in "Norbit" with some pretty real-looking fat suits, and there were scenes where make-up was used to change Murphy's race.

But fat suits were used in "Big Momma's House," "Shallow Hal" and any other movie that turned someone portly without asking them to gain 300 pounds, and those films were not nominated.

And sorry, but a pseudo-successful makeup use to change someone's race does not mean you

have to nominate an otherwise steamy pile for an Oscar.

By nominating "Norbit" every other film you nominated seems less prestigious by comparison. If such a shoddy, ill-received film that audience members probably had trouble sitting through has a chance at winning one of the most prestigious awards in entertainment, then what does that say about the other nominees who actually performed in a manner that deserves positive recognition?

You can't take it back, Hollywood. It's too late for that.

But maybe, just maybe you'll realize your mistake and make sure a reissue of "Norbit" only states "Oscar nominated" on the front, and not "Oscar winning."

WHAT'S GOING ON

Today	1/24	Hangar 9: JoBu Copper Dragon: Mike and Joe Mugsy's: Karaoke PK's: Boondock Billies Tres Hombres: Prism
	1/25	Hangar 9: Non-Stop Reggae Cousin Andy's: Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart Copper Dragon: Hairbangers Ball PK's: Slappin' Henry Blue w/ Tall Paul Key West: By Request DJ and Karaoke Tres Hombres: The Skinny Dips Booby's: Excelsior
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Friday	1/27	Copper Dragon: Ludo with The Effects, Halfway Jane and Brad Olive Key West: Ivas John Band
	1/28	Hangar 9: Open mic
	1/29	Hangar 9: Dollar Nite w/ Punk Soul Brutha Tres Hombres: Brothers on the Sly
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Weird news

Stories far too strange for the rest of the paper

MikePingree
Boston Herald

SOMEONE HAS BEEN VERY, VERY NAUGHTY

A man and a woman who worked for a company in Dortmund, Germany, asked their employer to send them to a weekend training seminar. But there was no seminar. The couple actually went to a resort near the Dutch border that specializes in S&M sex. They were fired.

AND, TO MAKE ONE FINAL POINT ABOUT HOW I FEEL ... CRASH!

A Chattanooga, Tenn., woman drove to the home of the woman her husband was having an affair with, and confronted him at 5 a.m. After a spirited discussion, she rammed her Lexus SUV right into the house.

I THINK HE WENT THIS WAY

A drunk driver in Durham, N.C., crashed his car into the home of a man who owns four dogs. He stepped into a big pile

of dog poop and fled, leaving a trail for police to follow.

OH, NEVER MIND

A man went into a police station in Pretoria, South Africa, and reported his cell phone stolen. A cop asked for the phone number and dialed it causing the phone to ring in the man's pocket.

OTHERWISE, IT WAS THE PERFECT CRIME

A man, who burglarized a carwash in Clearwater, Fla., wore socks on his hands so he wouldn't leave fingerprints. But he didn't bother to put on a mask. As a result, his face could be clearly seen on the surveillance tapes. In addition, the manager recognized him because the guy had just filled out an application to work there.

SO YOU'LL BE NICE AND SAFE, MY 12 LITTLE PALS

A drunk driver, who crashed his car into a tree in Citrus

Heights, Calif., was seriously injured because he was not wearing a seatbelt. However, he did have a seatbelt around the 12-pack of beer he had put on the passenger's seat.

A LADY LIKES TO BE WOODED

After being banned from a liquor store in Bremerton, Wash., a woman waited outside after midnight and offered a customer sex if he would buy her some booze. When he returned with two bottles of very cheap Thunderbird wine, she took one of the bottles and hit him over the head with it.

YOU WANNA MESS WITH ME, OLD MAN? ... WHAP!

An aggressive motorist harassed an elderly driver in Slidell, La., swerving around his car and slamming on his brakes in front of him. When the two pulled into a parking lot, he discovered the old guy was a retired deputy sheriff. The ex-cop hit him on the head with his cane.

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RYAN RENDLEMAN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Junior guard Bryan Mullins scrambles for the basketball against Wichita State's Gal Mekel during the Saluki victory Saturday.

MULLINS

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When the game got close late in the first half, the Salukis' inability to hit an open jumper or a lack of ball handling proved costly. The passes were still leading to good looks for SIU, but a missed shot, foul or turnover would waste the look.

The Salukis suffered two travel calls and a handful of bobbled balls or jump balls when trying to dribble through the defense during the first half, specifically against the Bears' 2-3 zone.

When the Bears switched to the zone in the first half, the Salukis had trouble beating it as their 12-2 lead got cut to 15-12. SIU started to figure it out and the passes around the perimeter were too quick for the Bears to keep up with.

Mullins' vision never failed him in the first half as he was able to finish the first with an impressive fast-break pass that led to a dunk.

Mullins matched a career-high in assists with nine and had similar success in the first matchup between these teams this season when he finished with seven of the team's 10 assists in the Dec. 30 79-71 victory.

Lowery said Mullins has emerged as a leader on the team and his performance further proved his role.

"Bryan did a great job and he played so hard," Lowery said. "We took advantage of Bryan, who obviously dominated the game for us. But the rebounding, that's not good enough."

On the other side, Missouri State seemed to be getting the better of the Salukis when going off the dribble. Many of the Bears' points came off

low-post moves set up by drives and a heavy dose of jumpers from the top of the key also off the dribble.

While Mullins was the main assist man in the first half, the whole Saluki squad had solid ball movement in the second.

The first two buckets of the second half came off quick dishes down low to Falker and Shaw courtesy of Mullins. Two big 3-pointers in the middle of the half came from Shaw's ability to pass out of the double team as he set up Carlton Fay and Joshua Bone from behind the arc.

The efficient passing led to a 54 percent field goal percentage compared to Missouri State's 37 percent, but the rebounding differential ultimately doomed SIU.

Mullins said he is tired of letting the close games slip away and the team needs to learn to finish.

Loss

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Foul trouble plagued senior forward Randal Falker for most of the game, but he still managed to score 10 points on the night.

Lowery said Mullins was the leader on the floor for the Salukis and his compassion for the game can't carry the team through the rest of the season.

"He's disappointed and he's tired of it and I told him I can't be the only one upset. I can't be the only one disappointed and I can't be the only going crazy in the locker room anymore," Lowery said.

Mullins said in a post game radio interview that he agreed with Lowery and it's tough for the Salukis to lose games when they shouldn't.

"We've got to get tougher at closing time and we've got to finish games off," Mullins said. "We're too old to be letting these games go."

Leading the Bears (11-9, 4-4) was Lamberth with 24 points, followed by junior forward Chris Cooks with 12 and senior guard Spencer Laurie with 11.

Lowery said he thought the team had corrected the little problems that have plagued the Salukis in close games this season, but they are still not capitalizing on the 50/50 plays.

"We've given some games away and we have to credit to everyone who has beaten us, but boy we really left some things on the floor," Lowery said. "It has nothing to do with talent it has to do with our effort and execution."

The Salukis will return to the SIU Arena on Saturday as they face the Creighton Bluejays, which will be nationally televised on ESPN2. Game time is set for 8:05 p.m.

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Junior guard Wesley Clemmons attempts a shot during the Saluki 63-52 win against Wichita State Saturday afternoon.

RYAN RENDLEMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

"I don't even really know how to explain it but I'm definitely sick of it," Mullins said. "Something has to change though. We're making plays to win the game but we're not making plays to finish it off. It's tough. It's real tough."

Mullins will need a similar performance when the Salukis look for an upset victory over Creighton Saturday at the SIU Arena.

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SENIORS

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While Pauk only averages 5.7 points per game, her 17 points and 37 minutes against Creighton Sunday offset some of the injury issues on the team and the 5-of-15 shooting night from Sweere.

On top of taking on a more prominent role on offense, Pauk has also been asked to learn the 2-3 zone after SIU primarily used a man-to-man defense in the 2006-07 season.

Pauk said it wasn't Eikenberg's decision for her and Sweere to transfer to SIU.

"We ran through different things for ourselves and what we thought was best for us and we ultimately had to make that decision for ourselves," Pauk said. "There was a lot of unknowns for us but we just had to believe and have faith that this is where we are supposed to be."

The Salukis will take on Evansville at 5 p.m. Saturday at Roberts Stadium.

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Bulls' Deng sidelined with Achilles' tendinitis

Andrew Seligman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Bulls forward Luol Deng is expected to miss one to three weeks because of his recurring left Achilles' tendinitis, and leading scorer Ben Gordon sat out Wednesday night against the Indiana Pacers due to a sprained right wrist.

Gordon, averaging 19.6 points, hurt himself Monday during a 104-90 loss at Memphis.

"X-rays were taken (on Gordon), and from what I understand, they were negative," interim coach Jim Boylan said. "It's just can he get it loose enough so he can play."

Gordon, who arrived at the arena late on a snowy evening, apparently was unable to do so.

Deng's condition has been bothering him for about a month, and he does not want to rush back.

"We're going to try to be smart about it," he said. "I don't want to come back and have to sit down again. Even if I feel good after one week, I'm really going to try to test it and see how good it feels before I start going again."

Deng, second on the team at 17.9 points per game, missed three games before returning Jan. 13 at Atlanta. The problem flared up again during the fourth quarter against Golden State on Friday, and he sat out the following night against Detroit. Deng played 26 minutes at Memphis but sat out the fourth quarter because of the pain and the lopsided score.

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STAT OF THE DAY
Men's Basketball

Junior guard Bryan Mullins had nine assists and only two turnovers in the Salukis 63-62 loss to Missouri State Wednesday. He had seven assists against the Bears in the team's first meeting on Dec. 30.

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Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered?
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Shaquille O'Neal will be 36 years old and will be out for two weeks with a hip injury. He has two years left on a deal worth \$40 million. Should the "Big Aristotle" retire?

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"Yeah he should retire. I loved watching Shaq play and he did a good job keeping the center position alive until someone else could carry the torch. With Dwight Howard, Yao Ming and Andrew Bynum playing great basketball Shaq can leave the game in peace. I just want to see O'Neal in another movie or as an ESPN analyst."

"The hip injury is definitely old age knocking at the door. But should he retire? I don't think so. He's a shoe-in for the hall of fame and I don't think he's going to give up playing the game just yet."

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"He's earned the right to keep playing as long as he wants and despite his injuries, his numbers are still better than most at his position. I'd trade for him if I were general manager of a team desperate for a low-post presence. Sure, he can't dominate anymore, but that doesn't mean he can't be effective. After all, he was Kazaam."

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Track back in action

Track and field to compete in Illinois Invitational

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It will be a battle for the title of best in Illinois when the SIU track and field team competes this weekend.

The Salukis will head to Urbana-Champaign Saturday at the Carle/Health Alliance Classic at the University of Illinois where they will face off against five Illinois-based universities.

The Salukis look to improve on their strong showing at last weekend's Saluki Booster Invitational. Head coach Connie Price-Smith said she was pleased with SIU's first performance of the season.

"Looking back, I think we had a really good meet," Price-Smith said. "It was a good start for us."

SIU's throwers were successful at the unscored meet. The men's team was led by a strong showing from Brenton Siemons, who won the shotput and weight throw at the Saluki Booster. On the women's side, the Salukis had three top-5 finishers in the weight throw including Brittany Riley, Rickael Roach and Olga Ciura.

Riley and Siemons were both awarded this week's Missouri Valley Conference Athlete-of-the-Week. Riley won the women's weight throw and Siemons posted first-place finishes in the men's weight throw and shotput events.

Throws coach John Smith said he was happy with how his throwers performed.

"People competed better than I expected," Smith said. "The goal for each meet is to perform better and throw farther."

Senior Joe Mueller and sophomore Thomas Smith joined Siemons with top-5 finishes in both the weight toss and shotput.

Smith said he wanted his team focused and keeping an eye on the conference standings to see where each individual stacked up against the competition.

"If they're not in contention to score, they're not getting on the bus to go to Northern Iowa," Smith said. "That's their motivation."

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— Connie Price-Smith
track and field head coach

At the meet, the Salukis will compete against several teams including DePaul, Eastern Illinois, Illinois, Illinois State and Northern Illinois. Price-Smith said she expects a competitive meet Saturday.

Illinois' women's team ranks No. 25 in the nation and will provide the Salukis with quality competition at the meet. The

Fighting Illini competed against No. 11 Texas and No. 14 UCLA Jan. 19.

"I think it will be a good, competitive meet," Price-Smith said. "I think they're ready to see some good competition."

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EMILY SUNBLADE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman Olga Ciura participates in the shotput event during the Saluki Booster Invitational Jan. 19. Ciura finished fifth in the weight throw competition during the invitational. The SIU track and field team will be competing in the Carle/Health Alliance Classic in Urbana-Champaign Friday and will face teams including Illinois State, Northern Illinois and Eastern Illinois.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis fail to finish

Shaw scores 18 in fourth conference loss

Megan Kramper
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

It came down to the wire for the SIU men's basketball team Wednesday, and again the Salukis couldn't seal the deal.

SIU dropped another heart-breaker as they lost their fourth Missouri Valley Conference match-up to the Missouri State Bears, 63-62. Though the team led by one point with 1.7 seconds remaining in the game, Bears forward Dale Lamberth iced the victory with two free throws.

The Salukis (9-10, 4-4 MVC) were out-rebounded on the night 21-36, which ultimately cost the Salukis the final possession of the game.

Coach Chris Lowery said in a post game radio interview that he took the blame for the team's inability to crash the boards.

Senior forward Matt Shaw led the way with 18 points, five rebounds and three assists while junior guard Bryan Mullins added 12 points and tied a career-high with nine assists.

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DuVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior guard Tyrone Green attempts a layup as Wichita State defenders attempt a block during Saturday's game at the SIU Arena. Green scored seven points Wednesday during the Saluki's 63-62 loss.

Mullins' passing bright spot in loss

Junior guard showcases vision

Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

A last-second loss would not have been possible Wednesday if not for the passing shown by junior guard Bryan Mullins.

The Salukis (9-10, 4-4 Missouri Valley Conference) were unable to hold off Missouri State as they fell 63-62 on a pair of free throws with one second left, but their passing kept them in the game until the final seconds.

Mullins capped off a passing clinic with what could have been a game-winning lay up.

Before that lay up, Mullins had a dish to Randal Falker on a fast break that led to a 1-point lead. When SIU

lost that lead, Mullins had a perfect inbound pass between three defenders that led to a Tyrone Green lay up.

Coach Chris Lowery said he felt the team did enough offensively to win the game but the hustle on the defense was lacking.

"We shot great from the field, made our free throws, made the tough plays offensively that we have been struggling to make on the road this year," Lowery said. "For us to not be able to get rebounds, I take the blame for it. There is no excuse for it."

Missouri State (11-9, 4-4) started the game in man-to-man defense that the Salukis passed their way around to take a 12-2 lead. Mullins orchestrated the passing attack as he hit teammates down low for a quick lay up or on the outside for a jumper.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

All eyes on the seniors after injuries



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Senior guard Jayme Sweere jumps through a double team to score a basket at Sunday's home game against rival Creighton. Sweere finished the game with 11 points including the final layup that put the Salukis ahead to win 75 - 74.

Pauk and Sweere still adjusting to changes

Matt Hartwig
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

With three consecutive Missouri Valley Conference road games on deck, the SIU women's basketball team is feeling the pressure.

The Salukis (7-9, 3-3 MVC) have already been without junior forward Jasmine Gibson since Jan. 5. Now, freshmen backcourt members Ellen Young and Tanaeya Worden are walking around practice with a protective boot to prevent serious injury, lessening options for a team already lacking key depth for a conference run.

Coach Dana Eikenberg said she isn't sure about the freshmen duo playing this weekend against Evansville.

"We're trying to keep multiple stress fractures from occurring," Eikenberg said.

The offense could struggle if Young and Worden sit out. The duo

combined to average 20.6 points per game.

Fellow freshmen Paris Campbell and Katrina Swingler will likely take those minutes if necessary with SIU having to work with a seven-woman rotation.

Swingler contributed 10 points off the bench in Sunday's 75-74 overtime win against Creighton.

The scoring burden could also be increased on senior guards Jayme Sweere and Erin Pauk.

Sweere, fresh off hitting the game winner against the Blue Jays, could be looked upon to increase her 13.4 points per game average.

The Springfield, Mo., native has been thrust into the spotlight this season and was expected to fill the void left by graduated leading scorer Carlai Moore.

Though her leadership has been

called into question and drawn the ire of Eikenberg, Sweere said she's glad she followed her coach from Missouri-Kansas City to SIU when Eikenberg took the job in 2004.

"I grew up watching the Valley living in Springfield and I wanted to play in a bigger conference than the one I was in."

— Jayme Sweere
 senior guard

"I grew up watching the Valley living in Springfield and I wanted to play in a bigger conference than the one I was in," Sweere said. "I wanted to live in a college town and I wanted to help rebuild a program and win championships."

Sweere wasn't alone, though. Pauk also followed Eikenberg and Sweere.

Pauk, who was in and out of the starting lineup during the 2006 to 2007 season, has solidified her spot in the starting five this season.

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