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Christian group seeks university's response to allegations

Andrea Zimmermann DAILY EGYPTIAN

A national Christian advocacy group has given the university until today to respond to allegations that a graduate student's rights were infringed upon when a professor refused to let her include religion in an assignment.

Christine Mize, a gradu-ate student in social work from Murphysboro, said during the fall semester, Professor Laura Dreuth Zeman refused to let her include a Christian-based therapy to assist women dealing with post-abortion stress syndrome in a paper for her SOCW 501 class.

Mize said Dreuth Zeman informed her that her paper would be downgraded if she included the religious aspect.

Mize enlisted the help of the Alliance Defense Fund for Academic Freedom. The organization's American Center for Law and Justice helped her prepare legal information to attach to her paper, which no longer included the faith-based component. The letter told Dreuth Zeman that she had violated Mize's free speech and religious rights.

Dreuth Zeman said she passed the paper and the legal letter onto general counsel, as is her general practice whenever she receives anything from a lawyer. As a result, Mize received an incomplete for the course.

"It's not my place to select the position of the university in legal matters," Dreuth Zeman said, "I asked for their direction."

Amy Smith, litigation counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund, sent a letter to the university on March 7, demanding the paper be graded promptly.

SIUC spokesman Rod Sievers said the ungraded paper and legal letter must have gotten buried in the general counsel's office.

It may have gotten stuck up in



MAX BITTLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior Tony Young embraces fellow senior Jamaal Tatum in the final minute of the Salukis' win over Virginia Tech Sunday in Columbus, Ohio. With the win the Salukis move on to the Sweet 16 for the first time in 5 years.

SIU defeats Va. Tech, advances to Sweet 16 for first time in 5 years

Sean McGahan DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sweet

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The team known nationally for its stingy defense provided more of the same Sunday on the way to its first Sweet 16 berth since 2002

SIU (29-6) defeated Virginia Tech (22-12) in second-round NCAA tournament regional play 63-48. The win gives the Salukis their third ever trip to the Sweet 16, and their first since 2002.

The Salukis held the Hokies to a season-low 20 first half points, and kept up the defensive intensity to leave Virginia Tech with a total of 48 points, eight less than its previous season low. SIU led 19-18 with 4:28 remaining in the first half, and never surrendered the lead for the rest of the game. Four Salukis scored in double-digits, with senior guards Jamaal Tatum and Tony Young leading the way with 21 and 17, respectively. Tatum sparked a Saluki offensive streak late in the first half, hitting three shots in a row from beyond the arch to end the half and banking in another three-pointer less than a minute into the second half. He finished 6-of-9 from long range. Tatum said the ability of forwards Randal Falker and Tony Boyle to command double-teams helped the guards' three-point shooting. "We got confidence and stepped up and knocked down shots," Tatum said after the game. "Coach told us to keep shooting shots from far, and we did that."

Sophomore guard Bryan Mullins, who also notched a long-range bucket among the team total of 12 threepointers, said the offensive efficiency in the second half may shock some who know the team only for its defensive prowess.

Salukis

"I think that since everyone knows us for our defense and we play so hard on defense that people don't realize that we can score and we have been getting a lot better this year on offense," Mullins said. "You can only do so much on defense, but your offense has got to take over too."

With the Salukis up 60-46 with



Anthony Soufflé ~ Daily Egyptian

SIU guard Jamaal Tatum greets fans at the Williamson County Regional Airport as he and fellow teammates arrive back in southern Illinois after their victory over Virginia Tech in the second round of the Men's NCAA Tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

Hundreds of fans greet Salukis with cheers upon return to southern Illinois

Brandon Weisenberger DAILY EGYPTIAN

MARION — Eardrumthumping chants of "SIU" resonated through a sea of Saluki fans Sunday

who were snapping photos by the second and reaching out to slap hands with the victors.

SIU secured its third ever Sweet 16 berth in the NCAA Tournament with the win over Virginia Tech. The Salukis are slated to play ranked Kansas on Thursday in San Jose, Calif. Tip off is 6:25 p.m.

(general counsel) for a little while, but the right thing was done" by grading the paper, Sievers said.

In the letter, Smith also requested that SIUC assure the Alliance Defense Fund that Mize and any other student's religious freedoms would not be violated again. Smith gave the university until today to fulfill the demand.

"When a university decides which kinds of speech is to be protected, people should be worried," she said. "Today it might be Christian speech and once they are done vetting that out, they would go on to another speech. You have to protect everyone's speech."

Smith said the Alliance Defense Fund primarily represents Christian clients and that people of other religions would probably seek help from other organizations.

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less than a minute and a half remaining, maroon adorned fans throughout the Nationwide Arena chanted, "San Jose!" in anticipation of the team's Sweet 16 destination. The Salukis will face No. 1 seed Kansas (32-4).

Even though it is the farthest any of the players have gone in the tournament, Young said the team is not content to just be among the final 16 teams.

"We won't be satisfied until we go as far as we possibly can, just go out every game and just play our hardest," Young said. "We know what it's like to go out in the first round, second round. We want to see what it's like to go as far as we can."

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> Go to siuDE.com for a photo slideshow of tournament action

night at Williamson County Regional Airport.

The superstars were back in southern Illinois.

More than 500 people gathered for more than an hour in steadily dropping temperatures to greet the Salukis, fresh off a 63-48 win in NCAA tournament action.

As Coach Chris Lowery exited the Delta carrier with his young daughter nestled in his left arm, the scores of fans outside and inside the airport erupted in adulation. Junior forward Randal Falker trekked the tarmac with a limp, followed by a line of some groggy-eyed teammates, athletics staff, band members, university administrators and others who departed the flight from Columbus, Ohio.

"It couldn't get any better," said senior guard Jamaal Tatum as he walked through the crowd of people

Kathy Abney, an accountant in the Office of Financial Aid, said she felt "absolute relief" when SIU picked up the win.

"I was a nervous wreck through the whole thing," said Abney, a 1992 SIUC graduate.

Pep rally

Abney also had some words for former SIU A pep rally in Coach Bruce Weber, honor of the Salukis' win will be held at 7 p.m. today at the SIU

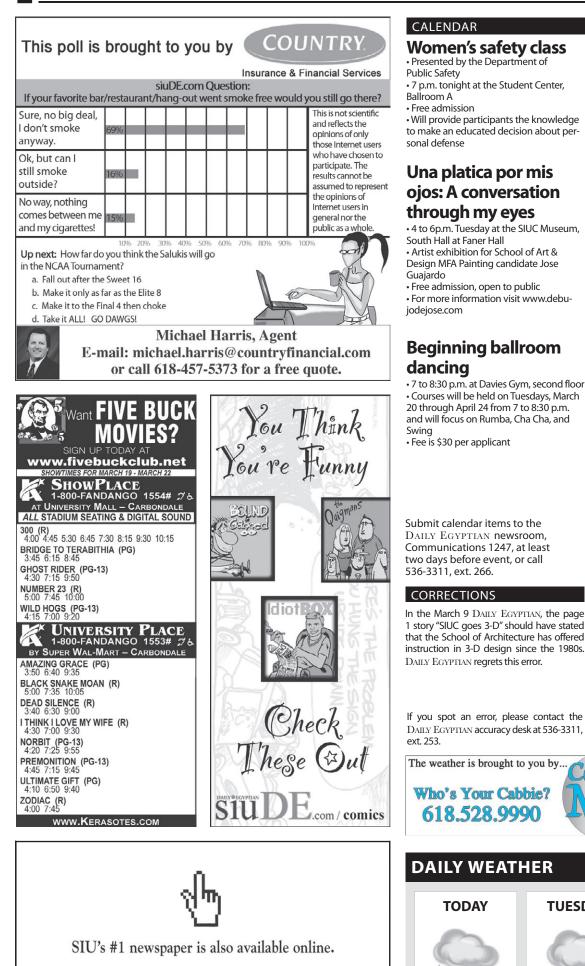
> job done, but we got it done," she said. "Don't send a boy to do a

> Nearby, 9-year-old Kelsey Pearson of Carterville waved a Saluki pennant as her mother Michelle held her daughter on her shoulders.

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Arena. Doors open at 6 p.m. man's job."

whose University of Illinois Fighting Illini fell 54-52 in the tournament's first round. "Illinois couldn't get the





NEWS BRIEFS

Women's Club offers scholarships for females

The SIU Women's Club seeks applicants for two scholarships.

Female undergraduates of at least junior standing can apply for the Dorothy Morris Scholarship. Non-traditional female undergraduates can apply for the Joyce Guyon Non-Traditional Student Scholarship.

Both prizes require a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Applicants must submit a cover sheet with name, address, date of birth, class standing, ID number and graduation date; official college transcripts; a letter stating leadership experience, accomplishments outside the classroom and financial need; and three letters of recommendation.

Applicants must be enrolled at SIUC and complete at least one semester during the 2007-08 academic year. May and August 2007 graduates are not eligible.

Applications must be postmarked by March 30. Application packages should be sent to Scholarship, SIUC Women's Club, P.O. Box 1226, Carbondale, IL 62903. Call Johanna Hsiao at 549-2468 for more information.

Wildfire burns homes, shuts down highway

RENO, Nev. (AP) — An early season wildfire in Reno burned several homes and temporarily shut down Interstate 80's westbound lanes, officials said.

- An undetermined number of people were evacuated from homes and businesses after the brush fire broke out Saturday afternoon.
- 'There was actually seven structures that had some fire damage and one structure that pretty much burned to the ground," said Reno Fire Department Battalion Chief Bob Knoll. He said the fire was contained Saturday night and evacuated residents had been allowed to return home.
- The flames were fanned by wind gusts of up to 20 mph and another day of unseasonably warm weather. Saturday's high of 78 tied Reno's record high for the date set in 1972.

Cool temperatures, higher humidity and lighter winds should help firefighters as they monitor the fire overnight, Knoll said. I-80's westbound lanes and two city streets were closed for about an hour as flames

approached it, police said. The cause of the fire was under investigation.

About 100 firefighters battled the blaze, which also burned fences and outbuildings. The fire came after a week of unseasonably high temperatures in Reno.

Man pays 30-year-old fine for lost book

SUPERIOR, Wis. (AP) — High school grad Jeff Rolson has been docked 13 dollars for a lost algebra book and unpaid gym fees.

With interest, it could have been a lot worse: Rolson graduated from Superior Senior High in Wisconsin in 1977.

He stopped by last week to get a copy of his transcript and was surprised when a secretary also handed him a bill for 13 dollars from 30 years ago.

Rolson still lives in Superior and his daughter is now a student at school and he says he can't understand why they didn't contact him sooner.

POLICE REPORTS

An armed robbery occurred at 9:30 p.m. at the footbridge near Boomer Hall March 7. A 25year-old SIUC student reported that two unidentified males approached him, one suspect pointed a handgun at the victim while the second suspect took the victim's wallet. The suspects fled east on the footbridge. The victim was not injured, the investigation continues.

SIUC student Kristen Carrie Stroh, 22, from Oak Lawn, was arrested and charged with theft under \$300 dollars, credit card fraud and identity theft at 6:00 p.m. Feb. 26 at Greek Row. Stroh was released on a personal recognizance.

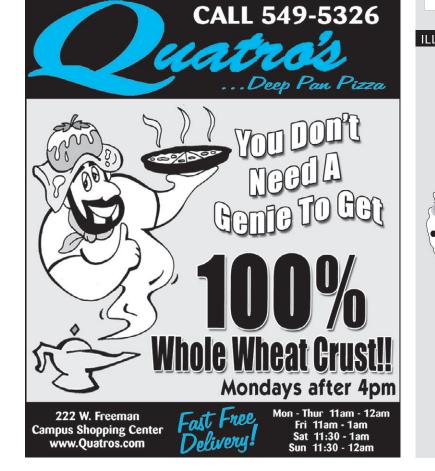
SIUC student Shaina Alice Robinson, 19, from Chicago was arrested and charged with

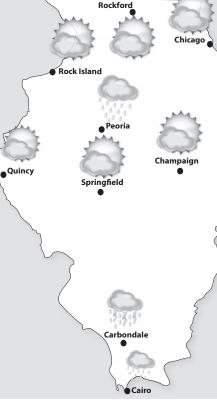
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Campus lake fish contaminated

Contain high levels of methylmercury

Joe Crawford Daily Egyptian

There is something in the water at Campus Lake.

Largemouth bass caught in the lake tend to contain especially high levels of methylmercury, which can cause reproductive damage and harm the central nervous system, according to the 2007 Sports Fish Consumption Advisory released by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Methylmercury is formed when bacteria and other natural processes break down oxidized mercury.

Campus Lake is one of 15 bodies of water in Illinois on the department's special mercury advisory. The department sets special restrictions on the amount of fish it recommends any person eat from bodies of water listed on the special advisory.

Other local bodies of water on the advisory include Cedar Lake, Devil's Kitchen Lake, Kinkaid Lake and Little Grassy Lake.

Children younger than 15 and women of childbearing age are advised to eat largemouth bass from Campus Lake only once a month, according to the department's Web site.

Other populations should refrain from eating the fish more than once a week.

Predator fish, such as largemouth bass, are particularly susceptible to having high methylmercury concentrations because they are higher on the food chain, said Tom Hornshaw, chairman of the Fish Contaminant Monitoring Program at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. "It's fish that eat other fish," he

said. Most mercury that enters the water in Illinois comes from the atmosphere,

Hornshaw said. The mercury is

either washed out of the atmosphere by precipitation or falls in dry particles, Hornshaw said.

Coal-fired power plants are one of the primary sources of air-born mercury, he said.

Phil Gatton, director of the

Physical Plant, said the on-campus power plant at SIUC burns coal from southern Illinois that is low in mercury.

"We're anticipating there to be an increased use of Illinois coal because of the new requirements regarding mercury," he said.

Both the federal and Illinois governments have recently implemented stricter laws regarding mercury contamination.

The Illinois regulations, announced by Gov. Rod Blagojevich in August, call for most Illinois coalburning plants to reduce mercury emissions by 90 percent.

When coal is burned, two forms of mercury, oxidized and elemental, are released into the air, said Francois Botha, a project manager at the Illinois Clean Coal Institute.

While burning southern Illinois

coal usually releases low amounts of elemental mercury, it releases relatively high amounts of oxidized mercury, which can form methylmercury and end up in the food chain, Botha said.

Illinois' ecosystem is less conducive to converting oxidized mercury into meth-

We're anticipating there to be an increased use of Illinois with the states have stricter fish advisories, he said.

the Hornshaw said citizens should also be aware of problems with polychlorinated — Phil Gatton biphenyls which

director of Physical Plant are man-made chemicals once

used in electrical components.

coal because of the

new requirements

regarding mercury.

Because of the presence of the chemicals in bluegill in Campus Lake, no one should eat the fish more than once a week, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health's Web site.

The chemicals have been shown to cause liver cancer in laboratory animals and may cause problems for developing fetuses, Hornshaw said.

Swimming in bodies of water on the mercury advisory is no more dangerous than swimming elsewhere, Hornshaw said.

The water actually contains miniscule amounts of methylmercury, he said. "You would have to drink the whole lake to have a concern," he said.

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Jason Johnson ~ Daily Egyptian

Despite high mercury levels, fishermen Lonnie Sadler and Gary Wright continue their hobby on Little Grassy Lake. Wright said the fish look healthy and never have any sores.

SIUC debate team to host Irish opponents

Ryan Rendleman Daily Egyptian

The SIUC debate team will soon exchange words with the Irish.

At 7 p.m. April 4 in the Hiram H. Lesar Law Building auditorium, Ireland's national debate team will spar with the university's team, which is ranked 16th of 200 nationwide.

Todd Graham, director of debate at SIUC, said the debate will be an interesting and important event.

"It should be a really fun, a really good time," Graham said.

Graham said Ireland's national debate team is invited to compete against a U.S. team every year. He said SIUC, along with three other U.S. teams, has a chance to compete against the Irish squad. Katie Thomas, a sophomore from Fort Collins, Colo., studying political science, will combine forces with Kyle Dennis, a junior from Kansas City, Mo., studying economics, and Justin Hingtgen, a senior from West Des Moines, Iowa, studying business management. Dennis and Hingtgen make up the nationally ranked team. Thomas said Ireland's team includes the country's top three college-level debaters. She said she expects the team to be very competitive. "They won their national championship in Ireland, so they're going to be pretty good," she said. Thomas said the Irish team has a reputation for making fun of Americans and using witticisms in debates against the opponent while maintaining a serious demeanor. "We're just hoping we can keep up with them and defend our honor,'

Thomas said.

Thomas said she would head to Colorado College at the end of this week to compete at the National Parliamentary Debate Association open invite tournament with her partner. She also said Hingtgen and Dennis competed this weekend at the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence, an invitation-only tournament.

These tournaments have taken time away from preparing for the Irish team, she said.

"We have very little time when we get back so we're hoping that there's at least some things we can get out of the way before we leave and then have to come back and deal with that," she said.



Graham said the Irish team is more experienced and consists of doctoral students. He said there is no scoring, and the crowd might be used to vote on a winner.

Thomas said she is eager to debate the Irish.

"Tm really excited to have them and to make that something that SIU got to be a part of," she said. "I think that's really cool."

Thomas said students should come to the event because it would be a good time, and would show respect for the Irish team.

"We're inviting as many people as we can get to come because we think it would be really important to show the Irish that we respect them by having people show up and make this an important thing," she said.

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WIRE REPORTS

JERUSALEM

Israel says peace talks impossible

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Sunday peace talks with the Palestinian coalition government would be impossible as long as it refuses to renounce violence and recognize Israel's right to exist.

The Israeli Cabinet endorsed Olmert's hard line, urging the West to maintain harsh economic sanctions imposed with last year's election of the militant Islamic Hamas. Palestinians had hoped the new alliance between the moderate Fatah and Hamas would lead Israel and Western countries to lift the sanctions, urging the international community to give their new government a chance.

<u>China</u>

U.S. envoy upbeat about nuke talks

BEIJING (AP) — The top American nuclear envoy said Sunday that he believed North Korea and the U.S. had "gotten past" a dispute over \$25 million in frozen North Korean funds, and the communist nation was moving toward nuclear disarmament.

Christopher Hill, the American envoy, said he met with North Korean representatives on Saturday and Sunday to explain the U.S. position on the funds held in Macau's Banco Delta Asia bank, and was hopeful that the issue had been resolved.

He had yet to meet with his North Korean counterpart, Kim Kye Gwan. Kim arrived Saturday but did not participate in meetings leading up to a formal resumption of six-party nuclear talks on Monday.

MARYLAND

Report: Officials closed prison after moving inmates

JESSUP, Md. (AP) — Citing inefficiency and concern over employee safety, state officials closed a 128-year-old maximum security prison on Saturday after secretly moving its inmates to other prisons over the past few weeks, according to a newspaper report.

Public Safety and Correctional Services Secretary Gary D. Maynard said he began working on plans to close the Maryland House of Correction in Jessup hours after a correctional officer, Edouardo F. Edouazin, was stabbed there on March 2, the Baltimore Sun reported Sunday.

Edouazin lived, but others involved in attacks at the prison haven't been so lucky. Last summer, three prisoners were killed and a guard was stabbed to death by two inmates.

"The House of Correction was one of the worst in terms of officer safety and efficiency of operation," Maynard said. "You can't put enough officers here to make it safe."

THAILAND

Children killed in school attack

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A deadly on an Islamic school in Thailand's

Senator intends to push ahead with White House subpoenas

Hope Yen THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee chairman said Sunday he intends to subpoena White House officials involved in ousting federal prosecutors and is dismissing anything short of their testimony in public.

The Bush White House was expected to announce early this week whether it will let political strategist Karl Rove, former White House counsel Harriet Miers and other officials testify or will seek to assert executive privilege in preventing their appearance.

The chairman, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., last week delayed a vote on the subpoenas until Thursday as the president's counsel, Fred Fielding, sought to negotiate terms. But on Sunday, Leahy said he had not met Fielding nor was he particularly open to any compromises, such as a private briefing by the administration officials

"I want testimony under oath. I am sick and tired of getting halftruths on this," Leahy said. "I do not believe in this, we'll have a private briefing for you where we'll tell you everything, and they don't."

Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, the top Republican on the committee, said he had a long talk with Fielding on Friday and was reserving judgment. Specter said he would like to see Rove and Miers' open testimony because there were numerous precedents for it.

"I want to see exactly what the White House response is," Specter said. "Maybe the White House will come back and say, 'We'll permit them to be interviewed and we'll give them all the records."

White House spokeswoman Emily Lawrimore declined to comment Sunday as to whether Rove and Miers would testify. Fielding



ANDREW COUNCIL ~ MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales gives a press conference at the Department of Justice on Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

was taking additional time to review the matter "given the importance of the issues under consideration and the presidential principles involved," she said.

At issue is the firing of eight U.S. attorneys, dismissals that Democrats say were politically motivated. Such prosecutors serve at the pleasure of the president.

General Alberto Attorney Gonzales initially had asserted the firings were performance-related, not based on political considerations.

But e-mails released last week between the Justice Department and the White House contradicted that assertion and led to a public apology from Gonzales over the handling of the matter.

The e-mails showed that Rove,

as early as Jan. 6, 2005, questioned whether the U.S. attorneys should all be replaced at the start of Bush's second term, and to some degree worked with Miers and former Gonzales chief of staff Kyle Sampson to get some prosecutors dismissed.

Additional e-mails are expected to be released this week to the Senate and House Judiciary committees. Each committee planned votes on subpoenas for Rove and Miers.

The Senate committee already has approved using subpoenas, if necessary, for Justice Department officials and J. Scott Jennings, deputy to White House political director Sara Taylor, who works for Rove.

Lawmakers also were scheduled Thursday to quiz Gonzales about his agency's budget request in a hearing that was expected to focus in part on the prosecutor scandal.

Several Democrats and a few Republicans, including Sen. John Sununu of New Hampshire, have called for Gonzales to resign, saying he had lost the support and confidence of Congress and the nation.

Sampson, Gonzales' chief of staff until he resigned last week, released a statement making clear that senior Justice officials were aware that the department and the White House "had been discussing the subject since the election" of 2004. Gonzales has said he was kept in the dark about the communications.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said Sunday that Sampson's attorney told the committee that the former Gonzales aide wants to testify.

Bush veto looms for Democrat legislation

Jim Abrams THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The president with the fewest vetoes in more than a century, George W. Bush is poised to make up for lost time as congressional Democrats move legislation the White House says is unacceptable. In the past week alone the White House threatened to veto House bills dealing with presidential records and protection for whistle-blowers, and a defeated Senate bill that would have set a deadline for withdrawal from Iraq. The White House also warned that a war-spending bill the House will take up this coming week would face a veto because it contains Iraq withdrawal language. Since Democrats took over Congress in January the White House has put out 22 position papers on major bills before Congress; of these, nine contain veto threats aimed at the bills or provisions in them. In all of 2006, when Republicans ran Capitol Hill, the White House issued 61 such policy statements, with only seven veto threats. Several were reminders not to exceed or tamper with spending

ceilings; two were aimed at spending bills that had wording, later removed, that would have eased U.S. penalties against Cuba.

In July, Bush issued the only veto of his presidency, killing a bill on the use of federal money for stem cell research. The veto stuck when the House failed to get

7 soldiers die in Iraq, 4 killed in bombing

Lauren Frayer THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military on Sunday announced the deaths of seven more troops in Iraq, including four killed by a roadside bomb while patrolling western Baghdad — the

latest American casualties in a

number of casualties.

The attacks killed at least two people and sickened 350 Iraqi civilians and six U.S. troops, the U.S. military said Saturday.

U.S. military spokesman Rear Adm. Mark Fox said at least one of the attackers detonated his explosives

after he was unable to get past an Iraqi police checkpoint

restive south that left three students dead and seven injured sparked hundreds of Muslim villagers to rioted Sunday in protest.

Police blamed the attack in the southern province of Songkhla on Muslim insurgents, but villagers said they didn't believe Muslims were behind the violence.

More than 500 protesters gathered outside the school, parading the dead children's bodies through the crowd and setting fire to two buildings at a nearby government-owned school. Some hurled stones at police.

The attack occurred late Saturday evening at the Bamrungsart Pondok school, a Muslim boarding school in Songkhla province, said police Col. Thammasak Wasaksiri. Attackers hurled explosives onto the school grounds and opened fire with assault rifles into the sleeping quarters of the school, Thammasak said.

He said police believe Muslim insurgents staged the attack and hoped to convince local residents that authorities were behind it — a ploy to win villagers over to the insurgents' cause.

the two-thirds majority needed to override it.

That is the cleanest record since the veto-less presidency of James A. Garfield. He was shot four months after he took office in 1881 and died several months later.

By comparison, Bill Clinton vetoed 37 bills over two terms, George H.W. Bush 44 in his four-year term and Ronald Reagan 78 in his two terms.

George W. Bush's low numbers reflect his cooperative relationship with the Republicans who ran Congress during most of his first six years. Democrats see it somewhat differently.

"My view is that the country paid a huge price for a Congress that acted like it was not an equal branch of government," said Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., chairman of the Democratic Caucus. "They acted like Play-Doh in his hands."

monthlong security crackdown in the capital.

Though violence has receded slightly in the capital, a car bomb killed eight Iraqis in a predominantly Shiite

district on Sunday, police said. The attack targeted people cooking food at open-air grills in the street, to offer as charity on a Shiite Muslim holiday commemorating the anniversary of the prophet Muhammad's death. Police said 28 others were wounded in the attack.

A U.S. official, meanwhile, blamed al-Qaida in Iraq for chlorine bomb attacks that struck villagers in Anbar province earlier this week but said tight Iraqi security measures prevented a higher

The chlorine attack in Amiriyah, just south of Fallujah, was a kind of killing only himpunishment against self. Fox conceded the people who stood that many Iraqis were exposed to the against terrorist chemical fumes but insisted that steps organizations. Iraqi security forces were increasingly

— Ali Al-Dabbagh Iraqi government spokesman

effective. "Insurgent attempts to create highprofile carnage are being stopped at checkpoints across the country," he said at a news conference in Baghdad. Iraqi government spokesman Ali

al-Dabbagh appealed to Iraqis to help stop the violence.

"Opportunity is still available to all honest Iraqis to rescue this country from the criminals," he said at a joint news conference with Fox. "The chlorine attack was a kind of punishment against the people who stood against terrorist organizations."

Man wrongly imprisoned for rape is convicted of murdering photographer

Carrie Antlfinger THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHILTON, Wis. (AP) - Aman who spent 18 years in prison for a rape he didn't commit was convicted Sunday of murdering a photographer, whose charred bones were found in a burn pit outside his home.

Steven Avery, 44, shook his head when the verdict was read. He faces a mandatory life prison term for killing Teresa Halbach, 25, on Halloween 2005 near his family's salvage yard.

Halbach disappeared Oct. 31, 2005, after going to the yard in rural Manitowoc County to photograph a minivan that Avery's sister had for sale through Auto Trader Magazine. Avery had called that morning to request the photo, testimony showed.

A few davs later, Halbach's vehicle was found in the Avery salvage lot under branches, pieces of wood and car parts. Investigators then spent a week on the 40-acre property and found charred fragments of her bones in a pit behind Avery's garage and in a

barrel, along with her camera and cell phone.

Two years before Halbach died, Avery was released from prison after serving 18 years for a Manitowoc County rape that DNA analysis showed he did not commit. He later settled a wrongful-conviction lawsuit against the county for \$400,000 and used it for his defense.

After the verdict was read, Halbach's brother, Mike Halbach, told reporters that he was pleased and that he believed his sister's spirit guided the jury.

"What matters is that Steven Avery is going to be in prison for the rest of his life, which from the start is what we wanted," he said.

The jury convicted Avery of first-degree intentional homicide and being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was acquitted of mutilating a corpse. The panel deliberated over three days and heard a month of testimony.

Avery's nephew Brendan Dassey is due for trial next month. In March 2006, he confessed to

of sexual assault, kidnapping and had no anger or embarrassment false imprisonment to Avery's case. over the lawsuit.

But Dassey recanted his confession and rejected a plea deal that would have required him to testify against his uncle.

The judge dismissed the sexual assault and kidnapping charges against Avery in January because prosecutors could not guarantee the nephew would testify. The judge dismissed the imprisonment charge false Monday, saying the jurors didn't have enough evidence to convict Avery of the charge.

Mike Halbach said his family expects Dassey's trial to have a similar outcome after it begins April 16.

In closing arguments, defense lawyer Dean Strang had told jurors their verdict could "set a lot of things right" for Avery because of his previous wrongful conviction.

The 1985 case won't matter so much anymore

if justice is done this time," he

But special prosecutor Ken Kratz said it was "absolutely improper" for the defense to ask jurors to take the old case into account.

— Mike Halbach He told jurors victim's brother

the prosecution's theory of what happened — that Avery backed Halbach's vehicle into his empty garage, closed the garage door and at some point shot Halbach at least twice and put her in the back of her vehicle.

Avery's attorneys had claimed Manitowoc County Sheriff's Sgt. Andrew Colborn and Lt. James Lenk, embarrassed by Avery's wrongful-conviction lawsuit, planted evidence to make sure he would be convicted of the murder, including putting Avery's blood in Halbach's vehicle.

The lawyers claimed the blood came from an unsecured vial from Avery's appeals of the rape case. They also claimed the bones were moved to where they were found.

To acquit Avery, Kratz said, the jury would have to have believed someone else killed Halbach and "skillfully exploited" the officials' supposed animosity to get Avery framed for the killing.

"That's absurd," he said. "If this wasn't such an important decision that you had to make, it would be laughable."

helping kill and rape Halbach. Colborn and Lenk testified Prosecutors then added charges they never planted evidence and

Tour to spotlight restored houses

Danny Wenger DAILY EGYPTIAN

When Ken Collins' house was built, horse-drawn carriages were more common than cars.

Collins' house, built in 1899, was one of the houses declared a landmark this year and will be part of a tour highlighting Carbondale's historic sites.

The city was recently awarded a \$2,975 grant for historic preservation and to provide means to showcase restored properties. Each year, the city recognizes homes and other buildings that have been restored and offers a one-day tour of the sites.

City planner Chris Wallace said that in the past the tour was done with an SIUC trolley. The grant, he said, will provide money for new transportation.

Wallace said the tour is free and lasts about two hours. The tour will probably be at the end of April, he said.

"What we're going to do is stop at those destinations that received our award and have the homeowner give us a brief description of the house and the work that went into it," Wallace said.

Collins, a professor of English at SIUC, spent the last three years working on restoring his Queen Anne-style house,

"We purchased the house in 1977," he said. "It actually took us about 25 years before we felt we could do the restoration."

Collins said the restoration began when the asbestos shingles were removed.

"I despised those asbestos shingles for 25 years," he said. "Finally we pulled some off the front of the house, and the cedar underneath was so beautiful that we kept pulling off the asbestos, and we were in. So we had to do the repairing and the painting."

Because of the house's age, Collins required different parts specially ordered or made to restore the house to its 19th century style. He said 3,200 cedar shingles had to be ordered from Vancouver, Canada, to restore a four-foot wide, dark red band around the house.

"We used for a basic design photographs of other Queen Anne houses in Carbondale that had been destroyed," he said.

Collins also replaced the crown molding in his house with specially cut moldings. He said an SIUC art student hand-carved wooden sunbursts that were replaced around the house.

The city also recognized anthropology professor Jane Adams' home for its restoration. Her home, and the two next to it that she also owns, were restored to their 1920s style.

"It was a major project," she said.

Adams said all three houses have been painted in period colors in an effort to enhance the "streetscape."

"We didn't do it to get awards, we did it because we wanted Carbondale to look good," she said. "But it was nice to be recognized."

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What matters is that said. V Steven Avery is going to be in prison for the rest of his life, which from the start is what we wanted.



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THEIR WORD

An empty gesture on ethanol

CHICAGO TRIBUN

DAILY EGYPTIAN

resident Bush put on a hard hat last week to tour a fuel depot in Sao Paulo and boast about an agreement with the Brazilian government to promote global use of biofuels.

The tariff on commodity makes envisugar-based ethanol keeps most of Brazil's ethanol out of the U.S. market, which is dominated by the tive influence of oil-rich corn-based version produced mostly in the Midwest. to be a photo-op for Bush

Making ethanol a worldwide ronmental sense, because it comes from renewable energy sources — corn in the United States and sugar cane in Brazil — and burns cleaner than petroleum-based fuels. Better still, it would lessen dependence on foreign energy and curb the destruccrackpots like Venezuela's Hugo Chavez and Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

But the visit turned out

and a disappointment for the Brazilian government, which had hoped for assurances that the pact was the first step toward lifting the 54-cents-a-gallon tariff the U.S. imposes on Brazilian ethanol. Bush said that's not

on the table.

The tariff on sugar-based ethanol keeps most of Brazil's ethanol out of the U.S. market, which is dominated by the corn-based version produced mostly in the Midwest. Lawmakers from those states have staunchly opposed efforts to remove the tariff (or the 51-cents-a-gallon tax credit for corn-based ethanol). Picking that fight isn't on Bush's agenda, although administration officials say something will have to give eventually if the United States is to benefit from its pact with Brazil.

The tariff expires in 2009, but farm-state lawmakers are gearing up to renew it, even indefinitely.

Ethanol is a huge success story for Brazil. It accounts for 40 percent of the motor fuel used last year, and 80 percent of new cars there are equipped to run on ethanol. Brazil made 4.6 billion gallons of ethanol last year and has enough farmland to triple that amount. Brazilian producers say they could eventually make enough ethanol to replace 5 percent of the oil consumed worldwide.

The biofuels pact would also encourage production in sugar-growing countries throughout Central America and the Caribbean. Sugar-based ethanol is 25 percent cheaper to produce than the corn-based version.

The U.S. produced 5.2 billion gallons of ethanol last year, and political leaders are trying to protect the makers from foreign competition.

But the United States doesn't have enough farmland to produce all the ethanol it could use, especially if Americans want to keep eating corn too.

The Energy Department estimates that U.S. production could reach about 12 billion gallons in 2017. By that time, Bush wants the country to be using 20 percent less gasoline, a goal that would require 35 billion gallons of ethanol or other alternative fuels.

The country can't get there unless it encourages alternative fuels from every possible source including Brazil.

So that's the challenge for the Bush administration, and for every presidential contender tromping through Iowa cornfields. If they're serious about reducing U.S. reliance on oil, they'll let you buy ethanol and other alternative fuels — from anywhere in the world.

> This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Thursday.

STUDENT COLUMN

What the hell's a Saluki?'



As an intern, respect — or even responsibility to an extent — is in short supply. On top of that is the fact that I'm not the only intern, but one of many interns. The only difference between me and them is they are all from the Boston region, whereas I'm the only one from a different section of the country.

The station was relatively new, it hadn't even been open two years vet and it hadn't even begun to make money.

with open arms.

See, most interns there were part of this program from Northeastern University in Boston called the "coop." I have no idea what it stands for, but it's awesome. It basically takes students out of school — yes, you heard me right — and places them in paid internships. And again yes, you heard me right.

It's an unreal program, but more importantly for this week, it means that they will be working there for five months, whereas I'm only there for five days.

On Thursday, I was told to shadow Ross Carey, the producer of the Mike Felger show, which is the only show the station does in-house. Everything else is from the feed in Bristol.

a way to not only find out if your child is gay in the womb, but then take the necessary steps to "de-gay" them (his words). Felger adamantly disagrees with this, and rightfully so. He thinks it's a lifestyle choice that people make more than a hereditary gene.

Now Carey has a running dialogue with Felger the whole time, so he goes, "Oh OK, kind of like you choose to be a douche." Hilarious. I start laughing out loud, because again, it's really funny.

Carey then says, "It's a shame they didn't try to de-douche you."

Again, I'm dying, but this time the mic is still hot, so Felger hears me, which prompts him to say, "Who is that cackling back there?"

ing because he didn't know the answer himself. So I said, "It's an Egyptian hunting dog."

Felger then proceeds to make fun of my education and my college, but I don't care, I'm smiling from ear to ear. And that's was Matt the how I became the first ever intern intern. He's at ESPN radio to make it on the air only here for live, not as part the week, kind of a voiceover. I ended up put- of like a radio ting up the ugli-

'Oh that? That

I was part of an externship program that placed me at ESPN 890 AM in Boston over spring break. So while most of you were in Cabo, Panama or some other exotic location, I was getting snowed and sleeted on while walking to work. The externship certainly had its perks though, and I was welcomed into the station by everyone

So, I'm sitting at the board, basically being told everything I'm not allowed to do, when Felger starts ranting — something he does a lot of - on this crazy Southern Baptist minister who thinks that being gay is more nature than nurture, and thinks there's

Carey replies, "Oh that? That was Matt the intern. He's only here for the week, kind of like a radio boot camp. He's a Saluki."

"What the hell's a Saluki?" Felger asks.

And that's when Ross Carey passed the microphone over to me, I'm thinkest pictures of real boot camp. salukis I could find all over the station,

He's a Saluki.'

giving everyone a little reminder that I was there, representing SIU to the fullest. But even without the pictures, the imprint had already been made. You've got to crawl before you walk, right?

> Duffy is a senior studying radio and television.

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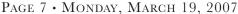
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Jayme Sweere

junior guard on Carlai Moore's contribution to the women's basketball team







Gloria Bode says 'Dead Silence' needs to be silenced, find out why online.



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Nothing to love about this 'Wife'

Ben Erwin DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rated: R Starring: Chris Rock, Kerry Washington, Gina Torres, Steve Buscemi, Edward Hermann **Directed by: Chris Rock** Run time: 94 minutes

When a comedian such as Chris Rock, of fabulously hilarious standup comic fame, uses Eric Rohmer's 1972 subtle and nuanced French tale "Chloe in the Afternoon" as the basis for a comedy, it's a relatively safe bet that any comedy is almost surely nowhere to be seen.

Such is the case with Rock's latest cinematic tragedy, "I Think I Love my Wife." If "Pootie Tang" weren't enough to convince fans that Rock's comedy should be relegated solely to the stage, "Wife" might be enough to stop all future film plans in their proverbial tracks.

Rock plays Richard Cooper, a successful investment banker with a wife who inexplicably refuses to sleep with him and a penchant for fantasizing about what shape his boring, sexless, soul-crushing life might take could he only break from the mind-numbing monotony of suburban life. Cooper's wife (Gina Torres) is the loving mother of two who is also colder toward her husband than an Canadian winter.

WhenNikki(KerryWashington), a former flame of one of Richard's buddies enters the picture, the devoted but bored husband is tempted by the possibility of romance, at least a reasonable fascimile thereof.

The film's buildup and resolution involves a myriad of conventions, none of which prove humorous. The mindless banter between the unhappy couple isn't funny. The inane she-



Chris Rock stars as Richard Cooper alongside Gina Torres as Brenda Cooper in the comedy 'I Love My Wife.'

abound throughout "I Think I

nanigans Nikki drags Richard into aren't worth a single chuckle. The narration from Richard also fails to even provide a smile.



have delved into "Secret Life of Walter Mitty" territory, are unfunny and inconsequential. Unanswered questions also

Love My Wife." What pills did the typically ribald and incendiary Rock take to become so interminable and unfunny? Why would a successful investment banker bother with a henpecking,

ice-queen wife who refuses to sleep with her husband? If the aforementioned couple was so happy, why

are they written as bickering twits who attend couple's therapy? None of these important questions are answered, and none of them create genuine conflict or comedy in a film that is almost painfully unfunny.

The only laughs and the only decent performers come from venerable character actors Steve Buscemi as Richard's lothario coworker and Edward Herrmann as the archetypal uptight boss. Sadly, neither actor is given adequate screen time or developmnent in a film that could use all the humor it can get.

All of this adds up to a film with great promise and absolutely no delivery. "I Think I Love My Wife" again proves that Rock may be uproariously funny while prowling a comedy club stage spewing one-liners, buts seems horribly unsuited for inept, ineffectual big screen comedies.

'Premonition' predictably pathetic

Ben Erwin DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rated: PG-13 Starring: Sandra Bullock, Julian McMahon, Shyann McClure, Courtney Taylor Burness, Nia Long, Kate Nelligan **Directed by: Mennan Yapo** Run time: 100 minutes

If only Sandra Bullock could go a year without making some ill-conceived, monotonous, timetripping debacle, she just might be able to get her floundering career back on track. Following on the heels of last year's tepid "The Lake House," Bullock goes back to the well with director Mennan Yapo's jumbled, under- is poorly developed imitation-thriller "Premonition." constructed; Time-skewing cinema is nothing new, but the film seems where Christopher Nolan's "Memento" was engaging and intelligent, "Premonition" together. is nothing more than inept storytelling and thin characterization hidden by a confusing timeline and half-baked philosophy. The film is too dull to provide any real thrills and far

too insipid and imbecilic to be as "psychological" as Yapo intends.

Linda Hanson (Sandra Bullock) has her perfect upper middle class existence disrupted when police inform her that her husband Jim (Julian McMahon) has been killed in a shady car wreck. Grief stricken

and inexplicably bound Gus heads for less sane pastures, Linda tells her daugh- 🚿

It seems the film would be over rather quickly had Bullock simply sat down and had a lengthy conversation or two with her family members. Sadly, this never happens and the film drags on for nearly two hours.

It's not just that "Premonition" is poorly constructed; everything about the film seems carelessly thrown together. The trick to mak-McClure) and Bridgett | and 1/2 Gus heads out of 4 ing heads or tails of (Courtney Taylor the film has nothing to do with the semi-coherent psycho-babble dialogue or the incongruent plot. Instead, it is much simpler to pay attention to Bullock's shifting outfits and hairstyles to determine which day it may or may not be. Sure, more competent writers and a more skilled director could have come up with more effective devices to clue in audiences, but "Premonition" isn't the type of film that encourages coherent thought, logic or plausibility. Hindsight being what it is, Bullock would do well by going back to predictable romantic comedies and skip any future project involving nonlinear storytelling. It's just too bad Bullock wasn't warned about this failure before filming began.

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Sievers said he was unable to reach anyone in general counsel to find out what they plan to do. The DAILY EGYPTIAN was also unable to reach

anyone in general counsel. Dreuth Zeman said the assignment was to include anything discussed in the textbook and class, and religion was not a part of either. Dreuth Zeman said she cannot talk about the case because of student confidentiality, and to do so would set a dangerous precedent for her other students.

resolve the matter informally, but was unable to do so after contacting the professor, department chair and university ombudsman. She filed a formal grievance about the incident on Feb. 15 and has yet to hear anything from the university.

"I didn't want to do the grievance because I was afraid of retaliation and further problems with the administration. I don't want to stir up problems," she said. "I'm disappointed in the university the administration and the professors. I've been forced to go this far because of their lack of courtesy and professionalism in this."

Smith said the Alliance Defense Fund sued the SIU School of Law in 2005. The university banned the Christian Legal Society from campus because it required members to uphold its religious beliefs. The university said the chapter's rules violated SIUC's affirmative action policy. The university lost and was forced to allow the organization back on campus.

ters Megan (Shyann TUTT Burness) that their beloved daddy has just been burned to a crisp.

After falling asleep for the

night, Linda awakes to **t's not just that** see that Jim is still alive. In the unending con-'Premonition' fusion, Linda's reality alternates between days when Jim is alive and days when the family everything about patriarch is dead. Days shift into one another with Linda remaining

carelessly thrown just as confused as the audience.

Yapo throws in a pathetic attempt at a moral dilemma, with Linda debating the consequences of stopping Jim's death, but the possibility of suspense is negated by incoherent plot points and lazy writing.

'Even if (students) want to go to the media, it's still a privacy matter," Dreuth Zeman said. "Students have the right to express their ideas, but I have the responsibility to design the course and run the course consistent with very specific practices and objectives and I did that."

Mize, who is active in Jackson County Right to Life, said she tried to

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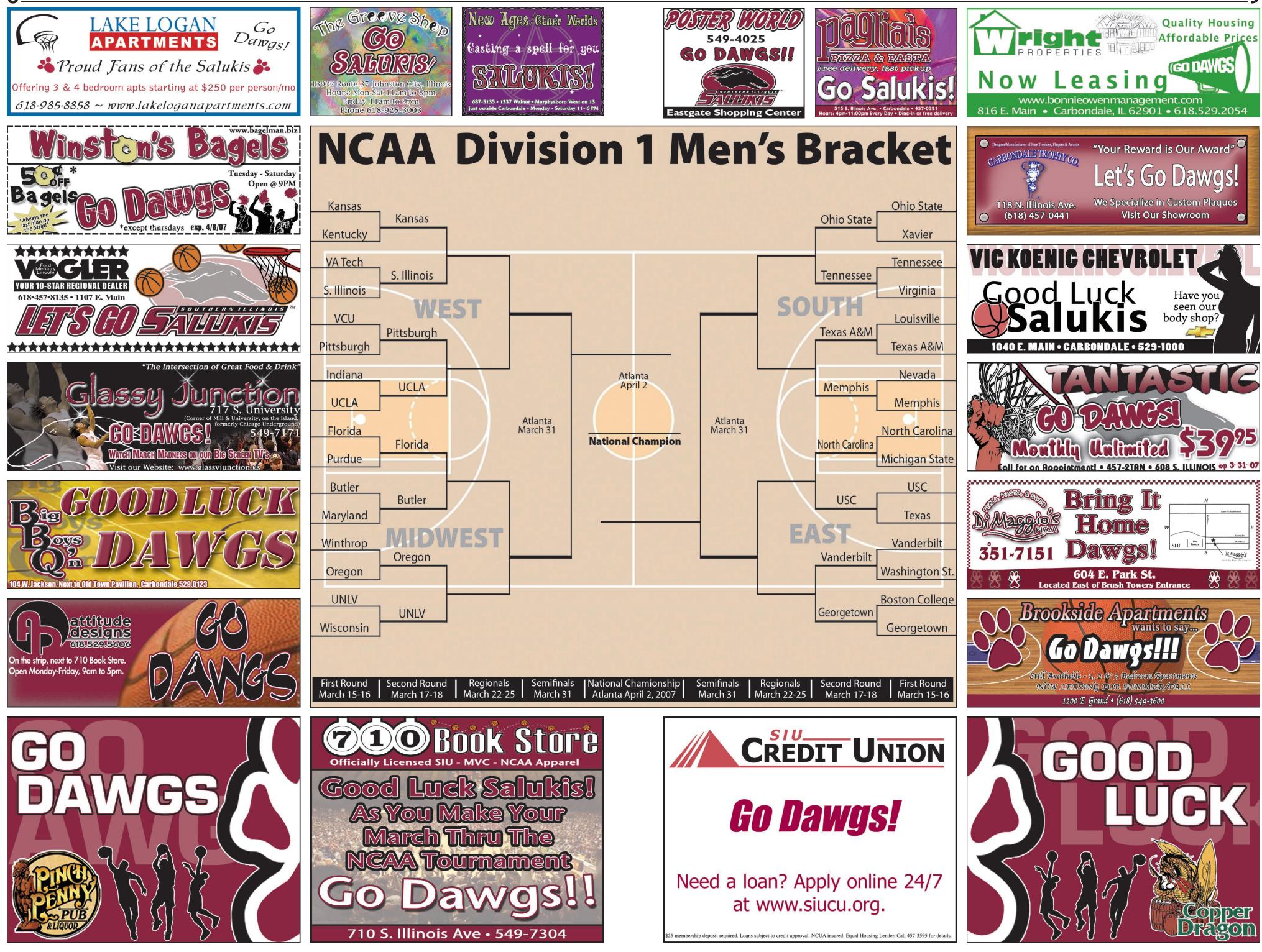
"I love the Dawgs," said Kelsey Pearson, whose rosy cheeks joined the hundreds of others in the chilly weather.

Mike Reed of Marion, a self-proclaimed lifelong Saluki fan, said the victory was awesome for the university and the region.

"We know b-ball in this area," said Reed, a 1975 SIUC graduate. "Indiana's got nothing on us. We finally got our little piece of the pie."

Interim Chancellor John Dunn, who was among a few of the university administrators who represented SIU in Ohio, said while the win was a high point for the men's basketball squad, it took the effort of many to reach that level.

"It's a great team, but our band, our cheerleaders, our Saluki Shakers really helped represent us as a total package," he said en route to retrieving his luggage. "They were all topnotch."



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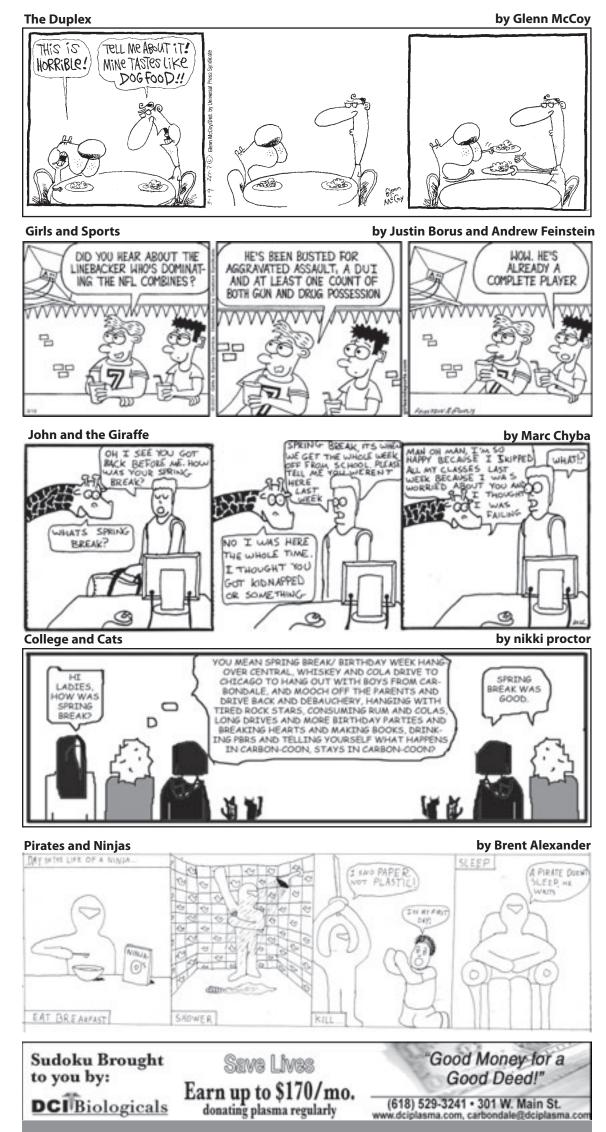
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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - You could get a lot done in the next couple of days, if that's what you wanted to do. Or you could party and play with your friends and not accomplish a thing. Work out a compromise.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - The deadline is approaching, which gets your adrenaline pumping. Don't get panicky, though - that tends to lead to errors.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - The assignment now is to get somebody else to do something for you. The challenge is you can't ask out loud. The request must be non-verbal.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - Use what you've recently learned to gain more authority. You've been looking at a bigger picture. Share your insights and gain leadership.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 Don't despair if you haven't quite made it to where you want to be. Travel conditions are fabulous today and tomorrow. Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is

a 7 - Lots of ideas are floating around, but which ones can you afford? It's OK to count other people's money as well as your own. You can talk them into a good deal.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Do the regular chores as guickly as you can. You may want to leave a little early, for romantic personal reasons. Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21 - Today

is an 8 - You're efficient now and also lucky, so full speed ahead! You can see what needs to be done. Do it quickly, before conditions change.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -Today is a 6 - You're having fun with the love part, but you're still not much into the working. This is to be expected. This is why you always need to have a job you like.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - You appear to the public to be withdrawn into your private space. To you, it seems like you're venturing into a whole new realm of discovery. Enjoy.

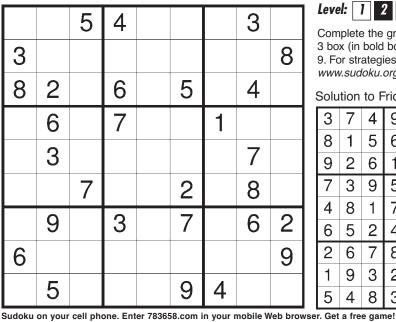
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Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - After an awkward start, you're getting into the groove. What you're doing is fun, and it's lucrative, too, as you'll soon discover. Don't think about it, just play.

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



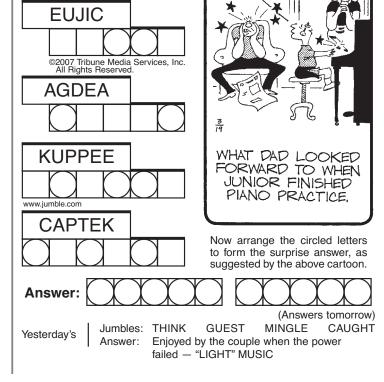
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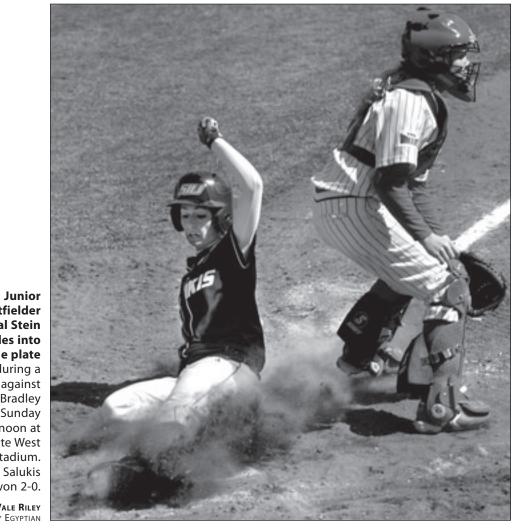
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Solution to Friday's puzzle

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outfielder **Krystal Stein** slides into home plate during a game against Bradley on Sunday afternoon at **Charlotte West** Stadium. The Salukis won 2-0.

DUVALE RILEY

SOFTBALL

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Wilson became the first freshman to win the award for the MVC this season.

She posted a .431 batting average with three home runs and eight RBI at the tournament.

Wilson said her performance would not have been possible without the team effort.

"The top of the order comes through for us, and then the bottom other times," Wilson said. "When I'm not doing too good, the team picks me up, and when the team is struggling, I try to come through the best I can.'

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— Katie Wilson freshman outfielder



No Shaw, no problem

Salukis win without starting forward Scott Mieszala DAILY EGYPTIAN

Matt Shaw's injured ankle could have meant doom for SIU in the NCAA Tournament.

Instead, several of his teammates stepped up and helped the Salukis advance to the Sweet 16 without the junior forward playing.

When Shaw was hurt on the final play of the first half in SIU's Friday win over Holy Cross, Tony Boyle came off the bench and recorded 14 points and eight rebounds in the second half, when the Salukis were first without Shaw.

When Boyle, a sophomore forward, exited the game in the final minutes of the second half with the 61-51 win locked up, he went to the bench to chants of "To-ny Boy-le" from the SIU faithful.

"It hasn't happened since high school, so I mean, it's awesome," Boyle said. "(Saluki coach Chris Lowery) could've went small but we went with me, you know. That's telling me that he has confidence in me and it gave me confidence in myself."

Lowery called Boyle's number for the start in SIU's second round win over Virginia Tech, his first start as a Saluki, but Boyle went scoreless with three rebounds.

Boyle, however, said that SIU moving on to the next round was more important than his scoring output, as he attempted just one shot in the win against Virginia Tech.

"Fourteen, zero - we win. That's what it's about," Boyle said. "If I had to look to score, I would've looked to score."

After a three-point performance in the Missouri Valley Conference championship game, a 67-61 loss to Creighton, Randal Falker tallied 12 points and eight rebounds in the first round win against Holy Cross. He then recorded a doubledouble against the Hokies, notching 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Falker, a junior forward, also had three assists, three blocks and three steals in SIU's first NCAA Tournament second round win since 2002. He said it felt good to play well again, but more importantly, the Salukis won.

"I really don't care about playing well. I just want to win," Falker said. "I could play horrible and we win and I'd be perfectly fine because we won and we'd play another day."

Lowery said Falker's stats don't fully emphasize his effect on the game. The Salukis shot 12-for-21 from behind the three point line against Virginia Tech, and Lowery said a lot of that goes through Falker - and sometimes, Falker's impact takes place away from the ball.

"The thing most people don't realize is Randal is very cerebral on the court," Lowery said. "A lot of times why we got wide open threes was because of Randal, the plays he made away from the ball, the way he screens in people."

The Salukis entered the NCAA Tournament with the third-best scoring defense in the nation with 56.5 points per game allowed.

SIU went on to hold both opponents below that average, with Holy Cross scoring 51 points and Virginia Tech managing 48 in a game the Salukis played entirely without Shaw.

Senior guard Tony Young said SIU rallying in Shaw's absence was the key to the defense's dominating performance against Virginia Tech.

"With Matt Shaw being out, it was a conscious effort from everybody that came in and stepped on the court to go all out," Young said. "That was our motto, to keep playing hard and just go all out, and we did.'

Lowery said he didn't know how likely Shaw was to return for the Salukis' Sweet 16 matchup, but he is not going to jeopardize Shaw's future.

"He's a kid," Lowery said. "He's got a great future ahead of him next year, so we're not going to rush him back and make him do something that's going to maybe deteriorate his ankle and hurt him for the long run for us next year."

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scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half, Brandon Rush added 19 and top-seeded Kansas romped past Kentucky 88-76 in a matchup of two of the game's most storied programs in the second round of the NCAA tournament Sunday.

Mario Chalmers added 16 for the Jayhawks, who shot a blistering 57 percent to win their 13th in a row. Kansas (32-4) will play fourth-seeded Southern Illinois on Thursday in the West Regional semifinals in San Jose, Calif.

Kentucky is the winningest program in college history while Kansas claims Dr. James Naismith, the inventor of the game. The Wildcats had won 19 of the previous 24 meetings between the two teams, but Kansas has had the edge recently.

This rout was practically a repeat of last year's meeting between the teams in Lawrence, Kan. Rush led the way in that one, a 73-46 blowout that was Kentucky's worst loss in Tubby Smith's 10 years as coach.

The eighth-seeded Wildcats didn't have Randolph Morris in that one, as he served out a 14-game suspension for entering the 2005 NBA draft. But his presence Sunday made little difference as Kentucky (22-12) lost for the seventh time in 11 games.

Morris finished with 22 points,



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Kansas' Mario Chalmers, left, drives to the basket against Kentucky's Bobby Perry in the second half of a second round NCAA Tournament game. Kansas defeated Kentucky, 88-76, at United Center in Chicago on Sunday.

five Southeastern Conference titles in his 10 years at Kentucky, Smith has been criticized by the Wildcats faithful in recent weeks for "underachieving."

Athletic director Mitch Barnhart gave Smith a vote of confidence after the SEC tournament, but the fact it was needed shows just how far from favor Smith has fallen.

Rush opened the second half with a 3-pointer that gave Kansas a nine-point lead, its largest of the game to that point. Perry responded with back-to-back 3-pointers that pulled Kentucky within 39-36 with 18:51 left to play.

still to play. And just like last year, the Jayhawks steamrolled Kentucky with Morris on the bench.

Wright made a jumper and scored on a follow as Kansas ran off eight unanswered points as part of a 13-2 run. An irritated Smith called a timeout, and Sheray Thomas stopped the Kansas run with a layup afterward.

It had all the effect of a speed bump. Wright scored again, this time on a layup, and Rush hit another 3-pointer that extended Kansas' lead to 54-40 and brought the Kansas faithful — including Chicago Bull Kirk Hinrich, a member of the 2003 Kansas team that lost to Syracuse in the NCAA final, to its feet.



including 14 from the line. Bobby Perry added 21.

The loss is sure to create more problems for Smith. Despite winning a national championship and

But Morris left the game after picking up his third foul with 17:46

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bittersweet end

Salukis beat SFA but fall to Kansas State in WNIT

Joe Lacdan Daily Egyptian

After hitting a three that gave SIU a late lead against Stephen F. Austin University, Jayme Sweere pumped her fist as she looked toward the SIU crowd Thursday night. She didn't want SIU to bow out of its season just yet.

The Salukis rode the emotional highs of winning their first conference title since 1990 and reaching the 20-win plateau for the first time in 15 years.

But host Drake brought their season to a crashing halt by upsetting the top-seeded Salukis 59-47 in the quarterfinal round of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament March 9.

A dejected Sweere did score eight points but had a game-high six turnovers against Drake.

The Salukis suffered from defensive lapses against the Bulldogs and fell behind by as many as 18 points.

"I didn't want that to be the last memory of our season," Sweere said. "We accomplished so much this year and I didn't want to go out like that."

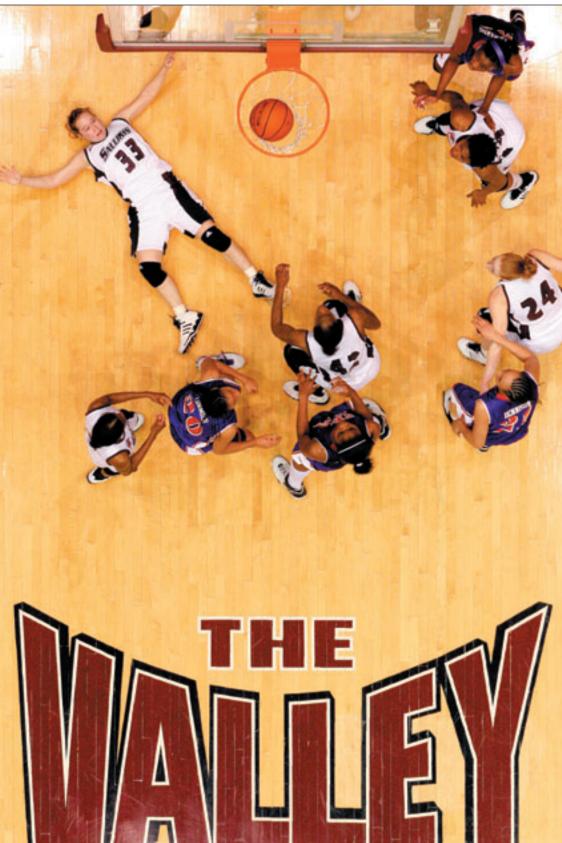
The junior guard came out hot against SFA, connecting hitting on 9 of 13 shots from the field and including three of four from threepoint range for a game-high 23 points to lead SIU to a 58-50 win in the first round of the Women's National Invitation tournament at SIU Arena.

Sweere also had 10 rebounds four assists, three steals and two blocked shots while sophomore Jasmine Gibson helped pace the Salukis with 18 points off the bench.

"Jayme Sweere and Jasmine Gibson willed this team to win," SIU coach Dana Eikenberg said.

The Salukis (21-11) ended their season Saturday night in Manhattan, Kan., falling to defending WNIT champ Kansas State 72-46.

Eikenberg and her staff helped



SOFTBALL

No Shaw, no problem: Salukis beat Virginia Tech despite losing injured starter, page 14



Jeff Engelhardt Daily Egyptian

The only sound from Charlotte West Stadium was the whiff of Bradley's softball bats as senior Cassidy Scoggins threw a no-hitter Sunday.

The No. 20 Salukis swept Bradley in three games, winning 2-0 in the series finale behind the 11-strikeout performance from Scoggins.

It marked her fifth career no-hitter and the second of the season for SIU.

Scoggins said the no-hitter was due to her ability to catch Bradley off guard.

"I was definitely mixing up the pitches a lot," Scoggins said.

"A lot of people definitely expect me to throw outside, so today we came inside on them a lot and kept them off guard."

Bradley drew one walk and had one player hit by the pitch for its only two runners of the game. The Salukis outscored Bradley in the series 14-0.

Braves pitcher Ashley Birdsong allowed two hits, both of which led to two earned runs. The Salukis got the better of Birdsong on Saturday with seven hits on the way to a 2-0 victory.

SIU coach Kerri Blaylock said Birdsong could be one of the best pitchers in the MVC.

"[Birdsong] is a tremendous pitcher, we had seven hits off of her (Saturday) and I thought that was a lot," Blaylock said. "When the kid is on the kid is as good as anybody in our conference, and I really feel that way."

The Salukis won the second game on Saturday 9-0. Catcher Jayme Wamsley hit a two-run homer in the second inning to kick start a six-run inning.

Senior pitcher Äshley Hamby also threw a one-hitter to improve to 10-3 on the

the Salukis shake off the Drake loss by putting the players through grueling practice drills similar to the ones used during preseason camp.

"We went to practice like it was October," Eikenberg said. "We pulled out the pads, went back to the lines and went back to Vipers — all the gizmos coaches could use to get their point across."

Their efforts paid off Thursday as the Salukis offset the SFA size advantage in the post with careful shot selection and keeping the contest in a halfcourt game.

SIU hit on 53 percent of its shots in the first half compared to SFA's 39. The Ladyjacks, led by 6-foot-3 senior Charity Engeti outrebounded the Salukis 37-26, but SIU outworked SFA on the defensive end.

"We haven't talked about much flash with this team this year, but we've got some grit — some toughness," Eikenberg said. "That's kind **ANTHONY SOUFFLÉ** ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN Saluki guard Erin Pauk watches from the floor as her layup bounces into the basket during the first round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament against Stephen F. Austin Thursday night at SIU Arena. The Salukis beat Stephen F. Austin 58-50 but lost to Kansas State 72-46 in the second round to end the Salukis' first postseason run in 15 years.

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> — Jayme Sweere junior guard

of what I'm about."

SIU's performance contrasted drastically against Kansas State, as the Salukis managed only 12 first half points Saturday, the lowest total in team history.

Sweere lead the Salukis again with 14 points and 11 boards but

made just 4-of-16 shots. As a team, the Salukis shot just 14 percent in the first half and 28 percent for the game, finishing with a season-low 46 points.

"It's disappointing," Eikenberg said. "It will take me a while to swallow this pill because I thought we didn't compete."

Eikenberg said the loss to the Wildcats can't take away from the team's accomplishments this season.

An MVC preseason poll picked SIU to finish seventh but the Salukis won the league title outright with a 16-2 conference record.

Senior Carlai Moore finishes her career with 1,540 career points and 890 at SIU after transferring from the University of Missouri Kansas City.

"We've exceeded everyone's expectations through hard work and through believing hard work does pay off," Eikenberg said.

"We don't have the greatest talent and don't have the deepest team; we just try to work hard game by game. Now we have something to build on."

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SIU also competed at the Florida State Invitational in Tallahassee March 9–11. The Salukis defeated Florida A&M 8-1 and Western Carolina 12-0 Friday.

In the victory over Florida A&M, freshman outfielder Katie Wilson hit two home runs while driving in three runs.

Freshman second baseman Alicia Garza capped off the victory over Western Carolina with a grand-slam homer.

The Salukis went 2-1 on March 10, defeating Buffalo 3-0 and Maine 8-3, but lost to No. 21 Georgia 3-1.

Wilson's performance at the Florida State Invitational earned her the honor of MVC Player of the Week.

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