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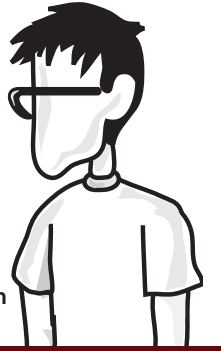


PHOTO COLUMN, PAGE 6: Gus Bode says worms are a delicacy in some countries. Here, they're fun to play with.

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Administrators hold their breath for governor's budget address

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Chancellor Sam Goldman said university officials would need to act quickly after hearing Gov. Pat Quinn's budget address today.

Quinn's speech, scheduled for noon, is expected to outline the state's spending plan for the fiscal year 2010, including money that could be allocated to higher education.

The university's plans have been on standby in anticipation of the budget, which dictates tuition rates and financial aid packages among other vital university efforts, Goldman said.

"There is frustration with all of us because we really don't know where to go or what to do until we hear from the governor," Goldman said. "(Today) is the big day. We should get some kind of blueprint as to what might occur."

A group of administrators met with the Senate appropriations committee last week and requested \$259 million for the university's operating budget — up \$11 million from last year's request.

University spokesman Dave Gross said the money would mostly help pay the uni-

versity's massive deferred maintenance bill, which is more than \$400 million.

Gross said the request is extremely optimistic.

"It is our understanding that at some point, there will be modifications made to that number," he said. "But the chances of us getting the full amount are slim to none and slim has already left the city."

The university panel — which included Gross, Goldman, SIU President Glenn Poshard and SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift — still has to meet with the Illinois House of Representatives appropriations committee. That meeting was scheduled for Thursday, but was pushed back until April, Goldman said.

Goldman said the administrators should get a vague idea of what to expect during Quinn's address.

"Generally, that speech is generalized, so I don't know what specifics will come out of it," Goldman said.

Gross said the appropriations committee was receptive to the university's needs. However, he said committee members were clear they would not tolerate any inefficiency in higher education

spending.

"That was the mood of the committee: Are we being efficient and are we being accountable?" Gross said. "They not only wanted to know what we would do with the new money, but what we have done with the money we have already received."

Poshard said during the SIU Board of Trustees Feb. 12 meeting that layoffs, furloughs and significant budget cuts would likely be needed in what he described as the worst financial situation in the state's history.

Gross said the administrators walked through various contingency plans the university would implement if the state appropriations number did not meet the university's request.

"We tried to tell them that the last resort would be to move our largest expenditure, which is payroll," Gross said. "The committee certainly doesn't want us to lay people off, but they want to make sure the money we get from them is being spent in the best and most efficient way."

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For details on what legislators expect to hear in the address, see page 9.

Gov. Pat Quinn is scheduled to give his budget address today at noon, and the university has requested \$259 million in state appropriations. Here is a breakdown of what the university has received since fiscal year 2005:

FY 2005	\$217,453,700
FY 2006	\$217,653,700
FY 2007	\$223,159,200
FY 2008	\$227,036,100
*FY 2009	\$233,317,000
FY 2010 Request:	\$259 million

*figure does not include 2.5 percent reduction in budget

Source: Dave Gross, SIU spokesman
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Faculty Senate takes issue with interim titles, seeks appeal for JRB

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The Faculty Senate approved two resolutions Tuesday that could eliminate the word "interim" from many administrators' titles.

The senate passed a resolution that would remove the word "interim" from positions higher than deans, as long as the occupant has the confidence of the faculty.

The other resolution would change the way new positions are filled.

"We have real grave concerns with the number of interims and the fact that from a public relations standpoint, it is not good," said Mark Kittleson, a professor of health education and recreation and member of the Faculty Senate. "It doesn't look good when you have an interim this and interim that."

The SIU Board of Trustees would have to adopt the measures before they could take effect.

The university has faced criticism for its abundance of interim positions in the past, including interims in the university's chancellor and provost offices.

The interim on Chancellor Sam Goldman's title was knocked off in the SIU Board of Trustees Dec. 11 meeting while interim Provost Don Rice has held the position for more than two years.

"It is unfair when they are called interims and have been interims for three to five years," Kittleson said. "That is our premise."

The first resolution recommends searches for positions held by interims be conducted as soon as possible. In the meantime, though, the interim title of any temporary occupants



Mark Kittleson, the graduate director for the department of health education and recreation, holds up his resolution Tuesday during the Faculty Senate meeting. This resolution could change the way the university handles interim titles.

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would be dropped until replacements can be found.

The second resolution could change the way the university seeks new positions and handles the position's short-term occupancy.

Under the resolution, if a dean left office, a new dean would be named to fill in until a search committee can hold a national search and name a permanent replacement. Essentially, it would place an interim dean without the interim title.

"We are proposing that the title 'interim' should not be used unless it's a temporary position where we have had only two or three weeks notice to fill," Kittleson said.

"But if someone will be gone by June, we colleges will have time for an internal search and they can perform an internal search, appoint somebody and they would be dean (until a permanent replacement could be found)."

Several senate members voiced concern that the resolution could be easily exploited, but Faculty Senate President Peggy Stockdale said it would work so long as the short-term replacement had a "clear sunset" to the position.

"It's important to remember that this could be a limited appointment," she said.

But Jim Allen, director of University

Core Curriculum, said the problem is not within the interim titles, rather the constant turnover of high profile leaders at the university.

"This is not going to go away with the changing of the nomenclature of our leadership," Allen said. "What we do need to keep in place, though, is some sense of continuity of policies that can be maintained to perform a national search to find the very best person in order to fill this position."

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— Mark Kittleson
professor of health education and recreation

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It has not affected my spring break plans	32%

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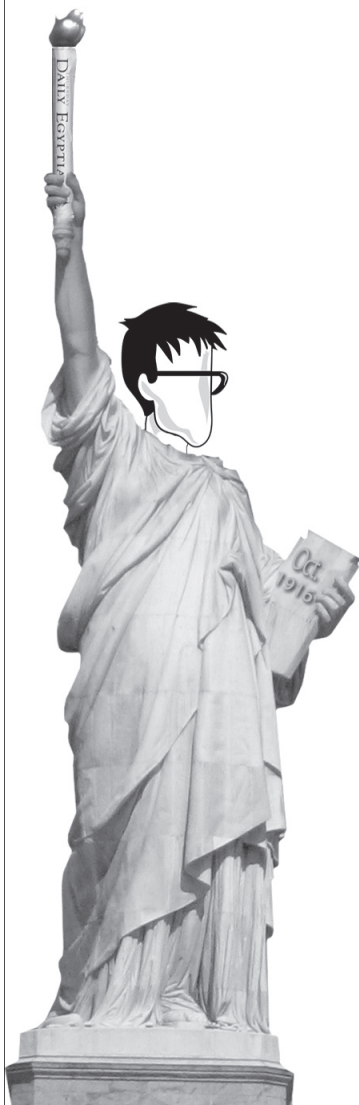
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Goldman said the committee was harsh on several state universities and gave SIU "a bit of a pass." Allan Karnes, a professor of accountancy and faculty adviser for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, said Quinn's speech today is just the first shot in a process of events.

SENATE

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"Somehow, that is often very difficult for us to do." The senate also passed a resolution that requests the board consider an appeal that would reverse a decision Goldman made against the unanimous recom-

mendation of the Judicial Review Board. Goldman and the JRB have been at odds for weeks concerning the way the chancellor uses the board's recommendations. Goldman went against a board recommendation earlier this semester despite the board's unanimous vote. The case remained

good deal for the last several years," he said. Funding for higher education has been negligible or flat for the last six or seven years, Gross said. Karnes said he is optimistic. "We may do OK," he said. "In this kind of year and this kind of time, if we could just stay even, it would be a victory."

Police Blotters

There are no suspects in the criminal damage to a university-owned vehicle in lot 14. The incident occurred between 4:15 p.m. Thursday and 8:30 a.m. Friday.

A suspect was identified, but a complaint was not signed in the telephone harassment at Wall and Grand Apartments. The calls ranged from Sept. 1 thru 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Kyle L. Hart, a 38-year-old resident of West Pueblo, Colo. was ticketed in connection with disorderly conduct at 2:44 p.m. Saturday at Charlotte West Stadium.

There are no suspects in the theft of a bicycle from Faner Hall between 3 p.m. March 6 and 4 p.m. Saturday.

There are no suspects in the theft of a cell phone at 2 a.m. March 8 in Mae Smith.

Robert H. Hinson Jr., 35, was transported to Jackson County Jail on suspicion of trespassing in Lindegren Hall at 4:28 a.m. Sunday.

There are no suspects in the criminal damage to a vehicle in lot 112 between 11 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

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Liquor Control Commission denies liquor license for councilman

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Following a light City Council meeting, the city's Liquor Control Commission denied an application for a Class A1 liquor license for the upcoming restaurant Fat Patties, owned by councilman and commission member Lance Jack.

The license would have permitted Fat Patties to serve beer and wine.

Councilwoman Mary Pohlmann made the motion to deny the application and said granting the license to Jack's business would not be in the best interest of the city, which provides grounds to deny the application in section 2-4-5 of the city's liquor code. Councilman Joel Fritzler said a conflict of interest would arise if Jack had a liquor license and remained on the City Council and Liquor Control Commission.

"Especially in our current economic times, I think any chance that we have to create new jobs in town, we need to," Jack said. "Am I going to fail in this business without this class A1 license? I hope not. Is my profit margin going to be more sustainable with a class A1 license? Yes, it will be."

Jack cited the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee's recommendation to revamp the city's downtown area as a reason he chose to fill a building that had previously been empty in that area and wants to cater to the entire community by offering beer and wine at that facility.

"We pay a lot of lip service to economic development," Jack said. "This is one example of me putting my money where my mouth is. Carbondale is my home and I want to do my best to see it prosper."

Councilwoman Corene McDaniel agreed with Jack, stating he should be

treated as any other citizen or business owner approaching the commission. She said members, as citizens, often have conflicts of interest, but remove themselves when necessary without problem. She said the license to serve alcohol would be vital to Jack's business.

She said he should be looked at as a businessman who could improve the downtown area and help Carbondale.

Because Carbondale is a college town, liquor licenses come before the commission too regularly to remove Jack from the decision making process, Fritzler said.

"In my opinion it would put a hardship on the rest of the council and the rest of the liquor commission by having six people to do the job," Fritzler said.

Councilman Chris Wissmann said he did not support the license at this time, but wished for a positive route to resolve the situation.

Jack said the council contradicted its usual promises to help business owners succeed in Carbondale by denying the license.

"We're going to do our darndest to survive no matter the outcome," Jack said. "We talk over and over about giving businesses the tools they need to survive."

In other business, the council approved the final resolution for the planned unit development of phase two of Prairie Living, an assisted living facility at 900 Villa Court, just off Chautauqua Road.

The council also approved and adopted an identity theft program to protect city customers, most prominently Water Department customers, from identity theft by complying with the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003. The rules under the act became effective in November, but the city had until May to implement its program.

'SWACKBALL'



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Steve Caulkins, an SIUC alumnus in marketing, rolls a softball at some plastic bottles in a game he dubbed "swackball" Tuesday in the Mountain Valley Apartments parking lot. During the game, two players try to knock down the most bottles, each with a different point value, and force the losing opponent to drink the difference in points.

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Health care overhaul may cost about \$1.5 trillion

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WASHINGTON — Guaranteeing health insurance for all Americans may cost about \$1.5 trillion over the next decade, health experts say. That's more than double the \$634 billion 'down payment' President Obama set aside for health reform in his budget, raising the prospect of sticker shock at a time of record federal spending.

Administration officials have pointedly avoided providing a ballpark estimate, saying it depends on details to be worked out with Congress. The White House had no immediate response to questions Tuesday.

Still, the potential costs are raising concerns among Republicans and some Democrats as Congress prepares to draft next year's budget. "We shouldn't just be throwing more money on top of the present system, because the present system is so wasteful," said Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, the ranking Republican on the Budget Committee.

The health care plan Obama offered as a candidate would have cost nearly \$1.2 trillion over 10 years, according to a detailed estimate last fall by the Lewin Group, a leading consulting and policy analysis firm. The campaign plan would not have covered all the uninsured, as most Democrats in Congress want to do. But it is a starting point for lawmakers.

John Sheils, a senior vice president of the Lewin Group, said about \$1.5 trillion to \$1.7 trillion would be a credible estimate for a plan that commits the nation to covering all its citizens. That would amount to around 4 percent of projected health care costs over the next 10 years, he added.

The cost of covering the uninsured is "a difficult hurdle to get



RANDALL BENTON | MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Don Munoz, left, is examined by physician's assistant Jess Ewing in Carmichael, Calif., on March 3. Munoz is participating in paid medical trial.

over," Sheils said in an interview.

"I don't know where the rest of the money is going to come from," he added.

Some of the leading advocates of coverage for all are using cost estimates of around \$1.5 trillion.

"Honestly ... we can't do it for the \$634 billion the president put in the reserve fund," John Rother, public policy director for AARP, told an insurance industry meeting in Washington last week.

"In all likelihood, it will be over

\$1 trillion," he added, citing his own estimate of \$1.5 trillion.

Economist Len Nichols, who heads the health policy project at the New America Foundation, said he calculates that guaranteeing coverage will cost \$125 billion to \$150 billion a year, when fully phased in.

Nichols said the Obama administration is not being "cagy" but "strategic" in refusing to be pinned down on an estimate. Taxpayers will get a better idea when congressional committees

try to draft legislation later this year. "Until that gets revealed by the Congress, it would be highly premature for the president to assert that sort of number," Nichols said.

White House budget director Peter Orszag told the House Budget Committee earlier this month that the president's \$634 billion fund is "likely to be the majority of the cost." Roughly half of the money would come from spending cuts, and the other half from tax increases.

Army puts Madagascar opposition leader in charge

Lovasa Rabary-Rakotondravy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar — In one tumultuous day, Madagascar's top generals handed over control of this Indian Ocean island nation to the opposition leader on Tuesday, hours after the president himself stepped down and tried to put the military in charge.

In a ceremony broadcast from a military camp in the capital, Vice-Admiral Hyppolite Rarison Ramaroson said he and two other generals rejected President Marc Ravalomanana's attempt to transfer power to a military directorate.

Instead, Ramaroson said the military was installing the president's bitter rival, opposition leader Andry Rajoelina, as the country's leader.

For months, Rajoelina — a disc jockey turned broadcasting magnate who had been mayor of Antananarivo, the capital — has been leading anti-government rallies and pressing Ravalomanana to step down. Some of the protests have led to deadly clashes.

He accused Ravalomanana of mispending public funds and undermining democracy in Madagascar — an impoverished nation off the coast of southeastern Africa known for both its natural beauty and its political instability.

Over the weekend, Rajoelina declared himself president of a transitional government and promised new presidential elections within two years. Monday he called on the army to arrest the president, but soldiers refused.

After weeks of insisting he would never resign, Ravalomanana announced Tuesday he was ceding control to the military. Almost as he spoke, Rajoelina was parading triumphantly through the capital surrounded by armed soldiers and an adoring crowd after seizing control of one of the city's presidential palaces.

Rajoelina told the French television station LCI he had the support of "soldiers, government workers, unions, that is to say all the country's key groups."

"Power belongs to the people," Rajoelina said. "The people give power, the people can take it back."

Norbert Lala Ratsirahonana, former chief of the constitutional court, acted as master of ceremonies for the military announcement, lending the move legitimacy even though Rajoelina, at 34, is too young to be president according to the constitution.

IRS giving relief to some Madoff investors

Marcy Gordon
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service issued guidelines Tuesday that will allow tax relief and refunds for some Bernard Madoff victims who were levied for investment earnings that turned out to be nonexistent.

IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman told Congress the new guidelines are for taxpayers who have suffered losses from Ponzi investment schemes such as the massive Madoff swindle.

He said the guidelines will apply to victims of all Ponzi schemes — financial scams in which early investors are paid returns from money put in by later investors. But given the scope of the Madoff scandal, the IRS wanted to establish an easy system for investors to recover taxes they paid on "fictitious income," Shulman said.

Madoff investors should have reported earnings from their investments with him through the years — the scheme stretched from the early 1990s to Madoff's arrest on Dec. 11 — and thus paid taxes on those earnings. Given that some of those were "phantom" profits, investors have said they should be entitled to refunds of the taxes they paid.

Investors in some of these cases are entitled to a "theft-loss" deduction, not subject to the limits on normal capital losses from investments, according to the IRS guidelines, Shulman testified at a Senate Finance Committee hearing.

The theft-loss deduction can be taken in the year a fraud is discovered, except to the extent an investor has a "reasonable prospect" of recovering the lost money, Shulman said. Investors will be able to deduct 95 percent of their losses immediately. If they are unable to

recover the remaining 5 percent, they can claim those deductions in subsequent years.

Determining the amount and timing of losses from Ponzi schemes is "factually difficult" and it can take years to determine the prospects for recovering the lost money, he noted.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the Finance Committee who has been pushing for tax relief for victims of Ponzi schemes, said that with the new guidelines the IRS "has done the right thing here."

"In most every area where there was a major dispute, they have sided with the victims," Schumer said. "These victims were not only sophisticated financial professionals, but also ordinary people who believed they were making safe, responsible investments for their future. The steps announced today

mean victims won't owe taxes on income they never received."

If deductions claimed this year result in a "net operating loss" for taxpayers, meaning they would owe no taxes, they can apply excess deductions to prior years, getting a refund for taxes already paid. They can also use the deductions in future years to lower their tax burden, under the guidelines.

By some estimates, the IRS could be out as much as \$17 billion in lost tax revenue from refunds to investors who earned fictitious profits in the Madoff scheme.

To date, about \$1 billion in assets have been identified for investors, a tiny portion of the \$65 billion that Madoff told his 4,800 investors he had on hand in November. Authorities say they believe the figure included what would have existed if much smaller original investments had grown for decades.

CAMEROON

On Africa trip, Pope says condoms won't solve AIDS

YAOUNDE (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI said condoms are not the answer to the AIDS epidemic in Africa and can make the problem worse, setting off criticism Tuesday as he began a weeklong trip to the continent where some 22 million people are living with HIV.

Benedict's first statement on an issue that has divided even Catholic clergy working with AIDS patients came hours before he arrived in Cameroon's capital — greeted by thousands of flag-waving faithful who stood shoulder-to-shoulder for a glimpse of the pontiff's motorcade.

ILLINOIS

Study: 'Smart drug' Provigil may be habit-forming

CHICAGO (AP) — A so-called "smart drug" popular with young people may carry more of an addiction risk than thought, a small government study suggests.

Scans of 10 healthy men showed that the prescription drug Provigil caused changes in the brain's pleasure center, very much like potentially habit-forming classic stimulants. Modafinil, the drug's generic name, is sometimes used as an illegal study aid by college students.

The study may bust the myth that the drug is safe for healthy people, experts said.

AFGHANISTAN

30 years later, Afghan leader reburied with honor

KABUL (AP) — Executed in a coup 30 years ago, buried hastily in a mass grave along with a small golden Quran, the man who turned Afghanistan from a monarchy into a republic returned on Tuesday in a flag-draped coffin to the same palace where he met his death.

The body of President Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan was unearthed after a former Afghan general involved in the secret burial pointed the way last year to two mass graves. In July 2008, graves were opened that held the bodies of the former leader and 17 family members and associates killed with him.

OHIO

Petland is accused of scheme to sell sick puppies

COLUMBUS (AP) — The Humane Society of the United States has accused Petland Inc. of scheming to sell sick puppies to thousands of unsuspecting consumers.

The animal protection group is suing Petland, based in Chillicothe (chil-ih-KAH'-thee), Ohio. The suit was filed Monday in federal court in Phoenix by attorneys for Humane Society members and people who say they bought sick puppies.

The Humane Society says the pet store chain indicated the puppies came from high-quality breeders and were healthy.

GET NERDY

Robotics Club builds mechanical and human relationships

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Can robotic competitions rival that of sporting events? Many of the students working in the SIUC Robotics Club think so.

The SIUC Robotics Club is scheduled to announce rules March 28 for its "Elevation" competition, which will pit teams' robots against one another as they attempt to place cubes in four bins varying in height from ground level to two feet high, said Martin Hebel, a faculty adviser for SIUC Robotics.

The competition, scheduled for April 25, is one of many projects students are working on, including a project to be entered in a competition sponsored by NASA.

The competition requires teams to build a robot that will fit in a two-by-two foot box. The club is scheduled to host the event in Engineering Building A, room 131.

Any Registered Student Organization is invited to participate.

"There will be no weight constraints. The only constraint is that it has to be safe," said

David Gitz, a senior from Freeport studying electrical engineering.

He said the club would provide teams with tools, a kit of parts if needed and a panel of experts for technical support.

While the competitions are fun, Gitz said the club started as a means of bringing different students together.

"We knew the mechanical engineering students, technology students and electrical engineering students were all doing a lot of good work but there was a big communication gap," Gitz said.

Tyler Madding, a senior from Decatur studying industrial technology, said the club enjoys competitions, but also takes them seriously and wants to win each time.

The NAIT robot was the first project built by the group and it

won in a head-to-head competition last year held by the National Association for Industrial Technology.

"The NAIT design team was the before-and-after effect. We saw a need to bring people together and had people willing to help," he said.

Madding said once the robotics club was started, the disconnect between different majors disappeared.



Tyler Madding, a senior from Decatur studying industrial technology, marks drill points on several pieces of metal while Lee Peck, a sophomore studying mechanical engineering, looks on. The metal plates will soon be combined using rivets and will shape the body of the mechanical engineering robot.

EVAN DAVIS
DAILY EGYPTIAN

"We saw a need to bring people together and had people willing to help."

— Tyler Madding
member of SIUC Robotics Club

Of the 14 robots Gitz has built, he said the NAIT robot was his favorite because it placed first in a major competition.

"Working on these projects helps not only with learning the electrical side of things, but it also helps working with people you do not initially know," said Whitney Belt, a senior from Mt. Carmel studying mechanical engineering and automotive technology.

Belt, who belongs to American Society of Mechanical Engineering, is helping to build a robot for a competition sponsored by NASA.

The competition requires teams

to build a robot no taller than six inches that can pick up small rocks in a low-gravity environment and scale a 4x4 foot piece of wood.

Michael Welling, a doctoral candidate from Carbondale studying electrical and computer engineering, said he would design the control system.

"I'm working on the microcontrol unit with a wireless Bluetooth serial control mechanism," he said.

The robot will communicate with an UMPC (ultra mobile personal computer) and the computer will communicate with a Nintendo Wii controller, he said.

"The UMPC is the bridge between the Wii controller and the robot," he said.

The club does not keep its technical wizardry locked away in the Engineering Building, as it shares its know-how with local high school students and community members.

Gitz has advised Brehm Prep School for three years while Hebel, an associate professor in electrical systems technology, helps put on summer camps to teach basic electronic systems technology to Carbondale High School students with electrical systems projects.

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“The bloodline will live on.”

Roger Oglesby

publisher and editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, which will produce its last print edition Tuesday, becoming the largest U.S. daily to switch to Internet-only publication.

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INSIGHT



Learn like a child for your whole life

JAMES DURBIN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

I did not know Southern Illinois University Carbondale had a vermicomposting center. Before March 3, I would not have been able to tell you what a vermicomposting center was; however, when I found out third-grade students were taking a field trip to SIUC’s “worm farm,” I decided I needed to be there. I discovered the vermicomposting center is a small warehouse situated off the main campus in the countryside that makes up the SIUC farms.

Within the warehouse is, quite simply, a huge tub of dirt. The dirt is a product of hundreds of thousands of worms — specifically, red wiggler worms. The group of third graders from Thomas School were encouraged to strap on gloves and get familiar with the slimy earth dwellers. The red wigglers lived up to their name by squirming all over the place and putting on a fantastic show for the wide-eyed kids. The teachers, Marilyn Ross and Sherri Samuel, encouraged their students in the discovery process becoming

participants in conversations beginning with, “Look how long this worm is,” and answering technical questions such as “Mrs. Ross, which worm is grosser?”

My experience with education is that it is an ongoing process; one level prepares you for the next, grade by grade. I discovered on that Tuesday that it doesn’t hurt to go back a few levels in the process.

Playing with worms is one of life’s simple pleasures. Earthworms make up countless playground discoveries, they are sources of endless dares (or “double-dog dares” if one is feeling bold) and they are always at work in the ground beneath us playing a vital role for the planet. I think playing with worms can release stress or at least take your mind off pesky items like exams and homework. If you are interested in playing with the worms, the SIUC Vermicomposting Center is located at 3373 W. Pleasant Hill Road and the phone number is 453-2496.



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Higher taxes, fees in plan to balance Illinois budget

John O'Connor
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Pat Quinn tried to cushion the blow Tuesday, promoting his plans for tax relief the day before he unveils what undoubtedly will be major tax increases on income, smoking and driving.

The Democrat announced that he wants to offer parents a sales-tax holiday for back-to-school purchases this summer. He also stressed that many Illinois families would not pay anything more under the income tax plan he's preparing. "We're going to give tax relief right now to vulnerable people worried about their jobs, worried about their families," Quinn told reporters in Chicago. "We're cutting their taxes."

A "blueprint" of the budget provided to some Illinois lawmakers shows Quinn will propose increasing the personal income tax by as much as 1.5 percent, to 4.5 percent, to bring in \$4.8 billion.

Quinn is looking at a \$20 increase for license plates, which will cost \$79 starting this summer, and doubling the \$10 price of a driver's license.

And Quinn may seek a \$1 increase in the tax on cigarettes, which now stands at 98 cents a pack. The increase would be spread over two years.

He also promised to "cut the budget big-time" as he seeks to put state government back on solid financial ground. "I want to say to the people of Illinois, we're going to pay our bills."

The governor, facing what he says is an \$11.5 billion deficit just six weeks after taking office, has a tough sales job ahead of him. Most lawmakers are open to tax increases but they need proof to take home to voters.

"He's gotta tell us: Where's this money going to go to? Where's his cuts going to come at? What's his reforms going to be?" said Sen. Terry Link, D-Waukegan.

The budget blueprint, first reported by the Chicago Sun-Times, shows the state could take in \$276 million by raising cigarette taxes.

Charging more for license plates and driver's licenses could generate \$200 million a year, which would finance a statewide construction program to repair roads, bridges and other infrastructure. Diverting

about \$150 million from the state road fund would also support the construction.

Some legislative Democrats favor a gasoline-tax increase, something Quinn opposes.

Republicans, who have proposed gambling expansion to fill some of the budget hole and start a building plan, are generally opposed to an income-tax increase or a hike in the corporate tax.

Revenue from higher taxes will fall short of projections because people will change habits to shield income, said Rep. Mark Beaubien, R-Barrington Hills. Taxing businesses in this economy, he said, would be devastating.

"People won't expand their businesses, they'll leave the state," Beaubien said. "They certainly won't come into the state. It's very counterproductive if you want to create jobs and help the economy."

Quinn's budget blueprint calls for raising the 4.8 percent corporate rate to 5.9 percent, generating \$175 million.

Quinn said a family of four making \$24,000 a year would pay no income taxes at all under his plan because he wants to increase the personal exemption. Families of four making less than about \$61,000 would see their tax bill fall, he said.

A sales tax holiday would also ease the burden. Quinn wants to lift the 5 percent sales tax for 10 days in August on certain school-related items.

Normally, local governments would get a share of any income tax increase. Quinn's plan would keep all the additional money for the state, meaning cities would miss out on \$287 million — something Link said would go nowhere because of protests from city halls across the state.

Quinn also may take \$200 million out of a variety of government funds that are supported by special fees and dedicated to particular programs. Such diversions were common under his predecessor, Rod Blagojevich, who was removed from office in January.

The budget blueprint includes another idea favored by Blagojevich: ending several tax breaks for businesses. The move would save the state about \$100 million but lawmakers have rejected the idea in the past.

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- 303 W. Elm
- 115 S. Forest

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- 410 S. Ash
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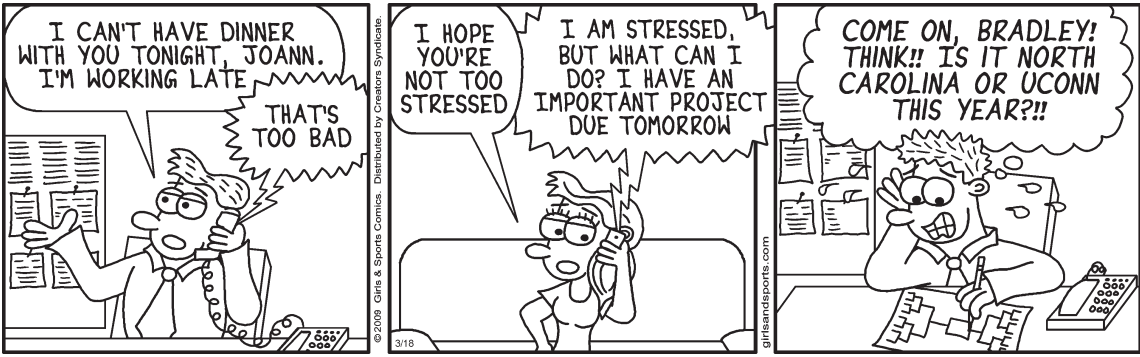
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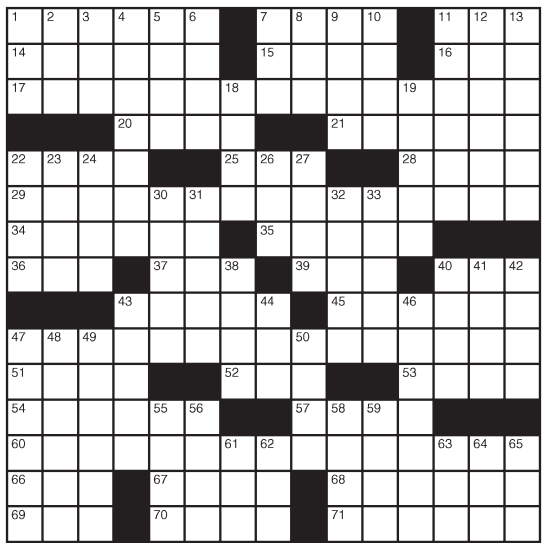


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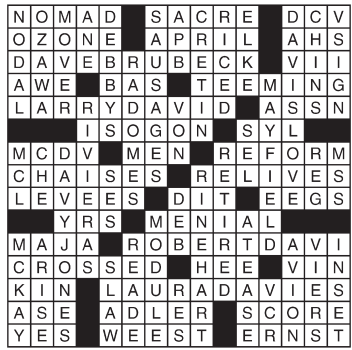
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22 Anna of "Nana"
25 Chapel Hill inst.
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29 Candy bar, formally
34 Defoe character
35 Some signals
36 Rene's friend
37 Star Wars letters
39 Old Turkish title
40 Size above med.
43 Saxophonist Mulligan
45 Military forces
47 Pennsylvania destination
51 Get wind of
52 Dog days mo.



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Tuesday's solutions



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By Linda C. Black
Today's Birthday — You'll clash with authority figures this year more often than usual. You don't like to draw attention, but sometimes you just can't help it. Looks like you keep your job, so your suggestions must be effective.
To get the advantage check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — If you need a little more quiet time, let other people know. Tell them you have a headache and take a break. Even if you don't, you could get one if you don't relax a bit.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — A situation that looks impossible can be resolved amicably. Don't try it while you're frustrated, though. Put the whole thing off until tomorrow. It'll be easier then.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Postpone long-distance travel and several other things that would be fun. You need to prepare for a test that's coming your way very soon. Present your ideas well and you'll be considered for promotion. Practice.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Listen to all the suggestions, but don't get sidetracked. There are plenty of options, but most of them won't work. Stick with the ones that you used before successfully.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You'll go back and forth, but eventually you can set your priorities with your mate or partner. Include paying off an old debt. That will make everything else easier.

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Chicago Bears start minicamp early

Rick Gano

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LAKE FOREST, ILL. — On a strange day for football, Kyle Orton was unfazed by speculation, offseason comments or any challenges to his standing as the Chicago Bears' starting quarterback.

As the Bears kicked off a minicamp two months early and the weather on a windy March day soared to 70 degrees, Orton was asked about comments from general manager Jerry Angelo last December that Chicago needed to stabilize the quarterback position.

"I haven't talked to Jerry. I leave all that stuff to my agent. That's what I pay him for, so all my concentration this year has been getting healthy, getting in good shape and being ready to come out here and perform," Orton said Tuesday after a two-hour practice at Halas Hall.

Angelo's comments came after the Bears finished 9-7 and missed the playoffs for a second straight season since they made the Super Bowl.

Orton passed for 2,972 yards while completing 272 of 465 passes and throwing more touchdowns (18) than interceptions (12) after beating out Rex Grossman for the starting job. But a sprained ankle midway through the season hurt his mobility.

Angelo said he believed in Orton but wanted to see more competition at quarterback. Backup are Caleb Hanie and Brett Basanez.

"It starts with the quarterback. It's all about the quarterback. You don't win because of wide receivers. You

don't win because of running backs. You win because of the quarterback. We've got to get the quarterback position stabilized," Angelo said.

Orton said he wasn't upset or surprised by Angelo's remarks.

"No, I just really didn't pay a whole lot of attention to it. I know what I've got to do to get ready. I'm worried about myself and taking care of all the things I need to do to be the guy in this organization for a long time," Orton said.

"It's the most important position. You've got to get it right and he's got to know it's right. I think that I'm that guy. I feel like with my work and my play, I'm just going to make him believe that it's right as well and end up being the guy here for a long time."

There has also been speculation — most of it in the media — that the Bears should try to acquire disgruntled Denver quarterback Jay Cutler, who has asked for a trade.

"I haven't heard that, to be honest with you. I don't know," Orton said. "There's rumors every single year, whether it's him or somebody else. I'm happy with where I'm at. I think the organization is behind me and I know my teammates are, so that's really all that matters to me."

Head coach Lovie Smith wanted his team to get a jump-start on the season and decided to have the three-

day minicamp early instead of after the April draft.

And he made it clear he was firmly behind Orton.

"I think we got good play from our quarterback position before Kyle injured his ankle. So I'm excited about a healthy Kyle playing an entire year," Smith said, adding that Orton's not distracted by rumors.

"Kyle's not listening to much of that. He had a big smile on his face today," Smith said. "Quarterbacks in

general, they're going to have to answer questions. That's just a part of the life of a quarterback, but it doesn't faze him much."

The Bears are still hoping to re-sign tackle John St. Clair, especially now that John Tait has told the team he plans to retire. They've added

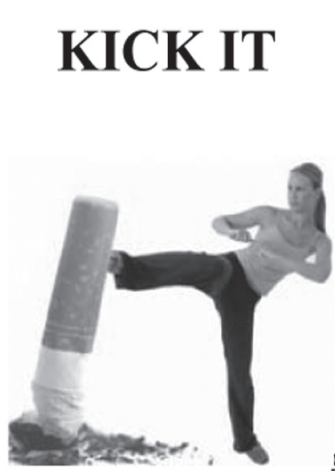
a safety in Josh Bullocks and an offensive lineman in Frank Omiyale.

But some of their biggest offseason changes have come in the coaching staff where they've signed former Lions head coach Rod Marinelli as defensive line coach and Jon Hoke to coach the defensive backs.

Smith, who was the St. Louis Rams' defensive coordinator before being hired by the Bears, will take over much of the play calling on defense — even though Bob Babich will retain the title of defensive coordinator. Babich will spend his time with the linebackers.

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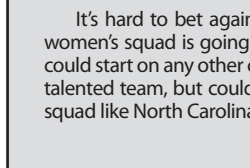
The University of Connecticut's men's and women's basketball teams earned a No. 1 seed in its respective NCAA Tournaments. Which squad is more likely to bring home a national championship?



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Well, I have the UConn men's team winning it all in my bracket, so that alone means the women's squad is more likely to go all the way. But when I looked at the bracket, I realized UConn doesn't have it too hard in their region, and if they face Louisville in the Final Four and win, it wouldn't be the first time this year. So, ultimate response: The women.



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It's hard to bet against a team that has yet to lose, so I'm guessing UConn's women's squad is going to take the crown. The Huskies have bench players that could start on any other college hoops squad. Jim Calhoun's men's team has a very talented team, but could fall to a hungry giant slayer early or to a more talented squad like North Carolina later in the tourney.



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Well, the women are 33-0 and their average victory is by more than 30 points — it's hard to bet against them. The men's squad is an elite team, but there are better squads throughout the men's tournament. I don't know if anyone can even compete against the women, let alone beat them.

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BASEBALL

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tossing a pair of scoreless innings.

"I noticed the only reason (Cornell) was getting in trouble was because he was walking people," Lawrence said. "I knew I had to come in and throw strikes and make (Middle Tennessee State hitters) get themselves out.

"I knew if I did, our hitters would have a chance to come through."

Closer Bryant George allowed three runs in a non-save situation, but it was not enough for the Blue Raiders to pick up a come-from-behind victory.

The SIU offense opened the scor-

ing in the top of the second inning. Kelly led off the inning with a double down the left field line and advanced to third base on a single to right field by Serritella. With runners on the corners and no one out, left fielder Jordan Sivertsen grounded into a double play, which scored Kelly from third to give the Salukis a 1-0 lead.

After holding the Blue Raiders' offense scoreless in the bottom of the frame, SIU looked poised to get on the scoreboard again. Lepore reached on a throwing error, but was picked off of first base moments later. Murphy walked and Roberts singled to right in an attempt to reignite the rally, but Stalter popped out to end the inning.

The Blue Raiders knotted the game in the bottom of the third inning. Michael Darlington and Bryce Brentz coaxed a pair of two-out walks after Burnett grounded into a double play. Darlington would score on a single to right field by Rawley Bishop.

Henderson said he hopes the team can carry the momentum into today's rematch at 3:00 p.m.

"After last Saturday's win I thought we'd come back and play well on Sunday and we didn't," Henderson said of the team splitting the last two games of its series against North Dakota. "The difference is today that we played well in

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Basketball is going to be on TV all

day Thursday and Friday, and anyone with a bracket will have a vested interest in each game even though he or she won't care a bit about the teams play-

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BASEBALL

Saluki bats bounce Blue Raiders



Saluki pitcher David Kington pitches during their game against Eastern Illinois March 4. The Salukis played against Middle Tennessee State Tuesday in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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Early in the season, the SIU baseball team's bullpen gave associate head coach Ken Henderson fits.

However, in the Salukis' 9-4 win against Middle Tennessee State, the SIU offense broke out the big bats against the home team's bullpen to pick up the road win at Reese Smith Field Tuesday in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

"We did a very good job on offense, even against their starter. We just had a good approach all day at the plate," associate head coach Ken Henderson said in a phone interview.

"We did the things we haven't been doing in terms of mechanics, and it paid off. I don't know where it came from, but it was nice."

Henderson added the Saluki bullpen's ability to throw up zeros after scoring was the key to picking up a win.

Blue Raider relievers Nick Montgomery, Justin Guidry and Brett Smalley opened the floodgates for the SIU hit parade. The trio allowed six runs on six hits in the Salukis' largest scoring output since beating Ball State 10-8 on March 11.

With the game tied at one, right fielder Aaron Roberts and shortstop

Michael Stalter strung together back-to-back one-out singles. After catcher Mark Kelly struck out, freshman first baseman Chris Secritella delivered a two-out three-run home run to break the tie and give SIU a 4-1 lead.

The Salukis' offensive barrage continued in the top of the seventh inning. Designated hitter Tyler Bullock and third baseman Tony Lepore opened the inning with singles to right field and advanced into scoring position on a Scott Elmendorf sacrifice bunt. Bullock scored on a Chris Murphy single and Lepore tallied another run on a wild pitch by Smalley.

SIU (7-12) closed the five-run inning with a two-run home run by

Kelly, giving the team a 9-4 lead its bullpen would not relinquish.

While Middle Tennessee State (13-3), which entered the game on a six-game winning streak, watched its relievers struggle, SIU middle relievers Brad Lawrence and Ryan Bradley held the opposition's bats in check.

Lawrence, who relieved starter Jimmy Cornell after only three innings of work, threw three scoreless innings out of the bullpen, striking out four batters, while only walking one to pick up the win. Bradley further silenced the Blue Raiders,

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TENNIS

Tennis teams spring break includes southern matches

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Along with many college students, the men and women's tennis teams headed south for spring break.

Unlike many college students, the Salukis did not have time for the beaches as they had matches to play.

The men (3-4) started their trip March 8 against No. 16 Louisville at Louisville, Ky. The Salukis dropped the match 7-0, but head coach Dann Nelson said he was happy with the team's performance.

"We competed well against the No. 16 ranked team in the nation," Nelson said in a press release. "This

type of competition will help us in conference play."

They continued their week-long road trip by heading down to Louisiana for three matches. The struggles continued as they dropped two of three matches in three consecutive days.

The Salukis performed well in their first match, defeating Southern University 7-0 in Baton Rouge on Wednesday in their first outdoor match of the year. The next two days were not as kind to the Salukis as they dropped matches to Nicholls State and New Orleans University, 4-3.

Their fourth match, against Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond,

La., was cancelled because of rain. No make-up match will be scheduled.

The women (6-4) used their spring break to head down to Boca Raton, Fla., where they finished 2-1 in their matches.

The Salukis opened with a 6-1 victory over Florida Atlantic on March 9, but dropped their next match against Buffalo University, 4-3. The Salukis rebounded in their last game in Boca Raton by defeating James Madison, 4-3. Head coach Audra Nothwehr said she was more than pleased with the way her team performed in Florida.

"It really felt like we won all three matches, we had such a good show-

ing," Nothwehr said. "The loss came down to two points in a tiebreaker. It could not have been any closer."

The women were led by Missouri Valley Conference Athlete of the Week, senior Fadzai Mawisire, who won her three matches to put her career No. 1 singles record at SIU to 8-0. Mawisire and doubles partner, Ame Blacketer, have also compiled a record of 8-2 this year.

Nothwehr said the level of competition in Florida should get her team ready for conference play.

"Those were tough teams in Florida," Nothwehr said. "Those are the type of teams that we are going to be playing for conference."

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If you don't pay attention to the NBA, this year's rookie class has proven to be one of the best ever. Derrick Rose and O.J. Mayo have long been assumed to finish 1-2 in Rookie of the Year voting, but you could easily argue a strong case for Russell Westbrook, Brook Lopez or Eric Gordon to win the award.

There have also been plenty of other rookies playing pretty well. Most years, No. 2 pick Michael Beasley's averages of 13.3 points and 5.1 rebounds per game would have at least had him finishing second in the top rookie voting, but this year he should finish between fifth and eighth.

Most of this crop of rookies — save for players like Greg Oden, Marc Gasol and Rudy Fernandez — participated in last year's NCAA Tournament. It was Rose, whose Memphis Tigers had their hearts ripped out, put into a box, taken into space and hurled into the sun a la Hermes in "Futurama" by current Heat point guard Mario Chalmers and the Kansas Jayhawks in the 2008 title game. And it was Beasley, whose Kansas State Wildcats upset Mayo's USC Trojans in the first round.

Many of the stars of last year's NCAA Tournament are now already solid-to-quality contributors in the NBA. But that won't be the case for next year, and I'm just trying to figure out what that means (if anything) when it comes to the Big Dance that begins Thursday. Or Tuesday, if you enjoyed Alabama State and Morehead State. Hey, I watch Memphis Grizzlies games regularly here, so I understand entirely the joys of watching teams that toil in obscurity. Where else can you hear announcers still raving about Darko Milicic?

So back to the question: What does it mean to the NCAA Tournament that its participants won't be as big of difference-makers next season in the NBA? Does it taint the proceedings at all that the only chance of a top-two draft pick playing in the championship game is if Blake Griffin can lead Oklahoma there? Or how about that Stephen Curry and Davidson didn't make it? Does that put a damper on anything?

Well, definitely not. This was just sort of my roundabout way of saying the NCAA Tournament could never lose its appeal. At least not as long as we have brackets to fill out. So what if Curry isn't playing, so what if the players this year aren't as good as the ones from last year, and so what if all those surprise conference tournament winners stole at-large bids from Creighton, Saint Mary's and the like?

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