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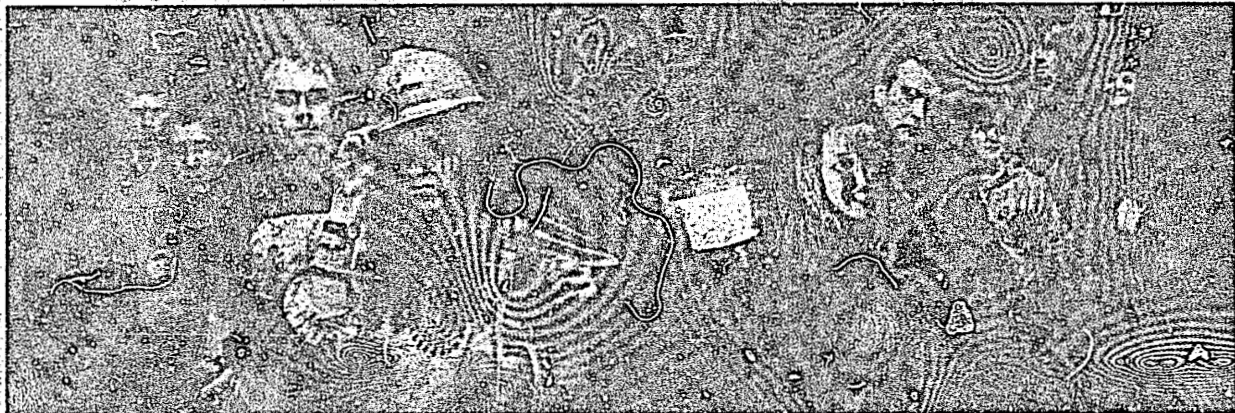
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Sports

Lowery, men's basketball program under review



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From left to right, Randy Taylor, Darren Lee, John Guberud, Nikid Holstein, Beth Marriot, Brian Croft, Keia Pirazzini, Mitch Belsley, and Samantha Cooke pose for a portrait Wednesday in the Mass Communications building. The students on the left are four of 76 students who will travel with Habitat for Humanity over spring break to build decent and affordable homes for families. The students on the right are five of 24 students involved in the outdoor survival class that will backpack and camp in the Shawnee National Forest for six days over spring

Students opt for not-so-typical spring breaks

SARA H SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

Instead of spending money to go to a vacation hotspot during spring break, Bryce Webster-Jacobsen said he hopes to make a difference in someone's life. Webster-Jacobsen, a freshman from

Woodstock studying psychology, is one of 76 SIUC students who will travel to four different U.S. cities with Habitat for Humanity, an international non-profit organization devoted to building decent, affordable housing. "I didn't really see a benefit to spending a lot of money and partying,"

he said. "There will be some out-of-pocket pay on my part, but it will be more worthwhile than the typical spring break because I will be making a difference in someone's life, which will be very rewarding." Webster-Jacobsen said his group is going to Miami and will work on

houses under construction. "I was looking for something where I could do some community service, give back to people, learn about people's situation, and make a difference," he said. "It is still kind of like going away for spring break." Ma'ory McMahon, a senior from

Champaign studying health education, said she thinks many students tend to go to tropical places, spend a lot of money, and enjoy a week of partying because it is a tradition and they feel obligated to do it. Please see BREAK | 3

Cheng: Six internal candidates for provost position

JULIE SWENSON
Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Rita Cheng met with the provost search committee for the first time on Wednesday to provide the group with direction. Campus constituency groups nominated faculty to participate in the committee, and Cheng said she selected the approximately 12-member committee based on

diverse gender, race and academic positions to properly represent the university. Cheng said she chose Pat Manfredi, a professor of philosophy, as the chair of the committee. There are six internal candidates for provost of SIUC, she said. The selection process is confidential and closed to the public. Cheng said the committee will likely meet and make progress in reviewing the candidates after spring break. She

said she expects the committee will give her its report on the candidates by the end of March. Cheng said after she gets the report, she will talk with the candidates and interview them on campus. The finalist will replace former Provost Gary Minish, who was selected by Cheng as the university's provost Nov. 18 after a months-long search. Minish spent 10 official days in the office before he resigned in

an e-mail to Cheng Jan. 19. He did not publicly give an explanation for his resignation. The provost position — the No. 2 position of power on campus — oversees the departments of New Student Programs, Career Services, Supplemental Instruction, Pre-Major Advisement, University 101, the Center for Academic Success, Student Support Services, Residential Life and International

Programs and Services. The provost also oversees Peter Gittau, associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students, who heads Disability Support Services, Veterans Services, Student Legal Services, Student Judicial Affairs and Multicultural Programming. Julie Swenson can be reached at jswenson@dailyegyptian.com or 536-3311 ext. 254.

NTT Faculty rejects both administration's contract offers

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

The Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Association was given a last chance, one-year contract offer by university administration Wednesday. The move was similar to the university's offer to the Association of Civil Service Employees Monday. SIUC spokesperson Rod Sievers said the association and administration have yet to come to a tentative agreement, and no official agreement was reached by the end of federal mediation Wednesday. The association rejected both a three-year and one-year contract

offer, according to a university press release. The association has until 4:30 p.m. on March 24 to accept the offer, or the last, best and final one-year offer would be implemented March 25, the release stated. The three-year offer featured clauses including fair bargaining, two personal days, reasonable reassurance of re-employment, grant funding for 10 months instead of nine, a 12-month pay option instead of a nine-month one and clear workload assignments, according to the press release. The one-year contract offer included clauses for layoff revision, a 12-month pay option instead of a nine-month one, clear workload assignments

and summer employment, the release stated. NTT members working at Head Start, in accordance with the calendar year, would also have spring break off in the three-year option, according to the press release. NTT president Michael Smith said the first offer, the three-year option, and the second offer, the one-year option, were virtually identical. He said similar to the impasse, or non-agreement, reached by the bargaining teams during the ACSE mediation Monday, neither offer for the NTT could be considered a contract because no mutual or tentative agreement was reached by both parties. Smith said Tuesday he was

concerned an impasse would be declared at the conclusion of mediation Wednesday even though the NTT had reasonable proposals. He said his concern arose when he heard an impasse on the ACSE was declared by the administration. The association agreed to not have wage raises for fiscal year 2011 and to take unpaid closure days, but under three conditions, he said. "We agreed to the four (closure) days under three conditions: that there are no layoffs this calendar year, (an) opportunity in some form to earn back that pay in the future, and that (the association) exempts some of the grant-funded programs such as

Head Start Southern Illinois Regional Development program," Smith said. He said Head Start should be protected because it is funded by grant money, which can't be used for anything other than its intended program. The administration took earlier tentative agreements reached in previous bargaining sessions off the table, Smith said. He said the association doesn't plan to fight the impasse set by the administration during mediations because a one-year contract will be forcibly implemented anyway. Brandon Coleman can be reached at bcoleman@dailyegyptian.com or 536-3311 ext. 259.

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• 8 p.m. March 18 in Hangar 9
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- The Bare Bones II Workshop**
• 6 p.m. March 24 at the Student Center Video Lounge
• Information for applying to SIUC Graduate School
• Sponsored by the Underserved Fellowship Office of the Graduate School
• Call 453-4353 for more information.
- Sustainable Living Film Series**
• 5:30 p.m. Friday and other select Fridays March through October at Longbranch Coffeehouse
• Free educational film series on sustainable living
• For more information, contact Mark Fletcher at markfletcher@gmail.com.

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BREAK
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"If there is a day off of school like Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, (students) are going to go out, so if you give them a whole week they are definitely going out and living it up," she said.

McMahon said she will go home for spring break to relax and spend time with her family.

"I might do a little homework, but for the most part I am seriously just going to sit on the couch and

watch TV," she said.

Isaac Creek, a graduate student in philosophy from Johnston City, said he won't be relaxing during his break.

Creek said he will be going on a backpacking and camping trip to the Shawnee National Forest as part of an outdoor survival skills class. During the trip, students will have to accomplish tasks based on what they have been taught in class, he said.

"We are going to be hiking and doing a lot of activities to show we can survive such as cooking, setting

up camps, and things like being aware of the environment and the weather conditions," Creek said.

Even though he won't be able to visit friends or family during his break, Creek said he's excited about the trip.

"It is like I have put myself in this situation where now I have to do this trip," he said. "It is something I want to do, but I can't always afford to take a week off and go to take a trip. Now I have the excuse that it is for a class."

Bridget Lewis, a freshman from

Springfield "studying sociology, said she will not get to visit her family or friends back home because she is going to Miami as part of the Collegiate Challenge, Habitat for Humanity's national alternative break program.

She said she worked with the organization before she came to school because helping people gives her a sense of accomplishment.

"The partying-style spring break is only fun for so long," Lewis said. "Helping people out and building a new home will help them for years,

so I find this more worthwhile."

McMahon said she has noticed that as she gets older, she is less interested in the party scene.

"I have noticed all of my friends who are closer to my age aren't really going on spring break trips anymore, and if they are, they are less excited," she said. "The people I know that are younger were anticipating spring break two weeks ago."

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Surplus makes small dent in budget expenses

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

No university can afford to spend down to its last dollar, Chancellor Rita Cheng said.

She said if the university were operating at a healthy level, it would have \$30 to \$40 million, the equivalent of two months of operating expenses, in the Mandatory Systems Reserve Fund at all times. The current reserve of \$4 million is equal to a week's worth of operating expenses, she said. The surplus from fiscal years 2009 and 2010 did not have much of an effect on the budget, she said.

SIUC saved \$4 million from FY09 and \$8.4 million from FY10, Cheng said in an e-mail Monday.

Randy Hughes, president of the Faculty Association, said surplus money from those two fiscal years should be enough to cover fiscal year 2011's budget.

Hughes said the university can know exactly how much surplus money it has from previous fiscal years, but a budget is just a plan for the upcoming year.

"There's definitely a surge because it reflects more what will actually happen," Hughes said.

Cheng said the majority of the money from FY09 was used to pay unexpected costs that arose in FY10 from the School of Law and Off-Campus Degree Programs.

Cheng said \$1.5 million from FY10 was carried over to FY11 to limit the number of unpaid closure days needed. She said \$2 million was used for the School of Law and Off-Campus Degree Programs reserves.

The School of Law has an independent

budget, and it received some of the surplus cash because the university generally doesn't cover its unexpected expenses, Cheng said. She said the university gave money to the Off-Campus Degree Programs to ensure the creation of new campus programs.

Hughes, an associate professor in math, said by the Faculty Association's calculations, there was \$15.8 million saved by FY10's end. He said a university is not in a budget crisis when that much money is carried over.

However, Cheng said the university has to keep some money on reserve for unexpected expenses.

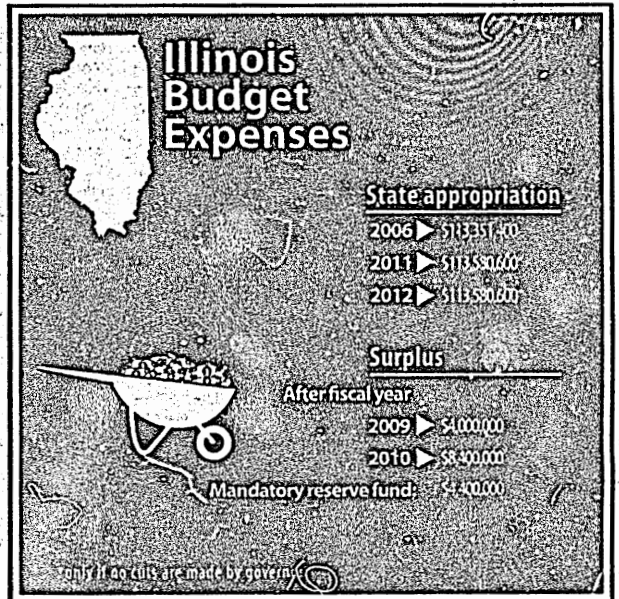
"We needed a necessary operating fund because we don't know what unexpected system failures might happen," Cheng said.

Cheng said at her Feb. 22 Spring Leadership meeting people may think the university saved \$15.8 million because that is what the numbers add up to if indirect cost recovery, revenue bond opportunities, self-supporting activities and service department savings are taken into consideration.

She also said in her speech money from those funds doesn't come from state appropriations and cannot be applied to make up the deficit for fiscal year 2011.

The university has \$5.7 million of a \$13 million deficit left to cover, Cheng said. She said the loss of \$7.3 million in federal stimulus money nearly had the university operating at the same level of fiscal year 2006's budget in FY11.

Cheng said the university plans to use the hiring freeze savings from FY10 and FY11 to cover \$3.1 million in budget shortfall in fiscal year 2011. The other \$2.6 million would come



JUSTIN SKARIN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Source: SIU financial performance comparative statement & Chancellor Rita Cheng

from unpaid closure days, she said.

SIUC spokesman Rod Slevers said state and federal appropriations for FY11 total \$113,580,600, which is \$299,200 more than the university received from the state in 2006.

"For fiscal year 2012 ... we're hoping the

state gives us the same amount as they did in 2011," Slevers said.

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Wellness programs drive down long-term health costs

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Health care costs across the country are on the rise, and the cost of health care and medical insurance at universities is no exception.

Many universities have implemented wellness and prevention programs to decrease some of the costs associated with health care and medical insurance, according to an article from The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Unlike doctor's visits, most wellness and prevention programs offered through universities are free. For example, SIUC's Progressive Masculinities Mentors group works to prevent gender violence, and Hammered, a Registered Student Organization, encourages students to find weekend activities that are alternatives to partying.

For SIUC students, the student health fee is \$215, which covers

services through hospitals, and the student insurance fee is \$2, which covers services through the Student Health Center, for spring 2011. In fall 2009, the student health fee was \$211, and the student insurance fee was the same.

Southeastern University's cost of student insurance for 2011 is \$340 per term, according to its website. Illinois State University's cost per term increased from \$161 in fall 2009 to \$170 in spring 2011. The University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana's cost of insurance per term for spring 2009 was \$197 and was raised to \$206 in fall 2010, and the health service fee went from \$219 to \$225 over the same time period, according to the U of I website.

Jason Gilman, director of SIUC's Wellness Center, said compared with other universities' services, the cost of SIUC's health and wellness services is reasonable.

Gilman said wellness programs

are meant to prevent both short- and long-term health problems, though some of the most costly health problems, such as car accidents, are not as preventable.

"In the short-term, you're not going to see a huge return on a wellness program to a health insurance cost because typically, your most expensive health insurance costs are acute problems that just happen," he said.

Gilman said if wellness programs can prevent major illnesses or health problems, then the health care program sees a return.

"If we reduce certain behaviors, then we can actually see a quick turnaround, at least not as quick of an increase in your health insurance or your extended care fee," he said.

One quick way to reduce the cost of health care is to decrease the number of student visits to the emergency room for injuries that often result from excessive drinking, Gilman

said. Alcohol-related visits to the ER make up at least 1 percent of total health care claims for the university, he said, and wellness programs can teach students to consume alcohol in a responsible way.

Gilman said accidents on campus, such as those resulting from distracted driving, can be partially reduced with awareness campaigns and programs to show students the effects of their actions.

Chris Fralish, an alcohol and drug abuse counselor at the Wellness Center, said it is difficult to tell whether wellness and prevention programs directly reduce the cost of health insurance and claims.

However, the programs do impact students and help people get away from what culture teaches them about how to cope with stress, Fralish said.

"A lot of times we can help people see into themselves and get them to see things they won't," he said. "I

teach people how to let go of stories that aren't true and replace them with things that are useful."

Gilman and Fralish said wellness and prevention programs help decrease the top three reasons students get sick or perform poorly academically: stress, depression and lack of sleep.

Fralish said changes aren't often seen in short-term ways but are evident in the long term.

"(Students) get lower stress, lower stress leads to better sleep, which leads to better academic performance, better academic performance boosts self-esteem; it's all connected," he said. "There are so many things that go into our daily lives that don't separate, and I teach people that's OK, and what they can do today to function."

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“We will stay here until the government steps down.”

MOHAMMED BRYANI
20 students at Yemen's Sana'a University, where police opened fire and used tear gas on anti-government demonstrators, injuring at least 50 people

“If you've seen a lot of change in these first seven weeks, you ain't seen nothing yet.”

JOHN KASICH
the new Governor of Ohio, on the standoff in Wisconsin over changes to union workers' bargaining rights. Hints of a compromise between the two sides emerged in leaked emails on Tuesday

Boys, men charged in sex assaults on Texas girl, 11

JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press

On a cell phone video passed among an 11-year-old girl's classmates, authorities say adolescent boys and men in their 20s could be seen sexually assaulting the girl inside a dingy abandoned trailer.

A friend went to a teacher, investigators went to the girl and her mother, and authorities say they learned the disturbing images depicted just one of several attacks on the girl last year.

Now 18 people, including two of Cleveland's star high school athletes and adults with criminal records, face assault and abuse charges that have horrified and divided their small Texas town.

The investigation began in December after a friend of the girl told a teacher he saw the lurid cell phone video, said Stacy Gallin, a spokeswoman for the school district in Cleveland, about 45 miles northeast of Houston.

Police investigators determined it was recorded inside an abandoned mobile home on the city's northern

outskirts, according to a search warrant affidavit obtained by several Houston media outlets. The girl told investigators she was raped at the home Nov. 28, over the Thanksgiving holiday break.

The girl was first assaulted at a house near the trailer, where several young men told her she would be beaten up if she didn't submit, according to the affidavit. When one of the alleged attacker's aunt returned home, everyone, including the girl, fled. The group moved to the mobile home, where the assault continued, the affidavit said.

The trailer, which sits next to a small white building that serves as a Baptist church, is surrounded by overgrown weeds, junk and other trash. Inside, debris covers the floor and a stove sits in the middle of the living room. Neighbors said it has been abandoned since being damaged by Hurricane Ike in September 2002.

Residents who live nearby told The Associated Press this week they had seen the girl, dressed provocatively and in makeup, hanging out near the area both

before and after Nov. 28. Some in the town expressed doubts about the case, even suggesting authorities should consider culpability on the part of the girl.

"Maturity or not I'm pretty sure she knew what she was doing," Robin Smith, 24, a cashier in Cleveland, said as she shopped this week.

Others in the town of about 7,900 residents nestled near the Sam Houston National Forest support the investigation and condemned those accused in the attacks.

"She's 11 years old. It shouldn't have happened. That's a child," said Oscar Carter, 56, who is related to an uncle of one 16-year-old charged in the case. "Somebody should have said what we are doing is wrong."

Indictments in the case allege that before the Nov. 28 attack, the girl also was assaulted Sept. 15 and Oct. 25. Each of those times, at least two individuals were involved.

The accusations say at least three people, attacked the girl in November, but records do not clarify how many individuals in total are believed to have assaulted the girl that night. Both police and Liberty

County District Attorney Michael Little have declined to comment on details of the case, citing the ongoing investigation.

Thirteen adults and five juveniles have been arrested so far. Several have prior criminal records, including arrests for aggravated robbery and manslaughter.

Gallin, the school district spokeswoman, said seven are Cleveland students. Three are between the ages 17 and 19, with two of them in high school and one at a learning academy for drop-outs. Three others are juveniles in high school and one is in middle school, she said.

"It's just devastating for the student body," Gallin said.

James Evans, an attorney representing four people arrested in the case, including two of the Cleveland High School students, said he has been told up to 28 individuals ultimately could be charged.

"From what I'm getting, there were some warning signs these things were occurring, or about to occur, and (the authorities) didn't move fast enough," he said. "We'll

certainly be looking to see what went wrong with that aspect of the system as well as the side where my clients were involved."

The 11-year-old girl's parents have withdrawn her from Cleveland schools, Gallin said. The AP was unable to locate the family this week, but her mother has told The Houston Chronicle that Child Protective Services placed the girl in a foster home with restricted access to her family.

Given Carter, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, declined to discuss whether her agency is involved in the case.

The girl's mother told the Chronicle, which did not publish her full name in order to protect her daughter's identity, that she has received threatening telephone calls at her home. The AP generally does not identify victims of sexual assault.

"They keep calling and asking for her," the mother told the newspaper. "They don't believe me when I say she's not here and cuss us out. They're trying to find her. This is the time when she needs us the most."

WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Senate rejects rival GOP, Democratic budgets in bid to boost compromise chances

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-led Senate Wednesday emphatically rejected a budget-slashing House spending bill as too severe. It then immediately lifted a rival Democratic plan that was criticized by moderate Democrats as too timid in its drive to cut day-to-day agency budgets.

The votes to scuttle the competing measures were designed, ironically, to prompt progress. The idea was to show tea party-backed GOP conservatives in the House that they need to nix their budget-cutting ambitions while at the same time demonstrating to Democratic liberals that they need to budget, too.

White House budget director Jacob Lew said the votes should turn a page and end talks between the administration and Republicans are likely to become more productive. The negotiators are unlikely to meet a March 18 deadline, which means another stopgap budget extension would be required to keep the government from shutting down.

"We want to come to a reasonable outcome," Lew said in an interview. "If you need it clear that that's not the end, that there are more savings. But we've also said that there's a line beyond which we can't go."

LIBYA

Oil installations ablaze in Libya as battles rage between Gadhafi forces and rebels

RAS LANOUF — A giant yellow fireball shot into the sky, trailed by thick plumes of black smoke Wednesday after fighting between rebels and forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi set two oil installations ablaze and inflicted yet more damage on Libya's crippled energy industry.

In the west, Gadhafi claimed victory in recapturing Zawya, the city closest to the capital that had fallen into opposition hands. The claim could not immediately be verified; phone lines there have not been working during a deadly six-day siege.

State TV showed a crowd of hundreds, purportedly in Zawya's main square, shouting "The people want Colonel Gadhafi!"

The fall of Zawya to anti-Gadhafi residents early on in the uprising that began Feb. 15 illustrated the initial blazing progress of the opposition. But Gadhafi seized the momentum, battering the rebels with airstrikes and artillery fire and repulsing their westward march toward the capital, Tripoli.

Gadhafi's successes have left Western powers struggling to come up with a plan to support the rebels without becoming ensnared in the complex and fast-moving conflict. Wednesday, a high-ranking member of the Libyan military flew to Cairo with a message for Egyptian army officials from Gadhafi, but no further details were known.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

NPR CEO Vivian Schiller quits after executive taped criticizing tea party, questioning funding

WASHINGTON — NPR president and CEO Vivian Schiller resigned Wednesday under pressure, a day after an undercover video showed one of her executives on a hidden camera calling the tea party racist and saying the news organization would be better off without taxpayer money.

The shake-up comes at a critical time. Conservative politicians are again pressing to end congressional funding for NPR, money the organization said it needs to keep operating public radio and television stations in some of the nation's smallest communities. The White House defended the funding, saying there remains a need for public broadcasting.

Vivian Schiller also faced criticism for her firing of analyst Alan Williams over comments he made about Muslims. She told The Associated Press that the recent remarks made by her fellow executive Ron Schiller were outrageous and uncharacteristic, and her staying on would only hurt NPR's fight for federal money.

"I did not want to leave NPR. There's a lot of pressure on NPR right now," Vivian Schiller told AP.

Tuesday, conservative activist James O'Keefe posted a video showing NPR executive Ron Schiller bashing the tea party movement. The video shows two activists, working for O'Keefe's posting as members of a fake Muslim group at a lunch meeting with Ron Schiller, who is not related to Vivian Schiller. The men offered NPR a \$5 million donation and engage in a wide-ranging discussion about tea party Republicans' pro-sect bias in the media and anti-immigration.

ElBaradei sets conditions for presidential run

SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

Nobel laureate Mohamed ElBaradei, former head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, said Wednesday he will run for president only if a real democratic system is in place, not the reforms Egypt's military leaders are proposing.

ElBaradei told a private Egyptian television that suggested constitutional amendments to move Egypt toward democracy are "superficial." He appealed to the military rulers to scrap them or delay a scheduled March 19 referendum on them.

"We are at a decisive period in Egypt's history," he told ONTV. "We shouldn't rush. Everything should be on a solid basis."

The constitutional amendments limit a president to two four-year terms. They also allow independents and opposition members to run, impossible under the regime of deposed President Hosni Mubarak.

Even so, ElBaradei said he would vote against the amendments. He said the changes don't limit the powers of the president or give enough time for political parties to form, setting parliamentary elections soon. The

military rulers have said they want to hand over power six months after the ouster of Mubarak. The proposed amendments suggest that elections, both presidential and parliamentary, would take place during that period.

However, there is no proposed change in the laws that regulate forming political parties. This, ElBaradei said, would allow remnants of Mubarak's party and the well organized Muslim Brotherhood to control the new parliament. He also expressed concern that the current lack of security would hamper ability of authorities to secure the elections or protect people going to vote.

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— Mohamed ElBaradei
Nobel laureate

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Since his return to Egypt last year, ElBaradei has reinvigorated a youth movement that reached out to him as a leader in their calls for reform, seeing him as independent, untainted by state corruption and a figure who represents international success.

ElBaradei, a prominent figure

in the mass protests that forced Mubarak out, appeals to educated and middle class Egyptians, but lacks a wider popular following.

ElBaradei described himself as a social democrat, and said, "democracy is my program."

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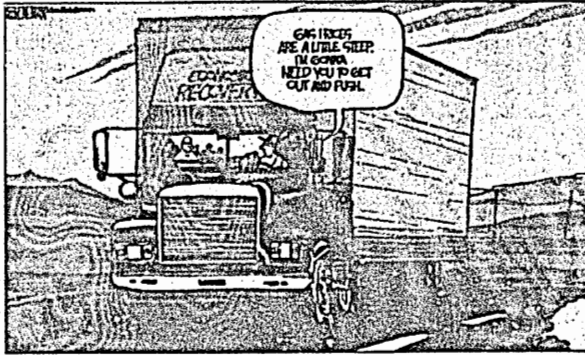
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GUEST COLUMN

Wis. protests personal, will influence other states

TARA KULASH
sophomore studying journalism

Michael Dando, 31, enjoys the little things in life just like anyone else. He has his morning coffee, reads comic books, and he's a total music snob. He drives a Toyota Prius because, you know, the environment is important to him and all, and he probably has to sit on a phonebook to see over the dashboard. He wears a vest with his Chucks, because he's cool like that. Most importantly, though, he has taught me some major life lessons, such as "how to be a person."

You see, Mike Dando was my teacher. In high school, he taught my journalism class and was the adviser of the school yearbook. He made an impact on many students and

inspired us to pursue our skills in writing, designing and photography. He is the best teacher I've ever had and my mentor for life. But these days you can find him protesting with his wife in Wisconsin, which is why I'm writing this article. He has done so much for me, and the least I can do is attempt to be his voice in the issue he is currently dealing with.

Dando moved to Madison, Wis., to pursue a doctorate in education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He said he wants to create more teachers like him. That may sound cocky, but the world could definitely use more Dandos running around. His wife, Kendra, is also a teacher and landed a job as an English and drama teacher in a high school that has an amazing drama program. It might seem like everything is

looking up for the Dandos, but unfortunately, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker has other plans.

I'm sure most of you have heard about the current situation in The Badger State, but I'm not sure teachers have received enough representation, so here's what's going on:

Collective bargaining rights are about to be downzoned to give public workers fewer benefits. Not only are teacher's jobs collectively bargained, but Dando's tuition for UW Contracts would also be limited to one year and voted on at the end of each year. Wages would be frozen until a new contract is agreed upon, and wage increases could not exceed a cap based on the Consumer Price Index unless approved by referendum. Also, collective bargaining units will be required to take annual votes to

maintain certification as a union.

According to Dando, this means he and his wife may no longer have a say in their class sizes or course loads, and their work hours will be limited to 40 per week. They may also lose their say on curriculum, textbooks and pay for extracurricular work, such as Kendra Dando's position as the sponsor of her school's thespian troupe. Their leave days could be lessened, and they would have no voice on health care coverage or tuition remission.

Public sector employees have been told they should consider themselves lucky to have jobs. Dando's response is:

"We are grateful to do what we love. We know times are tough and sacrifices must be made, but dissent is not equal to ingratitude."

It's not fair that great teachers like

the Dandos are repeatedly stepped on. I remember in Obama's State of the Union Address, he said, "Let's also remember that after parents, the biggest impact on a child's success comes from the man or woman at the front of the classroom. In South Korea, teachers are known as 'nation builders.' Here in America, it's time we treated the people who educate our children with the same level of respect."

I put a lot of faith into that remark, but Gov. Walker just crushed it. Teachers have never made a lot of money, so why should they be abused any further by taking away their collective bargaining rights? It's something to think about, because like Dando said, "What's happening in Wisconsin right now will likely set the states for other states around the nation."

STAFF COLUMN

Saint Patrick wants you to party like you're Irish

KYLE AKEN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

St. Patrick's Day, a holiday of Irish origin, has found a home in the hearts of Americans, who love their frosted mugs full of green beer and plates full of savory corn beef and cabbage.

Everyone knows where St. Patrick goes, a good time is sure to follow. However, as quick as we are to celebrate with this prince of the party, many of us know nothing about him and even less about how this holiday was heralded in. It would be easy to assume that he was some fire-headed, freckle-faced Irishman with a predisposition

for alcoholism and an insatiable craving for potatoes, but this is far from the truth.

The fact is St. Patrick was actually born to a wealthy British family, the mortal enemy of the impoverished Irish people. It was only later in life that he decided to devote himself to the Roman Catholic Church and help the downtrodden Irish.

He brought with him the Christian gospel and preached of hope and perseverance during trying times. In doing so, he became a man of the people and a cherished figure in religion and spirituality. Through patience and example he inspired acts of charity to further the commonwealth of

the people. It was not until he died in 461 that he was given his own religious holiday of penance and tribute.

In fact, the iconic shamrock associated with St. Patty was used to illustrate the holy trinity and is also why the color green is the holiday's trademark color. On March 17, the whole of Ireland would go to church in the morning, where lent, a tradition of abstaining from meat for 40 days, would be lifted. Then they would celebrate with the hallmark meal of succulent corned beef and crunchy cabbage.

So how does a stringent, Catholic-derived day of God turn into a no-holds-barred bash of

booze, babes and rock bands?

I'll give you one clue: Americanization. Because in the land of the free, sinners are winners.

This time though, I actually agree with America. Life should be a celebration. Why spend the short time you have on this world chanting meaningless text from dusty old tomes written by men with too much time on their hands, just so you can spend the rest of your life trying to avoid some ambiguous idea of what someone else thought was wrong?

Cast off these shackles of restraint and trust your own moral compass. Because if there is a God, he wouldn't want you wasting his

most precious gift sitting in a pew drifting off to sleep.

He would want you parading through the streets, watching the confetti rain down in shimmering cascades, hearing the roar of the rum-fueled crowds over the whaling trumpets and trombones, letting the cool, soft scent of approaching spring curl into your nostrils until all these sensations meld into a single entity and status and authority blur, so that for this one fleeting moment, we all are equal. This is the true spirit of St. Patrick's Day. So start brewing your green beer and hunting for four-leaf clovers. Because on March 17, you might just get lucky.

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DJ, a palomino gelding, trots through the mud as his rider, Stephanie Mallick, is specializing in equine science, said she wants to go into the industry because she's loved horses since she was little. "I wanted a way in without going in Animal Science 312 class Wednesday afternoon at University Farms. Mallick, who is heading," she said. "It's good to have something to fall back on."

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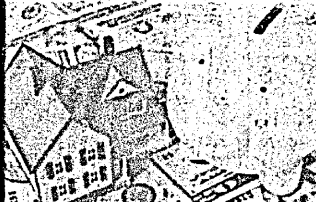
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R.E.M. returns to roots in 'Collapse Into Now'

BRENDAN SMITH
Daily Egyptian

R.E.M. is a band that has superseded the realms of music and, over time, become an iconic figure. In their 30-plus years together, the band has come to epitomize the idea of alternative rock.

On their 15th studio album, "Collapse Into Now," the Athens quartet reflects on their signature style while expanding their sound into new territories with mixed results.

The album starts off rocky. The opening track, "Discoverer," is a loud and anthemic attempt at arena rock that tries a bit too hard.

"All of the Best" follows that trend. The huge guitar hooks and crashing drums overpower the track's lyrics. Lead singer Michael Stipe tries his best Bono impression. While the elements are there, the sound doesn't quite fit the alt rockers.

Luckily, the album changes directions with the single "Oh My

Heart." The track sounds like an alternative ballad from a western. The cinematic tale of an outsider has Stipe sounding like a modern, angst-ridden, college-aged Johnny Cash.

"Uterlin" is classic R.E.M. With lyrics such as "hey now take your pills, hey now make your breakfast," it's clear this is the frontman we know and love. Guitarist Peter Buck's layered acoustic guitar work adds a cool mist over Stipe's poetic lyrics. His signature spidery-yet-charming and off-kilter delivery in the song is familiar upon first listen.

"It Happened Today" and "Small Like Honey" are pieces of pure 1990s nostalgia. Shiny pop bliss with warm harmonies and swirling melodies pay tribute to the college rock stations where the band originated.

"Walk It Back" is a digression in tempo and mode. The slow, piano-driven tune alludes to a more mature and less fun R.E.M. The song is solid,

but it sounds out of place mashed between such up-tempo tracks.

The progressive "Every Day Is Yours to Win" is a dizzying piece of psychedelic rock. The warm, fuzzy guitar buzz and haunting choral vocals make the song a stand-out track.

Peaches, the foul-mouthed bad girl of electronics, shares vocal duties on "Alligator, Aviator, Autopilot, Antimatter." The song is a jolting and stomping song with witty, nonsensical lyrics that are nothing but fun. Stipe proclaims, "I am not a hater," and "hey, hey alligator! You've got much to learn."

"That Someone Is You" is a shimmering alternative pop love song. Stipe's tongue-in-cheek lyrics are in full effect, as he manages to rhyme "Scarface's Al Pacino" with "74 Torino." The song is a starry-eyed testament to being young, happy and completely infatuated.

The album ends in complete

opposition to how it starts. The song "Me, Marlon Brando, Marlon Brando And I" is an eerie folk track that shows Stipe's unseen vulnerability.

"Blue" features the legendary Patti Smith and is a haunting close to the album. The song is a dense and manic soundscape that gets interrupted by samples of the album's opener "Discoverer." Although the attempt at making the album go full circle is charming, the band doesn't pull it off with conviction.

"Collapse Into Now" is a generally great collection of R.E.M. tracks. The band sounds its best when they walk the line between hard rock and a softer sound. It isn't the greatest album, but it is a winning effort.

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Raekwon conjures classic Wu-Tang in fifth solo album

BRENDAN SMITH
Daily Egyptian

"Shoalin vs. Wu-Tang"



Raekwon's fifth solo album, "Shoalin vs. Wu-Tang," was originally conceived as Wu-Tang Clan's fifth album. After the MC was dissatisfied with The RZA's production on "Diagrams," Raekwon was determined to make a Wu-Tang album without the group's iconic producer.

The concept is ironic because the album's greater part is a heavy-handed attempt at recapturing the low-fi beats, haunting strings and tons of kung-fu samples that became the RZA's signature sound.

It's clear from the opening title track the album attempts vintage Wu-Tang, but it doesn't quite achieve the goal. "Every Soldier in the Hood" incorporates a more modern hip-hop sound. Method Man gives a less-than-inspired verse, but the track's pulsating beat and simple chorus make it a decent cut.

The album's lead single, "Butter Knives," is classic Wu-Tang. Though it's impossible to tell, the track's stirring strings sound like a slowed-down sample of Busta

Rhymes' "Gimme Some More," which was itself a sample of Bernard Herrmann's opening theme to Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho."

The funky, spastic sound on "Silver Rings" is somewhere between eastern European and the Mississippi Delta. The song's blues guitar riff fits nicely over the track's layered, epic strings. Raekwon slips in a funky, classic Old Dirty Bastard vocal sample for good measure. The song is really a Ghostface Killah track, and his furious delivery is almost always too much for one sitting. He seamlessly ties together references to jumping out of planes, "The Amityville Horror," and "True Blood" in a 30-second time span.

On "Chop Chop Ninja," Inspectah Deck's verse is OK but nothing noteworthy. Raekwon's storytelling and Estelle's vocals create a musical vignette within the cinematic record.

"Snake Pond" takes traditional Japanese melodies and morphs them into an eerie hip-hop track. Raekwon's words act as gritty watercolors, painting a portrait of an urban tale of revenge. His lyrics are sharp and visually striking throughout the album, but this track is a particular standout.

Set as the centerpiece of the album, "Rock n Roll" ends the

record completely off track. The DJ Khalid production is obnoxious, and not even a vicious verse from the MC can give it some credibility.

The displacement of the track is felt in its chorus. "Hey little mama," Jim Jones is comical, and his question-and-answer ad-libs are cringe worthy. Clocking in at more than five and a half minutes on an album with an average song length of less than three doesn't help the song, either.

"Rich and Black" pairs lyrical heavyweights Raekwon and Nas. The two relay race their rhymes, each playfully trying to top the previous verse. Both end up winning.

"From the Hills" is a funky, soul-influenced track. Raheem Devaughn lays down a great falsetto hook, amplified by the song's smooth rhythms and swirling horns. "Molasses" mirrors its name — a slick instrumental with heavy lyrical delivery. Rick Ross goes toe-to-toe with Raekwon and Ghostface, and all three mix in their strong points: metaphors, storytelling and visual imagery respectively.

The album is, overall, a solid hip-hop record. It capitalizes on classic Wu-Tang sounds and reinstates Raekwon's abilities as a MC.

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Set 'Lasers' to disappointment

RYAN VOYLES
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"Lasers"



Anyone who has listened to Lupe Fiasco's interviews leading up to the release of his new album had to be preparing for the worst.

Fiasco has said the four years it took to record the album has made him "taste it."

It's not a hateable album, but too much of "Lasers" sounds like a compromise, which supports the rumors that Fiasco's record label forced him to conform his sound to appeal to a larger audience. Too many songs follow the similar pattern seen by the songs on the Billboard charts — rapped verses followed by an auto-tuned, synthesizer-driven chorus sung by a guest artist.

This formula wears out its welcome quickly, especially since most are so generic that even rapper BoB, whose

style has always sounded similar to Fiasco's, would turn down those songs because they are too generic.

Even Fiasco sounds as though his heart isn't in it all the way. Tracks such as "Till I Get There" and "Coming Up" just sort of exist as if they were created merely to be hits. It's generic pop rap, and Fiasco acts as though he knows it is below him and gives no effort to lift the material.

The song "Letting Go," which is about being a tortured artist in the music game, tries so hard to resemble Kanye West's style that listeners may start to believe it's actually a B-side from his album "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy."

When he is on his game, few rappers can even touch Fiasco's controlled anger and political lyricism. Tracks such as "Words I Never Said" see Fiasco at his best, going after targets as varied as Glenn Beck, Barack Obama and Islamic fundamentalists. It's an intelligent, controlled piece of political frustration, and Fiasco delivers it with a gusto and confidence that will leave listeners with a similar sense of frustration.

It's this fire that is missing too often on this album, and even when it does appear briefly, Fiasco douses it with some of his most heavy-handed lyrics that may have sounded good to read on paper, but simply does not translate well to spoken form.

It's a shame, too, because the songs Fiasco leaked to the Internet the past few months have been phenomenal. The first single, "The Show Goes On," may be one of his catchier — and more commercial — songs. Over a dazzling sample of Modest Mouse's "Float On," Fiasco delivers a powerful message for unprivileged and "ghetto boys and girls" to stand up and make something of their lives. It's amazingly optimistic and shows Fiasco is capable of more than just criticizing what he sees around him.

Fiasco may finally find the commercial success that has mostly eluded him after his first two albums, but it comes at the cost of losing the edge that made him interesting to listeners in the first place. If he obviously doesn't care about the album, why should the listener?

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Prosecutors pan Quinn's abolishment of death penalty

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Prosecutors across Illinois rebuked Gov. Pat Quinn Wednesday for scrapping the state's death penalty, insisting it robs them of a valued tool in enticing murder suspects to plead guilty and the severest punishment to apply in killings deemed especially gruesome.

Quinn's repeal accompanied the Chicago Democrat's commuting to life terms the sentences of all 15 inmates remaining on Illinois' death row. A Quinn spokeswoman said he also will commute the sentence of anyone who might get the death penalty before the repeal takes hold July 1, taking the option out of prosecutors' hands in some big cases yet to be tried.

Among them that of Christopher Vaughn, who has pleaded not guilty in the 2007 shootings death of his

wife and three children, whose bodies were found in their sport utility vehicle in the Chicago area's Will County. With the stroke of Quinn's pen, the county's prosecutor, James Glasgow, said he would halt his pursuit of the death penalty against Vaughn and in another case.

"Today is a victory for murderers across Illinois," said DuPage County State's Attorney Bob Berlin, convinced that murder suspects free of the prospect of a death sentence might see multiple killings as freebies, knowing the worst they can get is life behind bars regardless of the body count.

"While prosecutors across the state will continue to seek justice, the reality is that for certain crimes that are so horrific and evil that they shock the conscience of the community, the people of this state will be denied a full measure of justice," added Berlin, a 23-

year prosecutor whose office lost its pursuit last month of a death sentence retrial of a man convicted of killing his teenage stepdaughter.

State lawmakers voted in January to abandon capital punishment, and Quinn spent two months reflecting on the issue, speaking with prosecutors, crime victims' families, death penalty opponents and religious leaders. Wednesday, he resisted the push by prosecutors and some victims' families to veto the legislation, ultimately concluding "our system of imposing the death penalty is inherently flawed."

Illinois executions have been on hold since former Gov. George Ryan put a moratorium on them in 2000. In 2003, Ryan cleared death row of its 171 inmates, commuting most to life in prison and freeing four inmates whose guilt was in doubt, partly explaining Quinn's move Wednesday.

"It's not possible to create a perfect, mistake-free death penalty system," Quinn said.

Prosecutors lobbied Quinn not to take from them an important bargaining chip, the threat of death to get guilty pleas from suspects who opt for life in prison rather than take their chance with a jury. Take that off the table, prosecutors said, and there'll be more trials at taxpayer expense because defendants facing only the possibility of life behind bars would be less inclined to deal.

While Quinn weighed the repeal, the top prosecutor in central Illinois' Peoria County has handled new murder cases as if there was no capital punishment.

"If there's any silver lining to (Wednesday's repeal), it clarifies the law's status because for the last 10 years, this Kabuki dance we've been engaged in about the death penalty has caused jurors to say, 'Death

penalty' I didn't even know we still had it," Kevin Lyons said.

Lyons said Wednesday the repeal forces him to halt pursuing the death penalty in a case that began before the Legislature sent Quinn the repeal, that of Aunierrio Barney, who has pleaded not guilty to setting an April 2010 house fire in Peoria that killed four people, including a 2-year-old boy.

"(The repeal) takes away a very strong tool from the box of prosecutors, and that is leverage," Lyons said. "To the person who committed multiple murders and is sitting in a county jail, today Illinois told them, 'We're going to go easier on you from this day forward.' That's not the message that should be sent."

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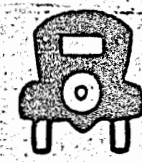
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
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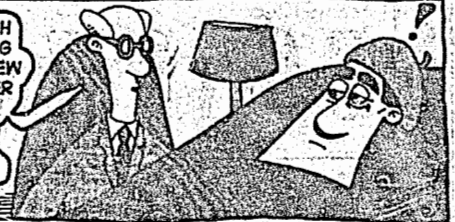
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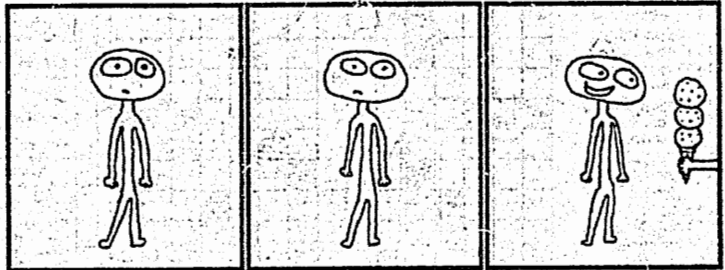
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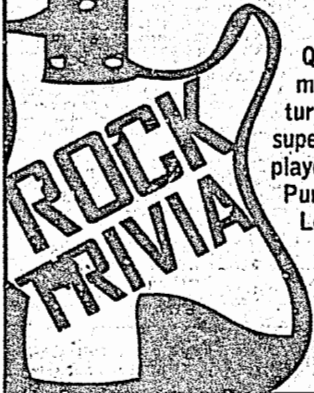
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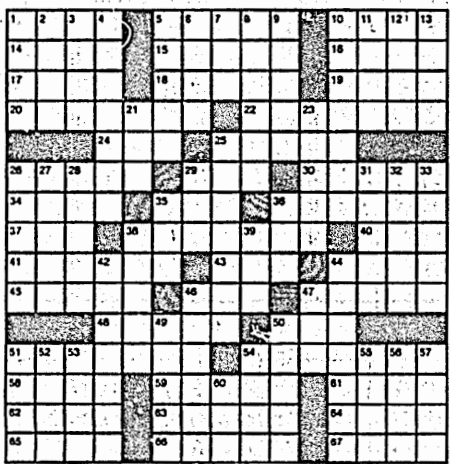


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 - Money, slangily
 - Sharpen
 - Dissolve
 - Gold bar
 - Element whose symbol is Fe
 - Enrolls
 - Lowly Medieval farmworker
 - Actor's hint
 - Windowsill, for example
 - Nerd
 - Nourished
 - Clock on the nightstand
 - Gale
 - Made a lap
 - Kloenex, e.g.
 - Pack animal
 - Allotment
 - Belonging to that man
 - Corned beef sandwich
 - Shade tree
 - Camera's eye
 - Liberated
 - Noah's boat
 - Ms. Spacok
 - Men
 - Unruly crowd
 - Provincial; playful
 - Horse's feeding pouch
 - Hubbubs
 - Peel me juicy & edible, as fruit
 - Make angry
 - Small rodent
 - Gold measure
 - Actor Sandler
 - ___ and crafts
 - Laziness
 - Not as much
- DOWN**
- Italy's capital
 - Word of agreement
 - Jail unit
 - Lured
 - Hit hard
 - Charged atoms
 - Poodle or pug
 - Married on the run
 - Old; passé
 - Sculptor's tools
 - Israeli dance
 - Abbr. following many poems
 - ___ up; confined
 - Underwater vessel, for short
 - Onco more
 - Alphabet members
 - Sneezy or Doc
 - More intelligent
 - Follow
 - Distant
 - Bits of soot
 - Destroys
 - Unkempt
 - TV's "Sanford and ___"
 - Actor ___ Cruise
 - Ride a bike
 - Sort; type
 - Puzzles; bewilders
 - Left-leaning
 - Antenna
 - Scouring pad and ___
 - Songbirds
 - June or July
 - Coffee
 - Skunk's weapon
 - Young horse
 - Orderly
 - ___ one's time; wait patiently
 - "Hoe is me!"
 - Jewels
 - Expert



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's Birthday — The summer months (in the northern hemisphere) will provide a nesting ground for nurturing family relationships. You may have to work harder (or smarter) than usual, but you'll reap the benefits before winter.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — Money comes easier than normal today. Don't take it for granted. Don't forget to put some away for tomorrow before you go out and spend it on a whim.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — When you got it, you got it. Don't worry too much about your appearance. Your confident presence shows strength and ease. Charm them with your smile.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Today you find some relief from the stress of the past few days, but there are still some obstacles to manage. Take it easy. Tomorrow will be a great day.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — The best way to avoid procrastination is to get support from your friends. Do you love hiking but feel glued to the couch? Invite someone to go play.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — It seems like business as usual, working hard and getting things done. Nevertheless, life is full of surprises, sometimes pleasant. Pay attention to the details.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — Row your boat gently down the stream. Aim toward your biggest goals. Where will they take you? Peaceful waters or roaring rapids? What do you choose?

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — When life gives you lemons, say "thank you." When you feel sorry for yourself, squeeze the juice, make a lemonade stand and give it away for free.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — Your imagination charges like a herd of elephants to water during a drought. Dreams of love become real. Is it a mirage? No. It's as real as you declare it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Job promotion, anyone? Keep your ears and your eyes open for professional advancements. Shift your energy in the direction of greatest effect and impact.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — A child has the answer. Listen. Play games that challenge your intellect. There are excellent opportunities for growth through childlike exploration.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You don't always have the answer to everything, and that's okay. Ask for help from a loved one. Be willing to compromise. It will work out.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Let your graceful words fly out into the world, carried on winds of courage, imagination and joy. Let them inspire others to step into action. Just say it.

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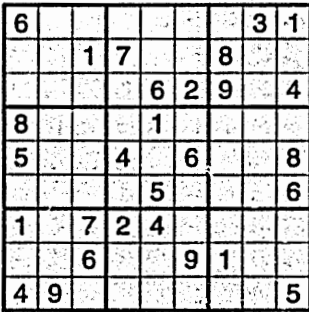
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SWIMMING & DIVING

SIU sends lone diver to NCAA Zone

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When junior diver Justin Ruzowski competed in the NCAA Diving Zone championships as a sophomore, he said he learned what it is like to compete against the country's best divers, but this season he returns with a different approach.

"I've honed my skills," Ruzowski said. "I have new dives and a level of confidence I didn't have last year."

Ruzowski said he has added summersaults and more turns in his dives for this year's championship.

He traveled with SIU diving

coach Joy Zhao to Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday to prepare for the meet.

Ruzowski will dive in the 2011 NCAA Diving Zone C Championships in the 1-meter today at 1 p.m. in the McCorkle Aquatics Pavilion at Ohio State University. He will also dive in the 3-meter competition Friday.

The group includes divers from schools such as Indiana State, Eastern Michigan, Ohio State and Notre Dame, but Zhao said Ruzowski is not intimidated. Instead, he said Ruzowski is focused and ready to show the progress he's made.

"This year is a very difficult zone," Zhao said. "There are some really good schools, but Justin is

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— Justin Ruzowski
Junior diver

very focused."

Divers will face seven judges and receive a score on a scale of one to 10. Each diver will have six dives total and they will be judged on degree of difficulty and execution.

Ruzowski battled with former Saluki Kyle Carevic at last year's championship, but this year he will be the only diver from SIUC.

Ruzowski said he likes the camaraderie with the other divers.

will be aggressive, she said.

Junior Nathan Day, the other diver for the men's team, said he and Ruzowski try to encourage each other and make sure their emotions are in check.

Day said he thinks Ruzowski will perform well because he is excited and motivated about the opportunity he has been given.

"I don't think he's nervous; he's excited to be amongst the best swimmers in the country," Day said. "This will be a great learning experience."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team, Lowery under end-of-season review

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The SIU basketball team doesn't get much love from the fans during losing seasons, assistant athletic director Tom Weber says.

"When your team goes 13-19, you get a lot of negative feedback," Weber said.

The season's finish marks the third consecutive year the Salukis have finished the season 500 or worse. The team experienced a five-game losing streak, its worst since the 1996-97 season, and lost 11 of its final 14 regular season games.

SIUC spokesman Rod Sievers said the university would not disclose details about coach Chris Lowery's future as head basketball coach until a final decision is made after the season evaluation.

Athletic director Mario Moccia said March 2 there is no deadline for the review process to be completed.

The evaluation reviews the overall record of the team, the

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assistant athletic director

academic success of the players, as well as home game attendance, according to Lowery's contract. Even if the evaluation is negative, the contract preserves Lowery's future wages.

Game attendance has declined from an average of more than 7,700 people in the 2006-07 season to an average of less than 4,200 this season, according to Saluki Athletics.

The university pays Lowery about \$750,000 a year, according to his contract. To compare, Missouri State's head coach, Cuozzo Martin, makes roughly \$300,000 a year, according to MSU Athletics Communications.

If the university wanted to release

Lowery and hire a new head coach, it would have to buy out the remaining three years of Lowery's contract, which would cost \$2.25 million, according to his contract. Sievers said SIUC would not use university funds to buy out the contract.

Weber said there is also no plan to use donor money to buy out the contract because no decisions have been made about coaching changes.

If the university made the decision to buy out Lowery's contract after last season, it would have been cheaper than if it were to do so this year, according to the contract. SIUC could have terminated the agreement before March 15, 2010, but the university would've had to pay all his salary, which would

have been payable from the date of termination through June 30, 2012, two years before the contract expires. That buyout would have totaled about \$937,500.

Since Lowery became coach in the 2004-05 season, the Salukis have made three NCAA tournament appearances, and 10 players have left the team to transfer to other schools. Four players left from the 2008 recruiting class, including Kevin Dillard and Nick Evans.

Bruce Weber and Matt Painter, the two coaches before Lowery, left SIU for Big Ten schools Illinois and Purdue. Playing with recruits from former coaches, Lowery's teams went to the NCAA Tournament three years in a row, including the Sweet 16 in 2007. Purdue, Painter's team, is ranked ninth in the nation with a 25-6 record.

The Salukis did not win a Missouri Valley Conference Tournament game from 2007 until this season when they beat Illinois State on Thursday. The Salukis also

almost beat No. 1-ranked Missouri State but fell two points shy of an upset, 58-56. It would have been the first time a No. 8 seed beat a No. 1 seed in the MVC Tournament.

Sophomore center Gene Teague didn't play for the last five games. Teague played only one game after he was suspended for allegedly shooting a fellow student with an Airsoft rifle. Lowery said Teague is dealing with personal issues.

Weber said Teague is still on the team and "is an end-of-season counseling meeting with Lowery." Weber said the counseling is a mandatory process the entire team participates in.

Moccia said Teague's absence was related to university discipline. However, neither he nor Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Peter Gitau would release details about the situation.

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SOFTBALL

Salukis slaughter Redhawks with two-hit shutout

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The SIU softball team's offense propelled the Salukis to a 10-0 mercy-rule win over Southeast Missouri State Wednesday in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said the Salukis' (12-5) quick offensive work helped the team start its game against SEMO (3-11) aggressively. "I thought the kids did a really good job scoring early and getting us on the board ... to put the pressure on offensively," Blaylock said.

Senior catcher Cristina Trapani had a couple of key hits that drove in five runs for the Salukis.

For one of her hits, Trapani smashed a two-run home run in the second that put the Salukis up 7-0.

Blaylock said Trapani has been a reliable hitter for the team this season, and her experience allows her to read the pitcher and connect with pitches on both sides of the plate.

"She gets in the box and you can see the confidence she has and, you know, she hits a home run when they throw her inside, and she drives the ball up the middle when they throw her away," Blaylock said. "She had a really good approach at the plate today."

Blaylock said the pitching staff helped the team get out of some tight situations.

She said she has been able to rely on her pitchers consistently throughout the season, which is a big reason the hitters can be more confident when it's their turn to perform.

Senior pitcher Danielle Glosson allowed only two hits in the game.

"We were in some situations in different innings with runners on first and second and one inning with bases loaded and only one out, and (Glosson) was able to get out of that, so I thought she did a really good job keeping her composure," Blaylock said.

The two hits she allowed came in the fourth inning when the bases were loaded with one out.

She then struck out back-to-back batters and ended the inning without allowing a run for the Redhawks.

Glosson said she gives credit to any pitcher who can shut a team out.

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With conference play approaching and a conference title to defend, Trapani said the team is content with its performance so far and looks strong heading into Missouri Valley Conference play.

"We definitely feel good going into conference," Trapani said.

"We are the best team in the conference, and we just want to go out and win ... but we also want to win the tournament."

The Salukis' next game will be against the DePaul Blue Demons at 1 p.m. Saturday at Charlotte West Stadium.

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Team destroys SEMO in five innings
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Junior diver Justin Ruzskowski warms up Feb. 5 during the final home swim meet of the season at the Edward J. Shea Natatorium. Ruzskowski is the only Saluki diver competing in the NCAA Diving Zone tournament today at Ohio State University. Please see page 15 for the full story.

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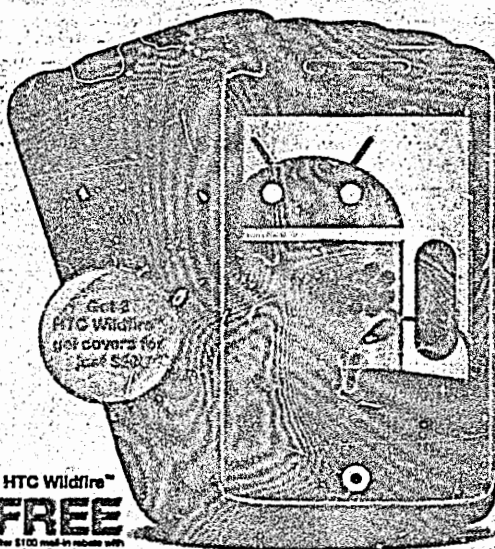
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