Family bonds at barber shop

Three-year-old Patrick Greene Jr., right, gets his hair cut Tuesday by his father, Patrick Greene, of Carbondale, at Illusions Barber Shop on West Walnut Street. Patrick Greene, shop manager, said illusions, which has been around for about 10 years, sees family members as well as many regular customers from as far as Mt. Vernon for cuts. Pares Darji, a returning customer from Marion, said he became a regular customer three years ago after stopping at the family business on his daily commute. “I keep coming back because they are such great people,” Darji said. “It’s on my way home, and I enjoy stopping.”

Experts blame GOP split for two-week government shutdown

MATT DARAY
Daily Egyptian

Political experts at SIU say the split within the Republican Party is to blame for the government shutdown, now entering its third week.

But the Marion Tea Party denies fault and instead blames the president.

David Yepsen, the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute director, said the shutdown could dramatically hurt our economy, especially since it is recovering from a recession.

“I think it’s a terrible situation for the country,” he said. “I think it poses some real threats to our economic growth. We’re already seeing it in the stock market, and I just think it’s not healthy for a fragile economy to be jerked around like this.”

According to a poll by CNN and the Opinion Research Corporation from October 9, 63 percent of respondents are angry with the Republican Party. Yepsen said these polls show a strong dislike for the Republicans because of the split within the party that started several years ago with the creation of the Tea Party. He said this split has caused Republicans to take a lot of heat and could lower the number of voters for their party on all levels of government. It may even cost Republicans the White House in the next presidential election, he said.

Phone donations help exploited women

JORDAN VANDEVEER
Daily Egyptian

Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon presented a $5,000 check to two regional domestic violence shelters to honor Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The checks were donated from Verizon Wireless after Simon collected 1,000 cellular phones to give to the company. Verizon donates $10 per cell phone with a maximum of $18,000 each year. Friday completed Simon’s third annual cell phone drive, which has reached the maximum each year. Phones were collected at Simon’s office, the Illinois State Fair, DuQuoin State Fair and the Department of Central Management Services and donated to Verizon’s HopeLine program.

Simon said she wanted to choose shelters this year that do great work serving domestic violence survivors with limited resources. The Women’s Shelter in Cairo and HOPE in Rochelle each received a check.

“This money means that we will be able to expand on our efforts to provide a safe and secure environment for the women and children who come to our program in need of our services,” said Jeannine Woods, executive director of the Cairo Women’s Shelter.

Every year, the Cairo Women’s Shelter and its sister agency, Guardian Family Services in Metropolis, Illinois serve around 600 domestic violence survivors, many of whom are unemployed or hold minimum wage jobs. HOPE serves around 450 survivors each year, according to the presentation’s press release.

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Students to take idea to international competition

STEPHANIE DANNER
Daily Egyptian

Senior Marketing major Alex Hutchinson will have 90 seconds to convince judges at the Elevator Pitch contest in Chicago that he has an idea that will revolutionize how college students eat.

Hutchinson can’t give the details of his innovation before the contest. But he says that he will pursue it win or lose.

Saluki CEO corps, a campus Registered Student Organization, is teaming up with Small Business Development Center, a city organization that helps people develop small business, and the university’s School of Business to send Hutchinson to the Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 Elevator Pitch competition in Chicago. He will make his pitch to real investors for either a cash prize or idea sponsorship.

Robyn Russell, director of the Small Business Development Center’s Business Development & International Trade, said the competition gives young entrepreneurs worldwide a chance to start their business and practice for a business pitch for future investment opportunities.

Very few students are chosen to go to the Elevator Pitch Competition and SIU is fortunate to have a guaranteed space for one student, said Jenni Janssen, the coordinator for External and Executive Education and faculty adviser for Saluki CEO corps.

The university has sent a student to the competition for the past five years and is now allotted an automatic space because of the university’s competition’s frequency. Saluki CEO Corps held a competition Oct. 9 to prepare competition and decide who would attend.

Hutchinson believes he has a good chance in the competition because his idea is something the public needs and is a subject very close to his heart.

He was chosen after a preliminary round to the Elevator Pitch Competition, where students gave their pitch to a board of judges from their sponsors already mentioned and the SIU College of Business. Participants gave a 90-second pitch that answered the international competition’s main questions such as the type of business, addressed need, market size and opportunity, qualifications, product or service cost, anticipated profit per item or service and specific amount of investment needed for individual services.

“3 won because I was the best qualified with the best idea and presentation skills,” Hutchinson said, “I was the best prepared and the most confident in the product because of my experience with my product.”

Janssen said the investors could choose to help any student’s idea even if he or she doesn’t win the competition, and the winner will receive $3,500 to help fund his or her business idea.

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We are going to use a portion of those funds to be able to help women repair their cars,” Ruth Carter, executive director of HOPE, said. “So they can get to the resources, they can get to court, they can get to jobs and to child care.”

The HopeLine program takes the collected phones, refurbishes them and sells them with all proceeds going to support local domestic violence shelters and programs. Phones that are not in good enough condition for the drive are recycled. This program also helps the domestic violence agencies acquire phones equipped with prepaid minutes for domestic violence victims to use. Dorothy Jones, associate director of Strategic and Government Accounts at Verizon, said this program is nationwide and has grown a lot since it’s start in 1995. “Everyone has cell phones, and when you buy new ones what do you do with the old one? You can donate it,” Simon said. Simon said though $5,000 may not seem like much to some people, it will greatly impact the two shelters. “We’re really excited, particularly excited for me, to be making the presentation here at the SIU Domestic Violence Clinic, which I helped to get going,” Simon said. The checks were presented Friday to the shelters in Kaplan Hall, SIU’s Domestic Violence Clinic. Simon, a former law professor, helped found Kaplan Hall, where as a part of the School of Law, students in their second or third year work directly with domestic violence victims from Jackson, Williamson and Union counties and provide free legal representation in seeking protection orders. The students are assisted by an experienced lawyer. “It’s a way for you to learn about domestic violence, to learn about the importance of domestic violence in people’s lives, whether they have a case that comes to you as a divorce case or as a personal injury case or something entirely different,” she said. “But for you to know about domestic violence is going to make you better lawyers no matter what you do.” — Sheila Simon
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This shutdown does not show that there is a problem with a two-party democratic system, Yepsen said, but rather the Republican Party has to figure out where it now stands politically.

“This has happened before in our process in this country,” he said. “We’ve seen parties dissolve over splits. I mean, it happened in the Civil War, and I don’t think the Republican Party is in danger of dissolving or anything like that, but I do think the Republican Party has some internal problems it needs to work out.”

Pam Ward, a member of the Marion Tea Party, said she thinks all conservatives think the shutdown is the Democrats or president’s fault. “I believe they are trying to make conservatives look bad, they’re trying to make the Tea Party look bad, and I believe all along, it’s the president’s doing,” she said.

Ward said the hate aimed at the Tea Party is baseless because they are just a group of concerned Americans with conservative views who believe in the Constitution and have a strong stance against the Affordable Care Act. She said her party is in favor of having Democrats and Republicans come together in order to end the shutdown.

A failure for both sides is compromise is the main reason the shutdown is still in effect, Ward said. “There’s no compromise,” she said. “It’s like one end against the other. (Democrats and Republicans) seem to be at each other’s throats.”

Bringing the gap between all parties to better the country might be hard to accomplish at this time, Ward said, and she doesn’t know whether the two parties will be able to fix the mess the shutdown is creating.

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“If you get into a situation like this, the rules and the structure just allow this to happen, and it’s inevitable that these things are going to happen from time to time,” he said.

Kenneth Mulligan, an associate professor in political science, said the reasons for the shutdown are vast, but the main reason is for Republicans to attempt to block the Affordable Care Act one last time.

“There are many different facets and factors involved here,” he said. “One is this is a last-ditch effort on the part of Republicans to try and appeal or delay ObamaCare, so if they don’t find a way to stop it now, it’ll just keep moving along.”

Mulligan said it is ironic that ObamaCare is being blocked because the website for the new healthcare is not working, and the care could be delayed. He said another factor in the shutdown is the recently large level of governmental partnership compared to how small it has been in the past.

“The shutdown could have effects on both Democrats and Republicans alike, he said.

“Congress is the most unpopular institution in the country outside of, let’s say, terrorist organizations,” he said. “Their approval ratings have been down in the range of 10-20 percent in recent times, so they’re already very unpopular. For them to proceed doing something unpopular is probably not good for them.”

While the shutdown is a serious issue, Mulligan said, it is not as devastating as people are making it out to be. He said very few people will be affected by the shutdown as long as it ends within the next few weeks and the real concern is if the country can reach a deal on its debt limit.

Considering the bipartisan impasse, Mulligan said the odds of a third political party coming into power from the shutdown, or in general, is pretty much zero.

“No political parties in the United States do not succeed,” he said. “They always get co-opted by one or both of the major political parties.”

As of press time Tuesday, the government has not found a solution to the shutdown, but scheduled meetings were in place Tuesday afternoon in order to find a solution before the impending debt ceiling decision.

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The Nobel Committee’s sad mistake

TRUDY RUBIN
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Instead, the award went to the little-known Chemical Weapons Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, which is dismantling Syria’s poison-gas arsenal. Sorry, but this choice of Chemical Weapons, which is critical in helping developing countries get schooling (www.un.org/en/events/girlchild) or search for #dayofthegirl on Twitter, and you will find a wealth of ideas on how to facilitate girls’ education, from improved school transportation, to mobile technology that reaches remote areas, to corporate mentoring to help girls acquire work and leadership skills. The group Vital Voices has helped set up the Malala Fund to help girls in developing countries get schooling (www.malalafund.org).

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Russian court refuses bail to captain of Greenpeace ship

MOSCOW — A court in Murmansk on Monday refused bail to the captain of a Greenpeace ship whose 30-member crew has been detained in the north Russian city after it sailed to an oil platform to protest drilling.

The court sided with prosecutors who argued that Peter Willcox, a U.S. citizen, should remain behind bars because he could hinder the course of justice or go into hiding, Russian news agencies reported.

The court also denied bail to Argentinian activist Camila Speziale and New Zealander David Haussmann, bringing the number of rejected appeals for bail in the case to nine, according to Greenpeace.

The hearing of a 10th activist, Cristian D’Alessandro of Italy, was postponed to Tuesday, the environmental group said.

Greenpeace has called the accusations trumped up and demanded that Russian authorities release the crew and return their ship.

Greenpeace has appealed the detentions of all 30 of the crew members. The appeal hearings were expected to last until at least next week.

The 28 activists and two journalists were arrested after their ship was seized by the coast guard Sept. 19, one day after the protest. They were charged with piracy, which carries a jail term of up to 15 years, and the court sanctioned their detentions for two months.

Willcox had earlier been fined $620 for refusing orders to sail his ship, the Arctic Sunrise, to Murmansk, the Interfax news agency reported. The vessel was subsequently towed.

A veteran activist, Willcox was the captain of the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior in 1985 when it was bombed by French agents, killing a photographer.

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WASHINGTON — Credit ratings agencies may not wait for a default to downgrade U.S. government creditworthiness.

Standard & Poor’s downgraded U.S. government bonds to AA from AAA amid the August 2011 debt ceiling debacle. The other two major ratings agencies — Moody’s Investors Service and Fitch Ratings — didn’t follow suit at the time, but Fitch said late Tuesday that it had put the United States on a watch list, which means U.S. bonds might be downgraded.

Fitch promised to resolve the status before the end of March, depending on the outcome of the political squabbling, which could extend into next year even with a short-term resolution now. And S&P doesn’t rule out a downgrade.

For now, it’s a warning that politicians are showing just why U.S. bonds no longer are considered to be worthy of the gold-plated AAA status. The AA designation means that U.S. bonds are now considered a riskier investment than those issued by Canada or Germany.

S&P spokesman John Piecuch told McClatchy it was “worth reiterating that this level of discord, which is not consistent with a AAA rating, is a dominant reason the U.S. sovereign rating is no longer rated AAA.”

Financial markets weren’t waiting for the downgrade, which reflects a greater risk of default and might push interest rates up.

Big money-market players such as Fidelity Investments and JPMorgan Chase have been dumping short-term U.S. bonds. Citigroup spooked the markets Tuesday by telling its customers it had unloaded U.S. bonds.

“Financial markers aren’t waiting for the downgrade, which reflects a greater risk of default and might push interest rates up,” said Bob Bixby, the head of the budget watchdog group Concord Coalition.

“T he long-term outlook is still as unsustainable as ever. As we get closer to the debt limit (deadline), depending on what happens here you might find the ratings agencies taking another look at this and being more negative,” said Bob Bixby, the head of the budget watchdog group Concord Coalition.

The question of ratings-agency silence will only grow if Congress allows the Treasury Department to run out of the “extraordinary measures” it’s deployed since May to ensure that creditors are paid in full. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew has said that’s Thursday, although the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office thinks it will happen sometime after next Tuesday.

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MINNEAPOLIS — In his first full press conference as acting head coach at Minnesota, Tracy Claeys was quick to point out that he doesn’t see himself as the head coach at all.

The defensive coordinator is filling in while Jerry Kill undergoes further treatment for epileptic seizures that caused him to miss the second half of a game against Western Illinois in September and the entire game at Michigan on Oct. 5. Kill took a leave of absence last week to meet with doctors to try and get a better handle on his condition.

“I really don’t look at it as (being the) head coach,” Claeys said on Tuesday. “It’s Jerry Kill’s program. It will always be his program.”

There is no timetable for Kill’s return to the sideline, but Claeys did say that he does not expect him to be there when the Gophers (4-2, 0-2 in the Big Ten) play at Northwestern (4-2, 1-1) Thursday, Oct. 16.

“He’s an awesome guy and he’s in my life. To see him have to take a leave of absence last week to meet with doctors to try and get a better handle on his condition is really not what you want to happen, and when he does come back is anyone’s guess,” Claeys said on Monday night for the first time since he left the team to be the head coach.

When Kill went on the phone on Monday night for the first time since he left the team to be the head coach, Claeys said he wouldn’t be stunned if he saw Kill show up on the sideline in Evanston, Ill., ready to be the man for now.

“We’re thinking about coach. He’s obviously in our thoughts and prayers,” center David Hawthorne said. “But it’s one of those things that, he’s one of the most competitive guys I’ve ever met in my life. To see him have to take a little time off, it just drives us to get better and keep going.”

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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As SIU gets set to face its toughest test this season, one thing is certain: the running game powers the Salukis. The Salukis have outgained their opponent on the ground in each of the team’s four wins. In Saturday’s win against Northern Iowa, SIU outrushed the Panthers 177 yards to 37.

Junior running back Malcolm Agnew has flourished in his first season wearing maroon and black with his shiftiness and big-play ability. Agnew ranks fourth in the Missouri Valley Football Conference with 86.8 rushing yards per game and sixth in the conference with 99.0 all-purpose yards per game. He has recorded three 100-yard rushing games this season and has run for at least 97 yards in all of SIU’s wins. In contrast, he has been held below 60 yards in SIU’s losses.

There is no doubt Agnew deserves a lot of credit for how well this season’s offense has played, but Coach Dale Lennon said the core of running backs and the offensive line deserves credit as well. “Malcom is a good running back,” Lennon said. “We have a good scheme for him, and we complement him with Tay Willis and Ken Malcome. Both of them aren’t too far behind. I don’t like to think of it as having a No. 1 back. All three of those guys are critical for our success. A lot of credit has to go to the offensive line, which I think has vastly improved.”

Much acknowledgement goes to the run defense as well. SIU has made opposing backs a non-factor all season. Thanks to the run defense, the Salukis held Northern Iowa under 40 yards rushing; the Panthers were averaging 168 yards rushing for the season. UNI’s David Johnson was held to 19 yards with an average of 1.7 per carry. Johnson was second in rushing in the MVFC going into the game with an average of 138.2 yards per game. SIU ranks second in the MVFC and fourth in the nation in rushing defense, giving up an average of 84.9 yards per game on the ground. The Salukis’ next opponent, North Dakota State, leads the conference and is 21st in the nation in rushing offense.

Saturday will be a battle at the line of scrimmage, and whoever wins the battle up front will most likely come away with the win. Lennon said North Dakota State’s offense will present a tough matchup, but the Salukis are ready for the challenge. “Every offense is different,” Lennon said. “What you want to do is shut them down. You want to get them into manageable downs when you have a defensive advantage. That’s the challenge with the Bison.”

Despite winning the last two games on the road against top-10 ranked opponents, Lennon said there is no room for the Salukis to be cocky. “Our backs are up against the wall,” he said. “We are coming out fighting. We are coming out in survival mode. I don’t know how you can be overconfident when you are just trying to survive.”

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Salukis start season with new mindset

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The Salukis’ roster for the upcoming season will not only feature new players but also new attitudes that Head Coach Barry Hinson has instilled in his team.

After a 14-17 finish overall and a 5-12 conference record last season, the Salukis added many new faces to try and right the ship of last year’s team.

Senior forward Bronson Verhines is one new face. The Woodlawn native and his brother, junior guard Dawson Verhines, won the national championship at Rend Lake College last season.

“I’ve grown up watching SIU. I’ve grown up in the SIU vicinity, so just to be able to have the opportunity to play here even though I only have a year I mean it’s cliché but it’s a dream come true,” Bronson Verhines said.

Hinson brought up the use of a hybrid player during the press conference. Freshman guard Sean O’Brien is 6 feet 6 inches tall and can handle the basketball.

O’Brien said he is looking for the opportunity to expand his game.

“I like it a lot. Playing the hybrid is nice. You can play multiple positions,” he said. “I just try to be as versatile as possible to help the team out.”

A key rule change to the upcoming season is the charge/block rule. Hinson said he spoke to an official last week who said not to be surprised if a point guard fouls out in the first half.

Senior guard Desmar Jackson said it’s all about how the game is supposed to be played.

“It’s all about decisions and knowing the rules and just knowing basketball,” he said. “It’s all about your hardest worker. He has to be a leader by example. It’s impossible.”

Hinson also wanted to emphasize the importance of the university’s Homecoming weekend. He said if schools such as Louisville, Kansas or Kentucky came into SIU Arena, it would sell out. It should be the same for football with North Dakota State on the road against the University of Missouri.

“People should come up to the ticket gates and be told that the only seats left are on the berm,” he said. “At the same time, I like that there are a few things we can introduce here. I think the transition for a lot of the players has been easier and smoother this year.”

Head coach Barry Hinson, left, and senior forward Davante Drinkard demonstrate a drill Tuesday during the men’s Media Day practice at SIU Arena. Hinson said during a press conference that he was pleased with the team’s preseason performance. “You want to coach to perfection, and we are nowhere close to where we want to be,” he said. “At the same time, I like that there are a few things we can introduce here. I think the transition for a lot of the players has been easier and smoother this year.”