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Students rock for environmental change



Dan Staggs, right, and Alex Ryterski, both members of These Magnificent Tapeworms, perform Wednesday in the Free Forum Area as part of Live Earth, an event put on by the Student Environmental Center to bring awareness to climate change issues.
 RYAN RENDLEMAN
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Campus concert aims for energy awareness

Luke McCormick
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

On a day where the weather went from drizzling rain to bright sunshine, students gathered on

campus to raise awareness for climate change.

Live Earth, a nine-band concert event put together by the Student Environmental Center, ran from noon to 11 p.m. in the free forum area near Parkinson Laboratory. Group members said their aim was to inform students of the actions they can take to change the climate and sustain that positive change.

"It's also about SIU's moral and

civic obligation to decrease our green house gas emissions," said group member Katie Thomas, a junior from Colorado studying political science. "We're talking to students about sustainability and how feasible that is."

Originally, one of the event's causes was to raise awareness about the proposed \$10 "green" fee for students, but discussing the fee was disallowed by Undergraduate

Student Government officials who partially sponsored the event.

Thomas said Election Commissioner John Teresi contacted the SEC members Tuesday night before the concert to say they must not talk about the proposed fee or it would be removed from the referendum April 15 and 16.

The SEC is one group campaigning for student support on the "green" fee,

which aims to pay for the beginning of a sustainability council on campus. Students will be able to vote for or against the fee during next week's student elections.

Teresi said the event's cost would exceed the group's \$400 spending limit allotted for them to campaign for the fee, and therefore cannot be a part of the event.

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University scraps 'Finish in Four' scholarships

Financial aid to be directed toward incoming, current students

Joe Crawford
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students expecting to be rewarded for finishing their college career on time had best take solace in the slowing of the stream of bursar bills.

The "Finish in Four" scholarships, which are awarded to students who graduate in four years, will be discontinued after spring commencement this year, said Terri Harfst, field representative for the

Financial Aid Office. Students graduating in May will be the last who are eligible for the reward.

The \$500 scholarship has been awarded for the past two years, but Harfst said tighter budgets caused the university to cancel the program.

"It was decided ... that it would probably be better, if we had to make a decision, to use that funding to recruit and retain students while they're still in college," she said.

Walter Wendler, the former chancellor, announced the "Finish in Four" program in 2005. The program was said to be the first of its kind in Illinois.

At the time, the estimated cost of the program was about \$400,000, but university officials said the cost would be offset by extra revenue generated as students took larger course loads to finish in four years.

Harfst said the university decided it could better spend scholarship money by awarding it to incoming or current students. As the cost of education continues to rise, that option seemed more appropriate than rewarding

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 field representative for the Financial Aid Office

students who were nearly finished with school, she said.

Problems also arose when students applied for the \$500 grant but did not actually graduate on time. For financial aid reasons, the students were awarded the money months before their projected

graduation date. But when they didn't actually graduate, the university was forced to take that money back, a move Harfst said was not always popular.

"Some students are not very happy with us for doing that," she said.

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Meet the student trustee candidates

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

★★★ Dylan Burns ★★★

Dylan Burns doesn't take himself too seriously. But the longtime student senator does consider himself a serious candidate for student trustee.

"I am not on the senate to wear a tie or to dress up, to look like I'm busy, to look like I'm doing something. I'm not there to grab headlines," Burns said. "Student trustee is an extension of my life on the senate; I'm going to represent the students on a higher level."

Burns, a junior from Springfield studying history, has served as an Undergraduate Student Government senator since he was a freshman, making him the candidate with the most experience in SIUC student government.

But Burns said he is different from the others in another important way.

Though he cited cost of education as the biggest issue facing him personally, Burns said he doesn't believe students should fight every proposed fee increase. Some fees, he said, are necessary and could improve students' lives. He said the proposed \$10 "green" fee for environmental sustainability is one example.

Plus, Burns said, administrators would take opposition more seriously if student governments did not vote down every fee, every time.

"You have to come into the Board of Trustees meeting, into executive session, with a compromising attitude, saying that 'I'm here to work with you,'" Burns said. "I'm going to voice the concerns of the students, but I'm here to work with the board to benefit the students."

Another large part of Burns' platform concerns Greek Row. He said greek students were forced to live in unsuitable and unsafe facilities, and he wants to work with administrators to address the problems.

Burns said he is qualified to represent students not just because of his extensive experience, but also because he identifies with them. He is well known among USG senators for his plain-talking analogies.

"I feel that that's the best way to word it for students because that's the sort of stuff they're thinking of," Burns said. "You have to start to think about that \$20 (recreational sports and services) fee. What's that going to cost me in things that I purchase or, you know, how many Jägerbombs is that going to buy me?"

Burns said he does not drink alcohol and has made straight A's throughout his college career, with the exception of one B freshman year. He said he spent high school in an academic slump, but credited his parents with motivating him to transform his grades.

But his love for SIUC extends beyond the classroom.

Burns said he attends every Saluki basketball game he can, and often encourages other USG senators to support the team.

"I proudly bleed Saluki maroon," Burns said.

Dylan Burns



Junior studying history

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Hometown:
Springfield

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Role Models:
Bill Clinton
Howard Zinn

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Presidential Favorite:
Barack Obama

★★★ Josh Garrison ★★★

Josh Garrison describes himself as an underdog. The 23-year-old law student from Carlinville is the only student trustee candidate who is not an undergraduate already involved in SIUC student government, but he said his graduate status should not hinder his representative abilities.

"I am around many undergrads. I lived last year in Lewis Park," Garrison said. "I'm around law students, I'm around grad students, I'm around undergrads and I really don't think that I'm away from campus."

Garrison said his main goal is to keep student fees from increasing. He said he would like to include a cap on fees in the university's existing Truth in Tuition policy, which allows undergraduates to pay the same tuition for four years.

"We can't have large increases on fees every year," Garrison said. "That's just more and more debt for our students to take on, more and more of a pain and less of an opportunity for students to actually come to Southern."

Garrison said he does not support the \$10 "green" fee as it is currently proposed. He said the spending guidelines needed to be clearly established before students paid for environmental sustainability.

Garrison said it would be difficult to get undergraduates to vote for him, but hopes his greek background helps attract more support. He participated in a fraternity while attending Illinois State University as an undergraduate, he said, and was student body president for one year.

He said students might not understand the difference between student government representatives and the student trustee. Garrison said student government representatives should handle day-to-day complaints, while the student trustee should focus on "bigger picture" issues.

Garrison was the only candidate to attend a Graduate and Professional Student Council meeting Tuesday night. In an informal announcement after the meeting, Garrison promised to attend all of the organization's meetings if he is elected student trustee. He said he would also attend all USG meetings so he could stay in touch with the students.

Garrison said he was the most qualified candidate because he has the strongest understanding of how tuition and fees work.

"I've seen a lot of comments coming out of student government or coming out of quotes in the EGYPTIAN where it sounds like people don't understand how tuition and fees work," Garrison said. "They're separate entities that can only be spent on certain things they're allocated. I have a strong background in that."

Garrison said the fact he has never met any university administrators could be beneficial because they wouldn't have any preconceptions about him.

"There's no ties. You don't know what I am or who I am or what I'm going to do," Garrison said.

Josh Garrison



Second year law student

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Hometown:
Carlinville

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Role Models:
James Carville
Barack Obama

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Presidential Favorite:
Barack Obama

★★★ Demetrous White ★★★

If student elections were anything like algebra, Demetrous White would be a known quantity.

White, who currently serves as Undergraduate Student Government president, is arguably the most widely known candidate for student trustee. He has been mentioned more than 50 times in the DAILY EGYPTIAN for work with USG and other groups, including a recent push to rename Mill Street in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and King's wife, Coretta Scott King.

"People know what I can do, what I have done and what to expect," White said, adding that his platform was dictated by the wants and needs of students.

The senior from Chicago studying psychology said he was most concerned, both as a student and USG president, with the rising cost of education.

Public education has begun to resemble private education, White said, and the university is becoming less accessible to low-income students every time it raises tuition and fees.

He said he also plans to look into putting a cap on student fees and implementing a textbook rental system. Additional issues of concern for White include student safety and accessibility for people with disabilities.

White said he plans to be realistic, saying he did not support the proposed \$10 "green" fee because he thought the students would lose control of it.

White said his record of public service dates back to his pre-university days. He was vice president of the student body in grade school and participated in mentoring and volunteer activities throughout his high school career.

He said he learned his leadership skills from his father, who served in the

U.S. military. But his charisma comes from his mother, who co-owns a theater company in Chicago.

"I just like helping people, you know," White said. "My satisfaction comes from seeing that someone wanted something and it was done and it happened."

White said nothing could stop him from achieving his goals — not even losing the election.

"Even if I don't get this position, it wouldn't stop me from doing the work that I need to be doing for students," White said. "If you're passionate about something, you don't need a title to do it."

White described his opponents as "nice guys," but said he stood apart from them because of his record. He said he has dependable relationships with students and administrators.

Though he believes he is more qualified than the other candidates, one variable still causes White concern.

He hopes the math will add up in his favor on Election Day.

Demetrous White



Senior studying psychology

★
Hometown:
Chicago

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Role Models:
Rev. Joseph Brown
Martin Luther King Jr.
Bill Clinton
Barack Obama

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Presidential Favorite:
Hillary Clinton

About Student Trustee

★ SIUC and SIUE each elect a student trustee.

★ Students take turns being the voting member.

★ Seven other trustees vote at each meeting, meaning students make up one-eighth of the decision.

★ Only one of the student trustees is allowed to vote at each meeting.

★ Edwardsville students often vote on Carbondale policies and vice-versa.

★ Student trustees serve from July 1 to June 30.

Student Representative Debates: 5:30 p.m. today at the Student Health Center Auditorium
Student Elections: Tuesday and Wednesday

Petraeus: No fresh troop buildup for Iraq

Bush to announce shorter tours

Anne Flaherty
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — America's war commander in Iraq told Congress Wednesday he is unlikely to endorse any fresh buildup of troops even if security in the country deteriorates, signaling that the limits of the U.S. military have been reached for now.

Gen. David Petraeus, closely questioned by lawmakers for a second day, described Iraq as a frail state still struggling to provide its own security. That volatile situation figured in his recommendation to President Bush to a gradual pullout of U.S. troops be halted this summer — a recommendation Bush is expected to embrace in a speech Thursday.

But Petraeus also spoke of the burden on U.S. ground forces, and Bush will address that, too. In his speech at 11:30 a.m. EDT, Bush will announce plans to cut the combat tours of active-duty soldiers from 15 months to 12 months. The reduced deployments will not apply — at least initially — to any soldiers currently serving in Iraq, unless conditions improve to the point that commanders believe some could go home early.

Petraeus said, "I am keenly aware of the strain" on the military, noting his own deployment since 2001. "And I can tell you that there is nothing that a commander feels more than, in fact, the losses that we have sustained over there."

His resistance to the idea of any renewed increase of troops for Iraq reflects — at least in part — the reality that the rotation pool of some 1.3 million soldiers and Marines has been exhausted.

Army soldiers in particular have faced repeated tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and senior officers warn that the service's "strategic reserve" is at an all-time low.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, says current troop commitments in Iraq make it impossible to send extra forces into Afghanistan.

Andrew Krepinevich, president of the independent Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington, noted that Petraeus' promise to the House Armed Services Committee was a limited one. The four-star general is expected to resign his command position at the end of the year.

While Democratic contenders Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton have promised voters they would start withdrawing troops if elected, Republican John McCain supported last year's troop increase and believes conditions on the ground should dictate force levels.

Still, Krepinevich said, it's easy to imagine that Army officials agreed to the 2007 buildup on the assumption that Petraeus would give troops a "breather" at some point. Every commander "rotates them out of the line every once in a while to get rested and refitted.

Otherwise, you really do burn up the force," he said.

Petraeus wants the U.S. to complete, by the end of July, the withdrawal of the 20,000 troops that were sent to Iraq last year to deal with the violence there. Beyond that, the general proposed a 45-day evaluation period, to be followed by an indefinite period of assessment before he would recommend any further pullouts.

The plan leaves open the possibility that roughly 140,000 U.S. troops will be in Iraq when voters

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— Gen. David Petraeus
U.S. commander in Iraq



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

A protester is removed from the room as U.S. Commander in Iraq Gen. David Petraeus and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker testify about the state of the war in Iraq before the House Armed Services Committee, Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

head to the polls this November and Bush leaves office next year.

"We think it makes sense to have some time, to let the dust settle, perhaps to do some adjustment of forces, re-evaluation," Petraeus told House members on Wednesday.

When asked by Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, whether he would call for another influx of U.S. troops if security conditions deter-

iorated during that 45-day window, Petraeus said that would be a last resort.

"That would be a pretty remote thought in my mind," he said.

Instead, the military would try to reallocate existing troops. It also would increase its reliance on Iraqi forces, including highly specialized army and police teams that have been improving in capability, he said.

Protests abroad change Olympic torch events

Juliana Barbassa
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The Olympic torch was rerouted away from thousands of demonstrators and spectators who crowded the city's waterfront Wednesday to witness the flame's symbolic journey to the Beijing Games.

The planned closing ceremony at the San Francisco Bay waterfront was canceled and another one was planned at San Francisco International Airport. Massive crowds had gathered at the waterfront to support and protest the flame.

The last-minute changes were made amid security concerns following chaotic protests over the torch in Paris and London.

Mayor Gavin Newsom told The Associated Press that the well choreographed fake-out was prompted by the size and behavior of the crowds amassing outside AT&T Park, site of the relay's opening ceremony.

There was "a disproportionate concentration of people in and around the start of the relay," he said in a phone interview, while traveling in a caravan that accompanied the torch.

Less than an hour before the relay began, officials cut the original six-mile route nearly in half.

Then, at the opening ceremony,

the first torchbearer took the flame from a lantern brought to the stage and held it aloft before running into a warehouse. A motorcycle escort departed, but the torchbearer was nowhere in sight.

Officials drove the Olympic torch about a mile inland and handed it off to two runners away from protesters and media, and they began jogging toward the Golden Gate Bridge, in the opposite direction of the crowds awaiting its passing. Further confusion followed, with the torch convoy apparently stopped near the bridge before heading southward to the airport, where a closing ceremony on the tarmac was planned.

As the flame traveled toward the airport, news slowly dribbled through the crowds of more than 10,000 spectators and protesters gathered at the waterfront that the torch would not be headed there.

Spectator Dave Dummer said he was disappointed.

"That upsets me," Dummer said. "My back hurts from standing around on this lumpy sidewalk. ... This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and other people messed it up by protesting."

There were signs of tension even before the torch relay began. Pro-Tibet and pro-China groups were given side-by-side permits to demonstrate, and representatives from both

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— Dave Dummer
spectator

sides spilled from their sanctioned sites across a major street and shouted at each other nose to nose, with no visible police presence to separate them.

At least one torchbearer decided to show her support for Tibetan independence during her moment in the spotlight. After being passed the Olympic flame, Majora Carter pulled out a small Tibetan flag that she had hidden in her shirt sleeve.

"The Chinese security and cops were on me like white on rice, it was no joke," said Carter, 41, who runs a nonprofit organization in New York. "They pulled me out of the race, and then San Francisco police officers pushed me back into the crowd on the side of the street."

Farther along the planned route, about 200 Chinese college students mobbed a car carrying two people waving Tibetan flags in front of the city's Pier 39 tourist destination. The students, who arrived by bus from the University of California, Davis, banged drums and chanted "Go Olympics" in Chinese.

"I'm proud to be Chinese and I'm

outraged because there are so many people who are so ignorant they don't know Tibet is part of China," Yi Che said. "It was and is and will forever be part of China."

The torch's 85,000-mile, 20-nation global journey is the longest in Olympic history, and is meant to build excitement for the Beijing Games. But it has also been targeted by activists angered over China's human rights record.

Hundreds of pro-China and pro-Tibet demonstrators blew whistles and waved flags as they faced off near the site of the relay's opening ceremony. Police struggled to keep the groups apart. At least one protester was detained, and officers blocked public access to bridge leading to the ceremony site across McCovey Cove from the ballpark.

One of the runners who planned to carry the torch dropped out earlier this week because of safety concerns, officials said. The torchbearers competed not only with people protesting China's grip on Tibet, but its support for the governments of Myanmar and Sudan.

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POLITICS

Clinton, Obama assail McCain on Iraq and the economy

ALIQUIPPA, Pa. (AP) — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said Wednesday she is the only presidential candidate who will begin a prompt drawdown of U.S. troops in Iraq, and rival Sen. Barack Obama cast himself as the one best able to turn the nation's economy around.

The two Democrats returned to the campaign trail in Pennsylvania Wednesday, looking toward the state's April 22 primary. In making their claims at separate appearances, Clinton and Obama implicitly suggested that Sen. John McCain, the likely Republican nominee, is not up to the task of running the country.

Clinton said McCain is unwilling to withdraw troops, and Obama cannot be trusted to do so. Her comments came one day after the three candidates spent a rare day in the Senate questioning the top U.S. military commander for Iraq.

"One candidate will continue the war," she told an audience at Hopewell High School, near Pittsburgh. "One candidate only says he'll end the war. And one candidate is ready, willing and able to end the war."

Administration pushes mortgage help expansion, Democrats seek housing rescue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration announced new steps Wednesday to help more homeowners head off foreclosure. The Senate, in the meantime, worked to complete a bipartisan housing bill the White House says would worsen the mortgage mess.

Scrambling to counter Democratic calls for a broader federal housing rescue, the administration said it would use an existing Federal Housing Administration program to enable more low- and moderate-income homeowners to refinance into government-insured mortgages with monthly payments they can afford.

It is a more modest version of a concept Democrats have recently been pushing to respond to the housing crisis, which would have the FHA back from \$300 billion to \$400 billion in restructured loans for distressed borrowers if lenders were willing to take a substantial loss on the mortgages.

The administration's idea, however, would reach far fewer borrowers than the Democrats' proposal — roughly 100,000 rather than between 1 million and 2 million — without requiring lenders to take large losses.

TEXAS

American cancels more than 1,000 more flights, strands thousands of travelers

DALLAS (AP) — Business trips and vacations were disrupted for tens of thousands of travelers Wednesday as American Airlines canceled more than 1,000 flights — nearly half its schedule — to fix faulty wiring that could cause a short-circuit or even a fire and explosion.

Executives at American said safety was never compromised, and they suggested the nation's biggest airline was the victim of suddenly stepped-up scrutiny by federal regulators.

American estimated that more than 100,000 travelers were booked on the canceled flights. Many had to scramble to book new flights and were stranded at hotels far from home.

The airline had already scrubbed 460 flights on Tuesday after federal inspectors found problems with wiring work done two weeks ago, during the first set of shutdowns.

Lawyers for polygamist sect ask judge to toss some search warrants as unconstitutional

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Lawyers for a polygamist sect that is the subject of a massive child-abuse investigation argued in court Wednesday that although its members' multiple marriages and cloistered ways may be unusual, they have a right to their faith and privacy.

Gerry Goldstein, a San Antonio lawyer representing the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, also told a judge that the search of the temple in the sect's West Texas compound is analogous to a law enforcement search of the Vatican or other holy places.

Goldstein asked the judge to throw out at least some of the search warrants as unconstitutional, but failing that urged authorities to handle any documents seized with respect.

Jews, Christians, Muslims focus on common beliefs

Religions unite to discuss prophet Abraham

Lindsey Smith
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Members from Islam, Christianity and Judaism gathered Wednesday not to discuss their differences, but instead their similarities — particularly their shared belief in the prophet Abraham.

The Abrahamic Dinner provided about 65 attendees Turkish food and music as well as one speaker from the three religions at the Recreation Center Alumni Lounge. Sponsored by the newly formed Intercultural Dialogue Student Association, the dinner was one of the highlights of Interfaith Council's Interfaith Week. The goal of the dinner was to highlight what all the three religions have in common.

"If we focus on similarities, we realize there's really not that much of a difference after all. Focusing on the differences is what causes hate among religions," said Ismail Guneydas, president of Intercultural Dialogue Student Association.

Abraham, whose story appears in the book of Genesis, plays a major role in all three religions. Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son, Isaac, is admired as an example of true faith.

Some of the other similarities among religions include love for Jesus, belief in a single god and faith in angels Michael and Gabriel, said Guneydas, a graduate student studying computer science.

"All the speakers are talking about Prophet Abraham from their religion's view. After listening to them, people will probably see that, yeah, they have a lot in



Murat Surucu, a musician from St. Louis plays the ney, a Turkish reed flute, at the Recreation Center Alumni Lounge Wednesday night. The performance was part of the Abrahamic Dinner Program and was organized by the Intercultural Dialogue Student Association.

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common. They're a lot alike," said Guneydas.

Each speaker was asked to give a short speech about who and what Abraham meant to his religion.

"For us, Abraham's heirs, it's not about passing a paternity test. It's a test of character and behavior consistent with that of Abraham," said Marleen Shepard, a Carbondale resident and fea-

tured speaker for Christianity.

Aslihan Akkaya, the Islamic featured speaker, said for her religion, Abraham represents salvation through love.

"We are all the children of Abraham," said Akkaya, a doctoral student from Turkey studying anthropology. "Being loyal to a particular faith in a sense does not prevent its members from understanding other's spiritual values."

Joe Brown, the featured Judaism speaker, spoke briefly about how people are united by struggles, particularly the struggle to find meaning in life.

"When we're asked to do certain things, we don't know why. When we're in terrible situations, we don't know why. We cry out for God," Brown said. "We ask, why? Why is it like this? What is the meaning here?"

Brown, director of SIU Hillel, said Judaism preaches education.

"To be a Jew means to go through struggles. To be a Jew means a person has to seek meaning, a person has to seek purpose ... and that purpose is to instill these values into your children," he said.

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IN THE LIGHT

Scrap the permission slip, give me that pill

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Some middle schools are pushing the envelope when it comes to how much they provide for their students. Recently, a school in Maine allowed its health center to allow students as young as 11 to receive birth control patches and pills, according to The New York Times.

The Maine school is not a fluke. There are more than 10 middle schools in the nation that allow their students access to birth control. My biggest problem with the Maine situation is that the parents are not allowed to know their child is receiving birth control.

Under Maine law, reproductive health, sub-

stance abuse and mental health are confidential matters. Therefore, they cannot be mentioned to parents; the children must tell them.

As an 11-year-old, would you tell your parents that you were receiving birth control? I highly doubt it.

At the Carbondale Middle School, parental permission has to be granted before students can go on field trips, have their photograph taken, use the Internet or post their photo on the Internet.

Yet, the Maine middle schoolers can get birth control from the health center without permission. True, the parents have to allow the children to even use the health center. But I don't think it is too much of a stretch to have them give additional permission for distribution of the pill or patch. That is a little bit more important than a Band-Aid for a cut.

The Maine school introduced this service to 11-year-olds as a result of five students, who

were 14 and 15, reporting that they were sexually active. So, instead of introducing them to right and wrong and the consequences of sex, they threw a pill at them.

Pills and patches are not fix-it-alls.

The problem was not with the 11-year-olds. Why involve them? Why introduce such young minds to thoughts they have no business thinking? Good grief, an 11-year-old girl has just begun puberty! Shall we confuse her more by telling her she is safe to have sex?

What about the side effects of birth control? The more years you spend on the pill, the greater your chances for cervical and liver cancer. Pills also increase your blood pressure. The longer amount of time you spend on the pill, the greater your risk of high blood pressure.

Those are only the adult risks. The risks increase when the user is young. Breast cancer is a huge concern. Also, the chemicals in the pills damage DNA in the breast cells of these still

developing females. Finally, the pill may cause girls' bodies to stop ovulating. This means no children later in life because of decisions made early on. The risks are very large, and I am quite sure we will find more as more research is done on these children as they reach adulthood.

As for the patch, the FDA released a report this past January stating it increased the risk of developing serious blood clots.

On top of all of this, neither the patch nor the pill protects the user from STDs.

I can't believe there is not more of an outcry against this, at least by the parents if not the general community. Giving your school the right to give your 11-year-old daughter the pill without your knowledge is ridiculous. What is the world coming to?

How much lower will we let the age of the user go until we decide to speak up?

Lindsay is a senior studying journalism.

THEIR WORD

Foreclosure plan helps everyone but homeowners

McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Congress is on the hot seat to ease the home foreclosure crisis, but a bipartisan bill before the U.S. Senate this week doesn't come close to doing the job.

The legislation provides little real help to the growing ranks of homeowners facing foreclosure. But it helps just about everybody else, giving generous tax breaks to homebuilders, lenders and buyers of foreclosed properties.

The so-called Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008 does little

to spur restructuring of troubled mortgages. Ironically, senators threw out the provision that consumer groups believe would do the most to help subprime borrowers: allowing bankruptcy judges to alter mortgage terms on primary residences. It's hardly a revolutionary idea. Judges can do it now with vacation homes and investment properties.

The bill would allow people who don't itemize on their tax returns to take a standard deduction for property taxes. But homeowners who aren't in danger of losing their homes would benefit the most.

States would be able to sell \$10

billion in tax-free bonds to subsidize mortgage refinancing for subprime borrowers. This could be a help, but it's not the most efficient way to go about it.

Meanwhile, a buyer of a foreclosed home would get a \$7,000 tax

credit. That could actually encourage foreclosures and further drive down real estate prices. Communities would get \$4 billion in grants to buy and fix up foreclosed homes to prevent deterioration of neighborhoods, but that's another after-the-fact strategy.

So we're left with a bill larded with special considerations.

The chief beneficiaries would be homebuilders and other money-losing companies that would get retroactive tax breaks on previous years' profits — a gift worth at least \$6 billion.

When the Federal Reserve bailed out Bear Stearns, it signaled that help for Wall Street trumped help for Main Street. Congress needs to close the gap. If the Senate passes the current bill, the House needs to stand up for homeowners.

This editorial appeared in the San Jose Mercury News Tuesday.

But it helps just about everybody else, giving generous tax breaks to homebuilders, lenders and buyers of foreclosed properties.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Illegal, yes, but by who's choosing?

DEAR EDITOR:

As Anthony Johnson stated in his letter "Illegal, not undocumented" on Tuesday, our immigration laws were put "in place to serve a purpose."

Unfortunately, the "purpose" of our current immigration laws existed long ago in the 1960s when the bulk of our immigration policy was formulated. We should focus on changing policy as Mr. Johnson suggests, but if we continue to believe the misconceptions about undocumented/illegal migration that Mr. Johnson communicates, no policy will address the problems we aim to fix.

Are illegal migrants really "lawbreakers of choice?" Or are they caught in a tangled web of international relations, government policies and global economic dynamics that ultimately limit their choices to two: migrate and put food on the table or stay and go hungry? A wealth of research suggests the latter is truer.

What if they migrate because, by no choice of their own, their government co-opted the land they once farmed at the behest of the Dole Company, which is driven by our demand for cheaper bananas? Or what if they migrate because Nike moved the manufacturing plant where they once worked due to our demand for less expensive Air Jordans?

Not our problem? The irony is that we demand displaced workers come to the United States when they cannot find work at home. We demand 99-cent hamburgers. We demand more houses be built. We demand clean, inexpensive hotel rooms.

The great majority of migrants come here to do work we want done on the cheap. Mr. Johnson's suggestions that they proceed to commit other crimes more than anyone else, as if illegal entry breeds general lawlessness, or that they do not pay taxes is simply not supported by legitimate research. Let's align our policies to the realities we create.

Mark A. Leach
assistant sociology professor

Can't blame immigrants

DEAR EDITOR:

I was humored yet disheartened by Anthony Johnson's letter "Illegal, not undocumented" Tuesday.

The author notes that illegal immigrants "are not only of Puerto Rican or Mexican descent." As natives of an American territory, Puerto Ricans were automatically granted U.S. citizenship under the 1917 Jones-Shafroth Act. In addition, the unwarranted assumption that undocumented immigrants are engaged in criminal activities is grounded

in the same xenophobic logic that stipulates such blatantly ignorant errors.

While the author might consider differentiating Mexico from Puerto Rico a minor discrepancy, this very sentiment highlights his naivety of the entire situation. Verifying facts was obviously an inconvenience.

Cristina Lopez's article did not undermine the law or encourage further illegal immigration. It merely accentuated the virtually impossible process of attaining legal documentation.

Genaro Escarzaga
senior studying English and linguistics

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WORDS OVERHEARD

"Enough is enough."

Mohamed Al Fayed
Dodi Fayed's father
on taking further legal action in the death of his son and Princess Diana

IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE

Take action and get some satisfaction

STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Some folks tell us all we need to do to avoid the worst effects of climate change is replace incandescent bulbs in our homes with compact fluorescents and drive a hybrid. No need to inconvenience ourselves any further—our elected officials have the situation under control.

This way of thinking discourages folks from building powerful organizations able to hold our elected officials accountable. Even worse, it denies the average citizens the opportunity to step outside their typical role as consumers and feel the exhilaration of active participation in shaping the future of their community and world.

Saying we should “vote with our dollar” also places the burden of changing industry policy and

behavior on our shoulders. While we should be conscious of the decisions we make, and doing so

does make a big difference, it's not our responsibility as individuals to clean up the mess we've been put in by massive, privately owned corporations.

Corporations, most often, do what is best for their bottom line, which is often what's worst for people and the environment. Most corporations do not operate from a moral imperative like many individuals. You can convince a corporation to stop doing something only if you can hurt its

bottom line or pressure legislators to pass regulations.

Our individual actions won't add up unless we organize to make sure the responsible decisions we go out of our way to make are easy and affordable for folks less able to spend money on environmentally friendly products and services. You shouldn't have to go to a rich suburb to find

You shouldn't have to go to a rich suburb to find organic food, and it shouldn't cost you an arm and a leg when you get there.

organic food, and it shouldn't cost you an arm and a leg when you get there.

It's up to our legislators to hold industries accountable by

enforcing stricter environmental regulations. It's up to us to show our elected officials we're not taking any more abuse of our publicly owned resources by privately owned businesses.

Small actions do add up, creating a force for change, but what we really need to do is organize so the small actions we do take are strategic and powerful.

Besides, organizing is fun. What other situations do you find where you get to hang out with fun, excited people from all kinds of backgrounds while working toward a common goal? Check out what's going on around campus and take your concern to the next step: action!

The Student Environmental Center meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Interfaith Center on the corner of South Illinois and West Grand Avenue.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Complementing the energy grid

DEAR EDITOR:

Perhaps we should consider a counter-point opinion to Mr. Glover and Klarer's commentary concerning FutureGen and the generation of electricity via coal.

Our domestic energy issues have serious implications on quality of life and national security. Environmental concerns are only one part of the problem. I don't know about you, but the candidate who proposes and enacts a National Energy Policy capable of self-sufficiency within 25 years has my vote. A divorce from the liabilities tied to our Middle East energy life-support is long overdue. Does anyone remember the 1970s oil embargo?

The energy IQ of the average American is extremely lacking. When it comes to energy, Americans are blessed, yet uneducated, spoiled, wasteful and unfortunately ignoring the problem. The U.S. population amounts to roughly 5 to 6 percent of the global population, yet we consume 25 percent of the world's electrical generation.

I concur with Mr. Klarer; solar, wind and renewable sources are part of the solution. However, base electrical load necessitates generation that is consistent and not dependent upon the meteorological environment du jour. Wind and solar do not exhibit the consistency necessary for base load generation.

Some estimates indicate wind and solar combined may eventually contribute one third of total domestic electrical needs. Certainly not a complete cure, but a sizeable and doable portion; but what about the remaining 70 percent?

Current “politically correct” attitudes condemn coal and leave the nuclear industry with the comment “not in my back yard.” This is the real world and we need coal and nukes to supply the base load. Wind and solar will complement the grid by reducing fuel consumption when conditions merit.

The most effective means of reducing energy consumption is conservation. If Americans could survive on one-half of their current electrical consumption then coal could be eliminated today. Knock it down to one-fourth then nukes could also be dismissed. But always present with wind and solar is the consistency issue.

The alternative to energy independence: the additional expenditure of young lives in support of our energy gluttony. We are financing the effort in Iraq twice; once when we pay our federal taxes and again at the gasoline pump. That is unacceptable and if coal can assist in alleviation of that situation, then I'm all for it.

William K. Bencini

automotive technology assistant professor

THEIR WORD

Petraeus' assessment: If not soon, when?

McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Gen. David Petraeus, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, on Tuesday offered a maddeningly familiar assessment of the war to Congress: progress, yes, but no end in sight.

After spending \$25 billion or so to rebuild Iraq's army, those troops still aren't able to stand up so U.S. troops can stand down.

Sectarian violence still flares; Iraq's central government is corrupt and divided.

In congressional hearings, Petraeus encountered all three U.S. senators campaigning to become the next commander in chief: Republican John McCain, a supporter of the war, and Democrats Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, both of whom pledge to end the war as quickly as possible. One will inherit President Bush's costly blunder.

But Petraeus offered the view that it's too soon to talk about bringing more soldiers home. He recommended a delay in further troop withdrawals, beyond those scheduled to occur in July.

That's just fine with McCain, who claims, “success is within reach” in Iraq. But McCain used Tuesday's hearings to tone down his hawkish rhetoric that he would keep American troops there for 100 years, if necessary.

Now, McCain thinks it's possible that the United States could bring home its troops “perhaps sooner than many imagine.”

Sooner than even McCain imagined a few weeks ago, when his 100-year comment drew widespread ridicule.

Petraeus has done an admirable job

in an extremely difficult situation. The surge of troops that began in January 2007 has helped to reduce the number of attacks. But the long-range picture in Iraq is no less bleak.

It's understandable for a commander in the field to want the flexibility to send troops home only when conditions warrant it. But Petraeus couldn't explain Tuesday what those favorable conditions would be.

As Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., tried to paraphrase for the general: We'll know it when we see it, but we don't know when we'll see it. Unfortunately, President Bush has done a poor job of defining what it is.

The administration also hasn't explained what Americans have to gain from the further expense of troops' lives and tax dollars.

Bush is running out of time to ask for more time in Iraq. The administration should be setting a schedule to withdraw troops, subject to conditions on the ground. A stable government in Iraq looks increasingly like an unachievable goal. U.S. troops shouldn't be kept in harm's way indefinitely in these circumstances.

Sen. Joseph Biden Jr., D-Del., offered perhaps the most useful analogy of the day. He pointed out that the success of the troop surge has lowered the violence in Iraq only to the same level it was in 2005. “We cannot tread water forever,” Biden told Petraeus.

The next president can't wait for what may never happen to get U.S. forces out of these treacherous waters.

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Agricultural students get wet and wild

College kicks off spring with a fling

Jenn Lofton
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Free food, dates with sororities and an opportunity to dunk a professor into a pit of cold water brought barrels of student organizations to the College of Agricultural Sciences Wednesday.

Agriculture students and faculty members gathered at the Bull Test Station on Rowden Road to take part in the Annual Spring Fling, a social that allows faculty and students to interact outside of the lecture hall. The Agbassadors, who hosted the event, spent most of the semester planning the dinner of pulled barbecue pork as well as student organization relay races.

Amanda Barczewski, graduate adviser of the group, said the event is one of the biggest socials for the college this semester. The attendance of students, faculty and student organizations showed how everyone is willing to come together and have a good time, she said.

Kathleen Carmack, a sophomore from Villa Grove studying plant and soil science, was one of the Agbassadors who planned the event. Carmack said the evening was not just a chance for students to interact with faculty, but to spend time with friends they might not be able to see outside of class.

"I think it is important to have a night just for fun for the students," Carmack said.

Carmack and the rest of the group's social committee gathered donations for food, T-shirts and prizes from local businesses.



Lindsey Robinson, a senior from Harrisburg studying plant and soil science, representing team Sigma Alpha, fills her bucket during the Hole in a Bucket relay race during the Spring Fling sponsored by the Agbassadors Wednesday evening. Some events that took place were a pie eating contest, a dunk tank and an orange pass.

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One of the most popular events had students slamming teachers down in the dunk tank.

Todd Winters, chair of the Animal Science and Food Nutrition Department, was one of the faculty members brave enough to get dunked in the cold water numerous times by students and even his family members.

Winters said events such as this are the reason the college has so many students involved in a number of agricultural clubs. It is not just a social, he said, but also a way to fund

"I think it is important to have a night just for fun for the students."

— Kathleen Carmack
sophomore studying plant and soil science

the Agbassadors, who worked hard all year.

Another organization that attended the fling was the Sigma Alpha sorority. Jenna Wicks, a sophomore from Ancona studying agriculture education, said she and others in the

sorority sold tickets to win a date with a Sigma Alpha or the chance to throw pies at them.

The tickets were \$2 each and the sorority raised \$200 before the Spring Fling. Wicks said she hoped they were able to raise more during the event.

Profits go to the Relay For Life, which the group plans to participate in at the end of the month, Wicks said.

Besides raising money, Wicks said she also thinks the event brings everyone close together. She said the dinner, games and relaxed interaction between students and faculty said a lot about the event's value.

"I think this was a great way to show students the faculty cares about them," Wicks said.

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Solomon W. Polachek is Distinguished Professor at the State University of New York at Binghamton (Binghamton University) where he has taught since 1983. He holds appointments in the Economics and Political Science Departments, and from 1996-2000 he served as Dean of the Arts and Sciences College. In 2005 he received the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. His Ph.D. is from Columbia University where he wrote his dissertation *Work Experience and the Difference Between Male and Female Wages*. Polachek has had post-doctoral fellowships at the University of Chicago, Stanford, and Princeton. He coauthored *The Economics of Earnings* with Stan Siebert, published over 100 articles and book chapters. Polachek is editor of *Research in Labor Economics*, on the editorial boards of a number of academic journals, and a Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn. His research spans two main areas. First is the application of life-cycle models to understanding earnings differences across demographic groups, particularly men and women. Second is the integration of economics and political science to explain political conflict and cooperation among nations.

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Circus comes to SIU, sparks controversy

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ladies and gentlemen and children of all ages might have a little something extra to look forward to this weekend.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey is set to present its new show with only one ring, Boom-A-Ring.

"The Greatest Show on Earth" features both animal and human acts, including clowns, high wire walkers, acrobats, trained dogs, tigers and elephants.

One of the show's high wire walkers, Jasmin Castro, said she still gets nervous before performances. Castro is a third-generation circus performer and made her professional circus debut at age 8.

"It's not really the fear of heights ... you have to have respect for it. Sometimes when you're overconfident in what you do, then you start being more cautious," Castro said.

One of the animal acts showcases

six trained white-striped Bengal tigers that perform various tricks and routines based on the animals' individual personalities and talents, according to the performance program.

The program says the routines are "often based on the behaviors the big cats exhibit naturally during play."

The inclusion of animals in the circus has sparked controversy both nationally and locally.

Olivia Schake, a sophomore from St. Louis studying zoology, started a Facebook group called "Boycott the Circus at the SIUC Arena." At press time, the group had 91 members.

"I love animals. It's our honor and duty to take care of them," Schake said. "There's a lot of venues where kids can learn about animals, like zoos or field trips ... I don't think the circus is one of those venues."

Castro said the animals with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey show live like kings, enjoy gourmet meals and are frequently bathed, oiled and massaged.

Circus Show Times

Friday at 7 p.m.
Saturday at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday at 1 p.m.

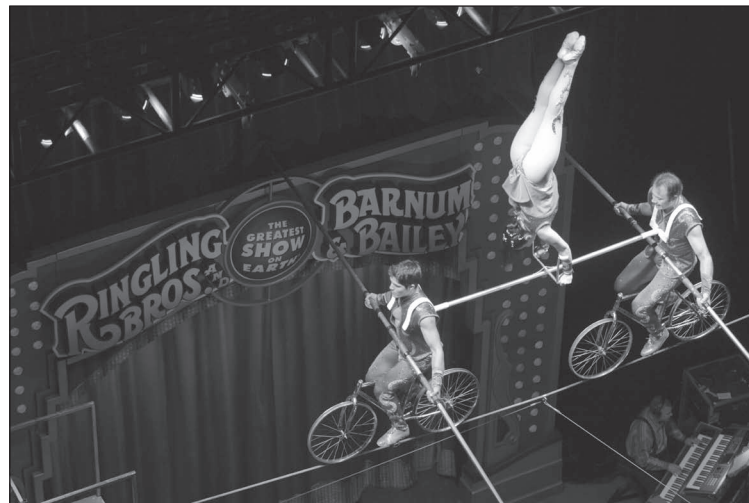
"I think they live better than humans do," Castro said.

Schake organized a protest for Saturday. She said she got supplies from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and contacted the Department of Public Safety to ensure the protest is handled the right way.

The circus protest will be staged in front of the Student Center and begins at 9:30 a.m., Schake said.

"No bear wants to ride a unicycle, no elephant wants to perform day in and day out ... it's not their natural instinct," Schake said.

Whitney LaMack, a senior from Barrington studying business, said she is excited about seeing the show. She said she saw the Ringling Bros.



FELD ENTERTAINMENT

circus in Florida when she was younger and is looking forward to seeing the elephants this weekend.

LaMack said although she doesn't agree with animal cruelty, she's still planning on enjoying the circus.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's Boom-A-Ring opens

Friday and runs through Sunday. Tickets range from \$14 to \$30 based on seating preference and can be purchased through Ticketmaster.

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PULSE CHATTERBOX

Controversial filmmaker Oliver Stone ("Platoon," "JFK," "Nixon," et al.) is in pre-production on "W," a biopic of President George W. Bush. Its release is scheduled to coincide with the presidential election or the presidential inauguration. The roles of George and Laura Bush will be played by Josh Brolin ("No Country for Old Men") and Elizabeth Banks ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin"). Who would you have play the presidential couple?

Devin Vaughn
I would surrender all my personal belongings just to see another pairing of Dane Cook and Jessica Alba!

Alicia Wade
Bozo the Clown and Caitlin Upton, the 2007 Miss Teen USA contestant from South Carolina, just seem to make sense in these roles.

Audra Ord
Why not just have the president and first lady play themselves? I'd love to see George W. acting on the silver screen. It'd probably be an instant classic.

WHAT'S GOING ON

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Friday	4/11	<p>Hangar 9: Groovatron SIU Arena: Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Cousin Andy's: Ken Gaines and Karen Mal Copper Dragon: Lucky Boys Confusion w/ Nothing Still & Inept Mugsy's: Stage company play Tres Hombres: Skinny Dips Booby's: Sam West Group PK's: Roof Rabbits w/ Baak Gwai Sidetracks: Live DJ show</p>	Monday	4/14	<p>Hangar 9: Open Mic</p>
Saturday	4/12	<p>Hangar 9: Super American Happy Fun Goodtime Band SIU Arena: Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Copper Dragon: Funky Monks (tribute to Red Hot Chili Peppers) Longbranch: Salsa dancing Mugsy's: Stage company play Key West: Charlie Norman karaoke Tres Hombres: DJ Red T Booby's: Black 40s PK's: Bosco & Whiteford Sidetracks: Live DJ show</p>	Tuesday	4/15	<p>Hangar 9: Dollar Nite w/ DJ Punk Soul Brutha</p>
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BLAZING THE TRAILS *Environmentalists ponder management methods at Shawnee National Forest*



JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Garden of the Gods is one of the staple attractions of the Shawnee National Forest. The giant rock formations are unique to southern Illinois and were formed nearly 100,000 years ago during glacier movements.

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Southern Illinois may not strike anyone as “exotic,” but the area is home to swamps, bluffs, steep hills, rivers, wetlands, miniature canyons and one road full of snakes. The diversity is so thick in this area that Franklin D. Roosevelt sought to protect it in 1939, creating the Shawnee National Forest.

This federally recognized area spans roughly 284,000 acres of southern Illinois. While the university uses the land as a selling point, more than 500 vertebrate animal species call it home. An example of the distinct terrain is the annual snake migration, when thousands of reptiles and amphibians move between LaRue-Pine Hills Bluffs and the adjacent swampland. The Forest Service closes 2.5 miles of “Snake Road” during these times each year.

Lively debate surrounds many forest issues such as limiting the number of horse trails and charging a fee to access areas of the forest.

But the use of fire to control the amount and type of trees in the forest is undoubtedly the issue with the most heat.

Background of the forest

The Shawnee is composed mainly of oak and hickory, or hardwood, trees, said Eric Hellgren, director of the SIUC Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory.

Those trees provide a rich habitat for the wildlife in the forest, Hellgren said, because many animals eat acorns produced by oak trees.

However, because oaks don’t grow well in the shade of other oaks, maple and beech trees have begun to fill up the understorey of the forest. Slowly, the forest is changing to the softer woods, Hellgren said.

From Hellgren’s perspective as a wildlife biologist, the change to maple and beech is undesirable.

“(Hard woods are) a huge food supply in the fall and over winter for lots of animals,” Hellgren said. “You’ve got a whole system tied to producing oak acorns and to some extent hickory nuts, too.”

Early in the forest’s history, forest fires kept the older trees from preventing new hardwood growth, said Charles Ruffner, associate professor of forestry

at SIUC. But the forest’s diversity has been threatened by human intervention, which hindered the natural evolution of the forest, Ruffner said.

Hellgren said many SIUC professors and students use the Shawnee as fodder for research projects, adding that the university often receives grants to fund the work. He said he and students would begin a project in the fall to determine which forest composition — oak-hickory or maple-beech — birds prefer.

To burn or not to burn

The Forest Service has several ideas to keep the forest in hardwoods.

The Land Management Plan, released in 2006, calls for prescribed burnings as well as timber management, which would involve cutting trees in certain areas.

“Lack of active management (e.g., prescribed fire) can affect diversity and wildlife habitat by enabling natural processes to convert much of the oak-hickory forest to the more shade-tolerant maple and beech,” said Regional Forester Randy Moore in a statement accompanying the plan.

Mark Donham, co-founder of the Regional Association of Concerned Environmentalists, disagrees.

Donham, who lives on 13 acres in the heart of the forest, said he does not believe there is conclusive evidence that anyone should manage for an oak-hickory composition. The burnings disturb natural habitats, fragment the forest and kill wildlife that cannot escape, Donham said.

Besides, he said, there are plenty of hardwoods. “(The Forest Service has) had symposium after symposium for decades about, ‘How are we going to save the oak forest?’ Donham said. “Oak aren’t endangered. There’s oak everywhere.”

The 2006 plan calls for about 8,400 acres of forest to be burned each year.

Hellgren said the value of forest management is in the eye of the beholder.

“If your value is ‘I want to see maple trees,’ you’re not going to want anyone to cut anything,” Hellgren said. “If your value is ‘I want oak and hickory,’ then you’re going to want to do things that will — you know, we have that power to manage things.”

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Evergreens were planted in the Shawnee by the Forest Service during the 1930s and 1940s to cut down on erosion and help rebuild the soil.



LEFT: An animal skull rests on a sandbar in the middle of a forest creek in the Shawnee.

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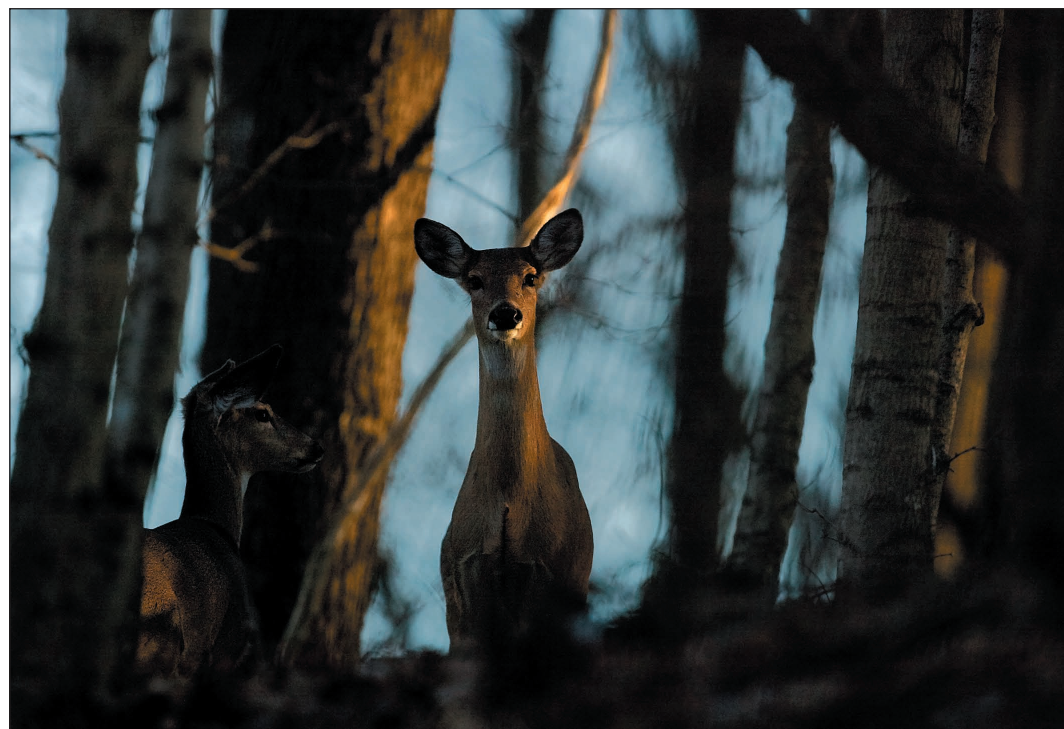
BELOW: Like carpet, moss naturally covers the ground in some areas of the Shawnee. The forest itself is very rich and diverse with plant life.

RYAN RENDLEMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN



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— Eric Hellgren
director of the SIUC Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory



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A mother protects her fawn near a patch of farmland close to the Garden of the Gods. White-tailed deer are abundant in the Shawnee.



Paul Snemyr, a junior from O'Fallon studying automotive technology, cleans out a fountain on display in the True Value parking lot. Snemyr said the store is preparing to accommodate shoppers wanting to beautify Carbondale.
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AWARENESS

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Thomas said she immediately contacted those who had been invited to the event through Facebook and those on the SEC listserv to inform them the event was in no way tied to promoting the fee.

"We will not be talking about the green fee, the vote (for the fee) or the referendum," Thomas said before the event.

Chris Klarer, a senior from Carbondale studying art and design, said he felt the event had one primary function: to serve as an educational event about climate change and sustainable solutions to energy needs on campus and in the

United States.

"We want to emphasize that climate change is a big issue and one of the biggest we'll face as a generation," Klarer said.

Ashley Cline, a senior studying foreign language and international trade, said she looks forward to an event showing the university in a positive light.

"It would be nice for us to be in the news because students are making a change and becoming leaders," Cline said.

To voice your opinion on the "green" fee or other environmental issues, visit <http://www.siude.com>.

Luke McCormick can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 254 or lmccorm2@siu.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Dominick Tapia, a senior from Romeoville studying biology, said if he knew about the "Finish in Four" program he might have worked harder to graduate in four years. Tapia said he changed his major late in his college career and would be attending an extra year.

"I might have looked into switching a little bit sooner," Tapia said.

Lisa Langdon, a sophomore from Oak Forest studying athletic training, said she knows of few students in her program who graduate in four years. Langdon said she had not heard of the scholarships, but she thought it might motivate some students to finish college on time.

"I think that would be a good incentive to finish quicker," she said.

Joe Crawford can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 254 or jcrawford@siude.com.

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- 402 W. Oak #E,W
- 408 W. Oak
- 501 W. Oak
- 300 N. Oakland
- 505 N. Oakland
- 511 N. Oakland
- 514 N. Oakland
- 602 N. Oakland
- 1305 E. Park
- 507 S. Poplar 6,7
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- 919 W. Sycamore
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- 406 W. Willow
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- 514 S. Ash #1,3
- 409 S. Beveridge
- 502 S. Beveridge #1
- 503 S. Beveridge
- 506 S. Beveridge

- 509 S. Beveridge #4
- 513 S. Beveridge #3-5
- 515 S. Beveridge #5
- 510 N. Carico
- 405 W. Cherry
- 405 W. Cherry Court
- 406 W. Cherry Court
- 407 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Cherry Court
- 608 W. Cherry (available June)
- 400 W. College #3,5
- 407 W. College #1,2,5
- 409 W. College #1,3
- 507 W. College #2
- 509 W. College #1
- 809 W. College
- 807 W. College
- 305 E. Crestview
- 104 S. Forest
- 120 S. Forest
- 603 S. Forest
- 716 S. Forest
- 605 W. Freeman #1
- 109 Glenview
- 503 S. Hays
- 505 S. Hays
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- 408 E. Hester
- 208 W. Hospital #2
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- 610 S. Logan
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- 411 E. Mill
- 417 W. Monroe
- 400 W. Oak #1,2
- 402 W. Oak #E, W
- 501 W. Oak
- 505 N. Oakland
- 511 N. Oakland
- 514 N. Oakland
- 602 N. Oakland
- 1305 E. Park Lane
- 506 S. Poplar #2-4,6,7
- 913 W. Sycamore
- 404 W. Walnut
- 820 W. Walnut #1, 2
- 406 W. Willow

Four Bedroom

- 409 S. Beveridge
- 502 S. Beveridge #1
- 503 S. Beveridge
- 506 S. Beveridge

- 405 W. Cherry
- 807 W. College
- 809 W. College
- 305 Crestview
- 104 S. Forest
- 120 S. Forest
- 603 S. Forest
- 208 W. Hospital #2
- 610 S. Logan
- 400 W. Oak #2
- 408 W. Oak
- 412 W. Oak
- 514 N. Oakland
- 602 N. Oakland
- 506 S. Poplar #1-7
- 820 W. Walnut #1
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MEN'S BASKETBALL



DUVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tyrone Green, left, and Randal Falker walk to the locker room after the Salukis' 69-53 win against Oklahoma State March 18 at the SIU Arena. Falker and Green were two of SIU's top defenders. Falker was a former MVC Defensive Player of the Year while Green finished the season with 30 steals.

Memories and move ins

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Trash cans are overflowing with busted brackets and Dick Vitale is making a tee time, which means college basketball teams are bidding farewell to seniors and preparing for promising freshmen.

The Salukis' senior class provided fans with some memorable moments, most notably the Sweet Sixteen run during the 2006-07 season. Randal Falker and Matt Shaw have etched their names into the SIU record book while Tyrone Green and Dion Coopwood have left their legacies with the Dawg Pound.

While the days of Falker's trademark dreadlocks and the Dawg Pound's chants of "Coop" have passed, SIU will need to look to the future to make up for the major voids left by the seniors.

Falker was a two-time Missouri Valley Conference First Team selection and MVC Defensive Player of the Year. Shaw was one of the most proficient scorers in school history, finishing with 1,363 points for 17th all-time at SIU.

Green added depth to the backcourt and brought ferocious defense while Coopwood pushed the team in practice.

To fill these voids, coach Chris Lowery recruited one of the most decorated classes in SIU history.

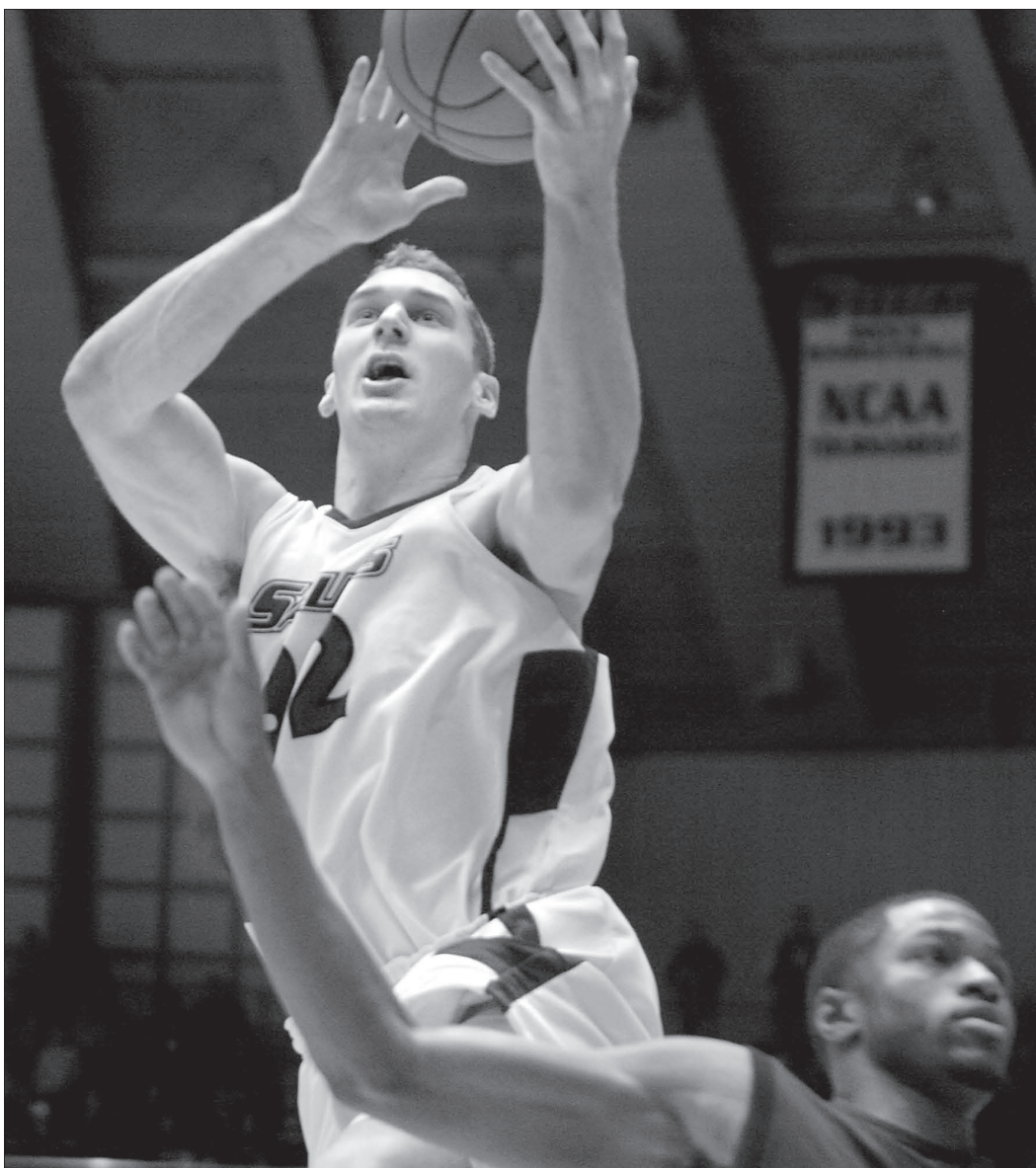
Kevin Dillard comes in after being recognized as the best high school player in Illinois as the 2008 Mr. Illinois. Anthony Booker is a 6-foot-8-inch forward from Missouri and was ranked the 29th best senior in the country by <http://www.rivals.com>.

Shooting guard Torres Roundtree rounds out the class and is Booker's teammate and an all-state performer.

The Salukis could also add one or two more recruits by Wednesday's signing, day pending possible departures from Brandon Wood and Jordan Armstrong.

The seniors have had their dance and now, Dillard said, the incoming freshmen are ready to come in and dust off those shoes.

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DUVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Matt Shaw attempts a layup over a Nevada defender at the SIU Arena Feb. 23. Shaw finished his career as the 17th all-time leading scorer in school history with 1,363 points.



JAKE LOCKARD ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior guard Dion Coopwood looks to pass the ball during the 69-53 victory against Oklahoma State March 18 at the SIU Arena. Coopwood transferred in his junior year from Upper Iowa to join SIU during the 2006-07 campaign.

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Which Stanley Cup Playoff first round match up are you looking forward to the most?

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"Wake me up in June, maybe then I'll care."

"Calgary against San Jose is going to be tremendous. Jarome Iginla can flat out score and has one of the hardest shots in the game. San Jose has a handful of great players headlined by Joe Thornton. The teams also had a great playoff series in 2004 so it should be just as intense in round 2."

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"I'm very excited for next season. We all (Anthony Book and Torres Roundtree) talk on occasion and we just want to try as hard as we can and hopefully help the team get back to the tournament and go as far as we can."

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"The Penguins and Senators should be a high scoring affair. Both teams can flat out score. Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Marian Hossa lead the Pittsburgh's top line and watch out for Jason Spezza, Dany Heatley and Daniel Alfredsson for Ottawa."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Kevin Dillard



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SIU recruit Kevin Dillard on coming to SIU next season with Anthony Booker and Torres Roundtree

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DILLARD

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Unfortunately for schools like Georgetown and Kentucky, which tried to get him late in his high school career, SIU and Chris Lowery already had him on the radar his sophomore season.

Dillard said it was SIU's genuine interest and belief in his son's abilities that attracted both of them to the school.

"It's kind of like going out with a girl. If she doesn't want to go out with you she will be the worst date in the world," the elder Dillard said. "If you're going to be with someone for four years, you want to make sure they're going to want to be with you."

Dillard did not only overcome obstacles on the court but he persevered off it as well. His mother died when he was 1 year old, which he said resulted in a close friendship with his father that continues today.

Before a game against Rockford Boylan, Dillard had to deal with another loss at the funeral of his

grandmother. Dillard used his sorrow as motivation and had one of the best games of his career as he scored 36 points.

Dillard said the adversity off the court has helped him develop into the player and the person he is today.

"I'm a stronger person because of what I have been through," Dillard said. "Everything that has happened in my past, I just dedicate everything I do to that."

Dillard will join Torres Roundtree and Anthony Booker in one of the most highly regarded recruiting classes at SIU. Dillard said he is also trying to convince another Chicago top-prospect Ryan Hare to join the team. Dillard said Hare is expected to make his decision public Saturday.

The title of Mr. Basketball can carry a heavy burden, but Dillard said he is ready to prove his critics wrong again at the collegiate level.

"Now people are doubting me at the collegiate level again," Dillard said. "So, I am just going to keep working hard and prove them all wrong again."

GOLF

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tying a personal best, shooting a total score of 213, 3-under par. Sophomore Jordan Cox shot a 1-over-par to finish in 36th with a 54-hole total 214, 2-under. Sophomore Blake Driskell and junior Phillip Collier rounded out the Saluki scoring tied for 72nd overall with a total score of 222.

Head coach Leroy Newton said he was happy with how the team competed against a difficult field.

"Even though the 10th place might not look as glamorous, we played some good golf and got back on track to where we were in the fall," Newton said.

The Salukis travel to Champaign to compete in the Fighting Illini Spring Invite Saturday and Sunday as they continue to prepare for the Missouri Valley Conference Championship April 21.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis bring in the best

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Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Salukis may not have won the big one on the court this season, but they were the victors off of it. SIU is expected to welcome Kevin Dillard, who won Mr. Basketball of Illinois this month, to the team next season. Mr. Basketball is awarded to the best high school player in the state and is decided by a vote from coaches and media. The Homewood-Flossmoor point guard is in elite company, joining past winners such as NBA players Kevin Garnett, Eddy Curry, Julian

Wright and current Memphis point guard Derrick Rose. Most winners have advanced to the NBA since the award's debut in 1981. Dillard said he wasn't sure if he would win the award but he believed in himself and was honored when he heard he received it. "I wasn't really expecting to win it but I thought I had a chance," Dillard said. "Based on what my team's record was and what I was able to do, I thought I was a candidate for that award." Dillard is accustomed to proving the critics wrong because he battles bigger players every game. Though he stands at 6-feet and weighs in roughly 170 pounds, that does not stop him from dominating his opponents. The soon-to-be Saluki led Homewood-Flossmoor to a 27-2 season while averaging 23.3 points,

5.6 assists and 4.3 rebounds per game. He also seems to have some "Floorburn U" in his game as he averaged 5.1 steals per game. Dillard's father, Kevin Dillard Sr., said his son's work ethic doesn't allow him to fail. "It all started in the summer when he had a fantastic season on the AAU circuit," the elder Dillard said. "He would go to individual workouts any time the gym was open and when the school season started he would stay an hour, hour and a half after workouts to work on drills." Big universities started taking notice of Dillard during his time on the AAU circuit where he proved he could shine alongside top high school players such as Mike Dunigan, Josh Crittle and Matthew Humphrey.

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SCOTT POWERS ~ ILL. HOOPS

Kevin Dillard, Homewood-Flossmoor senior point guard, is recognized as the best high school basketball player in Illinois after being named Mr. Basketball. Dillard is one of three committed recruits coming to SIU next season.

SOFTBALL

SIU continues streak over Aces



Freshman pitcher Danielle Glosson threw a complete game shutout during the Salukis' 2-0 victory against Evansville Wednesday. The Salukis travel to Des Moines, Iowa, Saturday to face the Drake Bulldogs. RYAN RENDLEMAN DAILY EGYPTIAN

Wilson, Schmidt help Salukis win 2-0

Megan Kramper
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

After a slow five innings, the SIU softball team won its eighth straight game with a victory over Evansville Wednesday. Freshman pitcher Danielle Glosson had a dominating shutout performance with five strikeouts and just one walk to secure a 2-0 victory over the Purple Aces (18-13, 4-6 MVC). Glosson said a pitcher can get nervous when the offense comes late in a close game but any time the Salukis get a lead it helped calm her down. "It's always stressful for a pitcher because when you don't score runs early, you can't have any room for error," Glosson said. With no score in the top of the sixth and two runners in scoring position, sophomore outfielder Katie

Wilson, who leads the team in sacrifice flies, hit a pop up to center field which scored sophomore second baseman Alicia Garza, who was on third, to put the Salukis up 1-0. The Purple Aces attempted a comeback in the bottom of the sixth but Glosson shut down the effort. Pitching has been vital for SIU as the rotation has not given up an earned run in 48 straight innings. Glosson said she is in a zone with fellow starting freshman pitcher Nikki Waters and it is giving the Salukis an edge. Coach Kerri Blaylock said she is pleased with the way the rotation has thrown and is impressed with the duo's presence on the mound as the season progresses. "They don't look nervous, they don't look anxious," Blaylock said. "They're not throwing like freshmen anymore."

Junior outfielder Katie Schmidt gave the Salukis an insurance run in top of the seventh with a solo home run that brought them to the game-winning score of 2-0. Schmidt said even though the Salukis didn't score a run until late in the game, the pitching staff gave hitters confidence. "I have confidence that our pitching is going to continue to stay strong, that our defense will stay strong and the hits will come," Schmidt said. "We just need to keep working hard." Blaylock said she isn't worried about the late production of the offense either, as long as pitching and defense provide a solid effort. The win gave the Salukis their first MVC road win for the season. Schmidt said the team gave the same amount of effort in practice but luck has been on their side for the string of wins. Home runs have also been key for the Salukis as they have hit a ball

over the fence in the past eight out of 10 games. The Salukis got a lift off the bench as injured senior outfielder Tiffanie Dismore saw action for the first time since she suffering a broken jaw in a March 2 game against Northwestern. Dismore came in to pinch run in the top of the sixth for senior shortstop Becky Wegmann but did not see time in the field. Blaylock said Dismore was fully released to play Wednesday and could possibly see an at-bat during the weekend and a start at home against Evansville April 16. The Salukis will look to continue their streak on the road as they head to Des Moines, Iowa, to face the Drake Bulldogs in a three-game series beginning noon Saturday.

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MEN'S GOLF

Career-best not enough to lift SIU

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 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Todd Obergoenner's career-best performance wasn't enough to lead the SIU men's golf team to victory. Obergoenner shot a 5-under-par 67 Tuesday to finish tied for second overall with Austin Peay State University freshman Luke Sherrod and junior Grant Leaver in the 93 player field, but the Salukis finished 10th out of 16 teams at the ASU Indian Classic at the Sage Meadows Golf Club in Jonesboro, Ark. The Governors set a new SIU Indian Classic record with a 30-under-par on the 6,903-yard, par-72 course to edge host Arkansas State by two strokes for the championship. Obergoenner, whose third round score stands as the third-best 18-hole score in school history, said his short game was key to his best finish as a Saluki. "I putted really well, and my ball striking was as solid as it's been since the fall," Obergoenner said. "You can't shoot 12-under without making some putts." Obergoenner shot 15 birdies and an eagle during the tournament en route to being named Missouri Valley Conference Men's Golfer of the Week. SIU entered the final round of the tournament tied for seventh place after posting back-to-back total scores of 281, but the team's third round score of 289 dropped the Salukis to 10th. SIU's 13-under-par team total was the team's best finish of the spring season, after the team posted a 16-under-par 848 Sept. 4 at the Wasioto Winds Fall Kick-Off in Pineville, Ky. Senior captain Matt Ellis finished tied for 31st overall after

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