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Civil union bill 'huge' for GLBT community

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

Virginia Dicken says Illinois took a small step in the right direction by passing the civil union bill that allows gay couples nearly the same amount of rights as married heterosexual couples.

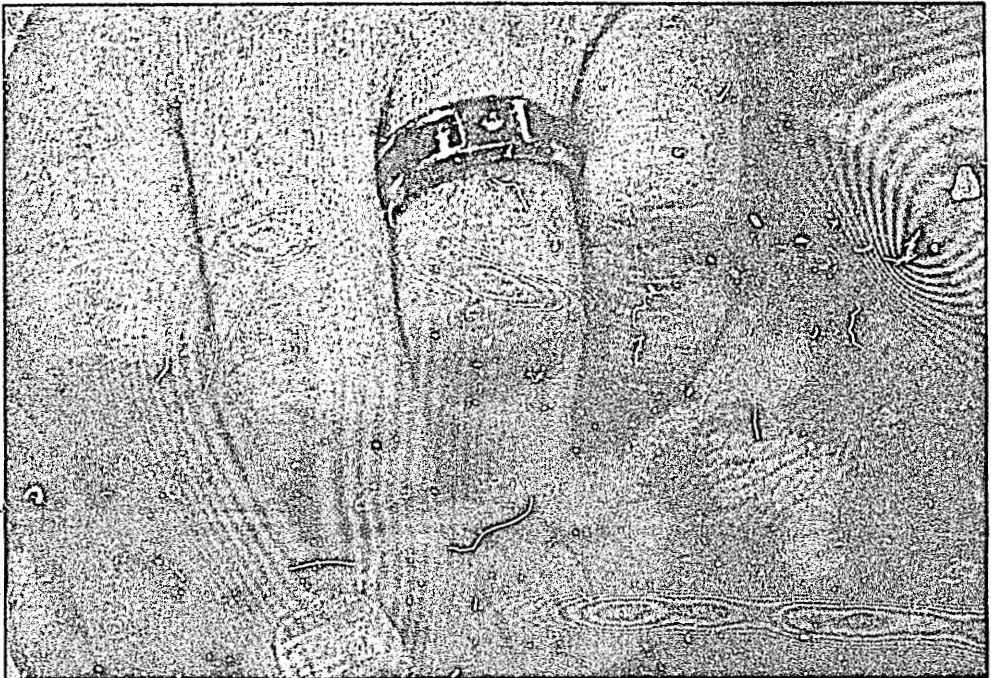
"It's a big step in terms of protection for families in Illinois. It's huge in that sense. But in terms of having equality and having the same freedoms as heterosexual couples, it's a very small step," said Dicken, coordinator of the GLBT Resource Center at SIUC.

The Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Unions Act, which takes effect July 2011, will protect the rights of religious institutions to define marriage as they choose, and will be available to any couple, same-sex or opposite-sex, in a committed relationship who are 18 years of age or older, not in an existing marriage or civil union and not related.

Although the bill provides some of the same state-level family rights given to married heterosexual couples such as the right to visit a sick partner in the hospital, disposition of a deceased loved one's remains and the right to make decisions about a loved one's medical care, Dicken said the same rights would not apply if one partner is in another state.

"As soon as they cross that state line, they're going to be recognized as strangers in the eyes of the law," she said. "It doesn't matter what they had here in Illinois, so in many ways, it's not the same as marriage. You just can't relax the same as married couples."

Sabra Blumhorst, a John A. Logan College student from Carbondale studying sign language interpretation, said she is in a two-year-long relationship with her partner Chelsea Baker, and said she doesn't want to settle for less rights.



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Caleb Portee, a senior from Harrisburg studying speech communication, holds the hand of his fiancé, James McKinley, an undeclared graduate student from Pekin, Saturday in the Student

Center. Portee and McKinley started dating in March and Portee proposed on McKinley's birthday. The two plan to get married March 9, 2012.

"(Chelsea and I) are not going to get married until we can get married," she said. "People should not settle for different rights. They need to have the same rights."

Blumhorst said she hopes the United States will eventually legalize same-sex marriage.

"I think that it could happen within our lifetime," she said. "Once the country makes a collective decision, the discrimination will still be there,

but it won't be as bad." Baker said neither the civil union bill nor the legalization of same-sex marriage will threaten heterosexual marriages.

"The only lives that are going to change in a really noticeable way are the lives of those people able to get married and able to adopt children ... the things that were denied to them previously," Baker said.

The civil union bill has been a long

time in the making, Dicken said. She said she believes open discussion is one of the reasons the bill was passed, though it was first introduced in 2007.

"I don't know the specific reasons why different people ended up saying 'yes,'" she said. "It's rarely about some big public relations campaign. It's about the one-on-one people coming out and saying 'This affects me.'"

Opponents of the bill have claimed a civil union is the same as

legalizing same-sex marriage, but Dicken said the naming of the union is not the issue.

"Whether it's an issue of marriage or not, it's a matter of 'Are all places in the United States and around the world going to recognize the relationship, regardless of what they call it?'" she said.

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Clock tower tunes stir up Carbondale community

LEAH STOVER
Daily Egyptian

The university's decision to change the music coming from the Pulliam Hall clock tower has evolved into an issue greater than just a shift in holiday tunes.

Rachael Wides, a graduate student in social work, says the publicity the clock tower received turned the campus environment into a negative one for those part of religious minority groups.

"Instead of making a statement saying that complaints of students encouraged the change, the focus should've revolved around the uni-

versity's desire to be more inclusive," Wides said. "Blame shouldn't have been placed on Jewish students or international students. It created a direct climate that is uncomfortable and somewhat anti-Semitic."

Megan Schmidt, a junior from Wilmette studying social work, said she has heard anti-Semitic comments and was surprised at the negative reactions from community members.

"I didn't anticipate how much it would ruffle people's feathers around here," Schmidt said. "People were telling me to kiss their Christian ass."

In an interview with Fox News Radio, Chancellor Rita Cheng said she received a complaint about the clock

tower's music not being inclusive. "No one really complained about it being religious," she told the station. "They asked that their religion also be reflected in the music."

Regarding Cheng's statement, Wides said the felt the chancellor may have inadvertently placed blame on students of other religious backgrounds for suggesting the change. The statement led those who were unhappy with the change to blame students and focus on the carols' elimination instead of including more diverse music, Wides said.

Rod Stevers, spokesman for the university, said the university in-

tended the change to make SIUC's environment more inclusive. He said it's important for people to know that there weren't complaints about the music itself, but people offered suggestions stressing the importance of including music from other traditions. He said in response, the university did make the change.

Leonard Gross, law professor, said the university's actions were intended to make SIUC more diverse, but the message could have been lost by the way the information was presented in the media.

"I think that the chancellor could have been clearer in what she was doing when making the change in terms

of trying to be more inclusive," Gross said.

Schmidt said she felt the information given to the public by the media was biased and skewed the issue.

"People are referring to it as 'The War on Christmas,'" she said.

Schmidt said after seeing comments posted on social networking and media websites, her Jewish friend was scared for her safety. She said there were multiple comments that were anti-Semitic, and having her name associated with the issue was frightening.

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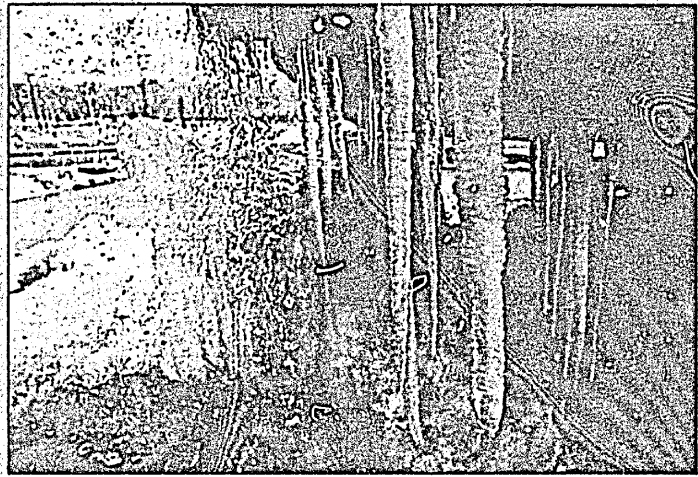
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icicles form Sunday on the edge of the fountain outside of the SIU Arena. Freezing temperatures Saturday night led to the first snow of the season in southern Illinois, according to The Weather Channel. Carbondale received nearly three inches of snow by Sunday afternoon.

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Program helps students prepare for finals

It's a good way for students to relieve some stress and not have to worry about fixing something to eat, because it's the end of the semester and money might be a little tight.

— Gary Tisdale, assistant director of marketing and publicity for the Recreation Center

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

Students often study so much and for so long they might start to forget things, says Anita Hutton.

"If students have a chance to relax a little and let the information sink in, they will relax the body a little bit, because studying makes the body tense," said Hutton, assistant to the dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Hutton said she has been a volunteer at the annual Saluki Finals Finish since it started 12 years ago.

The event takes place Monday and Tuesday at the Recreation Center and gives students time to relax work out, get free food and take their mind off stressing about their upcoming semester finals, said Gary Tisdale, assistant director of marketing

and publicity for the Recreation Center.

"It's a good way for students to relieve some stress and not have to worry about fixing something to eat, because it's the end of the semester and money might be a little tight," he said. "Also, it's a good social opportunity for the faculty and staff to interact with the students outside of the classroom or department they work in."

Hutton said the event mainly allows students to see that faculty and staff are willing to give their time to help students do well on their finals, but she also enjoys the social aspect of the event.

Chrissy Erzig, a senior from Addison studying psychology, said the Saluki Finals Finish can give students some much-needed social interaction during a tense time.

"If you are holed up in your room studying for finals, you are going crazy because you get stressed out, and you need to de-stress," she said.

Erzig will graduate this semester, and she said she has to cram all of her studying into one week.

"A lot of the time there is a final test for the semester the week before, plus the final so you can't study for the final until you take that last test, so you kind of have to study for finals week," she said.

Erzig said one week to study for cumulative finals is a lot of

stress, and she deals with that stress in different ways such as pacing in her room and calling friends to go out to eat.

"If you are going out to eat it functions as social interaction, and therefore, because you are having that social interaction, you are de-stressing and sharing the stresses with other people," she said. "When you vent to someone about how much it sucks to have finals, it helps in that kind of sense."

Erzig said people do not typically go to Saluki Finals Finish to study, they go for the free food and socialization, but that will help them focus later.

Tisdale said more than 2,300 people attended the two-day event last year.

He said about 400 pounds of bananas, 215 pounds of apples, 61 pounds of celery, 1,600 slices of pizza, 1,700 tacos, 48 gallons of Gatorade and 153 two-liter bottles of soda were served at last year's event. He said those totals would be very similar to this year's totals.

Hutton said the food goes very quickly at the event.

"We might have one apple or one banana left, but other than that the food is gone," she said. "Last year we had tacos and burritos, and they would be delivered every 20 to 30 minutes, and when we got them, that batch would be gone in 10 or 15 minutes, so it goes very fast."

SALUKI FINALS FINISH

REFRESHMENTS SERVED AT THE 2009 EVENT

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- 61 pounds of celery
- 48 gallons of Gatorade

CALEB WEST | DAILY EGYPTIAN

SOURCE: Gary Tisdale, assistant director of marketing and publicity for the Recreation Center.

Hutton said the event is a great way for students to study in a relaxed environment.

"I see students go there and study, and then blow off some steam by playing basketball or something," she said. "We get to

give them free food and try to take some stress off of the finals week."

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Sabra Blumhorst, left, a sophomore at John A. Logan College studying sign language interpretation, sits with her partner Chelsea Baker, of Carbondale, Saturday in their apartment. Blumhorst and Baker have been dating for two years. Blumhorst said the state took a step in the right direction by passing the civil union bill, but she won't settle for that legislation. "(Chelsea and I) are not going to get married until we can get married," she said. "People should not settle for different rights. They need to have the same rights."

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Caleb Portee, a senior from Harrisburg studying speech communication, said he and his fiancé James McKinley are pleased the bill has passed.

"Even though it's one of those 'three steps forward, two steps back' deals, it's still a step forward (for us)," Portee said.

He said even though there are only a handful of states that will recognize their relationship, their own recognition of the civil union will be all that matters.

"We know we're together. We know we're a couple," he said. "To hell with what any other states think."

Dicken said heterosexual marriage is recognized from state to state because each state is required under the Full Faith and Credit Clause to recognize other states' legal proceedings. Because of the Defense of Marriage Act passed by former President Bill

Clinton, the federal government does not recognize a marriage between same-sex couples, she said.

"Because of this law, there's this one little exception," Dicken said. "Some people have argued that the (Defense of Marriage Act) is unconstitutional, and there are court cases pending."

Blumhorst said despite the passing of the civil union bill, there will still be separation until same-sex marriage is legalized and all rights are given.

"We're not quite good enough. That's what it means to me," she said. "It's like 'We know you want this, but we're not going to give it to you,' so this is something to tide us over... maybe shut us up."

A documentary of McKinley and Portee's relationship will be screened for free today from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 1116 in the Communications Building.

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Wides said she thinks there are other steps that should be taken to further progress change in the campus community. The issue, she said, isn't necessarily about the clock tower, but more about diversifying the student body.

"SIU is a campus that prides itself on its international students and multiculturalism, and their follow-through with this isn't showing that as well as it should be," Wides said.

Wides said she suggests that a diverse group of both students and faculty come together, not just to solve immediate issues but long-term issues as well.

"No one is saying that one group needs to do this, or one group needs to do that, we're saying that everyone needs to come together with the university, and look at other

universities that do this properly or do this well," Wides said.

Wides said she has tried to contact the chancellor by phone and e-mail several times to talk about making the present and future atmosphere of the university more inclusive, and has received no response.

Schmidt said because she is also a member of the Christian community, she considered herself objective in the situation. She said she feels the clock tower's change in music illuminated the issue of acknowledging diversity in the community, and can lead the university in a good direction.

"The change is good; it's inclusive," she said. "It's including the religions of the world community, and that's always a positive thing."

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GUEST COLUMN

Christmas should not come early for green energy

Nicolas Loris
McClatchyTribune

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is doing his best Santa impersonation this year, distributing gifts to certain energy producers — and he's using your money to do it.

Part of his "tax extenders" bill is a massive special-interest subsidy program that includes handouts for various "green" energy industries. At least, he's trying to imitate Santa. The Senate rejected his bill in a rare weekend vote. But the major point of contention concerned the income levels for tax cuts.

A coming vote on a new bill, after a tax-cut compromise between President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans, will likely include similar handouts.

Undeterred by an electorate fed up with special-interest politics and wasteful government spending, Baucus' proposal lavishes special tax treatment on producers of ethanol, "bio-diesel" and biomass. But his generosity doesn't stop there. He also provides taxpayer dollars and set-

asides to renewable energy projects and natural gas vehicles, as well as home energy-efficient products and appliances.

The ostensible justification for this corporate welfare is to protect the environment, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and stimulate the green energy economy. But the truth is much different. In reality, subsidizing uneconomical energy sources hinders economic growth, rewards mediocrity and needlessly wastes taxpayer dollars when the government should be pinching every penny.

An encouragingly diverse coalition, including environmental, hunger, agricultural, developmental and several anti-subsidy groups, sent a letter to House and Senate majority and minority leaders calling for the ethanol tax credit to sunset. More than a dozen prominent Republican and Democratic senators released a letter urging for the policy to expire.

Even Al Gore recently called ethanol subsidies a mistake. So why is there any talk of extending the tax credit?

Because a much smaller bipartisan coalition of senators from the Corn Belt say it's important for their states. Why won't the larger coalition win out? Washington politics.

When you lump the ethanol subsidies in with tax cuts for the middle class, it becomes more difficult for a member of Congress to say no. And when the man who introduces the plan, Baucus, chairs the powerful Senate Finance Committee, it becomes even tougher.

Skeptical that the ethanol policy is more about pleasing special interests and less about the environment and reducing foreign oil dependence? Notice the extension of the protectionist 54-cent tariff on imported ethanol. The tariff discourages imports of ethanol, most notably cheaper sugar cane-based ethanol from Brazil.

Welcome to Washington. It's all mixed up. All of these handouts, not just the ones for ethanol, concentrate benefits to those industries or technologies that politicians deem worthy, and disperse the costs to the rest of us. Subsidies re-

move the incentive for industries to become economically competitive and lower costs. They increase the incentive to lobby for handouts and protection.

Taxpayers, meanwhile, are left with the tab. The more government becomes involved in decisions the private sector should be making, the more this trend will continue.

Politicians face incentives, too, one of the primary ones being to win elections. Catering to home-state special interests is one of the best ways to do that. As Al Gore said: "One of the reasons I made that mistake is that I paid particular attention to the farmers in my home state of Tennessee, and I had a certain fondness for the farmers in the state of Iowa because I was about to run for president."

This may make for good politicking, but it's definitely bad economics. Subsidizing our way to a carbon-free economy or energy independence or cheap energy isn't a prudent approach to create a robust and diverse energy market. In fact, it will cause a dependent and stag-

nant one. When the government selects political winners, it's usually a good indicator that the technology or energy source is a market loser. After all, if the venture was profitable, it wouldn't need special treatment from the government.

As Obama noted in a 2008 speech, "When special interests put their thumb on the scale, and distort the free market, the people who compete by the rules come in last."

Energy industries should be freed from all government subsidies. That way, they'd rely on innovation and efficiency, not handouts, to remain competitive. In such a scenario, the businesses that deserve to come in first will do so by means of higher profits. The consumer reaps the benefits by having the cheapest energy available.

The American people deserve an energy policy that puts them ahead of special interests.

Nicolas Loris is a researcher in the Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

All religions have right to be represented

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to the article posted Dec. 8 titled "University nixes clock tower carols." I am the young woman who was quoted throughout, and would like to make a few facts clear to the Southern Illinois University community.

As someone who celebrates Christmas, I enjoyed hearing the

Christmas music coming out of our university's iconic clock tower. I am saddened that the music was turned off, and would have rather heard music from other religious holidays as well. In addition, if the university chooses to decorate and celebrate for one holiday, it needs to do so for every holiday.

The claim that the trees set up

around campus are "holiday trees" and are non-denominational is a fallacy at heart. The likeness of a decorated pine tree is one that is deeply embedded in Christians' Christmas imagery. So when it comes to these so-called "holiday trees," there is no doubting what these trees really are. I would also like to note that the menorah I donated to the library was

unfortunately never displayed.

By recognizing every religion this holiday season, the university could call "holiday trees" Christmas trees freely. Although I recognize that it is nearly impossible to acknowledge everyone's religion, I strongly believe anyone who wishes to be represented religiously has a right to be heard, and there is no better time than now

to break the silence.

This holiday season, it is my hope that we can all celebrate and be thankful for the diversity that makes this campus such a unique and eclectic place to learn and live. Happy holidays.

Megan Schmidt
Junior studying social work

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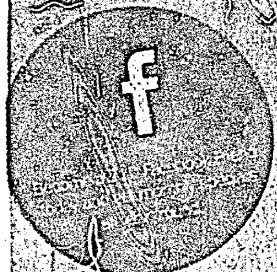
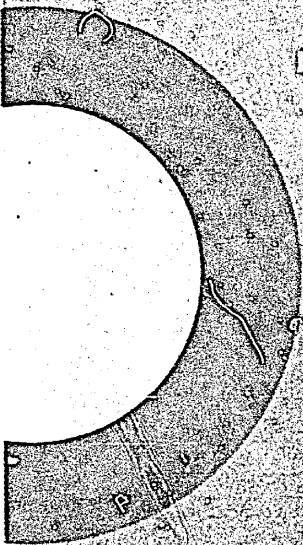
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Brett Favre has been falling apart all season in Minnesota, and the Metrodome's roof caved in on Sunday due to a blizzard in the Midwest. The Vikings' season is over, but is the dome they play in also done, or should they repair the faulty roof?

The entire Vikings franchise should be executed. No one likes the color purple, the stupid hat with the horns or a dome. It doesn't matter if they play in snowy weather, because it's football, the sport of men. Want to complain about weather? Play baseball.



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I just wish Brett Favre had been under the roof when it collapsed.



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People build things and then they fall down. When it falls down, they build it bigger and better than before. Rebuild the dome. I'm just glad no fans were in the dome to get hurt by the collapsed roof.



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Vikings-Giants game moved to tonight after snow collapses Metrodome roof

JON KRAWCZYNSKI
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings have played warm, dry and wind-free football at the Metrodome for 29 seasons. This weekend, a snowstorm sent them searching for cover — namely a place to play their game against the New York Giants.

The Metrodome's inflatable roof ripped open and collapsed early Sunday after 17 inches of snow fell on the city, forcing the NFL to shift the Giants-Vikings game to Detroit's Ford Field tonight.

Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission chairman Roy "Ernie" Wilberger said he's optimistic the roof can

be repaired in time for the Vikings to host the Chicago Bears in their next scheduled home game on Dec. 20. There's a lot of work to be done before then, considering the scene inside the darkened stadium on Sunday morning after the collapse about 5 a.m.

Snow fell onto the artificial turf through a gaping hole above the 30-yard-line, as a piece of the Teflon-coated fiberglass roof roughly 10 yards long flapped in the wind. It glowed eerily in the sunlight, hovering not too far above the field. Speakers that hang from the roof were still safely above the seats and the field, with no indication that a collapse with people inside would've caused any injuries.

MSFC director of facilities and

engineering Steve Maki was working with the original manufacturer of the material on a plan to fix the roof. It has failed four times due to heavy snow since the stadium opened nearly 30 years ago, but not since April 1983, when a collapse forced postponement of a Twins baseball game. Wilberger said this was the worst of the collapses.

"This just came very fast. It was heavily loaded, and the wind was just unbelievable," said Maki, who halted snow removal and called his workers down from the roof Saturday night out of concern for safety.

"There were no injuries, which we're thankful for," said Bill Lester, the MSFC's executive director.

The game between the Vikings and

Giants had already been postponed by 31 hours, after Saturday's blizzard kept the Giants from getting to Minneapolis on time. They stayed the night in Kansas City instead and left for Detroit.

"I have to believe there will be some losses. I think it also bolsters their argument why they need a new stadium," Giants chief executive and co-owner John Mars said. "For this to happen nowadays is pretty incredible."

The Vikings have been lobbying for legislative support for a new facility for more than a decade. Their lease at the Metrodome runs through the 2011 season.

The Vikings previously pledged roughly one-third of the cost for a new

stadium, estimated at \$700 million or far more. But the team has had difficulty getting much traction with the state legislature on public funding to pay for the rest, with lawmakers pointing to huge state deficits that need to be addressed first.

The team has been contacted by two Los Angeles-based groups interested in bringing the NFL back to Los Angeles, but so far it has said it remains "committed to finding a solution in Minnesota."

The NFL briefly considered moving the game to the University of Minnesota's TCF Bank Stadium, but the university said it couldn't be ready in time. TCF holds about 50,000 people, compared to the Metrodome's 64,000.

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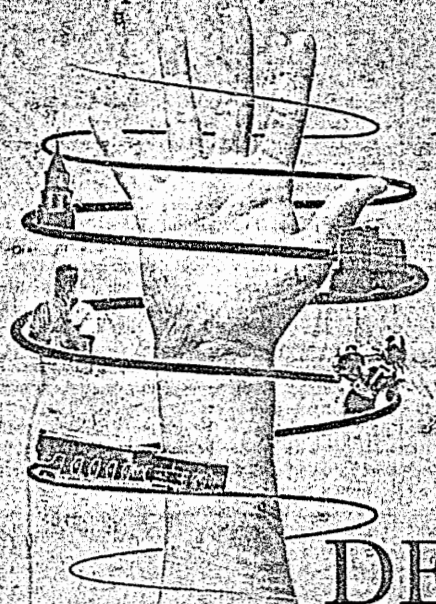


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WIRE REPORTS

Freeman leads another 4th quarter comeback Bucs stay alive with 17-16 win over Redskins

LANDOVER, Md. — To win a low-scoring game on a wet field in December, it helps to have the better kicking game. That's exactly why the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are still very much alive in the postseason chase.

The Washington Redskins missed two short field goals, fumbled away a kickoff and fumbled, an extra point that would have tied the game with 9 seconds to play. Meanwhile, Tampa Bay's Connor Barth made all three of his field goals, and Josh Freeman led a fourth-quarter comeback for the fifth time this season in Sunday's 17-16 victory.

The Buccaneers (8-5) broke a two-game losing streak and were buoyed by the news that the Green Bay Packers' roster team in the wild card was beaten by the Detroit Lions.

Freeman hit Kellen Winslow for a 41-yard scoring pass with 3:47 to play for Tampa Bay's only touchdown. The Redskins marched downfield and pulled within a point on Donovan McNabb's 6-yard touchdown pass to Santana Moss on fourth down.

Feds illegally seized list of steroid users

WASHINGTON — The government will not contest an appeals court ruling that investigators illegally seized a list of baseball players who allegedly tested positive for steroids, the Justice Department said.

That decision keeps intact a legal victory for scores of ballplayers snared in the doping investigation.

Justice Department spokeswoman Tracy Schmalzer said the solicitor general's office will not ask the Supreme Court to reverse the ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in San Francisco.

In September, the court ordered investigators to return the list of 104 players, effectively barring them from using the players to expand their eight-year-long steroid doping probe. The list had been seized in a 2004 drug lab raid.

Charged in the long-running probe of steroid use is former San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds, who is scheduled to go on trial March 21 for allegedly lying to a grand jury when he denied knowingly taking steroids.

Broncos rookie arrested for assault

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. — Denver Broncos rookie cornerback Perish Cox has been arrested for investigation of felony sexual assault.

Cox was taken into custody Thursday night following an investigation into an alleged assault reported on Oct. 28 and brought to a Douglas County jail, said Michelle Pivle, public information officer for the city of Lone Tree, which is about 20 miles south of Denver.

Cox, 23, is in Douglas County Court in nearby Castle Rock wearing a gray prison uniform. His feet were shackled and he was escorted by an armed sheriff's deputy.

A judge declined a defense attorney's request to reduce a \$50,000 bond but did say that Cox can leave the state two times — apparently to play in Broncos road games at Arizona this weekend and at Oakland on Dec. 19. Cox waived extradition, meaning he agreed not to fight transport back to Colorado if for some reason he were arrested out of state.

Cox posted bail Friday afternoon and was released from custody, according to Douglas County jail guard Chad Walker.

WISH

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Families are distributed for adoption by the size of the organizations that participate. The gender and age of the children are given out so organizations know whether to buy for a young boy or girl, she said.

"We go and buy the Christmas presents, wrap them up and then

take them to the Murphysboro office," Daugherty said.

She said along with the top three toys on the wish list, the women's golf team also looks for clothing to buy for the children.

"We do pretty good bargain shopping and usually end up getting them a couple of outfits, coats and boots," Daugherty said.

She said she had not yet received the wish list this year, but expects

to have it sometime this week.

In addition to Adopt-A-Family and helping rescued animals find homes during the holiday season, Daugherty said she will participate in the shoebox Christmas because it's a volunteer service she has been involved with for years.

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BASKETBALL

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Turnovers were the deciding factor in the women's game as well, Tiber said.

The Salukis' 9-0 run to close the deficit to four in the second half was forgotten when IUPUI went on runs of 13-2 and 20-5 run to finish the game.

"I don't know how we were that close with 31 turnovers," Tiber said of the second-half run. "They shot the ball 16 more times than us. There is no answer for that."

The Salukis also had trouble finding the basket, shooting 8-of-22 from the field in the first half and 7-of-22 in the second half for a percentage of 34, while IUPUI

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— Missy Tiber women's coach

finished with a percentage of 41.

Tiber said her offense needs to be productive for the entire game instead of just certain parts.

"It can't be for just little tiny stretches. It has to be for considerable amounts of time that we get better efforts out of the kids," she said.

The women were led by sophomore guard Teri Oliver's 14 points and junior forward Charnisse Mitchell's 13 points, while the men were led by sophomore center

Gene Teague's 12 points and junior forward Mamadou Seck's double-double of 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Both teams return to the SIU Arena for their next games. The women's team will play Wright State at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday and the men's team will play Northern Illinois at 7:05 p.m. Dec. 22.

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Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's birthday — You face obstacles when making renovations and repairs at home. Purchase new, if you must. Recycle or repurpose used furniture and kitchen or home items. It's much less expensive and more sustainable. Wait until the object of your heart's desire goes on sale.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) — Today is a 6 — Private conversations with several people indicate the need for serious reworking of a plan. Begin by considering core values to develop the foundation.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) — Today is an 8 — You wish you had more control over the situation. Others state their feelings, insisting upon changes that delay the process. Go with the flow for least resistance.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) — Today is a 6 — An associate faces serious challenges in a public forum. Luckily, you can provide more than mere data, which opens opportunities for effective persuasion.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) — Today is a 6 — As you develop your plan from home, contact others with the practical means to help. They provide abundant choices for materials and location.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Your personal inclination to play is a double-edged sword at work. Associates offer opportunities, but you must focus on priorities. The team aligns on what those are.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — You feel like coworkers are going off the deep end. Their actions seem out of character. Use practical discussion to rein in their wild ideas.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — You can challenge your entire group to work hard and finish a project. Emotional incentive could work, but treats afterwards are probably more effective.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Personal opportunities abound as you attempt to innovate a timeworn practice. Use the latest technology to revamp a classic idea. Then add your unique stamp.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — You have lots of details to take care of. Your work schedule comes first, yet you can make time for personal errands. Call around before you go out.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — An associate faces serious challenges in a public forum. Luckily, you can provide more than mere data, which opens opportunities for effective persuasion.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — Decide how to show others your love. You don't need to break the ice to find just the right appreciation for each person on your list. Choose something for yourself, too.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) — Today is a 7 — When others pose difficult questions, dive into the inquiry. Look at it from a new angle, and split the data differently. Test your ideas to see which works best.

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Athletes use programs to spread cheer

“We go and buy the Christmas presents, wrap them up and take them to the Murphysboro office.”

— Diane Daugherty
women's golf coach

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

The athletics department makes the shoebox Christmas program a priority every holiday season, but this year the program may receive more attention because of the inability to fund another long-running season charity. Swimming and Diving Coach Rick Walker says.

From 2003 to 2009, coaches, student-athletes and athletics department staff volunteered their time and resources to programs such as Toys for Tots, Adopt-A-Family and Walker's Adopt a Single Parent Student program. But this year, Walker said there aren't enough donations to fund the Adopt a Single Parent Student program and so his athletes will focus instead on shoebox Christmas, a program where they fill shoeboxes with toys and gifts for kids at the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale.

"In times the way they are there (are) times to push for extra activities and then there (are) times to push the ones that are already in place," Walker said.

In the Adopt a Single Parent Student program, Walker said he selected a single parent student at SIU who was working, attending class and raising his or her child/children. He and the swimming and diving teams then raised money for that student, he said.

"We find out the ages of their kids and actually go out and purchase toys for them for Christmas so that the parent can spend their money on books or bills, or something else," Walker said.

He said the program was an effort to alleviate some financial burdens and stresses for the single parent chosen. What made the program different was

that it was not a form of general charity—students voluntarily accepted the donation.

It was an investment in a student who chose to be responsible and overcome his or her situations the right way, Walker said. Hopefully when that student continues on, he or she would go on to help someone else in the same way, he said.

The Toys for Tots program usually contacts Sahuki baseball midway through December, baseball coach Ken Henderson said. Though he hasn't yet heard from the program, Henderson said it's still early in the Christmas season, and if the foundation were to contact him, he and his players would do all they could to help.

Henderson said the baseball team also works with Recreation Sports and Services assistant director Jeff Goetz to co-host a holiday dance for the members of the Women's Center.

"It's actually an event that we go to," he said. "We donate our time to help, we play with the kids and some games they have set up to help with the party."

Henderson said the team will participate in the dance this year and it will be held sometime this week. He declined to give an exact date out of respect for the confidentiality of the Women's Center.

Women's golf coach Diane Daugherty said her team takes part in a similar program called Adopt-A-Family, which is run by the Jackson County Department of Child and Family Services. Every player on the team gives what she can to buy toys on the wish list of the family selected for them by the department, Daugherty said.

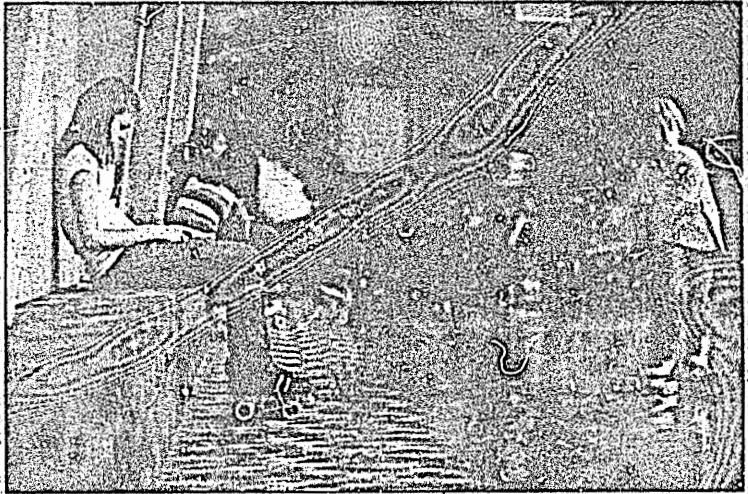
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BANTER

How should the Vikings handle roof collapse?

Resting at the rink



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Stephanie Layne, 13, takes a break from skating Saturday at the Hot Wheels Skatium in Carterville. "I like to come here about every two weeks," Stephanie said. The roller rink opened May 1. Co-owner Steve McBride built

the Skatium with his father. McBride said he worked at a roller rink when he was younger and wanted his own. "It's always been my husband's dream to build his own skating rink," co-owner Audra McBride said.

BASKETBALL

Turnovers haunt men, women on road trip

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

The men and women's basketball teams can put the blame on turnovers for their losses on the road, as the women finished with 31 against IUPUI in a 65-48 defeat Friday and the men gave the ball away 23 times in a 53-46 defeat Saturday to Western Kentucky.

"It's just frustrating. I can't get a handle on it. Today it was a little bit of everyone with the turnovers," women's coach Missy Tiber said. "This is the most athletic team we have played all year. They pressured us into doing things we didn't want to do, and they wouldn't let us get open."

The women are now 1-7 and are still trying to find an offensive identity with their team, which has 10 new players, including eight freshmen. The men's team's loss evened out its record at 5-5 as they try to find ways to limit offensive mistakes. With Missouri Valley Conference play beginning Dec. 29 for the men and Dec. 31 for the women, time is running out to work out the kinks in both squads.

The men, who have only one non-conference game remaining for the season, came out of the gate quickly against Western Kentucky with a 19-6 lead a quarter of the way through the game and had a 37-33 lead with six

“We played a great game as far as defense is concerned. We have to take care of the ball, which has been our Achilles heel all year, and it came back to bite us again.”

— Chris Lowery
men's coach

minutes remaining in the game. But the Hilltoppers rallied and went on a 14-1 run to take the victory.

Men's coach Chris Lowery said his team did what it needed to do at the beginning of the game, but then tried to play a non-Saluki style of basketball.

"We jumped on them and got them where we needed to get them," said Lowery. "Then we had some unforced errors. We tried to play (up-tempo) like them and we didn't need to do that. We needed to grind them out and really stretch the lead at the end of the first half."

Each of the nine Saluki players who took the court against the Hilltoppers had at least two steals, but none had more than three.

The Salukis out-rebounded Western Kentucky 42-22 and the defense made the Hilltoppers miss 14 consecutive shots, but that was not enough to overcome the turnovers.

Hilltoppers coach Ken McDonald said that large of a deficit in rebounds usually ends in defeat.

"That's a very lopsided stat to come out with a win," McDonald said.

Lowery said the Salukis were in position to win the game but didn't execute consistently enough throughout the game to get the win.

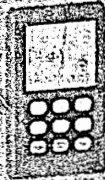
After recording a season-low six turnovers against Chicago State Dec. 4 and turning the ball over 11 times against Southeast Missouri State Wednesday, the Salukis' 23 turnovers against the Hilltoppers ties for the season's second highest total. SIU's highest turnover total of 25 was Nov. 26 against Purdue.

Lowery said the Salukis have to lower the amount of turnovers if they want to compete in the Missouri Valley Conference.

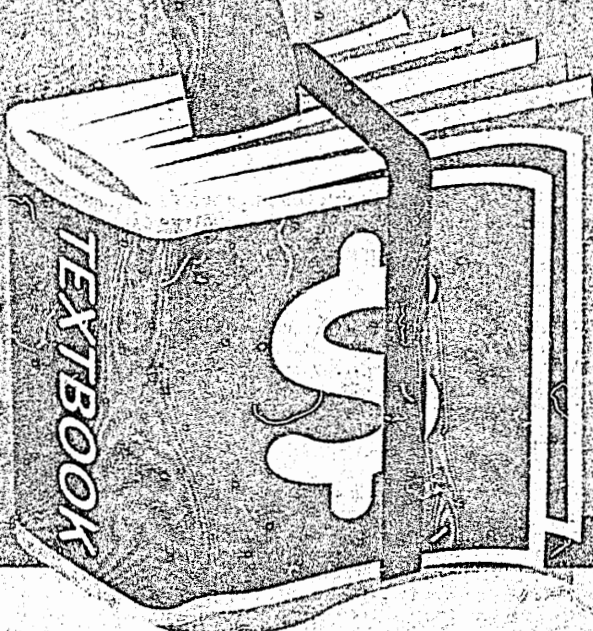
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