Chancellor candidates selected

Sean McGahan  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The applications are in for SIUC's next head honcho. Twenty-two chancellor hopefuls are still in the running, and that list is set to be cut to eight to 12 finalists Wednesday, the chairwoman of the chancellor search committee said Monday. "We're committed to not shorting our duty to the students and get what they really want, not do things without getting our opinion first."

Saluki Head Coach Chris Lowery acknowledges the basketball team and cheerleaders at a pep rally Monday evening at SIU Arena. Hundreds of Saluki fans gathered to cheer on the team and wish it luck in the upcoming Sweet 16 game against Kansas.

Hundreds of fans meet at SIU Arena for pep session

Alejandro Gonzalez  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Maroon faces of all ages packed the SIU Arena Monday to cheer for members of one of the nation's most dominant college basketball teams — even though there was no game scheduled.

In a celebratory pep rally, fans showed their appreciation to a team that earned SIU its first trip to the Sweet 16 since 2002.

"I think we're going to go to the Final Four," Dillow said. "Beyond that, it's anybody's game. Against Kansas, I think it'll be a close game. It could even go to overtime but I'll say we're going to probably win."

During the rally, SIU Coach Chris Lowery introduced senior guards Jamaal Tatum and Tony Young to thunderous applause. Young said the team doesn't feel any pressure.

"We just go and leave it all on the court. Whatever happens, happens," Young said.

The senior from Schaumburg studying management said Thursday's game against No. 1 seed Kansas is no different than other games they've played.

"We play a numerous amount of big games so there's no reason to get worried about it now," Young said.

After the celebration, junior forward Randel Falker said he knows Kansas has a lot of good players, but they can be defeated.

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Rally ‘round the Dawgs

SIUC: We don’t discriminate on basis of religion

Officials respond to demands from Christian group

Andrea Zimmermann  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

In a letter sent Monday responding to a national Christian legal group, SIUC cited an existing policy as assurance the university does not discriminate on the basis or religion, but largely declined to comment on the claims a professor violated a student's rights.

Jerry Blakemore, lead counsel for the university, complied with the demands of the Alliance Defense Fund Center for Academic Freedom by sending the organization a letter Monday afternoon.

Blakemore referred to the university's non-discrimination policy, which including religious affiliation. He then explained that he was bound by federal privacy laws to not publicly discuss academic matters of students and employment matters of faculty.

"Given the confidentiality issues associated with this matter, our office will not make further comments on this matter," Blakemore wrote.

Earlier this month, the national Christian legal group based in Scottsdale, Ariz., stepped in on behalf of Christine Mize, a graduate student from Murphysboro studying social work. Mize claims that Professor Laura Drehst Zeman violated her First Amendment rights after refusing to let her include a Christian-based therapy to assist students and employment matters of faculty.

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### ILLINOIS NEWS

**Court declines to review harassment claims**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court declined Monday to review a sexual harass-ment claim from a 16-year-old ice cream scooper in Illinois to decide whether an underage employee must show that co-worker’s attention was unwelcome.

The case stemmed from a sexual encounter between a teenager and a 25-year-old co-worker that Illinois law defines as statutory rape.

The teenager, identified only as Jane Doe in court papers, and her shift supervisor, Matthew Newman, worked at an Oberweis Dairy store in Illinois. The North Aurora-based company has 43 ice cream stores in four Midwestern states.

Nayman was convicted of aggravated sexual abuse of a minor. There was no allegation of forcible rape, the company said, because the teenager went to Nayman’s apartment, disobeying her mother’s instructions not to socialize with him.

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**Illinois Marine dies in Iraq in ‘non-hostile incident’**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 19-year-old Marine from this small community west of Kankakee has died in Iraq, according to the Department of Defense.

Lance Cpl. Raymond J. Holzhauer died Thursday “from a non-hostile incident” in Al Anbar province, the military announced. He was assigned to 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marines Logistics Group, 9th Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The Department of Defense did not specify the cause of death of any other service member on Thursday.

Attempts to reach Holzhauer’s family by telephone Sunday were not successful. However, The (Kankakee) Daily Journal reported Holzhauer was a 2005 graduate of Dwight High School.

**MAYWOOD (AP) — The mother of a 5-year-old girl has been charged with beating her death**

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**Arrests over break**

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**March 12 — Dornell Campbell of Murphysboro was arrested and charged with attempted murder.**

**Sunday — John B. Cox of Carbondale was arrested as a suspect in a burglary with trespassing, resisting arrest and aggravated battery to a police officer.**

**Danny Wengen**

While several people enjoyed vacations on the past week, Carbondale police kept busy and made several arrests.

Suspects charged with attempted murder, aggravated battery and auto burglary were arrested during spring break.

On March 12, police said they arrested a man that had fled the scene of an attempted murder that occurred on March 2.

Carbondale Police responded to reports of a burglary at 12:31 p.m. March 2 at 1408 W. College. Police said they arrested a suspect in the burglary.

Cox, 20, of Carbondale, was arrested at 9:05 p.m. Tuesday at Shaw-Mc's in Carbondale. Officers Sandy Mathis said police received calls from the restaurant complaining of an unruly customer.

“Basically, we received a call in reference to a intoxicated customer refusing to leave,” Mathis said. Officers arrived and arrested the suspect.

The customer then refused to leave and was arrested. The suspect did hit the victim in the head hard enough to cause a severe laceration to his ear. Then he also shot the victim.

Carbondale police also made an arrest in an aggravated battery case.

John B. Cox, 31, of Carbondale, was arrested at 9:05 p.m. Saturday at Shaw-Mc's in Carbondale. Officer Randy Mathis said police received calls about a possible fight.

The latest jetliner to claim the title of world's biggest passenger aircraft completed its maiden voyage to the United States on Monday, flying on football-field-length wings. The four-engine Airbus A380 touched down at John F. Kennedy International Airport and a separate A380 arrived in Los Angeles to cheers from onlookers. The 239-foot-long A380 can seat as many as 550 passengers, hold 81,890 gallons of fuel, cruise at 60 mph and fly some 8,000 nautical miles.

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WORLD & NATION

Search continues for missing Boy Scout

By Michael Auberry, Associated Press

MOJAVE, Calif. — Harry Weather was raised rescuers’ hopes Monday as they searched for a third day for a 12-year-old Boy Scout who disappeared while camping with his troop in the rugged mountains of northwestern North Carolina.

Michael Auberry vanished in the heavily wooded terrain late Saturday with other members of his Boy Scout troop. Searchers found his mess kit late Saturday within a mile of the camp site, but he was no longer in the area.

Temperatures fell to the 20s before dawn Monday, but sunny skies and temperatures in the 50s prevailed during the day, making the conditions that led to his disappearance less critical to his well-being, with the 40s, but there was chance of rain Tuesday.

“Temperatures definitely play a factor. It has been very cold at night, but this young man was very well dressed. He had a fleece jacket on and another jacket,” National Park Service spokesman Thomas Shima said.

“We believe that people have been out a week or longer. There could be 60 people aided by dogs and a helicopter searched the area’s logging roads, canals and washed-out roads and regions. Searchers planned to stick to the trails at night to avoid losing anything in the darkness,

Park rangers worked with the boy’s family to learn more about Michael’s wilderness skills and how he might react to the situation, White said.

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Mine blast kills 78

MOSCOW (AP) — A methane gas explosion hit a Siberian coal mine killing an Afghan teenager and wounding two road in the Afghan capital on Monday, officials said.

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Up to 200 workers were in the

A British man and his interpreter were among those killed, he said. It was unclear how many were Afghans. Only 75 were rescued.

It remained unclear whether a large section of the mine for the missing people and were working to locate Michael’s wilderness skills and how he might react to the situation, White said.

Al Qaeda operative confesses to bomb plot

WASHINGTON — A Yemeni portrayed as an al Qaeda operative and suspect in the September 11 attacks, a terrorist family confessed to plotting a series of bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa, killing hundreds, according to the transcript of a Guantanamo Bay hearing.

The transcript released Monday was the fourth from the hearings the military is holding in private for 14 “high-value” terrorism suspects who are held in secret CIA prisons before they were sent to the U.S. facility in Cuba last fall.

Last week, Walid bin Attash said he helped plan the 1998 embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania that killed more than 200, according to the transcript. He also said he helped organize the 2000 attack on the USS Cole in Yemen in which suicide bombers steered a truck filled with explosives into the guided-missile destroyer, killing 17 sailors.

He also acknowledged in the buying or purchasing of the explosives,” bin Attash said when asked what was his role was in the attacks. “I put together the plan for the opera- tion a year and a half prior to the operation, purchasing, buying the boat and recruiting the members that did the operation.

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A suicide car bomber attacked a three-vehicle U.S. Embassy convoy on a notorious dangerous road in the Afghan capital on Monday, killing 10 Afghan civilians and wounding five embassy security personnel, officials said. It was unclear if the survivors were in immediate danger.

The blast propelled one of the armored SUVS across the road, which is often the site of bombings and suicide attacks. The two other vehicles were also damaged, and flares were thrown into the wreckage of the suicide car bomb.

A 15-year-old Afghan on the side of the road was killed, said Hasam Aman, the district police chief.

Two embassy security person- nel were injured, one seriously, said Col. Tom Collins, the spokesman for NATO’s International Security Assistance Force. The U.S. ambassador, Ronald Neumann, was not injured, he said.

A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousef Ahmed, said teléfono call to The Associated Press that a Taliban militant from Khost province carried out the attack.

Detectives who shot groom attend hearing

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday promised a new strategy for Iraq that would refocus U.S. troops, 86 percent are concerned that the lives of more than 3,200 mem- bers of the U.S. military. Predictions about the cost and length of the war have been far surpassed. The public overwhelmingly opposes the war, and Bush’s approval ratings are near his all-time low. Trying to halt escalating violence, Bush will order a new “surge” of U.S. troops especially near Baghdad, setting a timeframe for the phased redeployment of U.S. military.

The strategy aims to move the issue of the war to the top of the presidential election in 2008, and Bush threatened to take “bold, decisive steps” necessary for Iraq to build a democratic government.

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Clash in Columbus

SIU has moved on to the Sweet 16 for the first time in five years. They play Kansas on Thursday for a chance to go where no Saluki team has gone before: The Elite Eight.

Junior Matt Shaw grimaces in pain during the final play of the first half of the Salukis’ win over Holy Cross on Friday. Shaw did not return to the game in the second half.

Saluki players eye a Virginia Tech cheerleader before taking the court against the team Sunday in Columbus, Ohio. The Salukis defeated the Hokies 63-48 and advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time in five years.

Senior guard Jamaal Tatum dishes off a pass to Randal Falker in the first half of the Salukis’ win over Virginia Tech.
Crucial conversations

Another potential lawsuit, another communication breakdown and another snowball issue just smashed SIUC in the face.

And it didn't have to happen.

In this case, Christine Min, a graduate student in social work, wanted to include aspects of religion in an assignment. Her professor, Laura Dreuth Zeman, said religion was not discussed in class and therefore shouldn't be included.

Min said religion was discussed in class, but she kept it out of her paper.

When she turned in her assignment, she attached legal documents saying Dreuth Zeman should have allowed the inclusion of religion in this assignment, and that Min's First Amendment rights were violated.

Six, Dreuth Zeman passed the legal attachments on to SIU's lawyers and gave Min an incomplete until things were worked out.

This became miscommunication No. 1. Was it an overzealous student who thought her way was the only way? Was it a professor who wasn't specific enough about her assignment? Was it a grand conspiracy to nix religious discussion on college campuses?

Whatever it was, it was blown way out of proportion.

Miscommunication No. 2 came when SIU's lawyers didn't respond to the letter for more than three months. In fact, it appears as though they forgot about it until a reminder letter was sent from a Christian legal group a few days ago.

SIUC spokesman Rod Sievers said it took too long.

We agree.

Issues such as religious freedom should be addressed immediately. The pursuit of less important matters should realistically be put on hold.

Perhaps SIU's lawyers didn't find it all that important. Or perhaps the issue was so convoluted that it really did take this long.

Either one is a possibility and also a third miscommunication.

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And one more fingerprint just tarnished the polished brass of the university.

A story worth telling

One woman set to sit among the scores of fans in San Jose, Calif., for Thursday's NCAA Sweet 16 action bleeds an especially large amount of Saluki maroon.

If all goes well, the 34-year-old graduate student — who we will refer to only as Jane — will take her seat at the HP Pavilion after one hell of a ride.

Jane, who has cerebral palsy and relies on a walker or wheelchair to get around, embarked today on a two-day, 2,400-mile trip on a Greyhound bus to the West Coast for what she calls the biggest trip of her life.

The trek includes bus changes in at least six major cities along the way.

She'll do it all alone.

Jane admits the voyage will be a trying way across the country.

Less than 15 minutes later, she called the newswoman and asked that her name and photograph not be published because she wanted to maintain her privacy, though she said a story would be fine if it was published.

We reluctantly obliged after numerous attempts to change her mind.

However, Jane's story is one that can't go untold. It is a true tale of pride and love. She's followed the Salukis since moving to Carbondale 13 years ago, and almost nothing means more to her than the SIU squad.

“It's the dedication and hard work of the team that I like, ” said Jane, decked out in a Saluki shirt and cap as she gripped her $347 bus ticket. “They strive to do their best and give their coach a good game as well as the fans a good game.”

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Our Word

“A story worth telling

We won't be satisfied until we go as far as we possibly can, just go out every game and just play our hardest.”

Tony Young

Mission Statement

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
A woman’s perspective

March is National Women’s History Month. So, I decided to take a look at women’s history from a woman’s perspective.

Traditionally, women were seen as the weaker sex. The woman was the person in western movies that stood over in a corner and screamed helplessly when the ‘bad guy’ was walking toward her with a gun. They were the giggly girls that were all looks and no brains.

There were two movements that reaffirmed that view of a woman — the women’s suffrage movement of 1917 when women began picketing for their right to vote, and the feminist movement that still holds controversy today.

In the 1960s, feminism took root. Since the outspokenness of femi-

nism, women have been defined differently than ever before in American history. Women are definitely not the giggly girls we were once considered to be. From the weak and helpless woman in the old western movies, to the “modern” woman who does every-thing, women’s roles have certainly changed. We are no longer consid-

ered defined by our looks, children or any of the concepts that once defined womanhood. Women are considered as able to do any job.

The freedom that the feminism movement has earned has cost a price. The price for accomplishing-

Qus Bode says: It’s time to send the DE a letter. Don’t like what our student columns and editorial board have to say? Want to make your opinion heard on some other university policy? Do something about it.

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Letters to the Editor

Basketball fever

DEAR EDITOR,

Guess what! SIU had two win-

ners over the weekend. I realized

there were other games being played, but the basketball teams were ending their sea-

sons. I was so happy with the women’s and men’s basketball seasons.

I don’t understand many things about basketball, but I made the com-

ment early in the season that if both teams could win they could win if they put their talents and skills together for 40 minutes in each game.

You all proved me right, and I hope you all continue this in the years to come.

The women’s season ended a little early, but it went very well. Just take all of the new experiences you gained over the season. I am proud of all of you and I hope I can see more of your games next season. Thanks again for a great season.

Facebook platform for dirty campaigning

DEAR EDITOR,

So much for clean campaigning. The Facebook group “Vote Brad Cole … Keep The Bars Fun” is inaccurate and insulting. The group’s adminis-

trators, which include Mayor Cole, should behave more responsibly. The site states, “…it has been rumored that she is for turning the bars into 21 and over…” The site also stated, “Simon is trying to set up ‘party free’ zones … that is a college town…if you don’t like it … GET THE F… OUT!”

The claims are not true. I have not been accused of doing anything to influence the bar entry age. The bar entry age has not even been discussed by the council in over four years. The mayor knows this.

I have no plans to set up a “party free” zone, whatever that might be. I have no secret agenda. My Working Plan for Carbondale is available on my Web site, www.sheila-

simon.com. The group does post some accurate information. It’s true that I have a family — a husband and two daugh-

ters. To affirm the authors feel this is a disqualification for holding public office in Carbondale. I absolutely disagree.

I thank the group for removing distortions it had made to a picture of me, which included an offensive term for women. Mr. Cole, according to the site, is to be credited for some of this clean up. I hope he will continue the process by cleaning up the inaccuracies and the offensive language.

When Mr. Cole’s yard signs were defaced before the primary I called Mr. Cole immediately. I have no connec-
tion to whoever defaced the signs, but I called Mr. Cole to express my regrets about what happened.

I also asked my campaign chair, John Rendelman, to write a letter to the editor expressing our disapproval of any kind of campaign pranks. Our campaign expects the democratic process. Mr. Cole has the opportunity to run a clean, responsible campaign. I hope he will do so for the remainder of the campaign.

Sheila Simon

Majors candidate
They’re more likely to take pride in this institution even though they may live a thousand miles away. After Thursday, three down and three to go." — Glenn Poshard  SUU president

RALLY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“...That’s the biggest thing, the fact that they’re human — we can beat them,” Falkner said.

The dreaded shoot-blocker also said he appreciated the devotion Saluki fans showed traveling to Columbus, Ohio, for the first rounds and said he was thrilled with the support at the rally.

“A lot of reason that they’re willing to come all that way and support, so that’s a big thing,” Falkner said.

There such fans at the rally had their faces painted to spell out “SIU.”

Through the “I” on her face, Cherrylynn Schilling, a senior from Indiana studying civil engineering, said she is excited for the Salukis.

“I have SIU pride in the team at Monday night’s pep rally,” Janie Lechler DAILY EAGLE.

SALUKI BROWN DOG CHEERS ON THE TEAM

Official says Saddam Hussein’s former deputy hanged in Iraq

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BAGHDAD — The former deputy in Saddam Hussein’s government was hanged before dawn Tuesday for the killings of 148 Shiites, said precautions had been taken to prevent a repeat of what happened to Saddam’s half brother and co-defendant Barzan Ibrahim, who was inadvertent decapitated on the gallows.

Ramadan, who was nearly 70, was weighed before the hanging and the length of the rope was chosen accordingly, the official said.

The execution took place at a prison in an Iraqi army and police base, which had been the headquarter of Saddam’s military intelligence, in a predominantly Shiite district in northern Baghdad. Ramadan had been in U.S. custody but was handed over to the Iraqis before the hanging, the official said.

The prosecutor read out the verdict of the appeals court upholding the death sentence along with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki’s decision to carry it out, the official said, adding that a defense lawyer received the letter.

Ramadan’s written will. The contents were not revealed.

Ramadan was convicted in December of 2003 of genocide “as a member of a group of others who committed genocide” by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

In the letter, Blakemore wrote, “I consider it a personal honor to have been assigned the task of making students more aware of policy changes.”

She said when he took the job he would not be involved in the search so that there would be three or four finalists to meet on-campus with constituency groups during the last week of April and the first week of May.

“When the names are made public, we expect and hope that people call people they know at the places these individuals currently serve and get information,” she said. “We look forward to any sources of information we can get at that point.”

Ford said the committee has developed a long list of questions to ask the semifinalists. The questions attempt to gauge the candidates’ ability to manage a large budget, fund-raising skills and overall leadership abilities, she said.

The committee will also look at the candidates’ success in their current positions, which range from dean on up, Ford said.

“...You want somebody that has some kind of experiences that indicate they’re not walking in here green,” she said. “Knowing how they’ve handled problems in the past may give us a real understanding of the kind of skills and behavior they may bring to dealing with the kind of challenges that a SUU chancellor will face.”

Sahra Mikolas, Brown Dog Mascot, cheers on the team Tuesday while watching the news Tuesday, March 20, 2007.
Celebrity birthdays

1948: American broadcaster Wolf Blitzer
1955: "Die Hard" actor Bruce Willis
1957: American film director Spike Lee
1962: Television personality Rosie O'Donnell
1970: American singer and actress Queen Latifah
1972: Comedian Dane Cook
1973: NBA star Jason Kidd
1976: Super Bowl champ Peyton Manning

This week in history...

1765: The Parliament of Great Britain passed the stamp act to tax American colonies. Think they had to use a stamp to send it to America? If they did, did they have to pay the stamp tax?

1916: Albert Einstein publishes his theory of relativity. This would later become known as the "family tree."

1923: Foster Hewitt delivers the first radio broadcast of ice hockey. It marked the first time that the entire nation fell asleep at the same time.

1970: San Francisco mayor Joseph Alioto issues the first Earth Day proclamation. Earth would call in sick the next year to watch "The Partridge Family" and eat a gallon tub of ice cream.

1980: The infamous character J.R. Ewing is shot by an unseen assailant in the finale of "Dallas." The answer to the question "Who shot J.R.?" would end up being none other than Dick Cheney, who claimed it was a "hunting accident."

1989: Sports Illustrated reports allegations that tie baseball player Pete Rose to baseball gambling. Rose would later win a bet after putting money on himself being guilty of those allegations.

Weird News

Something must be done, officer! Auburn, Wash., residents complained bitterly to police that motorists were speeding through their quiet neighborhood, creating an unsafe condition for those who lived there. So police set up an automated device to catch the offenders. Of the 24 violators who were nabbed, 21 were residents of the neighborhood.

I thought dinner, dancing and then, who knows? After their relationship ended badly, a Virginia man made numerous copies of a DVD of his ex-girlfriend engaged in sexual relations with him, then put them on windshields of the cars parked in her neighborhood along with her name, address and phone number. She found out about it after a number of men called or showed up at her door to ask her to go out with them.

En garde! A man brandishing a sword burst into his ex-girlfriend’s apartment in Hilton Head Island, S.C. with murderous intent. But the woman’s new boyfriend happened to be a sword collector, attacked the intruder with a blade of his own and sliced him good.

And now, I’ll snap my fingers and disappear A man who stole bras, panties and nylon stockings at knifepoint from a shop in Belfast, Northern Ireland, told a court that he thought he was a magical female elf named Bicho when he committed the crime. He also revealed that he regularly visits a psychiatrist.

I must say, I’m very disappointed A man in Palermo, Italy, married his girlfriend without telling her that he is impotent. She found out on their wedding night. She divorced him and sued him for fraud. The court awarded her $260,000.

Highway robbery! I’ll do it ... Ka-booom! After a man in Germany mistakenly filled his car with diesel fuel, a mechanic told him it would cost $40 to clean it out of the gas tank. The man felt this was too much, so he used a vacuum cleaner to suck out the fuel. The car exploded.

So, this isn’t a trap? After a man stole a cell phone from a car in Thornbury, England, he received a call from a woman who said she wanted to make arrangements to get her phone back. The thief agreed to meet her, but it wasn’t the victim who showed up. It was a policewoman. He was arrested.

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405 E. Mill
409 E. Mill
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501 W. Oak
507 W. Oak
300 N. Oakdale
505 N. Oakdale
511 N. Oakdale
602 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park
507 S. Poplar 1-3, 6, 7
301 N. Springer #1-4
913 S. Wycame
919 S. Wycame
1619 W. Sycamore
404 S. University #5
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404 S. Ash
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503 S. Beveridge
507 S. Beveridge #2, 5
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513 S. Beveridge #3
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109 Glennview
507 S. Hays #1-4
509 S. Hays
511 S. Hays
505 N. Oakdale
511 N. Oakdale
505 N. Oakland
511 N. Oakland
602 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park
506 S. Poplar 43, 4, 7
509 S. Rawlings #1
501 N. Oakdale
402 W. Oak
406 W. Willow
404 S. Wycame
410 W. Wycame
509 S. Rawlings #5
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504 S. Ash #3
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beveridge
209 W. Cherry
405 W. Cherry
501 W. Cherry
405 W. Cherry Court
406 W. Cherry Court
407 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Cherry Court
409 W. Cherry Court
306 W. College #1-4
312 W. College #3
409 W. College #1-4
809 W. College
305 Crestview
507 S. Hays #1-4
509 S. Hays #1-4
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By Linda Black

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Taurus (April 20-May 20): Today is a 7 - You're doing the dirty work now, also known as "paying your dues." Don't complain. You're also building up resources for the future.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Today is a 7 - A friend of a friend of a friend is the exact person you've been seeking. Accept, even instigate the offer, to arrange a meeting.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Today is a 9 - You don't order other people around, you make polite suggestions. People do things your way because it looks like it's going to work. And it will.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Today is an 8 - Thanks to your foresight and good planning, you're seeing amazing things. You're trying things you've never done before and you can, because you're prepared. If not, think fast!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today is an 8 - The money you're collecting now is the imaginative kind. You imagine what you can do with it and how much more you'll have when you're done. This is called doing business. Conditions for success are good.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today is a 7 - Somebody else wants to run the show. Might as well relax and let them entertain you. It's not worth the bother to resist.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9 - You're a good worker, especially when you're inspired, like you are now. Reveal your superhuman powers and achieve enormous wealth.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Discuss your job with a person who'll offer amazing new insights. This will be entertaining because it will give you a new perspective. This conversation gives you even better accompanied by a wonderful meal.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Schedule a family conference so you can set a few goals together. Your next phase is about teaching them to develop their natural talents. You're in for a few surprises.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Someone else has come to run the show. Might as well relax and let them entertain you. It's not worth the bother to resist.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 9 - Great success is yours, and quite a lot of money, too. You don't do what you do for the money, of course. That's why you're so good at it. Don't worry.

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Doubles play key in wins

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The SIU men’s tennis team extended its winning streak to three games over spring break with help from junior Felipe Villasenor.

Villasenor went 4-2 in singles matches and 2-4 in doubles matches going into the break. He won all four of his matches over spring break to improve his singles record to 8-2 and evened his doubles record at 4-4.

“I feel it’s the biggest hope is that the success we’ve done till it’s all accolades and what my performance in the hammer is a very big difference so it’s an adjustment,” Mueller said.

“You can’t just front me or overplay me in certain areas.”

In another dominating performance, Yao Ming scored 20 points and 11 rebounds in Orlando’s 97-83 victory over the Heat, who had won nine straight overall and 14 consecutive at home.

Senior guard Jamaal Tatum said with all the Salukis have accomplished, they should be considered with all the Salukis have accomplished, they should be considered Kansas. And for all of SIU’s accomplishments, Tatum said the Salukis still have plenty to do. “Tatum has a lot of potential,” Villasenor said. “I think he is going to get better throughout the season. He has very good shots and he is in good shape.”

Villasenor, Waked, sophomore Hugo Vidal and junior Nick Bauer all went undefeated in their matches over spring break.

The Salukis’ next match is Saturday, when they host Northern Illinois at 1 p.m. in Carbondale.

“They’re great passers, so teams have a lot of trouble getting to the floor,” Bryant said. “They’re great at recognizing situations and make my life a lot easier when they’re out there because they’re so good at recognizing situations on the floor,” Bryant said.

“You’ve got to be confident in the people that are here already because everything that we’ve taught, we’ve taught.”

“Felipe is starting to become a good leader for our team. He leads by example. He is not vocal. He is kind of a quiet leader.”

— Dann Nelson  
SIU coach

“Going from weight throw to hammer is a very big difference because the weight is a lot faster so it’s an adjustment,” Mueller said. “I’ll throw discus outside but my primary focus is to improve my performance in the hammer throw.”

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DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The former prosecutor in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case didn’t violate the constitutional rights of the three charged players, his attorneys said in a renewed effort to drop ethics charges he faces.

In papers filed last week, attorneys for District Attorney Mike Nifong added to their argument that the player’s attorneys received a report and its underlying data on DNA testing well before any trial. The report was conducted as part of the assault investigation. The DNA tests found genetic material from several men on the 28-year-old accuser’s underwear and body, but none from any of the players.

In a response also filed last week, the bar’s attorneys said Nifong’s lawyers were split on his disclosure of evidence from the DNA tests.

Nifong’s attorneys wrote it is not a constitutional violation just because he disclosed genetic evidence from the DNA tests to the accuser’s lawyers well before any trial. The DNA test results found genetic material from several men on the 28-year-old accuser’s underwear and body, but none from any of the players.

The North Carolina State Bar has accused Nifong of breaking several rules of professional conduct. The bar’s charge that he withheld that evidence from the defense is the most serious faced by the veteran prosecutor, who could be disbarred if convicted.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

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Salukis make history

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As indoor season ends, SIU prepares for the outdoors

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As the indoor season ended, the SIU track and field team didn’t have much time to rest up for the outdoor season, which begins Friday.

But the lack of rest shouldn’t bother the Salukis because they carry plenty of momentum into the spring season. Junior thrower Brittany Riley capped off her record-setting season with a weight throw national title at the 2007 NCAA Indoor Championships March 10.

SIU coach Connie Price-Smith said she was proud of the duo’s performance at nationals, but the team is looking to improve on a solid indoor season.

“Everyone looks forward to coming outdoors because we have more room to work with and there are more events,” Price-Smith said. “We will be much stronger outdoors than we were indoors.”

Price-Smith recently earned an honor of her own, being named national champion, threw for 25.6 meters — more than 10 feet in front of the runner-up. The throw surpassed her previous world record of 24.57 meters, but will not count in the record books because the International Association of Athletics Federations does not recognize weight throw records.

The three-time All-American finished fourth in the hammer throw at the 2006 NCAA Outdoor Championships and will also compete in the shot put and discus throws.

On the other hand, sophomore long jump competitor Bianca Stuart said she was not pleased with her results in the long jump at nationals. The Nassau, Bahamas native finished 14th in her first NCAA Indoor Championship with a distance of 5.96 meters after winning the 2007 Missouri Valley Conference Indoor long jump Feb. 24 with a jump of 6.31 meters.

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