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Rain causes delay in restoring power

Madeleine Leroux

Several campus buildings that first lost power Tuesday morning were still dark Wednesday night, forcing some students to relocate.

The Agriculture Building, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and all of Greek Row were without electricity until 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, more than 38 hours after the power outage began. University spokesman Rod Siervs said the source of the outage was discovered at about 4 a.m. Wednesday on South Travistead Lane.

Siervs said workers had to rebuild original circuitry to remedy the problem. He said he wasn’t sure if other areas of campus were being checked for similar problems.

“They’re happy to get power on for now,” Siervs said.

Brad Dillard, associate director of facilities, said Carbondale received 6.31 inches of rain Tuesday, the most rain measured in a 24-hour period since the installation of the weather station in September 1997. Dillard said the rain probably doubled the time taken to restore power.

“Virtually all of our electrical distribution system is under-ground,” Dillard said. “Practically every manhole that we’ve gotten into is filled with water so our electrical staff has had to pump those out.”

Residents of Greek Row had been without power since about 6 a.m. Tuesday. Tiffany Cheston, housing director for Sigma Kappa sorority, said the university had not been keeping residents informed of the situation or the options available for those left without lights or heat.

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Black American Studies to apply for major

Director says he plans to submit proposal next week

Jenn Lofton

Black American Studies has a 40-year history with the university, and the director said now is the right time for the program to offer a major.

After taking input from stud- ents and several faculty mem- bers over the past few years, the Rev. Joseph Brown, the program’s director, said he would submit the proposal for a major to the dean of the College of Liberal Arts by the end of next week.

Brown said he wrote the pro- posal last fall, but decided to hold back from turning it in so revisions could be made. After several drafts and minor changes to technical issues and budget figures, Brown said he would soon be ready to submit the final proposal.

Brown said he is confident he has given solid and justifiable rea- sons for why the program should become a major. Since Black American Studies classes have an international focus, Brown said he proposed the name be changed to Africana Studies.

“Students with majors such as psychology, business, philosophy or fine arts have the opportunity to incorporate this major with their field,” Brown said.

Since recent proposals from other ethnic studies programs have resulted in the formation of minors in Native American Studies and Latin American Studies, Brown said he is optimistic his department would receive the same positive feedback.

University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign is in the process of setting up a similar program, said Shirley Olson, assistant to the program’s director.

“The proposal made by the department got approval from the Board of Trustees and will be submitted to Illinois Board of Higher Education in June,” Olson said.

Olson said although there has been a lot of support from the faculty to make the major, she believes student input also had an impact.

Leroy Jones, campcover of the Black Affairs Council, said he is pushing for Black American Studies to become a major and the department has the council’s full support. However, Jones said he believes there is still not enough support from SUC’s stu- dent body, which is usually critical for these decisions to be made.

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Barton Lorimor

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The IHSA requires officials to sus- pend play if lightning is six miles away. Play may not resume until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike within a six-mile diameter. Webb’s suit claims that Smith and the high school, both of whom were acting as agents of the IHSA, failed to meet those requirements.

Steve Sabos, superintendent of District 165, said he was with a group at about 4 p.m. for the case Wednesday morning, but, as well as Smith, declined further comments.

City Attorney Michael Kissel said he did not know who represents the high school. Classes were canceled Wednesday because of storms and general neighborhoods, and other administra- tors did not return phone messages left at their homes Wednesday evening.

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Do you think the Salukis still have a chance at making it to the NCAA Tournament?

Yes, if they only play at home.
No, unless Tatum comes back.
No, GO DAWGS!
Miracles happen.

How should the university pay the repair for a $3 million of deferred maintenance?
A. Increase student fees.
B. Use the money from Saluki Way.
C. Ask for money by the public.
D. Do not do anything.

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- Free admission

**NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH READING**
• 1-5 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday at the Carbondale Public Library
• Reading nutrition books to children and providing interactive games and activities
- Free admission

**THE CALENDAR**
Submit calendar items to the DAILY EGYPTIAN, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266.

**POLICE REPORTS**
There are no items to report at this time.

Power plant study delayed again
SIU spokesman Dave Gross said Wednesday that the university would not release the results of the project’s feasibility study until next week. The university had planned to make the announcement either today or Friday until Gov. Rod Blagojevich asked the university president to meet with him about the capital plan this week, Gross said.

“While the governor calls, you can’t tell him you’re doing a press conference in Carbondale and you can’t make it,” Gross said.

The governor announced earlier this month that SIU President Glenn Poshard would work with Dennis Hastert, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, in an effort to pass a capital construction plan for Illinois.

The university received the first draft of the feasibility study in December. Physical Plant Director Phil Gatton said in January the university would delay releasing the results while some problems with the study were ironed out.

Gross said last week the university was prepared to announce how the feasibility study would affect future plans for the project.

SIUC Coal Research Center Director John Mead has said the results don’t nie the project or give it the go-ahead.

**VEHICLE STRIKES BYSTANDERS AT SUBURBAN CHICAGO AUTO AUCTION**
CRESTWOOD (AP) — An out-of-control sport utility vehicle plowed into a crowd at a suburban Chicago auto auction Wednesday, injuring 15 people, police said.

Free of the victims were in critical condition Wednesday evening with injuries that included a crushed chest and legs, said Crestwood Police Chief Tim Sukkver. Three firefighters also were hurt while helping victims, he said.

It was "pandemonium" as rescue workers made their way through several hun-
dered people who were leaving or helping the injured at the Tri-State Auto Auction, said Crestwood Fire Chief Jon Bruce. People were screaming, moaning, laying on the ground," auction shopper Tom Schneider told the Chicago Tribune. "Employees were running around telling people not to move."

The incident occurred shortly before 11:45 a.m. when an employee driving a Range Rover into the auction building lost control of the vehicle. It hit a group of bystanders and struck a minivan before going through a doorway and hitting another group of people.

Bruce said it was not yet clear what caused the employee to lose control. A woman who answered the phone at the auction house early Wednesday afternoon said the business was “not giving out any information right now.”

The company’s Web site shows a large, open auction site where bidders can walk among vehicles for sale.

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Poets unite for change in wartime

Luke McCormick
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Poetry and the spoken word were the weapons of choice Wednesday night.

The Peace Coalition, Students for Peace and Democracy and the Carbondale chapter of Iraq Veterans Against the War hosted an event commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Iraq war. About 100 people attended the event at the Old Baptist Foundation.

Ten poets read their own poetry or selected works from other poets. One of those poets was Diana Tigerlily.

"War reduces humans to body parts," Tigerlily said, reading one of her original works. Audience members occasionally interrupted her performance with spontaneous applause.

Each poem was chosen as a response to the speaker’s feelings on the ongoing war in Iraq.

The room remained mostly silent during the hour-long reading, except when audience members applauded or voiced their agreement with particular lines.

Before reading his selection by poet Brian Turner, speaker Sam Jones said he was surprised there is so little outrage over such a costly, unnecessary war. Turner, a former soldier who served in the Iraq war, wrote five of the poems read at the event.

Jones read "2000 lbs.," in which Turner provides a graphic description of the aftermath of a car bomb. But this was just one of many depictions of the negative consequences of war.

Justin Stofferahn, a sophomore from Round Lake Beach studying political science and a member of Students for Peace and Democracy, said he wanted people to see the power of the spoken word after hearing the night’s speakers.

None of the poets offered an introduction, except for Jon Bonner.

Bonner, an undecided freshman from Berwyn, is a member of the Iraq Veterans Against the War.

He read from "All Quiet on the Western Front," choosing a passage offering the view of a 20-year-old soldier. Bonner said he could relate to the piece because he was 20 while serving in Iraq.

Desiree Handley, a sophomore from the Quad Cities studying art education, found one poet in particular engaging.

"Diana Tigerlily was very passionate, especially since she read her own poem," Handley said.

Ellyse Pineau, an associate professor in speech communication, opened the night with a poem by Barbara Kingslover and closed the evening with a recommendation for those in attendance.

"Good thoughts, strong thoughts, peace thoughts," Pineau said.

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**U.S. marks fifth anniversary of Iraq war**

A non-violent demonstrator is arrested for blocking the intersection of Market and Montgomery streets in San Francisco during fifth anniversary protest of the Iraq War Wednesday.

*Ben Feller The Associated Press*

**WIRE REPORTS**

**EUGY**

Bin Laden vows strong reaction against Europe because of cartoon

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama bin Laden criticized the publication of drawings insulting to the Prophet Muhammad in a new audio message posted late Wednesday and warned Europeans that a reaction would come.

The message, which appeared on a militant Web site that has carried al-Qaida statements in the past and bore the logo of the extreme group media wing al-Sahab, showed a still image of Bin Laden aiming with an AK-47.

A voice believed to be bin Laden's described the cartoons as taking place in a framework of a "new Crusade" against Islam and warned Europeans that a reaction would come.

"The response will be what you see and not what you hear and let our mothers and fathers know that we take action to keep our messenger of God," he said, without specifying what action would be taken.

The tape came as the Muslim world marked the Prophet Muhammad's birthday and less than a week after the Danish intelligence service said the reprinting of a cartoon depicting the prophet had brought "negative attention" to Denmark.

Bin Laden did not make any mention of Wednesday's fifth anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Danish newspapers republished a cartoon showing Muhammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban on Feb. 13 to show their commitment to freedom of speech after police said they had uncovered a plot to kill the artist.

**IRAQ**

Iraqi government clears major obstacle to provincial elections

BAGHDAD (AP) — Under strong U.S. pressure, Iraq's presidential council signed off Wednesday on a measure purging provincial elections by the fall, a major step toward easing sectarian strife in a nation marking the fifth anniversary of the war.

The council, made up of the country's president and two vice presidents, lays the groundwork for vote expansion that could lead to a disproportionate share of power at the expense of the Sunnis — even in areas with substantial Sunni populations.

That in turn helped fuel the Sunni-led insurgency and the wave of sectarian bloodletting which drew the country to the brink of civil war before President Bush naively rushed nearly 30,000 U.S. reinforcements to Iraq last year.

The decision by the council came two days after Vice President Dick Cheney visited Baghdad to press Iraq leaders to overcome their differences and take advantage of a fall in violence to make progress in power sharing deals to heal the country's rifts as the nation marks the fifth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq.

**MISSOURI**

Floods result in 11 deaths as hundreds flee central U.S.

FREDMc, Missouri (AP) — Residents of low-lying towns stacked sandbags or grabbed belongings and evacuated Wednesday after a foot of rain pushed rivers and creeks out of their banks in the nation's midsection. As least 11 deaths had been linked to the weather, and three people were missing.

Record or near-record flood crests were forecast at several towns in Missouri. Flooding was reported in large areas of Arkansas and parts of southern Illinois, southern Indiana, and southwestern Ohio, and schools were closed in parts of western Kentucky because of flooded roads.

"We've got water everywhere," said Jeff Forts, president of the Vanderburgh County, Ind., commission.

The National Weather Service posted flood and flash flood warnings from Texas to Pennsylvania.

After two days, rain had finally stopped falling Wednesday afternoon in much of Missouri and Arkansas as the weather system crawled toward the Northeast, drenching the Ohio Valley and spreading snow over parts of northern New England. A parallel band of locally heavy rain stretching from Alabama and Georgia to the mid-Atlantic states.

**NA**

Anti-war protesters wear masks during a demonstration near the White House in Washington Wednesday to mark the fifth anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion in Iraq.

**Sarah Karush The Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Protesters blocked traffic and government buildings in Washington, acted out a Baghdad street scene in Syracuse, N.Y., and banged drums in a parade through San Francisco on Wednesday to mark the fifth anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

In other, more somber observances, organizers set up a two-mile display of about 4,000 T-shirts in Cincinnati, meant to symbolize the members of the U.S. military killed in Iraq, while in Louisville, Ky., demonstrators lined rows of military boots, sandals and children's tennis shoes on the steps of a courthouse.

Laurie Wolfert of Louisville, whose son Alex finished an Army tour of duty in Iraq, said she fears the war keeps stirring U.S. economy has caused Americans to forget about the war.

"We're not paying attention any- more," she said. "My son has buried his friends. He's given eulogies, he's had to go through things no one should have to go through, and over here they're forgotten. They just go shopping instead."

On previous anniversaries, tens of thousands of people marched through major U.S. cities, and more than 100,000 gathered on several occasions leading up to the invasion.

Only a few hundred gathered for one of Wednesday's largest gatherings, in Washington, the crowds size perhaps kept in check by a late-winter storm system that stretched the length of the country.

More than 80 people were arrested, most of them outside in Washington and at the Syracuse demonstration.

At the Internal Revenue Service building in the nation's capital, about 150 protesters led by a marching band gathered at the main entrance. Several jumped barricades and sat down in front of the doors and were immediately detained. The demonstrators said they were focusing on the IRS, letting other institutions, because it gathers taxes used to fund the war.

Brian Bickett, 29, was among the first arrested. The high school theater teacher from New York City said he had never engaged in civil disobedience before.

"We need to find lots of different ways to resist the war, and I decided to try this," he said.
The drop reflects a campus-wide trend: The university is losing students. Student levels peaked at about 25,000 students in 1991, but fell to 20,983 by fall 2007. Administrators, including SIU President Glenn Poshard, have said the problem affects everything from student fees to building maintenance. A tuition hike that took effect in fall 2004 contributed to the increase of cost concerns for foreign students. International and out-of-state freshmen entering the university in fall 2007 paid $7,835 per semester in tuition alone. That number, which is 2.5 times the amount paid by in-state students, becomes a huge problem because international students cannot work off-campus except in special circumstances, Coppi said.

Federal law restricts international students from working more than 20 hours per week in an on-campus job. But most of those jobs are not available to foreign students because they cannot receive federal work-study. Coppi said.

She said students could apply for permits to work off-campus in case of economic hardship, but the permits take three months to process and cost $130.

Additionally, before international students can receive student visas, Coppi said, they must prove they can pay as much as $23,000 to $26,000 ahead of time.

Aaron Victor, president of the International Student Council, said international students can anticipate tuition costs, but are often caught off-guard by rising student fees.

Victor said students he talked to understood the need to increase fees for academic reasons, such as the purchase of new computers or renovation of Morris Library. But he said some fees unrelated to academics, such as the proposed $10 “green fee” to pay for an environmental sustainability council, were unnecessary and caused problems for students without a steady source of income.

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Global warming: A Justice issue

In the minds of a growing population in the environmental movement and beyond, climate change is as much a social justice issue as a traditional environmental issue – maybe more. Sure, we don’t want to see the havoc accelerated global warming will wreak on our natural environment. But for a lot of us around the world, what really matters is this: what regions will not have the money to get out. There is no need to be overly dramatic here – we only lack the credibility and historically rich cities. And who was affected most by the natural disaster and subsequent emergency mismanagement? The folks without the money and resources to make renewable energy competitive with its dirty counterparts; we only lack the political leadership to get us there.

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But when there is a lack of political leadership, it provides an opportunity for the people to lead. So step up y’all!

Wolfe’s Eye View

Digital burns heat up isolation

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Who knew you could burn books at the click of a mouse? Absurd as it may sound, a Web site like wabonga.com has found a way to do it.

The new Christian-based bookstore/facebook hybrid has gained notoriety for its innovative approach to online shopping: members vote for material that disturbs their fragile sensibilities and the people who happily play the part of the avant-garde Nazis skipping to the book burning – find the offensive material and set it aflame.

So speak, that is, I exaggerate the means, but the end is the same. There is, of course, no literal burning of books. However, it does beg the question, “If it’s book burns in cyberspace, does it make a sound?” So what is the motivation for doing such a thing? Why would a group of people choose to isolate itself from the rest of the world and start its own “Beware New World” shopping experience? The answer is, according to the Web site’s founders, “to stop complaining about the moral decline of our nation and pool our experience to do something about it.”

The most recent victims of Abunga are the obvious ones: literature on the occult, pornographic materials and Phillip Pullman’s anti-Christian novel “The Golden Compass.” However, titles that one wouldn’t expect to offend one’s sense of “family values” have been added to the site’s list of recently blocked books.

“I Dare You: Embrace Life with Passion,” a self-help guide to leading a more meaningful Christian life made the McCarthy-esque blacklist; and, no shocking of all, “It’s Designed to Do What It Does Don’t”, a children’s book about intelligent design has been given a digital “Fahrenheit 451” treatment.

Something is asked. The most plausible explanation is that those who are upset with the Web site’s policy have been creating accounts and mass e-mailing requests to remove a plethora of Christian books – the Bible included. However, Abunga Chairman Lee Martin insists that the company carefully scrutinizes members’ suggestions, to say nothing of the fact that it is easy to tell the difference between someone who wants to ban The Gospels as opposed to “How to Make Love like a Porn Star.”

True as that may be, it also does little for the site’s credibility. Operating under the assumption that these Orwellian militants are aware of every frivolous request for banned materials, they still did away with the previously mentioned books consciously and maliciously.

This also means the administrators are on a slippery slope to a particularly dark kind of hubris: They are playing God.

The only logical reason why a Christian group would ban a book on intelligent design is if it didn’t mesh with the group’s own warped vision of faith. This fact is evidenced by the pulling of “Evangelist of Desire: John Wesley and the Methodists,” a book on the formation of the second largest Protestant church in the country. So it is that Lee Martin and company have become so distracted by the glow of their own electronic burn pile that they have strayed not only from the Constitution, but also from the very faith they claim inspired this Frankenstein’s monster of an experiment. Abunga has every right, of course, to participate in a free market as they see fit. However, they have also unrightfully embodied something that has gone very wrong with this country.

Americans have – especially those on the far right – become so afraid of their own shadows that they feel it necessary to isolate themselves from the rest of the world. That’s not good for anyone, not for the country, not for Christianity and certainly not for this Web site’s dedicated following. Because no matter what dark corner of the Internet anyone finds refuge in to huddle around the warmth of smoldering literature, there is one person who will always be able to hear the crackle of digital fire: God.

Wolfe is a senior studying English education.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We’ve had enough

DEAR EDITOR:

Day in and day out, Greek Row is being put to the ultimate test. Our place of residence are crumbling, and the school has failed to take action.

I live in the Sigma Kappa house, and as of yesterday morning, we have woken up yet again to dark hallways, leaky ceilings and without towels.

But what does the university do? Write a note on all the doors, basically telling us to find somewhere else to stay. This is the second time that we have been forced to evacuate, and with little or no help at all from the school to find a place to keep warm and dry. This is absurd.

We pay the school not only for education but also for what we can have a place to rest our heads. However, that pillow has been put to the side, and we at Greek Row are stranded.

We made countless efforts to get a hold of superiors who could smother this problem, and so far they have to take action. What do we have to do to be heard? Where are the emergency lights or back-up generators? It is your job, SUI, to make sure that we ask for help, you do your best to meet that.

What are we supposed to do without the Internet for our homework, the power to charge our phones if there happens to be an emergency, heat to keep us warm or light so that we can see our belongings? It’s OK if it be without power for a few hours, but Wednesday was our second day.

When are people going to realize that these are our homes on Greek Row that are perishing? Maybe we should focus on important matters at hand, such as restoring power to Greek Row, because there are, in fact, people living there.

Lauren Edel

Wi-Fi is a senior studying English education.
Students need to interact with the department more and the things they do well show the university administrators that they care about it becoming a major,” Jones said.

Jones is an undergraduate from Chicago and has taken Black American Studies classes on multiple occasions. Students with different ethnicities are drawn to the classes, Jones said, so students of all backgrounds should consider the major.

“It opens a door to a lot and gives a different spin on other things you can learn,” Jones said.

Leonard Gadzekpo, a professor of Black American Studies, said he believes the major would offer a lot to the general population of students.

Gadzekpo said his students are always enthusiastic about classes and often take part in the department’s activities, such as summer trips to Ghana. Gadzekpo said with that much positive sentiment more and the things they do will show the university in the area, specifically for the program.

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Gadzekpo said because SIUC is the largest university in the area, it would be a plus to have it as a major because it would attract more students who would be interested in it, but cannot take it elsewhere.

“It has the potential to offer and help with intellectual development,” Gadzekpo said.

Brown said if the university did invest in making Black American Studies a major, it would add competition to the other state universities that have similar programs.

“If Western Illinois University can have Black American Studies as a major, I don’t see why SIUC can’t have it,” he said.

Abdul-Rasheed Na’Allah, department chair of African American Studies at Western Illinois University, said he was surprised to find out SIUC did not have the major. Na’Allah said it is a popular major at Western Illinois and some students come to the university from other states specifically for the program.

Na’Allah said African American Studies has been a program at Western Illinois since 1970. It started out as a minor and popular demand led to it becoming a major within two years, Na’Allah said.

Na’Allah said a program’s title could make it more difficult for it to become a major. The name Black American Studies could lead to a misunderstanding that the program only targets those of that ethnicity, Na’Allah said.

But African American Studies implies an international twist that gives students options as to what they focus on.

Na’Allah said he felt that if SIUC were to form a Black American Studies major, it would not only help the university, but also give students a chance to advance culturally.

“It is a major that enables people to advance scholarship and in international development,” Na’Allah said.
All the President’s Men

Story by Barton Lorimor • Photos by Brandon Chapple

Ten years out of political office, Poshard maintains influence in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD — Lawmakers in the state capital stopped what they were doing to shake hands with the familiar Glenn Poshard as he wandered the halls of the Capitol last week. Ten years ago, he was almost their boss.

Now president of the SIU system, Poshard was the Democratic candidate for governor of Illinois in 1998, but was narrowly defeated by George Ryan, a Republican from Kankakee, by a 51 percent to 47 percent margin.

Poshard has not been an elected official for nearly 10 years, yet his political connections are still alive as he represents the second-largest university system in the state.

Poshard returned to Springfield the night of March 11 to prepare a day of meetings with members of the House Appropriations — Higher Education Committee. The committee was scheduled to conduct a hearing March 13, and part of their discussion was a review of SIU’s budget request for fiscal year 2009.

If approved as requested, SIU would receive $247 million from the state, up from $191 million in 2007-08.

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Poshard traveled to the Capitol to meet with state representatives before they met with state representatives. Rich Brauer and Raymond Poe.

Poshard smiles as he admires the painting of former Illinois state Sen. Gary Forby from Benton, who now occupies Poshard’s old desk.

Poshard's role as an elected official began in 1984 when he was appointed to fill a vacant seat in the state Senate. Five years later, he ran a successful campaign to be a U.S. congressman. He held that position until 1999.

Poshard said he misses debating legislation as it would come through the state Senate or U.S. House, but having to be away from home was the hardest part of the job.

“A call even tells you how many family issues have been settled over the phone,” he said.

But Poshard recently answered the call of Blagojevich to lead a task force along with Dennis Hastert, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Together, Hastert and Poshard will recommend a possible $9 billion state revenue increase to the Illinois General Assembly.

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- 501 W. Oak
- 505 N. Oakland
- 511 N. Oakland
- 514 N. Oakland
- 514 N. Oakland
- 602 N. Oakland
- 1305 E. Park Lane
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- 406 W. Willow

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News in a New Way

News Delivered To You...
A man robbed a bank in Port Townsend, Wash., only two blocks from the police station and only a half-block from his apartment. In addition, the manager of his apartment building saw him running from the bank. In addition to that, a local television station happened to be filming nearby at the same time. Time between robbery and arrest: 26 minutes.

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT THIS THROUGH A LITTLE BETTER

A 13-year-old boy held up a sign on the school bus in Cocoa Beach, Fla., saying, “I’m going to blow up this bus.” He was wearing a T-shirt as a turban. He was arrested.

YOUR HONOR, ELVIS IS IN THE BUILDING

A 64-year-old man showed up in a Lexington, Ky., court to face a stalking charge drunk and dressed like Elvis. The judge found him in contempt.

SHE SEEMED VERY MATURE, OFFICER

A woman in Bedford, Texas, went into her 14-year-old daughter’s bedroom where she found a 27-year-old Philadelphia man her daughter had met on the Internet hiding in the closet. He had climbed in to the second-floor bedroom 24 hours earlier at the girl’s invitation. He said he thought she was 20, and did not raise any questions when she said she had to go to school the next day.

LESSON NUMBER ONE: BE CALM AND FRIENDLY TO OTHERS

A man accosted a group of people at a Minnesota bus stop and, in a fit of rage, hit one of them with a blue folder, which he dropped when he fled. Police were able to track him down from information in the folder, which included his homework from an anger management class he was taking.
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No. 1 Sun Devils next test for Salukis

Team hopes to ride wave for ASU upset

Megan Kramper

Despite not being the top seed at the NCAA Tournament, SIU men’s basketball team is not scoffing at its NIT foe.

On Tuesday, the No. 16-53 victory over Big 12 opponent Oklahoma State, the No. 4 seed Salukis traveled to Tempe, Ariz., on Wednesday to prepare for tonight’s battle against No. 1 seed Arizona State, a 2-10 team, at Wells Fargo Arena.

Coach Chris Lowery said though the team was disappointed to end its six-season streak of NCAA Tournament appearances this season, it takes the opportunity to play back-to-back games against premier league teams seriously.

“There are so many good teams in the NIT that you really want to play those guys,” Lowery said.

After the initial disappointment of Selection Sunday, Lowery said the team got a complete look at the field of 32 and knew it was not going to be an easy ride.

Defending NCAA national champion Florida is a No. 2 seed while runner-up Ohio State is a No. 3 seed.

Having Oklahoma State, which upset NCAA Tournament No. 4 seed Kansas less than a month ago, come to Carbondale also helps the program, Lowery said.

Lowery said changes were made after the Salukis’ quarterfinal loss in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament to Northern Iowa, including utilizing what is being worked on in practice and carrying it over into game time situations.

“My guys were ready to play again and have that uniform on and I think that’s the key,” Lowery said. “We wanted to play again and we took the NIT very seriously.”

Senior forward Matt Shaw said knowing every game could be the last put more on the line each time he steps onto the court.

“Just being a senior, you have more of a sense of urgency just knowing you’re not going to play anymore,” Shaw said.

This is the first time in seven seasons that SIU is not playing in the NCAA Tournament and its first appearance in the NIT since 2000.

Even with Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year Bryan Mullin in a dress shirt and pants, sophomore guard Tyreon Green took over control of the point guard position and combined to score 20 points.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Salukis miss the cash wagon

When the Salukis missed the NCAA Tournament they also missed out on a big payday.

With major construction projects in the works and higher coaching salaries, SIU would have benefited from getting a piece of the $6 billion pie of TV revenue in the new contract negotiations.

The 2006 tournament brought in $453 million from TV revenue alone, and the projected payout to the NCAA in the contract’s final year, 2013, is $764 million.

Drake is the only Missouri Valley Conference team in the tournament and MVC Chief Financial Officer Rich Steed said it hurts the conference financially to have one of its teams miss out.

“The financial aspect of the tournament is certainly helpful,” Steed said. “It’s a pretty well-proven fact that those that make the tournament get an additional marketing tool that helps the school and conference.”

Small schools that made the tournament are already reaping the positive effects. The Baltimore Sun reported that No. 15 seed University of Baltimore, Maryland County, received $1.2 million for its conference as the only school that received an additional $1.2 million for every game it wins. The money is distributed over a six-year period.

Money can also come to schools in an indirect way from NCAA Tournament success. George Mason shocked the college basketball realm when it made it to the Final Four in 2006 and it has reaped the benefits since.

Robert Bakes, director for George Mason’s Center for Sports Management, conducted a study that found interest in attending the school rose 350 percent and out-of-state applicants increased 40 percent while overall applicants rose 22 percent.

SIU and two other MVC teams made it to the National Invitation Tournament, but Steed said the NIT does little to help the Salukis.

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GOLF

SIU conquers ‘Diablio’

Luis C. Medina

After a slow start, top-10 finishes for SIU men’s and women’s golf teams have them headed in the right direction.

The Salukis’ men’s team shot a final-round 305 at the Diablo Grande Invitational Tuesday in Patterson, Calif., edging Columbia University for sixth place after opening the season with a 366th place finish at the Sanford Institutional.

Sophomore Blake Driskell finished 11th overall at 14-over-par to lead SIU. Following Driskell were junior John Danielson and Phillip Culver, who finished 21st at 19-over-par and 31st at 24-over-par, respectively.

As a team, SIU was able to finish three places higher than tournament host and Missouri Valley Conference rival Drake.

The tournament gave SIU the opportunity to play outdoors for the first time this season. The Salukis have been unable to play outside because of the unfavorable weather conditions in the southern Illinois region.

Coach Ken Gaffney said the tournament was tough, but provided momentum going into the Saluki Invitational.

“We had a chance to maybe take Minnesota, but they played really well in the last round,” Daugherty said. “Beating all the Valley teams there is obviously a confidence booster.”