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Rain causes delay in restoring power

Physical Plant employees Keith Fields, left, and Joe Wolfe work to replace a tee body in an effort to isolate the electrical problem affecting the Agricultural Building, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and Greek Row. The workers stated that they had to pump nearly 6 feet of water out of the manhole before they could begin their work.

STEPHEN RICKERL
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Some Greek Row residents forced to relocate because of two-day outage

Madeleine Leroux
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 Sievers said the source of the outage was discovered at about 4 a.m. Wednesday on South Travelstead Lane. Sievers 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," Sievers 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 Chestine, housing director for Sigma Kappa sorority, said the university had not been keeping residents informed on the situation or the options available for those left without lights or heat.

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Mother files suit against high school in son's death

Barton Lorimor
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The mother of a Carbondale Community High School student killed by lightning during a track meet last year has filed a lawsuit against the school and its boy's track team coach. Vanessa Webb, mother of Corey Williams, filed a 12-count lawsuit against Carlton Smith and administrators at the high school for reckless failure to monitor and wrongful death. Williams was struck by lightning March 29, 2007, during an Illinois High School Association Boys Track Meet at the Carbondale Superblock. Jack Davis, an attorney representing Webb with Nessler and Associates, Ltd., said the suit seeks damages valuing \$50,000 as a jurisdiction, which would allow the jury to decide how much money Webb would receive if she wins the case. Shortly after crowds were escorted away from the track field, Principal Vicky King told the DAILY EGYPTIAN the single lightning bolt came out of nowhere, and that witnesses she had spoken with said a storm had passed through, but there was no rain or lightning in the area at the time of the incident. Yet the complaint filed with the Jackson County Circuit Clerk's office said lightning was visible and could be heard at 3:35 p.m. Williams was struck by lightning shortly after 4 p.m. "The loss of society and companionship these folks have suffered is staggering," Davis said. "Corey Williams was a great kid. He was a promising kid with a great athletic career and a promising future."

Black American Studies to apply for major

Director says he plans to submit proposal next week

Jenn Lofton
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 students and several faculty members 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 proposal 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 reasons 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. Lenzy Jones, comptroller 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 SIUC's student body, which is usually critical for these decisions to be made.

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Progress of Black American Studies program

1968 • BAS established at the university	February 2000 • Political science major Tony Williams tries to push for BAS to become a major	February 2006 • University says more tenured professors are needed for BAS to become a major	March 2006 • BAS department attempts to make BAS a major	October 2006 • Ohio State University conducts external review of the program	March 2007 • Director of BAS meets with the College of Liberal Arts dean to submit the proposal to make it a major • USG votes to expand BAS	March 2008 • Final proposal written and set to be submitted after the end of next week
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<p>Online For an interactive video of the renovations to Morris Library, check out siuDE.com</p>	<p>Campus Students and faculty express feelings after five years in Iraq. PAGE 5</p>	<p>Currents Walk through Poshard's shoes as he lobbies in Springfield. PAGES 8 & 9</p>	<p>Sports Salukis feel the heat as they prepare for Sun Devils. PAGE 16</p>
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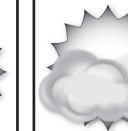
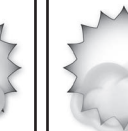
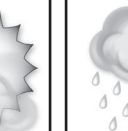

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power plant study delayed again
The university has once again pushed back announcing whether it will go forward with plans to build a new power plant on campus. SIU spokesman Dave Gross said Wednesday 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.
"When 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 Gattton 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 nix the project or give it the go-ahead.
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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.
Five of the victims were in critical condition Wednesday evening with injuries that included a crushed chest and legs, said Crestwood Police Chief Tim Sulikowski. Two firefighters also were hurt while helping victims, he said.
"It was pandemonium" as rescue workers made their way through several hundred 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 Schroeder 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 suddenly sped up, 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.

Illinois ranks at the top among states that spend money on early childhood education
SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Illinois ranks first in educational programs for 3-year-olds in a nationwide comparison of preschools conducted by Rutgers University researchers.
The state enrolls 19 percent of 3-year-olds in preschool according to The State of Preschool report, which was released Wednesday by the National Institute for Early Education Research.
The state ranked 12th in providing preschool to 4-year-olds. About 27 percent are enrolled.
The report showed that Illinois met nine of 10 academic benchmarks in areas like class size and the number of qualified teachers.
State officials say they've increased education funding by 90 percent, or \$164 million, in the past five years.

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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

“War reduces humans to body parts.”

— Diana Tigerlily poet at the fifth anniversary of the Iraq war event

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.

Elyse Pineau, associate professor of 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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Elyse Pineau, an associate professor in speech communication, reads a poem Wednesday at 'Peace, War, and Poetry,' an event commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Iraq war. The event was sponsored by The Peace Coalition, Students for Peace and Democracy and the Carbondale chapter of Iraq Veterans Against the War.

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EGYPT

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 of a strong reaction to 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 extremist group's 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 the 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 bereave us if we do not make victorious 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 paving the way for provincial elections by the fall, a major step toward easing sectarian rifts as the nation marks the fifth anniversary of the war.

The decision by the council, made up of the country's president and two vice presidents, lays the groundwork for voters to choose new leaders of Iraq's 18 provinces. The elections open the door to greater Sunni representation in regional administrations.

Many Sunnis boycotted the last election for provincial officials in January 2005, enabling Shiites and Kurds to win 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 drove the country to the brink of civil war before President Bush 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 Iraqi leaders to overcome their differences and take advantage of a lull in violence to make progress in power-sharing deals to heal sectarian and ethnic divisions.

MISSOURI

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

PIEDMONT, Mo. (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. At least 13 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 rising everywhere," said Jeff Korb, president of the Vanderburgh County, Ind., commissioners.

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

After two days, rain had finally stopped falling by 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 stretched from Alabama and Georgia to the mid-Atlantic states.

U.S. marks fifth anniversary of Iraq war



KARL MONDON ~ McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

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.

Bush: 'World is better' for Iraq war

Ben Feller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush defiantly defended the Iraq war Wednesday as U.S. troops began a sixth year of combat in the long and costly conflict that has dominated his presidency. Bush conceded the war has been harder and more expensive than anticipated but insisted it has all been necessary to keep Americans safe.

Protesters marked the anniversary of the U.S. invasion with demonstrations near the White House and

other cities, though they seemed to lack the fervor of those that preceded the war.

Bush, in a speech at the Pentagon, offered some of his boldest assessments of progress and said the war's legacy is absolute: "The world is better, and the United States of America is safer."

A war-weary country isn't nearly so convinced.

The majority of people think the invasion was a mistake, polls show. However, Americans are more split about how the war is going and when U.S. troops should be pulled home, as

reduced violence in Iraq has begun to influence the public view.

Almost 4,000 U.S. military members have died, and more than 29,000 have been wounded. The cost is \$500 billion and counting.

"No one would argue that this war has not come at a high cost in lives and treasure," Bush said. "But those costs are necessary when we consider the cost of a strategic victory for our enemies in Iraq."

The U.S. has about 158,000 troops in Iraq, and that number is expected to drop to 140,000 by summer. But Bush signaled anew that he will not pull more troops home as long as his commanders worry that doing so will imperil recently

improved conditions in Iraq.

"Having come so far, and achieved so much, we're not going to let this happen," Bush said.

Those costs are necessary when we consider the cost of a strategic victory for our enemies in Iraq.

— George W. Bush
U.S. President

Demonstrators converged in the nation's capital, other big cities like Miami and San Francisco, and in smaller towns in Vermont and Ohio to urge an end to the war. Police arrested more than 30 people who blocked the Internal Revenue Service building in

Washington, and protesters blocked downtown intersections several times.

However, the demonstrators numbered in the hundreds rather than the thousands organizers had hoped for.

Marches stop traffic, solemn memorials honor fallen soldiers across country

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 Wolberton of Louisville, whose son just finished an Army tour of duty in Iraq, said she fears the worsening U.S. economy has caused Americans to forget about the war.

"We're not paying attention anymore," 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've 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 mustered 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 100 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, among 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.



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

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.

International student levels in steady decline

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When Saad Jabr arrived at SIU, the university's president met him at the airport.

Former SIU President Delyte Morris greeted the first international student to graduate from the university when he arrived from Iraq in 1947. Since that time, the university has accommodated as many as 2,600 international students at a time, said Carla Coppi, interim director of International Programs and Services.

But the university has not been so fortunate recently, said Coppi, who has worked with the university's international population for 24 years. Increasing costs of education, stricter visa requirements and competition from other countries has left the university with a reduced international population.

More than 1,500 international students attended the university in fall 2002, but the number declined to just 1,161 in fall 2007, according to university records.

The drop reflects a campus-wide trend: The university is losing students.

Student levels peaked at about 25,000 students in 1991, but declined 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 \$7,935 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 \$340.

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

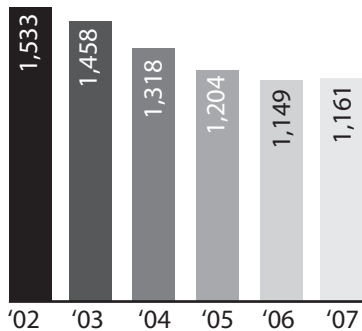


Sandeep, a graduate student from India studying electrical engineering, right, assists Mohammed Radwan, a freshman from Saudi Arabia studying industrial technology Wednesday at the International Programs and Services office in the Northwest Annex. International student enrollment at SIU has been declining since 2002.

STEPHEN RICKERL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Declining enrollment

Total international student enrollment Fall 2002 to Fall 2007



Source: University Records

Pablo Tobon ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

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.

Coppi said restrictions on student visas, particularly since Sept. 11, made it more difficult to study in the United States. Competition from other nations also provides obstacles for foreign student enrollment across the country. England, New Zealand, Australia and Canada provide a smoother process than the U.S., she said, and the country loses students to those nations.

"You have an open door policy (in countries) where you don't have to jump through the governmental hoops that you have to to get a visa to study in the United States," said Coppi. "I'm not showing Carla

Coppi's personal foreign policy views here. I am stating a fact."

According to Open Doors magazine, the country lost more than 21,000 international students between 2002 and 2004, indicating that SIUC is not alone.

But Coppi said she was encouraged by conversations with administrators about the need for an international population. She said she is the coordinator of a task force to assess international student recruitment and retention as well as study abroad and faculty exchange programs.

"We get everybody together ... and we say, 'How do we make every single person believe that every international person around the globe who is trying to study should be a Saluki?'" Coppi said.

She said the task force began its work at the beginning of 2007 and

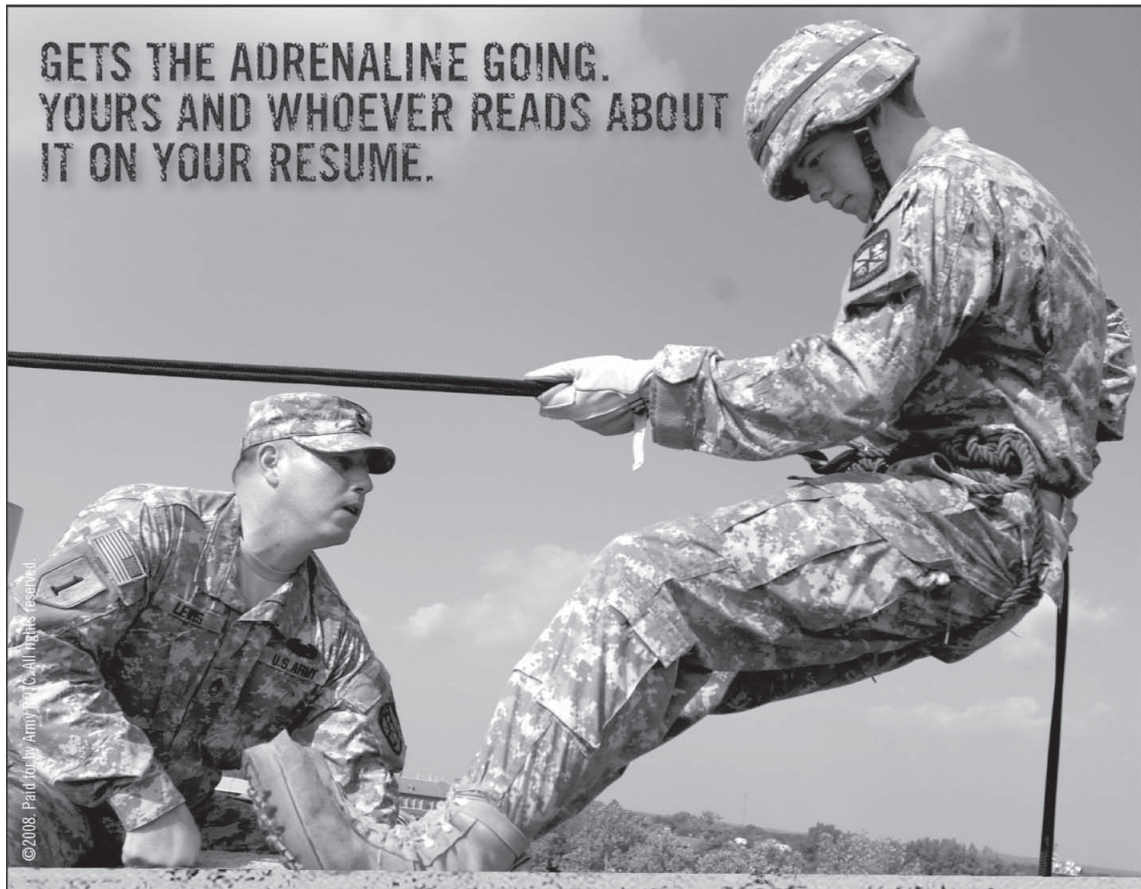
would present Executive Summaries of their recommendations to Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, in April.

Victor said the International Student Council worked with administrators, including Dietz and Poshard, to address student concerns. He said SIUC gave him a great experience, but he knew some students who had left to go home or to other universities.

"It's a tough issue," Victor said. "It won't be a problem we solve next semester."

Despite the changing times, at least one gesture of university hospitality remains alive: Coppi said university staff members often pick up students from the airport.

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IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE

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 makes us wake up and hit the streets is the extent to which developing nations will be affected by a problem they've had a very small hand in creating.

Hurricane Katrina is a perfect example. Obviously no one can say conclusively that global warming played a role in that particular disaster, but a continued rise in oceanic temperatures will mean a higher frequency of severe hurricanes like the one that decimated one of our most culturally diverse 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 get out.

New Orleans serves as a microcosm for what we will see in the future if the worst effects of climate change are allowed to manifest. Folks in more economically depressed regions will not have the money to prepare for and recover from many of the extreme weather events that scientists say may become more extreme and more frequent.

Many poor nations are already horribly in debt to institutions like the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. They may be forced into greater debt and coerced into more "structural adjustments," privatizing more of their public sectors and resources for the benefit of transnational corporations owned by the

global north.

Those countries that have played the greatest role in accelerating global warming share the greatest responsibility to cut carbon emissions. But no one ought to feel blamed for being born in a wealthy country that's consumption of fossil fuels was out of control before they were even born.

It's not about blame. It's about stepping up and taking responsibility for our country's past and present actions,

We have the money and resources to make renewable energy competitive with its dirty counterparts; we only lack the political leadership to get us there.

however unintended its consequences have been. It's about recognizing the opportunity our generation has to help lead the world away from more destructive practices toward those good for people and the health of the environment.

It's time for bold steps toward the future. By building the infrastructure necessary to make utility scale renewable energy an economically viable solution, we help rapidly developing countries like China avoid issues like the current proliferation of dirty energy from coal-fired power plants.

We have the money and resources to make renewable energy competitive with its dirty counterparts; we only lack the political leadership to get us there.

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

If you want to help lead the way toward a clean energy future, you can check out the Student Environmental Center online at www.secsiuc.org and in person at 8 p.m. Thursdays at the Interfaith Center on the corner of South Illinois and Grand avenues.

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, <http://www.abunga.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 administrators — who happily play the part of the ardent Nazi skipping to the book burning — find the offensive material and set it aflame.

So to 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 a 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 "Brave 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 enriching Christian life made the McCarthy-esque black list; and, most shocking of all, "It's Designed to Do What It Does Do," a children's book about intelligent design has been given a digital "Fahrenheit 451" treatment.

Something is askew. 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 masterminds 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 unwittingly 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 places 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 heat.

But what does the university do? Writes 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 so that 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 have made countless efforts to get a hold of superiors who

could resolve 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, SIU, to make sure that when 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 at first to 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 Edell

sophomore studying journalism

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WORDS OVERHEARD

“What is reasonable about a total ban on possession?”

Chief Justice John Roberts during the recent Supreme Court debate on the ban of handgun ownership in Washington, D.C.

MAJOR

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"Students need to interact with the department more and the things they do will 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 response from those students, making Black American Studies a major would not only benefit them, but the university as well.

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.



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The Rev. Joseph Brown, director of Black American Studies, closes his eyes during a moment of silence during a vigil for the victims of the NIU shooting Feb. 19. Brown is completing a proposal to make Black American Studies a major at SIUC.

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.

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OUTAGE

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"It wouldn't be such a big problem if we were getting notices or if we were being kept in the loop," said Chestine, a graduate student from Chicago studying rehabilitation administration.

Chestine said the issue is with communication. Residents want to know that everything is getting taken care of, she said, but nobody is giving updates.

Elizabeth Scally, associate director of housing, said the university has been in contact with house directors at Greek Row since the power went out. There were also signs posted in the buildings to inform residents of available rooms in University Park and meals in Trueblood and Lentz dining halls.

But Greek Row is interesting, Scally said, because the buildings are not residence halls. They are leased out to Greek organizations, and that makes things a little bit different.

"We're trying to do everything, obviously, in our power to make sure that they have everything they need," Scally said.

Chris Durby, a senior from Kankakee studying business management, said he stayed with a friend last night since the Alpha Gamma Rho house was out of power. It's not worth complaining, he said, because the university doesn't do anything about complaints from Greek Row residents.

"The university doesn't care," Durby said. "That's pretty much obvious."

Kali Hofer, a senior from Buckley studying marketing, said the ceiling tiles of the Sigma Kappa house have been falling in because of leaks, and some areas of the house now smell of mold.

"We feel like if it was any other residence hall they'd be dealing with it more," Hofer said.

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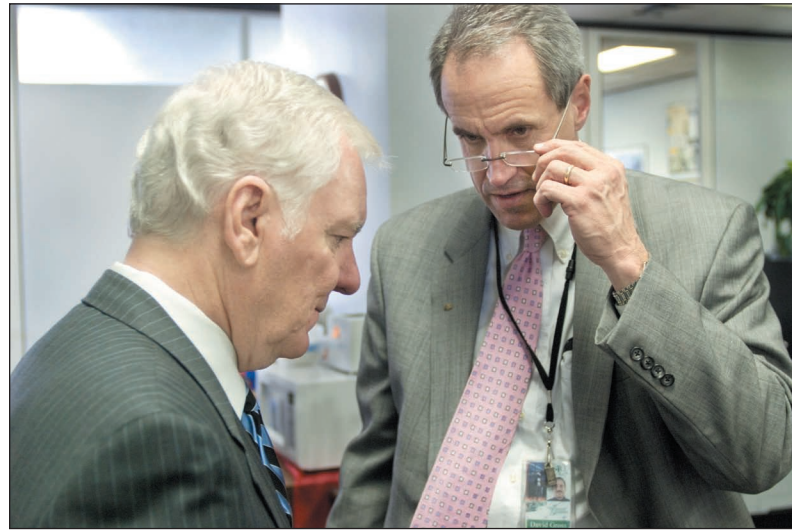


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ABOVE: University government spokesman Dave Gross briefs SIU President Glenn Poshard before they meet with state representatives. **RIGHT:** Poshard smiles as he admires the painting of former Republican presidents playing cards while he waits to meet with state Reps. Rich Brauer and Raymond Poe. **BELOW:** Poshard and Gross wait to meet representatives outside the chamber of the Illinois House of Representatives. The two spent more than 10 hours talking with representatives.



Standing next to his old senate seat, Dr. Poshard admires the chamber of the Illinois Senate. He said he misses the debates in politics but not the constant travel.

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 for 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 starting in July.

Accompanied by Dave Gross, government spokesman for the university, Poshard traveled to the Springfield offices of committee members one day before the hearing, and assured them he would answer their questions.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich said the state's higher education budget for fiscal year 2009 would remain flat — no increases or decreases. Despite that, SIU is one of many state universities continuing to ask for an increase to its yearly spending plan. Poshard said a faculty

contract guaranteeing pay raises and a long list of maintenance needs in Edwardsville and Carbondale were the main reasons SIU has requested a budget increase of nearly 8 percent.

At the hearing, committee members such as state Rep. Rich Brauer, R-Springfield, asked questions about the university's requested budget, and complimented Poshard for the leadership he provides SIU.

A trip down memory aisle

"I have a lot of good memories of this room," Poshard said as he wandered down the aisles of the Illinois state Senate chamber. He smiled when he discovered fellow southern 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 vacated 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.

"I can't even tell 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 source to support the Capital Construction Plan.

The plan is a grouping of bills that would distribute tax dollars to state infrastructure and construction needs, such as road improvements and new public university buildings. It has been stuck in the Illinois House of Representatives since September as legislators search for a payment method.

The president's man

As he waited for Poshard to finish a meeting with state Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Bellefonte, Gross said there is no such thing as a "regular week" for him.

Gross said his primary job is to speak with people in the state government connected to legislation that may affect SIU. Before he was hired to lobby for SIU three years ago, Gross worked at the Capitol and surrounding office buildings for more than 20 years as an assistant to members of the state General Assembly.

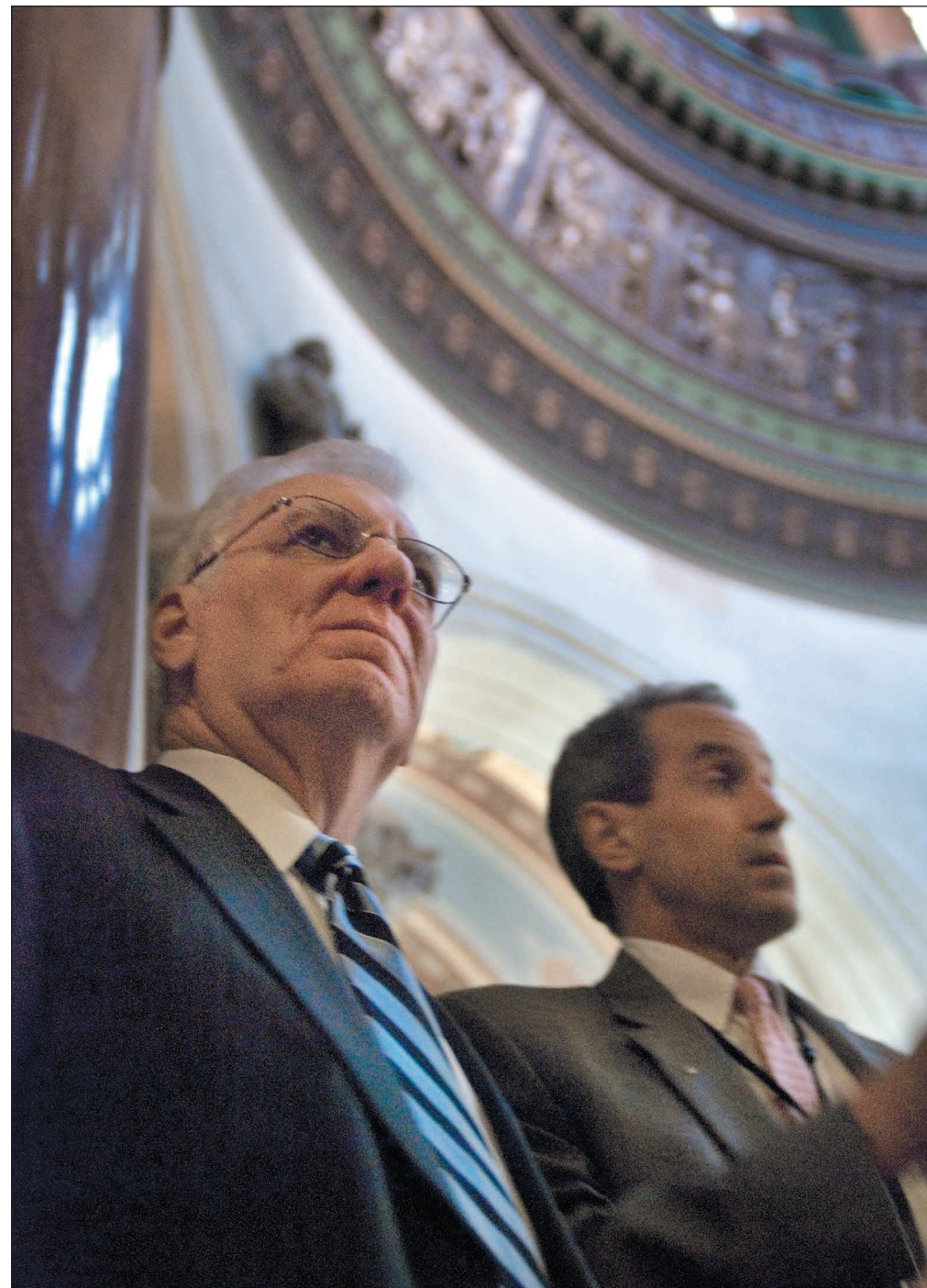
Before Poshard met with any state representative last week, Gross briefed him about the legislator's voting history and how it affects the university.

Gross' work with members of the appropriations committee earned him additional recognition during the March 13 hearing.

"Dave Gross is second to none," Brauer said to Poshard.



Poshard meets with Steve Brown, spokesman for speaker of the house Michael Madigan, in the office of the speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives.



Poshard speaks with state Rep. Richard Myers, a member of the House Appropriations for Higher Education Committee, which met the following day to discuss SIU's budget for fiscal year 2008/09.

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- Distinctive atmospheres
- Local poet
- Naysayer's position
- Purify sea water
- Golfer Ernie
- Male sib
- Team charm
- Start of a local sobriquet
- Honshu port
- Handlelike parts
- Part 2 of sobriquet
- Israeli seaport
- View quickly
- End of sobriquet
- Execrable
- Concur silently
- Forerunner of the CIA
- Wayside shelter

DOWN

- Writer Jong
- Aired again
- Prevent
- Cartoon Bunny
- Leading
- European river
- Billy and Zola
- Biblical land
- Laconian city
- Ruffian
- Egt.-Syr., once
- Govt. advisory grp.
- Turn right!
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- Hit the road
- Portland's bay
- Ear bone
- Winter Palace rulers
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- Royal address, in brief
- Psyche part
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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — Put your imagination to work this year. It'll be exciting. Don't skimp on planning and research. You want to be successful, so put in the extra effort.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — **Today is a 7** — Caution is advised in workplace environments. Your basic routine is apt to be disrupted, perhaps severely. Don't use this as an excuse; win in spite of it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — **Today is a 9** — It's nice to have others depend on you. You're used to this by now. Don't allow them to become a burden, though. Set limits and enforce them.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — **Today is a 6** — There's still a lot of confusion, but you're getting your team together. Align with a group that share your goals and supports a strong leader.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — **Today is a 7** — Fantasies are wonderful, if you leave them that way. When you start to act on them, new difficulties are encountered. Leave well enough alone.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — **Today is a 6** — You're starting to get your seasonal wanderlust by now. You want to go places, but how will you be able to afford the journey? Great imagination is required.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — **Today is an 8** — Maybe it's better if you take control of the financial situation. You're most likely to make good purchasing choices for a while.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — **Today is a 6** — You're becoming more of a manager than a hands-on doer. There are a few adjustments to make, but you'll be fine. You have natural talent for administration.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — **Today is a 6** — Emotional people could be super-sensitive now, to put it mildly. If you know somebody like that, be prepared for a meltdown.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — **Today is a 6** — You're under a bit of tension, but you're handling it well. You might even think it's funny, and that's a very good thing. Make the rearrangements that work well for you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — **Today is a 7** — Spend more time on domestic projects during the next few weeks. Picture your place the way you want it to be, and then make it happen.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — **Today is a 6** — A financial setback may have you worried. Don't stress about it. You're very good under pressure. You, or one of your advisers, will think of something.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — **Today is a 7** — Competition makes you more creative. In this situation it also increases your ability to make a profit on what you're doing. This is a good thing.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: **FOUR** HIS " **FOUR** "

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Weird news

Stories far too strange for the rest of the paper

Mike Pingree
Boston Herald

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT THIS THROUGH A LITTLE BETTER

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.

AND I WANT YOU TO CALL ME OSAMA

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.

PULSE CHATTERBOX

Actor Gary Busey has recently apologized for intruding on a red carpet E! News interview with actress Jennifer Garner at last month's Academy Awards ceremony. In the incident, Busey hugged Garner, who he had not previously met, and kissed her on the neck. "Everyone has experienced a handshake or hug which has turned awkward, and this was no different," Busey stated in his apology. What do you think of this rationalization?



Devin Vaughn

That sounds eerily similar to Michael Jackson's last press release regarding his molestation charges.



Alicia Wade

I would assume that almost anything with Gary Busey becomes awkward at some point in time. You know, like, interacting, looking in the mirror ... breathing ...



Diana Soliwon

C'mon, we all get a little touchy feely when Jennifer Garner's around.

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The NCAA Tournament officially kicks off today at sites around the country. Who do you think is this year's 'Cinderella'?



JEFF ENGELHARDT
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"I have Kansas State in the Sweet Sixteen but it has enough to go all the way. The combination of Michael Beasley and Bill Walker is good enough to overcome any opponent on the right night. It might not be the same as Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara in Syracuse's run, but it's as close as I have seen."

"Georgia has a definite possibility to make a good run considering the amount of momentum it is on, but I like St. Joseph's. It has the potential to be this year's George Mason with four of their starting guys scoring in double figures and beating out a tough Xavier team in the A-10 Tournament."

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LUIS MEDINA
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"Davidson is my sleeper squad. The Wildcats are led by sophomore Stephen Curry, a 'high major' talent at a 'mid major' school. He's a game changer who averages 25.1 points per game, shoots better than 43 percent from 3-point range and better than 89 percent from the charity stripe."

STAT OF THE DAY
Joshua Bone



In his first start since Jan. 26, SIU sophomore guard Joshua Bone scored nine of his 11 points from the 3-point line in SIU's 69-53 victory against Oklahoma State. Bone will continue to start in place of injured guard Bryan Mullins for the remainder of the season.

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Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered?
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NCAA

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conferences financially.

"There is no comparison," Steed said. "It's great to have three teams in the NIT but it does virtually nothing compared to the NCAA on the financial end of things, even if they do reach the finals."

The NIT was in such dire condition that the NCAA purchased the tournament in 2005, but even with NCAA claiming rights to the NIT, the money is lacking.

The NCAA Tournament is carried by CBS, pay-per-view packages and online media with plenty of sponsors while the NIT is shown on ESPN networks and mostly sponsored by MasterCard.

Each team in the NCAA Tournament gets a unit for its conference for every game it

appears in and this season the unit is at \$1.2 million, which will be paid over six years.

Last season the MVC collected four units — three from SIU's Sweet Sixteen run and one from Creighton's first round loss.

This season the MVC would be able to get a maximum of six units if Drake goes on to win the national championship.

Mark Scally, SIU assistant athletic director for business, said the conference is still receiving revenue from past tournament success but the whole MVC is hoping for a deep tournament run from Drake.

"I would say the conference is still in very good shape from past years and this isn't a big catastrophe or anything," Scally said. "But we all are hoping Drake can get to the Final Four because it's great exposure for the schools in our conference and it would be great for them."

BASKETBALL

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Green also added eight assists with zero turnovers.

"I joked about it earlier — I don't think Bryan (Mullins) has had eight assists and no turnovers," Shaw said with a laugh.

The two teams have not faced off against each other in 31 years, when the Salukis grabbed an 81-77 win to advance to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in 1977.

Arizona State defeated Alabama State 64-53 Tuesday behind freshman guard James Harden's 25 points and a season-high 13 rebounds.

Harden leads the Sun Devils in scoring with 17.8 points and 5.2 rebounds per game.

Junior forward Jeff Pendergraph adds 12.3 points and 6.4 rebounds and freshman Ty Abbott rounds out the top scorers with 10.1 points per game.

The Sun Devils lost in the first round of the Pac-10 Tournament to USC 59-55, ending their chances of advancing to the Big Dance.

Tonight's game will be televised live on ESPN 2 with tip off set for 11 p.m. Central Standard Time in Carbondale.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 1 Sun Devils next test for Salukis

Team hopes to ride wave for ASU upset

Megan Kramper
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Though it might not be the top-shelf postseason competition it has gotten used to in the past six seasons, the SIU men's basketball team is not scoffing at its NIT foes.

Fresh off Tuesday's 69-53 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 Pac-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. 3 seed while runner-up Ohio State is a No. 1 seed.

Having Oklahoma State, which upset NCAA Tournament No. 1 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



DuVale Riley ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman forward Carlton Fay attempts to pass the ball past an Oklahoma State defender during the Salukis 69-53 win Tuesday night at the SIU Arena. The Salukis will play Arizona State today in the NIT tournament.

that's the key," Lowery said. "We wanted to play again and we took the NIT very serious."

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

After a disappointing 2-of-11 shoot-

ing effort in what was expected to be the team's last game on its home floor, a March 1 loss to Illinois State, Shaw led the Salukis on Tuesday with 21 points and 4-of-7 shooting from behind the 3-point arc.

"Just being a senior, you have more of a sense of urgency just knowing

you're not going to get 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 Mullins in a dress shirt and pants, sophomore guard Joshua Bone and senior guard Tyrone Green took over much control of the point guard position and combined to score 20 points.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis miss the cash wagon

Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

When the Salukis missed the NCAA Tournament they also missed a chance for a big payday.

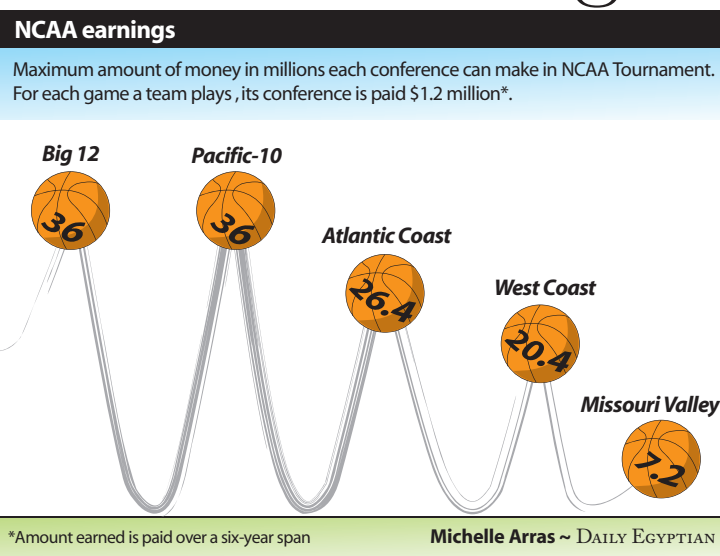
With major construction projects in the works and higher coaches' salaries, SIU would have benefited from getting a piece of the \$6 billion pie the NCAA and CBS have to offer. In 2002 the NCAA signed an 11-year deal with CBS that guaranteed the NCAA \$6 billion over that span.

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 only one representative.

"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 seeing the positive effects. The Baltimore Sun



reported that No. 15 seed University of Baltimore, Maryland County, received \$1.2 million for its conference when it made the tournament and will receive 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 Baker, 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

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GOLF

SIU conquers 'Diablo'

Luis C. Medina
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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

The Salukis' men's team shot a final-round of 305 at the Diablo Grande Invitational Tuesday in Patterson, Calif., edging Columbia University for sixth place after opening the season with a 16th place finish at the Samford Invitational.

Sophomore Blake Driskell finished 11th overall at 14-over-par to lead SIU. Following Driskell were juniors John Danielson and Phillip Collier, 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 tournaments 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 Leroy Newton said he was impressed with how his team has progressed since the first match and said he expects improvement as the season moves forward.

"The kids didn't like the high scores and they're not used to the high scores, so they're going to get with it and get better," Newton said.

While the men were disappointed with their finish, the women fared better on their side of the Diablo Grande Invitational, which ran from Sunday until Tuesday.

SIU shot a final-round 313 en route to posting a team score of 962, which was good enough for second place.

Even though the Salukis finished 10 strokes behind tournament champion Minnesota, their second-place finish was better than conference rivals Northern Iowa (3rd), Drake (4th), Wichita State (7th) and Creighton (9th).

Kelly Gerlach finished tied for second overall, posting a 21-over-par after three rounds. Teammates Lauren May, Christine Zoerlein and Kate Laegeler also finished in the top-15 of individual scorers.

Coach Diane Daugherty 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."