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After audit, dropping classes could get harder

JEFF ENGELHARDT
Daily Egyptian

The window of opportunity to drop classes could be closing after an audit showed SIUC failed to report enrollment changes in the required timeframe, university spokesman Rod Sievers said.

The enrollment reporting was one

of four different areas shown to have deficiencies in a report from the Illinois Office of the Auditor General, Sievers said.

Many students drop classes after the 10-day window closes, making it hard to keep track of enrollment statuses for individual students. The report found 25 enrollment status changes went unreported out of a sample of 33 cases.

Sievers said the university failed to report the enrollment status of students to the National Student Clearinghouse for federal student loan programs because there was not strict enough implementation of the class-dropping policy.

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SIUC to offer textbook rentals

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

SIUC will begin to rent textbooks to students after months of planning, Chancellor Sam Goldman said.

At the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday, Goldman said the university would implement early stages of the plan in the fall, though it will not be in the early

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chancellor

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"It will be implemented in the fall, but it will not be across the board," he said. "We have people

still in meetings right now to discuss everything."

Goldman said members from the Saluki First Year Experience

committee had been in discussions to implement the program next year to help incoming freshmen.

The university is in the last semester of its contract with the Follett Higher Education Group, the school's textbook provider. Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, had previously told the DAILY EGYPTIAN the university was looking to implement the program as it renegotiated its

contract with Follett.

Follett launched a textbook rental program in fall 2009 at seven universities across the country. SIUC is not among the 58 universities listed to adopt the Rent-A-Text program this fall, according to the group's Facebook page.

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ST. PATTY'S STEW



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Kyncial Park, the head cook at Callahan's Irish Pub at 760 E. Grand Ave., stirs a pot of Guinness stew Tuesday in the pub's kitchen. Guinness stew is one of three meals being offered today at the pub for St. Patrick's Day and is also the most intricate, according to Park. The stew includes a gallon of Guinness beer, less than a gallon of

red wine and is cooked for three days, Park said. Corn beef and cabbage, the stew and bangers and mash were also offered for unofficial St. Patrick's Day, but Park said he hopes there is a better turnout today. "We're trying to bring back the Irish food since we're the only Irish bar in Carbondale," Park said. "We have big shoes to fill."

Layoffs, furloughs, budget perturb Faculty Senate

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Despite the sun shining through the windows, it was a gloomy atmosphere inside the Student Center Tuesday as members of the Faculty Senate discussed the state of the budget and what it meant to their jobs.

Philip Howze, president of the Faculty Senate, said he went into the

10 percent cut proposals due today for all colleges

meeting wanting to understand from Chancellor Sam Goldman how the budget would affect him and his peers.

"What I want to know is how bad this cut is going to be and how bad is it going to affect SIUC — this university," he said. "Tell us our problems, and don't keep everything under wraps. We've got to know."

Goldman addressed the senate with news that each college had to create a proposal to present a way each college could cut 10 percent from its budget. He said each proposal would be due by the end of today's business hours, when they would be sent to SIU President Glenn Poshard, who would send them to Illinois legislators for review.

The General Assembly asked for the school to provide the proposals as it tries to cut away the state's \$13 billion debt. The 10 percent cuts would need to be made by June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

The proposals would show legislators how devastating a 10 percent cut would be to the university.

Goldman said:

"We started looking around and seeing what the impact would mean, and let me tell you: it would be terrible," he said. "The amount of bodies strewn all over the place would be incredible, and the impact on the local economy would be crippling."

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New roof on Attucks High School

There's a new roof on the future home of Carbondale's African-American Museum, but further renovations to the old Attucks High School building may be delayed depending on fundraising success, museum founder Corene McDaniel said.

The city purchased the Attucks

High School building in 2005 and the museum received a \$112,131 state grant in 2009, which was exhausted on the roof and exterior renovations. The museum, housed in University Mall, has since fallen short of its fundraising goals, McDaniel said.

The price tag on the roof was

roughly \$138,000, McDaniel said. Renovations of the entire exterior of the building, including the roof, windows and doors, will total approximately \$220,000, she said.

"We still need to continue types of fundraising campaigns," McDaniel said.

Gilbert to leave for Exponent today

Automotive technology professor Dr. David Gilbert will leave for Exponent Research's California facilities today, fellow automotive professor Omar Trinidad said Tuesday.

In a March 8 webcast and news conference, representatives from Toyota Motor Corp. and the research firm attempted to prove Gilbert's findings on sudden unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles

irrelevant.

Gilbert used "careful and deliberate manipulation," when he rewired the gas pedal circuitry on a Toyota Avalon model, in which he demonstrated "unnatural" SUA to ABC News' Brian Ross in a Feb. 23 broadcast, Exponent representatives said. Gilbert failed to prove such circumstances would occur in the normal operation of the vehicle, they said.

Representatives personally invited Gilbert to the Exponent facilities to discuss their criticism of his work, Trinidad said.

"The biggest thing we don't want to do is have any mud throwing—us disproving them, them disproving us; we're just here to research the truth," Trinidad said.

Trinidad and Gilbert began research Feb. 11 on SUA in Toyota vehicles.

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Carbondale police arrested Elias Jackson, 24, Friday at the 700 block of East Main Street on suspicion of obstructing identification, driving while license suspended, failure to wear a seatbelt, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, possession of cannabis over 2,000 grams and intent to deliver, a department release stated. Officers also arrested Tyler L. Baxter, 19, on suspicion of possession of cannabis over 2,000 grams and intent to deliver. Jackson and Baxter are being held in the Jackson County Jail, the release stated.

Carbondale police responded at 5 p.m. Sunday to the 1100 block of East Main Street in reference to a report of a retail theft, a department release stated. During the course of the investigation, officers arrested Sheena Carpenter on suspicion of felony retail theft. Carpenter is being held in the Jackson County Jail, the release stated.

Carbondale police arrested Doyle Bridges at 11 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of West Walnut Street and South Illinois Avenue, a department release stated. Bridges, 37, of DeSoto, Ill., was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, driving while license suspended, no valid registration and illegal transportation of alcohol, the release stated. Bridges is being held in the Jackson County Jail.

Carbondale police responded at 3 p.m. Saturday to the 600 block of South Oakland Avenue in reference to a report of a residential burglary, a department release

stated. Officers learned between 1 p.m. March 6 and 3 p.m. Saturday an unknown suspect entered the residence and stole property, the release stated.

Officers arrested Charles Fenner, 21, of Carbondale, Thursday on suspicion of driving under the influence, driving while license suspended and obstructing identification related to an early morning traffic crash at the 500 block of South Wall Street, a department release stated. Fenner is being held in the Jackson County Jail.

Anyone with information about any of the reported incidents is encouraged to contact the police department at 457-3200 or Crime Stoppers at 549-COPS (2677). Anonymous tips may be submitted.

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AUDIT

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"I think people were allowed to get past the period to drop a class and you just can't do that, but it was allowed to happen," Sievers said. "Unless there was some huge problem or something devastating, we need to make sure that doesn't happen."

The report showed the university also submitted incorrect information in a fiscal operation report, failed to meet employee time sheet requirements and duplicated reimbursements for travel vouchers.

Sievers said the Office of Enrollment Management is making changes in procedures to fix the problem.

The Office of Enrollment Management deferred all comments to Sievers.

Sievers said none of the violations

were egregious, but the audit report is a good way to implement changes and review procedures.

"That's what these audits are for. They check your procedures against the rules," Sievers said. "Of all the rules out there, to get a couple of these findings isn't the biggest worry in the world."

The report showed the university had made all the suggested changes from the fiscal year 2008 audit — except one.

The university does not have a policy that requires faculty to periodically turn in time sheets to the nearest quarter hour. The lack of a policy is in noncompliance with the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

Sievers said this has been an ongoing problem between the state and the university since the policy was imple-

Excerpts from audit report

1. The university does not have a policy that requires all employees to periodically submit time sheets documenting the time spent each day on official University business to the nearest quarter hour as required by the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

Future to require appropriate time sheets from all employees quarterly regardless of their job title.

2. Out of 33 enrollment status changes listed, 25 were not reported to the National Student Clearinghouse within the required time frame. Two of 33 listed were not reported to NSC at all.

A student's enrollment status determines eligibility for deferment, grace periods and payments as well as the government's payment of interest subsidies.

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mented in 2004. He said because faculty members are paid on salaries and not by the hour, the policy should not extend to them.

"The faculty say it doesn't really apply to them and it really shouldn't

... but eventually we're going to have to bring these guys on board and I don't know how that is going to happen," Sievers said.

Philip Howze, president of the Faculty Senate, said unlike some civil service employees, faculty members don't clock in and out of work. But if the university decided to require time sheets from faculty, he said he would comply.

"I could be washing dishes at home thinking about my next lesson plan or research, so it's not really measurable," Howze said. "It's hard to know when we are in compliance or not because sometimes we're not told about these things."

The university also processed duplicate travel voucher reimbursements, totaling \$2,036. Sievers said it was a clerical error and changes are

being made in the accounts payable department to prevent future occurrences. Five of the duplicate billings were paid back before the audit, while the other five were paid back after auditor inquiry, according to the report.

At SIU-Edwardsville, the Student Financial Aid Office misreported an amount on the Fiscal Operation Report and Application to Participate by \$468,000.

The report stated the error occurred when the university failed to add a zero, reporting \$52,006 instead of \$520,006. Sievers said he does not believe any penalties will be given as a result of the noncompliance instances.

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Tensions increase as USG fails to discuss student fees

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Undergraduate Student Government did not discuss student fees as it had planned at its Tuesday meeting, but instead developed newfound animosity within its senate.

The senate prepared beforehand to discuss and vote on the proposed student fees for fiscal year 2011, but no member had written a bill to distribute to the senate to discuss.

Vice President Ashley Epps said this was the first time she was in the position to bring up the bill during the meeting, and was unaware a bill had to be written.

Because the senate was not presented with a bill, it agreed to table the

discussion and vote at its next meeting March 30.

This gives students another chance to come speak about the proposed fees, as none attended the meeting.

The discussion then turned to Dave Loftus, chairperson pro tempore for the senate and the chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee.

Six senators submitted a bill to the senate that would remove Loftus from his position for lack of fulfilling duties. If approved, Loftus would lose his position, but still be a senator.

Because the bill failed to pass by one vote, Loftus kept his position.

Loftus said he was not aware the bill existed until he arrived at the meeting and received the agenda.

"What do you guys want me to say?" Loftus said. "That I've been doing my job like I should?"

The bill stated Loftus failed to return a copy of the committee's operating papers to the executive staff, failed to hold regular meetings with the other members of the committee and has filled only five of the seven necessary seats.

It also stated Loftus failed to alert the executive staff the committee needed to hold elections in order to fill the vacant seats.

Loftus said he lost members because of the change of the senate meetings from Wednesday last semester to Tuesday this semester.

He said even though the seats in the committee have not been filled, the

members have brought positive changes to the senate's constitution and have made sure expenses have been made constitutionally.

Lee Deans, senator for the College of Liberal Arts and a sponsor on the bill, said Loftus tries to attack the executive office more than he tries to create positive change.

"Everything you do, Dave, you try to make the executives look bad," Deans said. "You flip everything around."

Eventually, Epps ended the discussion on the bill because she said the senators resorted to insults rather than respectful discussion.

The senate did vote unanimously to approve its new election commissioner, Sean Thomas, a senior from Maquon

discussing elementary education.

The senate intended to approve Thomas last week at an emergency meeting, but it did not meet quorum.


At the end of the meeting, Krystin McDermott, chief of staff, said she was concerned about the bitterness within the senate. She said a lot of the problems discussed in the meeting were never brought to anyone's attention beforehand.

"I want you guys to feel like you can talk to us personally," McDermott said. "I don't want the senate to go downhill by any means."

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Members of the team will conduct open meetings to gather your input about the University and our accreditation self-study (available at <http://ncaaccreditation.stuc.edu/>). We urge everyone interested in the future of SIUC to attend.

Here is the schedule of meetings:

Monday, March 22
3 p.m., University Museum Auditorium, for staff.
4 p.m., University Museum Auditorium, for faculty.
4 p.m., Student Center Mississippi Room, for students.

Tuesday, March 23
10 a.m., University Museum Auditorium, for faculty.

For more information, contact Jim Allen, Self-Study Coordinator, at 453-7653 or by e-mail at jallen@siu.edu.



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-INSIGHT-



Head waiter Seth Gautreaus serves an order of beignets and coffee to a customer last week at Café Du Monde in New Orleans, La.

The beignet business

SAMI BOWDEN
Daily Egyptian

At 800 Decatur St., across from Jackson Square, fried dough is served in threes with coffee.

Powdered sugar is piled onto what a southern Illinoisan might identify as a funnel cake. Visitors of Café Du Monde know them as beignets.

The traditional French dessert — pronounced "ben-yay" — comes to mind for locals and tourists alike, who might also consider gumbo, the Saints, a fleur-de-lis or the French Quarter as other staples of New Orleans.

Head waiter and manager Seth Gautreaus has been around the café and beignets his entire life.

"Sometimes I serve more tourists and sometimes I serve more locals," he said. "It all depends what time of year it is."

Spring break is a busy time of year for Gautreaus. Mike Elvin and Jason Juniewicz stopped at the café last week while in town from New York on business.

Elvin said he's learned not to skip out on the famous dish when he's in town.

"I remember the beignets from 13 years ago," Elvin said.

Thirteen years ago was the first time Elvin vis-

ited Café Du Monde, but the first person to experience a beignet at the café did so back in 1862, when its doors first opened in the French Quarter. Before Café Du Monde took over the building it is currently in, it was known as The Butchers Hall, which was built in 1813, according to the café's Web site.

Throughout the years Café Du Monde has expanded, which in turn has led to the opening of seven more locations throughout the New Orleans metropolitan area, according to its Web site.

Elvin said the business of eating beignets when visiting the historic port city should be on everyone's agenda.

"It's what you do," he said.



Seth Gautreaus brings customers at Café Du Monde beignets with coffee while Sirirat Thundbutr watches. It was Thundbutr's first day working at the café.



Customers can enjoy their beignets outside or inside. The inside of the café is decorated with photos and Café Du Monde merchandise.

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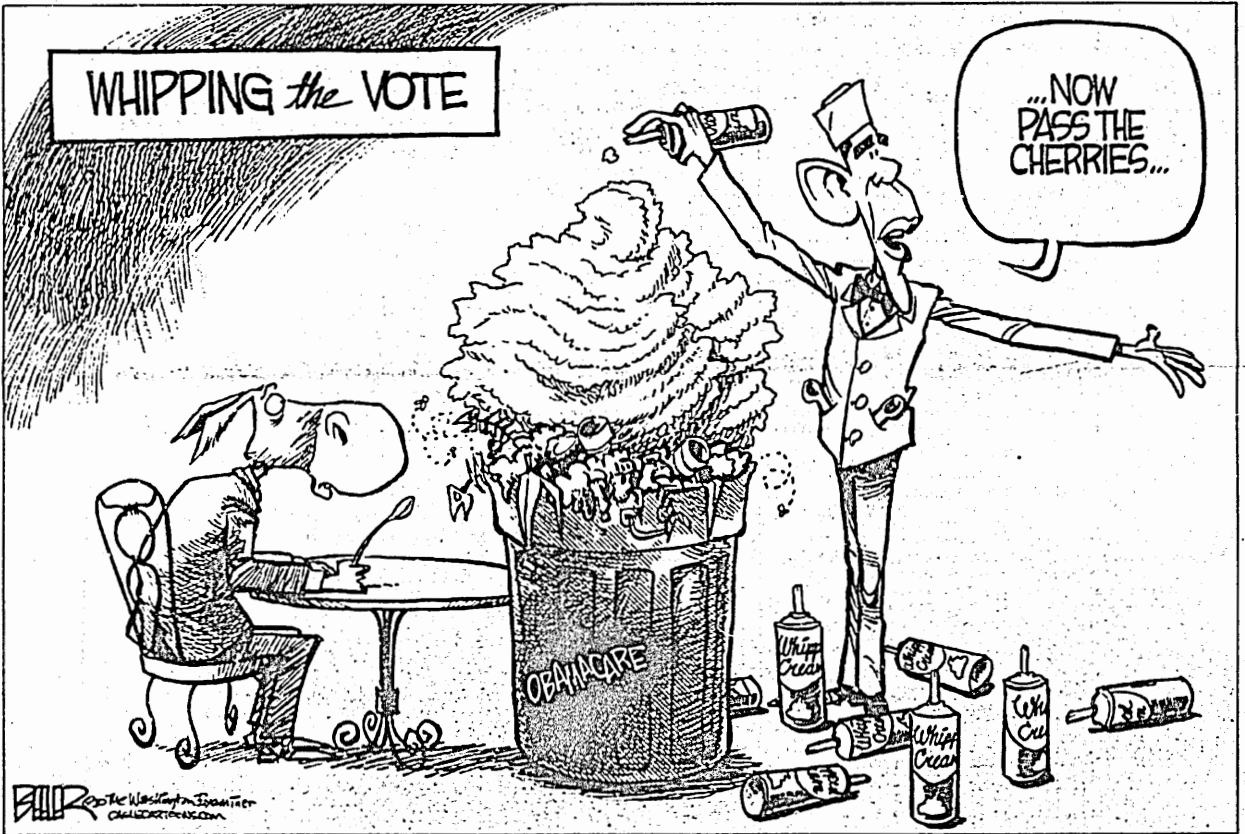
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EDITORIAL CARTOON



THEIR WORD

Blaming Big Oil: Price gouging vs. smart business

A few years ago, when SUVs still ruled American roads and gasoline prices were skyrocketing, consumers and politicians howled that oil companies were guilty of price gouging because they refused to increase refinery capacity. The companies responded that it would be crazy to build more refineries to meet a spike in demand that was probably temporary.

Now the other shoe has dropped: Demand has fallen through the floor, and oil companies are shutting down refineries as a result. And once again, consumer groups are accusing them of price gouging.

It's pretty hard to sympathize with

Big Oil, but is there any winning this blame game?

High gas prices spark more public outrage than price hikes in any other commodity, even food. Although electric car technology is improving, consumers have few transportation alternatives, so it's tough to respond quickly to higher prices by changing behavior.

Expensive gas hits low-income people particularly hard and is a key driver of inflation, which hurts everybody. So the anger directed at oil companies is understandable. It's just that the political responses are usually wrongheaded.

Today's problem isn't so much high

prices, which have fallen since 2008. It's that actions by oil companies may be preventing them from dropping as much as they should.

The combination of the recession and improved fuel efficiency has greatly reduced demand, and major refiners are considering cutbacks, according to a report by Los Angeles Times staff writer Ronald D. White. Some refineries already have been closed, such as a Delaware facility owned by Valero Energy and a New Jersey plant owned by Sunoco.

Industry analysts say there is little choice because of excess capacity. But consumer advocates such as Public

Citizen and Santa Monica-based Consumer Watchdog think refiners are just trying to keep the price of gas artificially high by constraining supplies. Some advocates are calling on regulators to probe whether the companies are violating antitrust laws.

Yet such investigations are already ongoing. No industry faces as much federal scrutiny as the oil and gas business, due to the extraordinary public concern about fuel prices. Dozens of probes over two decades have found no clear evidence of market manipulation.

A key 2005 report by the Federal Trade Commission concluded that

market factors such as supply disruptions, changes in demand and world crude oil prices are the "primary drivers" of gasoline price increases.

Every business makes cutbacks when demand for its products or services falls. We could avoid such market responses from oil companies by nationalizing them or subsidizing gasoline, but that hasn't worked well in the countries that have tried it. Rather than getting mad at the oil giants for exhibiting rational behavior, we should focus on being less reliant on them.

This editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times Monday.

In struggling economy, handyman work shines

NICK QUIGLEY
Daily Egyptian

The handyman business is alive and well in southern Illinois.

In light of the credit crisis and recession that began in December 2007, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that new housing construction dropped significantly. The bureau also reported the recession would impact other areas of construction as well. But area handymen said work has been steady, if not increasing recently, and that many people are realizing it's cheaper to repair than rebuild.

James Mueller, owner of Majestic Restoration Services, a branch of Majestic Janitorial Supply, said he started the more handyman-oriented business about eight years ago because of high demand. After he recommended other companies to his customers and found they weren't pleased with their services, Mueller said he decided to take on jobs such as roofing and fire restoration with his own business.

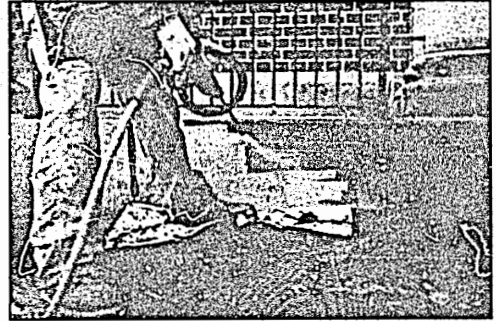
Mueller said he's noticed a lot of customers realizing that it's more cost effective to repair and use what they already have. He said he believes it's important to act as the customers' eyes to point out problem areas in their homes that might otherwise go unnoticed and be expensive to fix in the long run.

"Most people don't crawl in their crawl space," Mueller said. "Whatever is in there can end up in your house."

He said a previous customer had become deathly ill because of black mold buildup in an improperly maintained crawl space, while another wasn't aware their house was on the verge of collapse because of 16 broken floor joists.

William "Butch" Jack of Jack Handyman Service says his business moved back to its original location in Lake of Egypt from Carterville to help cut down on overhead costs, which in turn helps lower prices.

"It offers an advantage at this point in time," he said. "It keeps us busy and



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Brent Vinard, an employee for Majestic Janitorial Service and Supply, pressure washes the outside of DCI Biologicals Monday on Main Street. Despite the economy, James Mueller, the owner of Majestic, said he generally has no problem finding work for his employees.

"I'm not too busy to spend time with customers going step-by-step over the work I do. I work with people and give them the best prices possible. I want to keep the community looking good."

— John Gonzales
John's Affordable Handywork

we're still able to employ two or three guys. People just can't afford to do a lot of things."

John Gonzales, of John's Affordable Handywork, said his workload has been steady, thanks in part to not being a "big contractor."

"I don't have the big overhead," he said. "People are still willing to work with me and can afford it."

Gonzales said he does mostly interior remodeling, but depending on the size of the job, will work with other local contractors.

But beyond the lower price points, Mueller said personalized service is his first priority.

"We strive to deliver quality," Mueller said. "It might take us a little longer, but you don't survive in this business for 26 years if you're not doing something right."

Jack said he started the handyman service as a break out from his

regular business, Jack Family Homes, in 2002. An elderly friend had her air conditioner go out, and Jack said he knew he had to do something to help her.

"She suffered two to three weeks without air conditioning," he said. "We were working on 19 houses at the time, but we broke off two or three guys from those jobs to assist with that situation."

Gonzales said that since moving to Carbondale in 1997, he has always put the customer first.

"I'm not too busy to spend time with customers going step-by-step over the work I do," he said. "I work with people and give them the best prices possible. I want to keep the community looking good."

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President Barack Obama
said of the health care bill, which Democrats hope to bring to a vote by week's end

Bin Laden will never face U.S. trial

DEVLIN BARRETT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Eric Holder told Congress on Tuesday that Osama bin Laden will never face trial in the United States because he will not be captured alive.

In testy exchanges with House Republicans, the attorney general compared terrorists to mass murderer Charles Manson and predicted that events would ensure "we will be reading Miranda rights to the corpse of Osama bin Laden" not to the al-Qaida leader as a captive.

Holder sternly rejected criticism from GOP members of a House Appropriations subcommittee, who contend it is too dangerous to put terror suspects on trial in federal civilian courts as Holder has proposed.

The attorney general said it infuriates him to hear conservative critics complain that terrorists would get too many rights in the court system.

Terrorists in court "have the

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— Eric Holder
Attorney General

same rights that Charles Manson, would have; any other kind of mass murderer," the attorney general said. "It doesn't mean that they're going to be coddled, it doesn't mean that they're going to be treated with kid gloves."

The comparison to convicted killer Manson angered Rep. John Culberson, R-Texas, who said it showed the Obama administration "doesn't understand the American public's desire to treat terrorists as wartime enemies, not criminal defendants."

"My constituents and I just have a deep-seated and profound philosophical difference with the Obama administration," Culberson said.

Holder, his voice rising, charged that Culberson's arguments ignored basic facts about

the law and the fight against terrorists.

"Let's deal with reality," Holder said. "The reality is that we will be reading Miranda rights to the corpse of Osama bin Laden. He will never appear in an American courtroom."

Pressed further on that point, Holder said: "The possibility of catching him alive is infinitesimal. He will be killed by us or he will be killed by his own people so he can't be captured by us."

Much of the hearing centered around the Obama administration's stalled plan to put the Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the confessed mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on trial. Last year, Holder announced the trial would take place in federal civilian court in New York City, not far from the site of the destroyed

World Trade Center.

In the face of resistance from New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and other local politicians, that plan was shelved and the White House is now considering putting KSM and four alleged co-conspirators into a military commission trial.

Rep. Chaka Fattah, D-Pa., bemoaned what he called a "cowardly" desire to avoid a civilian terror trial in a major city.

If a terrorist had killed thousands of Philadelphians, Fattah said, "we would expect him to come to Philadelphia" to face trial "if he would live long enough."

"It doesn't befit a great nation to hesitate or equivocate on the question of following our own laws," he said.

In other testimony:

— Holder defended the interrogation of the suspect in the attempted Christmas bombing of an airliner at it approached Detroit. He said the questioning produced very valuable intelligence and disputed the notion that reading the suspect his Mi-

randu 'rights-prevented' further intelligence-gathering. The suspect resumed cooperating later, officials have said.

Holder's remarks led to an angry exchange with Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., who claimed "there was an opportunity that was missed and we will never get it back again."

Holder shot back: "That is simply not true."

— The attorney general also acknowledged an ongoing probe into whether defense teams representing Guantanamo Bay detainees may have wrongly obtained photographs of CIA interrogators — pictures that could, some fear, endanger those interrogators.

— Rep. Jose Serrano, D-N.Y., offered support for Holder's now-dormant plan to try the Sept. 11 suspects in New York. But Serrano himself acknowledged he was the only elected New York official who still supported the idea.

"I thought it was very dramatic to say I'm not afraid of you" to the terrorists, Serrano said.

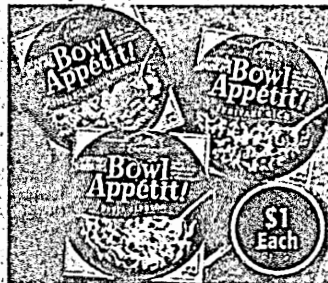
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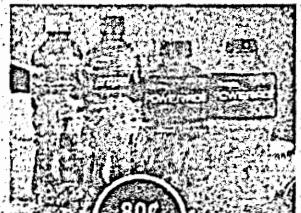
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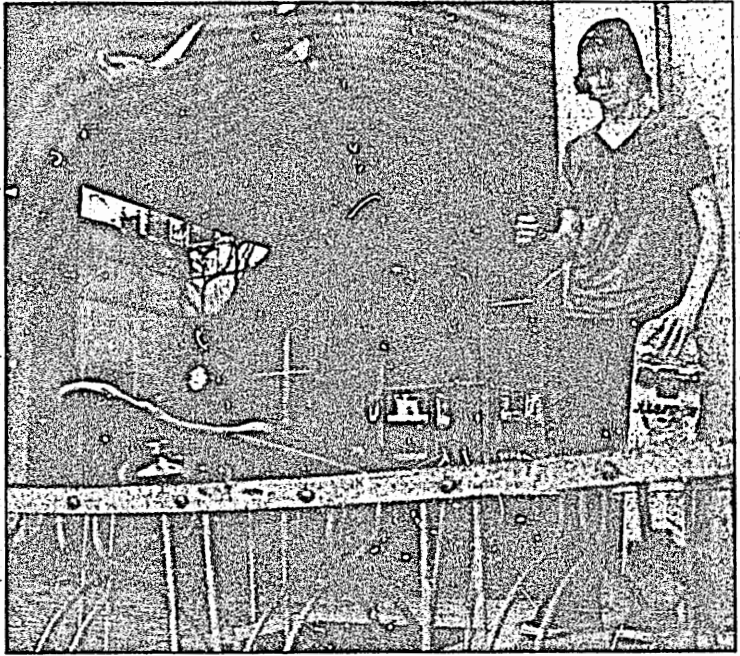
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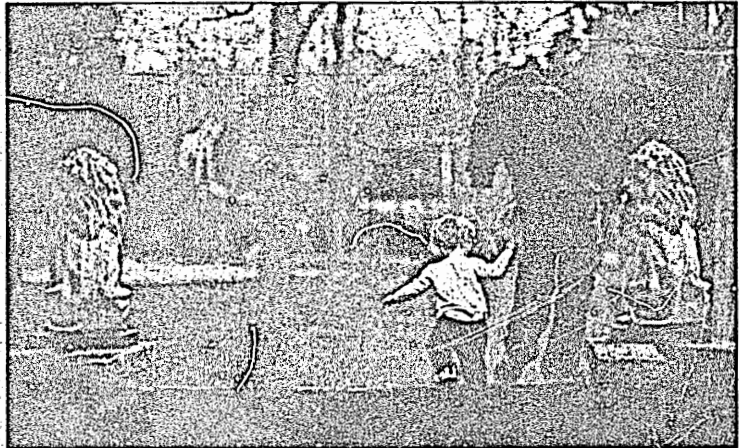
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Brent Lively, a senior, at Carbondale High School, gives a thumbs up to his friend John Fitzmaurice, an undeclared freshman at SIUC, as he does a board slide on an upturned bike rack Monday outside of Faner Hall. The warm afternoon weather brought the duo out to the SIUC skate park. Fitzmaurice prefers skating street as opposed to a skate park but said if SIUC's skate park was in better condition he would skate there the majority of the time.

STEP BY STEP



GENNA ORD | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Scotty Parkhurst, of Harrisburg, helps his 2-year-old son, Payton, walk down a set of stairs Tuesday at Jeremy "Boo" Rochman Memorial Park 'n Giant City Road. Jennifer Parkhurst, Scotty's wife, said they took their son to the park because the weather was getting warmer and it was a nice chance to get outside. "We wanted to do something different," she said.

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Greengrass' 'Green Zone' best thriller of the year

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"Green Zone"

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Distributed by: Universal Studios



Many Americans may remember watching the news years ago, waiting for updates on the government's search of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

"Green Zone" takes the audience on the inside for some new perspective.

"Green Zone" stars Matt Damon as

Roy Miller, a United States Army officer in charge of a unit searching for weapons of mass destruction. After three missions with his results, Miller becomes curious of the mysterious source providing the locations, Magellan. However, when he begins to investigate who Magellan is, he becomes entangled in a giant conspiracy theory.

Miller trades information with Lawrie Dayne (Amy Ryan), a journalist writing articles on Magellan. Dayne has been receiving information from Clark Poundstone (Greg Kinnear) of Pentagon Intelligence. When Miller goes to Poundstone for some answers, he finds Magellan may not exist and Poundstone could be hiding something.

The movie is purely fictional, but it

does provide some insight on the power of government and its ability to manipulate people through the news medium. Unfortunately, the story is implausible. While all pieces of the plot fit together with no loopholes, it is a fantasy placed within real events that affected every American. Rewriting history is an audacious move, but it feels out of place in this movie.

Some may see the movie as having a political agenda, but the script is focused on the story and does not preach to the viewer. The story, however, is not very interesting. It always moves forward, but it never progresses enough to fill a two-hour movie.

Miller is the main character and appears in almost every scene, but the au-

dience knows little about his personality or history by the movie's end. While the movie is purely focused on the story, it is hard to relate to Miller without understanding him as a person.

The other characters are purely fillers. They serve no purpose other than advancing the story and providing Miller with information.

So why go see the movie?

The director, Paul Greengrass, makes this movie worthwhile. After directing three straight blockbusters, including "The Bourne Ultimatum" and the classic "United 93", Greengrass shows his directing style still works. With virtually no still shots, Greengrass gets in characters' faces and situations with a shaky camera, placing the viewer

into another world.

The choreography and action is top-notch. No explosion or gun battle feels unbelievable, which seems to be a problem with most action movies or thrillers nowadays. Greengrass' handheld camera technique creates for some interesting shots that are unique for action films.

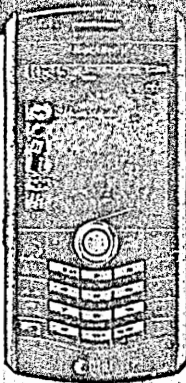
Despite a poor script and uninteresting characters, "Green Zone" never presents a dull moment and is an adequate addition to Greengrass' filmography. Any fan of thrillers should check it out.

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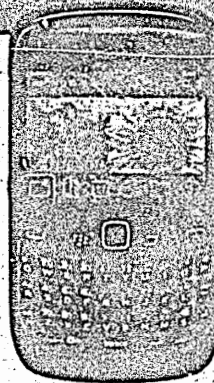
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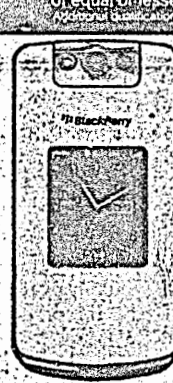
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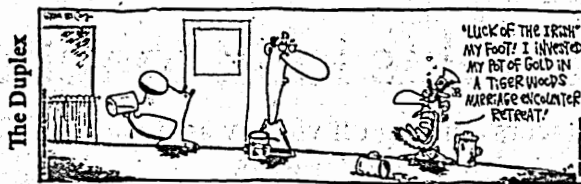
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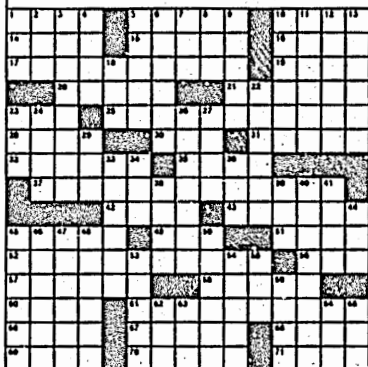
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Crossword

Tuesday's answers

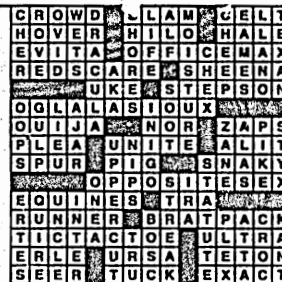


- Across**
- 1 Repairs with thread
 - 5 Burning
 - 10 Part of C.W. Post; Abbr.
 - 14 BCS org.
 - 15 Tot watchers' nicknames
 - 16 Muscle quality
 - 17 "Unbelievable"
 - 19 Radio toggle switch
 - 20 What you can't have success without?
 - 21 Abate
 - 23 La Mâditenante, e.g.
 - 25 "Knitting aid, a way
 - 28 "Born Free" bones
 - 30 Record book
 - 31 Evaluates
 - 32 Adopt, as a stray
 - 35 Cosmetic surgery, for short
 - 37 "Office component
 - 42 REMS "The Love"
 - 43 Like angry bees
 - 45 Highway with a terminus at Dawson Creek.

- British Columbia**
- 49 Night sch. course
 - 51 Give off
 - 52 "Legendary archer
 - 56 Eylan, for one
 - 57 Each
 - 58 Japanese-American
 - 60 Almond; crunchy candy
 - 61 "Cartoon beeper
 - 65 Reactions to no-brainers
 - 67 "Coffee"
 - 68 Nevada neighbor
 - 69 Reneged on a deal?
 - 70 Oracles
 - 71 Link warning, and a prefix with the second word of the answers to starred clues
- Down**
- 1 -Cat
 - 2 Old French coin
 - 3 Whiteboard relative
 - 4 Exams for sts.

- S Yosemite photographer Adams**
- 630-70s Saudi king
 - 7 Having one sharp, musically
 - 8 Cry of support
 - 9 Competitor of Helena and Coco
 - 10 Mississippi River source
 - 11 Veggie's credo
 - 12 Add, as if by pouring
 - 13 Plays the siren
 - 18 Cooperator's undoing
 - 22 Equipment for 52-Cross
 - 23 Came across
 - 24 Jack of Westems
 - 26 Racial performer
 - 27 Pre-weekend "They"
 - 29 Cold War ally.
 - 33 Like some unexpected endings
 - 34 Life denial
 - 37 Home-school link Abbr.
 - 38 Appear to be

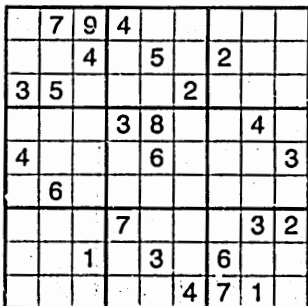
- 39 Have debts
- 40 Collides with
- 41 Leak
- 44 Bearstow transit syst.
- 45 Ours and such
- 46 Curf around the edge of the hole without going in in go!
- 47 Stale expression
- 48 Blue Jays' dx.
- 50 Bank, often
- 53 Houston hockey team
- 54 Turkish money
- 55 Sch. with a Silverport campus
- 59 Ample, slangy
- 62 Pay dirt
- 63 Had
- 64 Auxiliary organ
- 65 Scoreboard letters



SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4 Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



Tuesday's answers

1	7	6	9	5	8	4	2	3
8	4	9	2	7	3	6	5	1
2	5	3	1	6	4	7	8	9
3	9	4	8	1	6	5	7	2
7	6	2	5	4	9	1	3	8
5	8	1	3	2	7	9	4	6
6	3	5	7	9	2	8	1	4
9	2	7	4	8	1	3	6	5
4	1	8	6	3	5	2	9	7

Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

- Today's birthday** — This is the year for a powerful partnership. You can work well with one or more people to devise a fresh logic in your work. Creative use of time is essential. Dreams offer daily guidance in the form of significant symbols or timely messages. Pay attention to them!
- Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 7 — Relax. Work can proceed as planned if you slow your imagination to supply dreamy images. Soften the focus in order to improve production.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 6 — Delegate as much as you possibly can today. If three people contribute information and practical efforts, success is yours.
- Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 6 — Relax into the rhythm of your new plan. Three associates contribute creative energy and move everything forward.
- Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 6 — Focus your research on a single item. That's not easy, as your mind wants to go in several directions at once. Jot down thoughts for later.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Intelligent activity can only proceed if you inject enthusiasm into the formula. Others may lack the necessary energy without it.

- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Use your imagination to fill in the blanks when others say what they want but have no clue how to get it. You see things they're blind to.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Be sure co-workers know that you understand their problems. After all, you're on their side. Use chocolate to maintain optimism.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 6 — If you get tired of providing motivation, sit back and wait. Others will take up the slack sooner than you'd thought. Conceal the stopwatch.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 5 — Don't slip up by depending on weak logic. You gain enthusiastic support when you sound like you know what you're doing. Highlight the details.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — The time for creative input is past. Get down to business and move your ideas forward. Lights, camera, action!
- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 5 — Do what you love and the money will flow. Even if your side job isn't paying much yet, it will grow. Be patient and stay the course.
- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is an 8 — Because you demanded personal recognition, you also gained it for your team. They may not realize the importance of your contribution.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argilron and Jeff Knurok

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Tuesday's answers | Jumbles: DUSKY RIGCR MORTAR JACKAL
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BASEBALL

Salukis look to rebound at Murray State

Racers coming off victory against one of the nation's top 25

RAY MCGILLIS
Daily Egyptian

After a disappointing performance in California last week, the SIU baseball team will have an opportunity to bounce back at 2 p.m. today at Murray State.

Although the Salukis (5-10) went 1-4 on the five-game trip, they showed the ability to dig themselves out of a hole late in the final contest against Santa Clara University.

Southern lost the game 12-11, but head coach Dan Callahan said he hopes the team can consistently display the same effort it did in its last game.

"I hope we can execute a little more efficiently on the mound," Callahan said. "But we did a tremendous job of never quitting and showing some spunk until the end. We need to improve upon our pitching execution, but hopefully that's something we can work on Wednesday."

Callahan said teams often take midweek games such as today's lightly because so much emphasis is put on the weekend series, but these types of games can make or break a season.

The Racers (7-8) started the season 4-0, but have since dropped eight of their last 11 contests. However, MSU is coming off a 7-5 win against then-ranked No. 22 Kentucky.

Taking the mound for the Salukis will be freshman left-hander Cody Forsythe, who returns to his

"I hope we can execute a little more efficiently on the mound."

— Dan Callahan
SIU head coach

home state of Kentucky for his second start of the year.

Despite holding opponents to the second-lowest batting average among the Saluki pitching staff — .288 — Forsythe (0-1) has given up a team-high 22 runs and four home runs through 18 innings pitched.

Forsythe said his main focus when on the bump is to stay in as long as possible and simply throw quality pitches.

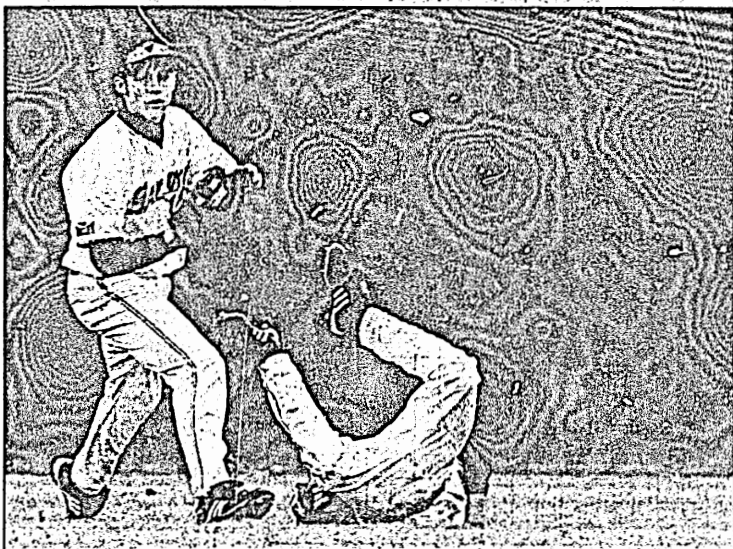
"I just have to work on keeping the ball low and try not to give up a lot of big hits," Forsythe said. "My job is just to keep us in the game."

The team's ERA came down a bit after its trip to California, but the staff average still sits at 9.61 heading into the Murray State matchup.

Callahan said he expected the pitching staff to experience some trouble heading into the season, but the Saluki bats seemed to be relatively consistent.

However, Southern could only muster nine runs in the first three contests before its final game at the Jack Gifford Memorial Tournament in California.

Though the team slowed its pace at the plate a bit, freshman outfield-



JULIA RENDLEMAN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman outfielder Nick Johnson looks to make a play while freshman infielder Brock Harding dives after missing the catch during the Salukis' March 2 loss against Middle Tennessee

The SIU baseball team, which has lost its last three games and four of its last five, will travel to Kentucky at 2 p.m. today to take on Murray State.

er Nick Johnson has managed to reach base safely in every game he has appeared in this season.

Johnson played in the first game of the team's West Coast trip, but did not return to action until the final game against SCU because of precautionary steps taken after he sustained a head injury by chasing a fly ball into the outfield fence.

Johnson will play against the Racers and said the reason for his early success at the plate is because

of his aggressive mentality when the bat is in his hands.

"It's been the same thing from the start," Johnson said. "Find your pitch, look for fastballs early in the count, keep swinging the bat and the hits should come ... I've just been concentrating on the first fastball I see in the zone, hitting balls I know are going to be strikes and just not giving at bats away."

Today's midweek contest is the first of two Wednesday matchups

between the Racers and Salukis this year; the second is scheduled for 3 p.m. April 21 in Carbondale.

The first pitch will be thrown at Reagan Field under partly cloudy skies and temperatures in the low to mid-60s. MSU holds a 40-12 advantage in the all-time series against SIU.

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Saluki Insider

Tiger Woods recently announced his decision that he would make his return to golf on the biggest stage on the PGA Tour — The Masters in Augusta, Ga. Do you think this is a smart move for Tiger?



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From a PR standpoint, Augusta is the perfect place for Tiger to make his return. Media is limited to those who cover golf on a consistent basis and fans will be booted for the smallest amount of heckling. Tiger won't have to face any questions or jokes about his infidelity. His only worry will be winning another jacket.

Though Tiger might shoulder four green jackets already, he should really be making his return at the Arnold Palmer Invitational before he struts into the big dance at Augusta. He hasn't played in competition in a while and let's be honest here, a little warm-up can't hurt his chances.



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ESPN's Skip Bayless constantly refers to Woods as a corporation, not simply an athlete. And a corporation does nothing without exhausting every possibility of every possible action; Tiger Incorporated is no different. This whole spiel about his personal life was probably planned just so he can come back now and re-establish his dominance.

SOFTBALL

Salukis to welcome Aces

STILE T. SMITH
Daily Egyptian

The SIU softball team will welcome a return to its home at 3 p.m. today at Charlotte West Stadium when the Salukis host a doubleheader against Evansville in their first conference game of the season.

The Salukis (14-9), who are returning from a road trip where they went 1-4, went 3-1 in their last home stand, defeating Kansas, the University of Illinois-Chicago and SIU-Edwardsville.

Evansville (5-9), who went 14-34 overall and 4-19 in the Missouri Valley Conference in 2009, were picked to finish last in the conference this season. However, one of Evansville's four conference wins last season came against the Salukis.

Head coach Kerri Blaylock said the team cannot afford to overlook the Aces and think they will be easy to beat.

"Obviously, there's been some teams sneak by us that I don't think should have," Blaylock said. "We've

gotta really work hard."

The Aces, who lost both games of a doubleheader against Middle Tennessee State Tuesday, have lost four of their last five games.

One bright spot for Evansville this season has been freshman pitcher Kendall Kautz. In six starts this season, Kautz is 5-0 with a 2.06 ERA. No other pitcher on the team has an ERA under eight.

Junior outfielder Jen Stahlhut leads Evansville in hitting with a .294 average, recording 10 hits and driving in three runs.

Junior outfielder Chelsea Held said the Salukis are excited to begin play back in Carbondale.

"It's a lot nicer than traveling," Held said. "You have the home-field advantage and you're already here, so you don't have to be on the road and try to get going again."

Despite hitting just .178 on the season, Held leads the team with 17 walks, has scored eight runs and is fourth on the team with a .403 on-base percentage.

The Salukis hope to continue playing solid at Charlotte West Stadium. Along with their 3-1 mark this season, they posted a 14-4 record at home last season.

Junior pitcher Alex Peters, who helped hold Saluk opponents to eight runs in the last four games, said the pitching staff will be ready to hold its own against the Aces.

"When one of us is struggling, the other can step in," Peters said. "I think we've been doing pretty well."

This far, Peters has compiled a record of 6-3 and leads the team with a 3.08 ERA in 64.1 innings pitched.

Blaylock said the team would not prepare any differently for Evansville than it has for any non-conference game.

"We shouldn't," Blaylock said. "Every game is important. I just really think we take one game at a time."

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TRACK

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"I learned more about being a part of a team," Dien said. "Playing in high school and juniors, it was all about myself and when I came to college I learned that it is not about me, it is about the team and the way I can set an example for my teammates and help to push them to get better."

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EDGE

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The format of college basketball's premier postseason does not require tinkering, but perhaps the proposed expansion from 64 to 96 teams deserves some consideration. Clearly, there are inconsistencies in the selection process that result in teams left out.

Postseason reforms: I could have sworn the NCAA has heard this before.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Freshman serves spice

RYAN SIMONIN
Daily Egyptian

Jennifer Dien's "spicy attitude" has helped her to make a mark on the lineup for the SIU women's tennis team.

Dien, a freshman from Overland Park, Kan., has won seven of her last 10 matches for the Salukis.

Women's tennis head coach Audra Nothwehr said she loves Dien's presence on the court and her competitiveness.

"She is very positive and she has a spicy attitude where she gets under her opponents skin a little bit because whatever shot her opponent doesn't like she will continue to do it because it annoys them," Nothwehr said.

This spring season, Dien has carried her success from singles play into her doubles play where she has been coupled with senior Jessica Flannery to help win six out of her last 10 doubles matches.

Dien said teaming up with Flannery in doubles has been a great fit and she enjoys the way Flannery competes.

"At first I didn't really know her, but now its been going really well," Dien said. "We balance each other out on the court and, as coach always says, we complement each other really well."

Flannery said she and Dien always have a good time playing doubles, and keeping a positive attitude is a big part of their success. Flannery said she and Dien have the same personality on the court and are verbally supportive of each other.

"Together as a team we play better when both of us are pump-



DAN DWYER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman Jennifer Dien uses her forehand to return a serve during practice Tuesday at University Courts. Dien has posted a 6-4 record with

ing each other up, and if one of us is down the other is right there to say 'Let's go, shake it off, let's get this next point,'" Flannery said.

Nothwehr said Dien is hard-working and self-motivated, which

will take her far in her career.

"She wants to move up in the lineup," Nothwehr said. "She started off the year playing in the No. 6 spot. Now she is playing in the fourth spot and she wants to move

doubles partner Jessica Flannery in her last 10 doubles matches and has topped that mark with a 7-3 record in her last 10 singles matches.

up even further than that. Some players have that position where they can play at a higher spot in the lineup, but don't want to move up, but Jennifer doesn't have that restraint."

Dien said she has learned more about the team aspect of the game since playing at the collegiate level.

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Bracketology far from an exact science



Selection Sunday has come and gone, countless brackets have been conjured up — much to the dismay of tree-huggers — and ESPN's Joe Lunardi slipped back into relative obscurity. Thank goodness.

My general dislike for 'Joey Bracket's' is simply trivial, but former SIU men's basketball coach Bruce Weber is far more justified to despise the master manipulator who is ESPN's bracketologist. After all conference tournaments

had been completed Sunday, Lunardi was the only college analyst in the nation who had the University of Illinois left out of the Big Dance.

That's not saying the NCAA selection committee was influenced by an outside opinion, but Mississippi State and Virginia Tech were also snubbed after making Lunardi's Last Four Out list.

What goes into the selection process is not always entirely clear, but it doesn't take a Ph.D. to realize these three teams had resumes worthy of an NCAA bid.

Virginia Tech may have the weakest argument of the three, but still had three wins over teams in the tournament and finished second in the floundering Atlantic Coast Conference with a 23-8 record.

The NCAA Tournament is all about how well a team performs leading up to March, and Mississippi State is the epitome of that assumption. The Bulldogs faded down the stretch in the regular season after starting 17-3, but had impressive wins over Florida and Vanderbilt in the Southeastern Conference tournament.

MSU had an NCAA berth locked up in the SEC tournament championship with seconds left and a three-point lead over arguably the nation's most talented team in Kentucky.

The Wildcats came back to beat MSU for the second time this season, but the NCAA's second No. 1 seed needed overtime to beat the Bulldogs on two separate occasions this year.

If MSU makes the argument for a

team making the tourney based on its level of play leading up to the Madness, the Fighting Illini are a prime example of a team arguing on behalf of momentum coupled with its total body of work.

Only 27 other teams in the nation had a tougher schedule this season — strength of schedule rating of 33 — and Illinois played 14 games against teams ranked in the nation's top 50, winning five. The Illini finished the regular season 5-5 in their last 10 games, but beat Wisconsin twice in the past month — a No. 4 seed in the Big Dance — and pushed Ohio State — an eventual No. 2 seed — to the brink of defeat, twice.

Again, this isn't saying Lunardi had any say in the selection process, but he threw Minnesota into his Last Four in

category after dismantling a Rubie Hummel-less Purdue in the Big Ten tournament semifinals. Apparently the committee agreed, even after the Golden Gophers received a 90-61 spanking the very next day from an Ohio State team that needed double overtime to beat Illinois.

Although the NCAA Tournament snubbed these squads, all three received No. 1 seeds in the bittersweet National Invitation Tournament.

However, a top seed in the NIT is like kissing your sister; you know it's not the real deal, nobody enjoys it and you question why the event is even happening.

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Haven't You Heard...

Completing the Census is Equivalent to Writing a Check to the Community

It has been estimated that Carbondale could receive approximately \$77.00 per year (for ten years) for each accurately counted resident. If the City's population is counted accurately this figure could equate to more than \$20 million in federal funds that can be used for the construction of new roads, housing developments, job training centers, schools, hospitals and other community infrastructure improvements.

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census be taken once every 10 years. The census is used to determine state, county and municipal population counts. It is very important to obtain a complete and accurate census count because the data collected is used to determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, the allocation of more than \$400 billion annually in federal funds to states, counties and municipalities and the need for additional allocations for social services, block grants and urban revitalization programs.

One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form contains only ten questions and should take less than ten minutes to complete. Completing the census form is easy, important and safe. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement.

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In an effort to obtain an accurate count in 2010, the City has become a 2010 Census Partner. Through this partnership, the City is informing the public about temporary census jobs in the community, sharing the importance of the census at public meetings, creating Complete Count Committees in the area to promote the completion of the census questionnaire and increase census participation, and is making information available to the public through public service announcements and printed materials.

Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to households in March and are to be returned by April 1, 2010.

To learn more about the 2010 Census, visit the City Web site www.explorecarbndale.com.

From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

For many local governments, Spring brings more than just warmer weather and an end to Winter... it brings budget meetings and public hearings on how we will allocate and spend public funds for the upcoming year.

The City of Carbondale's annual budget runs from May 1 through April 30 each year, which is different than the state's budget year (July 1 through June 30) and the federal government's fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). The process for us actually begins in November and will conclude when a final budget proposal is presented by the City Manager to the City Council for adoption in April.

In Carbondale, we have a very public process that allows for citizen comments, input and recommendations at almost every step of the way. We invite citizens to submit ideas and requests for new construction or infrastructure repair projects, we review information about the

community organizations and private agencies that receive funds for their programs and services, we meet with all City departments to forecast their internal needs, we place the proposed budget on public display in numerous locations at City Hall and throughout the community, and we have numerous, open discussions at City Council meetings that lead up to the final action of adopting a budget. Our process is unique in southern Illinois and stands as a model for other communities to follow, should they wish to promote more citizen engagement in the development of budget priorities.

Of course, this doesn't necessarily mean that everyone ends up happy with the final product, but it does mean they have ample opportunity to be involved with what will eventually be considered by the elected officials. There are always more requests for money than there is money, and there are usually more services that could be provided by a local government than what should be reasonably expected. Out of all this, we try to achieve a workable balance that responds to the resources available yet still meets the needs and desires of the constituents we serve.

I encourage you to attend or watch our meetings as the public process unfolds. Please understand that the City Council will make its decisions based on recommendations we receive from the City Manager and our professional staff and according to the best information we have available, as all of those factors fit within the priorities, goals and objectives we establish for the years ahead.

Brad Cole, Mayor

City Code Enforcement Operations Upgraded

Carbondale has a new permitting and inspection software system to improve code enforcement operations. The computer software program was developed specifically to manage the City's permit and code enforcement functions, including the mandatory Rental Residential Inspection Program. The address-based system handles permitting, code enforcement, building inspections, ownership, certificates of occupancy, business licensing, impact fees and work orders.

The program is improving efficiency by streamlining the data entry process, providing quick search mechanisms to easily locate information, and offers comprehensive and user-friendly,

reporting mechanisms. The software provides a workflow system to expedite the tracking of land development projects, permit issuance, code compliance and business registration as well as capability to respond to citizen complaints and inquiries more promptly.

The software is integrated with the City's Geographic Information System that is used to visually track, display and analyze data that the Building and Neighborhood Services Division uses to enforce property maintenance and other City codes.

For more information about this new software system, contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division Office at 457-3237.

2010 Youth Award Nominations Being Accepted

Each year the City of Carbondale recognizes the community service contributions of its youth and again this year, the City invites nominations of youth who have gone above and beyond expectations in their service to others and the community. Specifically, the City is looking to recognize youth, who represent a healthy lifestyle, are committed to serving others and through their actions and leadership, serve as a role model in the community.

Outstanding Youth and the Youth Volunteer of the Year winners will be recognized at a ceremony to be held during a City Council Meeting on May 4. Invitations will be sent to the winners, their families, nominators, elected officials and the media.

Middle school and high school students may be nominated for the Outstanding Youth Award in recognition of their efforts in exceeding expectations as a role model, through community service and/or helping others. Youth Volunteer of the Year nominees must be high school juniors or seniors, have a least a B+ grade point average, must have completed 50 volunteer hours of community service and participated in other community activities.

Nominators may be youth or adults who know of a special person. Nomination forms are available in the Mayor's Office and are due in April. To obtain a nomination form contact Deborah McCoy at 457-3247.



The Shelton House located at 601 West Oak Street is one of the properties that will be highlighted on the Historic Tour on April 26, 2010. The house stands as the only remaining turreted Queen Anne house in Carbondale. The Shelton House is listed on Carbondale's Register of Historic Places and was named as a winner of the Carbondale Preservation Commission's Historic Preservation Award in 2006.

Preservation Commission Events Celebrate City's History

To help promote historic preservation in our community, the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission will be hosting a Historic Tour on April 26th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The tour will showcase past Preservation Award winners and recent additions to the Carbondale Register of Historic Places and the surrounding neighborhoods. The tour leaves from the Civic Center. Among the highlights will be the Varsity Theater, Hickory Lodge, The Train Inn and Shelton House.

In May, the Preservation Commission will recognize the 2010 winner of the Historic Preservation Award. This annual program recognizes properties that are nominated within the City of Carbondale's City Limits that meet that the following criteria:

- Preservation: Buildings that have been kept in their original architectural style and are being used for their original purpose.

- Restoration: Properties that have been restored to their original style or appearance.

- Sympathetic Addition: Construction of an addition to an existing structure that is consistent with the original architectural style of the structure.

- Compatible New Construction: Any new structure that is consistent with the original architectural style of the neighborhood or that utilizes historic building materials and techniques.

The award winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting on May 4, in association with National Preservation Month. For additional information about the Historic Tour, the Historic Preservation Awards or other activities of the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3248.

Keep Informed of City News and Events

Visit the City of Carbondale Web site

www.explorecarbndale.com

Notice of Refuse & Recycling Fee Increases May 1, 2010

The costs of providing refuse and recycling services have continued to rise in recent years. In the spring of 2008 it became evident that the rising costs of fuel, equipment, labor and disposal fees could no longer be absorbed by the City of Carbondale Solid Waste Fund and that increases in fees were necessary. In order to keep residents from having to burden a large increase all at one time, it was recommended to the City Council that the necessary fee increases be spread out over a three year period. On April 15, 2008, the Carbondale City Council

adopted a resolution to raise the City's residential refuse collection fee by \$0.75 per year for three years and the City's recycling assessment by \$0.25 per year for three years. May 1, 2010 marks the third scheduled increase, whereupon the City's Residential Refuse Collection fee will increase \$0.75 to \$9.50 per month and the City's recycling fee will raise \$0.25 to \$2.00 per month. These small increases allow the City of Carbondale to continue to provide quality refuse and recycling collection services to its residents at a relatively low cost.

Carbondale Crime Stoppers Annual Spaghetti Dinner March 25

Carbondale Crime Stoppers would like to invite you to the 18th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, March 25, 2010. The dinner will be catered by Heartland Food Service, who is donating their time and food. The meal will include salad, spaghetti, bread sticks and beverage. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Officer Randy Mathis at the Carbondale Police Department at 457-3200 ext. 428. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the night of the dinner.

The dinner will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Carbondale Middle School located at 1150 East Grand Avenue. Students from the SIUC Suzuki Strings Program and the John Thomas Strings Program will be playing music during the event. The event will also include door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Businesses wishing to contribute door prizes are encouraged to contact Officer Randy Mathis.

All proceeds will help fund Carbondale Crime Stoppers, a not-for-profit organization and

community program involving the public, the media, the SIUC Police Department and the City of Carbondale Police Department in the fight against crime in Carbondale. Crime Stoppers provides a way for information to flow from citizens to police without having to give your name, address or phone number. Citizens that provide tips that lead to an arrest are eligible for cash rewards up to \$1,000.

Carbondale Crime Stoppers is proud to announce since its inception in 1993, more than \$10,000 in cash has been paid for information which has led to arrests for crimes including attempted murder, drug dealing, armed robbery, persons wanted on warrants, burglary and more. The money for these rewards comes from this annual fund raiser and from occasional donations from public and private organizations. For more information contact Officer Randy Mathis at 457-3200 ext. 428, SIUC Officer Russ Thomas at 453-3771 ext. 274 or visit the Crime Stoppers page on the Carbondale Police Web site www.carbondalepolice.com.

City Fire Department Offers Free Home Safety Inspections

In an ongoing battle to reduce the number of house fires in the City of Carbondale, the Fire Department has in place a home fire safety inspection program. This is a complimentary service provided at no charge for Carbondale residents. The inspection is an advisory visit to help residents take proactive steps to prevent home fires.

Fire service personnel will look at both the interior and exterior of the home for safety problems. They will also give helpful fire prevention recommendations to residents. Some of the things they will look for are: proper house identification (visible street addresses), kitchen safety, smoke detector operation, home escape plans and proper storage of flammables.

Safety reminders that residents should keep in mind:

- Make sure you have an outside street address that is easily seen from the road and is adequately lit at night to make it easier for emergency personnel to locate your home in the event of an emergency.
- Residents should identify where the outside utilities are located (gas and electric) and how to shut off the gas in case of an earthquake or other emergency.
- If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, make sure that you keep it accessible by clearing shrubs or obstacles away from it. Remember, seconds count when a fire occurs and fire fighters do not have time to clear a path to the nearest fire hydrant.
- If you store flammable liquids in a shed or garage, make sure they are stored in a proper container and locked away from children.
- It is recommended that residents conduct a yearly cleaning of storage areas and dispose of unused papers, magazines, or anything that contributes to the

fire load in the home.

- If you have any type of electrical problems contact a licensed electrician and have your electric service checked.
- Use extension cords only on a temporary basis, not as permanent wiring. Do not overload the cords.
- Practice safe cooking techniques. Never leave food unattended when it is cooking. If there are children in the home, always turn the pot handles inward to make it less likely for a child to reach up and pull a hot pan down on him/herself.
- Check your smoke detectors to ensure that they are working properly. They can save your life and the lives of your family if there is a fire in your home. The City of Carbondale Fire Department will install a smoke detector free of charge for any disadvantaged persons home in Carbondale. The department will also provide a free battery for citizens that cannot afford to purchase one. Citizens are encouraged to take advantage of this program.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department looks forward to visiting with residents of Carbondale to share fire safety and prevention information. In addition to offering an inspection performed by members of the Fire Department, you can obtain a Household Risk Analysis Checklist which will allow you to perform an inspection at your convenience. The Household Risk Analysis Checklist is available on the City's website www.explore.carbondale.com or can be obtained at the Fire Department. If you would like to schedule a home safety inspection or would like to obtain a Household Risk Analysis Checklist please contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department Administrative Office at 457-3234.

City to Co-Sponsor a Business Resource Fair March 18, 2010

The City of Carbondale in partnership with SIUC Entrepreneurship and Business Development, the Small Business Development Center, the Carbondale branch NAACP and the John A. Logan Procurement Technical Assistance Center, is hosting a Business Resource Fair. The event will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Eurma C. Hayes Center located at 441 East Willow Street in Carbondale. A light dinner will be provided by Southern Que BBQ.

Event sponsors encourage minorities and women who are interested in starting their own business or strengthening their existing business to attend. One of the goals of the event is to increase minority and women business participation in economic development projects in the area.

Participants will learn about business ownership, free counseling services and workshops available to assist with starting and expanding a business, methods of finding financial resources and securing financing, services available to help Illinois firms

(contractors, vendors, suppliers, etc.) compete for government contracting opportunities, City economic development resources and incentives available for businesses that locate in an Enterprise Zone or a Tax Increment Financing District.

Registration is limited. Please register by March 16th. Registration forms can be obtained and completed at Carbondale City Hall located at 200 South Illinois Avenue, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or at the Eurma C. Hayes Center located at 441 East Willow Street on Tuesdays and Fridays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Completed registration forms may be placed in the drop box in the NAACP office at the Eurma C. Hayes Center. Registration will also be accepted by phone. To register by phone contact Faith Johnson at 457-3229.

For additional information contact Marilyn James, Community Relations Officer at 457-3246 or leave a message at the NAACP office for Rev. Sidney Logwood at 457-7722.

Conteo regresivo hacia el Día del Censo: 1 de abril del 2010

La Constitución de los Estados Unidos requiere que se haga un censo nacional cada 10 años. El censo determina la población de los municipios, de los estados y del país. Es muy importante que con el censo se obtenga un conteo completo y exacto porque la información recogida se usa para determinar la representación en la Cámara de Representantes de Estados Unidos y la apropiación anual de más de 400 mil millones de dólares en fondos federales para los estados, los condados y los municipios. Los datos del Censo servirán de guía en la planificación para la construcción de nuevos hospitales, cárceles, proyectos de urbanización, centros de adiestramiento laboral, escuelas y otras instalaciones de la comunidad y para determinar la necesidad de apropiaciones adicionales para servicios sociales, subvenciones y para programas de revitalización urbana.

El formulario del Censo del 2010 es uno de los más breves de la historia. Contiene diez preguntas y llenarlo debe tomar menos de diez minutos. Llenar el

formulario del censo es fácil, importante y seguro. Según la ley, la Oficina del Censo no puede compartir con las respuestas de un individuo con nadie, ni tampoco con otras agencias federales o entidades del cumplimiento de la ley. En un esfuerzo por obtener un conteo exacto en el 2010, la Ciudad se ha convertido en un Socio del Censo del 2010. A través de esta asociación, la Ciudad informa al público sobre trabajos temporales en la comunidad relacionados con el Censo, comparte la importancia del censo en reuniones públicas, crea Comités de Censo Completo en el área para promover el diligenciamiento del cuestionario del censo e incrementar la participación en el censo, y pone la información a disposición del público por medio de anuncios de servicio público y de impresos.

Los cuestionarios del Censo se enviarán por correo o se entregarán a los hogares en marzo y tendrán que devolverse para el 1 de abril del 2010. Para más información sobre el Censo del 2010, visite la página Web de la Ciudad www.explore.carbondale.com.

Ordinance Requires Maintenance of Tall Grass and Weeds

The City of Carbondale Code declares grass and weeds over eight (8) inches in height to be a nuisance and requires its removal. The provision of the City Code pertaining to mowing grasses and weeds over eight inches in height does not apply to land zoned as "Forestry" or "Agriculture" which is used for agricultural purposes as long as a 20 foot perimeter adjacent to any right-of-way and/or residentially zoned property is mowed and maintained so as not to exceed the eight inch height. Owners and tenants are reminded that they are also required to keep adjoining public right-of-way mowed to the back of the curb, the edge of the street pavement and the alley.

Most property owners and tenants comply with the City of Carbondale's standards for the maintenance of tall grass and weeds. However, some property owners/tenants do not mow their property until the City posts the property in

violation of the tall grass and weed ordinance. Therefore, upon finding the same property in violation more than once during the same growth season, a Court Citation will be issued to all owners and occupants of the property at the time of the second posting and for each subsequent posting that may be necessary during the balance of the growth season. If the tall grass and weeds have not been mowed within seven days after the posting, the City's mowing contractor will mow the property and the property owner will be billed for the mowing by the City.

For more information about this ordinance contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237. To see if a property has been posted you may visit the City of Carbondale Web site www.explore.carbondale.com. A weed posting report can be viewed under the Government section.

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Haven't You Heard...

Community Events to Honor Life and Work of R. Buckminster Fuller April 18 - 22, 2010

Building local legacy and honoring an internationally recognized visionary is the focus of events planned in Carbondale this April. The fiftieth anniversary of the construction of the R. Buckminster and Anne Hewlett Fuller Dome Home takes place April 19, 2010.

The R. Buckminster Fuller Dome not for profit organization (RBF Dome NFP) will honor the occasion with the launch of "The Fuller Dome Transformation Initiative," an event running Sunday, April 18th through Thursday, April 22nd. Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole has signed a proclamation naming the week of April 19th officially "R. Buckminster & Anne Hewlett Fuller Dome Home Week" in Carbondale.

The Fuller Dome Home has been named as one of the most historically significant geodesic dome structures in the United States and is considered to be one of Carbondale's most historic treasures. Its restoration could have an immense impact on Carbondale and the Southern Illinois region. For this reason the RBF Dome NFP is dedicated to restoring this national treasure to its original form.

In April "The Fuller Dome Transformation Initiative" includes an exciting range of events that

reflect the contribution, philosophy and work of R. Buckminster Fuller. Events are planned in conjunction with a number of community & university organizations and local businesses. During the event there will be presentations, panels and exhibits, a Fuller music festival, documentary debuts, film showings, theatrical performances, poetry readings, improv and sketch comedy. There will also be Fuller design and architectural-related competitions and exhibits that are open to the entire community.

The week of April 19, 2010 also includes the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day, on Thursday, April 22, which was determined an appropriate occasion to honor Buckminster Fuller, who has been heralded as the father of "sustainability" and the Green Movement, with his teachings on doing more with less, seeing pollution and waste as an asset rather than liability, and applying the geometry of nature to human structural forms.

For those who wish to participate in, contribute to, or volunteer for this five-day celebration, please contact RBF Dome NFP President Brent Ritzel at 618.203.4844 or RBFdome@yahoo.com. Please also visit www.BuckysDome.org.

Residential Spring Clean-Up Program Begins April 30, 2010

The City of Carbondale will conduct the annual Residential Spring Clean-Up Program beginning April 30, 2010. This program serves single family dwellings up to and including 4-unit buildings.

The Spring Clean-Up Program allows residents to dispose of household items and general rubbish generated from the dwelling being served.

The following items will not be collected as a part of this program:

- Tires, appliances, or yard waste - these items can be disposed of by the City's Landscape & Special Waste Sticker Program.

- Hazardous materials including: paint, oil, gasoline, car batteries, pesticides, and other chemicals. Note that many of these items can be disposed of through the Jackson County Health Department's Household Chemical Collection event which generally takes place on a Saturday in early May at the Southern Illinois Airport.

For more information visit the Jackson County Health Department's Web site at www.recycle.jacksoncounty.org

- Contractor's remodeling or construction debris - residents or contractors must dispose of these items using private haulers.

To participate in this program, household rubbish must be placed at the curb no earlier than five (5) days prior to your collection day and no later than 8:00 a.m. on your collection day. Please note that items set at the curb for collection after 8:00 a.m. on the listed collection day will not be collected.

Household items will be collected from the curb on Fridays, based on the following schedule:

Monday's City Refuse Collection Route Friday, April 30th

All residences east of the Canadian National (CN) railroad tracks

Tuesday's City Refuse Collection Route Friday, May 7th

All residences located east of Little Crab Orchard Creek and west of South Oakland Avenue and all residences south of West Main St. up to and including Chautauqua Street (excluding residences along South Oakland Ave.)

Wednesday's City Refuse Collection Route Friday May 14th & May 21st

All residences located west of the CN railroad tracks, from South Oakland Avenue east and from West Main Street south, all residences from West Main Street north and North Oakland Avenue east, up to and including West Sycamore Street as well as residences on North Baine Drive and all residences of the CNRR tracks, east of Little Crab Orchard Creek and west of South Chautauqua Street (excluding residences on Chautauqua St.)

Thursday's City Refuse Collection Route Friday, May 28th

All residences west of the CN railroad tracks, north of West Sycamore Street (excluding residences located along West Sycamore St.) and all residences west of Little Crab Orchard Creek

Please do not block sidewalks, streets, ditches or drainage ways with your items. Placing or allowing items to remain at the curb earlier than 5 days prior to or after 8:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day is a violation of City Code and may subject you to a citation. Contact the Maintenance and Environmental Services Office at 457-3275 with questions.

Police Provide Enhanced Communication Tool for Citizens

The City of Carbondale Police Department is pleased to provide citizens an interactive tool to help them become more informed about crime in their neighborhood, and to help fight crime in their community. Citizens can visit the Carbondale Police Department Web site and view the fully interactive Crime Mapping program called CrimeReports.

Working with nearly 700 law enforcement agencies across North America, CrimeReports is the largest and most accurate online resource for up-to-date crime and sex offender information. The CrimeReports network offers affordable, easy-to-use software tools for law enforcement agencies to understand crime trends and share up-to-date neighborhood crime data with the public. Community members can access the integrated crime map and receive email crime alerts for free, empowering them to make informed decisions to help improve the safety and quality of life in their neighborhood and community.

Crime mapping allows citizens to learn more about the location and type of crime in their neighborhood and community and includes information and photographs of registered sex offenders, as well as informative articles on crime prevention and internet safety. Citizens are also able to access free, customizable crime alerts which will automatically provide them with electronic mail notifications when a crime occurs in their neighborhood. Proactive police activity, including vehicle stops, foot patrols and extra patrol requests are also included. Crime mapping data is updated on a daily basis.

Mayor Brad Cole stated, "In an effort to release

more information and provide more data to the public about crime and criminal activity, we continue to lead by offering more to our residents than any other community in Southern Illinois. We have instituted an e-mail news release system that allows us to share information with anyone who is interested. Citizens are able to selectively search the program, which uses google maps to securely probe the Police Department's database, and plot crime reports by date, time, location and event type. This is just one more way that Carbondale residents can gather information about the community."

Chief Jody O'Guinn added, "The information age continues to provide us with technological advancements that assist us in the collaborative effort between the Police Department and the citizens of Carbondale to fight crime within our City. It is my hope that CrimeReports will provide citizens with an additional, accurate, and timely means to increase their awareness of the crime issues faced by our community and, in some instances, even dispel some of the misinformation that tends to cause anxiety. It allows for a greater level of departmental transparency that will increase our accountability to the public, allowing them to see firsthand, our proactive response to criminal activity. The more informed residents are about crime, the more they can help keep themselves and other members of our community safe."

To access CrimeReports visit the Police Department's Web site, www.carbondalepolice.com, and select "Crime Mapping" located on the left side of the screen. Citizens can search for incidents based on crime types or by the dates which they are reported.

Keep Carbondale Beautiful Spring Clean-Up & Recycling Day April 17

On Saturday, April 17th, Keep Carbondale Beautiful will hold its Annual Spring Clean-up and Recycling Day at Turley Park from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. During this annual event, volunteers assemble to collect litter from assigned locations in Carbondale. Individuals and community groups are welcome to attend. Adopt-A-Spot groups are encouraged to save their monthly clean-up for this day.

Registration will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Turley Park. Volunteers will

receive a clean-up location and materials, a free recycled T-shirt and a complimentary lunch in the park. At the end of the day the total garbage collected will be weighed and reported. Last year, 223 volunteers collected 6,887 pounds of litter from the streets of Carbondale. We hope to continue this success again.

For more information or to register for this event, contact Valerie Rasp, Executive Director of Keep Carbondale Beautiful at 525-5525 or email www.keepcb1326@gmail.com.

City Water Office Offers

Convenient Bill Payment Options

The City of Carbondale offers customers convenient ways to manage monthly water and sewer bills by setting up automatic debit of the customer's checking or savings bank account or utilizing the E-Pay service. Both options provide advantages to the customer. Bills are paid on the due date, you don't have to write or mail a check and you can save postage, as well as late payment fees.

To establish automatic debit of your monthly bill, you simply need to bring a voided check to the Water Office and sign an authorization form. You will receive a statement showing your water consumption and the amount to be debited from your account on the due date.

The City of Carbondale has

also partnered with the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer to offer services within E-Pay. The E-Pay program was launched under a state master services agreement that is available for local units of government in Illinois. E-Pay allows a user to make payments through the internet with MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit card brands. The service, which other cities including Champaign and Bloomington use, can be accessed through the City of Carbondale's Web site www.explore.carbondale.com.

If you have questions about setting up automatic debit or using the E-Pay service contact a Customer Service Representative in the City of Carbondale Water Services Office at 549-5302.

City Encourages Residents to Participate in Expanded Recycling Program

Since Carbondale expanded its curbside recycling collection services to include mixed paper, more and more residents have been participating in the City's recycling efforts. Last July, the City's Refuse & Recycling Division began collecting most clean paper waste products including newspaper, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, books, corrugated cardboard and paperboard (such as cereal boxes) for recycling. The expansion of Carbondale's recycling program was assisted by a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

During the first seven months of the new program (July 2009 through January 2010), residents contributed and City workers collected more than 235 tons of

materials for recycling, for a net increase of 79% (more than 104 tons) over the amount of recyclables diverted from the landfill during the same period in 2008 and 2009.

This is great news for the community as recycling saves natural resources, reduces energy usage and saves limited landfill space. The City encourages its residents to keep up the good work and encourages additional residents to participate in the recycling programs.

Call 457-3275 to order recycle bins or for more information about the City of Carbondale's Refuse and Recycling services. The City will provide residences with a green bin to recycle paper products and a blue bin for recycling glass bottles, jars, cans and plastic bottles.

REFUSE & RECYCLING FACTS

Almost all of us have observed some of the City Refuse and Recycling workers while performing their daily tasks - but did you know that ...

- On average, workers on two trucks collect 11.25 tons of refuse daily from city residents. That is more than 1,000 pounds of garbage an hour!

- From May 2008 through April 2009, on average, each residential refuse customer disposed of 1,953 pounds (almost a ton) of trash!

- Approximately 4,700 blue (cans & bottles) recycle bins are collected monthly.
- Approximately 3,355

green (paper) recycle bins are collected each month.

- On average each blue cans & bottles bin contains over 6 pounds of recyclable materials.

- On average each green, mixed paper bin contains over 12 pounds of recyclable materials.

- About 15% of the total recyclable material collected by the City comes from two drop-off locations. Drop off locations are located at University Baptist Church parking lot on S. Oakland Ave. and the parking lot across from Carbondale Police Station on E. College St.

Carbondale City Calendar

March

Date	Meeting	Time
The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 2nd, 23rd	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 3rd, 17th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 8th, 29th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 1st	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 15th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 18th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 pm
Scheduled meetings at other locations		
Wednesday - 10th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 18th	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 25th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Lewis School, 801 South Lewis Lane	7:00 pm

April

Date	Meeting	Time
The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 6th, 20th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 7th, 21st	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 12th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm
Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue		
Monday - 5th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 pm
Monday - 19th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Scheduled meetings at other locations		
Wednesday - 14th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 15th	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 22nd	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Administrative Center, 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 pm
CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: Friday, April 2nd, for the Good Friday holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will not be affected.		

Outdoor Warning Sirens Tested Monthly

Outdoor warning sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. During inclement weather, sirens will not be tested. If a siren is sounded other than during a scheduled test, this alarm indicates an actual emergency. Remember that a watch means that conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop and a warning means that severe weather is occurring and you should take shelter immediately.



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TO DEFINE WHO WE ARE AS A NATION

The Census: A Snapshot

- What: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- Who: All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens.
- When: You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.
- Why: The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- How: Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

A Complete Count:

The Importance of Census Data

- Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.
- Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

2010 Census Questionnaire:

Easy, Important and Safe

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including whether a housing unit is rented or owned, the address of the residence, and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

United States
Census 2010

CENSUS HISTORY

The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. This was also a way of creating a more better understanding of where people were living to establish patterns of settlement at the national level.

ABOUT THE CENSUS BUREAU

The Census Bureau was established in 1902. Today, in addition to administering the census of population and housing, the Census Bureau conducts more than 200 area studies including the American Community Survey, the Current Population Survey, and other key censuses every five years.



We move forward when you send it back.

2010 Census Key Dates



February - March 2010

Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.



March - April 2010

Be Counted program is implemented. Census questionnaires are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.



April 1, 2010

CENSUS DAY



May - July 2010

Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.



Dec. 31, 2010

By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.



March 2011

Final 2010 Census results are released.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Who should fill out the census questionnaire?**
A. The individual in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented should complete the questionnaire on behalf of every person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives.
- Q. How will the 2010 Census differ from previous censuses?**
A. In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire of just 10 questions. More detailed socioeconomic information previously collected through the decennial census will be asked of a small percentage of the population through the annual American Community Survey. To learn more about the American Community Survey, visit www.census.gov.
- Q. How are census data used?**
A. Census data determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census data also can help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers, and new construction, such as highways and hospitals.
- Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?**
A. 2010 Census questionnaire language assistance guides are available in a variety of languages. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will also assist those unable to read or understand the questionnaire. Large-print questionnaires are available to the visually impaired upon request, and a Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD) program will help the hearing impaired. Contact your Regional Census Center for more details about the types of assistance available and for QAC locations.
- Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?**
A. Census Bureau workers undertake extensive operations to take in-person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and shelters, as well as those who have been displaced by natural disasters.

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to 2010census.gov.



POWER IT'S IN OUR HANDS