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Plagiarism committee turns in report

SIU President Glenn Poshard denied intentionally plagiarizing his 1984 dissertation during a meeting with DAILY EGYPTIAN reporters Aug. 29. The findings of the committee assigned to review the accusations are scheduled to be released today.

STEPHEN RICKERL
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



Joe Crawford
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The committee reviewing plagiarism charges against SIU President Glenn Poshard submitted a 10-page report detailing its findings to the chancellor's office Wednesday.

Chancellor Fernando Treviño, who declined to comment on the contents of the report, said he met with the committee and received a copy of the report Wednesday afternoon. The university is scheduled to release the committee's findings following a special meeting of the SIU Board of Trustees at a press conference today.

Treviño said he met with Graduate Dean John Koropchak, interim Provost Don Rice and SIU Board of Trustees Chairman Roger Tedrick Wednesday afternoon to discuss the report.

Committee member David

Worrells said the group came to a consensus on the allegations against Poshard, but that did not mean all members agreed on everything in the report.

Worrells would not comment on what the committee found but said the group spent a significant amount of time looking through SIUC's 1984 graduate catalog as well as writing style manuals from the time period.

The group also spent time discussing unintentional plagiarism, he said.

"That particular phrase got a lot of attention," he said.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN analyzed Poshard's 1984 dissertation in August and found 14 cases of text that appeared to be lifted directly from other sources without citation. The Chronicle of Higher Education

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A disease that kills quickly

Deer population threatened by virus

Eugene Clark
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

A recent virus outbreak in southern Illinois may reduce the number of healthy deer to hunt this season.

An outbreak of the epizootic hemorrhagic disease virus has spread in deer in southern and central Illinois this year. While this disease has very detrimental effects on deer, humans can not get the virus.

Eric Schaubert, assistant professor of zoology at SIUC, said he has never heard any instance of this virus causing deer to become violent. In fact, when deer obtain the virus, they become lethargic, disoriented and unresponsive.

"I have heard some people who have seen some deer just wandering around a neighborhood looking dazed with people gathered around where normally they would run off, and the deer stands there looking dazed," Schaubert said.

Jeff Squibb, spokesperson for the Illinois Department of Agriculture, said the disease is transmitted through gnats. A gnat feeds on an infected deer and spreads the virus to other deer. In the most severe cases, a deer could die as soon as eight hours after the onset of symptoms.

Squibb said when deer are infected with the virus, they often experience internal bleeding and tend to run off by

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STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bryan Hallengren, a graduate student from Brimfield studying landscape horticulture practices driving a tractor Wednesday as part of the Green Industry Equipment Day. The event was organized to give students hands-on experience with machinery.

Hands on experience

Agriculture students get chance to operate ground department's heavy machinery

Brandy Oxford
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

When stuck behind one of the many slow pieces of heavy machinery that frequent southern Illinois' highways, few people can identify with the dust-covered old man in the cab.

On Wednesday however, the university's Grounds Department paired up with the School of Agriculture

to let students operate landscaping equipment as part of Green Industry Equipment Education Day. The event — held in a field to the west of campus — was to introduce students studying agriculture, particularly landscaping students, to equipment they might work with in the future.

As graduate student Bryan Hallengren drove by doing doughnuts on a lawnmower, Jerry Smith, a heavy equipment driver and operator

at SIUC, taught students how to operate a backhoe with a front-loader.

Karen Midden, professor in plant, soil and agricultural systems, said she was the first to drive the backhoe and had hoped to have a Bobcat out for students to drive.

"If you have a load of pavers or bricks to move, it's a back saver," Midden said.

Grounds Foreman Jim Braeutigam said most students do not realize the work that goes into maintaining grounds. Smith said anybody could use the equipment

with the proper time and training.

"It's like Tom Sawyer painting the fence. Everybody says, 'Hey, I want to do that,'" Smith said. "You just have to have a love for the equipment in order to be proficient and safe on it."

Instructor Amy Boren required her landscape annuals and garden center nursery management classes to attend the event. She said she wanted them to get a feel for equipment they may be working with in the future.

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siuDE.com Question: What's your opinion of cage fighting, the sport former Saluki Football player Natu Visiaia competes in?

I love it, it's just as much a sport as boxing or football.	33%
It's barbaric: It's not a sport, it's just two guys beating each other up.	40%
I've never seen a cage fighting match, I don't really have an opinion.	20%
Isn't cage fighting something they did in Pro Wrestling?	8%

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How do you feel about SIU having an unofficial Halloween?

A. YES! It's going to be off the hook. B. What is unofficial Halloween?
C. NO! The campus will burn down. D. YES! We have a Halloween tradition of craziness

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CALENDAR

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

• 7 p.m. today at Life Science III Auditorium
• Topic of discussion is "Great Sex!"

Open House and Field Fair

• 1-4 p.m. today at the Student Center, Ballrooms C and D
• Meet and greet School of Social Work faculty, staff and students; learn what the helping profession is all about and special incentives for students

Discussion and lecture with Media Analyst, Author and Professor Claude Robinson

• 4:30 p.m. today at the Communications Building, Room 1032
• No admission fee

HHH Costume Run for the Beer! Downtown Carbondale

• 3 p.m. Saturday at the 710 Parking Lot
• The Hash-House Harriers, an International Running Club, is sponsoring its monthly "5K Run for the Beer!"
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• Contact Aaron Heller at 713-5231 for more information

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

POLICE REPORTS

There are no new items to report today.

CORRECTIONS

In Mondays edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN the article Abortion Rally stirs debate should have said NOW stands for the National for women. Also Lynn Mowry's name was misspelled.

If you spot an error, please contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 253.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Pharmacists reach deal on 'Plan B' contraceptive

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois pharmacists who object to dispensing emergency birth control would be allowed to step aside while someone else filled the prescription, under a deal that could settle a lawsuit against the state.

That person — not required to be a pharmacist — would contact a pharmacist at a different location, then follow directions for dispensing the so-called "morning after" pill.

The compromise means pharmacists would not have to offer a drug they oppose on moral grounds, but minors who need it (adults can obtain emergency contraceptives without a prescription) would not be turned away and have to find a different pharmacy.

"It seems to be a thoughtful settlement," Pam Sutherland, president of Illinois Planned Parenthood, said Wednesday. "This gives them an out and it still makes sure the woman gets her prescription."

The settlement would end a lawsuit against the state by several pharmacists and Walgreen Co. over a state rule requiring pharmacies to fill prescriptions for emergency contraception.

It requires a change in state pharmacy rules, so it must be reviewed by the legislative panel that sets those rules before it can take effect.

If taken within 72 hours of intercourse, the morning-after pill — a higher dose of regular hormonal contraception — significantly reduces a woman's chance of becoming pregnant. It works by preventing ovulation or fertilization and interfering with implantation of a fertilized egg, which some people consider the equivalent of abortion.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich introduced the rule more than two years ago, saying that pharmacists had an obligation to fill all prescriptions despite any personal qualms. Someone in need of emergency contraception should always be able to get it, "No delays. No hassles. No lectures," he said then.

His rule put the responsibility on the pharmacies. If one of their employees did not want to fill a prescription, the store had to make another pharmacist available onsite.

Child pornography charges filed against children's performer

SPRINGFIELD — A man who was a former minister and police officer, and who has worked as a clown, is in federal custody after being charged with possessing child pornography and traveling overseas to engage in sexual activities with a minor.

Amon Paul Carlock, 57, of Springfield was arrested Tuesday and was ordered held in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service pending a preliminary hearing scheduled for Friday.

An investigation of Carlock's activities was sparked after his return on June 12 from the Philippines. Upon his arrival at San Francisco International Airport, Carlock told immigration and homeland security officers he had been working as a clown at the House of Joy orphanage in San Isidro.

The Philippines is a country considered to be high-risk for child sex tourism. Because Carlock had direct contact with children, the officers asked to look at Carlock's digital camera and his computer, according to U.S. Attorney Rodger Heaton. When they searched the computers, they allegedly found numerous pictures of nude boys.

A federal search warrant executed Sept. 28 at Carlock's Springfield residence turned up compact discs that contained movies depicting child pornography, according to authorities.

"This case reveals the disturbing truth that some adults will go to great lengths to sexually exploit children," said Elissa Brown of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Carlock goes by the name of "Klutzo the Clown" and "Professor Paul the Magician" when he performs, according to the U.S. attorney's office. His Web site claims Carlock is an ordained minister.

Federal authorities said Carlock spent more than 20 years in law enforcement. Carlock volunteered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters for about two months before he came under investigation.

Dealers get stiff sentences for laundering money

CHICAGO — Two Chicago auto dealers convicted of swapping Jaguars, BMWs and Cadillacs for millions of dollars in drug money learned Wednesday that they will go to prison for 20 years and 15 years respectively.

"It would be difficult to conceive of a money laundering offense more offensive than what we have here," federal Judge Milton I. Shadur said.

Amir Hosseini, 50, of Winnetka and Hossein Obai, 54, of Northbrook were convicted in February of laundering millions of dollars for the Gangster Disciples and other big Chicago gangs while living in multimillion-dollar homes in Chicago's affluent North Shore suburbs. Hosseini, the alleged mastermind, will be sentenced to 20 years and Obai 15 years.

Relatives of the defendants wailed loudly in the court and the hall outside after Shadur imposed what he acknowledged were tough sentences.

"Twenty years is somewhat worse than a sharp stick in the eye," Shadur said. "Here we're talking about hard time."

Prosecutors said the two men deserved what they got because they helped the gangs hide profits from selling cocaine and heroin.

Witnesses called by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Daniel D. Rubenstein and Lisa M. Noller testified that the two men were well aware the money they took in came from narcotics sales but didn't care.

Shadur did not officially impose the sentences because he still awaits financial information before deciding how much to fine the two men and what restitution if any to order. But he made it clear the sentences he announced are his final decision and will not change.

Lennox plans to close Danville plant

DANVILLE — Lennox International Inc. plans to close a plant in east-central Illinois next year, cutting 315 jobs.

Blaming increased competition, the company said that over the next 18 months it will move most of the manufacturing, support and warehouse work now done in Danville by its Heatcraft subsidiary to Tipton, Ga., and the rest to another plant in Stone Mountain, Ga.

"Financially, our best opportunity for cost savings and efficiency was in the Tipton facility," Lennox spokeswoman Karen O'Shea said Wednesday. "It's just purely financial."

The Danville plant makes refrigeration equipment used in restaurants and convenience stores.

The plant's 270 hourly workers will not be able to transfer to new jobs, but the company may offer some of the 50 salaried employees positions elsewhere in the company, O'Shea said.

Local officials said at least the closure wasn't immediate.

"If there is anything positive to this, the positive would be it is an extended process for closure, which allows the employees to find other jobs or get retraining," Mayor Scott Eisenhauer told the (Danville) Commercial News.

State and local economic development officials plan to help the employees find new jobs, said Vicki Haugen, president of the local Vermilion Advantage group.

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Police receive federal and state grant money

New radar units, overtime money for DUI patrols

David Lopez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Carbondale Police recently received a grant to help keep motorists safe and law-abiding.

The U.S. Department of Justice awarded the city of Carbondale a \$19,023 Justice Assistance Grant earlier this month, while the Illinois Department of Transportation and Department of Traffic Safety awarded the city a Mini-Alcohol Program Grant and a Child Passenger Safety Grant.

The JAG grant is meant to purchase new mobile radar speed detection units. The MAP and Child Passenger Safety grants, totaling \$25,000 together, would provide overtime money for police to work extra impaired-driving patrols, and also provide new child passenger seats.

The police department is hop-

ing to replace its aging speed detector, which it has used since 1994.

Deputy Chief Jeff Grubbs said the two new speed monitoring radar units, which have a 15 and 18 inch display are going to be mobile and placed at various points in the city as the police see fit.

Grubbs said the detection units are a good way of deterring speeding, but they cannot force anyone to obey the speed limit.

"Basically we're looking for voluntary compliance," Grubbs said. "None of the radar trailers are used for enforcement."

The MAP grant will be used to finance more DUI patrols. These patrols have been in effect since Oct. 1.

"Officers will be working MAP grant overtime, and their only function will be to focus on speeding and impaired driving," Grubbs said.

Despite the increased patrols,

Grubbs said the department has received these grants three years in a row, and the city has actually seen a decrease in the number of DUI cases over the years.

While the police working on these patrols are not required to fill any kind of citation quota, they are required to make at least three civilian contacts during these MAP-financed hours.

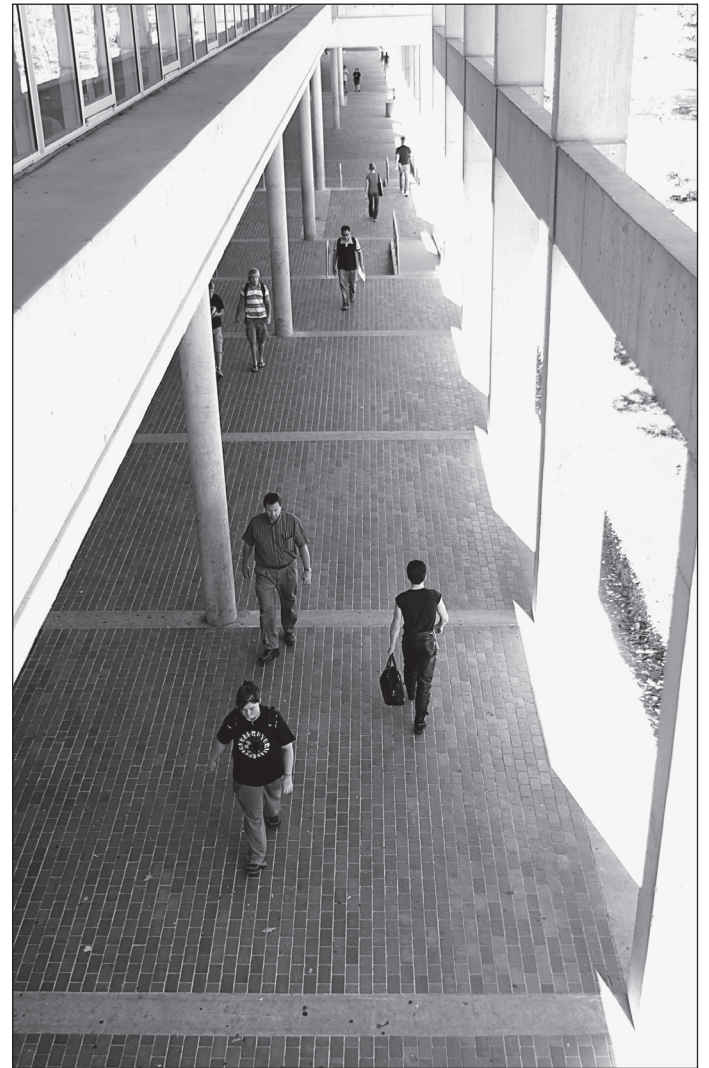
Additionally, the city is partnering with the Southwestern Illinois Occupant Protection Resource Center to provide child safety seats purchased with the Child Passenger Safety Grant.

Grubbs said the child safety seat installation and inspections by trained professionals is available at the Carbondale Police Department, free of charge.

David Lopez can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 273 or dave.lopez@siude.com.

“ Basically we’re looking for voluntary compliance. None of the radar trailers are used for enforcement. ”

— Jeff Grubbs
Carbondale Police Department
deputy chief



BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students make their way across campus under Faner Hall Tuesday.

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WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Setting up showdown: House Democrats push their surveillance bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats pushed their government eavesdropping bill through two committees Tuesday with only minor changes, setting the stage for a confrontation with the Bush administration.

President Bush said Wednesday that he will not sign the bill if it does not give retroactive immunity to U.S. telecommunications companies that helped conduct electronic surveillance without court orders.

Bush said the bill, which envisions a greater role for a secret court in overseeing U.S. surveillance of overseas communications, would "take us backward" in efforts to thwart terrorism.

The measure advanced by the House Judiciary and Intelligence committees left out the immunity provision Bush wants. Democrats also voted down Republican attempts to tailor the legislation more to the administration's liking.

TEHRAN

Iran's ex-nuke negotiator lambastes Ahmadinejad's international dealings

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's former chief nuclear negotiator delivered an unusually sharp rebuke to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's policies Wednesday, saying they are turning more nations against Iran and failing to fix the struggling economy.

The comments by Hasan Rowhani were the harshest yet against the hard-line president by a prominent figure in the Iranian leadership, and came after critics had grown muted in recent months as the government stirred up fears of conflict with the U.S. and warned against dissent.

The criticism echoed complaints early this year from conservative supporters of Ahmadinejad that his inflammatory rhetoric was needlessly goading the West in the confrontation over Iran's nuclear program and that he hadn't fulfilled promises to improve the economy.

WASHINGTON

Supreme Court weighs Bush, international court roles in death penalty for Mexican

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, with a bit of dramatic flair in the packed courtroom Wednesday, whipped out his pocket-size Constitution and began reading to the lawyer from Texas the pertinent section on international treaties.

Treaties "shall be the supreme law of the land, and the judges in every state," Breyer said, pausing briefly, "I guess it means, including Texas, shall be bound thereby."

His little joke aside, Breyer was probing a question at the heart of a complicated dispute over the role of international law and claims of executive power in the case of a Mexican on death row for rape and murder.

Why does Texas insist that it need not abide by the judgment of an international court, which by treaty the United States has agreed to follow, that ruled that Jose Ernesto Medellin must have a new hearing?

GLOBAL WARMING

Study finds that humans are to blame for increase in humidity

WASHINGTON (AP) — With global warming, the world isn't just getting hotter — it's getting stickier, due to humidity. And people are to blame, according to a study based on computer models published Thursday.

The amount of moisture in the air near Earth's surface rose 2.2 percent in less than three decades, the researchers report in a study appearing in the journal "Nature."

"This humidity change is an important contribution to heat stress in humans as a result of global warming," said Nathan Gillett of the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom, a co-author of the study.

Gillett studied changes in specific humidity, which is a measurement of total moisture in the air, between 1973-2002. Higher humidity can be dangerous to people because it makes the body less efficient at cooling itself, said University of Miami health and climate researcher Laurence Kalkstein. He was not connected with the research.

UAW reaches tentative contract

Tom Krisher
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers union reached a tentative four-year contract with Chrysler Wednesday, hours after going on strike and the same day General Motors workers ratified a separate four-year pact.

Next up: Ford.

A person with knowledge of the Chrysler LLC agreement said it includes some guarantees that vehicles will be produced at U.S. factories, a company-funded union-run trust that will pay much of Chrysler's \$18 billion in long-term retiree health care costs, and a lower wage scale for some newly hired workers.

The person, who requested anonymity because the contract has not been ratified by union members, said the new vehicle guarantees are not as extensive as those given by General Motors Corp.

The guarantees, which translate into job security for union workers, are in many cases only for the life of current products, the person said. GM made guarantees at many factories that include the next generation of cars, trucks and parts.

The new lower wage scale, the person said, covers new hires who would replace Chrysler Mopar parts transportation workers. Buyout and early retirement offers would be made to current workers in an effort to get them to leave, the person said.

The lower wage scale is similar to the one negotiated by GM, the person said.

UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said the strike against Chrysler, which is 80.1 percent owned by private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management LP, would end immediately and work-



PATRICIA BECK ~ MCT

UAW members walk the picket line outside Chrysler Headquarters in Auburn Hills, Mich., Wednesday.

ers should report for their next available shift.

"This agreement was made possible because UAW workers made it clear to Chrysler that we needed an agreement that rewards the contributions they have made to the success of this company," Gettelfinger said in a statement.

Gettelfinger wouldn't release any details of the contract, but Chrysler said the tentative agreement includes the retiree health care trust. The newly private company didn't say how much money it will contribute to the trust.

"The national agreement is consistent with the economic pattern and balances the needs of our employees and company by provid-

ing a framework to improve our long-term manufacturing competitiveness," Chrysler Vice President and Chairman Tom LaSorda said in a statement.

Chrysler's national UAW contract covers about 45,000 workers and 78,000 retirees and spouses.

The UAW said its historic contract with GM, which also includes a retiree health care trust, was approved by 66 percent of production workers and 64 percent of skilled trades workers.

The deal, reached Sept. 26 after a two-day nationwide strike, establishes lower pay for some workers and makes promises for future work at U.S. plants.

UAW members at 19 of 24 U.S.

Chrysler factories and several other facilities left their jobs for the picket lines at 11 a.m. Wednesday and stayed out for about six hours.

Talks between the UAW and Chrysler began in July but accelerated last weekend. Among the major issues were the retiree health care trust, the company's desire to outsource parts-trucking jobs, promises that future products will be built at U.S. factories, and parity with health care concessions that were given to Ford Motor Co. and GM two years ago.

A majority of Chrysler workers will have to ratify the tentative agreement before it can take effect. Ford will be the final automaker to bargain with the UAW.

State Dept. may phase out Blackwater

Atthw Lee
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The State Department may phase out or limit the use of private security guards in Iraq, which could mean canceling Blackwater USA's contract or awarding it to another company in line with an Iraqi government demand, The Associated Press has learned.

Such steps would be difficult given U.S. reliance on Blackwater and other contractors, but they are among options being studied during a comprehensive review of security in Iraq, two senior officials said.

The review was ordered after a Sept. 16 incident in which Blackwater guards protecting a U.S. Embassy convoy in Baghdad are accused of killing 17 Iraqi civilians.

The shooting has enraged the Iraqi government, which is demanding millions in compensation for the victims and removal of Blackwater in six months. It also has focused attention on the nebulous rules governing private guards and added to the Bush administration's problems in managing the war in Iraq.

And it prompted Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to order the top-to-bottom review from a commission headed by Patrick Kennedy, one of the State Department's most experienced management officials.

Kennedy has been told to concentrate on several key issues, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the review is still under way. Among them:

—Changes to the rules of engagement under which State Department security contractors operate, particularly for approaching suspicious vehicles, which is at the crux of the Sept. 16 incident. Blackwater insists its guards were fired upon, although Iraqi witnesses and the Iraqi government maintain the guards opened fire with no provocation when a vehicle got too close.

—Whether Blackwater's secretive corporate culture, reputed to have encouraged a "cowboy-like mentality," has led to its employees being more likely to violate or stretch the existing rules than those of the two other private security firms, DynCorp and Triple Canopy, the State Department uses in Iraq.

—Whether it's feasible to eliminate or drastically curtail the use of private foreign contractors to protect U.S. diplomats in Iraq. And, if so, how to replace them.

The officials cautioned that no decisions have been made on what the review panel will recommend. They also said that each recommendation involves complex variables that could depend on interpretations of Iraqi and U.S. laws, as well as U.S. government regulations for vendors.

Suspended student opens fire at Cleveland school

Five hurt before gunman kills self

Joe Milicia
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — A 14-year-old suspended student, dressed in black, opened fire in his downtown high school Wednesday, wounding four people as terrified schoolmates hid in closets and bathrooms and huddled under laboratory desks. He then killed himself.

A fellow student at SuccessTech Academy alternative school said the shooter, who was suspended for fighting two days earlier, had made threats in front of students and teachers last week.

"He's crazy. He threatened to blow up our school. He threatened to stab everybody," Doneisha LeVert said. "We didn't think nothing of it."

Police Chief Michael McGrath said it appeared that the shooter used two weapons, but added that the coroner's office will need to finish its work to confirm that. Parents were angry that firearms got into a school equipped with metal detectors.

Mayor Frank Jackson said two adults and three teens were injured, including a 14-year-old girl who fell and hurt her knee while running out

of the school.

Witnesses said the black-clad shooter moved through the converted five-story downtown office building, working his way up through the first two floors of administrative offices to the third floor of classrooms.

Antonio Deberry, 17, said he and his classmates hid under laboratory tables and watched the shooter move down the hallway. "I saw him walking past. He didn't see us, we saw him," Deberry said the shooter swore and shot several times.

The shooter was identified by an official close to the investigation as

Asa H. Coon. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because Coon's family was being notified.

LeVert said she hid in a closet with two other students after she heard a

"Code Blue" alert over the loud-speaker. She said she heard about 10 shots.

Ronnell Jackson, 15, said he saw the shooter running down a school hallway.

"He was about to shoot me, but I got out just in time," he said. "He was aiming at me I got out just in time."

Coon had been suspended since Monday for fighting, said Charles Blackwell, president of SuccessTech's student-parent organization. He did not know how Coon got into the building Wednesday.

NYC police investigate noose on Columbia professor's door

Adam Goldman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Hundreds of Columbia University teachers and students voiced outrage Wednesday over a noose found hanging from a black professor's office door, while police investigated if it was the work of disgruntled students or a colleague.

The 4-foot-long twine noose was found Tuesday on Madonna Constantine's door at Teachers College, a graduate school of education affiliated with Columbia. At a raucous rally Wednesday, Constantine said it was a "blatant act of racism."

"I'm upset that our community has been exposed to such an unbelievably vile incident," she told the crowd. "Hanging the noose on my door reeks of cowardice and fear on many, many levels."

Police were testing the noose for DNA evidence, said Deputy Inspector Michael Osgood, commander of the NYPD Hate Crime Task Force.

Constantine, 44, told police there was "ill will" between her and another professor, a police official said. But the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation had not been completed, stressed that the dispute was only one possible lead, and that police were also looking into whether "disgruntled students, anyone upset with grades" were involved.

Teachers College held a community meeting to discuss the incident, which has roiled the Ivy League campus.

"This is an assault on African-Americans and therefore it is an assault on every one of us," university President Lee C. Bollinger said in a statement. "I know I speak on behalf of every member of our communities in condemning this horrible action."

The state Attorney General's office has sent lawyers from its civil rights bureau and investigators to look into the incident, said

spokesman Jeffrey Lerner.

Derald Wing Sue, an adjunct professor at Teachers College who does research with Constantine, said he was at work Tuesday morning when another colleague spotted the noose hanging on the door. She wasn't in her office at the time.

Constantine has written about race, including a book entitled "Addressing Racism: Facilitating Cultural Competence in Mental Health and Educational Settings." Students said Constantine teaches a class on racial justice.

"Clearly, it was a symbolic act of racial hatred that was intended to intimidate," Sue said. "I felt outraged and angry that this was directed at such a close colleague and friend of mine."

Sue said he informed Constantine about the noose and she was devastated.

"She's doing fine," he said. "She's OK. I've talked to her. She's getting a lot of support."

An e-mail to Constantine was not immediately returned Wednesday, nor were calls to Constantine's office or the publicist for Teachers College.

As word of the incident spread, students and faculty reacted with sadness and anger.

"It's hard hearing about it," said student Danielle Green. "I'm not uncomfortable here but I'm not surprised. I mean, look at the world we live in. There is a lot of racism going on."

In the message to the college's 5,000 students and 150 faculty members explaining why police were on campus Tuesday, college president Susan H. Fuhrman said: "The Teachers College community and I deplore this hateful act, which violates every Teachers College and societal norm."

"You would think, Columbia being such a diverse campus and New York being such a diverse city, it shouldn't happen here," said student Mikayla Graham.

Dispute freezes event funding

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A dispute between the student government and faculty members in fine arts has frozen money allocated for campus events.

The presidents of the Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate and Professional Student Council have refused to appoint student members to a committee that handles funding for fine arts events, USG president Demetrous White said.

The committee cannot make binding decisions or allocate funding until student members have been appointed.

White said he and GPSC president Steven Middleton would not appoint any members under current operating procedures because he said students from all disciplines should be eligible to serve on the committee. Policy requires the seven students on the committee — as well as the seven faculty members — to come from fine arts departments, White said.

The Departments of Art and Design, Speech Communication, Architecture and Interior Design, Cinema and Photography, Theater, Music and English are the seven fine arts departments, White said.

The Fine Arts Activity Fee Committee uses money taken from the student activity fee to fund fine arts events, such as guest lecturers.

The USG president appoints five student members, while the GPSC president appoints two. The undergraduate and graduate senates approve the appointees.

Students who are not majoring in fine arts disciplines should be able to serve, White said, because all students pay the activity fee.

"It's like no taxation without representation," White said.

Christy Poggas, chair of the committee, could not be reached for comment.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz said he has been acting as an intermediary between the student government and faculty on the committee.

Operational papers for the committee state that student members must be from the specified departments, Dietz said.

The operational papers cannot be changed without a two-thirds vote from the committee, which cannot happen without student members.

Middleton said he and White would not appoint student members until the two sides could reach an agreement.

"We don't want to hold them up any more than they want to be held up," Middleton said. "It's just an issue we're working to resolve."

White informed USG about the situation at a meeting Wednesday.

Although no resolutions were passed regarding the issue, several senators applauded when White said he and Middleton would not appoint any students until an agreement was reached.

If the situation is not resolved, Dietz said he would intervene.

"Frankly, I'm happy to make a decision on this, but I would much rather that the two primary parties agree on a solution rather than me imposing something," Dietz said. "The most important thing is that we continue to enrich this campus through the fine arts offerings, and we'll work out the detail about how we get to that point."

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“It's like no taxation without representation.”

— Demetrous White
USG president

OUR WORD

The wait is over (?)

Before the pre-scripted shenanigans set for today's press conference occur, the DAILY EGYPTIAN would like to reinstate what we think the committee reviewing the allegations of plagiarism against SIU President Glenn Poshard should recommend.

There is only one best-case scenario. The committee reviewing its boss's dissertation should suggest an entity outside of Poshard's jurisdiction to take the reigns of this investigation.

That, or our university loses what little shred of dignity it has left.

Tough choice, we know.

The Board of Trustees made its position clear from the beginning: No matter what, Poshard is the man. He's done nothing to

discredit this university. He has not faltered in his responsibilities. Plagiarism shmagiarism.

And it is the very group with the say-so to sweep this sordid mess under the rug — regardless of what the committee recommends.

So when we say hope, we really mean it.

It is hard enough to justify why the matter has stayed in the university's backyard this long. Yet today we have a 10-page report furnished by SIU's own.

In a Sept. 10 statement on the matter, BOT chairman Roger Tedrick said, "The Board of Trustees takes seriously its responsibility to ensure the academic integrity of this institution."

Instead of saying 'fat chance,' today we will simply wait and see.

GUEST COLUMN

Coming out 101

Counseling Center
GUEST COLUMNIST

Today, many gay and lesbian people and their allies will celebrate National Coming Out Day.

Coming out is one of the most significant developmental processes in the lives of gay or lesbian people. It is a life-long process of exploring one's sexual orientation as well as one's gay or lesbian identity and sharing it with significant individuals, such as family, friends and co-workers in our world.

Coming out is a short phrase for "coming out of the closet." What does this mean? Essentially coming out means to accept, recognize, express and share one's sexual orientation with oneself and others.

Coming out takes courage and may have positive or negative ramifications.

These factors must be considered before coming out to significant individuals in your life. It is important to remember that coming out is not an all or nothing proposition. You can choose whom you feel safe coming out to.

However, there are some things that should be considered.

First, be clear and comfortable regarding your own feelings about being identified as a gay or lesbian individual. If you are dealing with mixed feelings regarding your sexual orientation such as guilt or shame, seek help in resolving mixed feelings before coming out to parents or others who do not identify as gay or lesbian.

If you are financially dependent on your parents, roommates and/or workplace this should be a consideration before deciding to come out. If there is a potential of rejection from parents, friends, boss or co-workers, there could be problems. On a practical level, if your roommates are sharing costs with you, or your parents are paying the bills, why cut off your nose to spite your face? It is important to protect your own best interests.

When coming out to significant people in your life, it is also important to communicate caring and love before making an announcement about being gay or

lesbian.

Communicate that you have not changed: You are still the same person; You were gay last week and you will be gay next week.

You should be prepared that your revelation about being gay or lesbian may not be well received. Try not to react to other's initial reactions. Let them be honest about their feelings, even if they are negative. Remember their initial reactions are not likely to be the same over time.

Most importantly, keep the lines of communication open. The people you choose to disclose your sexual orientation to will be in a process of examining myths and stereotypes about gay and lesbian people, which are pervasive in our culture.

If you are in the process of coming out and would like help dealing with mixed emotions, there are counselors at the SIU Counseling Center who identify as gay/lesbian and allies who would be happy to help you through this emotional process.

You can contact the Counseling Center at 453-5371. In addition, there is the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Resource Center that provides educational outreach, referral information and advocacy services.

For more information about the GLBT Resource Center contact Paulette Curkin at (618) 453-6804 or via e-mail at pcurkin@siu.edu.

STUDENT COLUMN

Caution: Slumlords have no shame

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Student housing is said to be a part of the college experience. For some students, however, this experience can be at best a migraine and at worst a nightmare. One would be hard pressed to find a student at SIU who doesn't know at least one person with a landlord horror story. These stories are not students whining about dirty houses with old appliances; these stories involve unsafe living conditions, housing code violations and serious monetary disputes.

With the increasing costs of college and living, students seek out the cheapest housing available.

Thus, housing in a college town is not generally held to the same standard as say a residential suburban town. The houses are either old or quickly constructed, and they sometimes carry with them the scars of years of college debauchery. It is not easy to be a college landlord; late payments and some student's disregard for their living space can be more than a handful. Yet this does not serve as an excuse for providing sub-standard housing or service. There is a reason that landlords are referred to as slumlords in this town.

There are two main categories of landlord dispute, physical housing disputes and monetary disputes. Physical housing problems range from broken windows to serious structural problems. The city enforces a law in which every three years, landlords must allow inspection of their rental properties.

These inspections, however, are undermanned and underfunded; if you have a problem, you need to be the one to get the ball rolling. Mold and asbestos can linger and cause serious health problems, and code violations could mean a burnt-down house or a caved-in roof. Problems like unsafe wiring won't fix themselves and addressing them immediately is the only surefire way to avoid a visit from the Carbondale Fire Department.

The other main area of dispute is over monetary issues. Landlords, much like insurance companies, profit from customer financial abuse. Financial disputes range from late-fees to cleaning supply reimbursement, but the most common and serious contention is over security deposits and damages. Many students leave a lease, expecting a check back for their security deposit (sometimes minus cleaning costs). What happens often is that they are hit with charges for "damages" and instead of a refund, they are sent a bill. While some students do trash their houses to a level appropriate, the majority do not and unless one is flawless in the transition period between leases, often they do not receive their deposit back.

As the Wu-Tang Clan says, "You must protect ya neck." There are ways of recourse students can use to fight back against slumlords. If your property has physical issues, first attempt to contact your landlord and resolve it with them. If however, they do not address the problem, or are entirely too slow to solve it, you can contact Building and Neighborhood services at (618) 457-3237. They take your complaint and deal with the landlord directly and effectively. They have the power to fine landlords so landlords generally comply very quickly.

If the problem is one of money, you have two possible routes of recourse. The first is student legal services (618) 536-6677, a service free to SIU students that offers free legal counseling from both attorneys and 2nd and 3rd year law clerks. They can help determine what legal recourse you have against your landlord. The other route is the Carbondale Better Business Bureau, at (618) 529-6400, which can be used to formally lodge complaints against your landlord. Whatever happens, know that you are not powerless, and you do not have to rent with unfair treatment and conditions. It is time for students to wise up and slumlords to shape up.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

"Part of the discussion that's going on is what to call it — sexuality studies, queer studies, GLBT studies."

Paulette Curkin
coordinator of the GLBT Resource Center
on discussions of creating a sexuality-based minor

INSIGHT



Saving Cairo

Photo column by
Thomas Barker ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Gary Tilman and his wife Sharon run a ministry in Cairo. It's not a church, but a group of people who believe God will turn their city around.

Cairo has been in decline for more than half a century. The population has decreased, the buildings are falling apart and the economy is all but extinct. There is crime, drugs, racism and unemployment.

The Tilmans' Two Rivers Ministry works out of the old St. Joseph's school building downtown and brings worship services to the streets of Cairo, attempting to get as many people as possible to join them in worship. The Tilmans have a crew of six or seven younger people who are also part of the ministry.

They are a very inspiring group of individuals.

They play music, sing, pray and read scripture. They get together Friday nights at a comfortable, lounge-like place at St. Joseph's and sometimes have dinner beforehand.

The problem is, after years of trying time and time again to get the people of Cairo involved, the ministry has had no one join them.

Does this mean the ministry is a failure or that Cairo

can't be saved? No. It means the mission may be bigger than anticipated; the ministry might have to change the way it approaches the people of Cairo or it might need help from others who believe in the mission as well.

Personally, I think the people of Two Rivers Ministry are doing a wonderful thing. They have a long road ahead of them, but I think Cairo needs spiritual revival if it is ever going to come together as a successful community and improve its conditions.

I'll admit I wasn't especially fond of Cairo during my first few visits, but there are great people there who had to be found.

The principle of finding good in the bad can be applied to just about anywhere. I believe there are a lot of places in the country and in the world that have serious troubles, places that need help because others have brought suffering there. The problems don't replace the good things. They just overshadow them.

Some may see a place with bad problems and think the problems are all that is there. They need to realize one thing, as I have: Looking through the bad things and finding the people that care is the only human power that can and will save the world.

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ABOVE: Frazier holds a newt that is in the eft stage. The newt has mildly toxic skin usually decorated in bright orange or red colors to warn predators that they taste bad.
BELOW: A fence lizard thermo regulates on a log. The missing finger in the middle of the foot may have been from a previous recapture study to help researchers identify animals for survival rates and population estimates.



“Being able to see animals in their natural environment – I always consider that to be a privilege.”
 — Laura Barid
 junior studying zoology



Photos and story
 by DuVale Riley

Dodging students in cross-walks shouldn't seem like such a hassle after what the SIUC zoology club has been through.

Forest Service Road 345 in Shawnee National Forest is one of the few roads in the country that closes in order to let snakes cross the road. The road, which is overseen by the U.S. Forest Service in Shawnee, has been closed every March 15 to May 15 and Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 since 1972 to accommodate seasonal reptile and amphibian migrations.

SIUC's zoology club loaded into cars Sept. 29 on an expedition in the Shawnee National Forest. They parked on the side of the road at the La Rue Pine Hills Ecological area, about 30 miles southeast of Carbondale, which contains some of the most diverse ecology in the state.

Road 345 sits in-between bluffs where many reptiles and amphibians will hibernate and near swamps where they spend most of their time looking for food and basking in the sun. Julius “Tony” Frazier, a senior from Cincinnati, Ohio studying zoology, said it is one of the few places in the country where a road closes for the convenience of reptiles and amphibians.

As the amount of daylight decreases, reptiles and amphibians are seen more frequently during seasonal migrations because their food becomes harder to find and the photoperiod, which warms the cold-blooded animals, is not as long in the fall as it is in the summer, queuing many animals to move at one time.

Frazier guided a group of about 25 students as they climbed, crouched and dodged through hills, leaves and

thorns in search of cold-blooded animals during the club's biannual snake migration trek at La Rue.

“Historically, I've been a member of the zoology club for a couple of years and I've always loved the trip,” Frazier said. “Of the group, I guess I'm more knowledgeable of reptiles and amphibians, so they always ask me to go.”

As a zoology student focused on herpetology, or the study of reptiles and amphibians, Frazier said he considered himself a “herp-oriented person.”

In the winter of 2005, Frazier traveled to Honduras to do research under SIUC Associate Professor of Zoology Karen Lips. Frazier studied how much light absorption boa constrictors can handle before getting too hot, and gathered data. The research will be used to help determine if climate changes due to global warming make the living situation of reptiles in Honduras inhospitable.

The zoology club invited students in lower-level zoology classes and those who have never been to the area to come along. Amanda Romack, a junior from Vail, Colo. studying zoology, is one student who, despite her fear of snakes, went along for the trip.

Romack said she went to study for upcoming herpetology-related exams.

“Reading them in a textbook is one thing but when you're out there in the field seeing it is a lot different,” Romack said. “It taught me quite a bit.”

Frazier, a former president of the zoology club, said the club gives students an opportunity to work hands on with what they've learned in class.

“They get a chance to volunteer and actually work alongside grad students and professors and get a chance to see what kind of fields they're interested in so they know what direction to go,” Frazier said.

The group spotted a rare timber rattlesnake, which was the first of four snakes found by the group. The rattler is one of four pit vipers found in Illinois. Pit vipers have a heat-sensing pit between their nostrils that is used to sense infrared waves coming off warm-blooded animals. Laura Barid, a junior from Hiawassee, Ga. studying zoology, said this sighting was the highlight of her trip.

“I'm thrilled about getting to see a timber rattler...it's so special. You just don't see them around here,” Barid said. “Being able to see animals in their natural environment – I always consider that to be a privilege.”

The forest service enforces strict rules on La Rue, more so than in other places in Shawnee Forest because it has a wide variety of plants and animals.

As wildlife habitat steadily decreases worldwide, Frazier said a need for conservation still exists. Southern Illinois has had success conserving threatened species like the timber rattlesnake.

“Places like La Rue Pine Hills that are more protected than usual are definitely a necessity and key to having the biodiversity that we have and continue to have in the future,” Frazier said.

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LEFT: The swamps at La Rue Pine Hills Ecological Area have some of the highest wildlife densities and biodiversity areas in Illinois. During winter reptiles and amphibians move from the swamp to hibernate in the bluffs then move back to the swamp in spring.
ABOVE: The copperhead is one of three pit vipers found in southern Illinois. Pit vipers have a heat-sensing pit in between their nostrils used to sense infrared waves coming off warm-blooded prey.



Zoology club meetings

- Every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm
- In Life Science II room 367
- Contact club president Catherine Hebert at siuczoo@siu.edu or hotmail.com



ABOVE LEFT: Lauren Wyatt, a senior studying zoology, walks up a hill with the group to get a better view of the swamp at La Rue Pine Hills Ecological area Saturday morning.

ABOVE RIGHT: Amanda Romack, a junior from Vail studying zoology, holds a millipede found at Inspiration Point Saturday afternoon.

LEFT: Some of the group members show others where they see a timber rattlesnake. The state endangered timber rattler was the first animal sighting the group found.

POSHARD

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reported last month it found similar but less severe cases of verbatim text without citation in Poshard's 1975 master's thesis.

Treviño said that Ramanarayanan Viswanathan, chairman of the plagiarism committee, first briefed him on the group's conclusions Monday afternoon. Treviño said he only shared the conclusions with Tedrick and Koropchak before he received the full report.

When asked about the committee's findings Wednesday afternoon, Tedrick, while walking into the chancellor's office, denied knowing the group's conclusions in advance.

Mike Ruiz, director of university communications, said Poshard had not yet heard the committee's findings Wednesday afternoon and he would likely see the report at the board's meeting Thursday.

Ruiz said Poshard would comment on the plagiarism allegations at the press conference for the first time since Aug. 31, the day after the DAILY EGYPTIAN reported about the accusations. A statement from the university Wednesday said the time of the conference — to be held in the Student Center's Ballroom A — was moved from 2 p.m. to 1 p.m.

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AGRICULTURE

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One of her students, Ali Cornman, a junior from Chicago studying plant soil and science, said she was more excited to get to know the companies in her field of study. One company brought and displayed smaller landscaping equipment such as aerators, power rakes and lawn vacuums.

About 45 students attended the event. Midden said she attributed the low numbers to holding the event on Career Day, and not having enough time to prepare for an event that was in its first year.

The event was a combination of Turf Field Day and Ag Equipment Education Day coordinated by the Physical Plant and the Plant, Soil and Agricultural Systems Department.

"We see great potential, but next year we'd like to advertise more, plan further in advance and invite more students," she said. "We'd also like to include more types of equipment to include the Forestry Department."

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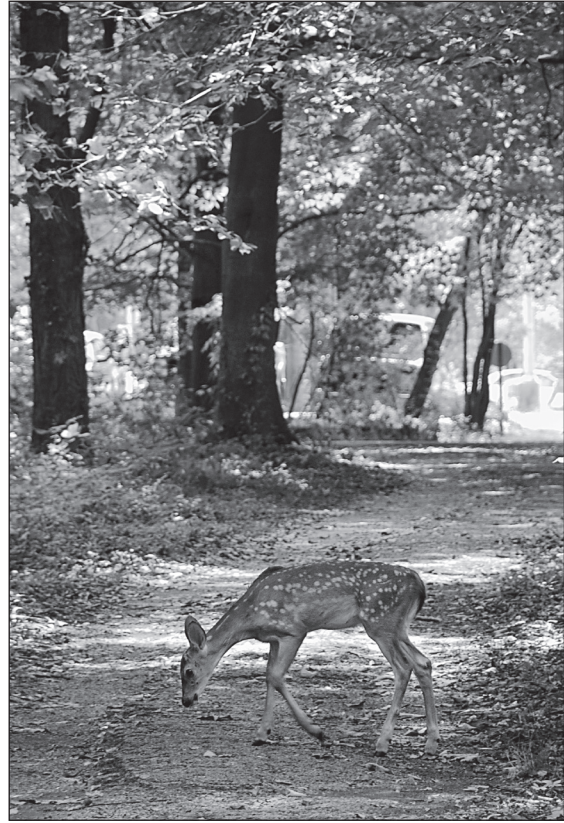
themselves, making them hard to find. For this reason, the disease is hard to detect. He also said the disease tends to be most severe during times of drought.

While the disease doesn't pose any real threat to humans, the Department of Natural Resources doesn't recommend killing or consuming a diseased animal, Squibb said.

Schauber said given the large number of deer in the area and also the heavy rates of reproduction here in southern Illinois, even if the outbreak spreads rapidly, the overall population shouldn't suffer too much and should recover quickly.

"It's not a doomsday scenario by any sense," Schuaber said.

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A fawn makes its way through Thompson Woods in mid-August. BRANDON CHAPPEL DAILY EGYPTIAN

Phone users discuss 'fauxcellarm'

Ellen Simon
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — If your hipbone is connected to your BlackBerry or your thighbone is connected to your cell phone, those vibrations you're feeling in the car, in your pajamas, in the shower, may be coming from your headbone.

Many mobile phone addicts and BlackBerry junkies report feeling vibrations when there are none, or feeling as if they're wearing a cell phone when they're not.

The first time it happened to Jonathan Zaback, a manager at the public relations company Burson-Marsteller, he was out with friends

and showing off his new BlackBerry Curve.

"While they were looking at it, I felt this vibration on my side. I reached down to grab it and realized there was no BlackBerry there."

Zaback, who said he keeps his BlackBerry by his bed while he sleeps, checks it if he gets up in the middle of the night and wakes to an alarm on the BlackBerry each day, said this didn't worry him.

"As long as it doesn't mean a tumor is growing on my leg because of my BlackBerry, I'm fine with it," he said. "Some people have biological clocks, I might have a biological BlackBerry."

Research in the area is scant, but theories abound about the phenome-

non, which has been termed "ringxiety" or "fauxcellarm."

Anecdotal evidence suggests "people feel the phone is part of them" and "they're not whole" without their phones, since the phones connect them to the world, said B.J. Fogg, director of research and design at Stanford University's Persuasive Technology Lab.

"As human beings, we're so tapped into our community, responsiveness to what's going on, we're so attuned to the threat of isolation and rejection, we'd rather make a mistake than miss a call," he said. "Our brain is going to be scanning and scanning and scanning to see if we have to respond socially to someone."

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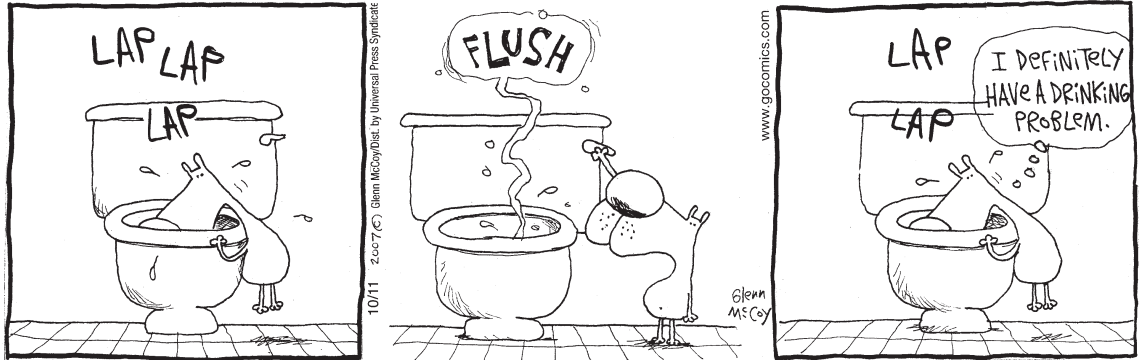
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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

By Alan P. Olschwang Huntington Beach, CA 10/11/07

ACROSS

- Dish with dressing
- One of the Three Bears
- "Twittering Machine" painter
- Man from Muscat
- To some distance
- Treats a squeak
- "Bolero" composer
- Lone
- Slugger's stat
- Start of Evan Esar quip
- Sound of a slow leak
- Part of SAT
- Lassos
- Congeat
- Eur. country
- Nest-egg \$
- Phony
- Part 2 of quip
- Lot size
- College bigwigs
- Literary collections
- Part 3 of quip
- Actress Rene
- Olds' auto
- ROTC relative
- Classroom favorite
- Naval group
- Discomfort
- Speller's contest
- End of quip
- Verne's captain
- Monthly payment
- Meir of Israel
- Actor Ladd
- Centerward
- Sidled
- Nary a one
- Smell
- Burpee products
- attendant
- Fewer
- Stable staple
- Like a drumhead
- Leonardo of "Total Eclipse"
- Kind of list
- Plays the wrong card
- Racetrack stop
- Make amends
- Type of bean
- Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
- Tommyrot!
- All over
- Holy smokes!
- Furnish, for a time
- Protuberance
- One of the Bobbey twins
- Jeff Lynne's band

DOWN

- Categorizes
- Indian nursemaids
- Bathes
- In a fresh way
- Makes wider
- Histories
- Walking
- Pick up stealthily
- Small carpets
- Chosen, today
- Drinks
- QB Manning
- Twisty letter
- So far
- Buss
- Tapestry in "Hamlet"
- Authority
- Plaintiff
- AD word
- Iraqi port
- Earth tone
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By Linda C. Black
Today's Birthday. Gather up old money this year. You'll find it everywhere. Don't waste a cent. It was a long time coming — make it last.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — Figure out how much you can afford to spend before you go shopping. This won't stop you from going over budget, but at least you'll get top dollar.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You're looking very attractive now. Your major admirer might not actually say anything, but you'll be able to tell.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 9 — Big dreams can come true in the next two weeks, with your active participation. First, you must actually dream something you want to have come true. Second, write it down.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — Another natural resting day, which happens to occur right in the middle of your busy week. Delegate the chores.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Begin a new project now. Make commitments that will last. Intend to do something wonderful that you've never done before. Today, everything's possible.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Again, conditions favor great wealth coming to you. Technology appears to be involved, along with imagination. Your home's the most likely site. Begin, and ideas will follow.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — Your confidence has grown, and with good reason. The more you learn, the more you earn and the more others take you seriously.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — You're ready to give up some of the treasures you've been hoarding. Now's a great time to sell. You'll get top dollar.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Friends appreciate you, perhaps more than you realize. Accept a heartfelt compliment that comes non-verbally.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — You're being watched closely, for a possible promotion. The whole thing's sort of intangible yet. Subtly let them know what you can do, and how it will benefit them.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Thank your friends for their help and encouragement. Bring them back something they have never seen before. This could be a souvenir or a new idea.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — A lovely side effect of getting your finances in order is the increase in your own self-esteem. You'll stand taller when this job is done. If it is done, celebrate.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: FETID LINER INVOKE PLOWED
 Answer: Why he wasn't afraid to go to the dentist — HE KNEW THE "DRILL"

FIND SHOPPING DEALS In the Daily Classifieds

Booked hotels leave families frantic over graduation weekend

Gloria Bode says more Carbondale ghost stories tomorrow.



Carbondale learns how to be a megastar

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

No, those musical blue men in Carbondale today are not the Smurfs.

The Blue Man Group is set to perform "How to be a Megastar 2.1" tonight in the SIU Arena. "Megastar 2.1" takes audience members through the process of becoming a megastar, something that takes less than two hours, said Jeremy Gill, one of the bald-headed, painted blue men.

"We order a manual off of an infomercial that comes on and it tells us how to be a megastar, and we follow the steps along with everybody in the audience," Gill said.

The Group's performance is built around audience participation, kind of like a rock concert. Gill said Blue Man Group shows are different because the performers interact with the audience by going into the crowd, bringing people on stage and sending cameras into the audience.

"Anybody that's a star on stage, the energy that's produced in their concert isn't just them playing their instrument or singing or the light show," Gill said. "It's the people that are there buying into it and playing along and screaming and yelling. That's the rock concert experience."



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"Megastar" demonstrates the rituals involved in rock concerts. Gill said the premise of the show pays tribute to rock stars while also poking fun at the egos involved in them.

"Basically the idea is that Blue Man is an outsider as a character and wants to celebrate with people and be where people gather together and experience that type of energy that happens," Gill said.

Gill said the show incorporates several theatrical elements including video, music and physical tricks, such as a blue man catching a gumball in his mouth.

"There's a full-on rock concert lighting that's on the level of any kind of Pink Floyd show," Gill

said. "People are going to rock out and people are going to be blown away by the lighting show and by the music."

Megastar appeals to audience members of all ages, Gill said. He said the audience reaction to the tour has been positive, and people have fun seeing the show.

Katie Crawford, a sophomore from Teutopolis studying math, said she plans to see the show.

"I'm interested in the mystery of it all," Crawford said. "They don't talk at all and there's a deep message underlying it all. I think it'll be interesting."

Audra Ord can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 275 or at aord@siude.com.

FASHIONABLY LATE

Does this surprise you?

JAKINA HILL

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The racial tension on campus has been steadily increasing.

The "rules" in clubs are obviously targeted at African Americans. The Jena 6 coverage (or lack thereof), the recent marches, the Miss Ebony pageant and the mention of police brutality is stirring emotions and some are spilling out.

Many shocking comments were made on the Daily Egyptian Web site, pertaining to the Miss Ebony pageant.

While the comments are no longer up, anyone who read them could have sensed how much these individuals detested anything to do with African Americans showcasing just a small fraction of the accomplished student body.

Miss Ebony has been going on in southern Illinois since 1972 and has showcased the talents of more than just African American women, but women of many races.

Amazingly a wholesome, entertaining, historic event became a

free-for-all forum for people to express how African Americans need to "grow up and act like we're equal," and the best comment of all saying African Americans don't need to have our own event because we should basically be grateful that we are "allowed to run for homecoming queen."

Does this surprise anyone?

Had African Americans ever been "equal" or racism never existed, the confusion concerning the perceived exclusion of anyone could possibly be validated.

However, we all know these things are still prevalent in the world today. The fact that so many people took offense to what boils down to a talent show, exposes that equality is something we are striving for.

To attack an event that presents black as beautiful when "the man" has glorified it as nothing more than hair weaves and big butts further perpetuates the notion of equality as something to be desired.

Most of us were taught at a young age "if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say it at all." Maybe these individuals should begin practicing that. It may not make the world a better place but it will help those out who want to believe that we all stand on equal and united ground.

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PULSE CHATTERBOX

Tuesday star of the hit FOX show "24" Kiefer Sutherland plead no contest to misdemeanor charges garnered after a Sept. 25 driving under the influence bust. Sutherland's plea agreed to a 48-day jail sentence. Do you think Sutherland's bout in prison will have an effect on "24?"



Alicia Wade

I'm still overcome by the revelation Jack Bauer is a character Sutherland plays and isn't actually Sutherland. In any case, I expect Bauer, I mean Sutherland, to escape from prison within the first 24 hours because surely he'll have to save the United States from terrorists one more time.

Jakina Hill

It probably won't, they can just play reruns if Sutherland is that important or edit some scraped footage in to make it seem like he's still there. Either way I can't imagine anyone really being saddened by his imprisonment.



Audra Ord

I couldn't care less about the fate of "24." As long as nothing jeopardizes the continuance of my beloved "CSI" (the only show worth watching), I'm pretty indifferent to television.



WHAT'S GOING ON

Day	Date	Events
Today	10/11	SIU Arena: Blue Man Group PK's: Bone Dry River Band Tres Hombres: The Dip 60s Hangar 9: Mathien and Hyphenate Booby's: Whistle Pigs
	10/12	Pinch Penny: Too White Crew PK's: Moving Mary Keywest: By Request DJ and karaoke Tres Hombres: The Skinny Dips Hangar 9: Barnacle Billy and the Zebra Mussels Cousin Andy's: Richard Gilewitz Booby's: Poor King
Friday	10/13	Pinch Penny: Bad Fish PK's: Coon Twang Longbranch: Salsa lessons Mugsy's: Rocktober Jam feat. Modern Day Zero, O'Fallon, Ten Story and Oblivious Keywest: By Request DJ and karaoke Tres Hombres: Live DJ Red T Hangar 9: Skinny Jim & the #9 Blacktops (sock hop) Booby's: Moon Buggy Kids
	10/14	Keywest: Ivas John Band Hangar 9: Death by Karaoke with DJ Punk Soul Brutha
Saturday	10/15	Longbranch: Dead Kenny G's Tres Hombres: Mathien Hangar 9: Open Mic
	10/16	Tres Hombres: County Line Hangar 9: Dollar Night with Punk Soul Brutha
Sunday	10/17	Hangar 9: DJ Beasley Hip Hop and Disco Show

Salukis finish in middle of the pack

Women's golf takes sixth place

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Consistency of scorecards has evaded the SIU women's golf team this season. In three tournaments, the women golfers have finished in third, 13th and now sixth place, near the middle of the 13-team competition Tuesday at the Shoot-Out at the Legends Tournament in Franklin, Ind.

Last season, the Salukis had two first-place finishes in the month of October.

SIU coach Diane Daugherty said the team has had a lack of consistency, which is hurting the final score.

"Although we haven't scored as well as we can, we are close," Daugherty said. "Now we have to try and golf at least one round under 300."

The Salukis moved from seventh to sixth in the last round Tuesday as they shot a round of 310 to pass Georgetown, who fell apart with a round of 325. Junior Braidy Hood led the team in the third round with a score of 3-over-par.

Seniors Christine Zoerlein and Kelly Gerlach led the team through the first two rounds. Zoerlein shot 1-under-par and even par in the first two rounds on her way to a third-place finish, while Gerlach tallied scores of 5-over- and 4-over-par.

Daugherty said she was impressed with the way Zoerlein controlled the course.

"Christine had her best tournament of the year so far and I couldn't be more proud of her," Daugherty said. "When she missed a green, she would be able to get up and down and have a lot of one-putts. She was able to manage all her shots."

Unfavorable conditions caused a difficult final round of golf for the Salukis and Gerlach especially. Winds reached 15 miles per hour, causing the flight of the ball to change.

Gerlach said the wind was difficult to play through, but she was pleased



Senior Kelly Gerlach tees off during practice at Hickory Ridge golf course on Sept. 20. Gerlach and the women's golf team finished in sixth place at the Shoot-Out at the Legends Tournament Tuesday. STEPHEN RICKLER DAILY EGYPTIAN

“We won four times last year though, and we are hungry to get in there and get a victory.”

— Kelly Gerlach senior on women's golf team

with her perseverance through the weather.

"I had three really bad holes with three bad swings, but other than that I had a solid round," Gerlach said.

Senior Danielle Kaufman and freshman Alex Anderson also made their debuts as Salukis during the tournament. Kaufman shot two rounds of 80 and a final round of 79, while Anderson shot rounds of 84, 86 and 85.

Kaufman is a walk-on who had not competed in more than two years, so Daugherty said she was happy with what she saw considering the rust.

The defending Missouri Valley Conference champions will end the fall

season on Oct. 24 at the 30th Annual Pat Bradley Invitational in Fort Meyers, Fla.

Gerlach said while she doesn't worry about fall season results, the team is aching for a win.

"We are using the fall season to mesh together as a team and build our consistency. The result is not very important at this point," Gerlach said. "We won four times last year though, and we are hungry to get in there and get a victory."

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TICKETS

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"We feel confident the majority of the fans who have tickets in their hands are Saluki fans," Savage said.

Athletic director Mario Moccia said the game versus Indiana resulted from a football matchup between the two universities last season, which the Salukis won 35-28 in Bloomington, Ind.

Moccia attributed the rush to get tickets to the fact that Indiana's basketball team is considered a traditional powerhouse nationwide because of previous success.

"That's what the public is interested in seeing — teams they can identify with on TV," Moccia said.

Savage said a combination of factors contributed to the rise in overall ticket sales, including the success of

the team — which was the MVC regular season champion and made it to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA tournament — and the solid home scheduling throughout the season.

Other games selling well are the Jan. 28 game against Creighton, which is set to be aired on ESPN's College GameDay, and ESPN's Bracketbuster Challenge on Feb. 23 against an opponent to be determined.

In order to have sellout crowds, Savage said a lot of work must be done behind the scenes from a marketing standpoint, including a new promotional campaign launched this year through mailings and e-mails.

Student ticket availability will remain the same with 1,800 tickets available for fans seven to 10 days before the game, Savage said.

Moccia said a large part of the atmosphere in the SIU Arena that has

brought the interest from ESPN to air games is the student section.

"That's what makes the atmosphere. We've got a bigger student section compared to other universities," Moccia said.

Women's basketball season tickets are also up after last season after they won the MVC championship and reached the second round of the NIT, Savage said.

The men will return to practice on Friday night as part of Maroon Madness at the SIU Arena beginning at 7 p.m., and their first home game is against King College on Nov. 3.

The women will also return to practice next week and play their first regular season game against Harris-Stowe on Nov. 1.

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The NLCS kicks off tonight as the Arizona Diamondbacks host the Colorado Rockies, and the ALCS begins Friday between the Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians. Who will meet in the World Series?



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"The Red Sox will roll through the Indians days before their New England counterparts do the same to the Cowboys. The Wild West matchup will be slightly more suspenseful, but the red-hot Rockies will come out on top. As for the World Series ... get your popcorn ready."

"The Diamondbacks are the 'team of destiny' this year, with the way they win, although they shouldn't. But the Rockies are on fire right now, so it'll be Colorado from the NL. Then I'll go with Boston from the AL because, well, they're better than Cleveland."

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"Sticking with my instincts, I think Cleveland is the team to beat. They're definitely not the best team in the league but when it comes down to it they win games in the clutch. It's a tough call between the D-backs and Rockies because pitching on both ends is good, but I'll take the Diamondbacks."

GUEST COMMENTATOR: MATT SHAW

"The Red Sox. They have that great pitching staff, I think that's what's going to get them through it. Their top three starters are definitely, hands-down, the best who are left in the playoffs. With the Rockies, they're just hot right now. I think they're a lot like the Cardinals were last year, they got hot at the right time and they're playing well right now."

- SIU basketball forward



STAT OF THE DAY

Saluki Football



Since 1965, the SIU football team and Northern Iowa have played each other 25 times, with the Panthers having a 14-11 edge in the series. The Salukis play at Northern Iowa Saturday, and the road team has not won since the Panthers beat SIU at McAndrew Stadium in 1996. SIU has not won at Northern Iowa since 1983.

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Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered? E-mail: editor@siude.com

MADNESS

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for nearly 40 years, he has seen a variety of changes with athletics — perhaps the biggest occurring off the court, he said.

"There never has been as much Saluki pride shown as I've seen," he said. "We have people in the local community that have really taken hold of the team and embraced the team."

A large factor in the following is the fact that many Saluki athletes, such as SIU senior forward and Centralia native Matt Shaw, hail from the area, making them more relatable to the community, Harold Bardo said. Community members can see themselves in the players in a more figurative sense, he said.

One of the primary reasons the region has embraced the men's basketball team is that residents see a bit of themselves in the hard-nosed, grind-it-out style of play the players exude, Harold Bardo said.

"They have to work very hard to earn a living, so when they see these kids diving on the floor and working hard against superior opponents, they love that," he said. "That reflects them. That's them on the floor as opposed to Bryan Mullins, as opposed to Matt Shaw."

Stephen Bardo said the defensive intensity the Salukis have become famous for nationwide results from hard work and Saluki coach Chris Lowery's ability to recruit players who will buy into the system, which is often not a style that will attract players who appreciated a fast-paced, high-flying game of schools, such as Memphis and North Carolina.

"He's got these guys who are a little undersized for, say, BCS schools,

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There never has been as much Saluki pride shown as I've seen. We have people in the local community that have really taken hold of the team and embraced the team.

— Harold Bardo
former basketball player from 1957 to 1961

but they're so feisty and they're so aggressive that they make up for their size with just nastiness and determination," he said.

Stephen Bardo knows about competitive basketball environments, having played four seasons for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign at the famed Assembly Hall. He was on Illinois' 1989 Final Four team, and also had stints with several teams in the NBA.

Stephen Bardo, who grew up around Saluki athletics and attended Carbondale Community High School, has been a commentator for ESPN since 2000. He said ESPN approached him to host the Maroon Madness festivities because the network likes to put people in areas they know well.

Stephen Bardo said he spent most of his young life — from the age of 4 to the time he graduated high school — in the SIU Arena, watching NBA greats such as former Saluki Mike Glenn, former Indiana State Sycamore Larry Bird and former West Texas State Buffalo Maurice Cheeks.

He said the aggressiveness of the fans — which he saw firsthand last season when announcing SIU's matchup against Creighton — is part of what attracted ESPN to the successful program and is what has helped give the team a decisive home advantage.

"You combine the style of play

that the Salukis play — hard-nosed, defensive oriented, grind-it-out — with the nasty crowd, that makes for a tough place to come out and steal a victory," he said. "It's getting to be on the level of Cameron Indoor, the old Purdue places, the old Iowa — places where they were almost unbeatable at home."

Stephen Bardo said the ESPN event is designed to showcase not only the atmosphere of the fans in the Arena, but also the city and region where he was raised.

He said the national audience began to recognize the basketball team as more than a mid-major but still don't know much about the university and the area. He said he hopes to mix in some of the "southern Illinois flavor" into the broadcast.

Lowery said the event is a great way to portray the strides the program and university as a whole have made to potential recruits.

"We're creating an aura here that this is a big-time environment, and I think that's what Stephen Bardo is trying to promote," Lowery said. "What we're going to showcase is this building, our players, our program, our coaches, the fans, because that's what kids come for."

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BASKETBALL

Let the Madness begin



SIU men's basketball freshman Nick Evans poses for a portrait Tuesday at the SIU Arena. Evans will suit up for the Salukis in front of fans for the first time Friday at the team's Maroon Madness event.
 BRANDON CHAPPEL
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

BASKETBALL

Basketball ticket sales rise Men's game against Indiana already sold out

Megan Kramer
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Die-hard Saluki basketball fans might not want to wait any longer to get their tickets this season.

Chet Savage, associate athletic director, said ticket sales for men's basketball are up from last year — with 1,000 more season tickets being sold and single game tickets selling out quickly.

Single game tickets for all regular season home games were made available on Tuesday and the Indiana game on Dec. 1 was sold out within an hour, which Savage said is a first for Saluki athletics.

"We certainly haven't sold out a game before practice has even started," Savage said.

Savage said it is hard to predict how many Saluki fans bought tickets compared to Hoosier fans, but the preseason sale for season ticket holders ensured more Saluki fans will be in attendance for the game.

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Event brings back basketball memories

Sean McGahan
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

In more than 45 years following Saluki men's basketball, Harold Bardo has never seen a group of fans as rabid as the ones that engulfed the SIU

Arena last season.

Those same fans are expected to take over the SIU Arena for the team's first practice Friday, dubbed Maroon Madness. The practice will begin at 7 p.m. and air on the ESPNU network at midnight as part of a four-school

Midnight Madness special to kick off the college basketball season.

Bardo, a former SIU basketball player and current director of the SIU School of Medicine's MED-PREP program, will be on hand for the event as the university's liaison with the NCAA. Alongside Bardo will be his son, Stephen, a former NBA

player and current commentator for ESPN.

Harold Bardo said he has held the SIU men's basketball program close to his heart since his playing days as a member of the team from 1957 to 1961. Having stayed at the university

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FOOTBALL

Sanders leads Panthers into battle

Northern Iowa, SIU poised for top 10 showdown

Scott Mieszala
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU football coach Jerry Kill sees a little bit of former Saluki quarterback Joel Sambursky in this week's opponent.

Payton Award nominee Eric Sanders will lead his No. 2 Northern Iowa Panthers Saturday in their bid to stay undefeated as they host the No. 7 Salukis (6-0, 2-0 Gateway).

Sanders, who leads the Gateway in passing yards per game, has the ability to vacate the pocket and make plays — not unlike SIU's former signal-caller, Kill said.

"He's just got ways to get the ball flicked out," Kill said. "He's the man, and we know that we've got to make him miss a few times, and that's not easy."

Northern Iowa (5-0, 1-0) is coming off a bye week, but in its last game on Sept. 29, Sanders left with an injury. Despite the injury, Sanders returned to manage

a game-winning drive and lead the Panthers to a 23-13 win against Illinois State.

"That's the drive of Eric, but that's the reason he's the player that he is as well," Panthers coach Mike Farley said.

Sanders threw the winning touchdown against Illinois State when he rolled out of the pocket and found senior receiver Terrell Allen open for a five-yard strike.

This season, Sanders has completed 76.5 percent of his passes and thrown for 1,138 yards and two touchdowns. He has also rushed for 78 yards and three scores.

Northern Iowa's offense is also driven by junior running back Corey Lewis — the Panthers' leader in rushing and receiving yards.

Lewis has racked up 565 yards on the ground this season at 6.2 yards per carry, scoring five touchdowns in as many games.

The 6-foot, 197-pound running back has added to the production with 21 receptions for a team-high 307 receiving yards.

Farley said Lewis is an intelligent person who can also play through pain.

"He's been hurt a little bit here as we've gone through the season, and he's always been productive," Farley said.

Farley said he didn't even want to consider what the team would do if the injuries to Lewis and Sanders worsened and they were unable to play.

"I don't even want to go there," he said. "Hopefully we'll have another player step in and become a name for himself."

Northern Iowa's defense, though, has received a boost this season from a newcomer.

Junior linebacker De'Veon Harris transferred to Northern Iowa after spending two years at North Iowa Area Community College, where he led his team in tackles and forced fumbles in 2006.

This season, Harris is tied for the Panthers lead in tackles with 34. Harris has also recorded two sacks, an interception, a fumble recovery and a team-high 4.5 tackles for loss.

Farley said he has noticed improvement in Harris' game each week.

"He's definitely developed, and as we've gone through the season, he picks up more and more each game," Farley said.

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Northern Iowa senior quarterback Eric Sanders winds up to throw in the No. 2 Panthers' Sept. 8 win at Iowa State. Sanders has completed 76.5 percent of his passes this season, having thrown for six touchdowns and run for three.

