Amtrak will bus passengers

Track maintenance in Effingham causes three-hour delays

Barton Lorimer

Instead of directing Amtrak passengers to their seats onboard an idling train, conductors at the Carbondale depot pointed them to a charter bus.

Jerry Dunbar, Amtrak stationmaster in Carbondale, said passengers with tickets for the 4:05 p.m. train from Carbondale to Chicago today would be bused to Champaign to avoid extended delays. Passengers will board an awaiting train in Champaign and ride it to their destination.

This is the third consecutive day for the alteration as maintenance particularly heated.

Dylae Burns, a junior from Springfield studying history, said he was not running for student trustee to wear a suit, capture headlines or talk about what he called “bumper sticker issues.” Burns cited a Daily Egyptian article stating fellow candidate Demetrous White had appeared in the paper more than 50 times.

“When you’re doing good things, people want to take notice,” responded White, who serves as USG president.

Student trustee candidate Josh Garrison joked about the jabs.

“I conferred with Demetrous (White) and we’re just here to look good for you in our suits,” said Garrison, a second-year law student from Carlinville.

The candidates agreed they wanted to keep costs low, but each planned to approach the issue in different ways.

Garrison said he would like to include a cap on fees in the university’s existing Truth in Tuition policy, which allows undergraduates to pay the same tuition for four years.

White also said he wanted to cap student fees.

Burns, however, said capping student fees would be unwise because the university needs money for some projects and likely would not receive more help from the state.

Current student trustee Megan Pulliam said she thought all the candidates were qualified, but none understand the position. She said she had misconceptions about the job before she was elected, but soon learned the trustee’s role was more than “bumper sticker issues.” Burns cited a bill now in debate in the Illinois House of Representatives that could cut the university’s budget by $8 percent, or $12 million.

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COLUMN, PAGE 7: Gus Bode says ‘charlatan,’ now that’s a $10 word right there.

Vice presidential candidate Vincent Hardy, a sophomore from Chicago studying business, takes a last-minute look at his notes in preparation for the USG presidential debate in the Student Health Center Auditorium Thursday night.

James Dixon

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Tuition and fee hikes approved

New students to pay an additional $900

Joe Crawford

The price of an education at SIUC will rise again next year, this time by more than $700 for new students.

The SIU Board of Trustees voted in a lot of tuition and fee increases at its meeting Thursday at SIU-Edwardsville, including a 15 percent differential tuition increase for the College of Business. A $143.60 per semester increase in student fees and a 9.9 percent tuition increase for new students — roughly $313 a semester for full-time students — were also included in the cost hikes.

Similar cost increases have been passed in recent years. Last year the board increased fees by $282 and tuition by $270.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the cost increases were due in large part to a lack of funding from the state government. Gov. Rod Blagojevich recently proposed budget does not include an increase in funding for higher education, and a bill now in debate in the Illinois House of Representatives could cut the university’s budget by 8 percent, or $12 million.

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Governor, legislators discuss Illinois construction needs

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Rod Blagojevich and legislative leaders say they had a useful first meeting to discuss repairing Illinois’ crumbling roads, bridges and schools.

They met Thursday with former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard. The two are trying to hammer out an agreement for a construction program that would generate $11 billion in state business.

Political disputes in Springfield have stalled a construction program for years, but Senate Minority Leader Franklin Watkins said Hastert and Poshard bring “credible” to the process.

Blagojevich says the capital program would create tens of thousands of jobs to help the state economy.

House Speaker Michael Madigan did not attend the meeting.

Drug death brings charges against former orthopedic surgeon

SPRINGFIELD — Lake County authorities have arrested a former Highland Park orthopedic surgeon accused of over-prescribing pain killers linked to at least three deaths.

Dr. Gerald Kane was released on $500,000 bond after a court appearance Thursday.

Kane’s attorney, David Schmidt, said in a 12-page opinion that a defendant seeking relief in this instance is somewhat like the apocryphal child who begged to have mercy on her father who was being tortured.

"A funeral is tentatively planned for April 27th in Cincinnati.

Judge: Mobster’s threat to prosecutor at Family Secrets trial warrants no immediate action

CHICAGO (AP) — The federal judge who presided over Chicago’s biggest mob trial in years ruled Thursday that a threat allegedly uttered by one of the defendants during closing arguments calls for no immediate action.

It should be obvious that a defendant is not entitled to a new trial or any other relief merely because a juror observed his behavior in court, U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel said in a 13-page opinion.

"An defendant seeking relief in this instance is somewhat like the apocryphal child who begs mercy on her father who was being tortured," Zagel said.

The jury convicted five defendants of taking part in a racketeering conspiracy that included gambling, extortions, loan sharking and 18 murders that went unsolved for decades.

POLICE REPORTS

Alexander Lee Houle, a 23-year-old SIUC student from Yorkville, was ticked for driving on a sidewalk in Lot 47 at 1:53 p.m. Wednesday. Houle posted his driver’s license as bond.

Police did not specify if a suspect was known in the charge of criminal damage to property. The damage was done between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday to a vehicle parked in Lot 113.
SIU seeks more funding from Springfield

Students, faculty, staff participate in Lobby Day

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A sea of maroon took over Springfield as students, faculty and staff sought to shine a light on SIU’s financial needs.

About 100 SIU representatives traveled to Springfield Wednesday to speak with legislators for Higher Education Lobby Day.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said Lobby Day is about making government officials realize the rising cost of education is unacceptable.

“The meal ticket is the college education diploma and it’s being denied today to those middle and low-income families,” Poshard said in a rally before lobbying.

Joe Moore, a senior from Elkhart studying political science, said this was his second year attending Lobby Day. Moore said legislators seem to understand the importance of added funding for higher education but the problem is the source of the money.

“Everyone’s realized we need repairs but it’s a question of how do you pay for it,” Moore said.

Rep. Brandon Phelps, D-Norris City, said there is a need to change the way the Illinois education system is funded. The state is broke right now, Phelps said, and there are too many places that don’t have the funding they need.

Phelps said it seems the only way to get the needed money would be either an income tax increase or a gaming expansion, but neither is an ideal way to raise funds.

Barbara Brown, a political science instructor, said she thought many legislators were overwhelmed by the number of SIU representatives that lobbied.

“They noticed SIU the most because, between (Carbondale) and Edwardsville, they were hearing SIU over and over again,” WllBrown said.

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Committee: Bush’s executive privilege
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WASHINGTON — President Bush refused to allow two federal judges to review material from two decades of presidential communications since Watergate, the House Judiciary Committee told a federal judge Thursday.

The committee argued in court documents that Bush’s chief of staff, Josh Bolten, and former White House counsel Harriet Miers are not entitled to protect information from subpoenas last year that sought information about the deaths of U.S. troops in Iraq.

The legal fight came to light in a lawsuit that pits the legislative branch against the executive as a fight over a president’s power.

The committee is seeking the testimony as it tries to make a case that the White House directed the firing of nine U.S. attorneys because they were not supportive enough of Republican’s political agenda.

The White House says such information is private and covered by executive privilege, by doctrine intended to protect the confidentiality of presidential communications.

House lawyers told U.S. District Judge John D. Bates in the subpoena that White House officials cannot simply skip hearings as Miers did during the committee’s investigation. Further, they said any documents or testimony believed to be covered by the privilege must be itemized for Congress’ assessment.

Executive privilege is not a right spelled out in the Constitution, so the legal issues are murky and debates are internally resolved. Political risk is nil for both sides. Courts have not been kind to the presidency in fights over subpoenas. Congress could have its power to demand information curtailed permanently.

The White House has said Bush was not personally involved in deciding which U.S. prosecutions to fire and that any White House communications on the matter are off-limits under the privilege. Presidential counsel Fred Fielding declared Miers immune from prosecution because their refusal to comply with the subpoenas was done at the White House’s direction under the privilege.

Bush: ‘Take all the time’ needed for troop cuts

Deb Riechmann
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday he sees no chance that the 65,000 U.S. troops in Iraq will drop to 100,000 by the end of the year, guaranteeing a heavy American presence as the war grinds into its sixth year at the end of the Bush presidency.

President Bush said Gen. David Petraeus, his top commander in Iraq, now needs “all the time” he needs to “consider further withdrawals after the latest round of cutbacks is completed this summer.”

In the meantime, Petraeus will continue what, until Thursday, had been secret visits to Middle Eastern countries to try to curb the influx of foreign fighters into Iraq.

With 285 days remaining in his presidency, Bush set the course of the war in a speech Wednesday two days of testimony before a congressional panel by Petraeus and the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, Ryan Crocker.

Bush said that after the troop withdrawals, which already have been announced, end in July, he would give Petraeus 45 days to evaluate the effects of the draw-down. That would be followed by an indefinite period to reassess U.S. troop strength in Iraq, where new flare-ups of extremist violence are threatening to undercut security gains.

Bush argued that last year’s troop buildup had succeeded in reducing violence, tamping down al-Qaida in Iraq and allowing normal daily activities to resume in many areas. Because of that progress, Bush said, an already planned reduction in troops can be completed in July.

“Serious and complex challenges remain in Iraq, from the presence of al-Qaida to the destructive influence of Iran, to hard compromises needed for further political progress,” Bush said in a White House address. “Yet with the surge, a major strategic shift has occurred. ... This work is difficult, it is not endless.”

Petraeus on Thursday defended the surge for the first time that he had quietly visited several Middle East countries in an effort to slow the flow of foreign fighters into Iraq. The Associated Press learned that the trips, all taken since September, were to Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

Cheney officials were immersed in interrogation tactics

Lara Jakes Jordan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Bush administration officials from Vice President Dick Cheney’s office signed off on using harsh interrogation techniques against suspected terrorists after asking the Justice Department to endorse their legality.

The officials also took care to insulate President Bush from a fight over a president’s role of regional diplomacy will increase their overall support to play for granted that it occurred. During the call he explained the importance of teaching his daughter “the science of marriage” and admitted that he did not want her to get pregnant after the incident.

China

Head of IOC says Olympics in crisis over torch relay protests

BEIJING (AP) — The head of the International Olympic Committee said Thursday that China has bestowed “the deepest regrets” on other countries to Arnold Schwarzenegger, but added that the United States of America in 2006. Britain's IOC representative in Beijing said it was a “sad moment” for the United States and Canada using explosives, but denied they were close to carrying out their plan when they were arrested in 1970.

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President George W. Bush, surrounded by Cabinet members, prepares to sign a letter to Congress renouncing the 1990s GATT and free trade agreement Monday in Washington. Associated Press/Malcolm Soulie

Witnesses who showed up Friday to testify before an airline industry panel said their work to ban terrorist suspects from entering the United States was a success.

British Islam and seven others are charged for the 1970 bombing of the Three Kings inflatable oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

The protest-marred Olympic torch relay continued Thursday as thousands of Chinese officials, police and海报ators in Tibet, Darfur and human rights rights. So far the IOC has received more than 200 requests, and it is accepting all of the most politically charged in recent history presented the IOC with the most difficult test since the boycott era of the 1970s and 1980s.

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Jury convicts MLK Confidant James Bevel of incest with teenage daughter

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — A jury convicted a confidant of Martin Luther King Jr. of incest with a teenage daughter Thursday after concluding that he had sex with her teenage daughter 20 years ago.

President George W. Bush, told the jury at Woolwich Crown Court that he was also helped organize the Million Man March, claims to up to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced. The four-day trial at London’s Central Criminal Court included bizarre testimony about Bevel’s life. Psychiatrists said they were close to carrying out their plan when they were arrested in 1970.

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Crab Orchard and Kincaid Lake offer numerous outdoor recreational activities for everyone. Whether you want to bike, walk, fish, boat, hunt, birdwatch, hike, camp, or just enjoy the area, there is something for everyone.

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Though a student trustee is elected from both SIU-Edwardsville and SIUE, only one is allowed to vote each year at Board of Trustees meetings, said Pulliam. As the nonvoting member, Pulliam said board members listened to her opinions and solicited her thoughts about what students wanted.

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The delay, Witte said, caused him to miss the last commuter trains from Union Station in Chicago, which leave at 3:16 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. He said the train operating between Carbondale and Chicago leaving Carbondale at 1:21 a.m. would normally run normally.

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Blowing out the torch

McClatchy-Tribune

The Olympic flame is supposed to burn continuously, from the moment it is ignited by the sun's rays in a ceremony in Olympia, Greece, until the end of the closing ceremony of the Games, weeks or months later. It is carried to the host stadium by a succession of globo-penetrating torchbearers, but the original flame is kept in a lantern that travels with the torch and is used to relight it as needed.

This year's relay — dubbed “The Journey of Harmony” by Chinese officials — is the most ambitious to date, covering 5,000 miles on five continents over five months. It was intended as a buildup to a triumphant Olympic celebration of China's emergence as a world power. But activists are using the relay as a moving stage to pressure China on several fronts, including its brutal crackdown on Tibet, its long history of human rights violations and its continued stifling of the press and the Internet.

Others are protesting China's failure to lean on its trading partners, such as Sudan, to stop the ethnic conflict in Darfur. These groups have dubbed the Games “the Genocide Olympics.”

Every time the flame moves a kilometer, there will be problems,” promised Robert Menard, co-founder of Reporters Without Borders, a press freedom group.

European leaders, urged by French President Nicolas Sarkozy, are mulling a boycott of the opening ceremony in August. As the world's eyes turn to San Francisco this week, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton got into the act, calling on President Bush to stay home.

Protests along the relay route have been so disruptive that the International Olympic Committee will discuss aborting the run at its Friday meeting. The torch rode the bus for several legs of its Paris relay after human rights activists blocked the roads and tried repeatedly to snatch it. The first of 80 athletes made it less than a block from the starting point at the Eiffel Tower before being ushered onto a bus for a quick get-away. In London, protesters tried to douse the flame with a fire extinguisher and grab it from a wheelchair athlete.

China's usual M.O. — censor the message and use the ceremony to show off its economic clout — isn't an option outside its own borders. Instead, it resorted to denial, blaming the protests on a “few Tibetan separatists” and denouncing “their disgusting behavior.”

“The act of defiance from this small group of people is not popular,” said Stan Weide, spokesman for Beijing's Olympic Organizing Committee. “It will definitely be denounced by people who love peace and adore the Olympic spirit.”

We beg to differ. We love peace, adore the Olympic spirit and applaud the protestors, who number quite a bit more than “a few.” The world's greatest athletic pageant is an inevitable backdrop against which to highlight the host country's failure to shoulder the mantle of responsible global citizenship, especially a country that craves international acclaim. The protesters need to be heard.

As for our president, he needs to be as loud as his students in Seoul, as he was in Beijing, to get the message across — that there’d better be plenty of light to guide the new members on Monday and April 28, respectively.

As a stadium winds down, the Appel’s onslaught is bringing more than just rain for the Greek community. During the next couple of weeks, Greeks will be hosting and participating in a number of events on campus and in the community.

Theta Xi Variety Show

The 61st annual Theta Xi Variety show will take place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Shryock Auditorium. As one of the oldest traditions at SIUC, this year is pruned not to disappoint. With a total of seven acts, all of which have been practicing extremely hard, I would greatly encourage all of you to try and make it out and see the eclectic nature of the Greek members here at SIUC.

Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at http://www.ticketmaster.com or the Student Center.

Greek Study Jam

From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. this Sunday in the basement of Truthblood, the Inter-Greek Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. and Student Programming Council will be hosting the jam, which is open to the entire campus. This is a perfect time to go catch up in that class you may be a little — or a lot — behind in.

Phi Kappa Tau Chartering Ceremony

The Phi Tau have been working for this charter for almost four years now, and it is with joy and relief that we can soon say Beta Chi Chapter. We as a fraternity would like to thank everyone in the greek community who has supported us over the years. If anyone is interested in attending the ceremony, it will be taking place at 4 p.m. April 19 in the Ballroom C of the Student Center.

Kappa Alpha Induction Ceremony

The new fraternity on campus will be officially inducted as a provisional chapter at 8 p.m. today in the Mississippi Room of the Student Center. Their national representatives will be on hand to watch the new members get associated and the newly elected officers get installed. If anyone is interested in going, keep in mind the ceremony is formal attire.

Greek Week

With only a week break from Theta Xi, the largest event of the greek hosts is happening from April 21 to 26. Events will include traditional ones such as the car crunch, dip n' slide and the Greek God and Goddess competitions. But this year’s event will be more than just fun and games. On April 22, motivational speaker TJ Sullivan is visiting campus to talk about aptitude among some members in greek chapters.

This week will also include a canned food drive and will be capped off by a large greek participation in Relay for Life.

Inter-Greek Council Elections

Elections will be held Thursday for the new executive council of IGC. Remember, if you are running, come to the buzzing for run, make sure you fill out an application and turn it in to Student Development in the Student Center.

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Words Overheard

“I never cease to be amazed at the misogynistic attitude of some people in this country.”

E llen John

acknowledged contributor on misogyny in the United States at a Hillary Clinton fundraiser

It’s all Greek to me

RAY SOPHIE

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As school is winding down, the Appel’s onslaught is bringing more than just rain for the Greek community. During the next couple of weeks, Greeks will be hosting and participating in a number of events on campus and in the community.

Theta Xi Variety Show

The 61st annual Theta Xi Variety show will take place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Shryock Auditorium. As one of the oldest traditions at SIUC, this year is pruned not to disappoint. With a total of seven acts, all of which have been practicing extremely hard, I would highly encourage all of you to try and make it out and see the eclectic nature of the greek members here at SIUC.

Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at http://www.ticketmaster.com or the Student Center.

Greek Study Jam

From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. this Sunday in the basement of Truthblood, the Inter-Greek Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. and Student Programming Council will be hosting the jam, which is open to the entire campus. This is a perfect time to go catch up in that class you may be a little — or a lot — behind in.

Phi Kappa Tau Chartering Ceremony

The Phi Tau have been working for this charter for almost four years now, and it is with joy and relief that we can soon say Beta Chi Chapter. We as a fraternity would like to thank everyone in the greek community who has supported us over the years. If anyone is interested in attending the ceremony, it will be taking place at 4 p.m. April 19 in the Ballroom C of the Student Center.

Kappa Alpha Induction Ceremony

The new fraternity on campus will be officially inducted as a provisional chapter at 8 p.m. today in the Mississippi Room of the Student Center. Their national representatives will be on hand to watch the new members get associated and the newly elected officers get installed. If anyone is interested in going, keep in mind the ceremony is formal attire.

Greek Week

With only a week break from Theta Xi, the largest event of the greek hosts is happening from April 21 to 26. Events will include traditional ones such as the car crunch, dip n' slide and the Greek God and Goddess competitions. But this year’s event will be more than just fun and games. On April 22, motivational speaker TJ Sullivan is visiting campus to talk about aptitude among some members in greek chapters.

This week will also include a canned food drive and will be capped off by a large greek participation in Relay for Life.

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John McCain: A charlatan

ANDREW O’CONNOR

During the past several months, I’ve come to one conclusion: John McCain is a charlatan and a jerk. Conventional wisdom is that a person runs to the base of their parties in the primary and then back to the center in the general election. That is just how politics is done; emerge base, then woo swing voters. But McCain is different. He has taken pandering to a whole new level. I present Mad le: A profile of the personal and professional charlatan and a jerk.

His personal life
McCain is known as a war hero, a moderate and a maverick. The subtitle of that chapter is: You’re getting a little thin up there.’

McCain is different. He portrays himself as The title of this book is: ‘Maverick’ (no explanation needed).

I had a teacher in high school who did three tours in Vietnam. He was a great teacher and a really nice guy. But twice he broke into frightening flashbacks from his war days. Post-traumatic stress disorder is very real, and while I have nothing but the utmost respect for McCain’s service, I do not consider it to be a qualification for the man who will have his finger on the proverbial button.

This wouldn’t bother me so much if his temper were as well documented. See Bob Smith, R-N.H., served with McCain on the Senate Armed Services Committee and said, ‘He would disagree about something and then explode. It was incidents of irrational behavior. We’ve all had incidents where we have gotten angry, but I’ve never seen anyone act like that.”

There is a new book out this week called “The Real McCain” by Clifford Chanin. It provides a well-documented and alarming profile of the candidate.

The book, according to the book, McCain who was known as “McNasty” in high school and reportedly has gotten into profanity-laced shouting matches and even fights with other politicians. That might have been appropriate behavior in the time of Andrew Jackson, but not today. The most disturbing (and underreported) allegation in the book is the report of a freak-out he had toward his wife in front of reporters and aides at a 1992 campaign stop.

“At one point, Cindy playfully twirled McCain’s hair and said, ‘You’re getting a little thin up there.’ McCain’s face reddened, and he responded, ‘At least I don’t platter on the makeup like a trophy, you (implies McCaill) excuse was that it had been a long day.”

That is entirely inappropriate on any day ever. Imagine if Obama reportedly called his wife a jerk.

His professional life
McCain has been nicknamed “Maverick” (no explanation needed). For his country. He deserves respect. He portrays himself as a moderate, and he is a maverick. T

McCain railed against people such as Jerry Brown, a new fishing dock and several other smaller projects.

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2. Thirty fingers
3. Into the heart
4. Cardinal game
5. Go wrong
6. 19 Core g
7. Casual coinage
9. Made over officials
10. Author Dinesen
11. Driven to
12. Look to)
13. For)
14. The bill
15. Indian music
16. Go for a quick
17. The Deighton group
18. English
19. In the sun
20. Mr. Smith
21. The Times
22. Little in Stirling
23. Jefferson’s classic
24. Visit
25. Ku Klux
26. Epigram
27. Look to
28. Bend out of
29. Soft palate
30. One soprano
31. Aroma
32. In the sun
33. Nautical distance
34. To form the surprise answer
35. Bad to the bone
36. French river
37. Flames
38. Low in pitch
39. Scent
40. Aroma
41. Made over
42. Robert
43. Low in pitch
44. About perhaps
45. Numbers game
46. Went for a quick
47. French river
48. French river
49. Courtroom
50. Shut up
51. Cliffside
52. Hurry-up letters
53. Strategic
54. Billionaire
55. Nobel-winner
56. Changeable
57. Nobel-winner
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59. Nobel-winner
60. Swear word
61. Supplements
62. Chucklehead
63. Low in pitch
64. French river
65. Low in pitch
66. Baltic capital

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1. Door
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3. Word for
4. Factory
5. Calvary
6. On the Indian
7. Casual cargo
8. Savvy
9. Rectory
10. Author Dinesen
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13. Tide up
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3 by 3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

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Solution to Thursday’s puzzle:

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The Duplex
Dear Hollywood: Thanks for giving back

Ah, the wonderful smell of piles of money. Oh, the feeling of having so much money; you don’t even know what to do with it. Man, don’t we all wish we knew exactly how that felt? Well, Hollywood, even though you and I and our elites know exactly how that feels and want more than likely to keep that feeling to yourselves, you’re doing things that will help those who need your money most.

Way to go, Tinseltown! This week that karaoke-on-a-grand-scale-ratings-juggernaut “American Idol” had its second “Idol Gives Back” broadcast. The show features various performers and peeks into the impoverished lives the program pledges to help. They take donations from viewers and have corporate partners that benefit charities helping children everywhere and at home with after-school reading programs, food, health care and other necessities.

This weekend, Collegiate Classic will also hold their own benefit “Night of Too Many Stars,” which for the past few years has collected donations for autism education.

Paired with comedy from the likes of Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert, the night is fun with a purpose. The Centers for Disease Control Web site defines autism as a group of disabilities that affect communication and social interaction skills.

According to statistics available on the National Institute of Mental Health, in the 3- to 10-year-old age group, about four children out of 1,000 is diagnosed with autism. There’s no clear-cut cure, but through different forms of education and support both for parents and those living with autism, heretofore impossible things can be made.

“Night of Too Many Stars” gives the proceeds of their program to Autism Research. A great deal of research causes, treatments and prevention for autism, as well as research done by these colleges, is equipped to help those with the disorder.

So, thank you, Hollywood, for having good-hearted celebrities participating in these charity events to bring awareness and funds to organizations helping with poverty and autism. Hollywood, you are not just prompting everyone to monetarily help out, but you’re donating from your own thick-lined pockets and no one can fault you for that.

With your huge hearts and even bigger wallets, Hollywood, you can change the world and help those with needs beyond the average individual. Keep it up.

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EIKENBERG
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Saline said she requested to leave the team previously but was not given specific reasons. Whatever the reasoning, several more players have requested to be released from their scholarships but would not give specific names. Eikenberg declined to comment Thursday.

It is the Athletic Department’s policy to do senior exit interviews at the end of every season for each sport at SIU. The coaches also go through an interview process to determine the positive and negative experiences.

Mocia said he has spent the last two weeks sitting down with every player and coach on the team in an attempt to get the full story.

Eikenberg received a five-year contract extension from Moccia in 2004. The new deal called for a yearly base pay of $125,000.

She replaced Lori Opp, who went 23-85 in her four seasons at the helm before her contract was not renewed in 2007.

Eikenberg has a 44-72 record during her four-year tenure and won the MVC Coach of the Year award in 2007. She was hired by previous Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk.

Mocia said assistant coach Susan Koening, who assisted Eikenberg during all of her four-year tenure, is leaving the team to get married and move back to Iowa.

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SOFTBALL
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Schmidt saw limited time as a freshman when she hit a solo home run in the top of the seventh inning. She finished with 18 total at-bats, five hits, including three doubles, and 12-for-13 in stolen bases during her freshman campaign.

She saw more action in her sophomore season, starting in 18 games with 17 hits and two home runs.

Schmidt said she has seen a change in her game since taking the starting role and is constantly trying to prove herself.

“I think I’ve seen a change in everything,” Schmidt said. “I’ve worked after practice with (catcher) Jayne (Wamley) in the outfield working on line drives and my hitting has definitely improved.”

Her improvement showed Wednesday when she hit a solo home run in the top of the seventh to pad the Salukis’ score for a 2-0 victory over Evansville.

Blaylock said Schmidt’s growth has been as a player while helping fill the void left by Dismore. Freshman Chelsea Hield has also had playing time left field with Dismore’s absence.

When the Salukis hosted Dismore would be out for up to six weeks, Schmidt said she had a discussion with Blaylock on the possibility of grabbing a starting role but was still on a day-to-day basis as to whether she would start in left field.

Blaylock said Schmidt provides comfort at the plate and can rely on her to perform in the bottom of the order.

If you can have somebody in that role that can hit 200 feet, that’s pretty good,” Blaylock said.

Schmidt’s time in the field could be challenged as Dismore was released to play Wednesday. Schmidt said she is not sure if her starting position is in jeopardy but is not concerned about it.

Dismore, who could see mostly pinch-hitting or pinch-running situations during the weekend, said her improvement has adapted well to her role without hesitation.

“She definitely stepped in and stepped up when she needed to,” Dismore said. “And she’s still doing a good job.”

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The Braves are coming off a four-place finish at the Illini Spring Classic while the Redbirds finished 12th in the 15-team Indiana Invitational.

The Salukis have fared well against MVC foes in early season tournaments, Derr said, adding that the winner of the talented and parity-filled field have to prove themselves together three good rounds of golf.

Nobody is going to win the tournament just by showing up,” Daugherty said.
Three-match home game marks seniors’ last stand for women’s tennis

The SIU women’s tennis team will try to use its home-court advantage and a little bit of senior leadership in its most pivotal matches this season.

Seniors Sabine Tsuila Mulungu, Aime Blacketer and Amanda Tailfer will attempt to lead the Salukis to victory in their final home matches. SIU enters the weekend with a chance to improve its 4-1 conference record Saturday against Northern Illinois and Sunday against Drake.

The Salukis step out of conference play in a revenge match today against Northern Illinois.

“Because our matches have been around Easter or indoors, we really haven’t had the fans come out," Nothwehr said. “We just want a nice day where people can come and see us play.”

Junior pitcher Cody Adams follows his pitch to the batter during the 10-9 comeback win against University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee April 4 at Abe Martin Field. Adams will be the starting pitcher at today’s home game against Bradley.

The Salukis step out of conference play in a revenge match today against out-of-conference opponent in doubles matches and capture the point and send a message, Nothwehr said.

“If we have an advantage in doubles, they know now that they can’t do it," Dixon said. "If they’re down by a couple runs, they have the confidence to know they can win and there is nothing better than that."
**Salukis shoot for another title**

Junior Lindsey Phillips puts during the Saluki Invitational March 30. The Saluki women are seeking their second straight Missouri Valley Conference championship.

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**GOLF**

**SIU tries for back-to-back MVC Championships**

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**Daily Egyptian**

The SIU women's golf team is hoping to build a legacy as it hunts for another championship.

The Saluki trip to Omaha, Neb., in search of their second consecutive Missouri Valley Conference championship. After a slow start to the season, SIU has been building momentum in its last two tournaments, posting a first-place finish at the Saluki Invitational and a second-place showing at the Illini Spring Classic.

Coach Diane Daugherty said the team is entering the tournament confident with a ‘been there, done that’ mindset after last year’s championship run and the team’s recent stretch of good play.

The upperclassmen are called a “core-four,” Daugherty said. “We’re a seasoned team with three seniors and three juniors, and all of them are swinging well.

If the Salukis are able to repeat as conference champions, the performances of seniors Kelly Gerlach and Christine Zoerlein will likely be a key aspect. Gerlach shot a final-round of even par while Zoerlein fired 1-over-par to finish in a tie for fifth place at the Illini Spring Classic, shooting a total score of 231.

While Gerlach and Zoerlein have been on a roll lately, Daugherty said having a deep and balanced team, including Beachy Hood who was recently named MVC Golfer of the Week, would bring SIU closer to another championship run.

Gerlach said the team’s success depends on its ability to carry a positive mindset and its recent momentum into conference tournament play. Gerlach, who posted a second-place overall finish at the Saluki Invitational, said the team looks to carry some of that momentum into the tournament.

“We’re just going to focus on every single swing and not get caught up with it being the Valley and really buy into that philosophy,” Gerlach said. “It’s obviously an important tournament, but a stroke is still a stroke no matter where it is.”

Zoerlein, who finished tied for 16th at the Saluki Invitational, said she feels the Salukis have an advantage going into the tournament, already knowing what is expected of each individual and having a championship ring on their fingers. Zoerlein said another conference championship is a great way to go out on top as a senior.

“There’s really no more you can ask for than to win your conference championship and have a good showing at regionals,” Zoerlein said.

Missouri State and in-state rivals Illinois State and Bradley pose the biggest challenge for the Salukis as those schools will try to thwart SIU’s efforts at back-to-back championships.

The Bears earned a sixth-place finish in the 16-team Susie Maxwell Bening Classic in Norman, Okla., in its final tune-up before the conference championship tournament. It was their best showing since a third-place finish at the Xavier/LPGA International Invitational Oct. 14.

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**Saluki Women’s Golf**

**Enid Voth**

**Daily Egyptian**

**Moccia to give Eikenberg decision**

Junior Katie Schmidt attempts to bat against Indiana State Saturday afternoon at Charlotte West Stadium. Schmidt has a .259 batting average, scored four, and is seven for seven for stolen bases this season.

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**SOFTBALL**

**Schmidt makes noise in lineup**

Junior outfielder batting .259 to help spark offense

Megan Kramer  
**Daily Egyptian**

Katie Schmidt has wasted little time adjusting to her starting spot in the SIU lineup.

The junior outfielder has seen significant time in the field since senior left fielder Tiffany Dummer sustained a broken jaw. Schmidt has taken advantage as she is currently on a three-game hit streak.

In 33 games played this season, Schmidt is batting .259 with five doubles, four home runs and seven stolen bases. She will look to continue her streak as the Salukis hit the road for a weekend series against the Drake Bulldogs.

Despite Schmidt’s recent success, she wasn’t always sure playing collegiate softball was for her.

“I actually wanted to play softball but it was one of those things where I was looking at volleyball too,” Schmidt said. “But after coming here and meeting (coach) Kerri (Blaylock) and seeing what they had, I knew I wanted to come here.”

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**Eikenberg decision**

Matt Hartwig  
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After enduring claims of verbal abuse from her former players, SIU women’s basketball coach Dana Eikenberg could soon learn what her future holds at SIU.

Athletic Director Marie Mocci said he hopes to make a decision about Eikenberg’s tenure by Sunday. He said he plans to divulge for the press the outcome of his internal review of the women’s basketball program.

“A press conference probably won’t be necessary,” Mocci said. “We’ll just make a press release about it.”

Eikenberg finished her fourth season as the Saluki head coach with a 10-20 record before claims from several players of verbal abuse surfaced. All the players who spoke out are no longer with the team.

Eikenberg led the team to a Missouri Valley Conference regular season championship in 2006-07 but struggled the keep the momentum going thanks, in part, to early defections.

Forward Dana Olsen left before the season started and guard Debbie Burris left shortly after the season began. Both were key contributors during the championship run.

Freshman guard Tanaya Womack left midway through the season while fellow freshman Brenna Saline said she left at season’s end.