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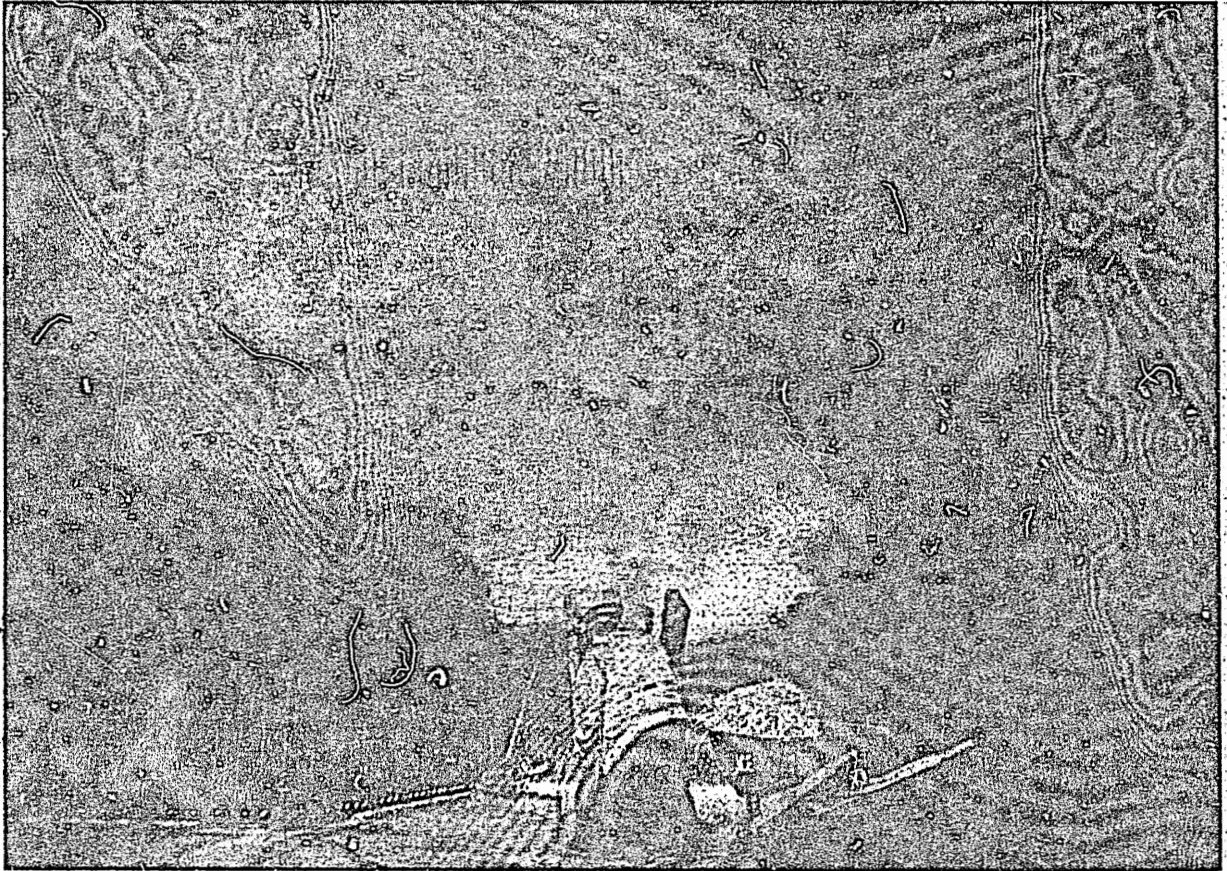
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JULIA RENDLEMAN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jeff Pelhank, of the Harrisburg Fire Department, starts a fire in the "burn tunnel" or a simulated mine shaft, during a fire safety training program Tuesday on the Southeastern Illinois College campus. Pelhank was one of the local firefighters on

hand to help train coal miners from southern Illinois and Kentucky in mine fire safety and rescue. The facility at SIC is one of only two in the nation. The other facility is located in Beckley, W. Va.

Firefighters practice mine safety

DEREK ROBBINS
Daily Egyptian

The explosion that killed 29 workers in the Upper Big Branch Mine April 5 in Montcoal, W. Va., has ignited efforts to use a "burn

tunnel" for training exercises on the Southeastern Illinois College campus this week, said John Gunning, SIC's fire training coordinator.

Mine safety awareness is at an all-time high after the disaster in

West Virginia, Gunning said.

The burn tunnel is one of only two in the country, he said. Two mine disasters in that state have cost nearly 40 lives in the past four years — with 12 deaths after the Sago Mine explosion in Sago,

W. Va. — making simulated mine rescue training close to home important, Gunning said.

"This being the second facility in the United States that does this type of thing — these miners have something here that they will be

able to look forward to and train at home instead of driving 15 hours away to train under similar conditions," he said.

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Holocaust survivor: 'Never again' forgotten too soon

MADELEINE LEROUX
Daily Egyptian

Like Atman spent months trying to leave Germany alive.

Escaping the fate of her mother, father and sister — whom she never saw again — Atman succeeded.

She was a young girl in a small German town of 800 when Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party came to power in 1933.

"Everything changed," Atman said.

"All of a sudden, there was like a chill in the air."

After "Kristallnacht," or Night of Broken Glass, when the Nazi state sanctioned anti-Jewish riots in early November 1938, Atman said her house was vandalized, guns were being shot in the streets and "all hell broke loose."

Atman, 85, who now lives in St. Louis, spoke of her experience as a Holocaust survivor at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Agriculture Building as part of

Holocaust Remembrance Week, sponsored by the Hillel House, an RSO for Jewish campus life.

Daniel Robot, a senior from Chicago studying psychology and chair of Holocaust Remembrance Week, said his grandparents were both Holocaust survivors, who struggled to live in post-war Europe as strong anti-Semitism remained.

"As genocide continues across the globe, it is important that we must never forget," Robot said.

Atman said she continues to tell her story in hopes that it will result in a better understanding of people. It's important, she said, to inform young people of the tragedy that happened years ago. Genocide continues today all over the world, she said, despite the promise from years ago.

"Six million Jews were killed (in World War II)," Atman said. "My parents, my sister, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends were all killed. ... My brother lived through the camps."

"We said never again," Atman said. "I don't think we learned our lesson."

Atman said her family, along with other Jewish families in the community, soon faced incredible difficulties trying to lead normal lives. The schoolteacher would not call on her in class, her friends refused to speak to her and neighbors would not associate with the family anymore, she said.

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Cheng takes part in her first senate meeting

RYAN VOYLES
 Daily Egyptian

Incoming Chancellor Rita Cheng sat with the Executive Council for the first time at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday in the Kaaskacia-Missouri Rooms of the Student Center.

Cheng said she was invited by Faculty Senate President Philip Howze and wanted to use the opportunity for discussion.

"It was an opportunity to meet the faculty and open up conversation on what the important issues are," Cheng said. "I want to show I'm coming in with enthusiasm and willingness to work with the faculty leadership on these tough issues."

During her presentation to the faculty, she said she sees positives at the university despite the budget concerns.

"The campus has budget challenges, but it has incredible assets," Cheng said. "And together, I see the senate being an important point of campus conversation about how we get through our short-term challenges, so that we can start looking into the future. This economic situation has put too many people in a paralysis mode, and we got to think long-term."

"I'm going to challenge (the faculty) in our conversations about how we're going to be stronger five years from now than we are today," she said.

James Ferraro, an associate professor in physiology, asked Cheng how she would convey a positive image of the university for prospective students while dealing with the budget. Cheng said her experience as provost at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has prepared her for such problems.

"We can get through this — the sky is not falling," she said. "I'm currently in a furlough mode in Wisconsin, two years back-to-back of having to take eight furlough days. ... It wasn't pleasant, but the sky did not fall. We ended up with a portfolio of strategies so that we could protect our future with just some (temporary) cutbacks."

Cheng said there are signs the economy is coming back and praised



STEVE BERZYNSKI | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Incoming Chancellor Rita Cheng attends the monthly Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday in the Student Center. Cheng fielded questions from other faculty members regarding issues such as recruitment, retention and ways to improve the university's image.

Illinois' support for education before the recession.

She said she is still in the "discovery" mode of learning what is going on at SIUC, but being present during the meeting gave her a better understanding.

"I had not been part of this dialogue ... The discussion around the budget was a productive one to give the faculty a chance to express their voice," Cheng said. "I got a real sense of how the faculty conversation and leadership work on this campus."

The Faculty Senate became acquainted with more than Cheng Tuesday.

The senate voted unanimously to support a proposal by journalism professor Uche Onyeadi to collect donations across campus to construct a primary school in Haiti. The proposal asks for a voluntary \$5 donation from all students, faculty and administrators to help fund the project.

Sarjesh Kumar, vice president of the Faculty Senate and chairperson for civil and environmental engineering, said the project could create opportunities for students to gain experience in unfamiliar areas.

"Civil engineering is going to play a

key role in the reconstruction of Haiti," he said. "We have students; we can bring them in and have them help."

The faculty also discussed traveling to Springfield to question legislators about appropriations owed to the university and the MAP grant. The faculty plans to have its own Lobby Day April 21, while Undergraduate Student Government President Prickiano Fabian has organized students to attend April 22.

Allan Karnes, the senate's budget chairperson and a professor in accountancy, described the political situation in Springfield as a "political meltdown."

"The Senate and the governor are not fulfilling its duties to students and the universities," he said. "There are talks there about shutting down universities. They are talking about universities in Chicago right now, but if one school goes down — what's to stop them from taking down one more?"

The Faculty Senate will meet again April 27.

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Man found dead in Murphysboro

TRAVIS BEAN
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A man was found dead between 5 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. on the corner of 19th Street and Apple Lane, according to police officials and neighbors.

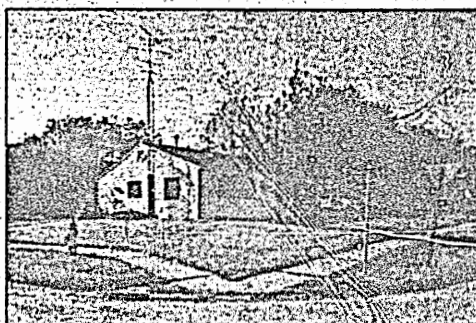
The body was found in the yard of the house at 719 19th St., in front of Valley Ridge housing.

The man was shot and killed, said Trina Cummings, a neighbor.

"I heard all the commotion and looked down there and saw him down there on the ground," Cummings said. "The police were going down there and said that there definitely was a shooting and (that) he had passed away."

Several neighbors in the area said they did not know who the dead man was.

A Murphysboro patrol officer was the first to discover the body, according to a WSSL report.



EDYTA BLASZCZYK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

A man was found dead at 5 a.m. Tuesday in the yard at Valley Ridge housing on the corner of 19th Street and Apple Lane in Murphysboro. Authorities said they are investigating the death. Several neighbors said that they did not know who the man was.

Police Chief Jeff Bock confirmed the bullet wound in the back, according to the WSSL report.

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USG fails to approve polling places

JEFF ENGELHARDT
Daily Egyptian

The Undergraduate Student Government did not approve polling places for the elections scheduled to start in less than one week during its meeting Tuesday in the Student Health Center Auditorium.

Senators questioned how elections would be handled at the proposed locations, which included the Student Center, Lentz Hall, Trueblood Hall and the Recreation Center. Election Commissioner Sean Thomas was absent from the meeting, and some senators said they were not comfortable approving the locations until he answered their questions.

The senate will have to convene in an emergency meeting and approve the polling locations before the start of elections Tuesday. If the senate fails

to meet quorum, which has been a problem throughout the semester, the elections could be pushed back.

"I'm pretty optimistic the senators will make it to the emergency meeting," USG President Prisciliano Fabian said. "If they don't, the elections would have to be held even though it says in our constitution elections are to take place in the third week of April."

The election planning has already been held up once this semester as Thomas was chosen as election commissioner in an emergency meeting after spring break. The delays have left about seven days for candidates to campaign, which started Monday.

Presidential candidates include incumbent Fabian, former USG senator Marcus King and member of SIU College Democrats Bill Ryan. Fabian will run with Chief of Staff Krys-

tin McDermott, King will run with ROTC member Jarvis Freeman and Ryan with USG Senator Jamal Easley.

Ashley Jordan, a first-year senator representing Brush Towers, said she is concerned the whole election process has been rushed this year.

She said she still has questions about the polling places and election process because of the transition from last year's online voting to the paper ballot voting this year.

Some senators said online voting could have led to duplicate voting and cheating. The four locations would allow USG to use student ID machines to prevent multiple votes.

Also, students do not have enough time to learn about the candidates, Jordan said.

"I feel like elections started much earlier last year, and I gave students enough time to understand candi-

dates," Jordan said. "Candidates could talk with prospective voters, so it's definitely going to have an affect being so last minute."

Dave Loftus, a senator representing the west side of campus, said elections continue to be a thorn in the side of the student government.

He said in his three years with the senate, elections have always caused problems, most of which can be attributed to communication breakdowns. He said Thomas called him an hour before the meeting and said there would be three polling places, so he was surprised to see the Recreation Center proposed as a fourth location.

"I'm glad we killed the bill tonight because I am still confused as to where these polling places are actually going to be and have not heard an official announcement of the can-

didates," Loftus said. "Whoever wins the presidency needs to figure out the election process in the summer -- it's the only time they will have free time."

While the proposed polling places were voted down, the senate passed a bill that would move \$3,400 from the Reserve Fund to the Student Organization Activity Fund for fiscal year 2011. Seventy-five percent of the \$3,400 will go to organizations that did not receive funding in fiscal year 2010.

Fabian also said he has had preliminary discussions of forming a merger between USG and the Graduate and Professional Student Government, but no progress would happen until he finds out if he is reelected.

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"We had no standing as a German (family)," Atman said. "We were citizens without a state."

Atman said she arrived in Baltimore Oct. 7, 1940 and was taken in by the president of a local chapter of the Jewish Federation and his wife.

"It's hard to believe, very hard to believe, what one human being can do to another human being," Atman said. "I look to all of you to make this world a better place. We're all God's

children. We need to respect each other. We need to take care of each other."

Rachel Wides, director of the Hillside House, said the turnout for Atman's speech was absolutely incredible.

"I think the best part about this crowd was that I knew so few people here," Wides said. "This was our biggest event."

Sheena Henderson, a graduate student in social work from Chicago, said she attended Atman's presentation for a class. She said Atman was correct in saying young people today are not keeping the

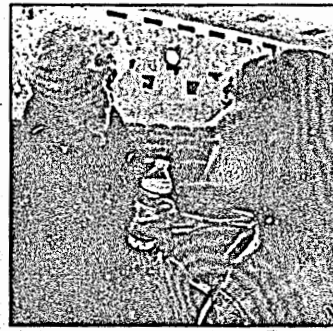
promise of never letting genocide happen again.

"We don't take a lot of things seriously," Henderson said. "It's something interesting."

Daniel Brandys, a senior from Buffalo Grove studying chemistry, said his grandparents were Holocaust survivors and he enjoyed hearing Atman's account.

"It was very emotional, very driven," Brandys said.

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Rachel Wides, right, a graduate student in social work from Carbondale and director of the Hillside House, thanks guest speaker Ilse Atman Tuesday in the Agriculture Building. ISSAC SMITH/DAILY EGYPTIAN

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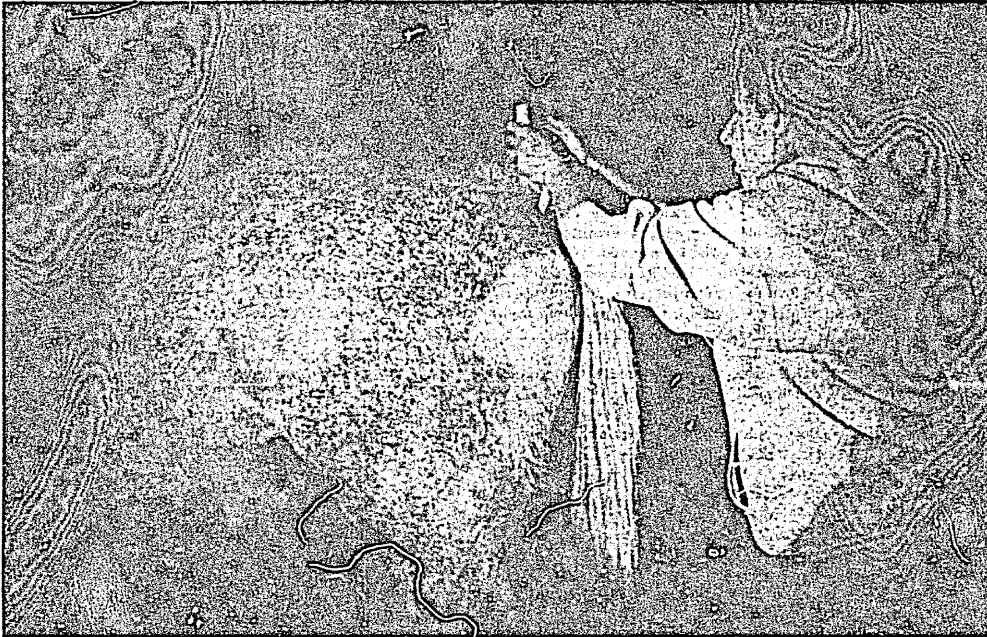
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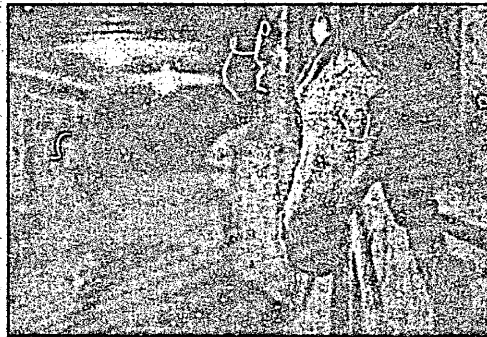
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(Top) Sara Ivetic, a junior from Wood Ridge studying history and equine science, rewraps the tail of Lotus, a thoroughbred mare due to foal at any time at the University Farms horse barn. The mares' tails are wrapped to keep them out of the way during birthing (Above left) Yvette Garcia, a junior from Belleville studying equine science, switches DVDs at the University Farms horse barn at 3 a.m. The students on foal watch stay in a room where they can monitor the mares on a screen in the corner, but they also have a television, board games and homework to keep them occupied and awake during the early morning hours. (Above right) At 5:30 a.m., Garcia and Ivetic begin the morning chores before returning home to sleep before their classes. Though Lotus made motions like she was going to give birth during the night, it was a false alarm and work continued as usual around the barn.



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On foal watch

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The atmosphere is a little like being in a hospital waiting room — there are checks on the wards every half hour and endless waiting through the early hours of the morning — but instead of a glass-encased nursery or narrow hospital beds, the expectant mothers are standing in wooden stalls on floors covered in straw.

It's foaling season for the horses at the Southern Illinois University Farms, and while one baby is already born, four more

are on the way. For students in the Equine Science 409 and 419 classes, it's time for foal watch. For Yvette Garcia and Sara Ivetic, this means a 12-hour shift beginning at 6 p.m.

"I enjoy it, but it screws up my sleep schedule," said Garcia, a junior from Belleville studying equine science.

At 3:26 a.m., everything is quiet. The three mares on the monitor are sleeping, but Garcia and Ivetic are not allowed the same luxury.

Instead, they are on their third movie of the evening, watching "How's Moving Castle" as they struggle to stay awake. Occasionally, movement on the monitors in the corner grabs their attention, but when the mares lie down, it's just to rest.

Ivetic, a junior from Wood Ridge studying history and equine science, said she is on her second season of foal watching. Last year, she was lucky enough to have a mare give birth at the early hour of 9:45 p.m., she said, though the foal didn't figure out how to nurse until 7 the next morning.

Michelle Hopkins, a senior from Whittington and the assistant herd manager, said the watch began at the end of February for

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the first mare, who had her foal during spring break.

The shifts began again April 1, she said, and will probably continue until the end of the school year.

Hopkins said the foals are usually sold before they are two years old, with the money from the sales going back to the farm. The students do the watches to gain experience, she said, so that they will know what to do if emergencies arise at a future job.

During the watch, the students check the amounts of hay and water the horses have every two hours, adding more when neces-

sary. They also clean out the stalls, and check the mares to see how close they might be to foaling.

In the past few years, only one foal hasn't survived to term, Hopkins said.

"All of our foals come out pretty dang healthy," she said. "We try to take all precautions necessary."

But with only four foals left to be born, that leaves a lot of nights with no visible results.

Ivetic said she does not like staying up all night, but the anticipation of wondering whether there will be a healthy baby by morning makes the wait worth it.

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Summit endorses Obama's nuke goals

ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In full accord on a global threat, world leaders Tuesday endorsed President Barack Obama's call for securing all nuclear materials around the globe within four years to keep them out of the grasp of terrorists. They offered few specifics for achieving that goal, but Obama declared, "the American people will be safer and the world will be more secure" as a result.

Obama had called the 47-nation summit to focus world attention on the threat of nuclear terrorism, a peril he termed the greatest threat facing all nations and a "cruel irony of history" after mankind had survived the Cold War and decades of fear stoked by a U.S.-Soviet arms race.

A terrorist group in possession of plutonium no bigger than an apple could detonate a device capable of inflicting hundreds of thousands of casualties, he said.

"Terrorist networks such as al-Qaida have tried to acquire the material for a nuclear weapon, and if they ever succeeded, they would surely use it," he told the opening session, which convened under tight security at the Washington Convention Center. "Were they to do so, it would be a catastrophe for the world, causing extraordinary loss of life and striking a major blow to global peace and stability."

The summit countries said they would cooperate more deeply with the United Nations and its watchdog arm, the International Atomic Energy Agency. They also said they would share information on nuclear detection and ways to prevent nuclear trafficking.

Several countries, including Ukraine, Mexico and Canada, de-

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— Barack Obama president of the United States

clared their intention to give up highly enriched uranium as a step toward making it harder for terrorist groups or criminal gangs to steal or acquire a key ingredient in the making of atomic weapons. Russia and the U.S. signed a deal to dispose of tons of weapons-grade plutonium, although that won't start for eight years.

While the summit focused on the threat from terrorists, attention was given to Iran, North Korea and other nations who are seeking or have succeeded in obtaining or developing nuclear weapons. Neither Iran nor North Korea was invited to attend the session, which the Obama administration billed as the largest gathering of world leaders on U.S. soil since the U.N. founding conference in San Francisco in 1945.

The leaders agreed to hold a follow-up nuclear security summit in South Korea in 2012.

In a concluding news conference, Obama said he was confident China would join other nations in pressing for tough new sanctions on Iran for continuing to defy the international community in seeking such weapons.

"Words have to mean something. There have to be some consequences," Obama said.

Chinese President Hu Jintao met with Obama on Monday, then on Tuesday gave a speech to the group calling for "effective" measures to safeguard nuclear weapons and materials. But he stopped short of mentioning Iran's program.

Iran denies it intends to build an atomic bomb, and despite widespread concern about its intentions, Obama is having difficulty getting agreement on a new set of U.N. sanctions against the country. He said Tuesday that Hu had assured him that China would participate in drafting sessions at the United Nations on strong sanctions.

Throughout his news conference, Obama set a realist's tone about the role of the United States in world affairs. That is, it is necessary for the U.S. to lead on matters such as nuclear security. But on getting countries in the Mideast to agree to peace, on getting the Chinese to move to a market-based currency, on getting Iran and North Korea to play by international rules on nuclear compliance, on getting countries to live up to their fresh pledges on nuclear security, Obama repeatedly said the U.S. can't be the enforcer of world order. Countries must act in line with their own interests, he said.

As applied to Iran, this means U.N. and other sanctions are designed to change Iran's calculations about what it would gain from giving up its nuclear ambitions, he said.

Asked about steps that have been taken against North Korea, Obama conceded that "sanctions are not a magic wand." Still, he said he hoped the pressure could lead North Korea's leaders to return to nuclear disarmament talks that they abandoned before Obama took office.

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Project Runway designer breaks barriers

MICHAELA CANTY
Daily Egyptian

The naysayers, dangers and possibility of death were not enough to keep a Liberian artist from pursuing her dreams.

Korto Momolu, competitor from "Project Runway: Season 5" came to Student Center Ballroom Tuesday to talk about the grave dangers she faced and the challenges she overcame to chase her dream of becoming a fashion designer.

"My destiny was in my hands," she said. "It doesn't matter where you are; if you're still breathing and able, you can fulfill your dreams."

The importance of staying true to one's dreams was the primary theme illustrated during Momolu's speech to about 50 people.

Jessica Smith, Student Programming Council director of lectures, invited Momolu to campus to encourage students to conquer barriers that hinder success.

"Hopefully she will bring a motivation incentive that students need to succeed and provide resourceful advice for fashion design students," Smith said.

Momolu painted a horrific image of war during the civil unrest in Liberia and how her family fled the country with little resources to take refuge in Canada.

She talked about her degrading experience in the U.S. immigration system and how at age 16 she had to put her dream on hold and work to

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— Korto Momolu
"Project Runway: Season 5"

support her family.

Her dreams of fashion design faded until her mother recognized the gift for fashion Momolu possessed.

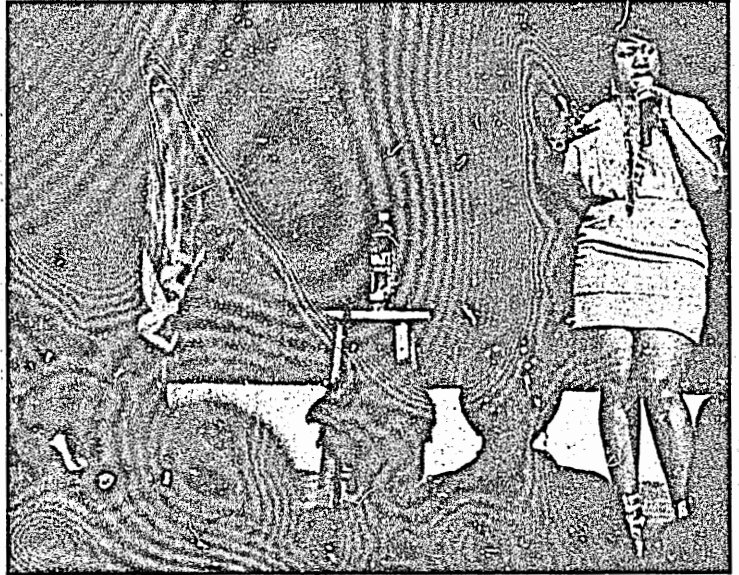
Her strength to hold on to faith and move her mountains in life was the resounding theme taken by Keeliah Fowler, a senior from Chicago studying speech communication.

"I appreciate and admire her resilience and vigor. I respect the decisions she made and how she retained her heritage of being a Liberian and black woman. She stayed true to herself," Fowler said.

Momolu graduated at the top of her class in her couture fashion design school. After years of experimenting with local fashion shows out of Little Rock, Ark., Momolu found her trademark in fashion.

"I wanted to incorporate aspects of my African ethnicity, patterns and colors into my designs. Through my clothing, I exhibited my pride, love and passion for Liberia before the civil unrest," Momolu said. Momolu's work started to get noticed throughout Arkansas.

Her parents' good deeds and hard



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Korto Momolu, a former "Project Runway" contestant, speaks Tuesday in the Student Center to an audience about her struggles from growing up in Liberia to how she became a part of the popular reality show. One of Momolu's recent accomplishments is her partnership with Dillard's for her handbag and jewelry collection.

work yielded surprises and blessings for Momolu, she said.

In 2008, Momolu was selected to compete in season five of "Project Runway." She felt a heavy weight on her shoulders as she navigated through the show and competed against other talented designers, she

said. Momolu was one of the two finalists on "Project Runway," losing the overall competition — which she said was just another example of a naysayer. In her eyes, she said she won the race.

"What's the true meaning of winning? Your wealth is not in money or

accumulation of material, but in the people around you and the things you give back to others," Momolu said.

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Carell and Fey shine, 'Date Night' fails

TRAVIS BEAN
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Film plagued with lame plot and dialogue

gimmicks to create laughs, while it should be utilizing the main actors' talents.

Carell and Fey both use awkwardness for comedy. Carell's Michael Scott from the TV show "The Office" and Fey's Liz Lemon from "30 Rock" are prime examples. Because they share the same comedic style, they feed off each other. Whether it is bickering during a high-speed car chase or pretending to be sex robots, they create great moments.

But these moments are scattered throughout the film; the rest of it seems empty. Any scene involving police-talk, or spy equipment puts a damper on the film. Its simplified take on the mystery/thriller genre is annoyingly rudimentary. The film is about the Fosters' struggle to live up their marriage, and the police side-story is merely a distraction.

The film, surprisingly, has honest moments of emotion. When the car chasing stops and scenes slow down, Fey and Carell relate the struggles of marriage and the looming prospect of divorce convincingly. Adversely, the viewer is not allowed into the Fosters' relationship. Instead, the audience is left with a snapshot that only covers the external conflicts. With a more in-depth look, these dramatic scenes could be more effective.

The drama does not mix with the comedy, though. In fact, the language in the dramatic scenes completely contrasts the comedy. The script relies heavily on gimmicks and phrases that are not part of everyday conversation. It tries too hard to be funny instead of allowing comedy to come naturally.

"Date Night" could take a lesson from some classic romantic comedies, such as "Annie Hall" and "High Fidelity." These movies do not force comedy into the dialogue. When characters speak, it makes sense. They have quirks and mannerisms, and the audience gets to know them.

What does "Date Night" do? The opposite. When characters are faced with dilemmas, the dialogue leaves the viewer wondering, "Would they really say that?" This takes the audience out of the movie and provides yet another distraction.

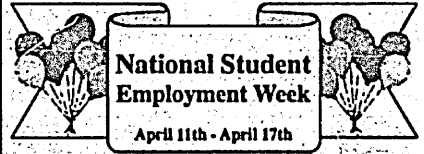
All in all, the movie is disappointing because it could have been something great. When two comedians like Fey and Carell get together, one would expect a comedy classic.

Instead, "Date Night" will be forgotten in a year.

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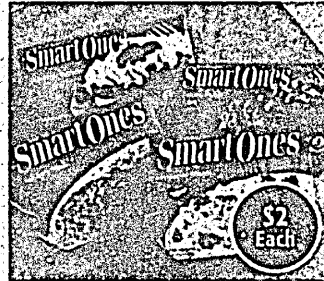
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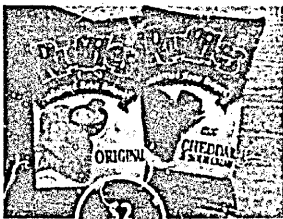
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James Stafford, a mine worker from Earlington, Ky., trained in West Virginia's burn tunnel and said the one in Illinois is the same quality.

"The smoke tunnel is like a maze. We have obstacles we have to climb over and find people maybe down in the smoke. Eventually we get down to the end and put out fires," Stafford said. "It's enclosed like a coal mine is so it's good training."

Gunning said the tunnel was constructed in a T shape to simulate a mine and its entrance. Smoke fills the top of the tunnel and then falls to the bottom, which helps firefighters navigate through smoke-filled conditions.

Firefighters aren't the only ones who train in the tunnel, Gunning said.

"These guys here, they train and work different units and aspects of the job, not only as fire brigade. They might be mine operators; they might be shuttle-car operators," Gunning said. "Basically they have the mining experience, but they also have fire experience, too, so if something does happen, they can go in there and knock a fire out real quick."

Rick Mallady, an assistant instructor in the fire safety program at SIC, said the different simulations allow for continued learning no matter how much experience the participant has.

"I'm an instructor, but I learn something new every time," Mallady said. "Just from students or doing the drills and changing things up — it's ongoing education."

Gunning said drills in the burn tunnel focus on extinguishing fires and search and rescue situations.

"It gives them the fundamentals to do a search, cover some area," Gunning said. "We consider this to be a primary search. It's just a quick, easy, fast search in checking the walls, the floor just to make sure nobody else is in under flery conditions in case they have to send search and rescue

type guys in."

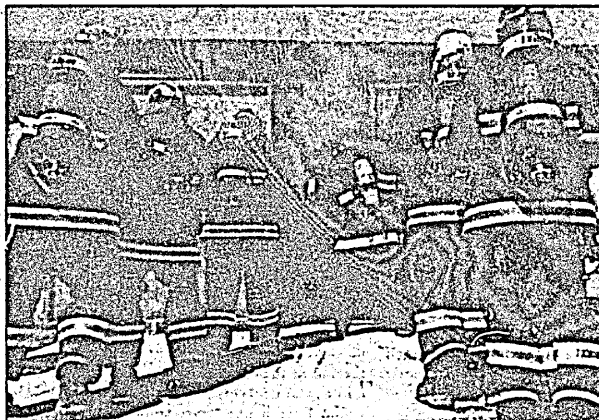
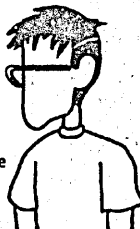
Stafford said he is grateful to get this kind of training.

"I have the upmost respect for the people who train with me, though I hope I never have to use this training," Stafford said. "But just in case I have to, I am very glad I have the opportunity to train in this kind of facility."

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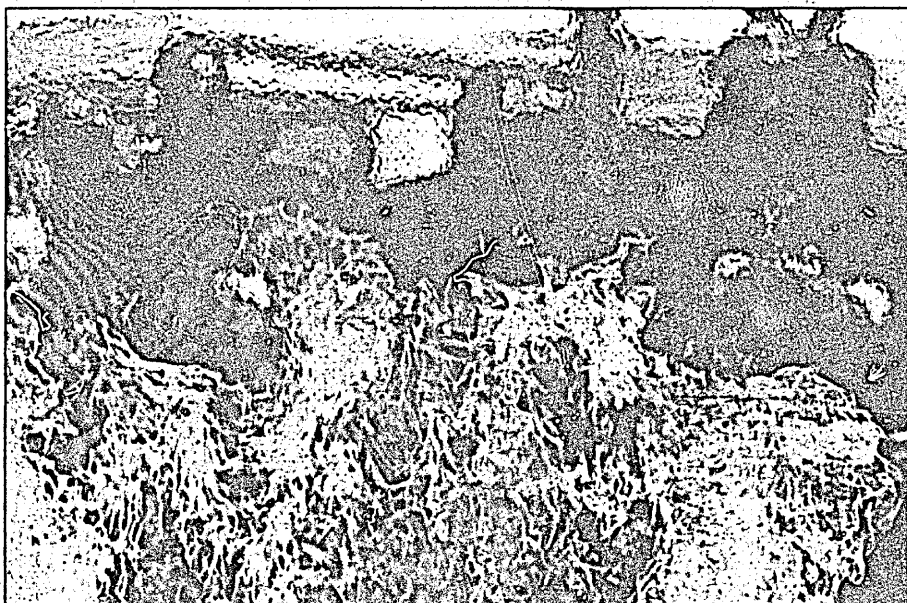
Check out *dailyegyptian.com* for a video from the 'burn tunnel.'

— Gus Bode



JULIA RENDLEMAN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Firefighters prepare to enter the "burn tunnel" during a fire safety training program Tuesday on the Southeastern Illinois College campus. Mine safety awareness is on the forefront of firefighters' minds after the explosion in West Virginia, said John Gunning, SIC's fire training coordinator.



ISAAC SMITH | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Local firefighters and miners extinguish a propane fire as part of a training course on mine shaft safety and rescue Tuesday at the firefighting training facility on the Southeastern Illinois College campus.

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— Rick Mallady
assistant instructor at SIC



JULIA RENDLEMAN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Firefighters move along the walls of a simulated mine shaft during a fire safety exercise Tuesday. The exercise requires them to navigate without sight,

using their hands to feel for objects — the same technique they would use to find people in an actual mining disaster.



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Ron Reins, of West Frankfort, left, speaks with Bobby Williams, of Metropolis, as he exits the "burn tunnel" during a mine shaft firefighting exercise Tuesday on the Southeastern Illinois College campus. The newly built facility is one of only two in the country, the other being in West Virginia. It is used to train area firefighters and miners in mine fire safety and search and rescue.

Congress hearings on Upper Big Branch Mine explosion next

SAM HANANEL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Both the House and Senate plan to hold hearings examining possible causes of the explosion that killed 29 workers at a West Virginia coal mine.

West Virginia Sen. Robert Byrd says he wants the hearings to assess the state of mine health and safety and determine what lawmakers can

do to avoid future loss of life. Byrd calls the "infuriating" that such a disaster could still happen and says the country has low-end resources to keep similar tragedies from happening again.

Byrd says lawmakers will give serious scrutiny to the practices of Massey Energy Co., given the large number of safety violations at the Upper Big Branch Mine where the explosion occurred. Lawmakers plan to wait until rescue efforts are over before setting a date for hearings.

Ex-federal official to probe fatal West Virginia mine blast

LAWRENCE MESSINA
TIM HUBER
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Gov. Joe Manchin is asking a former top federal mine safety official to conduct an independent investigation of an explosion that killed 29 West Virginia miners.

Manchin told The Associated Press on Tuesday that J. Davitt McAteer will serve as his special

adviser on issues involving the blast at Massey Energy's Upper Big Branch Mine. McAteer headed the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration during the Clinton administration.

His probe will be independent of separate investigations being done by state and federal officials.

McAteer also led a similar independent investigation after the Sago and Aracoma mine tragedies in 2006.

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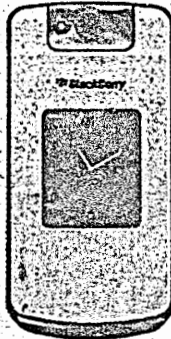
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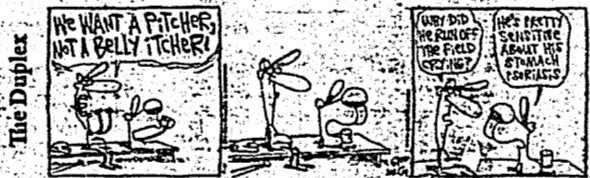
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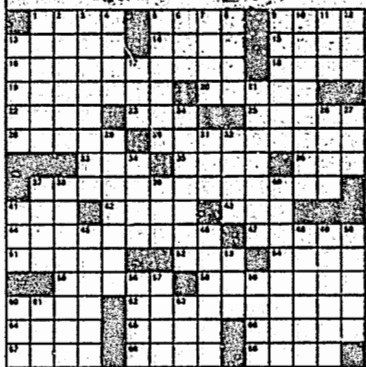
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Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's birthday — Figure out what you want this year and then go for it! Don't hold back just because others demand that you adapt to their plans. Take your destiny into your own hands. Dash out to conquer the world only after you have formulated a logical plan.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — You can't quite find your balance today. Think about expenditures carefully, and limit them to what you need right now. Future requirements may shift.

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 7 — Everyone recognizes that change needs to occur. Do you need to start a revolution? Maybe not. Instead, envision your completed goal and die in it.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — You wonder where others came up with their lies. You need to figure out a way to satisfy them while also caring for yourself.

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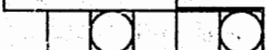
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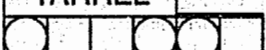


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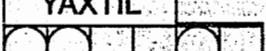
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SOFTBALL

Salukis set for battle with No. 1 Tigers

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The SIU softball team has won its last six games and nine of its last 10, but it will have its hands full when No. 11 Missouri makes the trip to Carbondale today.

The Salukis (27-12) last met up with the Tigers (27-8) last season in a game won by Missouri 9-1 in five innings. The Salukis are 13-20 against the Tigers in the team's history.

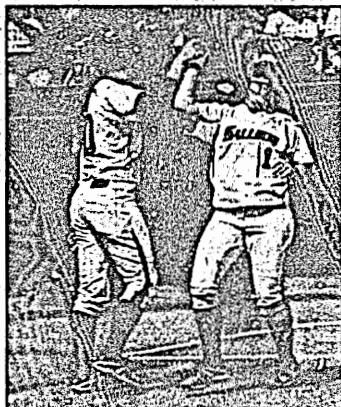
Head coach Kerri Blylock said the Tigers are beatable, especially without injured sophomore pitcher Chelsea Thomas. Before her injury, Thomas was 12-1 on the season with a 1.72 ERA and 123 strikeouts.

"Now don't get me wrong, they're a great offensive team, but maybe we can win a game 5-4 or 3-2," Blylock said. "They may score some runs, but I'm expecting our offense to come out and go after them."

While the Salukis have been on a roll as of late, Missouri has struggled, losing four of its last six games, with all four losses against No. 9 Oklahoma State and No. 14 Texas.

Offensively, the combination of freshman Jenna Marston and junior Rhea Taylor lead the Tigers. Marston is eighth in the Big 12 with 31 RBIs, while Taylor ranks second in the conference with 20 stolen bases.

SIU junior center fielder Chelsea Held said the team is going into its matchup with Missouri with an abundance of confidence.



Outfielder Morgan Barchan high fives teammate Chelsea Held after scoring a run Saturday in a 3-1 win against Indiana State at Charlotte West Stadium. The Salukis will host Missouri at 3 p.m. today.

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confidence.

"We'll put up some runs and just come out on Wednesday ready to go," Held said.

Held is hitting .261 this season with 18 runs and 19 RBIs. She hit a walk-off single Sunday against Indiana State to score sophomore left fielder Mallory Duran and give the Salukis a 4-3 victory.

The Salukis and Tigers have five common opponents this season: Michigan, Massachusetts, Missouri State, Bradley and Ball State.

Both teams defeated Massachusetts, Missouri State and Bradley. The Salukis beat Ball State 1-0, while the Tigers lost 2-1, but Missouri defeated

Michigan 2-1 compared to SIU's 10-2 loss.

Senior outfielder Katie Wilson said beating Missouri would be a big victory for the Salukis.

"It would be great to be able to take a Big 12 team down here at home," Wilson said.

Wilson is hitting .340 this season and leads the team with 10 home runs and 35 RBIs.

The Salukis and the Tigers will face off at 3 p.m. today at Charlotte West Stadium.

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PINNON

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"He's a different type of ballplayer — different size and different style," Roberts said.

"Those were two good players for a long time here; both were four-year guys and they both meant a lot to this program," Roberts said. "The way (Pinnon)'s playing right now, he could definitely be one of those guys too."

Picking up where Elmendorf left off at the second base position this year was a concern heading into the season, Roberts said.

"That was a spot we were worried about," Roberts said. "We knew we had a couple talented freshmen coming in, but the way he's stepped up both at second and at the plate — that's just come as a big surprise. He's a talented player, and he's playing with a lot of confidence right now."

Head coach Dan Callahan said he knew he was getting a good ballplayer, but Pinnon's contributions surprised even him.

"To be truthful, no, I didn't see this coming, not at all," Callahan said. "I thought he was more of a role player. When we saw him in the fall, we thought he was more of an eight or nine type of hitter. He's proven he's a top of the lineup type of guy."

In his first start of the season Feb. 26 against Jacksonville State, Pinnon hit eighth in the batting order. But in his last 22 games, Pinnon has hit in the second spot.

Callahan said Pinnon's aggressiveness and tenacity at the plate earned him such a high spot in the batting order.

"What I like about him is that he takes a hack while he's up there," Callahan said. "He doesn't get cheated. You can't go to the plate with no game plan and just say, 'I'm going to swing

as hard as I can.' I don't think anybody is more aggressive on our team, except for maybe (sophomore first baseman Chris) Serritella. And both of them swing it like they mean it, like they're looking to do some damage."

Pinnon and Serritella rank first and second in batting average, runs scored, hits, home runs, RBIs, total bases, slug percentage and on-base percentage.

Pinnon said he never expected to be doing what he is now.

"I got away from the game for a little bit, transferred to SIU and moved back home, went to school for a couple of months," Pinnon said.

"I definitely didn't see it going this way," he said. "I think I've done more than what I even thought I would this year and hopefully it just continues from here."

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Montgomery hit his first collegiate home run Sunday against WSU and has five multi-hit games in his last six starts.

SIU holds a 27-21 advantage in the all-time series against the Fighting Illini, but U of I has gone 4-2 against the Salukis in the past five seasons.

Head coach Dan Callahan said

the team tends to look past midweek games when a conference opponent swaits it on the weekend, but getting the team fired up to play U of I is rarely an issue.

"Last year against U of I, we had an exciting and dramatic win," Callahan said. "I could see it in our guys' eyes and their reactions; they really enjoyed beating U of I. There's always a festive crowd. Hopefully we're up for the challenge again."

SIU is 11-12 against non-conference opponents this season, but has gone 6-1 in its last seven non-conference contests.

The first pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Rent One Park, near the intersection of Interstate 57 and state Route 13.

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COLUMN

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Mickelson will continue to focus on his game and his wife and mother's battles with cancer, but Woods will have the task of not only playing golf, but working on his relationship with his wife and trying to repair his public

image, which is at an all-time low.

Woods, at age 34, is five years younger than Mickelson. No one would argue who has been the better golfer throughout their respective careers, and Woods will have more time to continue winning and going after Jack Nicklaus' record 18 major wins. "It is unquestionably possible, and

some would even say probable, that Woods will quickly get his game back and continue to dominate the PGA.

But it will be Mickelson who will be the new American favorite.

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Saluki Insider

Sports Illustrated's senior writer Jon Heyman reported Monday that Milwaukee Brewer's first baseman Prince Fielder is seeking an eight-year, \$200 million contract, making him the second-highest-paid player in baseball behind Alex Rodriguez. Is the 270-pound vegan worth that kind of dough?



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The world's largest vegan doesn't deserve to be the second-highest-paid first baseman in the MLB, better yet the second-highest-paid player Albert Pujols, Ryan Howard and Mark Teixeira are all more valuable on the corner infield, so if Prince gets that kind of money, it will just drive up the market.

No way! Milwaukee would have to clear out a nice chunk of payroll just for him and let's be honest, he isn't Albert Pujols. Fielder hasn't even broken the .300 batting average mark. He hasn't shown enough productivity on the field to be worth that kind of money.



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If Fielder was the best player on his team, maybe. But Ryan Braun could make a strong case for being the Brew Crew's top performer. If Fielder is going to be looking for that kind of cash, he shouldn't expect to get it while playing in Milwaukee. The Yanks might be in the market for a DH, however.

MEN'S GOLF

Salukis slip before MVC tourney

RYAN SIMONIN
Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's golf team met its match Monday and Tuesday at the ASU Red Wolf Classic in Jonesboro, Ark.

Southern finished 16th out of 18 teams in its final tournament of the season before the Missouri Valley Conference Championships.

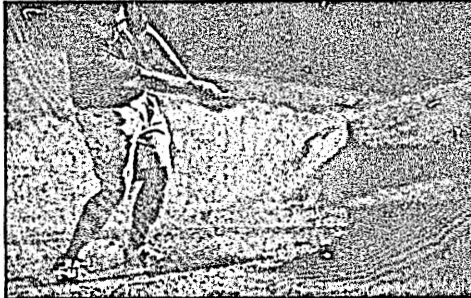
Freshman Jake Erickson said the competition played well and the golf course was not as tough as what the team is used to.

"It didn't matter who I was playing against; they just made more puts than me," Erickson said. "It just wasn't our kind of golf course, and I think our short game was our biggest problem. We just need to bear down and stay focused when we are out there."

The Salukis finished the tournament with a team score of 898, with senior Patrick Schell the top finisher, tying for 27th overall as he carded a 219.

Schell said the team morale should be low because of the team's performance, but the team needs to refresh and forget about the tournament.

"The first thing we need to do is take a couple of days to rest and try, and relax," Schell said. "We shouldn't get ahead of ourselves and try and do too much because it can do more harm than good, and after a couple of days we can come back and re-evaluate what



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Jordan Cox, a senior from Springfield, digs himself out of a bunker Friday at the Hickory Ridge Golf Course. The team placed 16th out of 18 at the ASU Red Wolf Classic in Jonesboro, Ark.

each one of us needs to work on."

Fellow senior Blake Driskell finished tied for 61st with a 226 while senior Jordan Cox and Erickson both shot a 227, tying for 65th.

Senior Clay Yates rounded out the roster for the Salukis, posting a 235.

Newton said the team did not have its best showing and knows the team can do better.

"We didn't play very well, and we hit more balls out of bounds and in the water hazards than we have all season, and that really cost us," Newton said. "We didn't bring our 'A' game down there."

While this tournament wrapped up the regular season for the Salukis, they will have two weeks to

prepare before the MVC Championships April 26-27, hosted by Wichita State University.

Head coach Leroy Newton said the team has work to do to prepare for the conference championships.

"The three seniors have to play better; there is no doubt about it," Newton said. "They know they are better than what they showed, but we got to have four good scores and everybody has to work twice as hard so we can be where we need to be."

"It is time for them to step up and show what they are capable of," Newton said.

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Masters ends with storybook finish

The 2010 Masters Golf Tournament ended with no talk of a cheating husband, alleged mistresses or a return to the golf scene.



Instead, it ended with Phil Mickelson hugging his wife, Amy, who has been battling breast cancer since May 2009.

Storybook

For the first time since November, another golfer was able to take the spotlight away from Tiger Woods.

Mickelson shot a 5-under 67 in the final round to finish 16 under par, three strokes ahead of second-place finisher Lee Westwood.

Woods tied for fourth at 11-under, but was overshadowed by the remarkable play of Mickelson.

For the first time in a long time, the talk was actually about the action on the golf course.

Not about a cocktail waitress telling Us Weekly she had a two-and-a-half-year affair with Woods, revealing a voicemail from Woods asking her to take his name off her phone. Not about 12 other women coming out of the woodworks and claiming to have had some sort of sexual encounters with Woods.

If it wasn't enough for Mickelson's wife to be diagnosed with breast cancer, his mother, Mary Mickelson, was then diagnosed with breast cancer nearly two months later in July.

But Mickelson was able to overcome the emotions and put together possibly the best tournament of his career to bring home his third Green Jacket, his first since 2006.

Mickelson's win moved him up to the No. 2 ranking in the world. He is an average of 2.58 points behind Woods in Official World Golf Rankings.

Mickelson's four major championships are 10 fewer than Woods' 14, but after all the events in the past year, it is safe to say Mickelson has taken over as America's golfer.

And while he is 10 majors behind Woods, he's also 13 behind Woods in a category he is happy to be losing — alleged mistresses.

While Woods has been busy going to sex rehab, expressing regret for "transgressions," and trying to fix his relationship with wife, Elin Nordegren, Mickelson has been working on his game while helping his wife and mother through their battles with breast cancer.

BASEBALL



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Senior third baseman Tony Lepore works on a rundown drill with freshman pitcher Austin Johnson Tuesday during practice at Abe Martin Field. SIU will play the University of Illinois today in the third annual Interstate Baseball Classic at Rent One Park in Marion.

Pinnon to lead at Rent One Park

Second baseman resurrects career with Salukis

RAY MCGILLIS
Daily Egyptian

Junior second baseman Blake Pinnon thought his playing days had come and gone.

Instead, he has come to fill the shoes of two former Saluki stars and gone farther than even he believed he would.

Pinnon, a biology major from Wolf Lake, hit .284 with seven home runs and 29 RBIs in his first two collegiate years as a member of the Mineral Area College Cardinals before he transferred to SIU in May.

However, he said he thought his baseball days were over when he left Mineral Area.

"I wasn't planning on playing ball anymore; I thought I was done," Pinnon said. "I had a few offers from some Division II and NAIA schools, but I didn't really think that was what I wanted to do," Pinnon said. "Then I got a call out of the blue from coach Cal, and he said they were looking for a middle infielder. It was the perfect situation for me."

In his first season as a Saluki, Pinnon leads the team with a .373 batting average and is second in seven other offensive categories — runs scored (28), hits (41), home

runs (six), RBIs (33), total bases (68), slugging percentage (.618) and on-base percentage (.442).

Two players led the SIU baseball team in hitting four years before the 2010 season, second baseman Scott Elmendorf in 2006 and catcher Mark Kelly from 2007 to 2009.

Elmendorf is fourth all-time at SIU in games played — 222 — as well as sixth in career hits and runs scored with 252 and 168, respectively. Kelly, who donned jersey No. 17, also etched his name into the Saluki offensive record book, finishing third all-time with 155 RBIs and 10th with a career .354 batting average.

Both were four-year starters and graduated in 2009.

Pinnon — No. 17 — said he wears a size 10.5 cleat.

The proverbial shoes Pinnon has had to fill in his first year at SIU, however, would appear much larger.

Senior outfielder Aaron Roberts, who played alongside Elmendorf and Kelly in his first three seasons at SIU, said Pinnon's style of play doesn't resemble either of the two, but his performance thus far has

I-57 rivalry renewed in Interstate Baseball Classic

RAY MCGILLIS
Daily Egyptian

Southern Illinois has competed against the University of Illinois in baseball since 1954, but for the past few years, the Interstate Baseball Classic has been held at Rent One Park in Marion.

For the third consecutive season, the Salukis (16-16) match up against the Fighting Illini (13-13) on the Southern Illinois Miners' home field.

Rent One Park opened in 2007 and is different from many other diamonds SIU will compete on this year.

Everything, including the dirt, is artificial turf.

"On a grass and dirt field you get some bad hops," sophomore first baseman Chris Serritella said. "On turf, everything is true. ... Sliding on turf is also pretty fun. It's definitely a lot different, sometimes a little bit faster than the dirt and grass. We would actually like to play some more games at Rent One."

Serritella's eighth-inning, two-out, two-run triple helped lift SIU to a come-from-behind 9-6 victory against the Fighting Illini a year ago in Marion.

In the team's last game at Wich-

ita State, a 9-5 victory, Serritella had to be pulled from the game in the sixth inning after he pulled his hamstring trying to round third base.

Serritella said U of I recruited him out of high school and that makes playing them all the more fun for him.

"I know a lot of players on U of I, and it's always fun to play against a rival team in-state," Serritella said. "Big Ten is always a good conference. ... Hopefully we could get a win and play some good baseball."

Serritella leads the Missouri Valley Conference in total bases and home runs thus far — 86 and 10, respectively — and is second in the conference with 39 RBIs and a .711 slugging percentage.

Freshman catcher Austin Montgomery is the lone Marion native on the team.

Montgomery, who graduated from Marion High School, said he's no stranger to Rent One Park.

"I've already played there a couple times," Montgomery said. "The field won't be new to me, so it'll be like a trip to the past. But it's always a new game, just go out there and do our best."

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