4-13-2012

The Daily Egyptian, April 13, 2012

Daily Egyptian Staff

Follow this and additional works at: https://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/de_April2012

Volume 97, Issue 144

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Daily Egyptian 2012 at OpenSIUC. It has been accepted for inclusion in April 2012 by an authorized administrator of OpenSIUC. For more information, please contact opensiuc@lib.siu.edu.
Coroner: Drowning victims were not intoxicated, toxicology still pending

SHARON WITTKO
Daily Egyptian

The Jackson County coroner said the two women who drowned Saturday did not appear to have been intoxicated when the car they were in plunged off a boat launch into Cedar Lake near Carbondale.

Dr. Thomas Kupfer, the county coroner, said neither victim showed any obvious signs of drug or alcohol use during his preliminary examination.

He said the toxicology reports from his investigation are still pending, and it usually takes four to six weeks for his office to get the results, but he doesn’t expect the reports to contradict his initial findings.

Mandie E. Canou, 20, and Latisha A.P. Ray, 21, both of Chicago, were pronounced dead when the car Canou was driving was pulled from Cedar Lake at around 7 a.m. Saturday, according to a statement released by the coroner’s office.

According to the report, three passengers escaped before the car completely submerged.

Kupfer said none of the passengers who escaped showed any obvious signs of intoxication and there were no indications of drugs or alcohol in the car.

He said he thinks the people in the car were unfamiliar with the road that led to the lake.

The road that leads to the boat launch area is steep, he said, and it was probably difficult for the driver to stop the car before it went into the lake.

Kupfer said he saw skid marks that indicated Canou had applied the brakes before the car hit the water.

Steve O’Keefe, spokesperson for John A. Logan College in Carterville, said both Ray and Canou were students at the college.

“We’re deeply saddened by the loss of two promising students. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families.”

Sharon Wittko can be reached at switlik@dailyEgyptian.com or 356-3311 ext. 266.

Greathouse, Cler win student elections
LAUREN DUNCAN
Daily Egyptian

The votes are in for the Undergraduate Student Government president for next school year and the student trustee for the SIU Board of Trustees.

Brittany Greathouse, a sophomore from Bolingbrook studying accounting, was elected USG president, while Jesse Cler, a junior from Penfield studying agribusiness economics and plant and soil sciences, was elected student trustee Thursday night after votes were counted.

Undergraduate and graduate students were able to cast their ballots Wednesday and Thursday at the Recreation Center and the Student Center.

Election commissioner Peggy Sullivan said the election was smooth.

“I have had an opportunity to talk to all of the candidates and was at the debate, and I think that regardless of who won, we had a really great slate of candidates this year, all-in-all,” she said.

“They all had something positive to say and I think anyone of them would have done a good job.”

Greathouse received 540 votes, while Jeff Rosin, a freshman from Schaumburg studying business administration and political science, received 122 votes.

For the student trustee position, 299 voted for Cler, 209 for Geoff Grammer, a second-year law student from Alton, and 194 voted for Tyler Chance, a junior from West Frankfort studying political science.

Both Greathouse and Cler said they were excited. As USG president, Greathouse said she hopes to get more students involved with student government, adding that she wants to work more with SROS to host events as well as restructure the duties of USG senators.

“I just want to become familiar with the whole campus, and next year I will hopefully make a mark or impact somehow,” she said.

Please see ELECTION | 3

McLafferty Annex closed to public

TARA KULASH
Daily Egyptian

Effective immediately, the McLafferty Annex will be closed to the public as part of the university’s project to move books from the storage facility to Morris Library.

David Carlson, dean of literary affairs, said in an email to faculty Wednesday that the shelving construction and deconstruction, transportation and transfer of nearly 1.5 million books has made McLafferty a hazardous area.

“We are concerned about the safety of the public in what has become a construction site,” Carlson said in the email. “We also want to ensure a space that permits workers to work quickly and efficiently.”

Deliveries can still be made for online requests of volumes to the library. Books and print journals will be delivered twice daily Sunday through Friday to the circulation desk at Morris.

Tara Kulash can be reached at tkulash@dailyEgyptian.com or 536-3311 ext. 255.

Hons program sees dramatic increase in numbers

MATT DARAY
Daily Egyptian

Intelligence proves popular at SIU, with numbers in honors program showing a drastic increase.

SIU has reported a substantial increased number of students in the university’s honors program. The number of participants has doubled since 2010, according to the report.

Lori Merrill-Fink, director of the honors program, said SIU has 433 honors students and 24 honors classes compared to the 220 students and 15 honors classes the university had two years ago.

“This is an exciting time to be a part of the honors program,” Merrill-Fink said.

She said the rise in numbers is a result of the chancellor asking to increase the amount of students in the honors program.

Merrill-Fink said she has recruited more aggressively without lowering any standards. She said the program has expanded because of student word of mouth, honors students talking to potential recruits and faculty encouraging students who show potential to be honor students to enroll in the program.

Merrill-Fink said more than 10 percent of students on the campus qualify to be a part of the honors program, however most are discouraged by the idea of the program.

She said most of the honors classes are small, but they allow for higher learning through more in-depth class conversations where students are more responsible for their own learning.

She said honors courses substitute for normal courses in their respective areas of education.

All honors students are expected to be in at least one honors class a semester.

“The doubling of our honors program is part of our overall campus plan to improve student success and grow our enrollment,” Chancellor Rita Cheng said.

Cheng said the program provides an excellent experience for high achieving students, and it is great preparation for professional school.

She said the honors program has exceeded her expectations and is a direct result of the leadership and vision of the entire program.

Aside from student and recruiter recommendation, faculty members such as Aladar Brummet, who teaches modern American literature, also encourage students to take honors courses.

Please see HONORS | 4

Please see ELECTION | 3

Please see HONORS | 4
The Weather Channel® 5-day weather forecast for Carbondale

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Temperature</th>
<th>Precipitation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Today</td>
<td>69°F - 58°F</td>
<td>50% chance of precipitation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday</td>
<td>80°F - 62°F</td>
<td>Partly Cloudy/Wind 20% chance of precipitation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday</td>
<td>78°F - 63°F</td>
<td>Isolated T-Storms 30% chance of precipitation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>74°F - 52°F</td>
<td>Scattered T-Storms 40% chance of precipitation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>66°F - 50°F</td>
<td>Cloudy 20% chance of precipitation</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

About Us

The DAILY EGYPTIAN is published by the students of Southern Illinois University Carbondale 50 weeks per year, with an average daily circulation of 20,000. Fall and spring semester editions run Monday through Friday. Summer editions run Tuesday through Thursday. All intersession editions will run on Wednesdays. Spring break and Thanksgiving editions are distributed on Mondays of the preceding weeks. Free copies are distributed in the Carbondale, Murphysboro and Carrellville communities. The DAILY EGYPTIAN online publication can be found at www.dailyegyptian.com.

Mission Statement

The DAILY EGYPTIAN, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

Copyright Information

© 2012 DAILY EGYPTIAN. All rights reserved. All content is property of the DAILY EGYPTIAN and may not be reproduced or transmitted without consent. The DAILY EGYPTIAN is a member of the Illinois College Press Association, Associated Collegiate Press and College Media Advisers Inc.

Publishing Information

The DAILY EGYPTIAN is published by the students of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Offices are in the Communications Building, Room 1259, at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901. Bill Freivogel, fiscal officer.

Correction

In the April 11 edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story “Faculty Senate discusses program review” should have quoted Faculty Senate President Bill Recktenwald to say “The provost said they’re talking to deans about filling the positions temporarily.” The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.
ELECTIONS
CONTINUED FROM 1

At Monday’s debate, candidates voiced their stances on different topics affecting students, including the potential increase for tuition and fees.

Greathouse said she knows USG cannot make a decision on whether tuition and fees are raised, but she said students can unite through student government.

“If students want tuition to decrease, students have to get involved and have to work hard to help to make tuition decrease,” she said. “And if students take part in it, I feel like that initiative could work, because without students, there isn’t a university.”

Taking office with Greathouse is newly elected vice president Corbin Doss, a junior from Springfield studying civil engineering, and chief-of-staff Hannah George, a sophomore studying social work.

Cler said although campaigning became tedious, it was worth it.

Cler said he was concerned with retention and enrollment.

Cler said he wants to get more students to SIU by working with different programs and creating mentoring programs to make them feel more at home.

“And I want to get our image back at this university,” he said. “It has an image. That’s why I came here, but I want to strengthen that. I want it to thrive.”

Cler said he thinks support from students in agriculture programs and the Greek community helped him win the election. He will hold the position of trustee from May 2012 through June 20, 2013.

Although the winners were pleased with the results, voter turnout was lower than last year. For the undergraduate position, 662 votes were cast, while 702 were cast for the trustee election. Last year, Sullivan said she believed there were about 1,000 votes.

“I think it’s the fact that it’s paper ballots. You have to go to the polling location,” she said.

In hopes of improving turnout as well as making the counting process more efficient, Sullivan said the commission is looking at creating an electronic process for next year.

Lauren Duncan can be reached at lduncan@dailyEgyptian.com or 618-3311 ext. 268.

Jury selection under way in John Edwards trial

MICHAEL BIESECKER
Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — After years of investigation, denials and delays, jury selection began Thursday for the criminal trial of former presidential candidate John Edwards.

Edwards sat at the defense table as about 180 potential jurors filled into a Greensboro, N.C., courtroom. U.S. District Judge Catherine C. Eagles then asked Edwards to stand and face them. He grinned and nodded as the judge introduced him.

The trial had been scheduled to begin in late January, but was delayed after Edwards’ attorneys told the judge he had a serious heart problem that required treatment. Compared with the quick-smiling candidate of four years ago, the former U.S. senator, now 58, appeared slightly gaunt in the cheeks but still had no trace of gray in his carefully parted hair.

Edwards faces six criminal counts related to nearly $1 million in secret payments made by two campaign donors to help hide the married Democrat’s pregnant mistress as he sought the White House in 2008.

“This is not a case about whether Mr. Edwards was a good husband or politician,” the judge said from the bench. “It’s about whether he violated campaign finance laws. ... The Constitution says trial by jury, not trial by Internet or trial by gossip.”

Edwards’ parents and eldest daughter sat in the court as Eagles emphasized to the potential jurors their role in the upcoming trial and ordered them not to tell anyone, even their families, that they had been called for the Edwards case.

She also advised them to put out of their minds any media coverage they had seen and to ignore any legal dramas they might have seen on television, because such shows may mischaracterize the law or how a courtroom operates.

“You can watch ‘Law & Order,’ ‘Judge Judy,’ John Grisham; put it out of your mind,” Eagles said. “I will tell you what the law is.”

The jurors were then ushered to other parts of the courthouse to fill out lengthy written questionnaires. Their answers will be used to begin the screening process, set to resume Monday.

By the end of next week, the large jury pool is to be winnowed down to 12 jurors and at least four alternate jurors expected to attend each day of the proceedings. Opening arguments are scheduled to begin April 23.

The trial is expected to last six weeks, though the judge warned it could go even longer.

“There are many ways that on TV justice is not realistic,” she said. “One of those is that trials occur in an hour.”

The money at issue in the case flowed to Andrew Young, a former campaign aide who initially claimed the baby was his. Young is expected to be a key witness for the prosecution. The mistress, Rielle Hunter, may testify as part of Edwards’ defense.

After years of adamant public denials, Edwards acknowledged paternity of Hunter’s daughter in 2010.

A key question will be whether Edwards knew about the payments made on his behalf by his national campaign finance chairman, the late Texas lawyer Fred Baron, and campaign donor Rachel “Bunny” Mellon, an heiress and socialite who is now 101 years old. Both had already given Edwards’ campaign the maximum $2,300 individual contribution allowed by federal law.

Edwards denies having known about the money, which paid for private jets, luxury hotels and Hunter’s medical care. Prosecutors will seek to prove he sought and directed the payments to cover up his affair, protect his public image as a “family man” and keep his presidential hopes viable.

If convicted, Edwards faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison and as much as $1.5 million in fines.

U.S. marshals tapped off a lane at the front steps of the courthouse so that Edwards and his family could exit the building without being crowded by the media.

Asked if he had any comment, Edwards gave a terse “No” and got inside an SUV waiting at the curb.
HONORS

He said the honors classes are always more intense, generate more animated discussions and allow teachers to discuss problematic material.

Brummer said he is teaching his fourth honors class next spring.

He said the honors program draws teachers from almost every college in the university and emphasizes cutting-edge topics such as sustainability, the American dream and the evolution of the human brain.

Another faculty member pushing for more students to join the honors program is Jonathan Bean, a professor of history.

Bean said honors programs are almost as strong as Ivy League college classes. He said his seminars on literary philosophy from the 16th century to present day requires students to read a book a week and provide extensive summaries of the material to the class.

Bean said his honors classes bring out longer and more intimate conversations than his normal classes have time for. Students looking to join the program must fill out an application. Freshmen students are expected to have an ACT score in the 90 percentile, and all students should have at least a 3.4 GPA after 12 hours of coursework. Students who do not meet these standards can still enroll in the program by listing exceptional extracurricular activities, volunteer work and references.

Matt Daray can be reached at mularay@dailyEgyptian.com or 536-3311 ext. 254.

College of Education receives national honors

MATT DARAY
Daily Egyptian

Three College of Education and Human Services teaching programs have earned national recognition, and one has been cited as a model for other school programs.

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education awarded National Recognition—the highest honor possible—to the early childhood education, English and language arts, and social studies and history teacher education programs.

Reviewers for all three programs said students who graduate from the programs had a pass rate of more than 80 percent on state exams.

Christina Voss, lecturer of English and language arts, Cathy Mogharn, associate professor and coordinator of childhood programs, curriculum and instruction; and Grant Miller, assistant professor in curriculum and instruction for social studies and history, are the program coordinators whose programs earned the recognition.

Representatives came on behalf of NCATE to review these programs.

The positive recognition left faculty, such as Susan Aul, the assessment system coordinator, thrilled. She said she is proud of the recognition because she believes the faculty’s work is underappreciated and most of the faculty works because they love their jobs.

Auld is responsible for collecting data on the performances. She said the NCATE determines what schools deserve recognition based on evidence of learning, such as hands-on experience. She also said there are several programs waiting to provide an updated report so they can also become nationally recognized.

Auld said there is a new certification test in place for teachers, which requires them to video-record themselves teaching in class.

She said SIU has such strong teacher programs because of student-teaching internships, which allow seniors to get in-the-field experience for an entire semester. She said this extra time allows students to receive more experience and be more flexible with their personal lives.

She said the university began the internship program in the 1960s, when students would get practicing teaching children at local schools and Pullman Hall, a former grade school.

The high praise also pleased John McIntyre, professor of curriculum and instruction and SIU’s NCATE coordinator.

McIntyre said he is used to being on the board of directors for the council. He said the board judges each program by determining standards based on criteria such as curriculum, faculty and budget.

McIntyre said the programs are trying to include more in-field experience by having teachers talk to students and offer virtual and real-world field trips.

The social studies program met all requirements in every category, enabling students to educate younger students about the various aspects of social studies such as geography, social studies, psychology, economics, government and the sciences, civics and anthropology.

This success has now set higher standards for the program, Miller said.

Miller said he wants the social studies education program to remain known for its recognition. He said he plans to improve the program by sharing work with other departments and offering new learning opportunities such as offering iPads in classes.

The English and language arts program also met NCATE standards and requirements, with reviewers noting a number of assessments aligned with NCATE standards and extensive student assessment data collection.

Representatives also gave positive reviews for the Education of Young Children. The review said the assessments provided evidence of opportunities for candidate learning as well as evaluation of candidate performance.

The hard work of the department has been gratifying, Mogharn said.

She said the early childhood program was asked to have one of its assessment instruments used as a national model. She said the program is very strong and will continue to be improved.

The Best Rentals in Town
Available Fall 202

206 W. College Suite II • Carbondale

www.carbondalerentals.com

One Bedroom

507 S. Ash 6, 9-12
509 S. Ash 1, 3, 5-6, 8, 10-13, 16, 17
19-26
310 E. College 1
403 E. Elm 4
504 E. Vermont
608 S. Cherry
718 S. Forest 2
605 W. Freeman 3
703 S. Illinois 101, 202
813 N. James
410 W. Oak 2-5
406 S. University 1-4
334 W. Walnut 2

Two Bedroom

504 S. Ash 1
508 S. Ash 4
514 S. Ash 2
507 S. Beveridge 1-6
512 S. Beveridge 5, 6
602 N. Carico* 703 N. Carico 908 N. Carico 311 W. Cherry 2 310 E. College 2 201 W. College 3 310 W. College 1-4 401 W. College 5 501 W. College 5 503 W. College 4, 5 507 W. College 5 509 W. College 4

www.carbondalerentals.com

Three Bedroom

503 N. Allyn
504 S. Ash 2,3
506 S. Ash 514 S. Ash 1, 3, 4, 6
407 S. Beveridge 507 S. Beveridge 1,3, 4 509 S. Beveridge 1, 4 513 S. Beveridge 3-5 515 S. Beveridge 2-5 604 N. Carico 405 W. Cherry Court 408 W. Cherry Court 407 W. Cherry Court 406 W. Chestnut 303 W. College 4* 309 W. College 1, 2, 4, 5
400 W. College 2-5
407 W. College 3
409 W. College 1
509 W. College 2
605 W. Freeman
706 S. Forest
511 S. Hays
410 S. James
614 S. Logan
514 N. Oakland
602 N. Oakland
202 N. Poplar 1
509 S. Rawlings 2, 3, 5
519 S. Rawlings 5
100 W. Schwartz
820 W. Walnut
168 Watertower Dr.

Four Bedroom

506 S. Beveridge
309 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry
608 W. Cherry
401 W. College 2-4
809 W. College
120 S. Forest
505 S. Hays
610 S. Logan
308 W. Monroe
505 N. Oakland
506 S. Poplar 1, 2, 5, 7
402 W. Walnut

www.carbondalerentals.com

618-529-1082

www.carbondalerentals.com

820 W. Walnut 1

Six Bedroom

407 S. Beverly

Mobile Homes Lots

608 N. Oakland A, B, F

www.carbondalerentals.com

Monday thru Friday
9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday
10:00am & 1:00 pm
Pick up Folder & List now!
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Murray Center closure presents tough decisions

DEAR COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

On more than one occasion since Gov. Pat Quinn announced Murray Center’s closure, he has mentioned his commitment to restructuring Illinois’ system of caring for people with disabilities. He proposed to “improve the quality of life” by transitioning them from institutional facilities to Community Integrated Living Arrangement group homes. If this is the issue of quality of life, as Quinn claims, then I would like to visit Murray Center and see what a great life my 22-year-old younger brother Sam is able to live.

Born three months premature, my brother Sam was diagnosed with developmental disabilities. His diagnoses include autism, intermittent explosive disorder and cerebral palsy. He requires around-the-clock supervision. Murray Center is a home for people with a variety of disabilities ranging from those with complicated medical issues to individuals with behavioral challenges.

Sam is capable of having behavioral outbursts that require multiple staff members to keep him and other residents safe. I am a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist and have worked in smaller-group homes in the past. If my brother were capable of living in a smaller group home, then that is something my family would have pursued. Because of Sammy’s behaviors, it is clear to me that he would be a danger to himself, the staff and other residents in a CILA setting.

In one residential setting that I have personally worked in, there was an individual who would wander away from the home. He was once found in a neighbor’s house. My mother worked in a Community Integrated Living Arrangement home where, on many occasions, she was the only staff member to cook, bathe, wash laundry, pass medications, clean and supervise residents. At Murray Center, when someone had a behavioral problem, there were enough staff members who are able to assist and supervise other residents.

My brother is well adjusted at Murray. He has lasting friendships with staff and other residents. The staff at Murray understands his individual needs.

I have seen firsthand how some CILA homes operate, and the supervision is often inadequate and staff turnover rates are high. They are often paid very low wages to do a highly demanding job. While CILAs are a wonderful option for some individuals, they are not suitable for all individuals such as those with behavioral and complicated medical issues. I do not feel that Quinn should take away our rights to choose what environment is best for our loved ones.

I would like Quinn to visit some of the CILA homes and see for himself why larger facilities such as Murray Center are an important part of serving people with specific disabilities. If Murray Center were to close, I feel that Sam, my family and the many other families would seriously suffer. It is the best place for my little brother.

Jessica Corynschi
CIVI alumni
Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist

Students seeking real-world answers are questioning long-held tenets

There is a growing student protest movement against orthodox economics that could change the field as we know it. If it is sustained, historians likely will cite Nov. 2012, as the start of the revolution. On that day at Harvard University, roughly 70 students organized a walkout of an introductory economics class taught by N. Gregory Mankiw. Mankiw is the former head of the Council of Economic Advisers for President George W. Bush and an adviser to Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

He is also the author of “Principles of Economics,” the predominant textbook used in introductory economics classes worldwide. Not surprisingly, he has an extremely traditional, market-oriented view of the economy.

The students who walked out of Mankiw’s class explained their reasoning in an open letter printed in the Harvard Political Review. It began with this declaration: “Today, we are walking out of your class, Economics 10, in order to express our discontent with the bias inherent in this introductory economics course. We are deeply concerned about the way that this bias affects students, the University and our greater society.”

They went on to explain that instead of presenting a broad introduction to economics, Mankiw’s teaching was narrowly focused, did not offer alternative approaches to orthodox economic models and ultimately was complicit in perpetuating systemic global inequality.

Their argument struck a chord with the wider economics community. Suddenly, many more economists started asking questions and at least in private, that something is terribly wrong with the field.

If you think all of this seems to be coming out of the blue, you’re not alone, because much of the debate is taking place behind the walls of clustered academia. Indeed, sometimes you don’t even realize that there’s a social revolution going on until you find yourself in the middle of one. That’s what happened to me.

I work for the Institute for New Economic Thinking, a research and education foundation in New York. Each year we hold an international conference that gathers major figures from the global economic community to discuss new ideas for addressing the critical challenges facing society. Our conference this year starts Thursday in Berlin. Considering the location and timing, our focus naturally is on the financial crisis in Europe.

To incorporate some younger voices into the mix, we decided to invite a few students. So we put out word that we were accepting applications. We got more than 400 applications from students across the world to attend the conference, all expenses paid, and actively participate in our program and panel discussions. We figured that we’d receive from 100 to 150 responses. We got 563.

As we prepared to give students a taste of the natural world, we also could see a budding community of young scholars who don’t want to pursue economics as its traditionally been taught.

These students are frustrated by a field that they believe could provide so much to society but instead is mired in outdated thinking. Today’s economics is dominated by ideas, like the efficient market hypothesis, making such sweeping generalizations that they render human beings practically unrecognizable. Do people ever have “perfect information” or a complete understanding of their best interests?

Of course not. They’re humans.

In paper after paper, the students applying to attend the conference described their frustrations with pursuing fresh avenues of economic inquiry that are applicable to real-world issues. The problem is that the economics establishment doesn’t want them to do this. In fact, the discipline is so dominated by current ideas that the students risk jeopardizing their careers simply by engaging in research that runs counter to economics’ fundamental assumptions.

As one student wrote in his application, “During the last 40 years, economics has evolved into a rather simplistic and often inaccurate model of the world that has led us to believe that society is static and completely rational.”

These students are seeking to elevate the senior members of the economics profession for guidance. Of course, this is something our institute wants to encourage. So we decided to set up an overflow room at the conference specifically for students to view the proceedings on a live video stream. For these attendees, however, we couldn’t pay any expenses.

We weren’t sure what to expect. But the demand became so great that we had to limit access to this overflow room as well.

At this point, hundreds of students from around the globe are making their way to Berlin to spend four days watching the conference, sharing ideas with major economic figures who are eager to visit with them — the next generation — and discussing new approaches with their peers. Suddenly it feels as if we’re setting up the coffeehouses and backroom parlors for the feminists of an underground uprising.

Why is this happening, and why now? Obviously, the global financial crisis brought the failures of the economics profession into stark relief. But there still hasn’t been a significant public movement of established professional economists away from orthodox theses. However, as the pernicious effects of instability and inequality become part of daily life, frustration with stale economic ideas is starting to turn into action — at least on the part of some.

So this is where economics finds itself today, stuck between the failed methodology and its espoused realities. It can continue to produce elegant theorems that work only by ignoring obvious real-world situations and conditions, or it can break free of its restrictions and apply its rigor to addressing society’s most intractable problems.

The choice is up to the economics establishment, but the revolution has begun.
Chicago homicides up 60 percent in 3 months

JASON KEYSER
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Homicides in Chicago spiked by 60 percent during the first three months of the year despite an increase in police resources in some of the city’s most dangerous neighborhoods, according to new police crime statistics.

The Chicago Police Department data showed that nondual shootings also rose sharply in the first quarter compared with the same three months in 2011.

Chicago police and Mayor Rahm Emanuel say the city has increased efforts to combat gang crime, including adding officers and other resources in trouble spots such as the Englewood neighborhood on the South Side. Police blame much of the violence on the city’s more than 70 active gangs and their tens of thousands of members. The mayor has urged residents to take a stand against gangs in their communities.

The police statistics show 120 homicides from Jan. 1 through April 1, compared with 75 over the same period in 2011.

Factors contributing to the rise could range from lingering economic woes and high unemployment to the unusually warm weather that brought more people outside, increasing the chances of conflict and crime, said Jens Ludwig, director of the University of Chicago’s Crime Lab.

He cautioned that it was risky to draw hard conclusions from three months of data or even a full year’s worth of figures, noting that the overall trend in Chicago has been lower murder rates.

“Since the early ‘90s it’s been going down, but there are years when you see these sorts of upward blips around the larger trend,” Ludwig said. “We wouldn’t necessarily want to jump to conclusions too much on the basis of one quarter’s data.”

All six other crime categories tracked in the police statistics were down for the first part of the year, including a 15-percent decline in sexual assaults and a 9-percent drop in robberies. Car thefts declined 16 percent to 4,081.

Of the 120 homicides, 101 involved shootings, police said.

Chicago has for years tried to cut off the flow of guns. It has what city officials call the strictest handgun ordinance in the United States. The measure bans gun shops in Chicago and prohibits gun owners from stepping outside their homes, even onto their porches or in their garages, with a handgun.

The City Council raced to pass the restrictions in July 2010 just days after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down an outright ban on handguns that Chicago had for 28 years.

Emanuel has pushed for other restrictions, including a bill working its way through the Illinois House that would require handgun owners throughout the state to register their weapons.

Ludwig said that could give police an important tool to potentially track weapons beyond their initial sale at legal gun shops as they change hands on the currently unregulated secondary market.

“Registration gives you a way to hold gun owners accountable for what they do with their guns,” he said. “Everything that happens after the first purchase in most places is just invisible. Nobody’s got to keep track of anything legally.”
Warm weather affects attendance, focus

ASHLEY ZBOREK
Daily Egyptian

Brendan O’Malley said because he is from West Chicago, he has taken advantage of nice weather while he can.

With an unusually warm start to the spring, some students are finding it hard to stay on track academically. Many claim that with the variety of outdoor activities Carbondale offers, it is hard to stay focused or even attend class.

O’Malley, a freshman from West Chicago studying aviation, said he struggles to make it to class every day.

“I wake up with the intentions of going to class, but when the sun is out and it’s above 70 degrees, I usually just end up riding my skateboard around,” he said.

O’Malley is not alone.

Derek Martin, a sociology professor, said he has seen a significant drop in attendance at his lectures recently.

“There are no specific studies on how weather affects students that I know of, but things like seasonal depression make it evident that weather can be a factor in people’s moods,” he said.

Martin said he couldn’t say the weather takes full responsibility for his students’ lack of ambition.

“There are many things to consider, such as the end of the semester nearing, but I can’t say that I don’t want to spend my time outside when it’s nice out,” he said.

Bethany Becker, a freshman from Libertyville studying recreation, said she hasn’t been able to sit inside.

“If the sun is out, you better bet that I am too,” she said.

Becker said she spends her time hula hooping, hiking and just laying out with friends.

“I find it really hard to motivate myself to go to class, and when I do go to class I find myself looking out the window just waiting to get out,” she said.

Justin Schoof, associate professor of climatology, said the unusual weather can’t really be explained.

“It is unusual for the weather to go one degree over the previous all-time high. This March in northern Illinois the all-time high topped off at five degrees over the previous, which just goes to show how odd this trend has been,” he said.

Schoof said he is not sure about how the weather is affecting the students.

“I have a mandatory attendance policy, but I have noticed a lot of classes are being held outside,” Schoof said.

Ashley Barbeau, a freshman from St. Louis studying elementary education, said the warm weather has actually made it easier for her to attend class.

“I hate the cold and oftentimes I would have a hard time getting to class when it was cold earlier in the semester,” she said. “Now I get to enjoy the nice weather as I am walking to class.”

Barbeau said a majority of her friends do the exact opposite.

“They try to get me to go to Giant City and the Spillways with them instead of class. Luckily, I have my priorities straight,” she said.

Becker and O’Malley both said they have taken this semester with a grain of salt.

“Hopefully I learned my lesson this semester, and next spring I will force myself to go to class,” O’Malley said.

Ashley Zborek can be reached at zborek@dailyEgyptian.com or 536-3331 ext. 268.
Time and again, children gave their names and addresses to a "stranger" who had taken their picture and talked about putting them on TV. Promised free ice cream, they climbed into a van driven by an actor who could easily close the door on them and speed away. Parents watched it all on monitors nearby.

"I would have lost my money if I put a bet on it," one crying parent said after watching a younger climb into a car with an actor pretending to be drunk behind the wheel. For four consecutive Sunday nights, "Dateline NBC" will show the scenarios, which also test whether kids would cheat or discriminate if given the opportunity. NBC hopes parents and children watch the programs together and discuss them, said Liz Cole, executive producer of "Dateline."

Four mothers who work at "Dateline" came up with the idea, an outgrowth of a show on bullying that aired last year. Not "news" in the strict sense, these types of shows tend to do well for newsmagazines: ABC’s "What Would You Do?" series on "Primetime," which sets up various social experiments, is particularly popular among younger viewers, which news shows have trouble reaching.

So is "Dateline's" reality TV at its best? Morales said, "because these are truly teachable moments."

During the special on driving, several teenagers swear to their parents that they never test or talk on their cellphones when behind the wheel. Their cars were equipped with cameras for a few months, and even though they knew they were being watched, most younger exhibited the behavior they said they would never do. The teens were also set up with actors who pretended to be drunk or high on drugs. Despite the doth on many parents, most let the actor grab the keys and get behind the wheel. It’s the power of peer pressure; too many young people go along with the crowd unless someone is strong enough to take a stand. In the "Dateline" episode, a girl whose uncle was killed in a drunk driving accident was the strong one.

Parents need to be persistent and specific with their instructions, the "Dateline" experts said, and be mindful of their own behavior. If you don’t want your children to text and drive, don’t do it yourself.

"We’ve all had that moment when kids are throwing back what you said or shouldn’t do to your face," Morales said.

Aside from not getting into vans or giving out personal information to strangers, one tip "Dateline" offers regarding strangers is for children to stand up and look straight into the person’s eyes. Confidence could scare away someone looking to prey on a vulnerable person.
Men’s tennis breaks losing streak, gain EIU win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Milwaukee sent Zack Greinke to the mound Thursday for what looked like a nice pitching matchup against Matt Garza and the Chicago Cubs.

Garza did his part, but Greinke failed to make it out of the fourth inning.

The Brewers managed just three hits against Garza and Shawn Camp in an 8-0 loss at Wrigley Field, wasting a chance for a four-game series sweep.

Garza (1-0) struck out nine and walked two in 8 2-3 innings as the Cubs improved to 2-5. He induced Cesar Izturis to hit into an inning-ending double play in the second.

starting a stretch in which he retired 16 of 17 batters. "I’ve seen him throw a lot of good games and that’s as good as I’ve seen him," Brewers manager Ron Roenicke said. "Great command on the fastball, life, velocity the whole game."

"When you let him get through the first couple innings, he really finds his groove and it’s tough to get to him," Greinke (1-1) allowed eight earned runs for the first time since July 26, 2010, against Minnesota. He gave up nine hits and needed 84 pitches to get through 3 2-3 innings, a sharp contrast to his seven shutout innings against St. Louis last weekend in his season debut.

He retired his first six batters, then allowed seven of the first eight batters to reach in a six-run third.

Steve Clevenger led off the third with a flare double down the left-field line that Ryan Braun charged only to have the ball bounce past him. "If he catches that ball, maybe it’s a different inning," Roenicke said.

After a Garza strikeout, Reed Johnson, Darwin Barney and Starlin Castro had consecutive RBI singles. Alfonso Soriano then drove in two runs with a broken-bat hit to right field and Ian Stewart beat the infield shift with an opposite-field RBI single to left-center.

"I got two strikes in counts and made some bad pitches," Greinke said. "I felt like I made some decent pitches I maybe not perfect but I’ve never made perfect pitches all game." Greinke’s second career start at Wrigley, neither of which has gone well. He was charged with eight runs, six earned, and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings of a 12-7 loss on June 16.

"Last time the wind was blowing straight out like 25 plus miles per hour and I kind of felt like that had a lot to do with it the time before," the 28-year-old right-hander said. "This time I know some of the balls were up. But besides that there’s not much I thought I could have done different." The lone bright spot for the Brewers was the bullpen. Manny Parra pitched 2 1-3 innings and Tim Dillard finished after Greinke’s early exit.

Nori Aoki reached with two outs in the ninth when Garza threw his comebacker over first baseman Bryan LaHair and into the stands for a two-base error. Garza was removed after 119 pitches and Camp needed just four pitches to end it, retiring pinch hitter George Kottaras on a groundout.
Three women’s basketball players request release from scholarships

BRANDON WILLINGHAM
Daily Egyptian

Coach Missy Tiber confirmed three SIU women’s basketball players have requested release from the team, while two other players are also rumored to be leaving.

Tiber confirmed sophomore guard Brooke LeMar, sophomore center CiCi Shannon and sophomore Raquel Miller have requested to leave the team.

In the March 22 email, Tiber chose not to comment on any situation regarding players or the women’s basketball program.

It is rumored sophomore guard Anistisha Wright and junior guard Teri Oliver will also not return.

One of the players, who wished to remain anonymous, said the game isn’t fun anymore, because players are working hard, yet failing to see results.

Sources have also confirmed junior guard Teri Oliver will not return either.

Shannon, who ranked second in the Missouri Valley Conference and 13th nationally in most blocked shots, said she received her release from Saluki Athletics Thursday.

Oliver was the second-leading scorer last season, averaging 16 points and 3.7 rebounds per game. She ranked seventh nationally with an average of 3.2 scored 3-pointers per game.

In an email to the Daily Egyptian Thursday, Shannon said she’ll shift her focus onto keeping herself healthy, both mentally and physically.

“I plan on finishing out the semester strong in the classroom,” Shannon said. “I also have been lifting weights, running and going to the recreational center.”

She said she now has the opportunity to see what exactly her future would entail.

Track team hopes to set the pace at Pacesetter

A KEEM GLASPIE
Daily Egyptian

Senior runner Stephen Arvanis stretches Tuesday at the J.D. Fields Memorial Stadium in Carbondale. Arvanis, along with other members of the track and field team, was preparing for the weekend’s meet in Terre Haute, Ind. The Salukis will compete today and Saturday against Indiana State University and the University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin.

Track team hopes to set the pace at Pacesetter

A KEEM GLASPIE
Daily Egyptian

The SIU track and field team will face conference foe Indiana State University, as well as the University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin and Butler University, in the Indiana State Pacesetter today and Saturday in Terra Haute, Ind.

Competition begins with throwing events, where the Salukis return after a strong performance against Illinois State University, led by All-American Jeneva McCall.

McCall earned MVC Player of the Week honors Wednesday after Saturday’s dominant performance against the Redbirds, where she finished first in the discus, hammer and weight throw.

Although she competed well, McCall said she didn’t feel completely warmed up before the meet.

“We got off the bus and we had (only) 45 minutes to warm-up and throw,” McCall said. “I don’t think my body was up at that time; that’s why during the course of the day my throws became further.”

Throwing coach John Smith said during this part of the season his throwers are only lifting once a week. Smith said he expects his young throwers, such as freshmen DeAnna Price, Ashley Gaston and Curtis Wideman, to continue to put up personal bests. He said his training allows his throwers to be at their peak during the later season meets.

“We’ve got a lot of good stuff happening, and now the weight training will start to come down a bit and people will start feeling stronger and better,” Smith said.

Please see BASKETBALL | 11

Baseball team travels to Dallas Baptist for three-game series

JOE RAGUSA
Daily Egyptian

The Salukis played a rare Thursday game to kick off a three-game set against Dallas Baptist University, which junior first baseman Chris Serritella said was a little weird to get used to.

“It’s my first time doing it, and you’re used to playing Friday-Saturday-Sunday,” Serritella said. “But certain things come up, and you’ve got to be able to handle that adversity.”

SIU (18-15, 5-4 Missouri Valley Conference) traveled to Dallas Baptist (21-10) for a three-game series that started Thursday because Dallas Baptist doesn’t play Sunday games for religious reasons. SIU comes off a 4-1 loss Tuesday to SEMO that coach Ken Henderson said was the worst offensive performance of the season, despite eight hits by the Salukis.

“We just didn’t have very good discipline or very good approaches (at the plate). We were a little out of character,” Henderson said.

Senior outfielder Jordan Sivertsen continued the hot streak that won him MVC Player of the Week honors last week by going 2-for-4 with a home run Tuesday.

“He’s seeing the ball well,” Henderson said. “When he stays disciplined (and) hits balls where they’re pitched, he’s very talented. He has phenomenal bat speed.”

Sivertsen leads the Valley with eight home runs this season, five of which have been hit in the last two weeks. Serritella is second in the Valley with eight home runs, despite going zero-for-four in Tuesday’s loss.

Serritella said it was difficult to say where the offense is at after getting eight hits off a SEMO pitching staff he said they should’ve gotten 15 off of, but they should be able to bounce back.

Henderson said the weekend rotation will remain the same despite a strong performance Tuesday by junior left-hander Nathan Dorris, who gave up three earned runs over seven innings in a losing effort. Henderson said he’ll re-evaluate the rotation after the weekend, although it’s likely that Dorris will start Wednesday against Tennessee-Martin.

Junior left-hander Cody Forsythe (2-1, 2.86 ERA) got the start Thursday against Dallas Baptist freshman right-hander Cy Sneed (5-2, 2.30 ERA). Forsythe went seven innings last season in a loss against Dallas Baptist, giving up two earned runs on 10 hits.

Please see TRACK | 11