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A piece of the past
132-year-old photo brings University’s history to light
Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As SIUC administrators steer the university’s future, they are given a new perspective on its past.

A previously undiscovered photograph of the university’s first building, taken in 1874, will be presented to SIUC officials today.

Judy Travelstead, a Friends of Morris Library board member, said she bought the original photograph of the Normal Building at a Union County estate auction for $200 in April.

She said she and her husband are avid collectors of southern Illinois memorabilia and she bought the photograph to give to her husband for his birthday.

She said she knew the photograph was uncommon when she saw it, but did not know it was the only existing photograph of the building.

“I was sure it was rare,” she said. “I just didn’t realize how rare.”

She said she began researching the photograph, and when she could not find any record of its existence she brought it to Library Affairs Editorial Writer Gordon Pruett.

Pruett said he construction materials surrounding the building imply that the photograph was taken in June 1874, prior to the building’s July 1 opening.

The building was near the current location of the Shryock building and was the only campus building for what was then known as Normal University, a small teacher’s college.

A fire destroyed the building in 1883.

Library Affairs Dean David Carlson said when he first saw the photograph he was surprised by a note listing the price of the building as $215,000.

“That’s less than the current cost of the renovation of one of the floors of Morris Library,” he said. “It kind of takes your breath away.”

Frame copies of the image will be presented to SIU President Glenn Pusheart and interim Chancellor John Dunn at 11 a.m. today in Northwest Annex Building A.

Dunn said he is excited to share the image.

“I enjoy personally making sure that we remember our roots and our legacy, and a picture of this nature clearly will do that,” he said.

Dunn said he was also shocked by the price of the building.

“I think it shows the value of a dollar over time and what’s happened in terms of the price of the building. “I’m elated that the Black American Studies program will now be sponsoring the Black History Month celebrations,” said Pamela Smoot, a clinical assistant professor in Black American Studies.

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City hopefuls mingle with public at bar
Alicia Wade
Andrea Zimmermann
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hangar 9 was sparsely populated Monday evening as Lance Jack finished organizing an array of food by the pool table at the start of the “Hangin’ with the Candidates” event.

“We’re on a casual schedule,” Jack said in the nearly empty bar.

As the night progressed, the bar became crowded as City Councilman Chris Wissmann, left, pokes at City Councilman Lance Jack’s campaign button as Ruvene Kurland, director of the SIU Hillel Foundation, watches Monday evening during a mingle with the city council candidates event at Hangar 9.

“I’m the next William Hung”

City Councilman Chris Wissmann

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Ryan Rendleman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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Visit siuDE.com for a full lineup of Black History Month events.

Black History Month begins Thursday and will start a string of events throughout February highlighting the importance of black people in American history.

“From Slavery to Freedom: The Story of Africans in the Americas” will be this year’s theme.

Joseph Brown, director of the Black American Studies, said the month would include a variety of events targeted at the community.

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Hookah has new home

Café Euro opens on the Strip

Alejandro Gonzalez

The menu of the Strip’s newest café carries a simple slogan. “To drink is human, to drink coffee is divine.”

The owner Kristo Hayat said he hopes the saying becomes Carbondale’s newest catchphrase. The hookah bar located between Hanger 9 and Styx on Illinois Avenue, is set to boldly grand opening Friday. Hayat said he would give away free donuts, baklava and some Middle Eastern desserts at the event.

He also said he is planning to have authentic belly dancers perform.

Hayat, a native of Jerusalem, said he saw the other coffee shops in the neighborhood, but they weren’t the style he liked.

“People who smoke like to drink a cup of coffee, but there was no smoking there,” Hayat said.

Hookah originates from India and is used in many parts of the world. It is a long water pipe used to smoke tobacco and more than one person can smoke from it at a time. Usually, the smoke is not inhaled, but is smoked like a cigar instead.

“It’s a good aromatic relaxing tobacco, which goes through a purification system,” Hayat said.

Some tobacco flavors offered at Café Euro are cherry, mango, strawberry and two types of apple. Smoking from the hookah costs $7 and it lasts anywhere between 30 minutes to two hours depending on how many people smoke.

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Aviation flight and management majors Ryan Trone, left, and Clayton Stambaugh smoke the Double Apple flavored tobacco from a hookah at Café Euro on Monday. The freshmen had been at the smoke and coffee café for about four hours studying.

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Police shoot man in midst of stabbing

Beveridge Street site of second knife attack in four days

Danny Wenger

A Carbondale man is dead after police shot him early Monday morning as he stabbed another man.

Police shot 22-year-old Lawrence Wirth as he stabbed an unidentified male Monday at 305 S. Beveridge St., according to a statement from Carbondale Police Chief Bob Ledbetter.

A 911 call reported the stabbing at about 2:40 a.m. Officers found Wirth stabbing another man and shot the suspect once when he did not comply with commands to drop his knife.

Wirth was transported to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale where he was pronounced dead. The victim was also transported to the hospital where he was treated and released.

Illinois State Police are investigating the officer who shot Wirth. Jackson County State’s Attorney Mike Wepsiec is assisting with the investigation.

The stabbing on Beveridge Street, an area mainly populated by students, was the second in four days in Carbondale.

The first incident occurred early Friday when Big Boy’s Q’s employee James Connell, 24, of Carbondale was stabbed Friday morning outside the restaurant on Jackson Street.

Police responded to a report of a fight at about 1:20 a.m. at Big Boys Q’s, according to a statement from the department. Officers found two males fighting and both fled the scene. Police caught Willie C. Carr, 20, of Carbondale and charged him with fighting and resisting a police officer.

Police discovered Connell had been stabbed and witnesses said an unknown white male stabbed Connell in the back. The suspect was described as 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing more than 200 pounds. The suspect had blond hair and a goatee with a tattoo on his neck.

Connell drove himself to Memorial Hospital and was transported to a St. Louis hospital for treatment of a lacerated kidney.

Connell’s condition was unknown Monday.

Officer Randy Mathis said police are investigating the incident and no new information was released.

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Ben Nelson (D) U.S. Senator - Nebraska (no cottage)

February 6, 2007
7 p.m.
SIUC Student Center Ballroom D

Pol s is the majority of Americans consider themselves to be in the “middle” when it comes to partisan politics. Yet, those on the extremes have disproportionately influence when it comes to nominating presidential and statewide candidates in much of the nation.

As Joe Klein wrote in Politic S Lost, “Both parties shun toward the extremes, since the extremists are the most adept at raising money and crowds, using direct mail, negative advertising, and the dark art of political consultancy.”

Three highly successful political moderates – Republicans Jim Edgar of Illinois and Christine Whitman of New Jersey and Democrat Ben Nelson of Nebraska – helped influence national policy as governors in the 1990s. Today Nelson serves in the Senate, where he and several other moderates have formed a bipartisan bloc that has made a difference. The three of them, in a discussion moderated by institute director Mike Lawrence, will explore how a potentially powerful section of the American electorate can be energized and galvanized.
Bush warns U.S. ‘will respond firmly’ to Iranian military actions in Iraq

Dan Gelston
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Deeply distressed of Iran, President Bush said Monday “we will respond firmly” if Iran escalates military actions in Iraq and threatens American or Iraqi citizens.

Bush’s warning was the latest move in a bitter and more public standoff between the United States and Iran. The White House expressed skepticism about Iran plans to greatly expand its economic and military ties with Iraq.

The United States accuses Iran of supporting terrorism in Iraq, including supplying weapons to kill American and Iraqi citizens.

“I am not prepared to sit back and watch a dictator who has let millions of his own people die and allowed the number of Iranian agents in Iraq to reach numbers that would be cause for concern,” Bush said in an interview with National Public Radio. “I will respond firmly, and we will respond with the tools at our disposal.”

The American military launched an air attack on Tuesday against military sites in Iraq and Iran, said county commander, who added that it was the right decision and was a good time for Iraq.

California

Man convicted of abducting children in multiple states

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A conservative Republican Mike Huckabee, seeking to repeat the success of another former gover-

nor from Hope, Arkansas, said he is tak-

ing the first step in what he acknowledged is an underdog bid for the White House in 2008.

The 51-year-old Huckabee, who took over as governor at the height of President Clinton’s Whitewater scandal, comes from the same rural state as the former Democratic president.

Huckabee, who left office Jan. 1, 2007 after 10 years in office as governor of a Democratic-leaning state, faced a crowded field in 2008.

“I think this is a step in the right direction,” said Roy Jackson, a former New Orleans mayor who is a friend of Huckabee.

New Orleans mayor to U.S. Senate: Class, racial issues killing hurricane recovery

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Mayor Ray Nagin told a Senate committee Monday he doesn’t see the will to fix his hurricane-battered city when compared with the billions spent on the war in Iraq.

“I think it’s more than anything, but there’s racial issues associated with it also,” Nagin said.

Nagin also asked for Congress to change the laws and regulations to spend up the flow of federal aid.

“From my perspective, out hav-

ing the resources at the local level is the absolute killer of this recovery,” Nagin told the Senate’s Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which is looking into the government’s hurricane response.

As of Jan. 18, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has agreed to pay for $334 million for infrastructure repairs in New Orleans, but the state only has forwarded $145 million to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the project.

“I’m here to tell you that we need some answers to the questions today because rebuilding New Orleans is not just good for the Gulf Coast or the state of Louisiana, it’s good for our nation as a whole,” said Roy Jackson, a New Orleans mayor.

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Michael Bryant — All-Galaxy Thoroughbred Racing

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Kentucky Derby winner

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Dan Gelston
The Associated Press

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Barbaro was euthanized Monday on the same day the New Bolton Center, about 30 miles from the Pimlico Race Course.

Dan Gelston — The Associated Press

LIEBERMAN, I-Connecticut, said the administration was looking at what the ambassador had to say. “There is clearly more than just growing evidence over the last several months that Iran is supporting or supplying arms of the Hezbollah to the New Bolton Center facility.”

Barbaro was euthanized Monday. The horse was put down at 10:30 a.m.

“Certainly, grief is the price we all pay for love,” said co-owner Gretchen Jackson at a news conference.

Barbaro battled in his ICU stall for eight months. He spent time in a sling to ease pressure on his legs, had pins inserted and was fitted at the end with an external brace.

“Closely, this was a difficult deci-

sion to make,” chief surgeon Dr. Dean Richardson. “It hinged on what we saw all along, whether or not our quality of life was acceptable. The probable outcome was pretty clear.”

Roy and Gretchen Jackson were with Barbaro on Monday morning, when they were informed of the decision.

“I wish we could have done more with Barbaro,” Richardson said.

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The New Bolton Center, about 30 miles from the Pimlico Race Course, hours after shattering his right hind leg into a few pieces.

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The most significant gift has been the $1.2 million raised since early June for the Barbaro Fund.

The money is put toward needed equipment such as an operating room table, and a soft sling for the foot pool recovery Barbano used after his surgeries.

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**Dave Carpenter**
The Associated Press

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Saluki pride

The Saluki basketball teams are working their way up in the Missouri Valley Conference and a world record was marked in history. Brittany Riley broke a record in the indoor weight throw at the Gladstone Invitational at Indiana University on Saturday. It was the final round for Riley and she cast an 80 foot, 7 1/2 inch throw that thrilled the crowd.

This accomplishment was so great that Athletic Director Mario Moccia heard about the record breaker at the SIU men's basketball game. The crowd went wild as soon as it was announced. Word of mouth was definitely the best way to spread the news that night.

Before Riley's phenomenal mark, the last world record was by Erin Glenath at 79 feet, 6 inches. During the invitational, Riley made personal records that qualified her to the finals. Riley's coach John Smith and he expected a good outcome with the hard training and practice she put forth six weeks prior to the event.

As a freshman, she marked her place as a Saluki athlete. She competed at a couple of Junior Athletic Championships and has been marked as an All-American thrower. She has competed with Amanuchi Ukabam, another All-American from SIU. Ukabam made the headlines through her college career here at SIU along with Riley. Both Ukabam and Riley have been awarded at various competitions. Their accomplishments have made what the track and field throwers are today.

Riley expressed modesty for setting a new world record. Even though she is still trying to figure out how she threw it so far, we at the DAILY EGYPTIAN can see that her hard work and her dedication paid off.

Being a student athlete can be rewarding but we understand how stressful it can be at the same time. It's an amazing accomplishment for this university for an athlete to break a world record. We are proud to attend school with such a person and we'd like to say congratulations.

Peter A. Brown

A political issue has reached critical mass when its natural adversaries throw in the towel.

That is what is happening in the United States on global warming, with President Bush and much of corporate America signaling they are through disputing how serious climate change concerns are. The Democratic candidates are rising enough to portend future wins.

Of course, even if the disputes about the existence or potential ill of climate change are abating, that doesn't mean the global warming believers will now get the laws they want, or even find that candidates opposing their views win more elections.

It is worth remembering that when the Iron Curtain fell and the Cold Warriors claimed victory in the early 1990s, Americans elected a president, Bill Clinton, who was not one of them, and was short on national security credibility to boot.

That's because with the Soviet Union imploding at the time, voters figured they could move on to other matters. They then turned to the party they had been unwilling to trust with the White House when they were more worried about external threats.

So, while the new political environment — as pun intended — doesn't necessarily mean that Al Gore is going to be elected president just because he has been out front on the issue; it puts the politics of global warming in new perspective.

The acknowledgment by Bush of the problem and the need to deal with it is just one sign that the tide has turned on the climate change issue. Recently a number of major corporations that had been skeptical of the global warming threat have signaled they too want to move on to dealing with the problem.

And with Democrats — who for years have campaigned against Bush and the Republicans as ignoring the global warming threat — in control of Congress, it is obvious that something is likely to be done.

But the real question is exactly what that will be. It doesn't mean that Bush and corporate America are going to blindly agree to the ideas of the environmentalists on how to solve the problem.

Don't look for Bush to endorse the principal international treaty on global warming, the Kyoto Protocol. It doesn't require the same steps of China and India, which have the fastest growing and most polluting economies, as it does of Western industrialized nations.

The political argument now will be about the best way to combat the problem and its effects — in other words disputes about tactics and efficacy — rather than larger, more fundamental disputes.

The environment has never been a huge issue to begin with, despite claims to the contrary by various interest groups. Yes, voters care about the environment, but they generally vote, especially for president, on other issues they consider more important i.e. — national security and the economy.

With the existence of global warming no longer an issue, it is likely the political debate will shift to what steps and what resulting economic costs are reasonable. For instance, reducing emissions invariably increases the cost of energy, at least in the short run.

The current focus of debate will be the proposal advanced by many congressional Democrats and some Republicans for a “carbon tax” and an accompanying system that will allow companies to trade emissions credits.

Supporters call it a free-market solution without massive government interference, but the White House has not signed on to the idea despite some pre-State of the Union speculation that would be the case.

It is not hard to see the political debate over the existence of global warming translating into the age-old dispute between the parties about the wisdom of taxes and regulation.

That is a much more complicated political discussion than whether the global climate is getting warmer, and how unless checked, the world could face rising oceans, melting glaciers, more violent storms and droughts.

And it is one on which the political edge is not nearly as clear.

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Yes, global warming exists; now what?

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“It hasn't really hit me yet. I'm still trying to figure out how I threw it that far.”

Brittany Riley on her world record weight throw

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A mission to New Orleans

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Beatrice McWaters is a quiet, pleasant, thoroughly religious woman who loves the Bible, Jesus and almost every other aspect of Christianity. She had recordings of herself singing hymnals outside of church, and she had almost 28 Bibles; some were in Latin, some had pictures and one was in German.

McWaters has been in New Orleans since 1952, living with her mother, father, brother and sister in a house that her dad built with his own two hands. As of late she’s been living just with her brother and her mother. McWaters returned home, for the second time in 16 months. Upon entering McWaters’ house a hawful smell overpowered my senses. Once I took a few steps there was a crunching sound of chinaware, a heinous smell overwhelmed my senses. Once I took a few steps there was a crunching sound of chinaware, a heinous smell overwhelmed my senses. Once I took a few steps there was a crunching sound of chinaware, a heinous smell overwhelmed my senses.

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This is hospital for care of people who have been through a hurricane, and most people only were only two hundred thousand residing in the city of New Orleans itself. Prioritizing has never been a strong suit for me, but that is com- pletely unacceptable to say about the President of our Country. Soldiers would be better suited swing- sledgehammers than firing a gun. But that isn’t my decision. And I realized that the only variable I can control in this situation is myself.

I went to New Orleans. Now I can only hope that I inspire some of you to do the same experience this for yourselves.

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GUO BODE

Life in Cairo can still exist

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“There have been to Cairo lately?” was the question posed to my class last week. In this journalism class, the students and teachers are going down to Cairo in an attempt to learn more about the community. Cairo was a bustling community with a population over 20,000 and over that time, the population has dwindled to almost 4,000. Our class was asked to discover why and what can we do to change it?

Cairo is simi- lar to most small town communities. For people from a small town, like me, the situation in Cairo is far from unusu- al. I am from Creal Springs, an official “Creal Critter.” The problem for small towns is that they are losing their populations. Also, businesses have their roots in technology and the rise of big cities. These are not necessarily problems, but they can be dif- ficult hurdles for small towns to jump over. This does not have to be the end of small towns; they simply have to find a new niche to fill. For Creal Springs, that niche is antique stores.

The situation in Cairo is one that remotely relates to a movie that I saw this weekend. Those of you who have not seen “Night at the Museum” might be a bit confused at this point. But, bear with me. In the movie, a man has a past that haunts him — a life of misadventures with his former wife, who is now engaged. He has also failed in a relationship with his son, who doesn’t trust him anymore. He has been through a chain of failed jobs and numer- ous hardships. However, his past does not prevent him from going after and succeeding in a new job. In fact his talents, which were previ- ously unrecognized, emerge in his new position.

For a small town like Cairo, the answer to current problems will most likely be tourism. It is on the conver- gence of two rivers, making it a site of early develop- ment. Many town buildings and mansions were built in the 1800s and have great historical signifi- cance. Therefore, with a little investment, Cairo could once again be a bustling town.

We all have similar dis- points like Cairo’s, but the question for you is — have you conquered it yet? “Have you been to Cairo lately?”

Lindsay is a junior studying journalism.

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Groups work to show upside of Down syndrome

Mary Ann Ferguson
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CHICAGO — Nancy Gianni arrived at her obstetrician’s office with flyers carrying a photo of a smiling young girl and the headline: “Down syndrome may sound scary but it looks like this!”

The founder of a Down syndrome awareness center in Hoffman Estates, Ill., Gianni says such positive images are crucial as doctors put into practice new recommendations that all pregnant women, regardless of age, be offered screening for the genetic condition.

Gianni has launched a campaign aimed at pregnant women who face the wrenching decision whether to continue a pregnancy with a diagnosis of Down syndrome, or terminate it.

“A mother of three, Gianni wants expectant parents to know that many children with the condition have rewarding, happy lives.

“If people are going to make a decision on Down syndrome, I want them to make an informed decision,” Gianni said as her daughter Gigi, 4, who has Down syndrome, explored the doctor’s waiting room. “I just feel I have a responsibility to let them see the potential — that their life isn’t over.”

The recommendations, released this month by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, have renewed concerns about the role of screening in an age when society has shown increasing support for people with Down syndrome.

The National Down Syndrome Society recently updated its statement on prenatal testing, emphasizing the role of doctors at the time of diagnosis.

“It is critical that expectant parents receive accurate, up-to-date information that will enable them to make decisions that respect the capabilities and worth of people with Down syndrome,” the statement reads.

Two recent studies reported that at the time of diagnosis, mothers often only heard the problems associated with Down syndrome and nothing about the potential of children with the condition. Mothers also felt they wanted to know more updated information about the condition, as well as resources and support groups.

Gianni and others say that the comments of doctors have a powerful impact on expectant parents, whose knowledge about the cognitive and health problems related to the condition may be limited.

Many experts believe most women choose abortion after a prenatal diagnosis, though there are no national statistics.

Some studies in the 1990s, though small in scope, have showed that anywhere from 34 percent to 86 percent of pregnancies were ended.

Most of those terminations were among older women, who are at more risk for chromosomal abnormalities and, therefore, more exposed to the tests.

In the past, women age 35 and older were offered genetic counseling and diagnostic testing, but the tests often carried a false positive rate of 5 percent, meaning one in 20 would be diagnosed with the condition.

In 2003, doctors began routinely offering two first trimester tests to women who reached age 35, and those tests were more reliable, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists said.

In 2008, doctors began routinely offering two second trimester tests, a combination of a blood test and an ultrasound scan measuring the back of the fetus’ neck, an exam called nuchal translucency.

“Screening in the first trimester gives women information earlier, providing more time to prepare for a special needs child or to have an abortion, doctors say.

“There’s a tremendous need for doctor and nurse education, not only on how to handle diagnosis, but all throughout the life span, because people with Down syndrome are living very long lives now,” said Jon Colman, the National Down Syndrome Society’s chief operating officer.

“People with the birth defect — an estimated 350,000 in the United States — now live into their mid-50s, compared with a life expectancy of age 25 in 1983.

Doctors, too, are debating the role of screening tests in an age when society has shown increasing support for people with Down syndrome, some of whom are going to college.

“I think it’s reasonable to promote a screening protocol,” said Dr. Steve Calvin of the University of Minnesota. “But then you must say what kind of support are you going to offer for people when a diagnosis is made.”

Two years ago, Anita Krach learned that her fetus had Down syndrome through a phone call from a perinatologist she had just met during the tests.

Later that day, the same doctor and a genetic counselor outlined the health problems associated with the condition at every stage of life for Krach and her husband, Michael.

“There was no positive thing that was said,” Krach said. “Not one. As Krach, then 28-weeks pregnant, left the emotional session, the genetic counselor warned her not to call a Down syndrome support group because, she said, “they’ll paint a rosy picture.”

Doctors acknowledge they’ve heard such scenarios but say they’ve become more sensitive and balanced, in part due to the efforts of Down syndrome organizations.

“We never want to give the impression they should or they have to terminate,” said Elyse Weber, a genetic counselor at the University of Chicago Hospitals. “What we’re here to do is give them information and give them an environment to make the best decision for them.”
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Excessive ticketing? Us? Don’t be silly

Police in Yonkers, N.Y., have suddenly increased the number of tickets they are issuing, and the mayor accused them of doing this to bully officials into settling their contract. A TV news crew went to police headquarters to investigate, and were told that there is no ticket blitz. When the crew got outside, they found a parking ticket on their van.

Profiling? Anyone detect a trend?

After Prince Albert police arrested the only black person in Saskatchewan, Canada, they were accused of racial profiling.

No need to search me, officer, honest

A man came to court in Athens, Ala., to answer a stolen property charge, carrying a $5 bag of marijuana in his pocket. When a court officer began to search him, the guy tried to swallow the dope. He failed. “I don’t know what he was thinking,” one officer said.

I’m sick I say! Wham!

Two men in Bahrain tried to get a day off from work due to illness, but a doctor found them to be in good health, and refused to sign a medical slip. So they beat him up.

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408 S. Ash
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407 W. Cherry Court
509 W. Cherry Court
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466 W. Chestnut
510 W. College #1-4
401 W. College #5, 6, 7
501 W. College #4-6
506 W. College #4-6
507 W. College #4-6
509 W. College #4-6
503 E. Crestview
506 S. Dixon
303 W. Elm
113 S. Forest
115 S. Forest
301 S. Forest
718 S. Forest

Three Bedroom

503 N. Allyn
607 N. Allyn
616 N. Allyn
408 S. Ash
410 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #2, 3
506 S. Ash
508 S. Ash #1
514 S. Ash #1-3, 6
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beveridge
506 S. Beveridge
507 S. Beveridge #1-3
503 S. Beveridge #3-5
513 S. Beveridge #1-5
515 S. Beveridge #1-4
510 S. Carico
309 W. Cherry
509 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #1
405 W. Cherry
407 W. Cherry
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509 S. Hays
511 S. Hays
514 S. Hays
408 E. Hester
208 W. Hospital #2
212 W. Hospital
401 S. James
611 W. Kempton
903 W. Linden
610 S. Logan
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501 W. Oak
505 S. Oakland
511 N. Oakland
514 N. Oakland
602 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park
202 N. Poplar #1
507 S. Poplar 1-3, 4, 5, 6, 7
301 N. Springer #1-4
913 W. Sycamore
919 W. Sycamore
1013 W. Sycamore
404 S. University #8
404 S. University #6
404 1/2 S. University
401 1/2 W. Walnut
504 W. Walnut
820 W. Walnut #2
1004 W. Walpack
406 W. Willow
804 W. Willow

Four Bedroom

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410 S. Allyn
504 S. Ash #3
508 S. Ash #1
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beveridge
506 S. Beveridge
507 S. Beveridge #1-5
503 S. Beveridge #3-5
513 S. Beveridge #1-5
515 S. Beveridge #1-4
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309 N. Cherry
309 W. Cherry
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501 W. Cherry
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Salukis look to continue fall success in spring

Matt Hartwig

With temperatures in the mid-30s, the SIU softball team took its practice inside. Despite three outdoor practices last week, the Salukis will spend the majority of this week hitting inside Sports Blast.

In practice, SIU used a variety of hitting drills to prepare for game situations. Coach Kerri Blaylock had the entire team hit in a variety of counts and situations without the benefit of fielders and bases. The Salukis were able to work on some outfield play as well.

Blaylock said it was good to get inside and practice because it opened up opportunities to work on technique.

“We get to work on bunts, pickoffs and long throws from the outfielders,” Blaylock said. “Our team has a great veteran infield and good catching as well.”

The outfield should be another strong point for the Salukis with all starters returning. Among the outfield, juniors Tiffany Dismore and Keytal Stein figure to be key contributors.

Stein led SIU with a .359 batting average while Dismore was just behind Stein at a .343 clip.

“Tiffanie Dismore and Krystal Stein figure to be key contributors,” Blaylock said. “They can hit in a variety of counts and situations.”

“Tiffanie Dismore said. “We use different counts while we’re hitting in here and we’re trying to figure what ball we’re going to swing at.”

SIU is already garnering votes in the top-25, but they aren’t changing the team’s focus.

Blaylock said the team couldn’t care less about the rankings.

“We don’t care if they rank us first or ninth because it all matters what we do in the season,” Blaylock said. “I tell them to play with a chip on their shoulder.”

The Salukis will begin the spring season Feb. 9 at the Jacksonville University Invitational against UNC-Greensboro.

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By Elliott Almond

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Hydro Partridge catches a wave at Scotts Creek north of Santa Cruz, Calif. on Jan. 15. A number of females are charging big-wave breaks these days.

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In their last two games, both wins for the Salukis, the SIU men’s basketball team has forced 46 turnovers, while turning the ball over only 20 times themselves.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered? E-mail it to scott_mieszala@dailyegyptian.com

STATS OF THE WEEK
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BracketBusters announced

And suddenly, the Salukis’ schedule became a bit more interesting.

The SIU men’s basketball team was chosen to play at No. 15 Butler as part of ESPN’s BracketBusters, which was announced Monday on the O’Reilly ESPN BracketBusters Selection Show. Butler will be the first top 25 team the Salukis face this season.

“BracketBusters is an exciting event and Butler is a great opponent,” SIU coach Chris Lowery said in a press release. “We’re focused on our conference opponents right now, but we’re really glad to get a crack at a top 25 team.”

SIU played Louisiana Tech in its BracketBusters game last season but didn’t fare well, losing 54-51. Forward Randal Falker, then a sophomore, was the top scorer for the Salukis with 13 points. He also pulled down a game high of 11 rebounds.

Paul Millap of Louisiana Tech was the high scorer in the Feb. 18, 2006 contest, scoring 25 points on 9-of-14 shooting. Millap was drafted in the second round of the 2006 NBA Draft by the Utah Jazz.

Butler played at Kent State in last season’s BracketBusters and lost in overtime, 80-76. The Bulldogs had five players scoring in double dig- its, including their top scorer this season, junior guard A.J. Graves. Graves is scoring 18.8 points per game in 2006-07.

Graves scored 26 points on 7-of-17 shooting. Butler beat then No. 21 Tennessee and No. 23 Gonzaga in back-to-back games Nov. 22 and 24. Graves was Butler’s top scorer in both games.

In the Bulldogs 56-44 victory at Tennessee, Graves scored 15 points. Against Gonzaga, a 79-71 win, Graves scored 26 points on 7-of-17 shooting.

BracketBusters games will be televised on ESPNU or ESPN2 Feb. 16 and 17. The schedule is to be announced Feb. 5.

As part of the agreement, SIU will host Butler in the 2007-08 season.

Other MVC teams in BracketBusters

Northern Iowa, which lost Jan. 23 to SIU, 56-54, will also be visiting a top 25 team for BracketBusters. The Panthers will play at No. 15 Nevada.

Northern Iowa and Nevada are both 3-0 in BracketBusters games.

“It’s a great event,” Nevada coach Mark Fox said on the selection show. “We’re just excited to be back on ESPN and playing a very good team.”

Missouri State was slated to host Winthrop for the event, and both teams have made No. 2 Wisconsin sweat.

The Bears handed the Badgers their only loss this season, a Nov. 24 66-64 win for Missouri State. Wisconsin needed overtime Dec. 4 to beat Winthrop, 82-79.

Scott Mieszala

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- Creighton vs. Drexel
- Missouri State vs. Winthrop
- Northern Iowa at Nevada
- SIU at Butler
- Wichita State vs. Appalachian State

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Marketing a winner

‘Saluki Idol’ latest promotion for women’s basketball

D.W. Norris

Students jonesing for a dose of “American Idol” need look no further than SIU Arena.

The Salukis women’s basketball team is staging its own version of the popular FOX series. Called “Saluki Idol,” the event will offer aspiring crooners a chance to prove they have professional-grade pipes.

The tryout is open to all SIU students and begins at 6 p.m. today in room 125 of the SIU Arena. A three-person panel composed of athletic department personnel will play the roles of Paula, Randy and Simon. Four contestants will earn the chance to compete for Saluki prize packages at the women’s Feb. 9 game with Bradley.

Two finalists will advance to a halftime showdown at SIU’s Feb. 11 meeting with Northern Iowa. The crowds at both games will act as judge and jury, and contestants are encouraged to stuff the ballot box with their own fans.

“TO order for them to win, they’re going to need friends and family there to vote for them,” said Rachel Boldt, a second-year student assistant and the contest’s organizer.

“Saluki Idol” is part of a concerted effort to catch Hatchet games.

The first step for the team was finding harmony after struggling for wins in coach Dena Ekenberg’s first two seasons. Now, with her own players filling the roster, Ekenberg’s Salukis (12-8-1 MVC) have been singing a different tune on the court.

The team already surpassed last season’s 10-win total, a best record since the 1996-1997 season.

SIU now sits in second place

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