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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 the 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 teachers college.

A fire destroyed the building in 1883. Library Affairs Dean David Carlson said



NORMAL UNIVERSITY, Carbondale, Illinois.

PROVIDED PHOTO

This is the oldest known image of the Normal Building, SIUC's first campus structure, taken in June 1874.

Travelstead gave the library a high-quality scan of the photograph in late November.

He said library officials plan to display the image when the renovation of Morris Library is completed next year.

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."

Framed copies of the image will be presented to SIU President Glenn Poshard 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 cost," he said.

"Clearly we wouldn't be able to replace it for that."

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— Judy Travelstead
 a Friends of Morris Library board member

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 Council and mayoral candidates alike gathered to mingle with the public over food, drinks and live music. The event was organized by Jack, and was first held four years ago during his last run for City Council. All candidates were invited to attend.

More than 40 people came to the bar for a chance to meet the candidates and discuss issues important to the public.

"This is the first opportunity for me to meet people and for people to question me," said Elizabeth Lewin, a City Council candidate.

Lewin was one of five council candidates to make an appearance at the event. There are seven running altogether. She said holding



DuVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

City Councilman Chris Wissmann, left, pokes at City Councilman Lance Jack's campaign button as Ruvane Kurland, director of the SIU Hillel Foundation, watches Monday evening during a mingle with the city council candidates event at Hangar 9.

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Black History Month events begin Thursday

Ryan Rendleman
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

After a 10-year break, Black American Studies faculty are pleased Black History Month is back where it belongs.

"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.

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

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siuDE.com Question: How exciting was your first week of class?

The most fun I'll have all semester	11%
I at least stayed awake	31%
Lame & boring as usual	16%
So boring that I was tempted to gouge my eyes out	16%
Classes started last week?	26%

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CALENDAR

LSAT preparation program

• 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
• Cost for this program is \$325, and all materials are included
• For more information, contact the SIUC-Division of Continuing Education at 618-536-7751

Saluki Idol tryouts

• 6 p.m. today at the SIU Arena, Room 125
• Top four will sing at halftime of the Feb. 9 women's basketball game
• E-mail rboldt@siu.edu for more information

Ballroom dancing classes

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. today at the Davies Gym
• The beginning level session will begin Tuesday and will be held every Tuesday until March 6. The intermediate/advanced level session will be held every Wednesday until March 7.
• Fee is \$30 per participant
• To register or for more information, contact the Division of Continuing Education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 618-536-7751 or visit its Web site at www.dce.siu.edu

Black male round table

• 6 p.m. Wednesday at Grinnell Hall, Lower Level
• Discussion group addressing issues of SIUC black male population
• Contact Alfred Jackson at 618-453-6748 for more information

Men's basketball vs. Indiana State

• 7:05 p.m. Wednesday at the SIU Arena
• Tickets prices range from \$12 to \$20 for adults and \$8 to \$20 for high school and younger depending on seat location, SIU student admission is free with a valid SIU Student ID
• Contact Julie Beck at 618-453-5153 for information on group discounts

Housing Social Justice Committee meeting

• 5 p.m. Thursday at Grinnell Hall, Lower Level
• Meeting to discuss upcoming production of Tunnel of Oppression
• Individual students, faculty and staff members and RSO groups invited to participate
• Contact Alfred Jackson at 618-453-6748 for more information

NEWS BRIEFS

Sara Lee to lay off nearly 1,700 employees

DOWNERS GROVE (AP) — Sara Lee Corp. said Monday it will lay off nearly 1,700 employees as part of a reorganization plan to increase business performance.
About 1,200 workers will be laid off when the company closes its pork processing and FlavoTech spice production plants in West Point, Miss., on March 30. Workers were told of the layoffs Monday morning.
Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour said the layoffs are "clearly bad news."
Downers Grove-based Sara Lee said another 489 workers will be laid off around the globe as part of the restructuring. Those layoffs will result in a \$40 million pretax charge.
The company said it will take a \$152 million noncash pretax charge in the quarter ended Dec. 30, 2006, mainly due to continued declines in its Brazilian coffee operation. That figure includes a \$34 million charge to close the Mississippi factories.
Sara Lee shares rose 9 cents to \$17.19 in trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Three students, driver hurt when car hits school

SHILOH (AP) — Three students were injured Monday when a car drove through the wall of an elementary school cafeteria during lunchtime, police in this St. Louis suburb said.
The extent of the injuries at Shiloh Elementary school was not immediately clear; the vehicle's driver also was injured.
A message left with a spokeswoman for Memorial Hospital in nearby Belleville, where the victims were taken, was not immediately returned. The names and ages of the victims were not immediately released.
The crash, which occurred shortly after 11:30 a.m., left a hole in the school wall. School remained in session Monday afternoon, although some parents took their children home early.

Computer with Eastern Illinois University students' personal data stolen

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — A computer containing Social Security numbers and other personal information for Eastern Illinois University's 1,400 fraternity and sorority members has been stolen.
The desktop computer and hard drives from two other computers were stolen from the Student Life Office on the Charleston campus late last week, according to a news release. Campus police are investigating.
The stolen computer, however, contained the Social Security numbers, birth dates and addresses for each member of Eastern Illinois' 23 fraternities and sororities, according to the release. Data on past students had been purged from the computer.
The stolen hard drives contained only correspondence, according to the news release. The school sent letters to the affected students notifying them of the theft. Some Greek officers said they plan to discuss the theft with members of their organizations.

POLICE REPORTS

University

SIUC student Clayton Byron Lindsey III was arrested on a failure to appear warrant on an original charge of disorderly conduct at 9:28 p.m. Jan. 22 on East Grand. Lindsey was unable to post bond and was transported to the Jackson County Jail.
checks for insufficient funds. Investigation continues.
Criminal damage to state supported property occurred at 12:58 a.m. Friday at Abbott Hall. Unknown suspects sprayed red paint in various locations in the residence hall. There are no suspects at this time.
Criminal damage to property occurred at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at Lot 45. There are no suspects at this time.

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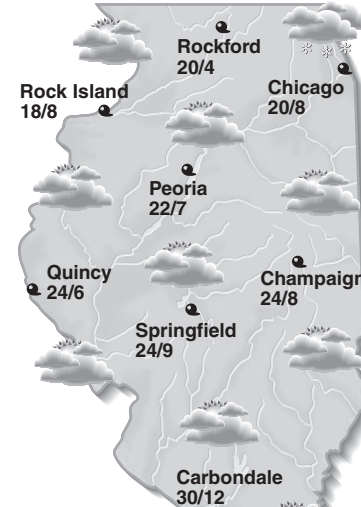
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Illinois Weather



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Regional Cities

City	Today Hi Lo W	Wed. Hi Lo W
Bloomington	24 7 c	30 13 sf
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Champaign	24 8 c	24 17 pc
Chicago	20 8 sf	23 18 sf
Danville	24 11 c	27 21 pc
Edwardsville	26 12 c	36 19 c
Moline	19 6 c	28 14 sf
Mt. Vernon	28 12 pc	32 21 c
Paducah	34 15 pc	37 24 c
Peoria	22 7 c	31 16 sf
Quincy	24 6 c	32 15 sf
Rockford	20 4 sf	21 13 sf
Springfield	24 9 c	29 19 sf

Almanac

Carbondale through 3 p.m. yesterday
Temperature:
High/low yesterday 40°/12°
Normal high/low 40°/21°
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Month to date 3.37"
Normal month to date 2.71"
Year to date 3.37"
Normal year to date 2.71"

Sun and Moon

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Moonset today 5:30 a.m.



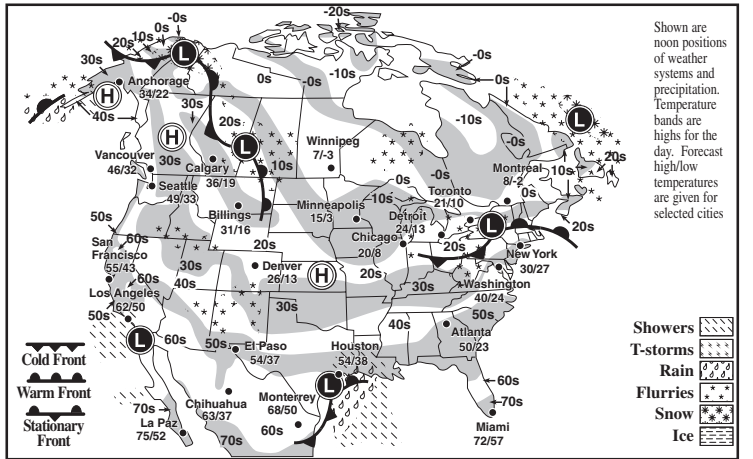
National Cities

City	Today Hi Lo W	Wed. Hi Lo W
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Boston	28 18 pc	28 22 pc
Cincinnati	29 13 sf	32 20 pc
Dallas	42 31 c	43 34 c
Denver	26 13 pc	28 8 sn
Indianapolis	26 11 c	31 21 pc
Kansas City	27 11 pc	34 14 sn
Las Vegas	58 40 sh	59 40 c
Nashville	38 16 pc	40 30 pc
New Orleans	56 42 r	54 51 c
New York City	30 27 pc	32 24 pc
Orlando	60 38 pc	62 51 c
Phoenix	63 48 sh	59 45 t
San Francisco	55 43 pc	56 43 pc
Seattle	49 33 s	46 35 s
Washington, DC	40 24 pc	35 23 s

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National Weather Today



Hookah has new home

Café Euro opens on the Strip

Alejandro Gonzalez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The menu of the Strip's newest café carries a simple slogan.

"To drink is human, to drink coffee is divine."

Café Euro owner Kristo Hayat said he hopes the saying becomes Carbondale's newest catchphrase.

The new establishment, a hookah bar located between Hanger 9 and Styx on Illinois Avenue, is set to hold its 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



JOSEPH MIDKIFF ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

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.

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.

The café has a colorful exterior paint job and the inside features paintings of small African children by local artist Joshua Shearer.

The café will change the artwork every few months, Hayat said.

As she finished smoking from a hookah with her friends, Sarah Rivard, a senior from Bourbonnais studying business marketing, said she liked the café's closeness to the SIUC campus.

"It's really good," Rivard said. "We smoked two hookahs yesterday and we had some coffee. And today we came back again."

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Trone demonstrates his talent to exhale smoke rings on Monday at Café Euro.

Police shoot man in midst of stabbing

Beveridge Street site of second knife attack in four days

Danny Wenger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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.

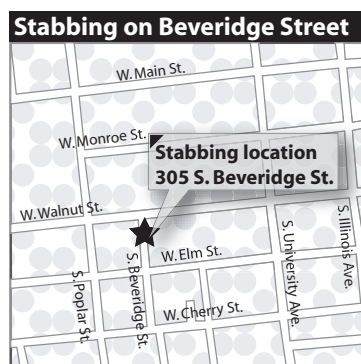
A 911 call reported the stabbing at about 2:40 a.m. Officers found Wirth stabbing another man and shot the suspect once when he did not comply with commands to drop his knife.

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 Boys' Q'n 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'n, 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 Carbondale 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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Polls show the majority of Americans consider themselves to be in the "middle" when it comes to partisan politics. Yet, those on the extremes have a disproportionate influence when it comes to nominating presidential and statewide candidates in much of the nation.

As Joe Klein wrote in *Politics Lost*, "Both parties swan toward the extremes, since the extremists are the most adept at raising money and crowds, using direct mail, negative advertising, and the other dark arts of political consultancy."

Three highly successful political moderates – Republicans Jim Edgar of Illinois and Christie 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.

WIRE REPORTS

ISRAEL

Suicide bomber kills three in bakery

EILAT, Israel (AP) — A Palestinian suicide bomber attacked a bakery in this southern Israeli resort town on Monday, killing three people and himself, police said. It was the first suicide bombing in Israel in nine months and the first ever to hit Eilat, Israel's southernmost city. Israeli leaders said the bombing jeopardized a two-month truce in Gaza. Prime Minister Ehud Olmert vowed to continue the "ongoing and never-ending struggle against terrorists."

Two Palestinian militant groups, Islamic Jihad and the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, claimed joint responsibility for the attack. Both groups said the bombing was meant to help bring an end to weeks of Palestinian infighting that has killed more than 60 people in the Gaza Strip since December.

CLEVELAND

No new trial for 'caged kids' couple

CLEVELAND — A judge on Monday declined to grant a new trial or acquittal for the couple convicted of child endangerment for keeping some of their 11 adopted special-needs children in cages.

Michael and Sharen Gravelle failed to show that the jury's verdicts were inconsistent, Huron County Common Pleas Judge Earl McGimpsey ruled.

The Gravelles, who were convicted last month on 11 of 24 counts against them, said they needed to keep some of the children in enclosed beds with alarms to protect them from their own dangerous behavior and stop them from wandering at night. The couple faces one to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000 for each felony count. Sentencing is scheduled for Feb. 14.

ARKANSAS

Ex-Arkansas Gov. Huckabee takes steps for 2008 bid

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Conservative Republican Mike Huckabee, seeking to repeat the success of another former governor from Hope, Arkansas, said he is taking 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 small town — Hope — in the same rural state as the former Democratic president.

Huckabee, who left office January 9 after serving 10 1/2 years as governor of a Democratic-leaning state, faces steep odds in a crowded GOP field that includes well-known and well-funded hopefuls such as Sen. John McCain of Arizona, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

CALIFORNIA

Man convicted of abusing children in multiple states

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A man prosecutors said was one of the nation's most prolific child molesters was sentenced Monday to 150 years in prison for abusing two 12-year-old boys. Dean Arthur Schwartzmiller, 64, was sentenced to the maximum term on 11 felony counts of child molestation and one misdemeanor charge of child pornography possession.

During the nearly three-week trial, prosecutor Steve Fein showed jurors a map of the "places and decades where the defendant has molested young boys." It included an estimated 100 accusers dating to 1969 in eight U.S. states, Mexico and Brazil.

When Schwartzmiller was arrested in June 2005, investigators found a memoir describing abuse, binders full of child pornography and 1,500 notebook pages with headings including "blond boys," "no, but yes boys," and "best of the best, 13 and under."

Bush warns U.S. 'will respond firmly' to Iranian military actions in Iraq

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Deeply distrustful of Iran, President Bush said Monday "we will respond firmly" if Tehran escalates its military actions in Iraq and threatens American forces 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's plans to greatly expand its economic and military ties with Iraq.

The United States accuses Iran of supporting terrorism in Iraq and supplying weapons to kill American forces. "If Iran escalates its military actions in Iraq to the detriment of our troops and or innocent Iraqi people,

we will respond firmly," Bush said in an interview with National Public Radio.

The president's comments reinforced earlier statements from the White House.

"If Iran wants to quit playing a destructive role in the affairs of Iraq and wants to play a constructive role, we would certainly welcome that," National Security Council spokesman Gordon Johndroe said. But, he said, "We've seen little evidence to date (of constructive activities) and frankly all we have seen is evidence to the contrary."

"If you're in Iraq and trying to kill our troops, then you should consider yourself a target."

— Robert Gates
U.S. Defense Secretary

Sharply at odds over Iran's suspected nuclear weapons program, Washington and Tehran are arguing increasingly about Iraq. American troops in Iraq have been authorized to kill or capture Iranian agents deemed to be a threat. "If you're in Iraq and trying to kill our troops, then you should consider yourself a target," Defense Secretary Robert Gates said last week. Iran's plans in Iraq were outlined by Iranian Ambassador Hassan Kazemi Qumi in an interview with The New York Times. He said Iran was prepared to offer Iraqi government forces training, equipment and advisers for what he called

"the security fight," the newspaper reported. He said that in the economic area, Iran was ready to assume major responsibility for the reconstruction of Iraq. "We have experience of reconstruction after war," the ambassador said, referring to the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s. "We are ready to transfer this experience in terms of reconstruction to the Iraqis."

Johndroe said the Bush administration was looking at what the ambassador had to say.

The White House says there has been growing evidence over the last several months that Iran is supporting terrorists inside Iraq and is a major supplier of bombs and other weapons used to target U.S. forces. In recent weeks, U.S. forces have detained a number of Iranian agents in Iraq.



MICHAEL BRYANT ~ McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Barbaro's back right ankle appears broken down the first stretch of the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore, Md., in May 2006. Barbaro was euthanized Monday.

Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro euthanized

Dan Gelston

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. — Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro was euthanized Monday after complications from his gruesome breakdown at last year's Preakness, ending an eight-month ordeal that prompted an outpouring of support across the country.

A series of ailments — including laminitis in the left rear hoof, an abscess in the right rear hoof, as well as new laminitis in both front feet — proved too much for the gallant colt. 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.

"Clearly, this was a difficult decision to make," chief surgeon Dr. Dean Richardson. "It hinged on what we said all along, whether or not we thought his quality of life was acceptable. The probable outcome was just so poor."

Roy and Gretchen Jackson were with Barbaro on Monday morning, with the owners making the decision in consultation with Richardson.

"We just reached a point where

it was going to be difficult for him to go on without pain," Roy Jackson said. "It was the right decision, it was the right thing to do."

On May 20, Barbaro was rushed to the New Bolton Center, about 30 miles from Philadelphia in Kennett Square, hours after shattering his right hind leg just a few strides into the Preakness Stakes.

Barbaro suffered a significant setback over the weekend, and surgery was required to insert two steel pins in a bone to eliminate all weight bearing on the ailing right rear foot.

When Barbaro broke down, his right hind leg flared out awkwardly as jockey Edgar Prado jumped off and tried to steady the ailing horse. Race fans at Pimlico wept.

The biggest 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 raft and sling for the same pool recovery Barbaro used after his surgeries.

Dr. Larry Bramlage, a veterinarian at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, said the horse lived as long as he did because of Richardson's solid decision-making.

"It's kind of like playing a chess game," Bramlage said. "Whenever you get confronted with something different, you have to make the right moves."

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

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 class 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 speed up the flow of federal aid.

"From my perspective, not having 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 January 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 city so far.

State officials have said city leaders failed to provide required documentation, which called cumbersome.

"I strongly urge you to return responsibility and accountability to the local government," he said.

Nagin's testimony comes nearly a week after President Bush drew fire for failing to mention recovery efforts along the Gulf Coast in his State of the Union speech.

Sen. Barack Obama, the Illinois Democrat and presidential hopeful, addressed the committee, saying the president's failure to mention

the disaster contributes to questions about whether the government is committed to helping New Orleans rebuild.

"I hope we get some answers to the questions today because rebuilding the city of New Orleans is not just good for the Gulf Coast or the state of Louisiana, it's good for our nation," Obama said.

Donald Powell, the president's coordinator for the Gulf Coast recovery effort, pledged long-term support.

"President Bush is committed to rebuilding the Gulf Coast and rebuilding it stronger and better than it was before hurricanes Katrina and Rita," Powell told the committee, but he added that it

would take a time to finish the job.

Earlier, a protester shouting "Stand up for justice" interrupted committee chairman Sen. Joseph Lieberman as he opened the hearing.

The man yelled, "Stand up for justice! We want somebody to stand up for justice!" before a law enforcement officer led him out of the hearing room at Louisiana's Supreme Court building.

"It's hard to come back here more than a year after Katrina without feeling that emotion," Lieberman, I-Connecticut, said after the interruption. "We're here to say that we understand the work is not done, to put it mildly."

COUNCIL

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"Hangin' with the Candidates" at Hangar 9 allowed her to be in an environment that she is never in, and helped her become more accessible to the community.

"I need to come out and be where people will be," Lewin said. "I'm usually either sitting behind a desk or in church."

City Council candidate Luanne Brown said the night gave her a chance to get in touch with people who aren't in her age group and she normally wouldn't be able to connect with.

"I hope a whole bunch of people come out and tell us what's wrong with the community and what needs to be changed," she said.

Brown said Hangar 9 hosts a crowd she isn't a part of, but it gave her an opportunity to hear from the public.

Part of that public was Lilly Crane, a Jackson County resident for 40 years who moved to Carbondale from Makanda six years ago. She said her greatest community concern is the Smoke Free Carbondale initiative to help with people's health. However, her main reason for attending the event was to gather with the candidates.

"I'm here to meet some of the candidates so I know them by face, not just by name," Crane said.

Some students also attended "Hangin' with the Candidates" for a chance to be involved in the local political scene. Pete Lucas said he is looking for a candidate who is invested in student interests.



From left: Carbondale resident Charlie Howe talks with mayoral candidate Jessica Davis as Ben Woolf, a sophomore at John A. Logan College, approaches his mother, City Council candidate Luanne Brown, for a hug during a mingle with the candidates event Monday night at Hangar 9.

Lucas, a nontraditional freshman studying physiology, moved to Carbondale in June expecting to experience a small "main street" town. Instead he said he sees too much development not within walking distance and too many empty buildings downtown.

"A town should be more than

just bars up and down the Strip," he said.

Even though he doesn't know any southern Illinois politics, Lucas recently became a deputy registrar in Jackson County because he believes it is important to vote and be involved in the political process.

"I think everyone should get involved, get out there and vote and get themselves heard," he said.

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"There's a really interesting diversity of topics that should make a very exciting targeted month," he said.

Smoot said the events start Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Old Main lounge.

John Hope Franklin, a leading black historian, will be honored for his contributions to black history, she said.

Smoot said an additional lecture would be given by Psyche Williams-Forsen, professor of American studies at the University of Maryland, Feb. 19 from 7-9 p.m. in the Mississippi Room of the Student Center.

Williams-Forsen will be discussing her recent book "Building Houses out of Chicken Legs: Black Women, Food, and Power."

Smoot said the book discusses different ways black women use their power.

Bakari Kitwana will be giving a lecture Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. in the Lent Auditorium in Neckers Hall.

Smoot said Kitwana will discuss his books, including "Why White Kids

Love Hip Hop: Wangstas, Wiggers, Wannabes, and the New Reality of Race in America."

Smoot said three students would attempt to rap before Kitwana starts his lecture.

"What we've tried to do with this year's program is have something for everyone," Smoot said.

Black History Month grew out of Negro History Week, started by Carter G. Woodson in 1926.

Smoot said Woodson tried to bring to light the many contributions of black people throughout American history. At the time, black people were not put into history books, and so Woodson tried to show the things they had done, Smoot said.

The weeklong remembrance grew into a month-long in 1976, she said. Smoot said black history is honored for one month nationally, but she said it never really ends.

"As far as I'm concerned, every month is black history month," she said.

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Black History Month selected events

Feb. 1
'Kick-off' reception, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Student Center Old Main Lounge

Feb. 1 - 13
Photo exhibition by Fern Logan,
Student Center Art Alley

Feb. 7
Keynote address by Manning Marable, director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies, 7 p.m., Student Center Auditorium

Feb. 9
Old school film night, 6:30 p.m., Faner Hall, Harry T. Moore Auditorium

Feb. 15
Lecture by Timothy L. Smoot, 7 p.m., Student Center Kaskaskia Missouri Room. 'So You Want to be an Entrepreneur?'

Feb. 16
Lecture by Robert A. Ketchens, 6:30 p.m., Lawson Hall room 141. 'Displaced, Disbursed, and Then Dissed'

Feb. 17
Black Repertoire Theatre production of 'Mr. and Mrs. Dred Scott,' 7 p.m., Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater

Feb. 19
Lecture by Psyche A. Williams-Forsen, 7 p.m., Student Center Mississippi Room. 'Building Houses Out of Chicken Legs: Black Women, Food and Power'

Feb. 21
SIUC Knowledge Bowl competition, 7 p.m., Student Center Auditorium

Feb. 22
Lecture by Barbara Tagger, 7 p.m., Student Center Illinois Room. 'How the National Park Service Interprets African American History'

Feb. 24
Finer Womanhood Banquet, 6 p.m., Student Center Ballroom D

Feb. 28
Presentation by the Rev. Joseph Brown, 7 p.m., Lesar Law Building Auditorium. 'A Meditation on Lynching'

McDonald's develops trans-fat-free oil for fries

Dave Carpetner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. has finally selected a new trans-fat-free oil for cooking its famous french fries after years of testing, the fast-food chain said Monday.

While it has developed a healthier new oil, the company is still not saying when it will be used in all 13,700 U.S. restaurants. It already trails competitors in committing to a zero-trans fat oil. Spokesman Walt Riker said the oil is currently in more than 1,200 U.S. restaurants after extensive testing, but he declined to provide details on timing or locations.

"We can confirm that we've got the right oil," he said. "We're phasing it in."

The choice of a new oil comes as McDonald's and others facing a July 1 deadline to begin complying with an ordinance passed by New York City last month making it the first U.S. city to ban all restaurants from using artificial trans fats.

Oak Brook-based McDonald's has said for months it would comply with such a ban and said it would introduce any new oil nationwide rather than have a separate oil for its New York restaurants. But it had not confirmed that testing was complete.

Riker said the new oil is canola-based and includes corn and soy oils.

Addressing long-held concerns that changing the oil could jeopardize the popular taste of its fries, he said: "We're very confident in our test and taste results. We're very confident in what we're hearing back from our customers."

The Chicago Tribune, which first reported McDonald's decision on a new oil Sunday, said the company has tested 18 varieties of oil in more than 50 blends during the last seven years. McDonald's had been under pressure for moving more slowly than smaller rivals Wendy's International Inc. and Yum Brands Inc.'s KFC and Taco Bell to rid its oil of the artery-clogging trans fats.

The \$22-billion company was especially cautious after renegeing within months on a September 2002 pledge to introduce a new oil, citing concerns about changing the taste of its fries.

"It's just taking a little bit of time because as we move forward we don't want to jeopardize the iconic nature of the french fry, which as you know is so very important to our brand," CEO Jim Skinner told an investor conference in New York two months ago.

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OUR WORD

Saluki pride

It's an amazing accomplishment for an athlete to break a world record for this university.

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 Gladstein Invitation 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 Gilreath at 79 feet, 6 inches.

During the invitational, Riley made personal records that qualified her to the finals. Riley's coach John Smith said 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 Amarachi 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 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.



THEIR WORD

Yes, global warming exists; now what?

Peter A. Brown
 MCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

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 whether temperatures are rising enough to portend future woes.

Of course, even if the disputes about the existence or potential ills 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 espousing 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 credentials 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 – no 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 blithely 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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WORDS OVERHEARD

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

Brittany Riley
 SIU thrower
 on her world record weight throw

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 with just her brother and her mother. McWaters returned home, for the second time in 16 months.

Upon entering McWaters' house a heinous smell overwhelmed my senses. Once I took a few steps there was a crunching sound of chinaware, table legs, broken glass and cabinet doors. The refrigerator was face down on the floor. There was so much stuff on the ground the carpet could not be seen.

The sad thing is this house was one of about 1600 houses that had become unrecognizable to its homeowners, mimicking sometimes only the shell of where they used to live. Never have I witnessed a city that had so many houses, areas and neighborhoods in disarray.

But there is virtually no way that any of the rest of us would know this without going there, because all the media coverage has disappeared.

There is no way for you to know that the program I volunteered for has gutted over 170 houses. There's no way to know that the ninth ward,

once the backbone of this jubilant city, got their first FEMA trailer (where displaced homeowners are supposed to temporarily live) one month ago.

There is no way to know that insurance companies provided only \$250,000 in coverage to their clients, which is roughly enough to cover gutting and some remodeling. How is \$250,000 supposed to replace \$400,000-500,000 house? It's because insurance companies only awarded their clients flood damage, not hurricane, and most people only had the base package. But these people are better off than those without insurance.

It's a shame that our government is contemplating sending twenty thousand more soldiers to Iraq, something President Bush considers a "necessity and is vital to the success of the war," when over half of New Orleans population has been displaced and hasn't returned. 1.2 million people evacuated the city and it's suburbs, and only four hundred thousand of them came back, with only two hundred thousand residing in the city of New Orleans itself.

Prioritizing has never been a strong suit for me, but that is completely unacceptable to say about the President of our Country. Soldiers would be better suited swinging sledge hammers 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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Life in Cairo can still exist

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"Have you been to Cairo lately?" This 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 time, that population has dwindled to almost 4,000. Our class was asked to discover why and what can we do to change it?

Cairo is similar to most small town communities. For people from a small town, like me, the situation in Cairo is far from unusual. 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 difficult 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 failure. He has failed in a relationship 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 numerous landlords. However, his past

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does not prevent him from going after and succeeding in a new job. In fact his talents, which were previously 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 convergence of two rivers, making it a site of early development. Many town buildings and mansions were built in the 1800s and have great historical significance. Therefore, with a little investment, Cairo could once again be a bustling town.

We all have similar disappointments like Cairo's, but the question for you is — have you conquered it yet? "Have you been to Cairo lately?"

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Nancy Gianni, right, and her 4-year-old daughter Gigi play as they visit Dr. Ravi Trivedi's office on Jan. 9 in Hoffman Estates. Gianni is the founder of a Down syndrome awareness center called 'Gigi's Playhouse.' She wants to show that people with the condition can have positive lives.

JOHN DZIEKAN
MCCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Groups work to show upside of Down syndrome

Mary Ann Fergus
MCCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Nancy Gianni arrived at her obstetrician's office with fliers 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 how the results of such screenings and subsequent diagnostic tests are often explained and delivered.

The problem, advocates say, is there are few resources to help couples as they face the difficult decisions that can come from such prenatal tests.

"We're being faced with choices that we never had, and information that we don't know what to do with," said Mara Tesler Stein, a Chicago clinical psychologist. "Given the stresses on the medical system and probably the lack of experience of new parents in particular, it's really easy to treat these sort of tests like routine blood work, and it's not routine blood work. It's just not."

About 1 in 733 babies has Down syndrome,

a condition where having an extra chromosome causes mental retardation, certain facial characteristics and health problems, often including serious heart defects.

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 more at 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 during the second trimester; younger women were generally offered screening through blood tests. The new guidelines are aimed at promoting first trimester screening tests, a combination of a blood test and an ultrasound scan measuring the back of the fetus' neck, an exam called nuchal translucency.

Such testing can detect with 80 to 85 percent reliability the likelihood of a fetus with Down syndrome, according to the guidelines.

Those found at increased risk can still undergo chorionic villus sampling or amniocentesis for a definitive diagnosis.

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— Nancy Gianni
founder of Gigi's Playhouse



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Anita Krach, left, plays with her 2-year-old son Michael at their home on Jan. 6 in Streamwood. Michael, who has Down syndrome, receives therapy six times a week and has walked since he was 18 months old, Anita said.

The increased use of such screenings, all voluntary, likely will reduce the number of more invasive, often unnecessary diagnostic tests, said Dr. Deborah Driscoll, lead author of the American College report. Amnions occasionally cause miscarriage.

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.

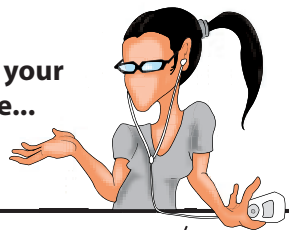
Later that day, the same doctor and a genetic counselor outlined the health problems associated with the condition at every stage of life for Krach and her husband, Michael.

"There was no positive thing that was said," Krach said. "Not one."

As Krach, then 18-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."



Wayne Utterback
DAILY EGYPTIAN

This week in history!

1964

"Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" is dropped on the United States.

1969

The police break up The Beatles' last public performance on the roof of Apple Records in London. Apparently, all you need is a noise complaint.



1982

David Letterman begins his career as a late night host on "Late Night with David Letterman" and tortures audiences with his horrible jokes and crazy guests.

1994

Nirvana's final recording session with the song "You



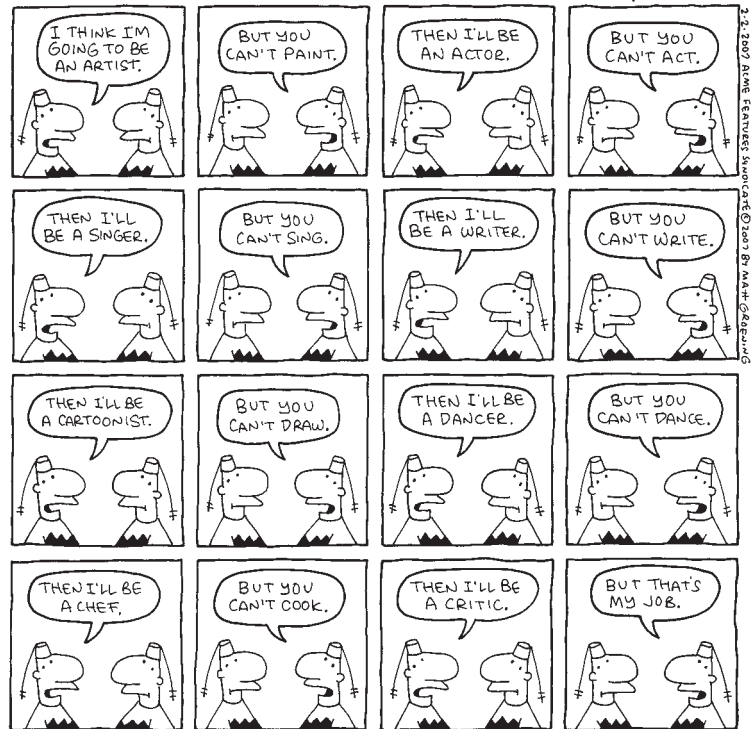
Know You're Right" is completed. The song would later make an appearance on their "Nirvana" hits collection after a lengthy battle between Courtney Love and the guys who actually made the song.

2004

Janet Jackson exposes her breast during the Super Bowl thanks to Justin Timberlake. It was the only year something actually happened at the Super Bowl besides expensive commercials starring talking frogs.

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Weird News

Stories far too strange
for Page 1

Mike Pingree
BOSTON HERALD

I'll never try to kill you again, darling

A Russian banker, on vacation in the Crimea with his wife and two bodyguards, went looking for her one night and found her in a bar with another man. They dragged her back to the hotel, and, after drinking a lot of vodka, put her in a barrel and threw her into the ocean to punish her for her infidelity. She was rescued by passing fishermen. The husband apologized profusely, and persuaded her to drop the charges.

Those babies needed some air, officer

A couple was arrested on the highway in Asheville, N.C., while riding in a stolen car. They caught

the attention of the police because the woman was standing up through the sunroof naked from the waist up.

I believe I was quite suave and charming

Some heavily intoxicated interlopers crashed a wedding in Davidson Mains, Scotland, but, when police arrived to evict them, they were attacked by the groom, of all people. He had consumed "a significant amount of alcohol," and was arrested for throwing wine glasses and a beer keg at them. Appalled at his drunken behavior, the new bride left him and went to live with her family in Dalkeith. The groom is having trouble remembering the incident.

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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504 S. Ash #1 & 2
514 S. Ash #2
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512 S. Beveridge #2-7
514 S. Beveridge #1-7
508 N. Carico
510 N. Carico
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908 N. Carico
306 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #2
404 W. Cherry Court
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703 S. Illinois #202
703 S. Illinois #203
401 S. James
611 W. Kennicott
903 W. Linden
507 1/2 W. Main #B
207 S. Maple
906 W. McDaniel
908 W. McDaniel
300 W. Mill #1-4
405 E. Mill
407 E. Mill
409 E. Mill
411 E. Mill
400 W. Oak #1,3
402 W. Oak #E,W
408 W. Oak
501 W. Oak
507 W. Oak
300 N. Oakland
505 N. Oakland
511 N. Oakland
514 N. Oakland
602 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park
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301 N. Springer #1-4
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919 W. Sycamore
1619 W. Sycamore
404 S. University #N
404 S. University #S
404 1/2 S. University
402 1/2 W. Walnut
504 W. Walnut
820 W. Walnut #2
1004 W. Walkup
406 W. Willow
804 W. Willow

Three Bedroom

503 N. Allyn
607 N. Allyn
609 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 #1-5
509 S. Beveridge #1-5
513 S. Beveridge #1-5
515 S. Beveridge #1-4
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602 N. Oakland
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202 N. Poplar #1
509 S. Rawlings #2-6
519 S. Rawlings #2-5
913 W. Sycamore
1619 W. Sycamore
402 W. Walnut
404 W. Walnut
504 W. Walnut
820 W. Walnut #1, 2
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504 S. Washington
506 S. Washington
406 W. Willow

Four Bedroom

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504 S. Ash #3
508 S. Ash #1
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beveridge
506 S. Beveridge
209 W. Cherry
309 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #1
405 W. Cherry
407 W. Cherry
501 W. Cherry
503 W. Cherry
606 W. Cherry
614 W. Cherry
300 E. College
312 W. College #3
401 W. College #1-4
807 W. College
809 W. College
305 Crestview
502 W. Freeman
104 S. Forest
511 S. Forest
603 S. Forest
500 S. Hays
503 S. Hays
505 S. Hays
507 S. Hays #1
509 S. Hays #1
212 W. Hospital
610 S. Logan
507 S. Main #1
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408 W. Oak
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402 W. Walnut
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504 S. Washington
606 S. University

Five Bedroom

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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5	9	4	8	1	2	6	7	3
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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - You're facing one of those questions that requires mulling over. Don't be impatient. Wait, and the answer may come to you in a dream.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Ask questions and listen carefully. Friends can show you what needs to be done. No need to re-invent the wheel. Use one you already have.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 9 - OK, you can proceed. Ask for exactly what you want. Let them know what you can provide. Create a new position and new opportunities for yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - You're in a more powerful position now, but don't get cocky. Make contacts with somebody who's far away to provide whatever's needed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - A carefully calculated move now puts money in the bank. Don't broadcast your intentions; just do what needs to be done.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You know a lot but you don't have to know everything. Thankfully, you have other people who can do what you can't, or won't.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Be especially polite to an important person now. You could get a very interesting assignment for your efforts.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Set the hook. Don't hesitate; believe that it can be done. Positive attitude is not an option, it's required.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Pay your bills in such a way that you have a little left over. You need to get a special item for your home, and family. It's one of life's small luxuries, and you know what it is.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Show lots of appreciation to a person who's helping you. Leave bigger tips to the people who work to serve you, too. You need them.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - More work needs to be done, and this is the hands-on kind. That also includes writing proposals and applying for grants. Make more money come in.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You're lucky now, and could make a very important connection. You're very attractive, too, so go for what you want. Don't just sit there, thinking about it. Take action.

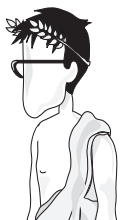
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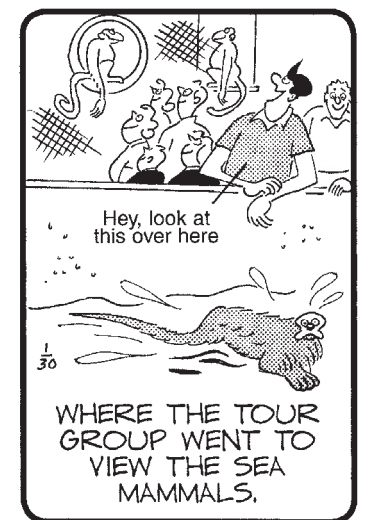
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: BIPED GULCH SUBMIT TURNIP
 Answer: What the former artist did when he returned to the easel — "BRUSHED" UP

SOFTBALL

Ready to go

Salukis look to continue fall success in spring

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 good 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 Tiffanie Dismore and Krystal Stein figure to be key contributors.

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

Dismore said the different environment is a tough adjustment at times.

"There's no grass so it isn't as realistic because we're fielding on the soccer field," Dismore said. "But overall I think we're ready for the season to start."

Her counterpart Stein, who started 42 games in center field, finished fourth in the Missouri Valley Conference in batting average. Stein was named to the all-tournament team at the Ole Miss Rebel Classic in 2006.

Stein said the indoor practices are helpful because the team can get mentally ready for the rigors of the regular season.

"Just because we have to come inside doesn't mean we aren't working hard," Stein 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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IDOL

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SIU now sits in second place in the Missouri Valley Conference, one game behind Illinois State, and own a six-game winning streak.

Attendance has followed the upward arc of the team but could still climb higher.

Boldt said the team has consistently played in front of 700 to 900 people this season, up from 200 to 300-person crowds of the past.

Mike Trude, the athletic department's promotions and marketing director, said there was still room for improvement.

"Attendance this year has been better," Trude said. "I'm never going to say it's good but it is getting better. Little by little, it's getting better."

A Wednesday phone conversation between Trude and a representative of Mediacom offered a pleasant surprise, he said.

"Mediacom wants to get involved and do some more commercials for the women's program and the last three or four games that they have, so that's phenomenal," Trude said.

"Saluki Idol" is not the only marketing strategy the team has used to draw in fans this season.

The team's sell-out promotion drew a women's record 3,367 fans to the SIU Arena for a Nov. 12 game with Missouri. The crowd smashed the previous attendance high of 2,003 set in 1989.

Athletic Director Mario Moccia said he was glad to see the team's initiative in selling its games. He also said they might have chosen the right tune.

"With the popularity of that show, it's very smart to do something like that," Moccia said.

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PATRICK TEHAN ~ McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Hailey 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.

New wave of women

By Elliott Almond
McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

SAN JOSE, Calif. — It's supposed to be the emblem of minivan-driving soccer moms, not big-wave-charging surfers. Yet there was Naomi Gerhardt, tucked beneath four millimeters of neoprene, in the belly of mother Sarah last February at the infamous break Mavericks near Half Moon Bay.

"You are the youngest surfer to ever catch a wave at Mavericks," Gerhardt told 3-month-old Naomi recently. "What do you think about that?"

Naomi probably won't know for a few years. But some young female surfers think plenty about Gerhardt and what she means to their future as serious waterwomen.

The Cabrillo College chemistry professor has helped inspire a new wave of women to paddle into the once-male sanctuary of extreme surfing. Only about 20 women worldwide venture into super-sized surf — waves that measure more than 20 feet on their faces.

And though there are few big-wave career opportunities for even the men, more and more women are being drawn to the dangerous sport because of the exploits of such adrenaline junkies as Gerhardt and fellow Santa Cruz surfers Jenny Useldinger and Jamilah Star.

Central coast teenagers Savannah Shaughnessy, 17, and Sierra Partridge, 18, lack the necessary experience to try Mavericks this winter, but they want to join the exclusive club someday.

"It's a pretty macho atmosphere, but these girls have worked their way up the ranks," said Evan Slater, an accomplished Mavericks rider and editor at Surfing magazine. "They are used to dealing with a bunch of big-wave, manly men."

Santa Cruz is so steeped in that culture that nine of the 24 contestants in the men's Mavericks Surf Contest come from there.

But until Gerhardt arrived in 1998, no woman had tried to conquer the monster waves that break a half mile offshore near Half Moon Bay. Her feats inspired Useldinger, who now gets her big-wave fix in Hawaii most of the year.

"We spend our whole lives with the boys telling us we can't," said Useldinger, 21, the first woman to surf a treacherous break called Dungeons in South Africa. "When you see another female doing it, it's like, Oh, I can do that."

Most surfers tackle giant swells for the amusement-park thrill ride or for bragging rights. Gerhardt, 32, did it to escape.

Surfing transported her "to a totally peaceful world," where she could forget the difficulties of caring for her mother, who used a wheelchair, while growing up in Pismo Beach.

Their pursuit has spawned a women's category in the Billabong XXL Big Wave Awards, a lucrative competition to see who gets photographed riding the winter's biggest wave. Jamilah Star, who like Useldinger lives primarily in Hawaii, is the two-time defending champion for her conquests at Mavericks.

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"That's a tough one. Nobody seems interested in winning this division. The Nets are the most likely to win, but it is not something I would lay money down in Vegas for. I'm going to go out on a limb and claim that zero of the teams in the division will win the conference."

"For me, it's sad the Knicks aren't where they should be: last place, because the Bulls own their '07 draft pick. But it shouldn't come as a surprise that Isiah Thomas is coaching that team better than Larry Brown did. Brown couldn't have known what to do with 15 shoot-first point guards...at least Isiah had an idea. But the Nets should win it."

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"The Washington Generals. Oh, those bums aren't in it? How about the New York Nationals? Man, with all these losers around it's tough to pick a winner. I know who won't win: NBA fans. Good thing only two teams sit out of the NBA postseason. What a joke."

STATS OF THE WEEK

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SIU BASKETBALL

In their last two games, both wins for the Salukis, the SIU men's basketball team has forced 48 turnovers, while turning the ball over only 20 times themselves.



Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Bonds, Giants finally complete deal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants completed a \$15.8 million, one-year contract Monday night after the slugger spent hours at the ballpark being examined by team doctors.

A baseball official confirmed the deal, speaking on condition of anonymity because the club had not yet announced it.

The contract was finalized nearly two months after the sides reached agreement on financial terms Dec. 7, the final day of baseball's winter meetings. Bonds had to pass a physical, and the parties had to work out complicated language regarding Bonds' behavior and what would happen if the slugger were to be indicted.

A federal grand jury is investigating whether Bonds perjured himself when he testified in 2003 in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution case that he hadn't knowingly taken any performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds waved, yelled "hello, hello" and smiled as he left the stadium Monday and drove away, with agent Jeff Borris in the passenger seat. Borris did not immediately return calls from The Associated Press.

The 42-year-old Bonds begins the 2007 season with 734 home runs, 22 from breaking Hank Aaron's career record of 755.

No charges in case of threats against American Indian at U of I

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — Charges will not be filed against University of Illinois students accused of threatening an American Indian student on a Web page devoted to the school's Chief Illiniwek mascot, police and a prosecutor said Monday.

University police investigating the threats made late last year on a Web page dedicated to the mascot on the social-networking Web site Facebook had earlier this month asked the Champaign County State's Attorney's Office to evaluate the case.

"Our opinion is there are no charges to be filed," State's Attorney Julia Rietz said. One posting on the Chief Illiniwek-related Web page included a posting that read "I say we throw a tomahawk into her face," in reference to the American Indian student.

To merit criminal charges, such a threat would have to have been made directly to the student — via an e-mail message to her, for instance — rather than in a forum that amounts to conversation, Rietz said.

Grossman accustomed to criticism after taking Bears to Super Bowl

MIAMI (AP) — Rex Grossman's baseball cap was on backward and there was some beard stubble on his face. Less than a week before the Super Bowl, the Chicago Bears quarterback was relaxed and at ease.

"I'm having a blast," he said Monday. Grossman was thoughtful as he answered questions during a press conference. After all, there's practically nothing he hasn't been asked this season. He's absorbed criticism, heard the calls to bench him and then did enough to help the Bears get to the NFL title game.

"When I was drafted, one of the first things that people told me was that the backup quarterback was the most popular player in town," he joked.

Despite Grossman's up-and-down season — excellent at times, abysmal at others — the Bears still won 15 games and earned a date with the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday. That's where he'll really be in the spotlight, playing the same position as Peyton Manning.

"I would love to play more consistent so that they know what to expect, everyone knows what to expect. I know I can do that," Grossman said.

"In my first full season I've had about 12 games, including the playoffs, I'm really proud of. And about six — five or six — that I'm really not proud of. They were bad. I need to work on those six games, but I'm happy where I'm at. I'm at the Super Bowl!"

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 31	Indiana State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 3	Wichita State	1:05 p.m.
Feb. 7	Bradley	7:35 p.m.
Feb. 10	Creighton	5:05 p.m.
Feb. 13	Missouri State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 17	ESPN Bracket Busters	TBA
Feb. 21	Indiana State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 24	Evansville	TBA
Mar. 1	MVC Tournament	TBA
Mar. 2	MVC Tournament	TBA
Mar. 3	MVC Tournament	TBA
Mar. 4	MVC Tournament	TBA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Feb. 2	Indiana State	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Illinois State	1:05 p.m.
Feb. 9	Bradley	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 11	UNI	2:05 p.m.
Feb. 16	Drake	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 18	Creighton	3:05 p.m.
Feb. 25	Evansville	2:05 p.m.
Mar. 1	Missouri State	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 3	Wichita State	2:05 p.m.
Mar. 8	MVC Tournament	TBA
Mar. 9	MVC Tournament	TBA
Mar. 10	MVC Tournament	TBA
Mar. 11	MVC Tournament	TBA

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

BracketBusters announced

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

The SIU men's basketball team was chosen to play at No. 13 Butler as part of ESPN's BracketBusters, which was announced Monday on the O'Reilly ESPNU 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 Millsap of Louisiana Tech was the high scorer in the Feb. 18, 2006 contest, scoring 25 points on 9-of-14 shooting. Millsap 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 digits, including their top scorer this season, junior guard A.J. Graves. Graves is scoring 18.8 points per game in 2006-07.

"It's an important game for both schools," Lowery said. "But our most important priority right now is our conference race. We have to focus on playing Indiana State on

Wednesday night."

SIU defeated now No. 16 Virginia Tech, 69-64, at the Old Spice Classic Nov. 26, while 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 ESPN2 or ESPNU Feb. 16 and 17. The schedules are 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 is 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.

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TEAM STATS	SIU	OPP
Points per game	63.6	56.5
Field goal %	45.4	42.2
3-point %	36.9	35.7
Free throw %	69.6	71.7
Rebounds per game	29.4	28.1
Assists per game	12.3	9.9
Steals per game	7.1	6.6

TEAM STATS	BUT	OPP
Points per game	68.2	56.2
Field goal %	42.6	40.1
3-point %	35.6	34.0
Free throw %	77.0	65.6
Rebounds per game	30.4	32.0
Assists per game	12.0	9.7
Steals per game	5.5	3.6

MVC BracketBusters Games	
Game dates and times will be announced Feb. 5	
• Bradley at Virginia Commonwealth	• Northern Iowa at Nevada
• Creighton vs. Drexel	• SIU at Butler
• Missouri State vs. Winthrop	• Wichita State vs. Appalachian State



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Junior forward Randal Falker tips in a rebound in the second half of the Salukis' win over Illinois State on Saturday at the SIU Arena.

SOFTBALL



MELISSA BARR ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jayme Wamsley practices bunting Monday afternoon at Sports Blast. The Saluki softball team has been practicing indoors in preparation for their Feb. 9 opener in Jacksonville, Fla. For story, see **READY TO GO**, Page 14

Marketing a winner

'Saluki Idol' latest promotion for women's basketball

D.W. Norris
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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

The Saluki 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.

"In 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 ratchet up attendance at women's games.

The first step for the team was finding harmony after struggling for wins

in coach Dana Eikenberg's first two seasons. Now, with her own players filling the roster, Eikenberg's Salukis (12-8, 8-1 MVC) have been singing a different tune on the court. The team already surpassed last season's 10-win total, its best record since the 1996-1997 season.

SIU now sits in second place

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