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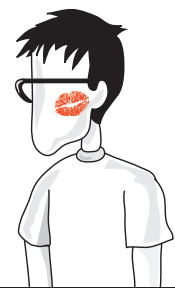
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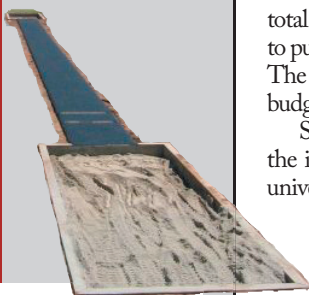
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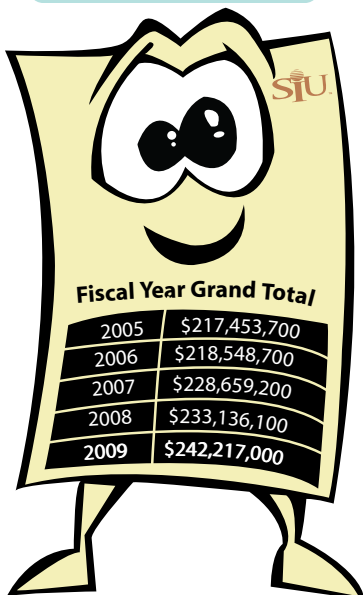
Daniel Becker, a first year graduate student from Loami, Ill., studying horticulture, waits for customers at his peach stand in front of the Agriculture Building Monday afternoon. Becker hand-picked the peaches at the horticulture research center and sells them for \$6 a half-peck, or \$10 a full peck. Becker said it is hard for local growers to compete with the prices of bigger operations, but his peaches are worth the extra money. Becker is selling the Red Haven peaches right now, and the New Haven variety will be ripe in a couple of weeks. 'Red Haven peaches are one of the best tasting varieties,' Becker said.

SIU's operating budget increases 2.8 percent

University receives most government funding in seven years, keeps salaries safe

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU operating budget



Source: University Records
Pablo Tobon ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU had its budget bolstered after Gov. Rod Blagojevich approved the largest operating increase for state universities in seven years.

The university will receive a total increase of about \$9 million from the total \$37 million increase being allocated to public universities for operational costs. The 2.8 percent increase in operating budget is the largest in seven years.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the increase saved jobs and allowed the university to maintain its staff.

"I told the individual schools to prepare a worst case scenario budget in case the budget remained flat or was cut," Poshard said. "The fact we were able to come up with that amount of money helps us tremendously."

Poshard said a budget cut was expected and would have caused layoffs, but he added he was pleasantly surprised state government officials were

persuaded about the importance of funding higher education.

Of the \$230.5 million operating budget, \$205 million will be used to pay salaries and personal services. The rest of the money will be used for insurance, travel and equipment among other services.

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— Glenn Poshard
SIU president

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Bryson set to retire after 53 years at university

Administrator diversified SIUC

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Seymour Bryson has been in the business of diversifying SIU for the last 53 years.

He started as one of the first few black basketball players to letter at SIUC and plans on ending as associate chancellor for diversity when he officially retires Sept. 1. In between the 53 years from running the floor to running offices, Bryson earned three degrees, served as a dean and oversaw more than nine programs, including affirmative action and career preparation.

Seymour Bryson



"I'm trying to give back to the individuals that helped me so much along the way."

— Seymour Bryson

SIUC administrator with multiple titles

Bryson said he has enjoyed his time at the university, but that it is time to enjoy the other half of life.

"You should plan two things in life. You should plan to get something done and then plan to enjoy it," Bryson said. "So now it's my time to enjoy it."

Bryson said it was his goal to help the legacy SIU has of being diverse and tried to accomplish that through numerous positions throughout his career. He is the former president of the Carbondale chapter for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, former chair of the Diversifying Faculty Initiative and currently works in the Center for Academic Success.

He also holds three governor-appointed positions for the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, the African American Family Commission and the State Use Commission.

Bryson said his contributions through so many different positions was his way of giving back to the university he said gave so much to him.

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LUKE MCCANN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ryan Hutton explains the injuries he received after being almost fully paralyzed from a car accident in 2001. For more than two years, Hutton has received physical therapy through the Center for Comprehensive Services in Carbondale.

Center offers unique treatment for brain injuries

Justin Lange
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After a near fatal car accident in 2001, Ryan Hutton's life was temporarily put on hold. Having suffered several physical injuries and brain trauma, Hutton was left without the use of much of his lower body.

After years of rehabilitation, therapy, and supported living at the Center for Comprehensive Services, Hutton is regaining his mobility and obtaining the skills needed to take back his independence.

The CCS, located at 306 W. Mill St., is devoted to rehabilitating individuals having suffered traumatic brain injuries. It was the first post-hospital treatment center to offer this kind of care.

"Folks from all over the United States are coming here," said Chris Williamson, program director for the center and SIUC graduate with a master's degree in rehabilitation administration and service.

Williamson said the CCS has a history with close ties to the university. Speech-language pathologist Kathy Fralish and two other graduate students founded the CCS in 1977 after an insurance company came to the university and asked if they could provide help for four injured workers living in a nursing home.

In 1998, MENTOR ABI, a corporation based in Boston specializing in care for brain-injury patients, purchased the center. Williamson said since the buyout, the CCS has been able to oversee the treatment of individuals outside the region. MENTOR ABI currently has facilities in over 10 states including Calif., Fla. and several in the Midwest.

With 25 living facilities in Carbondale and a staff of over 500, the CCS is able to serve more than 150 participants at a time. Williamson said while individual treatment plans differ, the center has programs ranging from four months to a year and also provides supported living, which can last decades.

Aside from providing cognitive and physical therapy, CCS offers a wide variety of assistance including job coaching and teaching participants finance management. It also provides chances for participants to re-enter the community. Williamson said the center organizes several trips and events so that participants can get used to the things others often take for granted.

Williamson said the CCS has a staff of committed, caring individuals, several of them from the university. Speech-lan-

Services provided by the Center for Comprehensive Services:

- Physical therapy
- Speech language pathology
- Cognitive therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Behavior therapy
- Medication management
- Neuropsychological consultation
- Medical consulting
- Case management
- Life skills therapy
- Individualized counseling
- Structured day rehab
- Community reintegration
- Vocational/productive activities
- Leisure
- Nursing
- 24-hour emergency on call support
- 24-hour nursing

Source: Chris Williamson, CCS program director
Pablo Tobon ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

guage pathologist and SIUC graduate Johnna Devin currently works in the neuro-rehabilitation program at the center. In her position, she is able to help participants cultivate cognitive thinking and reasoning skills and aid in speech therapy.

"It's very fulfilling because you get to see people get better and back into their lives," said Devin. "To help them get back to something that is very meaningful to them and very productive is the goal."

Case manager Robert Williams is another SIUC graduate making a difference at the center. While attending the university as a graduate student, Williams works with the clinical team to develop programs that will be most beneficial to a specific participant. He also involves himself with the participants and their families to assure they are getting the most from their treatment at the center.

Williams said while Carbondale area has been a great atmosphere for the

center, he feels the community needs to approve its awareness for those with disabilities.

"I think it's important for the public in general to be aware of what a brain injury is and what a person has to go through to overcome that," Williams said.

Hutton, a 25-year-old originally from Indianapolis, said he appreciates the CCS staff and enjoys completing his treatment in a community setting rather than in a hospital. He said that receiving treatment in a community would better prepare him for the day he can move out on his own.

"What's the point of molding you into a person trying to get back into the community if they shut you up into a hospital 24/7? It just doesn't work," Hutton said.

Over the past couple years he has made a substantial improvement from his condition after the accident. He looks forward to re-entering the workforce and getting a place of his own.

Students, administrators hammer out 'green' fee

Fee not likely to be in place before next year

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bear hugs, laughter and elated phone calls filled the room in April when members of the Student Environmental Center learned the student body voted overwhelmingly in support of the "green" fee.

But now, for those students, the celebration is over.

It's time to get down to business. Namely the business of working with administrators to implement the \$10 student fee for environmental sustainability projects and research grants, as well as forming the sustainability council mentioned in the Project Eco-Dawgs proposal.

Megan Pulliam, a co-coordinator for Project Eco-Dawgs, said she participates in a committee of students and administrators organized by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz.

Interim Chancellor Sam Goldman asked Dietz to organize the committee to hammer out the details of the proposal.

Pulliam said negotiations are going well, although it has become clear that students will not have total authority over money generated by the fee.

"You can't say officially students have complete control because obviously, the Board (of Trustees) does," said Pulliam, a former student member of the board.

But she said students — particularly student members of the sustainability council — would have a voice in how the money is spent.

SEC members wrote in a DAILY EGYPTIAN letter to the editor in April that students would make up two-thirds of the funding committee responsible for allocating the money.

Pulliam and others have pushed

the proposal for months. When SEC members tried to get the fee included as a referendum on Undergraduate Student Government ballots in April, USG and its then-President Demetrous White shot them down.

So SEC members collected more than 1,600 signatures to get their fee on the ballot. After an extensive campaign, they were vindicated when students supported the fee, 996-372.

Interim Provost Don Rice said he has talked about the fee with Goldman and other administrators, but the discussion was a brief one.

Pulliam requested Rice attend the committee's next meeting, at which she hoped the sustainability coordinator position would be discussed in greater detail.

Discussion about the fee would most likely take place in Executive Session of the Board of Trustees' meetings, said White, who now serves as Student Trustee. During these sessions, which are not open to the press or public, board members discuss the philosophy behind decisions, debate and explore options.

White said he needed to be better informed before participating in these talks.

But he said he would support the fee and council as they are now proposed.

"The students voted for it so absolutely, I would push for it," White said.

Pulliam said she believed the administrators would not try to "hijack" the fee, as some of its opponents had feared.

"I definitely think the administrators aren't trying to be enemies in this," she said.

Pulliam said she hoped to see the council formed during the fall semester, but doubted the board would vote on the fee before April.

System-Wide Internal Search

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

President Poshard is initiating a search internal to the Southern Illinois University system for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs to succeed Dr. John Haller, who retires December 31. The Vice President for Academic Affairs reports directly to the President, the chief executive officer for the University.

The Vice President functions as the chief academic officer of the University, providing leadership to the campus academic Vice Chancellors, consultation to campus Chancellors, and support to the President on all academic matters. He or she is the University's spokesperson and representative in discussing academic programs with the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). The Vice President also staffs the Academic Matters Committee of the SIU Board of Trustees. For a more detailed job announcement, please visit this web site: <http://www.siu.edu/~affact>.

Qualifications: *Required:* A successful candidate will have received tenure at the rank of Professor within the University. *Preferred:* Administrative experience at a campus or central level within a complex university which offers a range of programs through the doctorate; familiarity with current national dialogue on education issues; and, some acquaintance with academic policymaking at the State level.

For fullest consideration, nominations or applications should be received by August 1, 2008. Responsibilities will begin in October 2008. The salary is competitive. Submit a cover letter, resume, and list of at least four references (electronic submittal is encouraged) to:

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Obama in Iraq: Withdrawal support but no timetable

**Brian Murphy and
Qassim Abdul-Zahra**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Face to face with Iraq's leaders, Barack Obama gained fresh support Monday for the idea of pulling all U.S. combat forces out of the war zone by 2010. But the Iraqis stopped short of actual timetables or endorsement of Obama's pledge to withdraw American troops within 16 months if he wins the presidency.

The Democratic presidential contender also got a military briefing — and a helicopter tour — from the top U.S. commander in the region, Gen. David Petraeus, and he met with a few of the nearly 150,000 U.S. troops now well into the war's sixth year.

Back in the U.S., Republican rival John McCain said he hoped Obama's visit would open his eyes to the danger of withdrawal timetables. Said the Arizona senator, who was meeting with President Bush's father, the former president, in Maine: "When you win wars, troops come home." He said of Obama: "He's been completely wrong on the issue."

In Washington, the White House expressed displeasure with recent public comments by Iraqi leaders on the withdrawal question and suggested they might have the U.S. election on their minds.

As Obama visited Iraq for the first time in more than two years, comments Monday by the nation's government spokesman roughly mirrored the Illinois senator's withdrawal schedule and offered a glimpse

of Iraq's growing confidence as violence drops and Iraqi security forces expand their roles.

"We are hoping that in 2010 that combat troops will withdraw from Iraq," spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said after Obama met with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki — who has struggled for days to clarify Iraq's position on a possible timetable for a U.S. troop pullout.

Iraq's Sunni vice president, Tariq al-Hashemi, said after meeting Obama that Iraqi leaders share "a common interest ... to schedule the withdrawal of American troops."

"I'd be happy if we reach an agreement to say, for instance, the 31st of December 2010" would mark the departure of the last U.S. combat unit, he said — then noted that any such goal could be revised depending on threats and the pace of training for Iraqi security forces. That date would be some seven months later than Obama's 16-month timeline.

Obama said almost nothing to reporters as he walked to and from his meetings.

"Excellent conversation," he said as he left talks with al-Hashemi in his gold-hued reception room. "Very constructive," he said after leaving a meeting with al-Maliki.

Obama promised to give fuller impressions after his stop in Iraq wraps up Tuesday and he heads to Jordan and then Israel.

In Washington, the White House expressed unhappiness about Iraqi leaders' apparent public backing for Obama's troop withdrawal plans and suggested the Iraqis may be trying to use the

“We don't think that talking about specific negotiating tactics or your negotiating position in the press is the best way to negotiate a deal.”

— Dana Perino
White House press secretary
for President George W. Bush



LORIE JEWELL ~MCCCLATCHYTRIBUNE

Gen. David H. Petraeus greets Sen. Barack Obama as he arrives at Baghdad International Airport before they depart for the International Zone in Iraq.

U.S. presidential election as leverage for negotiations on America's presence and future obligations in the country.

"We don't think that talking about specific negotiating tactics or your negotiating position in the press is the best way to negotiate a deal," Perino said after al-Maliki was quoted in a magazine article supporting the 16-month troop withdrawal timeline proposed by Obama. Al-Maliki's spokesman, al-Dabbagh, initially appeared to try to discredit the magazine report but on Monday newly expressed hopes that U.S. combat forces could be out of Iraq by 2010.

Said Perino: "It will not be a date that you just pluck out of thin air. It will not be something that Americans say, 'We're going to do — we're going to leave at this

date,' which is what some have suggested."

The Bush administration has refused to set specific troop level targets but last week offered to discuss a "general time horizon" for a U.S. combat troop exit.

Asked whether the Iraqis might be trying to use the U.S. presidential election for leverage in negotiations over the future of the American military mission in Iraq, she said, "I think that a lot of other people look through the lens of a 2008 presidential election. ... Might they be? Sure. I mean, it's possible."

This is the third leg of Obama's tour of the region, which has included stops in Kuwait and Afghanistan.

The counterpoint was clear: Obama opposed the Iraq war from the start and views the battle against the resurgent Taliban and al-Qaida

in Afghanistan as America's most critical fight.

But Iraq is not the same place as when Obama last visited in January 2006.

Both Sunni insurgents, including al-Qaida in Iraq, and Shiite militias have suffered significant blows. And security forces in Baghdad — once the scene of near daily car bombs and sectarian killings — have made clear gains since last year's troop build-up of nearly 30,000 soldiers.

In an interview Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America," McCain said he hoped Obama would now "have the opportunity to see the success of the surge."

"This is the same strategy that he voted against, railed against," McCain said. "He was wrong about the surge. It is succeeding and we are winning."

Beijing works well under car restrictions

Anita Chang
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — Traffic flowed a little smoother. Busy avenues had fewer cars. By nightfall, even the hazy sky had mostly cleared.

So went the first workday under a government-imposed plan to reduce Beijing's foul air pollution before the start of next month's Olympics.

Millions of commuters turned to subways, buses and car pools as the strict program sought to take half of Beijing's 3.3 million cars off the road.

In parts of the city, traffic was visibly lighter than on other workdays.

"There were much fewer vehicles on the airport expressway, and I could drive much faster," said civil servant Lin Kai, shaving with an electric razor while sitting in his parked car.

He said he bought a new bicycle because of the restrictions and would try to pedal to work a few times a week despite the summer

heat and the hour-long ride.

The two-month operation that began Sunday bans cars with odd-numbered license plates one day, even-numbered plates the next. The ambitious attempt to ensure "blue sky days" by the time 10,500 athletes and 500,000 visitors arrive for the Aug. 8-24 Olympics includes construction cutbacks and factory closures.

Those caught driving on days they should not will be fined \$14, a stiff penalty even for Beijing. It wasn't known how many tickets were issued; phones rang unanswered all day at the police traffic management bureau.

Sun Weide, spokesman for Beijing's Olympic organizing committee, said the plan should reduce vehicle emissions by 63 percent. The emissions are a major cause of the thick, gray-brown haze that often hides the city's skyline.

Changes in air quality will be monitored by experts from the city's environmental protection bureau, which has 27 survey stations around

Beijing and another 18 in Olympic venues, according to the state-run Beijing Times newspaper.

So far, "the air in the city is good, the density of pollutants has fallen," the report said, citing the bureau. But it will take at least 20 days for results to be conclusive, deputy director Du Shaozhong was cited as saying.

Foreign experts said the plan could still go wrong because unpredictable winds might blow pollution from other provinces into Beijing, or a lack of wind — common in August — could allow local pollution to build up.

"For about 20 years, they have gotten rid of coal-burning in the city, but in the surrounding provinces, coal-burning has increased, so there are some things outside of the purview of the blue sky plan," said Jennifer Turner, director of the China Environment Forum at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington. "There could be pollutants from outside the city blowing in."

Truckers causing fatalities

Hope Yen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Tractor-trailer and bus drivers in the United States have suffered seizures, heart attacks or unconscious spells behind the wheel that led to deadly crashes on highways. Hundreds of thousands of drivers carry commercial licenses even though they also qualify for full federal disability payments, according to a new U.S. safety study obtained by The Associated Press.

The problems threatening highway travelers persist despite years of government warnings and hundreds of deaths and injuries blamed on commercial truck and bus drivers who blacked out, collapsed or suffered major health problems behind the wheels of vehicles that can weigh 40 tons or more.

The U.S. agency responsible for cracking down on unfit truckers, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, acknowl-

edges it hasn't completed any of eight recommendations that U.S. safety regulators have proposed since 2001. One would set minimum standards for officials who determine whether truckers are medically safe to drive. Another would prevent truckers from "doctor shopping" to find a physician who might overlook a risky health condition. It's unclear whether any of the eight recommendations will be done before President Bush leaves office.

"We have a major public safety problem, and we haven't corrected it," said Gerald Donaldson, senior research director at the Washington-based Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, whose members include consumer, health and safety groups and insurance companies. "You have an agency that is favorably disposed to maintaining the integrity of the industry's economic situation."

Truckers violating federal medical rules have been caught in every state.

WASHINGTON

Salmonella strain found in jalapenos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government inspectors finally have a big clue in the nationwide salmonella outbreak: They found the same bacteria on a single Mexican-grown jalapeno pepper handled by a small Texas produce shipper.

But Monday's discovery doesn't solve the mystery: Authorities don't know where the pepper became tainted — on the farm, or in the plant in McAllen, Texas.

PORTUGAL

Attorney general closes case of missing British girl

LISBON (AP) — Portugal's attorney general ordered police Monday to halt their investigation into the disappearance of British girl Madeleine McCann because detectives uncovered no evidence of a crime during their 14-month probe.

The case will remain closed unless new evidence emerges, Attorney-General Fernando Pinto Monteiro's office said.

FLORIDA

Grandmother says mom should be free

ORLANDO (AP) — The grandmother of a 2-year-old girl missing since early June said Monday the girl's mother, jailed after police said she failed to report the disappearance for more than a month, knows who has the toddler.

A lawyer for the Orlando girl's mother, Casey Anthony, said his client wants to help investigators and urged authorities to release her.

WASHINGTON

Men found sleeping on stolen hammock

MONROE (AP) — Police say a trail of pillows and backpacks led to two sleeping men who were arrested after a department store break-in. Kyle Burrell, 25, and Allen Pierce, 27, have been charged with second-degree burglary.

Police spokeswoman Debbie Willis says a break-in was discovered July 9 at a Fred Meyer department store northeast of Seattle. The two were still being held on bail Monday.

SERBIA

Radovan Karadzic arrested in Serbia

BELGRADE (AP) — Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, a war crimes fugitive and one of the world's most wanted men, was arrested on Monday evening in a sweep by Serbian security forces, the country's president said.

Karadzic has been indicted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal for former Yugoslavia for genocide during the 1992-95 Bosnian war. He has been hiding since 1998.

Program brings budding readers into bloom

'I Can Read' Volunteers are a big help to kids

Allison Huber
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A paper flower garden of brightly colored daisies sprang out of Attucks Park as community members celebrated the culmination of this summer's "I Can Read" program.

In the center of the flowers were books including "Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing," "Junie B. Jones," "Harry Potter" and "How My Family Lives in America," amongst other favorites read by children enrolled in the six-week program that concluded Thursday.

Although "I Can Read" participants cut out paper flowers and made "Soil Sammys" — little grass-headed creatures made of pantyhose, dirt, and seeds — what the program is designed to grow is stronger reading skills.

Volunteer workers seeking to instill children with a love for reading met with kids four times a week at the Eurma C. Hayes Center to read, play games, make crafts, eat snacks and listen to guest speakers. The program also gave kids the opportunity to enjoy being outdoors on field trips, such as an excursion to the "Boo" Rochman Memorial Castle Park.

Alicia McIntosh, the summer program coordinator, said that many different members of the community, including police, firefighters, and nurses, visited with the kids about their professions during "Who Are the People in Our Community?" week. Other themes in the program were Readers' Theatre, We're Going Places, Watch Us Grow, Poetry, and Fairy Tales.

"I Can Read" started as a free after-school program for kindergarten through 5th-grade students in District 95, but community donations made it possible for the program to continue into the summer.

Margaret Nesbitt, an organizer for the program and member of the Attucks' Class of '48, said it was a positive experience for the children to have a summer reading program.



LUKE McCANN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Alicia McIntosh guides children of the Learning to Read program during a water balloon toss at Attucks Park Friday, July 18. The picnic celebrated the graduate's completion of the free, six-week program.

"Three months is too long for kids to go without reading," Nesbitt said Thursday.

This year marks the first time since 2001 that a summer program was able to run, as the program has struggled to find adequate funding to provide care for the 50-plus children whom it aims to benefit. The center received no funding through Carbondale City Council in the 2008 fiscal year, but has been granted a stipend of \$8,300 for fiscal year 2009.

Volunteer Mildred Jordan, also a member

of Attucks' Class of '48, said that "I Can Read" depends on the community, teachers, and volunteers to continue running.

"We do it because we love the kids," she said.

Last school year, 24 kids were signed up for "I Can Read," Nesbitt said, but more students were put on a waiting list because there were not enough volunteers. She estimates that nearly 50 students will be enrolled in the coming year.

"I Can Read" Program begins its next session on September 8, and will run Monday through

Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Eurma C. Hayes Center.

Nesbitt and Jordan said they are very appreciative of all the volunteers who have been able to donate time and resources to "I Can Read" since the program began in 1998, and encourage anyone with a love for reading and a few extra hours to help in the future.

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Shocking? It should not be.

In a world full of distractions, one may find it hard to tear themselves away from their favorite entertainment source long enough to gain a moment of mental clarity. We constantly invite the opinion of others into our thought space without even wondering why. The reason one may want to wonder is that because of the amount of damage that can be done by not paying attention to the issues at hand.

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This is a problem.

Yet in a world of increasing consumer spending following billions of dollars in consumer advertising, it’s no wonder why many Americans could care less about world issues. Being consumed in the media’s propaganda takes a lot of focus.

We have also come to the age of big business— and not in a good way. The small-time store-owner is losing out, all because many feel the need to produce, sell and buy things in higher quantities for more money and a cheaper price. Even Abraham Lincoln recognized this when he said, “I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country... corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed.”

Someone knew that this problem was coming long before the first documentary ever hit the video stands.

But, look at the bright side. There is always something that we can do to help out. Whether it be by volunteering time to help out in the community, donating money to a worthy cause or even helping out a single person in need. Every individual has in them an agent of great change. A candle burning with a positive flame that needs to be spread to others.

Made most famous in the movie “Pay It Forward,” a young

boy uses the concept of paying it forward in his idea to save the world. The boy ultimately met his demise by virtue of sheer ignorance in a fight that proved fatal, though, had this boy been real, he would have been the story of many news sources, causing the headlines to read, “Finally, someone got it right.”

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In the world where paying it forward seems unfamiliar to most, this idea purposefully put into practice could change the world. The phrase, coined by Robert Heinlein, promotes the idea of having fortune bestowed upon you. Then, instead of returning the favor to the source of the fortune, you become the source of that fortune and bestow it upon another. It sets into motion a chain of purposeful positivity founded on doing good to, by and for other people. It highlights the endless potential of the human population if we only internalize the belief that people are inherently good.

So to all my kind-hearted, goal-oriented, positive thinkers across the nation, my question now is this:

What is your plan to pay it forward?

Purge your past pessimism and pursue your path to our utopia. Pick an issue and pay it forward. Someone is waiting on your payment.

Think about it.

Flowers is a senior studying biological sciences.

THE DUKE REPORT

‘I kissed a girl and I liked it’

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Every summer has a song. It starts out innocently enough — a catchy pop song that starts to get heavy rotation. Then somewhere around mid-June, the song begins to be played officially ad nauseam. By August, just hearing the first chord elicits primal rage. Need proof? Last year’s “summer song” was “Beautiful Girls” by Shawn Kingston.

This year’s song, however, has the distinct honor wherein its blood-boiling annoyance is rivaled by its mind-numbing stupidity.

Of course I am talking about Katy Perry’s “I Kissed A Girl.”

Her music is manufactured drivel that is only successful at exploiting stereotypes. I suppose the best place to start is Perry’s childhood. She was raised in the mutant wasteland that is southern California (not surprisingly) by two pastors. Her first album released in 2001 was a Christian gospel album.

Either she was thoroughly ensnared by Satan or Jesus did not pay very well, but eventually she moved toward making music for tweens too cool for Hannah Montana.

She first burst on to the scene with the

song, “Ur So Gay.” The song is about a fed up and unsatisfied girl whose hipster-indie boyfriend is “gay.” Of course, she clarifies that he is not “gay” in the sense that he has sex with other men (which, she reminds us is really, really gross) — no, he is gay in the sense that he is an “emo” nerd.

Maybe it was when Madonna passed the torch to Britney and Christina through their tonsils, or maybe it was the first “triple-kiss” on MTV, but somewhere along the line, lesbianism became trendy. As we will indefinitely see when the new “Bruno” movie comes out, girl-girl gay is a corporate cash crop, while boy-boy gay is unsettling.

Furthermore, guy-guy gay is still caricatured as a relationship between two pansies obsessed with Bravo.

As the brilliant Katy reminds us, gay guys are not real men. Conversely, if you are not her ideal of a real “straight” man, “Ur So Gay.”

Yet some people cling to the idea that the song was actually a sly tongue-and-cheek

masterpiece of irony. Then she released “I Kissed A Girl.” Anyone who tries to rhyme something with “cherry chapstick” is intellectually incapable of irony.

I do not know what I hate more about, “I Kissed A Girl,” the song or people’s reactions to it. The song is atrocious and so is the video. It is three minutes in a room of scantily clad women wherein no one — not even Katy Perry — actually kisses a girl. It would be the cinematic equivalent of “Snakes On A Plane” if there were no snakes on that plane.

Why does she kiss a girl? “Just to try it.” She goes on to assure us that she is not “gay,” and ultimately “she hopes her boyfriend won’t mind it.” She surely doesn’t want to disrupt the patriarchy.

It trivializes and exploits homosexuality while simultaneously conforming to the hierarchal structures of “approved sexuality” and patriarchal rule.

In a nutshell, it is a feminist’s worst nightmare.

Sexual identity is a complex concept full

of nuances and specificities. Alfred Kinsey, the most famous sexologist of the twentieth century believed there to be no such thing as a definitively homosexual or heterosexual identity, but that there was a spectrum, or scale, of sexuality. His Kinsey Scale, while archaic, was the first chink in the armor of the concept of normative sexuality.

A recent study concluded that women were more likely to be sexually aroused at the sight of a naked woman than that of a naked man. If you have seen “Forgetting Sarah Marshall” you know why — standalone male genitalia are just comical. The actions of a couple would elicit arousal in women, but just a standalone male would not.

We are learning more about our sexuality every day, and our prehistoric stereotypes are being shattered by people just being themselves.

At the end of the day, at least for lesbianism, Katy Perry’s song is kind of a milestone.

You know you have made it when corporate America co-opts and exploits your identity.

It is almost a badge of honor. Almost. Eventually Ms. Perry will follow Sean Kingston into one-hit history, while withering away from overexposure. Maybe her narrow constructs will too.

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“I’d like to give the king a hug.”

Hugo Chavez.
President of Venezuela, referring to King Juan Carlos of Spain, who famously told him to shut up during a diplomatic spat last year

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Dark Knight' proves itself worthy

Luke McCormick
DAILY EGYPTIAN

"The Dark Knight"
Rated: PG-13

Starring: Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart
Directed by: Christopher Nolan
Runtime: 152 min.

WARNING! This is not a comic book film. Do not be fooled by the man in the cape or the psycho in haphazard makeup.

"The Dark Knight" is an action film first and foremost with just as much brain as it has brawn. Director Christopher Nolan has torn down the constraints of superhero films and created the best release of the summer (superhero or otherwise).

With this film's predecessor, Nolan's "Batman Begins" setting up the caped crusader's origin, this film gets right down to business. Batman (Christian Bale) and Lt. James Gordon (Gary Oldman) team up with Gotham's ambitious new District Attorney, Harvey Dent (Aaron Eckhart) to rid their city of its criminal underground once and for all. Things seem to be going swimmingly until a new but not so attractive face arrives on Gotham's crime scene.

The Joker (Heath Ledger) takes over Gotham City, intent on destruction and pitting those fighting for justice against each other in astounding moral dilemmas.

While Batman may be the central character in this old comic book franchise, this film is more of an ensemble piece than a look into just Batman's world and Ledger's Joker is the anchor of the whole thing.

From the first moment his frightening, scarred face appears on screen, The Joker takes control of every moment he appears in. Ledger's performance has been heralded all across the board, and all the praise is due. With a reptilian-like tongue, darting in and out of his mouth Ledger transforms himself into one of the most terrifying monsters in movie history.



4.5 out of 5

The rest of the cast turns in high-quality performances as well. Aaron Eckhart undoubtedly just upped the asking price for his next film as his Harvey Dent plays both sides of the coin, going from good to evil after a tragic and very disturbing accident, which alters one side of his face. Besides Ledger's wild foray into madness, Eckhart's performance shows the most range and is quite disheartening, as his character



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becomes a harsh, revenge-seeking villain.

The humans in the film are not the only things larger than life as the special effects are marvelous as well. Buildings are blown up creating sky-high fireballs, semi-trailers are up-ended and flipped over and there is a car chase (well, large truck chase), which is the epitome of destruction.

The tone of the film is incredibly dark as main characters make life changing and ending

decisions. The violence is really amped up as well, on the screen and sometimes implied just outside the camera. It would be quite interesting to know what Warner Bros. had to go through (or had to spend) to get this flick down to a PG-13 with the MPAA.

No one should let the Batman tag on the film stop him or her from taking the film seriously. It is much more than just another comic book film and can stand alone as a great piece of work.

Leave 'Mamma' for the mamas

Amber Fijolek
DAILY EGYPTIAN

"Mamma Mia!"

Director: Phyllida Lloyd

Starring: Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Julie Walters, Colin Firth, Christine Baranski, Amanda Seyfried

Rated: PG-13

Runtime: 108 minutes

Three possible fathers. A wedding in Greece. Townspeople breaking out in song with arms waving about to disco-hits. This flick will not prove to be much more than an elongated version of its previews.

Despite worn-out movie moguls like Meryl Streep and Pierce Bronson delivering the tunes, the best part of the film "Mamma Mia!" is the soundtrack, an array of ABBA tracks that inspired the film's famed Broadway predecessor. The songs may be dated, but they still make for a rocking musical experience. However, nothing like an on-stage production would. (At least the live performance boasts much better musical



2.5 out of 5

talent, not to mention stellar choreography and visuals incomparable to this flop of a remake.)

The story is cute, but if it were not for Hollywood icons making fools of themselves in front of the gorgeous Mediterranean coast, viewers' interest would wane quickly.

The plot revolves around Donna (Streep), an ex-American, ex-promiscuous woman who singlehandedly raised her daughter, Sophie, while living and running a bed and breakfast in Greece. Sophie, (played by the saucy and sweet blonde, Amanda Seyfried) unlike her mother, has decided to settle down and marry at the early age of twenty to hott-bodied, Greek lover, Sky, (Dominic Cooper), and the wedding has Donna, the inn and all its workers preparing for the big day. But Sophie has plans of her own, inviting three strangers, whose names she found in her mother's old diary, in attempts to resolve feelings of an incomplete, fatherless childhood.

Meanwhile, the crowd is entertained by the dynamic reunion of Donna and back-in-the-day girlfriends, Rosie and Tanya, played by Julie Walters and Christine Baranski — older ladies who think they are teenaged and able to pull off way too much crude humor, and for



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Baranski, way too much skin.

Still, watching some of the silver screen's greats (along with some fresher and more attractive newcomers like Seyfried and Cooper) in 'My Best Friend's Wedding' lobster-scene fashion is the movie's best offering.

The film industry has seen better musicals-turned movies and this summer has seen better blockbuster entertainment. Except for the middle-aged ABBA-enthused mom-crowd, a nice, summer day should probably not be wasted on this 'Mamma.'

PULSE CHATTERBOX

NBC has announced that Jay Leno's last night as "Tonight Show" host will come on May 29, 2009. Conan O'Brien will be moving up a time slot and taking Leno's place. Are you happy with O'Brien as Leno's replacement or is there another comic out there you'd rather see in the seat?

Luke McCormick

While O'Brien is not as fresh as he was five or so years ago, he is still much funnier than stale old Jay Leno. I'd like to see him do some more writing for the show; its funniest stuff lately was during the recent writer's strike when he had to do a bulk of the writing.

Amber Fijolek

Well, as far as primetime Late Night TV goes, Leno was the only one I could tolerate. Least tolerable, I've always thought, was O'Brien. If you want good Late Night TV, Jon Stewart really is the only way to go.

Christian Holt

Personally, I would rather watch reruns of "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" than watching any other Late Night TV. However, the time Jon Stewart, Steven Colbert and Conan O'Brien were on each other's shows during the writer's strike, I thought O'Brien was funny. So, while I don't actually care very much, I am sure he will do a fine job.

Saluki Insider

When the NBA's Seattle franchise decided to move to Oklahoma City, they had to leave the Supersonics moniker in the Pacific Northwest. According to reports out of Oklahoma, the new team name will be "Thunder." The name has not been formally adopted, however, so what is your last minute suggestion?



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Personally, I am of the persuasion that teams should not have singular names, except in rare occasions — the Miami Heat pull it off, but the Utah Jazz and Tampa Bay Lightning do not. And I first thought the reference might have had something to do with Buffalo, but then it would be a Marshall University knock-off, so the only other reasonable assumption is that the team will be named after weather phenomena. Well, that is just plain dumb, so my suggestion is the OKC Mule Deer. It is relevant and it has never been done. Plus, with that name they have an obvious rival in the Milwaukee Bucks.

Considering their location, my first inclination was to say the Cowboys, but Oklahoma State may have a problem with that. My suggestion is to add on to the "Thunder" to make it a little more exciting — let's say the Oklahoma City Rolling Thunder. It rolls off the tongue and with an original name with a young lineup that has rookie of the year Kevin Durant and the recently drafted Russell Westbrook at the point, this team could be exciting in a few years if they make a couple of more moves.

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There really is not a whole lot in Oklahoma so they do not have much to work with. Since they need a name though, I would say the Oklahoma City Strut Muffins. It has absolutely nothing to do with basketball, but I just want to hear someone on the team 10 years from now say I always dreamed of being a Strut Muffin on draft night.

Saints acquire Shockey in trade

By Brett Martel
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Jeremy Shockey caught more passes for more yards as a rookie — the one season when New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton was his offensive coordinator in New York — than any other.

The Giants, meanwhile, proved they didn't need their disgruntled star tight end to pull off one of the most stunning playoff runs in NFL history, winning three postseason contests on the road and then beating previously undefeated New England in the Super Bowl — all while the injured Shockey watched from afar.

So the Giants sought to do both themselves and Shockey a favor on Monday, cutting ties with the four-time Pro Bowl selection in a deal the Saints had been trying to pull off for months.

The Giants will get second- and fifth-round picks in the 2009 draft in exchange for sending Shockey to the team he wanted to play for most. The trade must be approved by the league and is contingent on Shockey passing a physical.

"I have had a relationship with coach Payton and I appreciate what he has done as a head coach," Shockey said in a statement released by the Saints. "The Saints have a lot of weapons starting with Drew Brees and I look forward to joining my teammates at training camp. This will be a fun year."

Shockey caught 74 passes for 894 yards and was named Rookie of the Year in 2002, his lone season working with Payton, whom he'll be reunited with on the practice field this week.

The Saints report to training camp in Jackson, Miss., on Wednesday, when Shockey will join several other tight ends on New Orleans' roster, including last year's starter, Eric Johnson, along with Billy Miller and Mark Campbell.

Shockey, who spent six seasons with the Giants, broke his leg against the Washington Redskins on Dec. 16.

He is known for his receiving ability more than his blocking, and was unhappy even before the injury — he was asked to block in addition to catch. Once hurt, he didn't like the fact that much was made of the Giants winning with rookie Kevin Boss in his place.

"Jeremy brought great energy to the game every time he stepped on the field," said Giants team president John Mara, son of the late Wellington Mara, a longtime owner of the team. "He had a close relationship with my father from the time we drafted him, and I had a couple of long conversations with Jeremy this spring and summer. From those conversations, it was apparent to me that a fresh start was the best thing for us and for Jeremy."

The Giants, a proven winner with-

out Shockey in the lineup, cut ties with a player who provided plenty of excitement on the field and plenty of distractions off it — once throwing a cup of ice in the stands during a playoff game in San Francisco, criticizing Giants fans for leaving a game early, blaming Giants coach Tom Coughlin's staff for a loss in 2006 and skipping voluntary team workouts in favor of an offseason program run by his agent.

The Giants also unload the remainder of a five-year, \$31.2 million contract extension that Shockey signed in 2005.

Shockey had 371 catches for 4,228 yards and 27 touchdowns with the Giants. He was drafted out of Miami with the 14th overall pick in the 2002 draft.

The Giants' comments about the trade were complimentary of Shockey as if to echo the sentiment: "No hard feelings."

Coughlin called the departing tight end "an outstanding football player who plays the game full speed and plays the game the way it was meant to be played."

"I wish him the best," the coach added.

The Giants still have five tight ends, including Boss, who started the last six games of last season. The others are rookie Eric Butler, Jerome Collins, Darcy Johnson and Michael Matthews.

"We have five young kids who are all vying for the position," Coughlin said. "The tight end position will be a very competitive position in training camp."

The Saints have been seeking a tight end who is a downfield threat. Eric Johnson, who started 12 games for the Saints last season, caught 48 passes for 378 yards and two touchdowns.

"Jeremy is a player that we are excited to have on our roster. He is someone I am familiar with as a player," Payton said. "He brings a skill set to the position that I feel will be a tremendous benefit to our offense."

The Saints' offense has been among the best in the NFL during Payton's first two seasons as coach, with Brees eclipsing 4,000 yards passing in each of them.

The hope in New Orleans is that Shockey's addition as a receiving threat, when combined with receiver Marques Colston and Reggie Bush coming out of the backfield or lining up in the slot, will give Brees the options he needs to move the ball, no matter what defenses attempt.

Shockey's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, called last season a difficult one for his client, who was looking for a change of scenery.

"He's been one of the most successful tight ends in NFL history, but now I think he's going to be more prolific in the Saints' offense," Rosenhaus said. "I don't think Jeremy could ask for a better situation."

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Detroit	49	49	6.5	
Kansas City	45	54	11.0	
Cleveland	43	54	12.0	
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Los Angeles	60	38	-	
Oakland	51	47	9.0	
Texas	51	48	9.5	
Seattle	38	60	22.0	
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TRACK & FIELD

Stuart takes third at NACAC Games

Brandon Augsburg
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bianca Stuart, a senior long jumper on the SIU track team, had a summer most athletes dream about — but she came up short of reaching her main goal.

Stuart competed at the North American, Central American and Caribbean Games over the weekend in Toluca, Mexico, in her final attempt to jump the Olympic qualifying standard of 6.60 meters. She came up short of qualifying — jumping 6.37 meters — but took third place at the meet, according to the NACAC Web site.

Joemi Maduka, representing the U.S., took first in the long jump with her meet record leap of 6.66 meters, according to the NACAC Web site.

Stuart said in an e-mail that she felt she took her jumping to a new level this season, especially this summer.

“I worked very hard, with the help of my coach, to get this far in my ‘08 season, and I am happy about that,” she said. “I feel that this year has been my most successful season, having accomplished so much.”

Stuart, a native of the Bahamas, was in her third attempt at hitting the Olympic standard at the

NACAC Games. She qualified for the Bahamian National Team in June, winning the national championship by out jumping Bahamian long jump legend Jackie Edwards. Stuart won that event with a leap of 6.5 meters.

She went on to take the meet title at the Central American and Caribbean Games with a jump of 6.56 meters in early July. Stuart also took seventh in the long jump at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in June.

Head track coach Connie Price-Smith said Stuart is right to reflect warmly on her accomplishments this past season. She said Stuart competed this summer mostly on training from the spring and the fact that she was able to compete so well was impressive within itself.

“It is hard for college kids to maintain for such a long period of time,” Price-Smith said.

Stuart said her efforts this summer were helped by the high level of competition she faced, especially at the CAC Games.

“There were a few women who jumped over 21 feet, so their competitiveness pushed me even more,” she said.

When Stuart got to the NACAC Games she said she began

to feel the effects of such a rigorous summer. Before the meet Stuart said she wanted to remain focused, confident and patient because that was the only way she would be able to do well at the event.

“I continued to remain focused even though I was getting physically fatigued,” she said. “Being so close to qualifying boosted my confidence not to give up.”

Her focus did not translate into qualifying results, however. Despite not qualifying for the Olympics, she said she learned a lot and matured as a jumper during her time at SIU and over the summer competing on the international level.

“All I must do is continue to grow and learn from my past experiences as I head into my senior year as a Saluki and further continue with my track career after school,” she said.

Price-Smith said Stuart was a good role model for the younger jumpers on the team last year, and she expects Stuart to

blossom in that position even more this year. With the added experience from international competition Stuart should be able assume a leadership role and help other jumpers on the track squad develop in the coming year, Price-Smith said.

Stuart said she would be taking a much deserved rest over the next few weeks, to hang out at home in the Bahamas and work her summer job. She will return to Carbondale before the start of the fall semester and will begin training for the upcoming track season shortly thereafter.

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“I worked very hard, with the help of my coach, to get this far in my ‘08 season, and I am happy about that. I feel that this year has been my most successful season, having accomplished so much.”

— Bianca Stuart
 senior long jumper

Jumping the summer away

June	NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships June 11-14 Place: 7th — Distance: 6.47 meters	Bahamas Olympic Trials Championships June 27-28 Place: 1st — Distance: 6.50 meters
	Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Games July 4-6 Place: 1st — Distance: 6.54 meters	North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACAC) Games July 18-20 Place: 3rd — Distance: 6.37 meters

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Stay away from these camps

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With July coming to a close it is time we start getting really serious about fantasy football. In a couple more weeks, all 32 NFL franchises will travel to small colleges in the middle of nowhere and sweat out the remainder of summer in training camps.

Not only does this time really symbolize the start of the football season but also the start of when people like me

begin to lose sleep over who is going to enter September as starters and who will be riding the pine. Not all these position battles, though, leave teams with the best options or worthy fantasy ones.

Below are my top three widely talked about and heated battles taking place this summer that all fantasy owners should stay as far away from as possible.

Oakland Raiders, running back

The battle is between Justin Fargas and first round draft pick Darren McFadden. Whoever starts will not help Oakland, or a fantasy team, have a winning record. Fargas posted one of the most unproductive thousand-yard seasons I have ever seen, rushing for 1009 yards and only four touchdowns in 2007.

Now comes the highly touted McFadden from Arkansas who proved in college he can do it all, including throw touchdown passes. Either way, McFadden is the future of the Silver and Black, but whether it comes this year or in 2009 is the bigger question. Look for Oakland to do what Jacksonville did last season with Maurice Jones-Drew and Fred Taylor, except neither member of the west-coast backfield will be worth anything fantasy-wise. Fargas will be penciled in as the starter, but Oakland will make sure to get McFadden plenty of playing time.

The best choice is McFadden. He, like the rest of the Raiders is at least a year away in my book, but he is more of a threat in the passing game.

Baltimore Ravens, quarterback

Everyone around SIU knows just how good rookie quarterback Joe Flacco is, but whether or not his success at Delaware can translate into a solid career in the NFL is the question on the table. He has got the size, the tools and the weapons to finally give the Ravens a decent signal caller.

However, he is still a rookie and not all teams get as

lucky as Pittsburgh did with Ben Roethlisberger. In his way is another first round pick — Kyle Boller. The only reason Boller is in this picture is because he is the only guy on the roster with extensive NFL experience.

At some point, though, he has to be labeled a bust, and after five seasons, it is clear Boller does not get it (only 45 TD's to 44 interceptions in his career). Boller will get the nod to start the season over Flacco, but fool me once shame on you, fool me six straight times and bring on the padded walls and straight jacket. Flacco will get in there at some point this year but do not expect anything great.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers, quarterback

If the situation in Baltimore seems bad then what is going on in Tampa will make any Buc's fan weep for the return of Trent Dilfer (oh yes, it is that bad).

Currently there are six quarterbacks on the roster. None of them are worth writing home about proving once again that the old saying is true, “If you have six quarterbacks on your team then you really do not have one.” Jeff Garcia did go to the Pro Bowl for Tampa last year, but injuries and his age — 38 — are big concerns. Chris Simms is the most talented of the bunch but after nearly dying on the field last year it is no wonder why he really does not want to be in Tampa anymore. Luke McCown and Brian Griese have done nothing their entire careers except keep the bench warm. down there in Florida or Brett Favre finds a way to escape Green Bay.

The only hope for Tampa at this point is that Garcia finds the fountain of youth. If they are this desperate for a quarterback, then it is time to stop drafting seven running backs or get out of the 20-man leagues.

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