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RYAN RENDLEMAN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

MARCH GLADNESS

After two days of nearly 10 inches of rain, Carbondale resident Steve Byrd was able to deliver Quatro's pizzas in the sun Thursday. Storms that resulted in power outages and flooded roads have gone by the wayside, and the better weather appears to be here to stay.

The 60-degree days, such as Thursday's, are going to continue after a slight dip into the upper 40s over the weekend and carried into Monday, according to <http://www.weather.com>.

Despite the warmer weather, some small showers are expected next week.

Southern Illinois declared disaster area

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Widespread flooding has led the governor to declare 19 counties, including Jackson County, disaster areas.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich said in a statement Thursday that flooding has covered roadways, closed businesses, forced evacuations and caused two deaths. The declaration of state disaster areas makes more state resources available to help affected communities.

"This state disaster declaration will ensure these counties get what they need to protect public safety and speed the recovery process," Blagojevich said.

Patti Thompson, communications manager for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, said the flood is not over yet, and, in some places, water is expected to rise in the next few days.

"It's going to take us a while to truly assess the extent of the damage," Thompson said. "Floods carry with them all sorts of debris and deposit them wherever they may and then there's a long clean-up process."

Thompson said the State Emergency Operations Center in Springfield has been coordinating with 10 state agencies to assist local flood victims.

Sandra Webster, executive director of the American Red Cross Little Egypt Network, said fundraisers began Thursday to provide immediate emergency assistance such as shelter and food for flood victims. Webster said the organization is offering help to six of the affected counties: Jackson, Williamson, Saline, Union, Alexander and Pulaski.

Webster said shelters have been established to assist those forced to evacuate their homes. Donations are needed to assist victims of flooding, she said. The Little Egypt Network is paid for entirely by donations, she said, and because there have been multiple disasters in recent months, more help is needed.

"We went straight from the ice storm to this," Webster said.

Andrew Velasquez III, Director of IEMA, said in a statement that though the rain has stopped, the danger has not passed. People are urged to remain cautious around floodwaters, the statement said.

Donation Information

Donations can be sent to Little Egypt Network - American Red Cross at 112 E. Walnut St. Herrin, IL 62948 or donations are being accepted at The Cellar at 101 W. Monroe Carbondale, IL 62901 through March 23

Administrators consider services building sites

Two possible locations selected for new facility

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

University administrators and architects are reviewing two possible locations for a new \$25 million student services building on campus.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, has been pegged to lead a task force to determine a location for the planned building, which is part of the first phase of Saluki Way.

One potential location for the structure, which would house many programs located in Woody Hall, is on the south side of the Student Center facing the Neckers Building. The other spot is over the parking lot on the corner of Lincoln Drive and Highway 51.

"We're going to move things ahead

now," Dietz said. "We obviously have to agree on where we're going to put the building and then we'll talk about what makes sense for the building."

Dietz said Chancellor Fernando Treviño asked him to lead the task force. He said he would form a small steering committee of university administrators, as well as a larger advisory group. Dietz said the group would likely include student representatives.

"They deserve that," Dietz said. "They're paying for the building."

The first phase of Saluki Way, a plan to overhaul the campus, also involves building a new football stadium and renovating the SIU Arena. A \$40 student fee, which is proposed to increase to \$60 next year and \$80 by fall 2009, would help pay for the building.

Woody Hall departments that could potentially move to the new building include Financial Aid, Records and Registration, Disability

Support Services, Student Judicial Affairs and Career Services.

Dietz said the steering and advisory committees would work together to decide what departments should be represented.

"Everybody quickly goes from, 'We have funding,' to 'Where's my office?'" Dietz said.

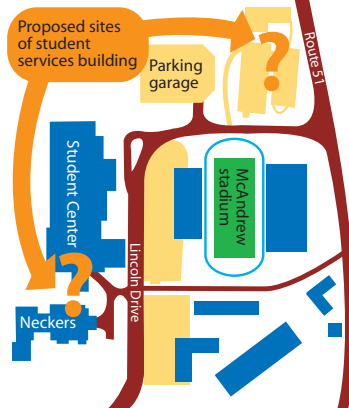
Cathy Hagler, executive director of administration, said she had spoken with Dietz about the possibility of locating a Parking Division representative in the building, particularly at peak times of the year. She said she believed freshmen would use the new facility most, since the building's services would be most needed by those new to campus.

"What we talked about was to make it a one-stop-shop area," Hagler said.

Bill Borgognoni, one of the partners of White & Borgognoni Architects, said the Carbondale firm was in the preliminary stages of assessing possible locations. He said his firm would consult with others and look at the pedestrian and vehicle traffic in those areas.

Borgognoni said the design process would probably take nine to 10

Proposed site of new building



Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

months. Physical Plant Director Phil Gatton said in February he hoped the building would be completed by fall 2010, but Dietz said he thought the project would probably take three years.

"I want students to be happy about this," Dietz said. "We have an opportunity to really design something very special here."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Panel mulls videotape confession in 1993 Brown's Chicken killings

CHICAGO (AP) — A three-judge appellate panel is considering a prosecution request to overrule a judge's decision to disallow defendant James Degorski's videotaped confession in the 1993 killings at a suburban fast-food restaurant. In their arguments Thursday before the 1st District Appellate Court, prosecutors sought to use the 4.5-minute videotape. In the tape, Degorski reportedly acknowledged killing two of the seven people slain at Brown's Chicken and Pasta in suburban Palatine. But Degorski's attorneys argued that Cook County Circuit Court Judge Vincent Gaughan was correct to suppress the statement, calling it the result of threats and intimidation. Degorski is accused of the murders with Juan Luna. He was convicted last May and sentenced to life in prison.

Former clown's estate sues authorities for death in custody

SPRINGFIELD. (AP) — The estate of a former clown accused of child sex crimes is suing central Illinois authorities, claiming excessive force at the Sangamon County Jail contributed to his death in police custody. The estate of Amon Paul Carlock, who used the moniker "Klutzo the Clown," filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against Sangamon County, the sheriff's office and the county jail on Wednesday. The lawsuit claims the 57-year-old got inadequate medical care and was subjected to cruel treatment while being held on charges of sex tourism and possession of child pornography. Carlock died Nov. 16 after struggling with guards and being shocked with a Taser. A coroner's jury couldn't determine Carlock's official cause of death because of other health problems, including heart disease and a blocked artery. The lawsuit does not specify a sum being sought by Carlock's wife, but says the estate hopes to receive compensatory and punitive damages, along with attorneys' fees. Sheriff Neil Williamson said his department expected the lawsuit and was notified it was being filed.

United 747s undergo unscheduled maintenance; FAA denies grounding

CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines said Thursday it had to carry out unscheduled maintenance on seven of its Boeing 747 jets but found no safety-related issues. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said the agency did not order the grounding of United's planes, as at least one report indicated. The airline notified the agency on its own about the maintenance, he said. United's disclosure was not related to the FAA's check of maintenance records at all U.S. airlines, ordered after revelations surfaced about missed safety inspections at Southwest Airlines Co., Gregor said. United spokeswoman Jean Medina said one of the jets was back in service Thursday afternoon and the other six were to return on schedule later. The between-flights maintenance took longer than expected but there were no delays to passenger service, she said. Michael McCarron, San Francisco International Airport spokesman, also said the airport didn't experience delays. A piece of test equipment used to check the accuracy of the altitude-indicating system on its 747s was past the date that it needed to be checked for proper calibration, United said. The 747's maintenance underscored the tensions between United and its mechanics that has heightened as the Chicago-based airline has increasingly outsourced maintenance work overseas. About half of United's nearly 6,000 mechanics are based at the San Francisco airport. Teamsters spokeswoman Leslie Miller said the union, which is seeking to represent United's mechanics in a vote currently under way, heard that the South Korean repair station where 747s are serviced was using improper equipment. "This just shows how risky it is to send airplanes offshore to be repaired," Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa said in a statement. "Overseas repair stations simply don't meet the same standards as U.S. repair stations. The FAA should no longer allow U.S. airlines to send their repairs overseas." United says its maintenance requirements and procedures meet and typically exceed FAA standards. "They are the same no matter where the work is performed — in the United States or overseas," Medina said.

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SIUC to add Native American Studies minor

Program will be offered starting this summer

Maria Capati
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Susannah Bunny LeBaron said when she made her schedule last semester she was interested in taking a class with a rich and diverse culture.

LeBaron, a graduate student from Murphysboro studying speech communication, said the Native American verbal art class has given her a better understanding about the oral traditions of the Native American people. The art class is one of the courses that will make up the Native American Studies minor the university will begin offering this summer.

"I'm very interested in performance, especially in the way the Native Americans told their stories, poetry and songs," LeBaron said.

The College of Liberal Arts will offer the class, but Jo Nast, assistant professor in art history, said anyone interested in Native American culture could take the class.

Nast said she saw a variety of students in different majors who were interested in taking more classes related to Native Americans. Nast said her Contemporary Native American Art class this semester has 35 students and the course usually has a waiting list.

"I am seeing a wider demand for these classes," Nast said.



Anthony Webster, assistant professor of linguistic anthropology, plays music by a Navajo Indian for his students Thursday in his Native American verbal art course. Webster promoted the Native American Studies minor that will be offered to students starting this summer.
RYAN RENDELMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nichole Boyd, president of the Native American Student Organization, said after moving from Chicago to Carbondale to attend college, she saw the need and lack of awareness about Native American culture.

"Basically, I missed home," Boyd said. "Sometimes it's just nice to be around a community where you have a common bond."

Boyd, who is part Comanche and Blackfoot, said she wanted to help give Native and non-Native students who are interested in learning more about the culture

the opportunity to take courses in the field.

Anthony Webster, assistant professor of anthropology, said he hoped the minor would help awareness about Native American life.

"People think Native Americans as part of the past," Webster said. "But they still exist."

Webster said knowing about U.S. history includes learning

about Native American history. He said students who take these classes would see the diversity and the influence it has had in the society.

“People think Native Americans as part of the past. But they still exist.”

— Anthony Webster
assistant professor of anthropology

"Native Americans have been part of every state's history," Webster said.

Gray Whaley, assistant professor of history, said even students who took the Native American classes before the program was

formed could count them toward the minor.

Whaley said students could find more information about the classes and credits needed for the minor at the College of Liberal Arts Web site.

Whaley said he hopes the program could be built over time to include more classes and potentially be offered as a major.

"The students' interest will determine where this minor will go from here," Whaley said.

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Families weigh options after floods

Eureka firefighter Cory Marler tries to pull a reluctant dog to his boat Thursday in the Meramec River near Highway 109. Passersby spotted two dogs clinging to driftwood in the middle of the river. Sgt. Bryan Parrott of the Missouri Water Patrol, right, comforts the first dog rescued.

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Some rivers expected to rise further

Christopher Leonard
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FENTON, Mo. — With more than a dozen people killed by floodwaters and rivers still rising, weary Midwesterners on Thursday weighed not just the prospect of a sodden cleanup but the likelihood that their communities could be inundated again.

Families in some areas have been forced from their homes multiple times in the past few years, making the routine of filling sandbags and rescuing furniture a familiar drill.

"We've been through this before," said Michelle Buhlinger, who works for the school district in Valley Park in suburban St. Louis. "We're expecting the levee to hold up, but we don't want to take any chances."

The first day of spring brought much-needed sunshine to some flooded communities, but many swelling rivers were not expected to crest until the weekend in Arkansas, Missouri, southern Illinois, southern Indiana and Kentucky.

The worst flooding happened in smaller rivers across the nation's midsection. Major channels such as the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers saw only minor flooding.

In Fenton, another suburb, Jeff Rogles joined dozens of volunteers to fill sandbags and pile them against downtown businesses near the fast-rising Meramec River, which was expected to reach more than 20 feet above flood stage in some spots near St. Louis.

"I think we have enough volunteers out here to stave off disaster," said Rogles, 27, who joined the effort because he remembered the

devastating Great Flood of 1993.

Parts of Missouri got a foot of rain over a 36-hour period this week, causing widespread flash flooding and swelling many rivers. Five deaths have been confirmed in Missouri and hundreds of people were forced from their homes. Many families will return to find their property badly damaged or destroyed.

Valley Park is protected by a flood levee completed in 2005, but the projected 40-foot-crest there on Saturday would reach within three feet of the top of the levee. As a result, many homeowners, merchants and even schools were moving to higher ground.

Police in Pacific, Mo., went door-to-door evacuating about 50 homes in low-lying areas.

In southwest Indiana, Todd Ferguson has spent the past three days building a sandbag wall around his sister-in-law's Evansville home.

Pigeon Creek normally flows about 200 yards from Valerie Ferguson's house, but the water had crept to within 10 feet and was not expected to crest until Sunday.

In 2006, the Fergusons piled more than 1,000 sandbags around their home and still sustained about \$1,000 in damage. This time, they don't have help from Valerie's husband Tim, who is serving in Iraq with the Indiana National Guard.

"We won two years ago, but I don't know if we're going to win this one," Todd Ferguson said. "Only time will tell, I guess."

In Batesville, Ark., antique mall operator Marcia Weaver stood along the banks of the Spring River and watched as pieces of lives were washed away.

"There were large pieces of furniture, dressers, picnic tables from the parks. I saw a four-wheeler going down. Lots of canoes and kayaks that didn't have anybody in them," she said.

Primary redo plan falls flat despite efforts

Obama suggests splitting delegates, Clinton rejects idea

Nedra Pickler
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The drive for a second Michigan presidential primary collapsed Thursday, and a fresh dispute broke out between Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton over the fate of the state's 128 national convention delegates.

Obama's campaign said a fair resolution would be to split them evenly with Clinton. Aides to the former first lady instantly rejected the idea and said they would consider a mail-in primary — even though Obama has raised concerns about the security of a vote by mail organized so quickly.

Obama leads the overall competition for convention delegates, and Clinton has been leading the effort to hold a revote in Michigan,

eager for a chance to close the gap on her rival.

The state held a primary in January, so early in the year that it violated party rules. As a result, it was stripped of its delegates. Obama and several other Democratic candidates removed their name from the Michigan ballot and all Democratic candidates agreed not to campaign there.

Michigan Democratic leaders had proposed a do-over primary, to be conducted by the state on June 3 with funding by private donors. But lawmakers showed a lack of enthusiasm for a bill authorizing the vote, and state Senate adjourned Thursday without taking it up.

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who has endorsed Clinton, said in a statement that she was deeply disappointed the June 3 do-over was no longer a possibility.

"We will turn our attention to other options," she said. "There is no road to the White House that does not go through Michigan."

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— Jennifer Granholm
Michigan governor

New bin Laden audio urges holy war

Maamoun Youssef
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO, Egypt — Osama bin Laden lashed out Thursday at Palestinian peace negotiations with Israel and called for a holy war to liberate the Palestinian lands.

A day after a bin Laden audio on a militant Web site threatened Europeans, Al-Jazeera TV broadcast audio excerpts attributed to the al-Qaida leader that urge Palestinians to ignore political parties "mired in trickery of the blasphemous democracy" and to rely on armed might.

"Palestine cannot be retaken by negotiations and dialogue, but with fire and iron," he said.

It was the first time bin Laden spoke of the Palestinian question at length since the deteriorating situation in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, where the Israeli military has been fighting with militants who fire rockets into southern Israel.

Bin Laden added that Palestinians who are unable to fight in the "land of Al-Quds" — a Muslim reference to Jerusalem — should join the al-Qaida fight in Iraq.

"The nearest field of jihad today to support our people in Palestine is

the Iraqi field," he said.

He also called on the people of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Saudi Arabia to "help in support of their mujahedeen brothers in Iraq, which is the greatest opportunity and the biggest task."

Al-Jazeera did not say how it obtained the recording, which was broadcast with an old photograph of bin Laden in a white headscarf and traditional Arab dress.

There was no indication how recently the recording was made, or if it was an unreleased part of the audio posted late Wednesday on an extremist Web site that has carried al-Qaida statements in the past. The two messages were bin Laden's first this year.

In the first recording, bin Laden accused Pope Benedict XVI of helping in a "new Crusade" against Muslims and warned of a "severe" reaction for Europeans' publication of cartoons seen by Muslims as insulting Islam's prophet.

In the audio on Al-Jazeera, bin Laden said the sufferings of Palestinians in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip began when Arab leaders supported the U.S.-hosted Mideast peace conference in Annapolis, Md., and the "Zionist entity," the militant name for Israel.

WIRE REPORTS

POLITICS

Obama ties economic woes to Iraq war during campaign stop

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — Barack Obama blamed the Iraq war for higher oil prices and skyrocketing debt Thursday as he sought to tie the unpopular war to the slumping economy in working-class West Virginia.

The Democratic hopeful is trying to cut into Hillary Rodham Clinton's base in West Virginia. The state's demographics appear to favor Clinton, whose support is strongest among older white voters and blue-collar workers.

"When you're spending over \$50 to fill up your car because the price of oil is four times what it was before Iraq, you're paying a price for this war," Obama said. "When Iraq is costing each household about \$100 a month, you're paying a price for this war."

By linking the economy to the war, Obama is playing to his perceived strength as someone who spoke out against the war as a state lawmaker in Illinois. He has criticized Clinton for only recently opposing the war and said Thursday that her criticism of Republican John McCain's war policies lacks teeth.

It was the third consecutive day that Obama set aside his usual stump speech and delivered a more focused issue speech. He discussed race relations on Tuesday and the foreign policy consequences of the Iraq war Wednesday.

Obama has won more states than Clinton, leads in the popular vote and holds a nearly insurmountable lead in pledged delegates. But neither candidate can clinch the nomination without help from superdelegates, the party leaders who are not bound by any primary or caucus and are free to vote for whomever they choose. Clinton hopes a strong finish in the remaining primaries will persuade superdelegates to back her in a close race despite the delegate shortfall.

WASHINGTON

Group gets permission to question National Archives over Clinton's phone logs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A battle over Hillary Rodham Clinton's record as first lady broke out on two fronts Thursday, as a federal judge stepped into a dispute over the handling of still-unreleased Clinton phone logs and Barack Obama's campaign challenged her record on trade.

The latest twist in the debate over her time in the White House came in the courtroom of U.S. District Judge James Robertson, who forced the National Archives to undergo questioning about why it won't release 20,000 pages of Clinton's old phone logs.

Not enough resources, a lawyer representing the National Archives told the judge.

Not a good enough explanation, ruled Robertson, who was appointed to federal court by President Clinton in 1994. Robertson granted a conservative group's request to question at least one National Archives official on why the agency handles some requests more promptly than others.

The archives deals with requests for documents on UFO sightings while letting the former first lady's records languish at the former president's library in Little Rock, Ark., complained Paul Orfanedes, head of the litigation department at Judicial Watch, the organization suing the archives for Clinton documents.

The National Archives wants to delay consideration of the Clinton phone logs for a year, then decide when it will start the six- to eight-month process of reviewing them for possible public disclosure.

FLORIDA

75-pound stingray leaps from water, kills Michigan woman

MARATHON, Fla. (AP) — A 75-pound stingray killed a Michigan woman Thursday when it flew out of the water and struck her face as she rode a boat in the Florida Keys, officials said.

Judy Kay Zagorski, of Pigeon, Mich., was sitting in a boat going 25 mph when the spotted eagle ray, with a wingspan of 5 to 6 feet, leaped out of the water, said Jorge Pino, spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The 57-year-old woman's father was driving the boat on the Atlantic Ocean side of Vaca Key, Pino said.

"He had absolutely no warning. It just happened instantaneously," Pino said.

The impact likely killed the woman, but it was not immediately clear whether she had any puncture wounds from the ray's barb, Pino said. An autopsy is planned, Pino said.

Counselors address suicide, substance problems

Substance Abuse Policy parallels Suicide Policy

Lindsey Smith
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A new policy allowing students to receive help for substance abuse problems stemmed from a similar policy for potentially suicidal students, a health representative said.

The year-old Suicide Policy, which requires students who threaten or attempt to harm themselves to attend three counseling sessions, has experienced universal success since its implementation in January 2007, said Rosemary Simmons, director of the Counseling Center.

Because of the policy's effectiveness, the university established the Substance Abuse Policy, requiring students who are reported with drug or alcohol problems to attend three sessions.

The most recent policy has met words of skepticism from many students.

Ben Collette, a freshman from Springfield studying biology, said he currently attends mandatory counseling sessions, but does not think the policy is effective.

"I'm not going to stop doing the things I'm doing just because I might have to go to counseling for it," Collette said. "I see it as someone

telling me what I should and should not do, but I'm my own person.

"I'm going to make my own decisions no matter what."

Mallory Miller, a junior from Sesser studying accounting, said one of her friends went to the hospital for alcohol poisoning, but she was not aware of the new substance abuse policy. She said she would probably try to fight being reported for alcohol abuse, but suicide would be a different story.

Other students took the opposite view. Kimberlie Ward, a junior from Johnston City studying elementary education, said she would go to the sessions if she was reported.

"If you're suicidal or drinking that heavily, you ... should get help if somebody's willing to offer to help you. You should at least give it a chance. At least once," Ward said.

The university's Suicide Policy mimics that of University of Illinois, which has been extremely successful, said Barb Elam, interim assistant director of the Wellness Center.

During these assessments, students will learn how to understand what caused the threat or attempt of suicide, what they might have done differently and how future situations could be dealt with more

safely and effectively, according to the Counseling Center's Web site.

The site repeated what Elam and Simmons have stressed while talking about the substance abuse policy: The guidelines are not intended as punishment for students, but instead offer help and support in dealing with stress and emotions.

Miller said the success of the policy with students is unpredictable.

"It just depends on who they are and what their problems are," Miller said. "Usually a lot of people don't take that sort of stuff seriously."

Because the Suicide Policy has only been in effect for one year, there are few ways to measure the success of the policy.

Success criteria has been assessed by compliance rates, retention rates and rates for repeat offenders, Simmons said.

Compliance has an undefeated record in both policies. In 2007, the 23 students asked to undertake counseling sessions for suicide threats and attempts did so, Simmons said. Of those, seven students choose to continue their sessions voluntarily.

Because the alcohol policy only began on Feb. 14, compliance is the only evaluation available. All

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studying accounting

Suicide Policy vs. Substance Abuse Policy

Suicide

- Handled by Counseling Center
- Typically reported by teachers
- Reports based primarily on student's writing
- Began in January 2007

Substance abuse

- Handled by Wellness Center
- Can be reported by anyone
- Reports based on student's behavior
- Began February 2008

Both

- If reported, student is sent to three counseling sessions
- Notifications by phone call or certified letter
- Does not go on student's permanent record

- Intended to help, not punish
- Success evaluated by:
 - compliance
 - retention rates
 - repeat offender rates
 - graduation rates

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five to seven students reported have complied with the policy, Simmons said.

The suicidal students' retention rate for the semester following the students' attendance with counselors was marked at 100 percent.

Not one of the previously suicidal students repeated any threats or attempts. Eventually, graduation rates will be available to help further measure the success of both policies, Simmons said.

Ward suggested an additional way to evaluate the effectiveness of the policies.

"If you're seeing a lot fewer kids being suicidal ... if those numbers start going down but yet they're still looking for (suicide threats or substance abuse), then obviously it's working," said Ward.

The suicide policy is available at <http://www.siu.edu/offices/counsel/cservices.html>, while the substance abuse policy can be found on the Wellness Center's portion of the Student Health Center's Web site at <http://www.siu.edu/~shc>.

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Wife's claim dismissed in gay governor's divorce

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ELIZABETH, N.J. — Former Gov. Jim McGreevey didn't plan to torment his wife while they were married, a judge in their divorce case ruled Thursday, while allowing her to continue with a claim of marriage fraud.

The judge dismissed Dina Matos McGreevey's claim of emotional distress against her estranged gay husband.

"Mr. McGreevey was not out to destroy her emotionally," said Superior Court Judge Karen Cassidy.

Cassidy, a Union County Superior Court judge, said she would permit the fraud claim to continue for now, but warned, "That does not guarantee the defendant will be successful in trying her claim."

Matos McGreevey claims she was duped into marrying a gay man who sought the cover of a wife to hide his homosexuality and further his political ambitions. He claims he provided companionship and a child, thus fulfilling his part of the marriage contract.

Thursday's pretrial hearing came less than a week after McGreevey, 50, said that he and his wife engaged in threesomes with a male aide were true; Matos McGreevey, 41, denied they happened.

Arriving with her attorney Thursday, Matos McGreevey said only "no comment" as she entered the courthouse. McGreevey also attended the hearing and said nothing on his way into or out of the courthouse.

His lawyer, Stephen Haller, said the judge's rulings encouraged his legal team. "Read between the lines," he said of the judge's words of caution in allowing the fraud claim to proceed.

Cassidy told the former first couple that their divorce trial, scheduled to start May 6, would get ugly.

"We all know what happened this week," she said. "What evidence will likely be heard in this case, this week was just the tip of the iceberg."

In interviews with The Star-Ledger of Newark and the New York Post, former McGreevey driver Teddy Pedersen said he had consensual sex with the couple for about two years before McGreevey became governor. He said he had contact only with Dina Matos McGreevey during the trysts and wasn't sure whether McGreevey was gay.

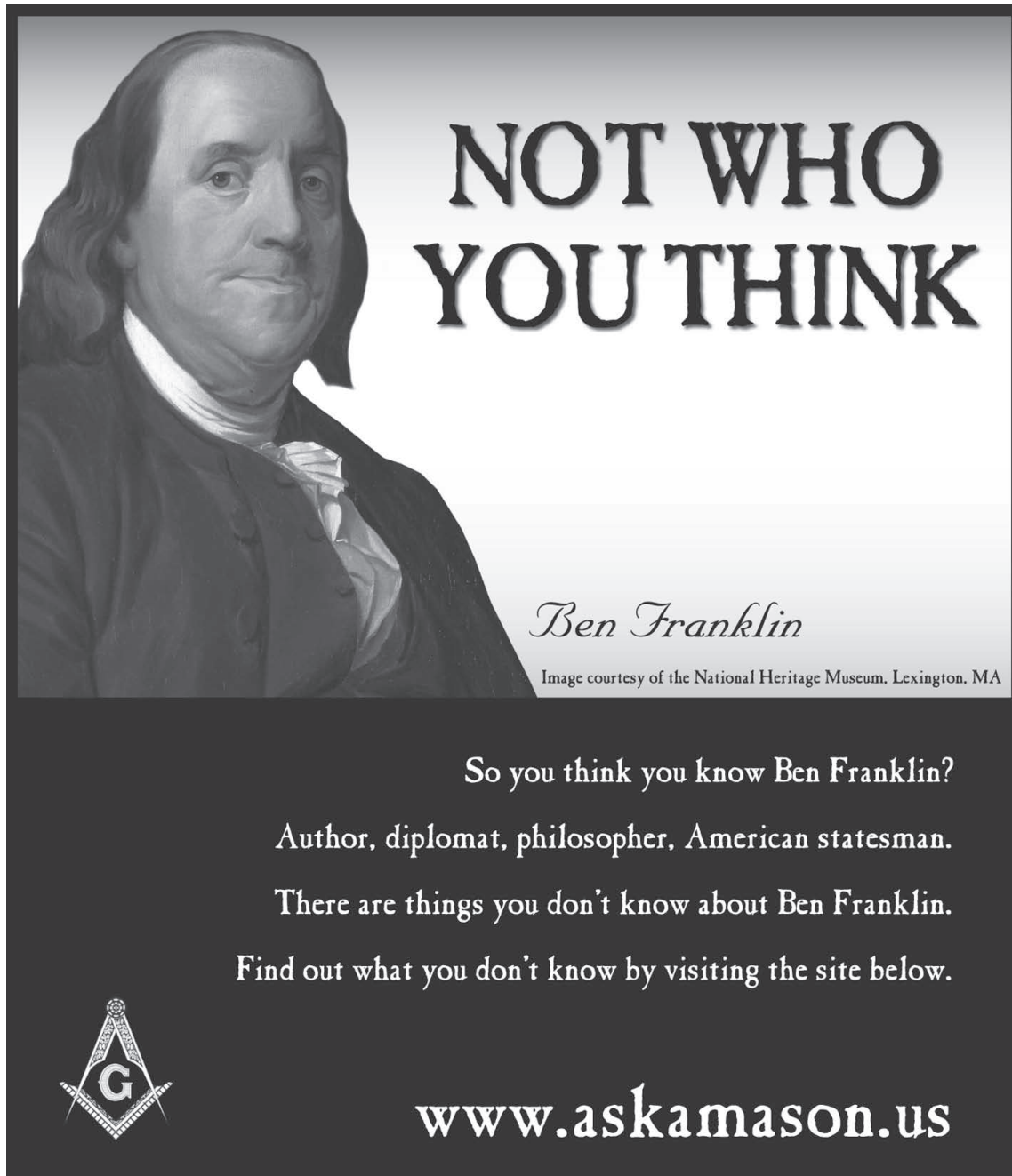
Pedersen, 29, said he came forward to support McGreevey's contention that his wife had to have known he was gay when they married. She says she had no clue.

Cassidy also agreed during Thursday's three-hour court proceeding to allow testimony from a financial expert hired by Matos McGreevey. McGreevey sought to bar CPA Kalman Barson's report, which claims she is entitled to much more money than what the ex-governor says he can afford to pay.

She is seeking \$600,000 in compensation for the time she would have spent at the governor's mansion had he not resigned.

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— Karen Cassidy
superior court judge



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THE DUKE REPORT

Just say no

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Eli Lilly developed fluoxetine hydrochloride – better known as Prozac – as an antidepressant throughout the 1970s and 1980s.

A quick check to Wikipedia shows it is used to treat a broad array of mental health disorders including clinical depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, bulimia nervosa, premenstrual dysphoric disorder and hypochondria.

Prozac made its U.S. debut in 1987 and quickly became a mega hit. The patent expired in 2001 and the generic version is still extremely popular today. According to the Drug Topics Magazine, in 2006 generic Prozac was the third most consumed anti-depressant with 23.1 million prescriptions were given.

The problem with Prozac is that it doesn't really work – at least not as well as drug companies say it does.

The truth is the pharmaceutical industry isn't in the business of curing it is in the industry of treatment, which keeps people on prescriptions for long periods of time. It is a business whose sole goal is to make money. So, it sells its product and looks at numbers the same way GE does with washing machines.

The only problem is that Prozac isn't a washing machine.

A great book on the subject is "The Truth About Drug Companies: How They Deceive us and What to do About It" by Dr. Marcia Angell, the former editor of The New England Journal Of Medicine. She refutes the major lie of pharmaceutical companies – that they are "powerhouses of innovation" and their profits are deserved and then "fairly" reinvested into new research and development to help humanity.

She shows how these companies actually invest 2.5 times more money in marketing and advertising their products than they do in new research and development.

Again, smart moves if you're in the business of selling washing machines. Unethical if you're selling Prozac.

But it doesn't stop there. Angell goes on to show that about 75 percent of the "new drugs" they market are "me-too" drugs, which are essentially the same as the drugs already on the market.

They claim they are free-market adherents, yet vie for government handout "research grants." They take drugs developed at universities, grossly inflate the price to the American consumer and compensate those researchers and schools with

next to nothing.

One more time, this kind of business is smart if you're selling washing machines, but it is downright evil if you are selling Prozac.

What these companies do is use drug "representatives" to employ every underhanded trick in the book (cakes for your daughters birthdays, golf in Fiji, etc.) to get doctors to prescribe their medication.

Sure they use in-house studies and color coded charts to convince doctors their "medicine" is helpful, but so did cigarette companies.

Shahram Ahari, who formerly worked as a drug rep selling Prozac, spoke on Capitol Hill about his experiences. In his story he explains that when asked if they are swayed by drug reps, most doctors say very little or not at all. But when asked about how they think their peers are persuaded, they respond that their peers are very influenced by these same reps. This disconnect is intentional and keeps these companies laughing all the way to the bank.

This brings us full circle back to Prozac. A joint U.S. and U.K. study at Hull University published last month showed that Prozac and similar drugs did not have a more significant difference in treating depression than a placebo, except in the most severe cases. We continue to feed an industry that's goal is to hook us on inferior products, with no regard for consequence. Today, parents and doctors alike must concede that there is no magic pill substitution for parenting or therapy, and finally starve this beast.

This is by no means a call for people to flush their pills down the toilet. In fact, withdrawal is one of the most difficult problems associated with prescriptions drugs. These chemicals are way too dangerous to play around with, and doctors are essential in making sure that any change is done safely.

Someone once told me that sunny days were nothing without the rainy ones to give them substance substance.

Just about every great artist, politician and writer has suffered from depression. Mental health is a complex, and medication can be helpful. But without a serious examination of the cause of one's depression, coupled with a constructive healing method like therapy, no real progress can be made.

Root problems don't go away when masked by drugs, legal or not. Depression may just be nature's way of helping us to our natural path, indicating when we need to adjust our lives to better attain fulfillment.

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THE COUNSELING CENTER

What's drinking responsibly all about?

THE COUNSELING CORNER

Responsible drinking is not a contradiction in terms.

Whether you're celebrating a Saluki victory, the end of finals or just enjoying time spent with friends, fond memories often include having a drink. Unfortunately, many of us know a friend or family member who has overdone it and suffered some negative consequences, such as hurting them or someone else. Hopefully this article will give you some ideas on how to have a good time without putting yourself or others at risk while drinking.

It is best to avoid alcohol if you fall into any one of the following categories:

First, abstain from drinking if you know you will be behind the wheel or engaged in tasks that require full mental or physical functioning. The fact is that approximately 1.5 million drivers are arrested each year for driving under the influence and about three in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol related crash at some point in their lives.

Second, avoid drinking while taking medication and avoid taking aspirin if you have been drinking. In addition, taking Tylenol or any other Acetaminophen medication for a hangover may result in liver damage.

Third, if you are feeling stressed and tired, it may be in your best interest to avoid alcohol until you're feeling better emotionally.

Finally, you should avoid alcohol if you are the child or sibling of someone with alcoholism and/or are expecting, nursing or considering pregnancy.

If you don't fall into any of the aforementioned categories, then you can practice drinking responsibly. However, there is no one definition of responsible alcohol use that is useful for everyone. For some people "responsible use" can, in fact, mean no alcohol use at all. For most college students,

the following guidelines are likely to help you determine your own definition of responsible alcohol use:

Drinking responsibly involves thinking about whether you will drink and what you will drink before even attending a party or event. That's right, planning ahead can keep you safe. A good rule of thumb is to have one drink per hour, because this is the amount of liquor that the liver can process in that period of time.

In addition, you should have no more than three drinks during a 24-hour period and limit yourself to one variety of alcohol rather than consuming wine, beer and mixed drinks during the same 24-hour period.

Remember to also avoid accepting open containers or mixed drinks from others.

Besides planning ahead and spacing out your drinks over time, plan on alternating alcoholic beverages with non-alcoholic beverages that are non-carbonated. Carbonated beverages increase alcohol absorption into your system, which leads to intoxication more quickly. Water is the best choice to alternate with alcoholic beverages.

Responsible drinking also involves not drinking on an empty stomach and eating while you are drinking. Eating something before and during drinking slows alcohol's movement through the digestive system, thus delaying alcohol's entry into the bloodstream.

Finally, be aware that your judgment and decision-making can be impaired when you drink, so it is important to keep yourself safe and plan ahead to ride with someone who isn't drinking or to call a cab.

By employing these responsible drinking strategies, you can drink in a way that minimizes the negative effects of alcohol use while maximizing the positive effects.

Contact the Counseling Center at 453-5371 if you believe that alcohol may be a problem for you or someone you care about.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obama unfairly spun

DEAR EDITOR:

I write this letter not as an Obama supporter, but as person who is able to identify with his plight as a black man trying for change. After watching Obama give one of the best speeches that I have heard in years, I turned to the 24-hour cable media outlets for their coverage.

Sean Hannity claimed that Obama was a racist. CNN said that Obama can never recover from such a fallout. Fox News said that Obama will never gain the support of the blue collar whites of America.

What is wrong with the media?

Obama made points that everyone needed to hear. Regardless of how much a black person achieves "success" in this country, there will always be some resentment. Blacks have not forgotten the

injustices that they suffered and the institutional, cultural and individual racism that we still suffer today.

So yes, blacks still carry a little resentment from being denied federal housing assistance loans, paying 30 percent more for new cars and being educated in an inferior public school system. Obama made the point that even though we will live with this resentment, we still try to work with the majority populace of this country to make it a better place.

But the news media, exploiting a story, still reminds blacks of a perceived status in this country —being second-class citizens.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

“Today, I am asking him to match those words with actions.”

Sen. Hillary Clinton

Democratic presidential hopeful in a challenge to Barack Obama to agree to new primaries in Florida and Michigan

IN THE LIGHT

'A person's a person no matter how small'

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The book-turned-movie "Horton Hears a Who" is a simple story about an unappreciated elephant who finds himself the only animal able to rescue the world of the Whos, tiny people on a tiny planet.

The line that Horton repeats throughout the movie is "A person's a person no matter how small." Pro-life advocates have latched on to this phrase.

Even though it appears the author did not write the story for this purpose, it does make an interesting comparison: tiny little people who have a fragile existence. They are dependent upon a savior to rescue them from destruction by those who refuse to believe that they are actually alive.

Recently, ultrasounds and other technological advances have proved that an unborn baby is still a human. Not just after birth, but throughout the pregnancy.

According to one doctor, Fritz Baumgartner, the differences between life inside and outside the womb fall into four categories (think SLED); size, level of development, environment and degree of dependency.

Definitely, size plays a role in many arguments. After all, if they are not as big as us or they do not look exactly like us, they must not be one of us. This is also one of the oldest playground taunts. Size plays a big role in how we sum each other up: she's a short girl, he's a tall boy.

But that doesn't make them any less human. OK. So size doesn't work.

Level of development is the second factor. It is a point well made by abortion advocates because, early in development, the child does not look like us.

How many of us look differently in our newbie photos than we do now? For Christmas, I put photos of each of us kids next to ones when we were babies side-by-side — boy, we have changed a lot!

Just because babies do not look the same as adults, that is no reason to call them the "non-humans."

Environment is the third difference. The baby is inside the womb, a different environment than the outside world. This is a key point separating "us" and "them."

But when has environment ever stopped anyone from being a "true

human?" Humans have lived all over the face of the earth, and now can live in space, a place with no gravity. In space, a human cannot survive without the aid of specialized equipment, much as an unborn child cannot survive without his mom. So, environment is not a deciding factor.

Finally, the degree of dependency.

Insurance, college tuition, food; nearly every aspect of our existence has some roots in our family.

Many abortion advocates have stated that "fetuses" do not deserve as many rights as born children because they are entirely dependent on their mothers. They are, quite literally, attached to their mothers and cannot survive without them.

Therefore, their mothers deserve the right to determine their fate.

Newborns are entirely dependent upon their mother for milk and comfort. True, as some abortion advocates note, this role can be performed by someone other than mom. But the ingredients are still the same. They still need nourishment that must come from someone other than himself or herself, and they need comfort and emotional bonding. After all, a newborn cannot even move his or her own head without assistance. They definitely

are still dependent on mom.

On much the same note, how many of us are still dependent upon our parents for some aspect of our existence? Insurance, college tuition, food; nearly every aspect of our existence has some roots in our family.

So, when do we really become human? When do we become totally independent?

Try never.

Why did I just go over all of this? Well, coming up next Saturday is a chance to stand up for the unborn in our area. The Shawnee Crisis Pregnancy Center is hosting its annual "Walk for Life" at the Marion Mall.

So if you, too, are upset when someone explains to you that a person is not a person because they are unseen, small and helpless, plan to attend the Walk for Life. It is a very easy way to show you care.

By the way, March is Women's History Month. I want to congratulate all the great women achievers who started out as mere "fetuses." Luckily, their mothers thought enough of them to give them life. Here's another shout-out to all the women who are yet unborn but are about to rock the world.

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JEEZ, JULIE

Giving the seven deadly sins a modern perspective

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Lust. Gluttony. Greed. Sloth. Wrath. Envy. Pride.

The original seven deadly sins just weren't clear enough.

In response to how so much has changed in the last century, the Vatican recently released a new list of deadly sins to avoid. Drug abusers beware: According to the new list, your actions could reserve you a seat in hell.

The new list has two devoted to money. Accumulating excessive wealth and creating poverty are pretty bold statements that millions could reap the benefits of — if they were followed. Imagine the billions made by the oil companies going to the poor instead of in a few people's pockets.

But considering how the first seven deadly sins are too tough for mankind to follow, what makes this list any different, and what makes the Vatican think anyone will respond?

Among the new sins, the Vatican warns that genetic modification and human experiments are wrong, but not a whole lot of Americans can say they've cloned an animal. But when stem cell research is taking the world closer to

curing "incurable" diseases, where does the line between saving humanity from suffering and avoiding the sin of reaching that point begin and end?

It's interesting to put into perspective the dangers of today's society. Polluting the environment is a sin we should all try to avoid, but is it impossible? Am I a sinner for driving my car, or can I make up for it by planting trees? It seems a somewhat plausible solution, and a little more effective than asking for forgiveness.

I liked the severe ambiguity of the old list, even though it makes me feel like more of a sinner. Stuffing my face at Thanksgiving or getting angry over something stupid isn't terrible, but it at least makes you think, which is more of the point.

I can safely say I've avoided more than half of the new list, while I'm guilty of most of the old. The new list makes me feel like a better person, but it doesn't really give me guidelines on how to live a good life.

As nice as it would be for the rich to sacrifice their wealth for the benefit of others, I doubt the Vatican will have any influence with its new list — especially them asking people to stop taking drugs. For some Americans, that's the only way to ease, or ignore completely, some of the suffering as it becomes harder and harder to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sports fans lacked class

DEAR EDITOR:

My family and I traveled from St. Louis to SIUC for the men's basketball game Wednesday night. We are huge Oklahoma State fans, and we were excited to have a chance to take our son to a game so close to home.

Although our Cowboys could not pull off a win, the majority of our conversation in the car on the way back home was the lack of sportsmanship that we experienced on your campus. Never before have I been around so many people who were not only poor sports, but at times just plain rude.

From the "boos" that the entire crowd seemed to be screaming as our players were introduced, or did anything for that matter, to the comments that we received throughout the game about how we "suck" and the continued comments on the way out of your stadium, we were not at all impressed.

My husband and I have been involved in sports our entire lives and have participated at all levels, from little league to college athletics. We understand friendly competition and even enjoy a good rivalry, but what went on last night was beyond anything we have experienced before.

It is just a shame that our conversation with our son after the game was not about how much better our beloved Cowboys have played in the past.

Instead we discussed how that would be our first and only visit to your campus, and that he at least learned a great lesson on how not to behave at a sporting event.

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Specialty crop growers optimistic for fresh start

Ice storms, flood conditions have little impact on area orchards

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Despite ice storms strong enough to cancel classes and flood levels catching national attention, specialty crop growers in southern Illinois are anticipating a bountiful harvest this year.

Almost one year ago, freezing temperatures killed a significant portion of the grape, apple and peach crops in southern Illinois. As this year's growing season approaches, specialty crop growers such as Gerd Hedman at Hedman Orchard and Vineyard in Alto Pass are optimistic even after a series of ice storms in February and this week's rainstorms that dumped more than a foot of water in portions of the Midwest.

Hedman, whose orchard lost 20 percent of last year's grape crop in the freeze, said this winter's weather did not affect grape vines and peach trees. The 10-acre orchard is on higher ground, which voids the threat of standing water, she said.

"The weather has affected us in that we have not been able to prune as early," Hedman said.

Wayne Sirles, an owner of Rendleman Orchards in Alto Pass, said his family's 290 acres of fruit and vegetable crops were undamaged after one of the most active winters in decades. He said the colder temperatures and ice storms will be



The trees at Rendleman Orchards on Highway 127 stand bare this time of year. The orchard will reopen in June.
JASON JOHNSON
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beneficial to this year's crop since peach trees are not expected to bud until the end of March, which is later than usual.

"The later we can have our peaches come out means the less chance for a freeze," Sirles said.

Congress approved the Crop Disaster Program months after southern Illinois' specialty crops were lost, said Chuck Spencer, director of national legislation for the Illinois

Farm Bureau. The program allows farmers to receive federal assistance if they have lost crops because of natural disasters between 2005 and 2007.

Spencer said farmers eligible for the program would have had to lose at least 35 percent of their crop, participated in some type of federal crop insurance at the time of the loss and be in compliance with erosion specifications.

Hedman said her orchard does

not have any type of insurance, which would disqualify them from claiming federal dollars for last year's poor season.

Sirles said southern Illinois is the northern-most region that peaches can be grown, aside from Michigan. Peaches, he said, need warmer conditions to grow, which puts any orchard and vineyard in the region in competition with farmers in Georgia and California.

"It's harder to farm in this area with the weather conditions," said Sirles, who is the fifth generation peach grower in his family.

Hedman and Sirles said they expect to begin bringing in their peach crops as early as the first week in July.

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Dear Hollywood: Celebrity addiction perfect reality lesson

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Happy endings sure are great, Hollywood.

You know that. We love watching characters skip off into the sunset, hand in hand, no formidable foes in the future to stop their happiness.

But, Hollywood, you're making such an impact without your happy endings, and nothing but thanks

should go your way.

Admittedly, when VH1 began advertising their latest reality show "Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew," skepticism was high. It seemed as though a gaggle of those kooky, erratic celebs would get together in a rehab center, not take their treatment seriously and end by being magically cured of their drug and alcohol addictions — primed for a skip off into the sunset.

VH1 assembled a cast of celebrities struggling with addiction and gave viewers a peak at what rehab is. Ranging from "Red Sonja" star Brigitte Nielsen to one of the

men responsible for one of the most annoying songs to ever hit radio waves — Crazytown's "Butterfly" — Seth "Shifty" Binzer, home audiences got to see celebrities in rehab we never even thought had problems.

We cringe as they began feeling withdrawal symptoms, getting violently ill, some having to be hospitalized. We winced as they struggled through the first days, fighting with each other and lashing out at the staff for newly imposed rules. We rejoiced when it seemed like each one had turned a corner in their recovery and might just stay sober.

And we felt the disappointment

akin to watching a family member in front of us at their reunion show when some of them said they were no longer sober.

Hollywood, showing us this world of drug and alcohol addiction like we had never seen it before was one of the best choices you could have made. So much understanding can be brought by a show that shines a light on addiction in a way that most people never see.

We don't know what it's like in rehab or how hard it is to get through, unless we've been. We don't know what it takes to stay sober if we've never had an addiction. And if we

are addicted, maybe we'll see this and realize the help we need is out there.

Thank you, Hollywood, for giving us something that needs to be seen and showing people that getting help won't be easy, but it is possible.

For all the celebrity cast that went through the harrowing rehab experience, we're rooting for you. For all the people who need help, we support you.

And for you, Hollywood — an ounce of gratitude.

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PULSE CHATTERBOX

'Today' co-anchor Matt Lauer is the next victim of the Friars Club celebrity roast. Al Roker, the show's weatherman, will serve as the roastmaster. Do you think Matt Lauer was a good choice for the celebrity roast?



Alicia Wade

Well, the good news of choosing Matt Lauer to be roasted is that they've finally run out of celebrities. Pretty soon they'll just be roasting regular people and I'll get my shot to be on television. Maybe my dog Sneech will be my roastmaster. Surely he's funnier than Al Roker.



Danny Wenger

Is anybody inviting Tom Cruise?



Devin Vaughn

Considering that I don't know enough about Lauer to write a joke, no. No he is not.

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Senior forward Randal Falker sets a screen for Tyrone Green, leaving Oklahoma State's Terrel Harris behind during Tuesday's 69-53 win at the SIU Arena. SIU played Arizona State Thursday night in the second round of the NIT.

JAKE LOCKARD
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BASKETBALL

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Lowery said the second chance the NIT has given the Salukis has motivated the seniors to take charge like they did Tuesday.

"It's a great feeling to see those guys play the way we had envisioned them all year and that's Matt and Randal leading us," Lowery said. "And that's how it is and how it should always be and they played great and I'm proud of them and happy for them."

While the senior leadership influenced the outcome of Thursday's game, the Salukis also rely on junior Tony Boyle's contributions when postseason play starts.

When Shaw went down with an injury against Holy Cross during the NCAA Tournament, Boyle came in and scored 14 points. Boyle did the same Tuesday when he made up for Mullins' scoring by chipping in 10 points.

Lowery said Boyle was a big part of the team rallying around each other to make up for the absence of the MVC Defensive Player of the Year.

"Boyle was great down the stretch

"One thing we talked about that's going to overcome a talented, athletic team is our defense, playing hard and doing all the little stuff that we always pride ourselves on."

— Matt Shaw
senior forward

and I think maybe he was an afterthought for them," Lowery said. "I don't know if they thought he could score or play down there but it really helped us because it took more of the focus off Randal."

Green has overcome midseason struggles to get back into the starting lineup and help the Salukis in the NIT. The senior guard was moved to the bench after offensive struggles, but SIU found a good chemistry at the end of the season with Green starting and Joshua Bone coming off the bench.

Both guards started alongside each other Tuesday and shared duties at point guard, which worked well as Green had eight assists and no turnovers while Bone dropped 11 points, including a trio of 3-pointers.

Arizona State had a similar identity crisis as they went on a 10-game winning streak in the middle of the season but then followed it by losing seven of its next nine games.

Shaw said the Salukis have to continue to focus on what they have to do and not the other team.

"It's never easy," Shaw said. "One thing we talked about that's going to overcome a talented, athletic team is our defense, playing hard and doing all the little stuff that we always pride ourselves on."

Results and full analysis from the Arizona State game can be found online at <http://www.siude.com>.

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SOFTBALL

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Senior shortstop Becky Wegmann said the Salukis' roster has a lot of versatile players both on the field and in the dugout, which has helped them adjust to switches in positions.

"You just kind of go with the flow," Wegmann said.

The Salukis were scheduled to host a non-conference matchup against Southeast Missouri State on Tuesday but it was canceled because of inclement weather.

Blaylock said she would like to have the team play at least once during the week but it shouldn't affect the Salukis on the field this weekend.

"It's not devastating but you love mid-week games because it gives everyone a chance to play," Blaylock said.

The Salukis will play a double-header at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. today and will play a single game Saturday starting at noon.

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STAT OF THE DAY
Men's baseball

SIU starter Cody Adams enters today's start against Indiana State with a 5.25-to-1 strikeout to walk ratio. In 22.2 innings pitched, Adams has 21 strikeouts and has only allowed four walks.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered?
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If you could have one player in the NCAA Tournament this year to lead your team to the Final Four, who would it be?

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"Kansas State's Michael Beasley is the guy I would want. He is only a freshman and inexperienced in tournament play, but his basketball skill is head and shoulders above the rest of the field. Someone who can average 30 points and 20 rebounds to start the season is someone who can carry a team."

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"Memphis guard Derrick Rose is my go-to guy. He's a potential lottery pick who would score in bunches if he weren't on such a talented team. He can create his own shot and is willing to pass to an open teammate when necessary, evidenced by his 4.5 assists per game."

TENNIS

Salukis welcome homestand



Sophomore Michela Cruise changes the score in between games during the match against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville on March 5. The Salukis will host Evansville and Tennessee Tech this weekend.

Teams look to bounce back from recent woes

Luis C. Medina
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women's tennis team hopes a little bit of home cooking can get the team back to its winning ways.

After three consecutive losses in outdoor matches, the women's team returns indoors for home matches against Tennessee Tech and Missouri Valley Conference rival Evansville.

Coach Audra Nothwehr said the Salukis could take a lot from their recent struggles.

"We are going to take that with us and learn from it," Nothwehr said. "We need to close out the match and not let up."

Evansville enters Saturday's match with an 8-4 record and momentum that comes with a victory against in-state rival Southern Indiana. The

Purple Ace's marquee player Sara Wilhoite returned to the lineup and led Evansville to a 6-1 victory over Southern Indiana.

The Salukis look to duplicate its recent success against the Purple Aces. In 2007, SIU picked up its first conference win in a 4-1 road victory against Evansville.

In the women's second match, they will take on out-of-conference foe Tennessee Tech, concluding the Golden Eagles' four-match road trip.

Tennessee Tech (2-11) comes off of its most recent loss against Ohio Valley Conference rival Eastern Kentucky. The Colonels dropped the Golden Eagles, 5-2, extending the Golden Eagle's losing streak to six matches.

The Saluki men travel to face a struggling Memphis (5-7) squad that enters the contest on a five-match losing streak.

The Tigers lost their most recent match at Oklahoma, 5-2. Memphis won only two singles matches and one doubles match against the Sooners, who were lead by Andre

Daescu, who ranks No. 27 among singles tennis players.

After the match against the Tigers, SIU comes home to face Tennessee Tech's men's team in its first home match. The Golden Eagles' men's team enters the match with an 8-3 overall record and is coming off its first conference win, a 7-0 victory against Murray State.

Tennessee Tech opened the match sweeping the doubles matches, 8-6, 8-3, 8-6, and continued its dominance over winless Murray State by winning each of the six singles competitions in straight sets.

SIU (5-5) enters the match on its own two-match slide after losing matches against Hawaii-Manoa and Hawaii-Pacific March 10 and 11. Coach Dann Nelson said the Salukis played better in the second match and hoped it would carry over into its weekend matches.

"Overall, we have much improving to do and each member of the team will need to step it up from now on," Nelson said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis' deal with identity crisis

Results for Thursday's game were unavailable by press time. For full results and analysis, visit www.siuDE.com



Senior guard Tyrone Green fumbles to hold on to the ball against an Oklahoma State defender Tuesday night at the SIU Arena.
DUVALE RILEY
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NIT success depends on what SIU squad plays

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

College basketball is filled with perennial powerhouses, determined underdogs and underachievers — and then there is SIU.

The Salukis have managed to play all three roles this season in a roller-coaster year that put them on

a collision course with Arizona State Thursday in the second round of the National Invitation Tournament.

The difference between a date with the winner of Creighton and Florida and a trip to the off-season depended on what Saluki squad showed up.

The squad that was a unanimous choice to win the Missouri Valley Conference stepped on the floor in the first round of the NIT, but the underachieving group showed up in the final game before the NIT against Northern Iowa.

The fate and identity of the Salukis is in the hands of the seniors as Randal Falker, Matt Shaw and Tyrone Green

“It's a great feeling to see those guys play the way we had envisioned them all year and that's Matt and Randal leading us.

— Chris Lowery
head coach

proved they can lead the team during the 69-53 victory over Oklahoma State Tuesday.

The trio combined for 45 of the team's 69 points and 11 assists, most to each other.

Coach Chris Lowery was critical of the senior leadership all season long and even labeled junior Bryan Mullins

as the leader midway through the year. Falker's aggressiveness was questioned in a scoreless performance against Charlotte, Shaw's composure was in doubt when he missed his first shot in games and Green's inconsistency had him in a rotation from the starting lineup and the bench.

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BASEBALL

SIU opens conference play today

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU baseball team wants to accomplish two tasks Friday.

The Salukis (8-7) are looking to open their 2008 Missouri Valley Conference slate with a win for the seventh year in a row against Indiana State (4-10) at 1 p.m. at Abe Martin Field.

After the game, the team will gather at 5 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center for their 12th annual fish fry and memorabilia auction to raise money for the baseball program.

Junior right-hander Cody Adams will take the mound for SIU in search of his second win of the season. Adams is 1-1 with a 3.18 ERA and 21 strikeouts.

Junior left-hander Michael Manus will oppose Adams. Manus is 0-3 with a 5.12 ERA in 19.1 innings pitched.

The Salukis have a clear edge when it comes to starting pitching, but coach Dan Callahan said the bullpen is the most critical aspect of the game.

“We've got to figure out a way to get our bullpen straightened out,” Callahan said. “We've got some guys who are performing below our expectations and probably below their expectations.”

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— Dan Callahan
head coach

As the story was in 2007, the bullpen is struggling again.

Junior Adam Curynski and senior Ian Reinhart both have ERAs above seven.

In five appearances, Curynski has a 7.50 ERA while opponents are hitting .346 against him.

Reinhart, the primary setup man for closer Bryant George, has a team-high 8.76 ERA in nine appearances. In 2007, he finished with a 2.90 ERA.

Despite the early season bullpen struggles, the lineup should provide enough pop to get past the struggling starting pitching for Indiana State.

Junior catcher Mark Kelly is on par with his RBI per game average of 2007.

Kelly is hitting .333 with four doubles and 15 RBIs.

Junior second baseman Scott Elmendorf is also enjoying a strong year offensively. His .364 average and team-high 20 hits are mirroring his freshman year numbers when he was named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American.

“Scott Elmendorf has shown flashes that he can be just as good as he was when he was a freshman,” Callahan said. “He had a down year last year but I'd like to think he's back.”

SIU will take on the Sycamores 2 p.m. Saturday before finishing the series 1p.m. Sunday.

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SOFTBALL

Practice makes perfect for SIU

Megan Kramper
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For the SIU softball team, practice is helping turn its record around after a tough beginning to the season.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said at the beginning of the season when the team faced opponents in the USA Today/ESPN.com Top 25 poll — including No. 13 Northwestern, No. 17 Hawaii and No. 19 Washington — intensity and energy levels in practice were down.

But the Salukis (15-11, 3-0 MVC) are coming off a three-game sweep of Northern Iowa to open Missouri Valley Conference play and look to continue their streak as they open play against Wichita State (19-12, 1-2 MVC) at 4 p.m. today.

Blaylock said the team practiced with confidence the week prior to playing Northern Iowa.

“We've practiced well again and I'm a firm believer in if you practice well, you play well,” Blaylock said.

SIU's offense started early in the series as junior third baseman Katie Wagner connected for two home runs while junior outfielder Katie Schmidt added one in the first game against the Panthers.

Schmidt said the Salukis won't be relying on home runs to spark their offense for the long run and

are looking to take their momentum of an opening three-game sweep with them on the road.

“It's just nice that upswing of everything,” Schmidt said. “You have all that momentum and you just want to keep winning.”

Wagner hit one more over the fence on the weekend but had to sit out the final game of the series as a ball she was fielding took a bad hop, breaking the third



RYAN RENDLEMAN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Assistant coach Christy Connoyer talks with senior infielder Lauren Haas during the Salukis' 6-1 victory over Northern Iowa Sunday.

baseman's nose.

Blaylock said Wagner has kept a positive attitude throughout practice this week and has been fitted with a facemask that will be worn when she is on the field and one has been placed on her helmet when she is at the plate.

“She's looking tremendous in practice,” Blaylock said. “She's

probably one of the toughest kids I've coached.”

It isn't the first injury for the Salukis this season as both senior outfielder Tiffanie Dismore and junior outfielder Chelsea Petty are both sidelined with jaw and thumb injuries.

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