MARCH GLADNESS

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.

Administrators consider services building sites

Two possible locations selected for new facility

Allison Petty

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 asked to lead a task force to determine a location for the planned building, which is part of the first phase of Sahali 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 about,“ 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 Treviso 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 Sahali Way, a plan to overhaul the campus, also involves building a new football stadium and renovating the SIU Arena. A $40 million 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 where the 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 a locating a Parking Division representative in the building, particularly at peak times of the year.

She said she believed freshmen would like to see 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 months. Physical Plant Director Phil Cattoon 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 with this,” Dietz said. “We have an opportunity to really design something very special here.”

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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 reasons.

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 FAA of the issue 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 spokesman Jean Medina said one of the jets was back in service by Friday 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.

United's decision to disallow defendant James Degorski is accused of the murders with Juan Luna. He acknowledged the lawsuit even though it was past the date that it needed to be checked for proper calibration. United said.

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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.

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. But they still exist," Webster said.

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.

"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

Some rivers expected to rise further

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FENTON, Mo. — More than a dozen people killed by floodwaters and rivers still rising, weary Midwesterners on Thursday weighed not just the prospect of a sudden death but the likelihood that their communities could be inundated and submerged.

Families in some areas have been forced from their homes multiple times in Arkansas and Missouri in 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 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 Rogers 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 volun-
teers out here to stay off disaster,” said Rogles, 27, who joined the effort because he remembered the devastating Great Flood of 1993.

Parts of Missouri got a foot or more 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.

Valleym Park is protected by a levee created in 2005, but the projecting, 6-foot-tall structure 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., were 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.

“We’ve been fighting with the water since February. I’m not sure if it was an unreleased part of the levee or not,” said Ferguson, 24, who lives in a basement apartment.

Ferguson said he was not sure if it was an unreleased part of the levee or not, but he was expecting the water to rise quickly.

He was among many people who joined the Sandbaggers to block her in a fierce race against the rising water.

His idea was to keep the levee in place, but it was not clear whether she had any help from her neighbors.

She discussed race relations on Tuesday and the foreign policy consequences of the Iraq War Wednesday.

Obama has been quiet about Clinton, keen in the popular vote and holds a nearly unassailable lead in delegate pledged support. But both candidates can clench the nomination without help from superdelegates, the people who are not bound by any primary or cau-


WASHINGTON

President Obama expressed permission to question National Archives over Clinton’s phone logs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A battle over Hillary Clinton’s phone log became hot latest issue for Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama on Thursday, after New York Times reported that he asked the National Archives to delay any access to phone logs. The Archives has not made the logs available.

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Counselors address suicide, substance problems

Substance Abuse Policy parallels Suicide Policy

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A new policy allowing students to receive help for substance abuse problems stemmed from a similar policy for potentially suicidal students, a spokesperson 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 with skepticism from many students.

Beck 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 through 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. The friend 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. Kimberly 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 of caution among, you... should get help if someone’s willing to offer you help. You should at least give it a shot maybe once,” Ward said.

The university’s Suicide Policy mirrors 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. Simmons added that the success of the policy with students is unpredictable.

“It just depends on who they are and what their problems are. 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, Ward said.

Compliance has an undefeated record in both policies. In 2007, the 23 students asked to undergo 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 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 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/services.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 New Jersey First Lady Angela McGreevey’s lawsuit 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 McGreevey that “this 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 while they were married, 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 Halpern, said the judge’s rulings encouraged his legal team. “Read between the lines,” he said of the judge’s words about allowing the fraud claim to proceed.

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

“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 an interview with The Star-Ledger of Newark and the New York Post, former McGreevey driver Tedder Pedersen 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 use CPA Kalman Barson’s reports, 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.

Ben Franklin
Image courtesy of the National Heritage Museum, Lexington, MA

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Just say no

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Ellie Llly developed flusserine 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 1997 and 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 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 look at 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 derived 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 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 government handouts “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 “impediments” to employ every underhanded trick in the book (casks for your daughter’s birthday, 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 “medicines” are helpful, but so did cigarette companies.

Shahrab 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 drug and similar drugs did not have a more significant difference in treatment resulting in a placebo, except in the most severe cases. We continue to feed an industry that gives us 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 start this beast.

This is by no means a call for reform of every last thing in our health system, but a serious examination of the most difficult problems associated with prescription drugs. These chemicals are way too dangerous to play around with, but probably are not as dangerous to use, but the negative effects of alcohol use while drinking or to call a cab. 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 addiction 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 naive man and that Obama cannot recover from such a fallout. Fox News said that Obama will never gain the support of the black collar whites of America.

What is wrong with the media?

Obama made points that everyone needed to hear. Regardless of how much a black personachen "success" in this country, there will always be some resentment. Black 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 media, exploiting a story, still reminds blacks of a perpetual 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
‘A person’s a person no matter how small’

Definitely, size plays a role in many arguments. After all, if they are not as big as we or do they 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 when we see 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 many anti-abortion advocates because, early in development, the child does not look like us. How many of us look differently as our newborn photos than we do now? For Christmas, I put photos of each of us kids next to ones 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-human.”

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. Many abortion advocates have started 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 on their mother for milk and comfort. True, as some abortion advocates argue, this role can be performed by someone other than mother. 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 one area. The Shafter Crisis Pregnancy Center is hosting its annual “Walk for Life” at the Marion Mall.

If you, too, are upset when someone explains to you that a person is not a person because they are unborn, 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.”

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Voices

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Specialty crop growers optimistic for fresh start

Ice storms, flood conditions have little impact on area orchards

Barton Lorimor

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 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 latter 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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**Pulse Chatbox**
- **Today's co-anchor Matt Lauer is the new victim of the Friars Club celebrity roast. Al Roker, the show's weatherman, will serve as the master of ceremonies. Do you think Matt Lauer was a good choice for the celebrity roast?**

**Devin Vaughn**

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

**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.
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Sudoku

By The Mepham Group

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

Solution to Thursday’s puzzle:

http://www.sudoku.org.uk.
Lowery said the second chance the NIT has given the Salukis has motivated the seniors to take charge like they did Tuesday.

"It's going to be different in some ways, but I think they played great and I'm proud of them and happy for them," Lowery said.

While the senior leadership influenced the outcome of Thursday's game, Salukis also rely on junior Jeff Engelhardt for positive 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 10-game 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 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.

Results and full analysis from the Arizona State game can be found online at http://www.siu.edu/.
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.

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STAT OF THE DAY

Men’s basketball

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### Men’s Basketball

**Salukis’ deal with identity crisis**

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

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 Coughlin and Florida and a trip to the off-season depended on what Salukas 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 Salukas is in the hands of the seniors as Randal Falke, Matt Shaw and Tyonne Green proved they can lead the team during the 69-53 victory over Oklahoma State Tuesday.

The trio combined for 45 of the teams 69 points and 13 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. Fallor’s aggressiveness was questioned in a scoreless performance against Charlotte. Shaw’s composer was in doubt when he missed his first shot in games and Greene inconsistency had fans in a rationale from the starting lineup and the bench.

### Softball

**Practice makes perfect for SIU**

“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 game 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’ offense wasn’t 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 upwing 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 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 Salukas this season as both senior outfielder Tiffanie Dismore and junior outfielder Chelsea Perry are both sidelined with jaw and thumb injuries.

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