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Alex Pearlman, a senior from Carbondale studying marketing and finance, poses for a portrait Wednesday on campus. Pearlman, along with SIUC students Matt Konecek, Brian Green, Geordie Dye and Peter Batinski, will participate as the Northern Tier team in Bike the U.S. for MS. A cross-country bicycle trip that raises money and awareness for multiple sclerosis research. The trip begins May 28 in Bar Harbor, Maine, and ends two months later in Seattle. LAUREN LEONE DAILY EGYPTIAN

Locals bike country to help find cure

LEAH STOVER
Daily Egyptian

Don Frasier said when he decided to spend his summer biking across the country, his motivation was more than curiosity.

"I planned the bike trip to raise

money for multiple sclerosis and to honor my mom," he said. "I didn't really know what I was getting myself into."

Frasier, creator of the non-profit organization Bike the U.S. for MS, said he never expected others to join the cause, let alone create an entire company dedicated to helping

those affected by multiple sclerosis. Every summer, the organization orchestrates cross-country bike trips to raise awareness for MS research and volunteer for MS patients.

Since 2007, the group has raised nearly \$200,000 in donations,

conducted multiple volunteer projects and biked approximately 10,000 miles in the process.

This year, five Carbondale natives jumped on board with the organization and plan to bike 4,295 miles from Bar Harbor, Maine, to Seattle.

Peter Batinski, a senior studying

agricultural systems, is one of the local members. He said raising money isn't all the group does. It's also spent several hours volunteering around the community.

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Ten months in review: Cheng initiated change

JULIE SWENSON
Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Rita Cheng said she knows she can't satisfy everyone as she fulfills her role as an agent of change at SIUC.

"I think that people understand I was brought here to effect change and improve outcomes particularly as they relate to enrollment and retention of students," Cheng said. "Anyone who has run an organization will know that if you keep doing the same things over and over again, you likely aren't going to get any different results."

Cheng began her responsibilities as the university's chancellor in June 2010, and she will be formally installed as the eighth chancellor of SIUC today at 2 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium.

When she first got the job, Cheng said her main areas of focus were to get SIUC's financial situation under control, reduce expenditures, reorganize enrollment management, create a university college, work with deans and staff to highlight research and academic programs, and make sure the community knows about good things going on at SIUC.

She said as a new chancellor, it was hard to cut spending at SIUC in her first few months.

"I would have loved to come into the institution at a time when there was much more funding available for higher education," she said. "And it's difficult to start a new chancellorship in the absolute worst time for higher education we have ever experienced. Having to tackle a \$15 million budget shortfall from the first week I was here was a very, very difficult situation."

Cheng said she has a much more in-depth knowledge of SIUC now,

though she did have some information about the university before she started her duties as chancellor.

"I know more. Your first year should be spent learning a lot, and I think I have been doing that," she said.

Cheng said she wants to increase undergraduate and graduate student enrollment, gain more financial support from the state and SIUC's tuition, accomplish some of the deferred maintenance projects, draw more attention to the university's research programs, and work with the SIU Foundation to create scholarships for students.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said Cheng has made a lot of progress in the past 10 months.

"Dr. Cheng has understood the challenges of this university with respect to enrollment, retention, recruitment, our research capacity, all kinds of things," Poshard said. "She understands those challenges. Others may have understood them, but she is willing to do what is necessary to make the really tough choices to meet some of those challenges."

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"It's just a sense-of-accomplishment kind of thing," Batinski said. "It's not something you pay \$4,000 to go on, it's something you raise \$4,000 to go on."

Matt Konecek, a junior from Carbondale studying architecture, said he decided to join the group after an old friend told him about his experience with the organization. He said he was ready to go after researching the trip.

"I'm more excited than nervous," Konecek said. "In a couple years I probably won't be able to do this, so you've got to do it while you're young."

For the ultimate fundraiser, Batinski said the group has organized a benefit raffle at Tres Hombres

for April 28, which is projected to land them at their goal. He said the benefit wouldn't be possible without the community's support.

Chose Somkroop, manager of Carbondale Cycle, said he was more than willing to donate a bike for the raffle simply because one of the group members has been a loyal customer.

"He did it last year and he really enjoyed it," Somkroop said. "It will be a good experience."

Batinski said local businesses such as Tres Hombres, Quatros and In Sync Mind Body Therapy Center donated prizes for the raffle. He said everyone was more than happy to contribute.

Throughout the past four years, Frasier said members have gone to extreme measures to raise money.

"One of the Carbondale crew made some crazy paper-mache tiger-on-a-bicycle machine and rode it

downtown with a bucket singing 'Eye of the Tiger' to raise money," he said. "You name it, people are doing it."

Frasier said the organization's primary focus is to lend anyone a helping hand, whether they struggle with MS or not. He said volunteer work is the most important factor, and he foresees the organization continuing for years.

As of Thursday, Batinski said the organization has already raised \$100,000 and the amount will continue to rise. Frasier said the projected amount for this year is \$150,000, all of which will be donated to support research and treatment of MS at the James Q. Miller MS Clinic in Charlottesville, Va.

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He said it's understandable for people to be displeased with her actions, but he thinks most people understand why she needs to take them. Cheng's actions since she got to SIUC has set the stage for where she wants to take the university, Poshard said.

He said Cheng does a good job of keeping the university's big picture in mind and working with state legislators.

Poshard said he wants Cheng to build a better undergraduate mission, grow SIUC as a research institution, work with SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegriff and SIU-Springfield to share the strengths and insight of each university and increase enrollment.

Marcus King, president of Undergraduate Student Government, said Cheng shows the cares about students by attending student events, even if she can only make an appearance, and meeting with state

legislators to talk about SIUC.

He said it is difficult to judge Cheng in terms of her performance, but when people disagree with her it isn't because she is doing a bad job.

"A lot of times a person can have a problem with you or the way you do things because maybe you just can't do the job," King said. "But with her, it seems like with every task that she has, she does the job. The problem isn't how she does the job."

He said he wants Cheng to continue to work with legislators and do what she thinks is best for the university.

"She came into a problematic environment that she had to clean up with so many issues across a board," King said. "A lot of people might be talking about unions and furlough days, but everyone has their own battles."

Randy Hughes, president of the Faculty Association, said he hasn't had much personal contact with Cheng and it is difficult to tell what actions she is responsible for.

"I can see the results, and

ultimately, the chancellor bears a lot of responsibility for what the results are, but I think you have to be an insider at Anthony Hall to know really what her contribution is," Hughes said.

He said there is a disconnect between the administration and the rest of the university, and he wants Cheng and other SIU administrators to reform how they relate to faculty, staff and students. It's not just an easy fix remedied by a few visits, Hughes said, but an honest effort to collaborate and make people feel respected and valued.

"There's not really an attempt to meet the interests of faculty, to find out what's important to us, what we know, to involve us in a meaningful way in what's going on and the future of the university," he said. "Some responsibility falls back toward the chancellor's office, but maybe it's more of a pervasive problem of where we are right now."

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Trustees consider tuition fee increases for fall

JULIE SWENSON
Daily Egyptian

Finances and fees were the focus of discussion at the Board of Trustees meeting yesterday at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said decreased enrollment and the state's financial situation have forced him to propose a 9 percent tuition increase for SIUC and a 9.9 percent increase for SIUE for fall 2011, which the board will vote on May 12.

"The cash flow problems are excruciating and continuing," he said. "We have to expect further state cuts."

Poshard said the state government still owes SIUC \$133 million of \$219 million. The university has received only 35 percent of its total allocated state money for the fiscal year, which is almost over, he said.

The increase was necessary after there was no increase last year and a 4 percent increase was passed the year before, Poshard said. Comparatively, he said, SIUC's tuition is one of the lowest in the state.

Board acting chair Ed Hightower said he commended Poshard for cutting costs as much as possible, but Poshard needed to examine what other universities are doing and come up with a lower increase.

"I just can't support an increase of 9.9 percent," Hightower said.

Poshard said only the University of Illinois has declared their tuition increase, of 6.9 percent, for the fall.

Trustee Marquita Wiley said the amount of debt students leave

We have to consider this increase in terms of the economy and what the value of education is in society.

— Marquita Wiley trustee

college with, as well as the job market, should serve as reasons for Poshard to reconsider the rate of tuition increase and see if there is an alternative to raising tuition.

"We have to consider this increase in terms of the economy and what the value of education is in society," she said. "We will see graduation rates and enrollment drop if we don't make a good match with that."

Poshard said the increases are necessary, but he understands the board has to be sensitive to families and students.

"It's not an easy balance to find, but we will find it," he said. "It will be necessary to plan our fiscal year 2012 budgets with a reduction of state funding in mind."

SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng proposed increases in the facilities maintenance fee, flight training charges, the intercollegiate athletic fee, residence hall rates and apartment rentals, the Student Center fee, the student health extended care fee, the Student Recreation fee and the information technology fee. The fees are to help repair buildings, generate part of the money needed to expand the university's internet bandwidth and provide better services for students, Cheng said.

Poshard said he was concerned about the performance-based university funding bill, the possible elimination of the summer Pell grant and the concealed carry gun legislation in the House and the Senate, which would allow guns to be carried on campus, though it wouldn't allow students to carry guns in school buildings. He said he was interested in a bill that would require universities to report to the state about new, changed and low-performing academic programs.

Kristi Brownfield, the secretary and treasurer for Graduate Assistants United, asked the trustees to consider a fee freeze for graduate students, who have to pay about two months' salary in fees per year. She said she asked graduate students to sign postcards for the trustees and then presented the board with 500.

Hightower, who has been acting chair of the board since former chair Roger Tedrick's resignation April 2, said he postponed the selection of a new chair until a later undetermined date because he thought it wasn't the right time to have an election.

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Vice chair Ed Hightower, center, listens to a presentation at the SIU Board of Trustees meeting Thursday at the SIU-Springfield School of Medicine. Hightower became acting chair of the board after former Chair Roger Tedrick resigned April 2 to dedicate more

time to his business, Tedrick Insurance Agency, Inc. The Board deferred its selection of a new chair until a later date. "I just felt it was the right thing to do," Hightower said. A new chair, and possibly several new board members, will be elected in May.

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Students unsure, unaware of election process

KAYLA KEARNS
Daily Egyptian

SIUC students said the community should have let them know.

Carbondale has a history of low student turnout at the polls.

According to Jackson County records, there are four student precincts and less than 5 percent of registered student voters cast ballots in the general election April 5.

Some students who grew up outside of Carbondale say they don't know the process of voting locally or with absentee ballots. Other students say the candidates didn't make themselves available.

While turnout numbers show a lack of student involvement, students suggested a variety of ways to attract attention before the next round of elections.

Amber Williams, a freshman from St. Louis studying liberal arts, said students don't know enough about elections to get involved and do not understand the voting process.

"Don't you have to be from Carbondale to vote in Carbondale?" Williams said. "That's why they probably didn't vote, they didn't know. Then again, they probably don't feel obligated to because it's not home. It's home for now, but it's not home home."

Charles Leonard, visiting professor at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, said if students don't care enough to pay attention and candidates don't care enough to campaign on campus, then the

"You hope that students are attentive, and you hope that students care what happens in the city where they are spending four formative years of their lives."

— Charles Leonard
visiting professor from the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute

low turnout will continue.

"You can't make somebody read the paper, and you can't make somebody watch the TV news," Leonard said. "You can't make someone wonder what all these 'vote for' signs are doing all over the city. You hope that students are attentive, and you hope that students care what happens in the city where they are spending four formative years of their lives."

Simone Reed, a sophomore from Plymouth, Minn., studying radio-television, said she votes because her parents have always voted, and she wants her voice to be heard. She said most students don't think it matters whether they vote or not.

Reed said she voted for local elections in her hometown during the summer but didn't vote in the general elections in Carbondale.

"I think a lot of times students don't care," Reed said. "A lot of people say, 'It's only one vote, so why should I waste my time to go stand in line to vote?'"

John Daghe, a senior from Bloomington studying psychology, said he has never voted in a local election before because he hasn't heard much about them. But, he said he would vote for a mayor who

worked toward a better community.

"I would vote for a mayor if he was going to build new developments or make things safer, fix the streets," Daghe said. "A lot of people aren't from around here, and they really aren't going to take too much time to vote for any mayors out here. They may not even have time to do it."

Daghe said he didn't hear about anyone voting and was not aware of local elections. He said Carbondale politicians should start contacting students via e-mail or have professors announce elections in class.

Reed said students would vote for issues that directly affect them such as school closures or neighborhood problems. She said city officials and the university should let students know they can vote even if their permanent homes aren't in Carbondale.

Williams said if she had been in St. Louis during the elections, she would have voted because she cares more about what goes on there.

She said if local candidates want the student vote, they need to interact with them.

"They can do public talks," Williams said. "The candidates can come to the university and hold something even in the library or auditorium and just come and speak to us. That would get our attention."

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Instructors bring social networks to classroom

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

Andrew Darr said he set up a Facebook group for his English 102 class as a supplement to Blackboard after he heard his peers were doing the same.

"I use Facebook because all of my students are on it all the time already," said Darr, a teaching assistant in English. "They have already integrated it daily into their lives. They check it when they wake up; they check it when they go to sleep."

Darr is one of several instructors on campus who use popular social networking sites to benefit students.

He said he posts homework assignments, project prompts and classroom announcements on the page, and students are asked to continue class discussions there, as well.

Darr said for the first few weeks of class, he taught his students how to set everything on their Facebook to private so they felt more comfortable with the concept. He said the tutorial brought up conversations about online privacy and benefited classroom discussion.

"Literally, I cannot see anything going on in their lives, but they get all the benefits of being able to see everything that is going on in the class," Darr said.

According to Facebook's statistics page, the network has more than 500 million active users, 50 percent of whom log into Facebook

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— Jan Waggoner

associate dean for the Office of Teacher Education

on any given day. Facebook users spend more than 700 billion minutes per month on the site.

With so many students using social networking sites, Jan Waggoner, associate dean for the Office of Teacher Education, said posting assignments on the sites, which are not confidential in nature, might be a way to reach students faster.

"I think educators are continuing to look for ways to reach students that are meaningful and accessible to them," she said. "Facebook is certainly one thing that many students use on a regular basis."

Madison Tolfree, a freshman from Evansville, Ind., studying journalism, said she logs onto Facebook as soon as she gets back to her dorm room every day. She said she also checks Facebook and other sites such as Twitter on her phone frequently.

"Obviously, we check our Facebooks more than Blackboard because, it may sound bad, but we are more interested in our social lives than education a lot of the time," she said. "If I log onto Facebook and see that my teacher has posted a reminder about something I have to do the next day or the next class meeting, that would help a lot."

Universities are turning to social

networking platforms to create online learning communities that mix academic work and social media, according to an article from The Chronicle of Higher Education

City University of New York and the University of Pennsylvania are creating social networks specifically for their campus to incorporate classroom work and allow students to socialize with scholars and administrators.

In CUNY's network, Academic Commons, students and faculty can join discussion groups, check and post grades, and connect with peers.

Tolfree said there are many opportunities for instructors to help students learn by incorporating forms of frequently used technology.

"Technology is going to get bigger and bigger," she said. "We are not going to go back to the dark ages where we are just using pen and pencil or chalkboards to write."

Waggoner said, teachers have to change with the times and change with the market.

"I think any time that you can present content in a variety of ways, you will reach a variety of learners," she said. "We try not to have a one-size-fits-all way of teaching information, not only in developmentally different ways but ways where each learner can bring something away from the way we presented things."

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— Madison Tolfree
a freshman studying journalism

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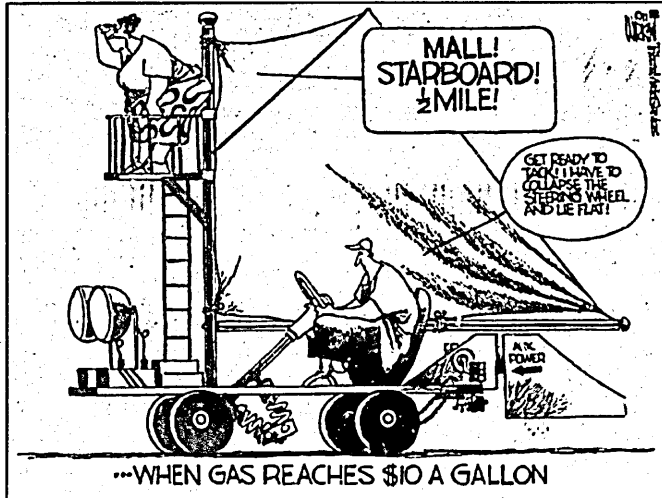
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THEIR WORD

Obama finally makes his views a little clearer

The following editorial appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on Thursday, April 14:

President Barack Obama finally joined the agitating debate about the role of government Wednesday, offering a deeply patriotic speech that cast the nation's greatness as intricately entwined with its commitment to care for the poor, sick and elderly. It was a relief to hear the president state so clearly that he would reject the pessimistic view of our nation's future offered in the House Republican budget last week.

Now, Obama's challenge is to match his rhetoric with his actions in the coming months.

The most heartening aspects

of Obama's speech were the lines he drew after giving so much ground in recent months. He will refuse to renew the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy, he said. He will not allow Medicare to be turned into a voucher program. He will not sacrifice investments in education, energy and infrastructure.

And yet he laid out an aggressive deficit-reduction plan based on the notion of shared sacrifice that has defined America for generations. He called for \$4 trillion in savings during the next 12 years: two-thirds from spending cuts, savings on interest payments and the elimination of tax expenditures; and one-third from tax increases

on the nation's most fortunate. He presented a realistic strategy to improve on the cost controls in his health care reform law, not merely shift costs from the government to individuals, as the GOP proposes.

The plan he offered was not perfect and is not likely to emerge from the legislative meat-grinder intact. But it is a balanced approach. It asks a little more from those who have benefited most from this nation's opportunities, in dramatic contrast with the Republican plan.

Obama hammered this contrast home in a blizzard of criticism of GOP priorities.

"As Ronald Reagan's own budget director said, there's

nothing 'serious' or 'courageous' about this plan," he said, deriding the GOP proposal for requiring sacrifice only from the neediest Americans.

"Even though we can't afford to care for seniors and poor children, we can somehow afford more than \$1 trillion in new tax breaks for the wealthy?" he said, evoking memories of his antagonistic style on the campaign trail in 2008.

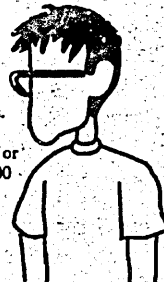
Obama said he was open to changes in his plan, but he laid down clear markers about what he would not accept, a welcome shift in strategy. This was just one speech, however. He must now hold fast to these principles in budget negotiations, something

he has failed to do in the past year. Obama's speech clearly explained how his budget matches his values. Similarly, the Republican budget lays bare the GOP's top priority: Not cutting the deficit but cutting taxes, even at the expense of programs such as Medicare that are long-cherished parts of our national identity.

The ball is now in the Republicans' court. They can show they are serious about deficits and debt by agreeing to raise some revenue. Or they can stick with their own approach and make clear that their singular goal is protecting the wealthiest from sacrifice at the expense of the rest of us.

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Cadet Cyrus Satarzadeh, a sophomore from Carbondale studying management, looks to his leaders for final instructions Thursday before rappelling down the Neckers Building. All 85 students in the ROTC program were required

to rappel off the 70-foot building in a once-a-semester activity that Capt. Jonathan Cape said builds leadership in the students. "It's nice because it allows the cadets to get up there and conquer their fears," he said.

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Melvin Brush, 86, of Murphysboro, is a regular patron of the weekly fish fry. Brush has lived in Murphysboro for 30 years and is known by almost all who walk through the doors of the Knights of Columbus hall. "I'd have left a long time ago if I didn't! In this place," Brush said.



When FRIDAYS are for FISH

Story and photos by George Lamboley
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Every Friday during Lent at 606 Plum St. in Murphysboro, the laughter of children can be heard over the clatter of dishes and silverware while the aroma of freshly fried fish radiates from the kitchen into the surrounding neighborhood.

Steve Schumacher, a Grand Knight of the Murphysboro Knights of Columbus chapter, oversees the chapter's weekly fish fry throughout the season of Lent. An average of 300 people and more than 300 pounds of U.S.-raised catfish are served per week.



"I think I'll go with the salmon," Carbondale resident Kim Tarver said as she sifted through the selection of frozen fish Wednesday at Save-A-Lot. While some

attend the fish fry in Murphysboro during Lent, others prefer to enjoy their abstinence from red meat and poultry in the comfort of their own home.

"We get a lot of repeat customers," Schumacher said. "Once people get a taste they're sure to come back."

The tradition of abstaining from red meat and poultry on Fridays dates back thousands of years and is done to commemorate the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert where he endured temptation from Satan. Many use the time from Ash Wednesday through the Saturday before Easter

to give up something they enjoy and become closer with God. The weekly gathering is a religious tradition that people of all different faiths use as an opportunity to relax, socialize and above all, get fed, Schumacher said.

"For us it's really about bringing people together," he said.

Children of Knights members dart through the open expanse of the chapter's hall,

gathering dirty plates and cups and allowing their elders the chance to catch up with family and friends.

"It really is the best," said Gerry Dellow, veteran member of the Murphysboro Catholic Church. "It's definitely worth the trip."

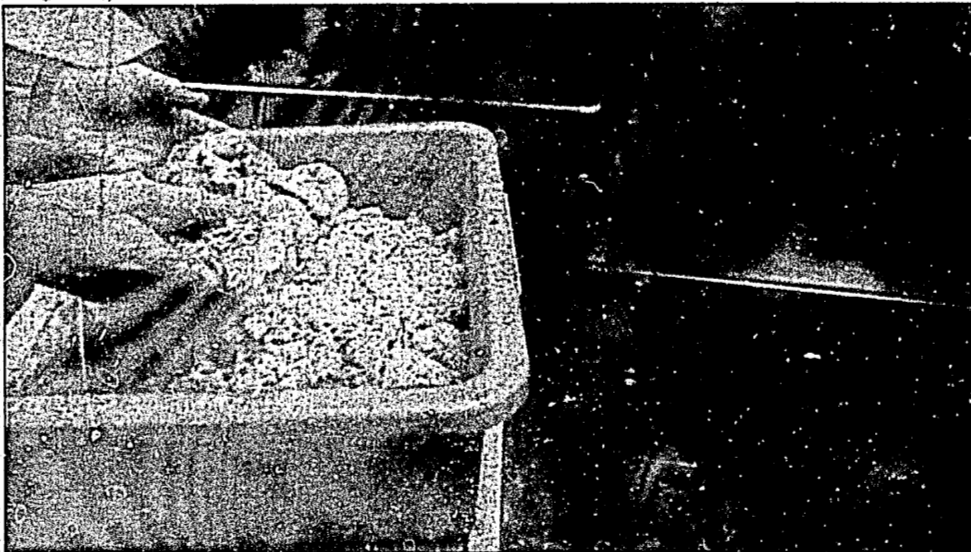
Schumacher said people are known to make the drive from places as far as Metropolis for their weekly fish fix.

"The people that come out really support us throughout the year," Schumacher said.

The money brought in by the weekly fish fry helps the Knights of Columbus support a summer camp for children and other church-related functions, Schumacher said.

Over the years we've learned what it takes to make good fish.

— Steve Schumacher



With oil bubbling furiously, Chris Germann, of Carbondale, loads breaded catfish by the handful into the fryer April 8 at the Murphysboro Knights of Columbus hall. "The kitchen gets hot, but you start getting used to it after a bit," Germann said. The Knights of Columbus members who work the kitchen on Fridays during Lent are kept busy with more than 300 pounds of fish weekly. "Over the years we've learned what it takes to make good fish," said Steve Schumacher, Grand Knight of the Murphysboro Knights of Columbus. The fish fried in the weekly dinners is not from local dispensaries but is raised in the U.S.

The weekly Murphysboro meeting is a microcosm of Lent events taking place all around the world. Area grocery stores and restaurants also see an upswing in fish sales as Christians give up or make substitutions for red meat and poultry.

"We definitely see an increase in the requests for fish," said Nick Taylor, a private chef from DeSoto. "Once Lent starts, it's pretty much a given you're going to be cooking a lot of fish."

Abstinence from red meat and poultry is a tradition that will like-

ly continue for decades, and that is music to Schumacher's ears.

"Over the years we've learned what it takes to make good fish, and we hope we can keep that up for the people of Murphysboro," Schumacher said.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting another fish fry today from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Murphysboro.

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A deserted plate of fish signifies the satisfaction of a patron April 8 at the Knights of Columbus fish fry in Murphysboro.

WIRE REPORTS

IOWA

Mississippi River locks closing due to high water

DES MOINES — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is closing three locks on the Mississippi River in Iowa and Illinois due to high water.

The corps said Thursday the closures are necessary as the river overtops the lock gates, which makes them inoperable. The locks to be closed today are Lock 12 in Bellevue and Lock 13 in Fulton, Ill., which are between Dubuque and Davenport, and Lock 16 in Illinois City, Ill., which is below Davenport.

The corps says the Mississippi River is rising swiftly, and additional locks may be closed over the next several weeks, depending on spring rains.

The Mississippi River is forecast to crest next week in Davenport at 19.9 feet. That would be the sixth highest crest on record.

ILLINOIS

Ill. takes over E. St. Louis schools

EAST ST. LOUIS — The Illinois Board of Education is taking over East St. Louis public schools because it doesn't believe the district's students are being properly educated.

The Bellevue News-Democrat reported Thursday the board will send a consultant to run the district.

The East St. Louis district spends 8.7 percent of its budget on administration. That's more than double the statewide average.

The district also has been on a watch list of underperforming schools for four years. State law requires the board to step in after four years though a state audit released Thursday indicates that seldom happens.

School board member Carl Officer welcomed the takeover.

News reports last year indicated the district spent millions of federal dollars intended to help students on travel and consultants who were often former district employees.

OHIO

Airline: No problems with plane diverted to Ohio

DAYTON — American Airlines said it has found no problems with a plane diverted to Ohio this month after flight attendants reported dizziness and four passengers fainted.

A spokesman for the Fort Worth, Texas-based airline said Thursday technicians found no operational or mechanical problems and nothing related to cabin pressure. The plane has returned to service.

The April 1 flight with 132 people onboard was headed from Washington, D.C., to Chicago when the pilot dropped oxygen masks and landed in Dayton. Two passengers were taken to a hospital and released. A flight attendant was kept overnight for observation.

A passenger said there were problems with the air conditioning and cabin pressurization system before the plane took off. Some passengers complained of nausea.

American spokesman Tim Smith said fumes from outside could have entered through air intakes.

WASHINGTON

Air Pacific cancels orders for B Boeing 787s

SEATTLE — Boeing said Fiji airline Air Pacific has canceled orders for eight 787s, a jetliner whose debut has been delayed by about three years.

Boeing Commercial Airplanes spokesman Miles Koryn in Seattle said the order was valued at \$1.5 billion. He said Boeing and Air Pacific continue to talk about replacing its wide-body fleet. He said the airline's evolving business model has affected its fleet requirement.

Air Pacific ordered five of the 787s in 2006 and added three more in 2007.

The new mid-size long-range jetliner is currently in flight testing.

Katy said Wednesday in an email the total number of 787 cancellations is 140 airplanes. At one time, Boeing sold part of its backlog that it had about 835 orders for the new model.

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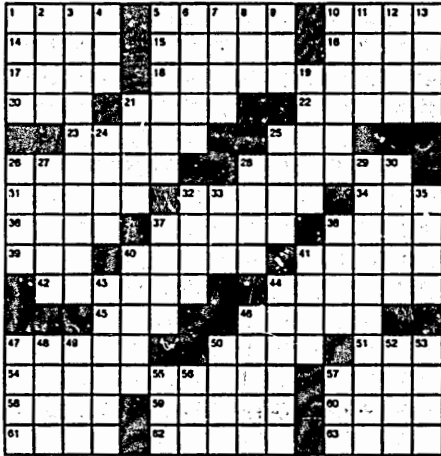
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- 23 Slight coloring
- 25 Shade tree
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- 28 Trees with light, strong wood
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- 38 Part of the ear
- 39 Rooster's mate
- 40 Blockhead
- 41 Plunged headfirst
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- 51 Not at home
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- 61 College official
- 62 Poor
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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- 2 Des Moines, ___
- 3 Police officer ranking below a captain
- 4 Finalize

- 5 ___ up; mentions
- 6 Knight's spear
- 7 Engrave
- 8 Broadcast
- 9 Foot digit
- 10 Bats the eyelids
- 11 Lowe & Reiner
- 12 Doing nothing
- 13 Encounter
- 19 Old TV knobs
- 21 Like a leaky fountain pen
- 24 Hip-hop singer who appears on "Law & Order: SVU"
- 25 Crew members
- 26 Title for former Iranian leaders
- 27 Corn breads
- 28 Lima, for one
- 29 Straightforward
- 30 Cavalry sword
- 32 Scorch
- 33 Wedding words
- 35 Cincinnati team
- 37 Enroll in

- 38 Venetian beach
- 40 Craze; frenzy
- 41 Urgent
- 43 Blue ___; first-place award
- 44 Café
- 46 Confined, as a parakeet
- 47 Sudden attack
- 48 Skin problem
- 49 Alpha's follower
- 50 Valley
- 52 Secondhand
- 53 Gifts for kids
- 55 Prefix for fat or sense
- 56 Pass away
- 57 Golfers' assn.

Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's Birthday — Ignore criticism from one who doesn't share your values. The year provides many opportunities for growth. With increased responsibilities come larger rewards. Take a bigger share to grow something that really matters to you.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Challenges in love continue today. Lay low. Learn from your mistakes. You couldn't be where you are without them. Continue putting the pedal to the medal in your work. It's time to reduce the height of the inbox pile.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — All you need is love. You're very attractive now. Find the love, even in mundane practices like filing taxes. Check for changes before proceeding. Take your time and get it right.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — An uncomfortable moment leaves you wanting to hie out in your cave. It's a good time to germinate seeds in the dark. Take time to make your cave cozy.

Cancer (June 21-July 21) — Today is an 8 — Pay down debt and put money into savings, if you can. Make sure to acknowledge everyone who contributed at work. Curl up with a good book or movie after the chores are done.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Do without one thing to gain another. Romantic persuasion works for you now. An argument may seem tantalizing, but it's better to be charming than charmed.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Pay a bill before buying credits. Romance may be difficult today. Be patient. Wait for clear instructions, when others know what they want. It works out.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You may have to travel to get what you want, but do so carefully and take care of yourself. Tomorrow promises to be busy and exciting.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Work together with your community and friends. Pay attention to details and stay focused. Keep breathing. You'll be surprised at how much you can save without effort.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — You're in tune with a distant loved one. Be charming to one who's being argumentative. The secret is in the pudding. Cook some and share its magic with others.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Extreme attention to finances could create disappointment in love. Make sure to pay attention to your relationships. News of big change arrives now.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — As you give, let others contribute to you. Find acceptance for yourself and those around you. We don't have so much time as to spend it on small complaints.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Challenges in your relationships are only temporary. Postpone fantasies and stick to practical plans. List what you need to learn. Withhold judgment.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Ans: _____

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

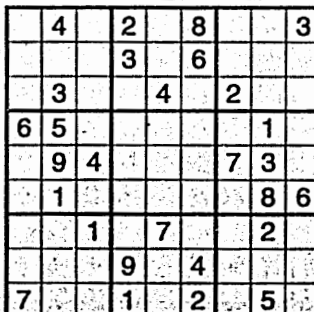
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MSU series shelved for Saturday doubleheader

CORY DOWNER
Daily Egyptian

With the chance of severe thunderstorms, damaging winds and large hail in the forecast, SIU's Friday baseball game will be played as part of a doubleheader Saturday with the series finale Sunday afternoon.

The Salukis will play Missouri State in their first home conference series of the season at noon Saturday and finish the three-game set at 1 p.m. Sunday. The team has won five of its last six games because of strong pitching and hitting, and interim head coach Ken Henderson said he expects both to continue through the weekend.

"They're playing with a lot of confidence right now, and we have no reason to think they won't give us outstanding performances," Henderson said. "And we need that from them right now."

SIU has the same scheduled starting rotation as its series against Evansville April 8, with sophomore Cameron Maldonado in game one, sophomore Cody Forsythe in game two and sophomore Brad Drust in game three. All three pitchers earned wins in the previous starts and combined for an average of 7.7 innings pitched in the sweep of the Purple Aces.

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— Ken Henderson
Interim head baseball coach

Senior pitcher Andrew Bever said the starting pitchers have been a determining factor in the Salukis' success this season, and they need to stay focused on relieving pressure from the struggling bullpen. He said it's important for the players to keep it simple and continue to do what works for them.

"It isn't so much about making adjustments as just continuing what we did the past week," Bever said. "If we play that well, we're going to win a lot of ball games this year."

While the pitching staff has given the team the opportunity to win, the Salukis' at-bats have been winning the games. Whether it's the high-scoring games or timely hitting with runners in scoring position, the Salukis have not been held scoreless in a game since they played the reigning national champions South Carolina Feb. 25.

Senior center fielder Chris Murphy said his success at the plate this year has come from his ability to keep every situation in

perspective and stay relaxed in the batter's box.

"I think of them not as a team but another group of kids that go out and play baseball," Murphy said. "You can't worry about the name on the jersey, but to just play the kids."

Henderson said he attributes his players' success on the mound and at the plate to their focus on the ultimate goal of getting back to the conference championship. He said they got a big boost with the 3-0 win in Champaign on Wednesday and expects the momentum to carry over to their conference set this weekend.

"We had the shutout last week that led to a great weekend," Henderson said. "And now we got the shutout this week and hopefully it leads to another. We're playing with a lot of confidence right now and in this sport that's important."

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TENNIS

Men, women prepare for double shot weekend

TREY BRAUNECKER
Daily Egyptian

SIU men's tennis coach Dann Nelson said Drake is the favorite to win the Missouri Valley Team Championships this season, but if his players perform the way they did against SIUE on Tuesday, the team has a good chance of beating Drake on Sunday.

Nelson cited freshman Jorge Caverio's win in his No. 2 singles match against Wichita State and wins from the three doubles teams against Eastern Illinois as indications of the team's potential.

"We saw that talent against SIUE, and we want performances like that if we want to win our matches this weekend," Nelson said.

The men's team will play at 10 a.m. Saturday against Creighton and 10 a.m. Sunday against Drake in Carbondale. The women's team will play at 1 p.m. Saturday in Cedar Falls, Iowa, against Northern Iowa and will take on Drake at 10 a.m. Sunday in Des Moines, Iowa.

The women's team beat Creighton 6-1 and Drake 5-2 last season, but sophomore Jennifer Dien said both matches could go either way.

"Both of the teams we play this weekend are strong," she said. "We didn't lose to them last year, but I know we've had trouble with them in the past, so we're prepared to match anything they give us this year."

The women's team has had to transition between outside and inside courts throughout the spring season, and Dien said it looks like SIU will have to move inside again because of snow in Iowa.

"I think we're able to adjust to courts all right, but it's going to be a different experience for me because I've never been to Iowa or played on any of its courts," Dien said. "I can adjust pretty well from going outside and inside, so the real challenge for me will be playing in a new state."

Coach Audra Nothwehr said both Creighton and Drake have gone back and forth with SIU in



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Orhan Spahic, a sophomore from Bosnia, aims to hit a backhand Thursday while warming up during tennis practice at University

Courts. The Salukis, who are 8-5 and 0-1 in the conference, will compete Saturday at home against Creighton and Sunday against Drake.

the past, but with senior Vishakha Sheoran still out with a knee injury and freshman Korey Love out with a foot injury, the matches will be tougher than past years.

"Both teams have some new players on their roster this year that have really added some depth to their teams," Nothwehr said. "We don't have

two of our players able to play both games either, and it just puts that much more pressure on us, so we're preparing for two tougher matches than usual this weekend."

The men's team lost to both Creighton 4-3 and Drake 5-2 last year, and Nelson said his players are trying to improve their individual games.

"I think focusing on our singles play is something that will help us through the weekend, because in the end, it's worth more points," Nelson said. "We're working on being patient when we need to and being aggressive when we have to be. I think if we can get that down, we have a good chance of winning this weekend."

SOFTBALL

Five-run sixth inning supports another shutout

AUSTIN FLYNN
Daily Egyptian

Senior pitcher Danielle Glosson said it was nice to shut out the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks and rid the feeling of losing to them in the past.

"I was just happy that we got a lot of runs on this team because in the past they've beaten us, and they've beaten us really bad," she said. "So it's just a bitter taste in your mouth, and you just want to beat the crap out of them."

SIU beat the Skyhawks 6-0 Thursday, extending their winning streak to five.

The game started with an early SIU run when senior catcher Cristina Tripani hit an RBI double down the right-field line that brought in senior left fielder Mallory Duran from second base.

Tripani said the team has done a much better job in midweek games this season and looks more focused when it shows up at the field.

"It didn't have anything to do with skill or talent or anything," Tripani said. "I really think we're just a lot more focused and ready to go this year. We know what we need to do to get where we want to go."

The score remained 1-0 until the sixth inning, when the Salukis scored five runs off three hits and two errors by Tennessee-Martin.

The inning started with a double from freshman first baseman Taylor Orsburn, and senior third baseman Natalie Weisinger got to first base on an error by

Skyhawks left fielder Becca Williams that also brought in Orsburn.

Senior center fielder Chelsea Held hit a single that brought Weisinger to third and Duran was walked to load the bases.

Sophomore right fielder Morgan Barchan reached second on another error by Williams that brought in two runs.

Junior shortstop Haley Gorman then hit an RBI single that brought in Barchan.

The Salukis held their 6-0 lead for the final two innings, and Glosson finished her ninth shutout of the season.

Held said the team knows that if it can hit the ball hard, it will get some runs on the board, and it gets a bonus when teams commit as many errors as the Skyhawks did.

"It just shows that if we put the ball in play and we do something with it ... people are going to mess up, and we're going to be able to capitalize on their mistakes," Held said.

Coach Kerri Blylock said the Salukis knew Tennessee-Martin had a good offense going into the game, but a strong showing by Glosson propelled the Salukis to victory.

"She listens well, she understands where her pitches need to be and she was using her pitches really well today, keeping them off balance," Blylock said. "They average about five runs a game and she did a really good job of coming in there."

The Salukis will start a three-game series against the Indiana State Sycamores 11 a.m. Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind.



Freshman second baseman Jayna Spivey fields the ball during practice Wednesday at Charlotte West Stadium. Spivey has a .242 batting average and a .316 on-base percentage this season. The Salukis traveled Thursday to Martin, Tenn., and beat the Skyhawks 6-0, bringing their record to 24-12. GEORGINA LAMBDALEY | DAILY EGYPTIAN

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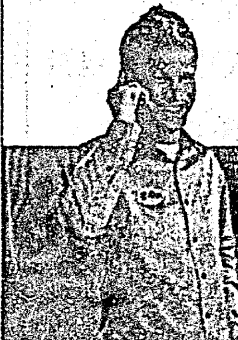
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