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Bret Carr, a freshman in zoology from Peoria, and Todd Zentefis, a freshman in education from Cary, play the guitar at Bucky's Haven Tuesday afternoon on Campus Lake. 'We thought we'd come out here with our guitars and enjoy the weather,' Carr said.

Code rewrite limits University's control

Education sanctions added as punishment

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As recently as last semester, behavior such as indecent exposure, public drunkenness and public urination might have gotten a student expelled from the University, even if the behavior occurred outside of Carbondale.

A few changes in the Student Conduct Code, which went into effect Tuesday, now allow students to write papers about offenses rather than exposure or probation and limits punishable offenses to those that directly affect the University, according to Terry Huffman, coordinator of Judicial Affairs.

Neil Young, Undergraduate Student Government president, said the rewording of the code was a needed change in order to keep the university from 'policing students from afar.'

The broad wording prior to the change allowed University officials to punish students for behavior outside of Carbondale, even if the student was not acting as a representative of SIU. Young said prior to the change, students could be kicked out of school for a minor violation even if the violation happened in another state.

Although the code still states that students will be held responsible for "off-campus conduct that substantially interferes with the mission of the University, including, but not limited to,

interference with the educational pursuits of its students, faculty or staff."

Students no longer need to fear being kicked out of school for a drunken spring break stunt, unless the crime is connected to the University.

"Before the wording change, it seemed as if a student was arrested in Florida, they could be kicked out of school in Illinois," Young said. "That just isn't fair for students. It is a good thing for students anytime the wording of a code can be more detailed, especially in relation to severe consequences such as expulsion."

According to Young, who views the changes as "very positive," in addition to the possibility of educational sanctions, students now have the option of a second level of appeal by way of the newly-formed Chancellor Advisory Review Board.

The board, which is composed of students, faculty members and law representatives, allows students to appeal their punishment after being convicted. Young, who is on the board, said it has been a "very successful" addition.

According to Huffman, the new educational sanction option gives students the possibility of writing a paper versus being expelled, particularly in relation to issue of academic dishonesty.

"I am a firm believer in rehabilitation," Young said. "Anytime someone is given a chance to rectify a wrong instead of being kicked out of school is positive. We need to give people the opportunity to stay in a learning environment and take advantage of what SIU has to offer."

Affirmative action rule tabled indefinitely

University awaiting further clarification of national policy

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Further review of SIUC's affirmative action policies has been postponed to await additional explanation of recent decisions on national policy made by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Changes were proposed to include adding sentences about ensuring a diverse student body and altering word choices. It also involved deleting

a phrase about past historical discrimination, which Father Joseph Brown, director of the Black American Studies program, said outraged some faculty members.

The Board of Trustees was scheduled to discuss the policy at its meeting in December, but John Haller, vice president for Academic Affairs, tabled the item before the meeting started.

"Essentially, I put it on an indefinite hold," Haller said. "[clarification of the national affirmative action policy] could come from the court or somewhere else."

A special Faculty Senate meeting

See AFFIRMATIVE, page 15.

Governor to focus on education in upcoming 'State of State' address

Blagojevich focuses on improving education

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Jim Edgar started it. George Ryan ended it. And now Gov. Rod Blagojevich is bringing it back.

When Project Success, a program serving more than 200,000 people, ended in 2002, the families of school-age children were left without health care services ranging from nutrition education to substance abuse programs.

Amores, an aide to the governor. "The program really provides a one-stop shop for parents. It has the convenience of everything at the school. Parents needed it, and that's why the governor wanted to bring it back and revise it."

Project Success is just one of the many educational initiatives the governor plans to introduce in his State of the State address at noon Thursday. The address will be broadcast live on WSIU-TV and again at 10:30 p.m.

Blagojevich has also said he wants Illinois to become the first state to give babies a book before they leave the hospital, which is expected to be part of his address.

Libraries, would give children a book every month from birth until age 5. It would leave children with a personal library of 60 books and a dictionary.

Cindy Davidsmeyer, spokeswoman for Senate President Emil Jones, D-Chicago, said giving children books at a young age is the first step in improving student performance in Illinois schools.

"Reading is viewed as pretty much the foundation for all learning because if you can't read, you can't do math, you can't do science, you can't do many other things," Davidsmeyer said.

She said the dropout rate, especially among minorities, is a concern that should

alarm educators everywhere.

"If children fall behind in reading, they rarely catch up. The process of dropping out of high school really starts back when these kids are in early grades. So if we can offset that, we will be funding more schools instead of prisons."

Blagojevich sees the new program as a way for more parents to have the opportunities to read to their children. He said it would be for the single mother who leaves work late every night, long after the library closes, and does not have the books at home to read to her child.

See STATE OF STATE, page 15.

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To apply for energy assistance, contact the Western Egyptian Outreach Office at 684-3341.

CALENDAR

Today
SIUC Choirs
Chorus auditions
Sign-up times available
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Thursday
SIUC Choirs
Chorus auditions
Sign-up times available
Northwest Annex Room 133

American Red Cross
Blood Drive
1 to 6 p.m.
Horizon Inn & Conference Center, 800 E. Main St.

American Red Cross
Blood Drive
1 to 6 p.m.
Illinois State Mall, Marion

Friday
Deadline to register or add classes without dean's signature

SIUC Choirs
Chorus auditions
Sign-up times available
Northwest Annex Room 133

Japanese Table
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IEEE to sponsor lecture

The SIUC chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers will sponsor a lecture by Arizona State University's Constantine Balanis on the subject of smart antennas for wireless portable systems and networks. The lecture will take place at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Room A111 of the Engineering Building.

Carbondale Board of Education to meet at high school

The Carbondale Community High School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school cafeteria. The high school is located at 1301 E. Walnut St. in Carbondale. An executive session will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Public comments concerning agenda and non-agenda items are welcomed when recognized by the board president.

SIUC to offer 11-week hypnosis class

The University will be offering an 11-week evening class on hypnosis. The class will be offered Tuesday nights starting Jan. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Pulliam Hall Room 35. The class will focus on the history, potential benefits and techniques of inducing hypnosis.

The enrollment fee for the class is \$49. Register online at www.dce.siu.edu or by calling the SIUC Division of Continuing Education at 536-7751.

POLICE REPORTS

University

A theft of less than \$300 occurred between 6:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Monday at Pulliam Hall. The victim reported a purse, CD player, T-shirt and keys had been stolen. There are no suspects at this time.


CORRECTIONS

In the Monday and Tuesday issues of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the page 2 news brief, "SIUC to offer 11-week hypnosis class" incorrectly stated the date of the start of the class. The class begins Jan. 27.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

Readers who spot an error should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

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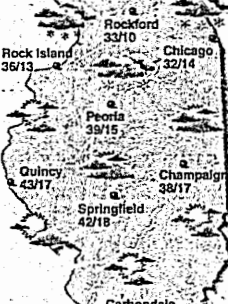
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Indianapolis	38	20	29	13	c
Kansas City	52	21	57	46	pc
Las Vegas	64	42	52	40	pc
Nashville	56	32	38	22	pc
New Orleans	63	33	66	49	c
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Legend: W=weather, s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, th=thunderstorms, r=rain, s=snow flurries, sn=snow, Hz.

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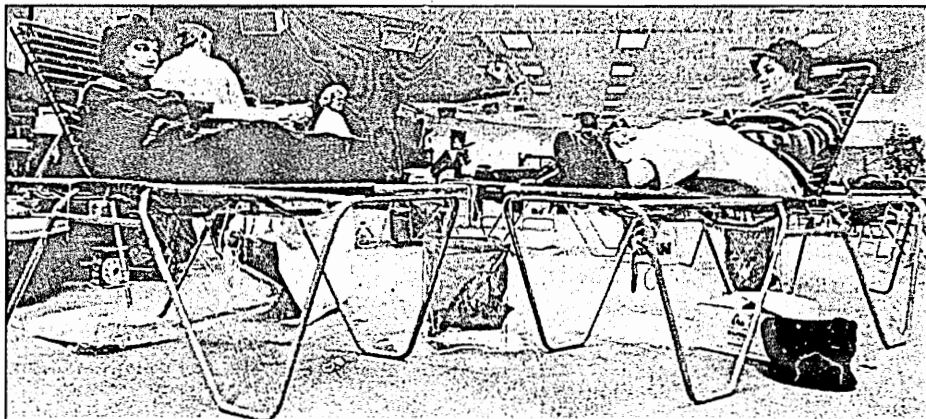
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Edwardsville	50/23 pc	35/22 pc
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Meredith Mercer - Daily Egyptian

Pam Pullen and Kim Schelei, both of Marion, donate blood Thursday evening to the American Red Cross Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region at the Cornerstone Community Church in Marion. Increased donations have expanded the blood supply from only having enough blood for half a day to having enough for 2 1/2 days.

Region's blood supply rises out of critical stage

Area blood inventory still below normal but increasing

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The blood supply for Southern Illinois has climbed out of the dangerous phases after threatening to run dry by New Year's Day.

However, more blood is needed as the Illinois-Missouri region was at a two-day supply as of early Monday evening. In other words, it would take the region two days to empty its blood supply if no donations are made. The region, which covers more than 120 counties in Southern Illinois and eastern Missouri, has a year-round target blood supply of five days.

"We want to have a five-day supply," said Nicole Traycoff, media relations coordinator for the Red Cross Illinois-Missouri Blood Service Region.

"We feel comfortable at the Red Cross having a five-day supply in terms of meeting patient needs and also if a disaster or catastrophe might occur."

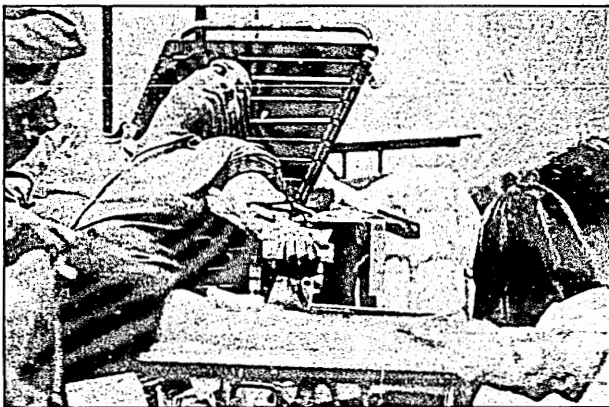
The region's blood supply, which is historically low during the winter holiday season, dropped to less than a day's worth Jan. 1 due to a large number of cases of influenza in the area.

The Red Cross discourages anyone who is not in good health to donate blood. Traycoff says this attitude is enforced among the group's donor recruitment managers and volunteers because of the possible dangers that could come with the transfusion of flu-stricken red blood cells.

"At the Red Cross, our top priority is safety of the blood supply," Traycoff said. "We ask that our donors are in good health when they come in. If they exhibit any flu symptoms, we discourage them from donating. It's not in the benefit of the donor or the recipient."

Traycoff said the recent flu epidemic forced the Red Cross to cancel blood drives at several of the region's high schools in the past month.

According to Traycoff, the region is in particularly great need of type O negative blood. She said since type O negative is the universal blood



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Tammi Spencer of Herrin waits to donate blood Thursday evening for the Charles Drew Community Donation Campaign through the American Red Cross at the Cornerstone Community Church in Marion. Spencer, a regular donor, donates her blood to the Charles Drew Community Blood Donation Campaign to help African-American children with rare blood diseases.

type, emergency rooms need to be able to keep plenty on hand in case of emergencies.

"When patients come into trauma, they don't have time to determine the patients' blood types," Traycoff said. "In many cases, they have to make decisions within seconds. So, O negative is the blood type they give to everyone, and that supply is very low."

The region is attempting to make up for time (and donations) lost from the flu epidemic as several blood drives have been scheduled in the area in the next few weeks, including from Thursday through Saturday at the Horizon Inn & Conference Center in Carbondale and at the Illinois Centre Mall in Marion.

Laurie Nehring, the Red Cross' donor recruitment manager for Southern Illinois, said SIUC is scheduled to be the site of an aggressive donor campaign later this month. She said blood

drives are set to run Jan. 27 to 28 at the Student Center, and a "blood battle" between on-campus residents of University Park, Brush Towers and Thompson Point is scheduled for Jan. 29 at each of the locations.

"We have some good things happening on campus," Nehring said. "I'm definitely trying to get things moving back in that direction where we're collecting more blood at SIU, which used to have the highest number of blood donations in the country."

According to the Red Cross, donors can give blood every 56 days, or six times a year. Anyone who wishes to donate should weigh at least 110 pounds.

Although the Red Cross' recommended age to give blood is 17, 16-year-old Illinois residents are allowed to donate blood with a signed Red Cross parental consent form.

Traycoff said she would like people to remember that blood is not something to be taken for granted and that the region needs an aggressive donation drive to combat the donations lost from the flu epidemic in December.

"Blood is a perishable product," Traycoff said. "Like milk, it expires, but we constantly replenish that supply every day."

Former governor pleads not guilty

Ryan vows to go to trial, maintains innocence

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Operation Safe Road cleans up the streets — in the political world, that is.

What began as an investigation into unqualified truck drivers getting licenses in exchange for bribes during former Illinois Gov. George Ryan's tenure as secretary of state has turned into a further probe into Ryan's office.

An indictment alleges Ryan and his family accepted gifts and loans totaling \$167,000 and allowed friends to benefit from his position as secretary of state and then later as governor.

As controversy from the investigation continued into 2001, Ryan decided not to run for a second term as governor.

Rather than plea-bargaining, Ryan has maintained his innocence and vowed to go to trial.

The 69-year-old Republican, who pardoned four men and commuted the death sentences of 167 others to life in prison after 13 death

row inmates were found wrongly convicted, was the 66th person to be charged in this investigation.

Abby Ottenhoff, spokeswoman for Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, said the governor sends his

sympathies to the Ryan family but also understands how this investigation and the indictment of Ryan may impact state government.

"It's been affecting the reputation of government for some time while the investigation has been ongoing," Ottenhoff said. "Voters are very suspicious about the intentions and the goals of their officials, and we certainly have suffered because of the problems associated with Safe Roads."

Members of state government are optimistic that the recently passed ethics legislation will prevent incidents of dishonesty in public service from occurring. The legislation attempts to halt political corruption by implementing a gift ban and requiring political officials to go through ongoing ethical training.

"On the broader level, Operation Safe Road certainly shows the need for stronger ethics laws and enforcement measures," Ottenhoff said. "The things we were able to accomplish this year on that front will hopefully prevent these sorts of incidents in the future."

Cindi Canary, director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, said she hopes the ethics legislation will stop political corruption in its tracks.

"It's unfortunate because it's often high-profile scandals," Canary said. "It often goes too far. This legislation is designed as a preventative measure. It's supposed to be nipped in the bud before it even gets to that point."

Sen. Dave Luechtefeld, R-Okawville, said he does not think the ethics package will reform individuals who do not want to follow the recognized laws.

"I don't think it will make much of a difference," he said. "If people want to do

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— Abby Ottenhoff, spokeswoman for Gov. Rod Blagojevich

Blood Drive Locations

Illinois Dept. of Transportation, 2801 W. Murphysboro Road, Carbondale, today from 8 a.m. to noon.

Horizon Inn & Conference Center, 800 E. Main St. in Carbondale and Illinois Centre Mall, 3000 W. DeYoung St. in Marion. From 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

New ethics package aims to legitimize Illinois politics

New watchdog measures to ensure honesty, ethics

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Ethics is an ambiguous term but one all state employees will soon be learning due to mandatory ethics training for all state employees, as required by new legislation signed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich Dec. 9 in an effort to clean up Illinois politics.

A statement from the governor's office called the ethics law "the toughest, most

comprehensive ethics reform package in the state's history."

The driving force behind the law was Blagojevich, who did an amendatory veto on the first ethics bill, sending it back to lawmakers to implement tougher provisions. Though the General Assembly overrode the veto in November, they used his criticisms to pass a second, more powerful bill during the fall veto session.

The Illinois Campaign Reform Coalition, an organization that has been dedicated to developing ethics legislation for more than five years, has monitored and been involved closely with the legislation. Mary Schaafsma, director

of the coalition's judicial reform project, said the initial veto was considered a setback, but the final results have proved more rewarding.

"We were initially disappointed because we were hoping that he would sign it and that we might be able to deal with any issues and questions in a subsequent legislative session," Schaafsma said. "We would at least have the bare bones and outline of a good bill signed and passed."

"But by and large, we are delighted with what we got. We are now looking forward to seeing that the bill gets implemented."

Insurance companies now cover contraceptives

Insurance must renew policies before coverage is mandated

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Oral contraceptives have been available for more than four decades.

But until Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed legislation this summer requiring insurance companies that cover prescription drugs to also cover FDA-approved contraceptives, women had to dig into their pockets to cover birth control costs.

The law, which also covers outpatient medical services used as a means to prevent pregnancy, went into effect at the beginning of the year.

But some women may have to wait until their insurance policy is renewed before taking advantage of the coverage.

Sen. Iris Martinez, D-Chicago, urged women who are told contraceptives cannot be covered under their insurance to come forward and report such incidents.

"It is important for women out there to know that employers have to provide this service," Martinez said.

"Employers have got to be able to provide this, and employers cannot decide not to provide coverage with the idea that it's not morally right."

Abby Ottenhoff, spokeswoman for Blagojevich, said the law will provide equity in health care.

"It's really a matter of fairness," Ottenhoff said. "If drug companies, for example, cover Viagra, which certainly helps men contribute to the number of unintended pregnancies, it's only fair that women

are able to have access to the drugs that are able to help them control their reproductive health."

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 71 percent of women between the ages of 25 to 34 use contraceptives in the United States.

"In the long run, allowing women to avoid unintended and unplanned pregnancies is going to save insurance companies a lot of money," Ottenhoff said. "The cost of prenatal care and hospital stays certainly outweighs the cost of birth control pills."

Martinez, a sponsor of the bill, said she decided to sponsor the bill because she had to take birth control pills for 15 years, not to prevent pregnancy but for a medical condition.

"Women out there are taking it for medical reasons just like I did," she said.

"And it was not fair that I was not being covered because the mentality out there was that the only reason you take birth control is to avoid having a family. And that is just not the case. These are basic health needs."

Although SIUC students who go through the University's pharmacy pay less than what consumers pay at pharmacies, such as Walgreen Drug Stores or CVS Pharmacy, the cost of contraceptives has continued to increase.

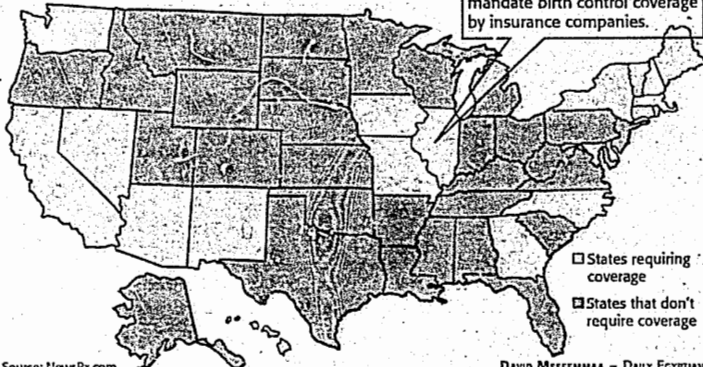
Birth control pills at SIUC's pharmacy can range anywhere from \$8.10 to \$30, while CVS' costs range from \$25 to \$45.

The cost of Depo-Provera, a contraceptive shot given every three months, is \$53.60 at the SIUC pharmacy. CVS charges \$73.59 for the shot.

When purchased from SIUC's pharmacy, Ortha Evra, a contraceptive patch used weekly, costs \$20 per cycle, while CVS' customers pay \$37.99.

Rep. Sara Feigenholtz,

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DAVID MISSEMMAA - DAILY EGYPTIAN

D-Chicago, said many college students are unaware of how much contraceptives cost because they generally pay lower rates through university pharmacies.

"When students graduate, they will no longer be able to get contraceptives from clinics," she said. "They will see that the cost differential is tremendous, especially when you are out there trying to get a job with the state of our job market."

Under the new law, any post-conception drugs and procedures, such as the morning-after pill or abortion, will not be covered. Permanent sterilization requiring surgery will also not be covered.

On the other hand, not everyone is pleased with the new legislation. Several organizations are opposed to the law, including the Catholic Conference of Illinois, Concerned Women for America and the Illinois Life Insurance Council.

CCI's website states three main reasons why it is in opposition to this legislation. According to the website, the state should provide

coverage for Illinois residents who are uninsured before providing additional insurance to those who are already covered. The site also lists concerns about health problems related to contraceptive use and the new law interfering with the traditional employer-employee relationship.

"By mandating insurance companies to cover contraceptives, there is a violation of that relationship, as well as a violation of freedom of religious liberties," said Bob Gilligan, executive director of CCI.

CCI will be able to invoke the right of conscience, which will allow it to buy insurance from a Catholic-owned entity that does not cover contraceptives.

Illinois, which became the 20th state to require private insurance companies to provide contraceptive equity, received complaints earlier this summer from insurance companies who were unhappy about the new mandate.

"Typically, insurance companies are opposed to what they call

unfunded mandates," Feigenholtz said.

"That's just how they stand on anything we try and mandate. Whether it is pharmaceuticals or treatment, they are typically on the other side of the issue."

"But the other states that have passed similar laws have experienced reduced costs for insurance firms, so I expect the same to happen here in Illinois."

The Washington Business Group on Health released findings from its study showing employers who do not include contraceptive coverage with their employees' health insurance pay 15 percent to 17 percent more than those who do provide coverage.

Both Feigenholtz and Martinez said the response to this legislation has been overwhelming, as many women have told them how happy they are to now have contraceptives covered by their insurance companies.

"This is a new day for women in this state, and I am beside myself with satisfaction," Feigenholtz said.

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I tell stories with pictures, and I get to tell this one for the first time [and] authentically,' says Civil War artist Mort Kunstler, whose 'Final Mission' painting depicts the last mission of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley. The Hunley was raised from Charleston Harbor in 2000. Using the boat and forensic models of the men's faces, as well as an inspection of the lantern, canteens and other artifacts found in the sub, Kunstler finished his realistic painting, which will be unveiled Feb. 17 at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center in Washington, D.C.

Mars rover takes steps toward going out

Thomas H. Maugh II
Los Angeles Times

(LATWP) — NASA's Spirit rover severed its final connection to its lander and made the first of three turns that will line it up for its roll-off sometime early Thursday morning.

"It's ready to rove," flight director Chris Lewicki said Tuesday. All that's left are two more turns scheduled for overnight Tuesday that will point the rover north-northwest for the roll-off.

Scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., also released detailed photographs showing where the lander is sitting in Gusev Crater and where the rover will proceed on its mission to search for traces of water.

"We know where we are now and we know where we are going," said principal investigator Steven Squyres of Cornell University.

Spirit's first target will be a 200-yard-wide crater about 800 feet to the northeast, although it will likely make several stops along the way to examine individual rocks.

The crater "will provide a window into the subsurface of Mars," Squyres said. "Once we have done our business there, we will have seen as deep into Mars as we can hope to see on this mission. Then, we will head for those hills — a cluster of hills to the east that are about 1.8 miles away.

"I cannot tell you we are going to reach those hills," he added. Spirit is designed to travel about 600 yards during its planned 90-day life. "These hills are five times as far away as that."

But even if the rover dies on the way to the hills, it will glean a great deal of information, he added. "As we get closer, the view will get better and better. We'll be able to resolve details, measure compositions. And we will have a better and

better chance of finding materials on the ground that originated in the hills."

Squyres added that the planned route "is very rich in scientific potential and represents a shared adventure unprecedented in human history... I don't know how it is going to turn out."

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration team used two different techniques to determine the location of the rover, said JPL's Joe Guinn, a member of the navigation team. In one, they used the Mars Odyssey orbiter like a GPS satellite to triangulate the lander's location to an area about 100 feet square. In the second approach, a team led by JPL's Tim Parker used stereo images obtained by the rover's panoramic camera to determine the distance and direction to various landmarks observed in the pictures. Plotting these on a photo made by the orbiters, they were able to locate the lander precisely.

Bush reverses on Iraq contracts for Canada

Mike Allen & Kevin Sullivan
The Washington Post

MONTERREY, Mexico (LATWP) — President Bush reversed himself Tuesday and rescinded a ban on bids by Canadian companies for the second round of contracts to rebuild Iraq.

Bush announced the concession after a breakfast meeting with the new Canadian prime minister, Paul Martin, at the start of the second day of the two-day Summit of the Americas, which brought together the leaders of the hemisphere's 34 democracies.

The administration had said last month that Canada, France, Germany and Russia would be among the countries barred from seeking contracts because they had refused to join the U.S.-led coalition that invaded Iraq.

Bush did not explain his reversal but said he had told Martin in a telephone conversation last month that "Canada would be given serious consideration for contracting."

"They want Iraq to succeed; they want Iraq to be free," Bush said. "They understand the stakes with having a free country in the midst of the Middle East. And Canada right now is eligible for subcontracting bids in the first

round of construction projects."

Martin, a former Canadian finance minister who was sworn in to replace Jean Chretien on Dec. 12, said the outcome "actually does show that working together, you can arrive at a reasonable solution."

Bush initially had defended the decision, asserting that "friendly coalition folks risked their lives, and therefore the contracting is going to reflect that." But his aides have long conceded that the timing and tone of the directive were a mistake.

The administration had infuriated several key allies by posting a Dec. 5 memo by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz saying it was necessary to exclude holdouts from the Iraqi war "for the protection of the essential security interests of the United States" to limit the competition.

On other matters during a brief give-and-take with reporters, Bush was asked about his planned announcement in Washington Wednesday of a proposal for a research and development program that would take the United States back to the moon and then on to Mars.

"I'll be saying that tomorrow," Bush said. "I'm going to give a speech tomorrow at our

NASA headquarters about America's approach to space exploration. I really don't want to give you the details because I want you to pay attention to what I have to say. But I will tell you that the spirit is going to be one of continued exploration, is to find — seeking new horizons and investing in a program that ... meets that objective."

Bush also said the United States and Canada plan to work closely to prevent the spread of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, following the discovery of an infected Holstein in Washington state in December. Bush said the countries have "got a lot of beef going across our border."

"We've got beef on the hoof and beef in the box," he said.

"The cattle industries are very important for our respective provinces and states. And the best way to make sure that we're able to satisfy the consumers in both our countries, as well as around the world is there ought to be very close coordination on regulation, on information and on the science."

"I personally haven't stopped eating beef," Bush added. "I like to eat beef and will continue eating beef, because I believe the food supply is safe."

Virginia governor to decide sniper trial's location

Stephen Kiehl
The Baltimore Sun

As the governor of Virginia prepares to make a decision on where convicted snipers John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo will next stand trial, prosecutors across the United States are lobbying to bring the two men to their courtrooms to face additional juries and further punishment.

The chief prosecutor in Montgomery, Ala., recently sent two strongly worded letters to the Virginia governor pleading her case. The prosecutor in Baton Rouge, La., has scheduled an arraignment for the snipers for May 3. Prosecutors in Virginia are saying the pair should face more trials there before being sent elsewhere.

One state not actively pushing to get its hands on the snipers is Maryland, location of six of the 10 sniper killings that terrorized the capital region in fall 2002. Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. has not taken a position on whether the snipers should be tried in his state, and Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan is not pressing the case.

Seemingly, the only public official in Maryland who wants to try the snipers is Montgomery County District Attorney Douglas F. Gansler, but even he is not lobbying hard. He hasn't spoken to his counterparts in Virginia in months, and he says other states may have better claims on the pair.

"If you're going to highlight why the trials should not occur in Maryland, certainly at the top of the list, for many people, is that the death penalty is not available for Malvo," Gansler said. "And for Muhammad, it's unlikely, given the way the death penalty has been carried out in Maryland in the last 30 years."

Malvo, 18, was sentenced to life in prison without parole by a jury in Chesapeake, Va., last month. Finding a jurisdiction that could secure the death penalty for Malvo is thought to be a key consideration for Virginia Gov. Mark Warner, a Democrat who has final say on where the snipers go next.

The teen would not be eligible for the death penalty in Maryland because of his status as a juvenile at the time of the killings. Likewise, he would not be eligible for death in Washington state, the site of a killing Malvo admitted to in court, or in Washington, D.C. The district does not have the death penalty.

"It is our belief that the defendants will be tried first in the jurisdictions where they face the greatest penalty, and that, of course, is not D.C.," said Channing Phillips, chief of staff to the U.S. attorney for the district.

A jury in Virginia Beach, Va., recommended in November that Muhammad, 43, be put to death, and Monday a judge set Muhammad's formal sentencing for March 10. With Virginia's rapid appeals process — about five years between a death sentence and actual execution — some wonder why other states should bother with future trials for the convicted sniper.

"Virginia can reasonably adopt the attitude that it has obtained the death sentence and it will carry it out very efficiently; that other states should simply let Virginia do what Virginia does best," said Steven D. Benjamin, president-elect of the Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. "Everyone knows that's why the cases come here."

Some officials in Maryland and Virginia said they expected the snipers would stay in Virginia and face additional trials there before going elsewhere — if they ever left the state. That would mean the prosecutor who tried Muhammad would try Malvo and the prosecutor who tried Malvo would try Muhammad.

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OUR WORD

Not designating driver is hazardous to lives of others

Time and time again we have pleaded, begged, harassed and cried out to you to think before you get behind the wheel after a night of drinking. Unfortunately, those words have fallen on deaf ears.

We have asked people to not only think about their own lives, but the lives of the innocent people they are putting in danger if they decide to drink and drive. And by the look of things, many believe they will not be the ones to cause an accident — so they drive anyway. What else can be said or done? It seems people care nothing about their own lives, so why should they care about the innocent people they are putting in danger by driving drunk?

December was Drunk Driving Awareness Month, and the DAILY EGYPTIAN ran a series highlighting several aspects of the issue. From survivors' stories to the effects it has on communities, drinking and driving was front and center. After the week-long series, the question remains:

What can be done to get people to stop drinking and driving and understand they are not only hurting themselves, but their family, the victim and their friends and family and countless other innocent people who do not want their futures determined by someone who is impaired?

This past holiday season saw a lot of tragedy. Several people were injured or killed in accidents caused by drunk drivers. One was Ayesha Judkins. She was a junior in journalism and a former employee of the DAILY EGYPTIAN. She was the newly elected vice-president of print for the SIU chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists and a staff member of the newly resurrected Obelisk yearbook.

Ayesha was a young, bright woman who knew what she wanted and would not take no for an answer when she was trying to accomplish her goals. She always

We hope people will realize they are not the only ones in danger when they get behind the wheel after a night of drinking.

had a smile on her face and brought joy to those she was around. She was loved by her family, friends and professors.

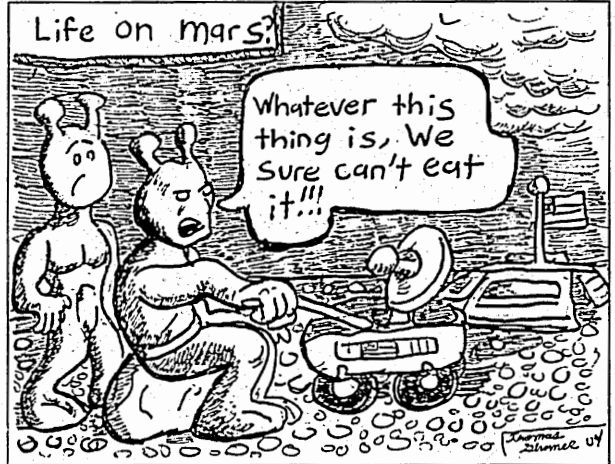
But because of a drunk driver, she will not be able to walk across the stage to receive her degree, she will not be able to work for another newspaper or fulfill her duties as a board member for NABJ and she will not be able to help create a yearbook that so many students wanted to see on campus.

We hope people will realize they are not the only ones in danger when they get behind the wheel after a night of drinking. But they are the ones who are at the helm of the outcome of the night.

Judkins did not have control of her life that night; the drunk driver did. He made the decision that he would drive 80 mph on a city street. He decided he had not drank enough Tecate beer. And by making these decisions, he caused grief to Ayesha's mother by taking her only child.

If there was anything people should have taken from the Behind the Wheel series, it was the understanding of how a split second can change lives, communities and even a country.

Listen up people. It is time to stop thinking of only yourself and begin thinking about the damage you will be doing to hundreds when you decide to not designate a driver and use your car as a 2,000-pound weapon.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Some TV exposure Bush won't like to receive

Lenore Skenazy
New York Daily News (KRT)

The children in the ad look nervous as they sit on the school stage, awaiting a chance to campaign for class president.

"If elected," vows the first one, "I'll lie about weapons of mass destruction as a pretext to invade another country."

"I'll call myself an environmentalist, then get clean air standards," promises another little guy.

"Our allies will go from respecting us to hating us," says a pint-size spitfire, "and I don't care!"

By the final speech I was ready to vote. Not for class president! For this ad. It is one of 15 finalists in a contest called "Bush in 30 Seconds," sponsored by the liberal advocacy group MoveOn.org. (To see the ads, go to www.bushin30seconds.org.)

MoveOn invited anyone, amateur or professional, to create a 30-second ad telling "the truth about President Bush's policies," says Eli Pariser, the contest's coordinator.

Tuesday night, the winner will be announced. It will get a cool \$7 million — in TV airtime. That's enough to make sure almost every voter in 20 key swing states sees it at least once. Hallelujah!

All 15 of the ads are so powerful that it is no surprise the Republican National Committee is trying to divert attention from them to a trumped-up controversy about the contest itself. Call it a temp-in-a-TV spot.

From October to December, the contest attracted more than 1,500 entries. These were posted on MoveOn's Web site, where viewers could watch them and vote for their favorite. Though the ads were supposed to be screened for TV appropriateness, two slipped through that — disgracefully — compared Bush to Hitler.

The RNC has not shut up about it since. MoveOn removed the ads as soon as they were called to its attention and issued a statement condemning them. It also vowed to create a more effective filtering system. Now the only place you can see the most offensive ad is ... on the RNC's Web site.

Yep, right there at the top. As if MoveOn and its members all think Bush is Herr Hitler. RNC chairman Ed Gillespie called the Hitler ads "the worst and most vile form of political hate speech."

Agreed. So let's quit trying to exploit them, shall we? And in the meantime, let's take a look at what the legitimate bushin30seconds ads do say:

One shows a weary man hitting his clock radio's snooze alarm over and over as an announcer intones, "During his administration, 3 million Americans have lost their jobs." He slams the button. "The president has cut unemployment benefits..." Slam. "... cut health care for veterans..." Slam. "... largest annual debt in history..." Slam. And it ends with the statement, "Wake up, America."

Another ad shows a lie detector. As the president solemnly informs the country, "Saddam Hussein had an advanced nuclear weapons development program," the polygraph needle goes wild. "Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa." It goes wild again. And again. And again. At the end, the screen says, "Americans are dying for the truth." They certainly are. And the truth is: These ads deliver it.

Almost 3 million people voted in the MoveOn contest. They don't believe Bush is Hitler. They do believe it's time we talked about not who he really is.

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"If I got to score, pass, rebound, it doesn't really matter to me as long as we're winning."

Darren Brooks
SIU junior guard

COLUMNISTS

American politics affect people outside borders

I love going overseas, but one of the best things about a long trip abroad is usually the return flight. I discovered this a few years ago when I spent a year as an exchange student in Brazil. With its famous Carnival and glorious beaches, Brazil is by far the most beautiful and lively place I have ever been.

But if you had talked to me during my first months in Brazil, I would not have mentioned that. During that time I was fond of neither Brazilians nor their government, just as they were not fond of Americans or our government.

It was then when America was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001, and I seemed the obvious target for the sympathy that immediately followed and the anger and strong dislike that came once our leaders began speaking about war.

I defended our actions for months, but there was only one way I could win the battle I was fighting, and that was to forget the politics and befriend the people. That is what I set out to do, and once I did I fell in love with the country and its people.

Almost two years later, I returned to Brazil during our fall break. My return had all the joys of my exchange and few of the hardships. But after growing accustomed to the American life of abundance again, it was disheartening to see the shantytowns, where thousands upon thousands of poverty stricken families lived in mud houses, many of which do not have electricity or running water. Although I have not been back to see them myself, I am assuming they are also still a dreadful reality in Argentina and Paraguay, where I also visited during my exchange.

Although Brazil has found new hope with a new president, the country still has most of the problems it had when I lived there, and yet the people have faith that their time is coming.

France, where I spent winter break, is different. While I enjoyed the French people, they seem to believe their time is here. France doesn't have the natural beauty of Brazil, but it has magnificent cathedrals and museums. Contrary to the belief that the French people are arrogant, I found them to be pleasant and kind. They, like many Americans, highly support their government, and thus, often are in strong opposition of the American position.



Our borders and beyond

BY KRISTINA HERRNDOBLER
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While they believed Saddam Hussein needed to be removed from power, a war was not the right means to the goal, they told me. I was there when Saddam was found, and while I was excited, they quickly claimed we were abusing him.

One thing I always discover when I go abroad is how much I love America and how lucky I am to be an American. Another thing I am constantly reminded of is that the doings of our government affect far more people than those that live within our borders.

We could easily be compared to the French in our high levels of arrogance, not because we are really arrogant, but because we aren't knowledgeable or respectful enough of other countries, their wishes and our direct impact on their lives — and I promise you, our governments actions affect just about everyone on Earth.

This semester I will be in Washington, D.C., working for the Chicago Tribune's D.C. bureau through the Washington Center for Politics and Journalism, and I am thrilled to be closer to the action. Moreover, I am excited to have a better understanding of what is happening in Washington, because I know it will give me a better understanding about what is happening in other countries.

I would like to think that every Wednesday I am going to bring you good news from the capital, news that will make the United States and the rest of the world benefit, but I am sure that will not be the case. What I promise to bring you, though, is information you can use to play a role in our democracy and in the world.

Kristina is a junior in journalism.

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Matrix diet; you aren't what you eat

It's January, and to 95 percent of Americans, that means pretty much one thing — here comes the diet wagon.

A seasoned veteran of the annual health crisis chain gang, I've researched virtually every method out there, from Pritikin to South Beach to the Atkins craze, only to return more confused than ever. And damn hungry, too.

This year, I simply give up. They won't make up their minds, anyway. Some experts say eat less. Some say eat more. Some just gave up on eating, period, and instead prescribe handfuls of diet capsules the size of baby hamsters with every bit the flavor, I suspect, of licking a shovel.

Others have let their hair down so far as to allow snacking between meals, creating all of the mind-boggling controversy: we fat, gluttonous Americans might expect.

Now, suddenly, you can watch pounds melt away as you literally gorge yourself on yummy ice cubes or croutons every afternoon, and once in a while (if you're good) even as much as a peanut. This is to show you that dietitians are not Nazis, just because their own stupid perfect body fat is low enough to prevent occasional blinking.

Last year, I watched several coworkers and relatives suffer through the latest low-carb trends. It seemed simple enough at first. Quit eating bread. Okay, I thought, I'll try this kooky idea. It wasn't so bad, and I started losing weight like crazy.

I made it through four weeks of Wonder-withdrawal before anyone pointed out that I was doing it all wrong and still eating most of the worst, most dangerous and scary foods in the known universe. So what reason did I have to go on?

Then I started to realize I hadn't lost any weight after all. It's amazing what tricks your



Not just another priddy face

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mind will play on your when your perception of health and reality is altered. But come to think of it, I felt pretty good when I assumed I was shedding pounds.

Maybe my pants still fit the same, but somehow, I had imagined my hind-quarters wasting away to nothing. I was the beholder, and man was I getting beautiful.

Kind of reminds me of "The Matrix," in a way. We are exactly what we see ourselves as. There is no spoon, I remind myself. I am merely what I perceive myself to be, and my limitations only what I project of them.

So really, we don't have to fool around with these diets at all.

I mean, maybe I could just periodically readjust the bath-room scale before I go to bed. I'd wake in the morning, climb back on it, and instantly feel better about myself without having to worry about any more of that silly diet nonsense.

The world is what I make of it, and I, for one, am ready to have my cake and eat it too. Better leave off the ice cream, though.

It's a sacrifice I'll have to make, living in this new, evolved reality of mine. The calories don't matter a bit, but I just remembered — there aren't any spoons.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Mastering the art of microwave meal-making

Jim Shea
The Courant

I tried to make a cake once, but it didn't work out.

And it wasn't just all the sweet green icing flowing down. Or that someone left the cake out in the rain. Or that I didn't think that I could take it, 'cause it took so long to bake it, Or that I'd never have that recipe again. Oh, nooooooo!

Although those were certainly factors.

The reason I don't cook is because I don't see the point. It involves slaving over a hot stove for hours, and in the end, no one appreciates it one little bit. (Wow, did I just sound like

my wife or what?)

Anyway, when I say I don't cook, I don't mean to suggest that I am incapable of whipping something up for myself when I have to.

I don't want to brag, but I am an accomplished — in some circles, acclaimed — microwave, my signature dish being the *...flower*.

Still, there is a difference between possessing this skill and actually cooking.

Cooking involves taking varied ingredients and putting them together in such a manner that not only tastes good but also results in no unpleasant side effects, such as a slow painful death or, worse still, a case of the dreaded green-apple wind sprints.

That I am willing to admit that I have absolutely no cooking skills makes me fairly unusual among men.

I'm not saying there aren't men who can cook, rather that most men have a much higher opinion of their cooking skills than is warranted.

The average male believes he has achieved four-star-chef status simply because he can turn red meat brown.

In truth, male prowess in the kitchen is a lot more like Dan Aykroyd's Julia Child than Emeril.

I think the main reason men do not take naturally to cooking is because the process involves adhering to recipes, and using a recipe is a lot like following directions.

Not only do men refrain from ask-

ing for directions, they don't much care for following them either.

When we are called upon to put something together, we usually just lay out all the parts and then try to get them to look like the picture.

This system works fine with furniture or kids' toys but not so well if the finished product is a soufflé.

Which is why I still say that, as far as men in the kitchen go, the most significant breakthrough since the invention of self-starting charcoal is the microwave oven.

Now, if they could just tweak it a bit so you don't have to go out and buy a new one every time somebody — no names — leaves a spoon in the soup bowl...

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Law limits left-lane driving

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Illinois motorists received a little help this year from the state's legislature with preventing one of highway travel's most annoying occurrences: drivers who block traffic by staying in the left lane.

Effective Jan. 1, it is illegal for anyone driving in Illinois on an interstate highway or a four-lane full-access controlled freeway to drive in the left lane for more than half a mile when another vehicle is behind that person. In other words, if someone wants to pass you while you are driving in the left lane, you have to move to the right.

Although the law cracks down on left-lane driving that blocks the flow of traffic, it is not illegal to drive in the left lane for more than half a mile as long traffic is not being backed up.

Ray Minor, an Illinois State Police District 13 trooper, said he does not believe the law will have much of a local impact as it only applies to interstate highways and freeways. Local highways such as Illinois routes 13, 51 and 127 are exempt from the left-lane law.

Despite implementation of the new law, Minor said Illinois drivers should not feel like officers are out

get them and that police would probably enforce the law simply through observation.

"I don't foresee officers out looking aggressively to enforce this statute," Minor said. "They're going to enforce it like any other statute, and if they observe the violation, they're going to pull you over."

Minor said the law is most likely to be enforced when slow-moving vehicles such as tractor-trailers are driving in the left lane on Interstate highways.

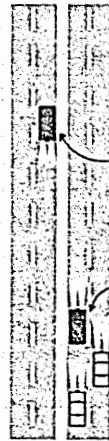
Rep. John Sacia, R-Freepport, who helped sponsor the left-lane bill in the Illinois House in 2003, said he felt compelled to support deterring "left-lane drivers" simply because it is a matter of common courtesy.

"I remember hearing about it and thinking it was an exceptionally good idea," Sacia said. "Many states already have a law that keeps traffic to the right except to pass. It's just courteous, common sense driving, and I felt strongly about it."

An overwhelming number of Illinois General Assembly members also felt strongly about the bill in 2003, as the Illinois House approved by the bill with a 99-13 vote, and the Illinois Senate voted in its favor 40-10.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro,

Left-lane cruising



An Illinois law that went into effect this month prohibits excessive left-lane driving on Interstate highways and other four-lane freeways.

1 The dark car going downward is driving legally in the left lane because there are no cars traveling behind it.

2 The dark car going upward has a 1/2 mile to return to the right lane after passing because there is a vehicle behind it.

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who voted in favor of the bill's passage in the House, said the bill should have been signed into law years ago.

"There are a tremendous amount of people out there who for some reason stay in the left lane," Bost said. "I think it's being very uncooperative to other drivers. Hopefully, we get it enforced as much as possible."

New York ferry crash suits total \$3 billion

Anthony M. DeStefano & Graham Rayman
Newsday

NEW YORK — Families of those injured or killed in the Staten Island ferry disaster have filed claims for damages against the city totaling \$3 billion, amid a federal criminal probe of the crash.

The city comptroller's office said it received 164 notices of claim totaling \$2.966 billion by Tuesday's deadline, and at least five yet-to-be tallied claims will push the total past \$3 billion.

Jeff Simmons, an office spokesman, said the amount represents a \$1 billion increase since Dec. 1, when the city filed arguments in federal court to try to limit its financial exposure to \$14.4 million.

Under state law, relatives of those injured or killed in the Oct. 15 crash had 90 days to file a legal claim with the comptroller's office. Filing notice is required before a lawsuit can begin.

Claimants also face a March 10 deadline to file a notice of intent to sue in connection with the city's

Dec. 1 bid to limit its liability to the value of the vessel and a special tonnage allowance.

The federal case is expected to take about a year to resolve.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Comptroller William C. Thompson and chief city attorney Michael Cardozo have said the limitation papers were filed to protect the city's legal and fiscal interests. They've sought to encourage injured parties and the survivors of those killed to seek legal settlements, a position that has angered lawyers representing some of the relatives.

Nearly three months after the ferry crash, which killed 11 people and injured dozens, Capt. Michael Gansas, Assistant Capt. Richard Smith and several senior ferry officials still face the possibility of criminal charges in the federal probe.

Under federal maritime statute, they could be culpable for the crash if it's proven that the 11 deaths were caused by their "misconduct, negligence or inattention to their duties."

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Future Business Leaders of America visit SIU campus

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For some students, public speaking is a thing to fear. Tests are not taken for fun, and wearing sweatshirts instead of a suit and tie is the norm. But for the hundreds of students who met in the Student Center last week, wearing business attire and taking accounting tests were enjoyable activities.

More than 260 area high school students from Mount Vernon to Waterloo attended the 50th annual Southern Area Future Business Leaders of America Leadership Conference last Friday in Ballroom B of the Student Center.

The event, which was from 9:30 a.m. through 2 p.m., consisted of various written, oral and computer-based competitions. It also consisted of a parliamentary-style election in which future area leaders were elected.

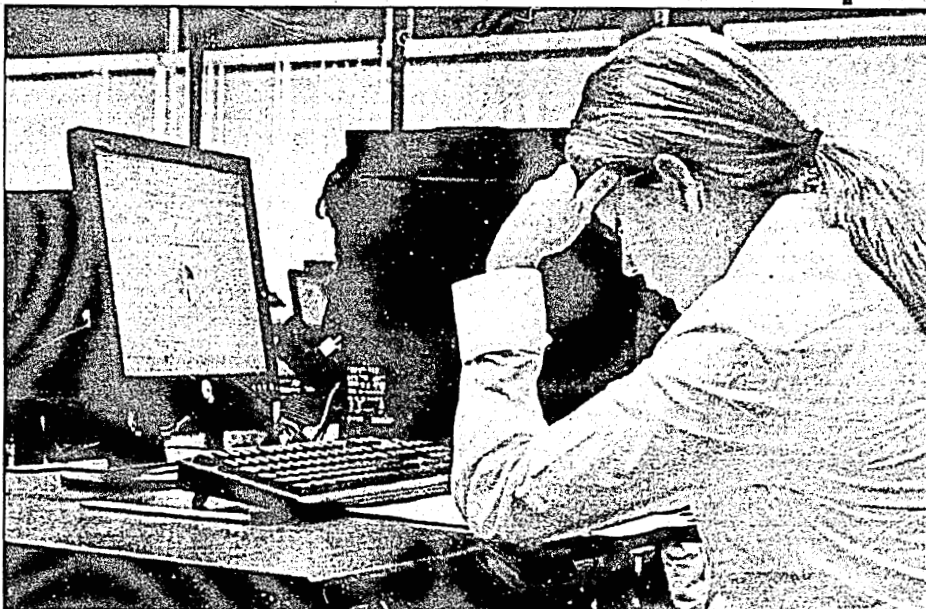
Heath Hase, a senior at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and Southern Area FBLA President, said the goals of the organization go beyond increasing student knowledge of business operations. Participants are encouraged to develop aggressive business leadership and self-confidence and practice community service. Along with organization-related community service, participants are encouraged to find ways they can add to their communities outside FBLA.

Hase, who is also the first high school student to sit on the Union County Economic Board, said active participation within FBLA allows students to develop character, establish occupational goals and increase their social network.

"In addition to working with local businesses for community service, FBLA has taught me to give speeches, run a campaign and has prepared me for a possible political position in the real world," Hase said. "It's long hours at times, but I enjoy it. I'll never know where I will end up or who I will meet because of my involvement."

Jamie Smith, a sophomore at Mount Vernon High School, has been an active FBLA member for two years, participating in the Mount Vernon chapter as well as a chapter in her hometown in North Carolina.

Smith, who hopes to someday become a com-



STEPHANIE MOSIR - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mount Vernon High School student Jaime Smith participates in a computer applications exam during the fifth annual Future Business Leaders of America Leadership Conference Friday afternoon at the Student center. Students from all over Southern Illinois competed in events such as public speaking and accounting.

puter programmer or analyst, attended the conference to gain experience, particularly in computer applications, and socialize with other members.

"I wasn't prepared at all," Smith said. "Most of the things on the test I haven't even learned in class. It was definitely a learning experience. I had fun regardless, but I probably won't compete again until I finish the school year and become more familiar with the material."

According to James Tarr, faculty co-adviser for the SIU chapter of PBL, area FBLA chapters act as feeder programs to the college-level program. He said because of the strong chapters in the area, active recruitment is minimal. Tarr said the organization is not limited to those who wish to pursue a future in business and experience with FBLA is not mandatory to participate at the college level.

"We have a mix of participants: some from

FBLA chapters, some who have never been involved with the organization before. Most of our participants are involved with Saluki Volunteer Corps, so we make ourselves visible through community service programs," Tarr said.

Hase said attendance for the conference increased by 100 students, and Tarr said since 1993, when the SIU chapter of PBL was reactivated, membership has increased from one member to 20 current members.

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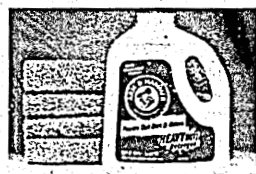
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Gov. Blagojevich appoints new board member to IBHE

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Gov. Rod Blagojevich last month filled one vacancy in the Illinois Board of Higher Education, though three vacancies, spawned from the ethics legislation, which was signed over break, remain empty.

The ethics legislation prohibits lobbyists and their spouses from serving on Illinois state boards and commissions.

The bill resulted in the resignation of Ed Duffy, lobbyist and Illinois Community College Board president, who served as a representative for junior colleges to IBHE.

Blagojevich has appointed Steven Taslitz, an investment manager, though it is still subject to Illinois Senate approval.

Taslitz will replace former board member Mark Barnak, who resigned in April for personal reasons. The term ends January 2007.

A graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in accounting, Taslitz is co-founder and senior managing director of Sterling Capital Partners, a private equity and investment company.

"Taslitz sounds like he has a very successful business and a high interest in education," said Thomas Lamont, vice chairman of IBHE.

"I think he will bring good skill sets to the board."

Don Sevener, director of communications for the board, said in an e-mail that Taslitz, along with 11 other board members, is responsible for acting on policies and recommending funding and programs to the U.S. legislature and governor.

According to Lucy Sloan, an IBHE member for 10 years, the board will likely be preparing and voting on a budget for the year 2005.

The board will have its first meeting of the year Feb. 3 at the College of Lake County.

Neither Taslitz nor the governor's office was available for comment.

Taslitz, who resides in Northbrook with his wife and two daughters, is also an active member of the Glencoe Educational Foundation, the University of Illinois Business Advisory Council and the Retinitis Pigmentosa Board.

Sloan said the board has been operating fine in spite of the unfilled positions.

"The vacancies have not been open long enough to be detrimental to the board," Sloan said, adding that she anticipates the governor will fill the positions right away.

There is currently no indication as to when the General Assembly will review Taslitz's appointment. It will convene Wednesday to begin the spring session.

Avian flu virus kills 12 in Vietnam

David Brown
The Washington Post

A form of avian influenza responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of chickens in the Far East in recent weeks has killed 12 people in Vietnam, most of them children, the World Health Organization reported Tuesday.

The deaths mark the second time in less than a year this specific form of influenza virus has breached the "species barrier" between birds and human beings. Normally confined to poultry and wild waterfowl, the new cases raise the specter that "bird flu" is adapting to humans, who would be almost universally susceptible to it.

Public health officials in Vietnam, South Korea and Japan were scrambling to stop epidemics of influenza A (H5N1) in chickens and searching for other human cases.

"It would not be unlikely that other cases would appear, since we saw that it was able to cross the species barrier once," said Klaus Stohr, head of WHO's global influenza program.

So far there has been no evidence of the virus being passed person-to-person — which would be necessary for it to spread on an epidemic scale.

Preliminary reports from northern Vietnam, where all 14 confirmed cases occurred, said many of the victims lived in villages where chickens were dying, suggesting they may have been infected directly by the fowl.

There were two human cases and one death from of H5N1 influenza in Hong Kong last February, but the current outbreak is the biggest since 1997.

In that year, the same general strain of virus caused 18 cases of illness and 6 deaths.

The current outbreak is more deadly. Of the 14 Vietnamese patients identified since late October as probable victims of bird flu, 12 have died. Eleven were children and one an adult, according to data released by WHO's Geneva headquarters.

In Japan over the weekend, about 6,000 chickens died on a farm in the town of Ato, about 500 miles southwest of Tokyo, according to the news service ProMED run by the International Society for Infectious Diseases. Eggs from the farm were recalled and plans made to kill nearly 29,000 remaining birds. It was described as the first outbreak of avian influenza in Japan since 1925.

In Vietnam in recent weeks, 40,000 chickens died of influenza, and 30,000 more were killed to stop spread of disease, WHO reported. In December, more than a million chickens and ducks in South Korea died of disease or were culled, according to reports.

"Something is going on that has not been seen for many, many years," Stohr said.

Many experts believe a global epidemic of a new form of influenza will occur sometime soon. Such pandemics occurred in 1918, 1957 and 1968. They occur when a human flu virus picks up key genetic elements from an animal virus, usually from a pig or bird.

The product of these extremely rare genetic "reassortments" is a virus that can be passed person-to-person and that the human immune system has never seen before.

Last winter, a different strain of avian influenza called A (H7N7) broke out in the Netherlands, leading authorities to order the killing of about 30 million birds. There were 82 human cases. One person died, a veterinarian who didn't take the preventative drug, oseltamivir (Tamiflu), before visiting a farm that had an infected flock.

University children's choir placed on hiatus

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The Southern Illinois Children's Choir will no longer be alive with the sound of music, at least for the time being.

SIUC's School of Music temporarily placed the children's choir on a one-semester hiatus in an effort to reconstruct the operation of the singing group. Robert Weiss, director of the School of Music and head of the pre-college program. Community Preparatory Program, said he had seen problems developing over the past six months.

"It has been struggling for at least the past half year, if not longer," Weiss said. "At this point, I decided it is better to just stop it for a semester and reevaluate it on how to run it a different way."

Founded in 1990, the SICC have shared the stage with the SIUC Opera Theatre, Symphony Orchestra and Choral Union for educational programs, as well as many concerts throughout Southern Illinois. In its 13 years of existence, SICC had performed at Busch Stadium, Canterbury Cathedral and Chicago Cultural Center. In June 1998, they toured Canada, visiting and performing with several other children choirs.

The choir was an audition-based singing group with ages ranging from first grade to ninth grade. Members came from all over the Carbondale community.

Past SICC directors had previously been SIUC faculty members. According to Weiss, juggling both a career at the University and SICC director has proved to be too much

for one person to handle.

"As [the School of Music's] enrollment has grown and the responsibilities of the faculty member have increased, it has become impossible and too big of a load to teach classes and direct the children's choir," Weiss said.

Weiss also blamed bookkeeping problems for part of the decision. He said some records had been permanently erased from previous director Katharine Hickney's computer. The records included membership and alumni lists and a tour account of each choir member.

Hickey bowed out in May after accepting a job in California. Her successor, Lauren Arnett, left the position because she did not feel comfortable continuing to work until the records improved.

Paul Sarvela, interim dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, said he was sad to see SICC go, because he witnessed firsthand the benefits of the choir.

"When kids take part in music, they learn how to present themselves in public," he said. "My daughter Kristin was finishing up her sixth year, and her time with the choir was truly wonderful. She clearly grew as a musician. The School of Music has done a tremendous job with this program."

Weiss said he plans to take this semester to work through the problems of the past and develop a permanent director position for the choir. He said he believes the children's choir will resume.

"I am confident we will get it going again next fall," he said. "There is a lot of parental support and a lot of interest. I have no doubt that we will

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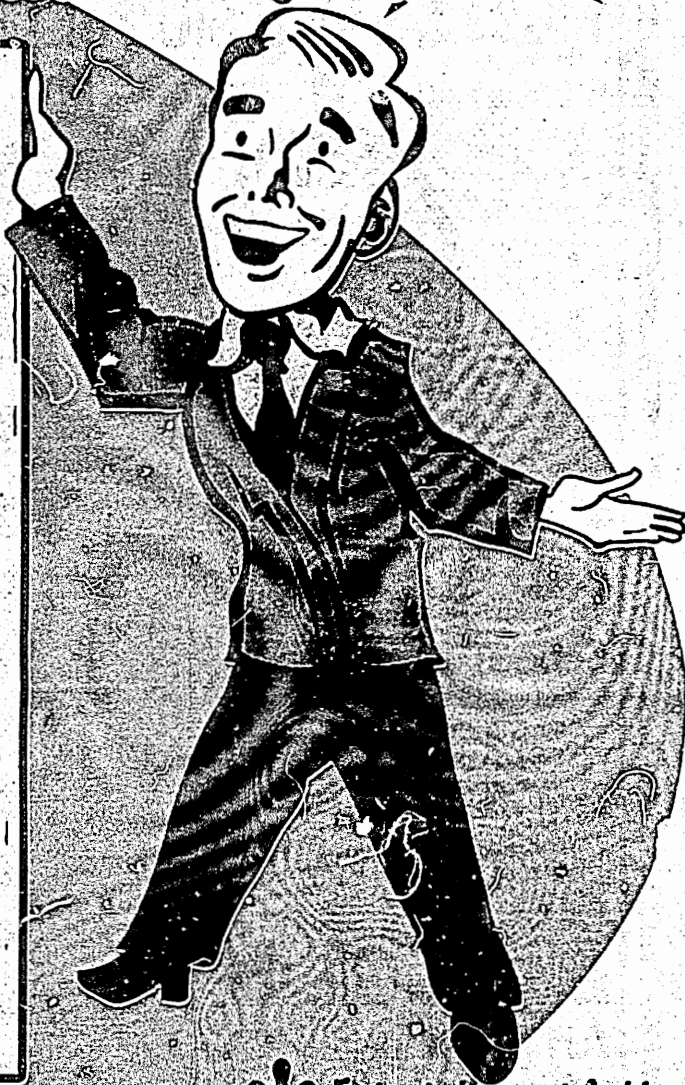
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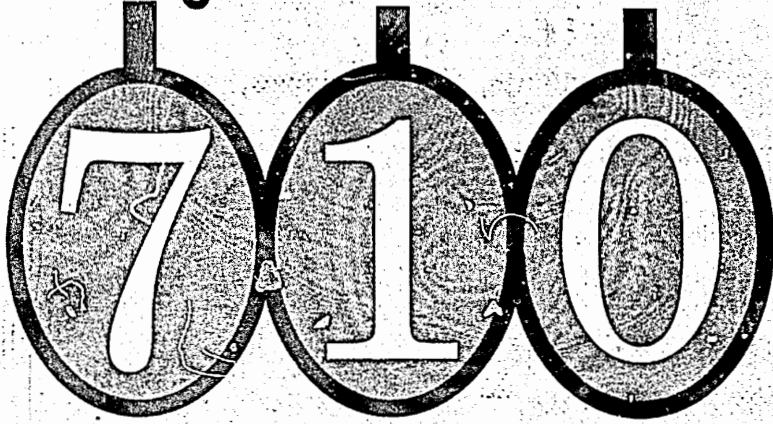


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Flu shot becomes annual gamble for health officials

David Brown
The Washington Post

This winter marks only the second time in 15 years that the flu vaccine given to tens of millions of Americans does not specifically protect against the strain of flu circulating in the population.

In that sense, this season's flu shot — ironically, one of the more sought-after injections in years — is a failure. How big a failure the shot is, and how many people may pay for the failure with their lives, won't be known for a while. The country could still get lucky. It might turn out a vaccine that is technically "wrong" may be right enough for the real world.

"The fact is that with influenza, you're always flying backwards. You don't know how you did until it's over," said Michael Decker, a physician and vice president of Aventis Pasteur, one of two companies that make flu shots used in the United States.

Influenza is widespread in 38 states, down slightly from a week ago. Influenza and pneumonia together accounted for 7.8 percent of deaths in late December, just reaching the threshold for "epidemic" activity.

The story of this season's flu shot provides a telling look at the world of global public health. It is a world where emerging or, in the case of influenza, evolving — infections are detected with increasing speed and precision. But it's also a place where devising the best response to them still takes time and involves uncertainty. As last year's outbreak of SARS, or

severe acute respiratory syndrome, showed, it's a world of high-stakes, white-knuckle decisions on which the health of tens of thousands of people may depend.

The flu shot is an annual gamble by government health officials, drug companies and scientists. The outcome hinges on myriad uncertainties of biology, industrial production and human behavior. All bets must be placed six months in advance. The gamblers at the table this flu season faced an unusually difficult choice.

They were looking at the likelihood that a significantly new strain of flu would appear this winter — as it has. But they had no way of making a vaccine that would fully protect against it unless everyone agreed to bend or break rules about vaccine-making — a decision that itself might have hazardous results. And they had to reach a decision fast — over the course of less than a month last winter.

They chose the safer course. Every year, the vaccine consists of killed, samples of three viruses — one from each of the three broad families of the microbe that have been circulating in recent decades. The three are designated by numbers and letters: influenza A (H1N1), influenza A (H3N2), and influenza B. These three families compete to infect human beings.

Every year, one strain will dominate the field, crowding, but not completely eliminating, the others and causing the majority of flu cases. But in that success lie the seeds of its own demise.

People infected with a particular flu strain become immune to it if

they survive, which most do. As an ever-larger proportion of the population catches the dominant virus, the microbe slowly runs out of new victims it can infect. As this happens, flu strains different from the dominant one compete to fill the vacuum. One eventually becomes the alpha virus, has its heyday and then inevitably dies out like its predecessors.

The FDA has extremely strict rules about how vaccines can be made. It believes that something designed to prevent one illness should have just about zero chance of causing another one.

To win approval for a dog cell "line" to be used to grow vaccine viruses even briefly, the FDA would need to learn about the history of the cells, what else was in the laboratory, where they were used, what kind of substances were used to feed them (often fluid derived from calf blood) and other details. This takes months. And in March, nobody had months.

The government then may have no choice but to bend the rules, assuming vaccines are still being made the way they are now. If such a virus were detected again, "you can pretty much bet that the government would consider different approaches," said Martin Myers, a vaccine expert at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and a member of the advisory committee.

The FDA agrees. "It would be obligatory to get a pandemic strain into a vaccine," William Egan, acting director of the Office of Vaccines Research and Review, said. "But that's not the question" the committee faced in March.

Iraqis blame U.S. troops for civilian deaths

Allissa J. Rubin
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq (LATWP) — Four Iraqi civilians were killed Tuesday, allegedly by U.S. gunfire, in the turbulent city of Fallujah following a protest over the detention of a teenage Iraqi girl. Two other civilians died in a Baghdad incident involving U.S. troops late Monday, although it was unclear whether they were killed by shrapnel from a roadside bomb aimed at a U.S. Humvee or by U.S. soldiers who subsequently opened fire.

Also Tuesday, just outside Fallujah, a U.S. Army Apache helicopter was apparently shot down in the third such incident in two weeks. In this case, the crewmembers escaped without injuries.

In Fallujah, the civilians were shot after militants with rocket-propelled grenades fired at the city hall where some U.S. troops have offices, according to Iraqi police sergeant Nazar Yassin.

The Americans responded by shooting indiscriminately, said Yassin, who was on duty at the time and witnessed the incident.

Three people were killed and one injured, Yassin said. U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. William Darley said he had no information on the incident.

Fallujah, about 40 miles west of Baghdad, has been plagued by violence since shortly after U.S. troops entered the city in April. As has often been the case, the violence this week was sparked by a house search and detention by U.S. troops. In this instance, the situation was particularly sensitive because the person detained was a just-

married 17-year-old girl. In Fallujah, a staunchly conservative Sunni Muslim-dominated town, such contact is a deep affront. Although the girl was accompanied and searched exclusively by women, according to a relative, the incident outraged townsmen. In another incident Tuesday, grenade rounds were fired at a compound near Fallujah where ABC journalist Ted Koppel was reporting. U.S. soldiers returned fire, said Darley, the military spokesman.

Darley said at least three Iraqis were wounded in the incident. An ABC producer on the scene said one Iraqi was hit by gunfire.

Koppel and his "Nightline" crew were traveling with the 82nd Airborne for a story on the military unit's work. One stop was at a youth center they are working to refurbish, said Leroy Sievers, "Nightline" executive producer who is traveling with Koppel.

The anchor had finished his interviews and the ABC team was waiting for the 82nd Airborne to finish its work so they could leave when "two RPGs were fired. One went over the walled compound" and was caught on tape by ABC's cameraman, Sievers said by phone. The second landed short of the compound.

The security outside "immediately opened up and they believe they wounded" one of the attackers, Sievers said, but they all "got away."

In Monday's civilian deaths in Baghdad, a car carrying five people — two women and two children as well as a driver — was on the same street as a U.S. Humvee when the military vehicle hit a roadside bomb. The soldiers in the Humvee then opened fire.

Google fans fill web with IPO buzz

Griff Witte
The Washington Post

To get a sense for the level of hype surrounding the possibility that Google Inc. will become a public company this spring, there's at least one surefire way: Google it.

Type "Google IPO" into the vaulted search engine, and within 0.07 seconds, links to 14,000 websites come bounding back. The links lead in every direction: Online columnists predicting the company's initial public offering of stock will be the first bang of Internet Boom 2.0, discussion threads in which investors pine for a piece of the company, a blogger who insists simply that the Google IPO "is evil."

Most of the sites are in English, but many are in French, German or Japanese. There's even a website called "Google IPO Central: Your Unofficial Source for Discussion and News about the Upcoming IPO."

The company's refusal to comment on whether it will go public does little to dampen the buzz. For denizens of Silicon Valley and Wall Street alike, the Google IPO has been decreed a monumental event even before it happens, one that could lift the long-struggling tech sector out of its doldrums.

"It's way better than even money that this is the IPO of the decade," said Roger McNamee, a managing director of the tech-oriented private equity firm Silver Lake Partners. "Everybody and their grandmother knows Google. Demand is going to be off the charts."

But because anticipation has reached such a fevered pitch, some

analysts wonder just how successful Google's IPO can truly be when measured against the hype. They worry, too, that a public Google will ultimately buckle under to investor pressure for ever-higher profit margins and sacrifice the very thing that has made it so popular: the purity of its search. The analysts point to other search companies that went public, such as Yahoo Inc. and in the process diluted their focus on search as they ventured increasingly into the realm of job listings, horoscopes, chat rooms and personal ads.

As a public company, "if they are not developing a particular product and their competitor has it, they may feel pressure to go in that direction to please investors," said Danny Sullivan, editor of Search Engine Watch, a site that provides analysis of the search industry. "It's 'I've got to keep up with the Joneses whether or not the Joneses are doing the right thing.' Right now they have the luxury of avoiding that."

In this case, the Joneses are two of the world's best-known tech companies — Yahoo and Microsoft Corp. Both would like to capture from Google a chunk of the enticingly lucrative search market. As the bloodletting begins among the three, Google has the curse and the blessing of enjoying a squeaky clean reputation for putting the integrity of the search process ahead of commercial interests.

"Google is all about providing access to information, not being a venue for ads," said Peter Norvig, Google's director of search quality. Norvig said although the company offers paid search results, they're always clearly marked and over-

get in the way of the objective results that remain the company's focus.

It's that philosophy that has earned the company the loyalty of millions of Internet users who rely on Google for help navigating the almost unfathomable depths of the web. But it also means the company has a high capacity to disappoint if it undercuts principles in the name of profits.

"When you're God, you have quite a long way to fall if you do something wrong," Sullivan said. "It's hard to think of a company that's been put on a pedestal as much as they have."

The company's ability to earn profits while not alienating users by bombarding them with ads, tech analysts say, is a direct outgrowth of the founders' vision. Sergey Brin, a University of Maryland alumnus, and Larry Page, a veteran of a D.C. software company, created Google as idealistic Stanford University graduate students. The company still lists under "10 things Google has found to be true" that "you can make money without doing evil."

To be sure, going public is not Brin's and Page's first choice. Both have indicated in past statements they're in no hurry to do an IPO. But because of Securities and Exchange Commission regulations governing private companies of a certain size, Google would be forced to disclose its financials this spring even if it didn't go public.

Since the company will soon lose a key benefit of staying private, most Google analysts consider it a near-certainty that the company will try to reap the rewards of going public. And the rewards could be enormous.

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Community members sit in on classes for \$25

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Students may have seen them sitting in on classes taking notes or idly listening to a real-world learning channel with interactive features. They may look like regular students, but they're not there for class credit or good grades, just to learn.

For more than five years, community members have been able to sit in on SIUC classes for only \$25. The Community Listeners Program, which continues this spring, has

become a vehicle for the University to spread its arms by allowing community members to receive some education without requiring tests or homework, albeit without receiving class credit.

"It's only designed for persons not involved with the University," said Dianna Ruesch, conference coordinator at the Division of Continuing Education. "People may be interested in a particular class or even just doing it for personal reasons."

Community members pay a one-time \$25 fee and, with the instructor's

permission, are allowed to enjoy the same classroom experience as other students without the hassle of test-taking and paper-writing.

The members are allowed to sit in on courses as long as the course has room. On average, the program has allowed 20 community members such an opportunity each semester.

However, Ruesch said students have taken and completed assignments in classes before. All coursework is evaluated and deemed applicable on an instructor-by-instructor basis. But as the class winds to a close, credits are

not applied. Students pay the \$25 fee for a temporary library card and the use of the Career Services Center.

Students are generally confined to classes that are not lab-based, such as chemistry courses and music classes, even though some instructors have bypassed that particular rule.

Amanda Grasher, a recent graduate of the Information Systems Technology Department with a specialization in captioning, which is the mechanics behind closed captioning and speed typing, took a refresher course in the art to make sure she did

not lose touch of her abilities after she graduated.

"It costs next to nothing, and it helps you keep up with a skill," she said.

Prowest and Vice Chancellor John Dunn said the program is a bridge to the community. Universities are placed into a position in which they can create a rift by distancing their respective communities or choosing to engage them.

"Normally it is very wise for universities to do what they can to make themselves available to the larger public they serve," Dunn said.

AFFIRMATIVE

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scheduled for Tuesday was also cancelled as a direct result of Haller's decision. The Senate was set to discuss the affirmative action policy changes.

The University of Maryland and University of Texas-Austin cases involving the schools' affirmative action policies spurred SIUC's exploration. In 1996, the Supreme Court ruled Maryland's Benjamin Banneker Scholarship program was unconstitutional because it was only open to black students. The court also ruled against Texas' affirmative action policies, calling them illegal.

SIUC officials have also been reviewing the policy to see how the University of Michigan cases will affect their campus. These cases

involved using a point system for admitting students, allotting more points to black students to increase their chance of acceptance. In June 2003, the Supreme Court upheld the admission policy in the university's law school, but declared it unconstitutional for undergraduates.

SIUC's policy was first questioned in 1996 when former SIU President Ted Sanders asked Haller to gather a committee to look at all programs involving minorities, women and the disabled.

According to an item on the Board of Trustees' December agenda, after reviewing the programs, the committee reported in 1998 that the Board of Trustees' policy on affirmative action should be reviewed and, if necessary, changed "when definitive judicial decisions occur."

"We saw reasons to keep it [the policy], based on our own under-

standing of racial oppression in Southern Illinois," Brown said.

Brown was prepared to discuss the views of the members of the Black Faculty Caucus with the board in December, but was relieved when he was told the policy had been tabled.

"I'm happy they tabled it for the right reasons," Brown said.

The national affirmative action policy first went into effect in 1965 through an executive order by President Lyndon Johnson as a way to combat the discrimination that remained despite civil rights laws and the Constitution.

In its nearly 40-year history, the policy has been very controversial, including accusations that it was creating reverse discrimination. Universities across the country now are reviewing their policies to make sure they are in accordance with the Supreme Court rulings.

GOVERNOR

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it, they'll do it as long as they think they can get away with it. We've had ethics reforms before, and it seems like it doesn't change a whole lot of things. And if you've still got people who are willing to take that chance, they'll still break the law."

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole said a few politicians who make bad decisions should not change how the public looks at the many politicians who do good things in public service everyday.

"Unfortunately, there are a lot of bad influences on people," Cole said. "And all of the laws in the world can't stop somebody if they are dead set on doing something that they shouldn't do. We need to focus on finding high-quality, ethical, morally based

people to be involved in government and politics."

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said he believes the intentions of most politicians are pure.

"Ninety-five percent of the people in Springfield, regardless of their party, are honest and want to do the right thing — and I think the same is true in Washington," Bost said.

Cole said he hopes Ryan is able to receive a fair and unbiased trial in the courts and in the public eye.

"It's important for people to allow the judicial system to take its course," he said. "I can't speak to what may or may not have happened in the secretary of state's office — I didn't work there. It's important, I think, for people to let the judicial system run its course instead of trying this or anything else in the court of public opinion. Let's let the facts tell the story and whatever happens happens."

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"You have to provide different avenues for parents," Amores said.

"There can't be one cookie cutter way or system available for parents to read to their children."

Last October, Blagojevich proposed a community service requirement for all high school students. After looking at similar programs in Maryland and within Chicago public schools, he said he would like to jumpstart a similar program for the state.

"When you volunteer, you gain a rich experience that you can't typically get in the classroom," Amores said. "And more importantly, you're able to share what you know with people who are younger than you — people who you can help."

"What we hope is that students gain from learning experiences outside of the classroom, which will help them grow as an individual."

In addition, his plan will require National Merit Recognition Scholarship recipients to complete 50 hours of volunteer work to be eligible for their award.

Blagojevich is pushing for improving educational standards for students by providing links for students to their parents and the community.

"When you look at a child's education, it doesn't start or stop just because he's outside of the classroom," Amores said.

"In other words, learning continues after school and on the weekends when you're in the home."

ETHICS

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Before the legislation, Illinois had no methods in place to ensure the honesty and ethics of people involved in government. The result has been a state with a reputation for political corruption and scandals extending all of the way to the office of former Gov. George Ryan, who was recently indicted on charges of conspiracy and fraud.

"The Governor should be held accountable, and we think [the law] will help do that," Schaafsma said. "We acknowledge that most men and women in state office are fine, honorable people who take their job seriously, and sadly, there were a couple of people who took advantage of their position and created this climate in Illinois."

New watchdog measures included in the law require each constitutional officer to appoint an executive inspector general with subpoena authority to review accusations of wrongdoing in each office. It also establishes an Executive Ethics Commission, comprised of five members appointed by the governor and the remaining four appointed by each of the

constitutional officers.

Executive inspector generals will report to the commission, which will review each case and determine what action to take. State employees are not eligible to serve on the commission, and no more than five members can be from the same political party. Those found guilty by the commission could face steep penalties, including fines, possible dismissal and misdemeanor charges.

Similarly, a legislative ethics commission will be formed to review cases of wrongdoing and nominate a legislative inspector general, a position that will be confirmed by the General Assembly, to monitor and report corruption in the legislative branch.

Additional immediate effects of the package include:

- A ban on promotions featuring the name, image or voice of government officials that are funded with taxpayer money.

- State employees would be barred from working for companies they either regulated or awarded state contracts greater than \$25,000 for one year after they leave their state job.

- The removal of several exemptions from the Gift Ban Act and the limiting of lobbyist spending on food and drinks

to \$75 per state employee or official.

- Bans on accepting or making political contributions on state property, strengthening the ban against using state employees for political work.

- A prohibition on lobbyists and their spouses from serving on state boards and commissions, effective Feb. 1.

The SJJ Board of Trustees was one of many boards around the state affected by the requirements. Board Chairwoman Molly D'Esposito, who is married to a lobbyist, will be required to resign by February.

Politicians around the state are scrambling to make adjustments and comply with the new law.

Schaafsma said people have been approached to fill positions on the ethics commissions, though no official appointments have been made, and memos have been issued to state employees about the mandatory ethics training.

"I know the governor's office is working on that as we speak," Schaafsma said. "We'll just make sure it continues."

Though officials predict the transition will be swift, it could be months before the full results of the law are realized.

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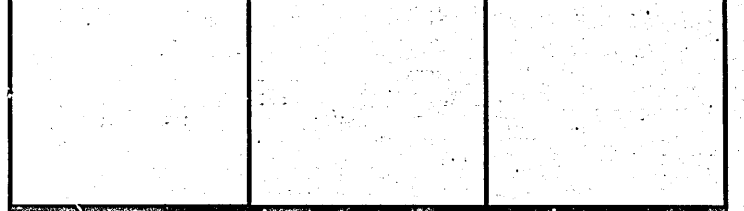
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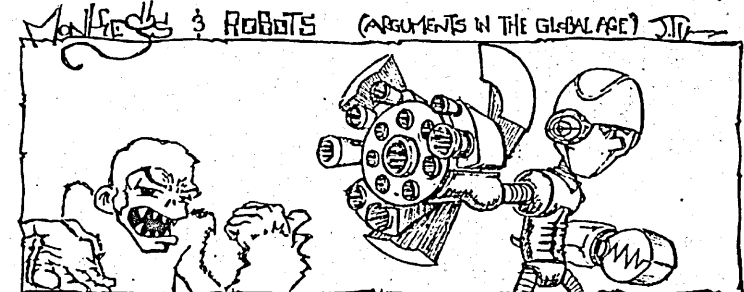
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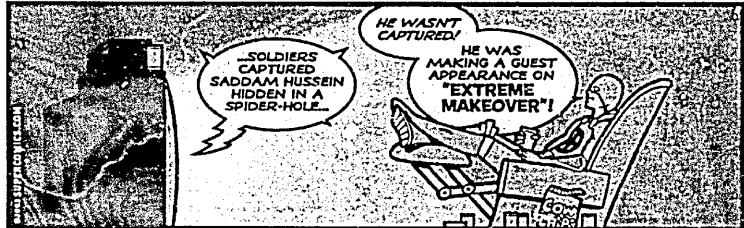
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - You'll soon find it easier to concentrate on your career. Right now, however, you may have to do some juggling to meet everybody's demands. You won't be able to do it all simultaneously.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - It's not a good time to travel or to abandon your familiar routine. Conditions are changing in your favor, though. Give it another day.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You'll soon have to start getting practical, but don't let that slow you down. Make more and buy less. That works. You're quite talented, of course.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You'll soon find it easier to get your meaning across. You may even find that one person who won't have to be told at all - not out loud, anyway.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) - Today is a 7 - You're in the mood to study, and that's appropriate. You should know, however, that you're also stirring things up. This isn't necessarily bad, but it could lead to a confrontation.

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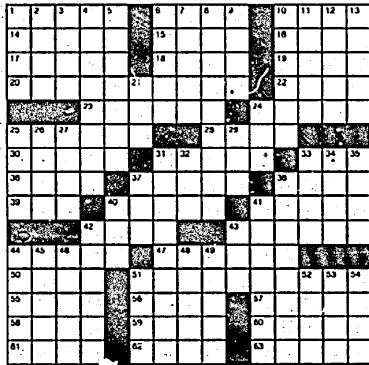
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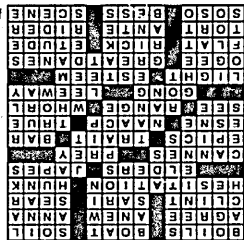
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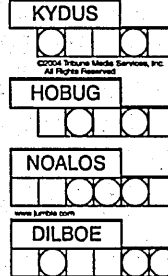
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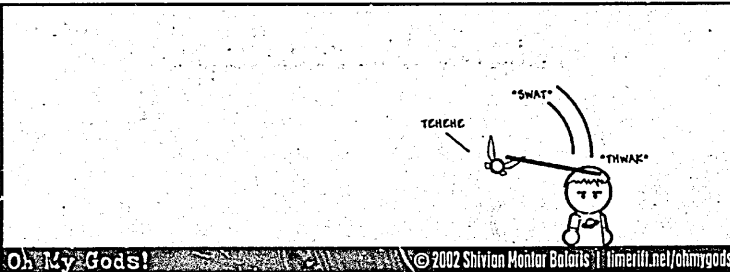
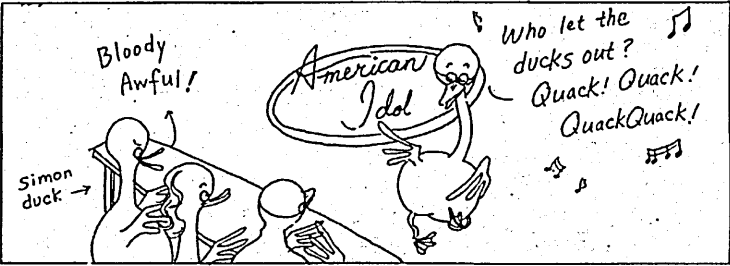
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COLUMNIST

I'm back ... sort of

Well, I guess I'm back. I'm in another city in another state and writing for a different newspaper, but I can't seem to escape the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

I will be at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch until mid-March, but I just can't bear to keep my big mouth shut. I've been demoted to the inside pages, mainly because I won't be working for the DE for a while, but I assure you nothing will change from my old columns. Well, nothing except the fact I'm writing from St. Louis and will not be talking to many athletes.

So, while I'm two hours away and immune to repercussions, I'd to clear the air on a few things I lied about in the past semester. Please forgive me. I don't usually lie on purpose, and these were my most notable screw-ups:

I lied to you when I said I would not be writing in the DE for a while and when I told you I would miss SIU's basketball season. I just found out I will cover some of SIU's big games for the Post-Dispatch, so thankfully, I will be in Carbondale for the Bracket Buster and, hopefully, the Creighton game.

I hope you have not stopped hating Creighton simply because Kyle Korver graduated. Remember, for sports fans, hatred is healthy. As the emperor said in Return of the Jedi, "The hate is swelling in you now... give in to your anger."

When I come back, I want to see the SIU Arena as hostile as it was last year.

I lied back in November when I said Creighton would finish sixth in the conference. I was right about SIU not finishing fifth and making a run for the title, but good God, was I wrong about the Bluejays. Dana Altman is a great coach, and he is the reason that team did not miss a beat after losing Korver and two other great players. Creighton is undefeated and nationally-ranked, and the MVC may be in for its third straight SIU-Creighton show.

I lied when I told you Wichita State would win the conference. Everyone I knew thought the Shockers would take the Valley, but they could turn out to be the MVC's version of Michigan State.

I also lied when I said to watch out for Illinois State. I saw them as a sleeper because of their untapped talent, but the Redbirds have proven that a team with that much talent can suck if it wants to.

There, I feel better. In the future, I will check with my oracle before offering predictions.

In the meantime, I have been keeping an eye on the Salukis. I have a television and I do work at a sports desk, so I'll try to keep myself as educated as possible. Here are a few things I've noticed. I think you should know or things I need to say before I spontaneously combust:

Lamar Owen

How amazing is SIU's latest transfer? Like I said before, his kangaroo-esque vertical makes him a big man, and he looked very impressive during the Wichita State game. Between



The View From the Lou

BY MICHAEL BRENNER
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him, Stetson Hairston, Darren Brooks, freshman Jamaal Tanum and an improved Bryan Turner, the Salukis — and I mean this — might be as good or better than they were last year.

I told you so
Matt Painter is one hell of a coach.

Glassgate

Over the break, Tatum punched a window at a police station, breaking it and bringing a one-game suspension upon himself. But do not crucify him right away.

Sources have told the DE it was blown out of proportion, and it's likely Tanum just meant to hit the glass, not break it. A similar thing happened to my sister's boyfriend in high school, so it is possible. As long as this doesn't happen again, I don't care. His suspension didn't hurt SIU, as they blew out Indiana State.

The announcers on Fox Sports Net did not even seem to know about the incident, talking only about Tanum's high GPA, so hats off to Saluki public relations. This one has blown over.

Younger Korver

I'm sure Tom Davis deserves some credit, but Drake is looking awfully good, especially by the standards it has set the past few years. Klayton Korver and the Bulldogs have beaten Iowa State and Wichita State, hung with Creighton and beat Bradley by a whopping 23 points. SIU beat them in Iowa, but the Salukis should beware when the Bulldogs come to Carbondale. Drake is no longer the pushover it once was.

Older Korver

He's not doing great, but Kyle Korver is not exactly laying an egg in the NBA, either. Philadelphia is giving him about 10 minutes a game, and he's averaging a little over four points per contest. This is not impressive, but he is fourth in the NBA in three-point percentage.

You can always rely on Korver for two things — three-pointers and an ugly mug. I did not think it was possible, but his 76ers picture is even uglier than his Creighton one.

And finally...

Congratulations to women's basketball on defeating Evansville. Danette Jones can be an assassin when she gets hot — she did, and the Salukis scored an upset.

To Lori Opp and company — I told you I would write one positive column for every conference game you won, so if you really want to torture me, win at least four more. That would make a full week of compliments for SIU women's basketball when the season ends.



GUEST COLUMN

From the Dawg Pound

Jeffrey Nichols
senior, administration of justice
Murphysboro

Chris Todd
senior, secondary education/history
Murphysboro

Thanks to our lovely ticket office that partnered with a local radio station (name being withheld) for the UNC-Charlotte game, they were able to completely sell out the lower bowl of the SIU Arena. And at the same time, they managed to dismantle our student section.

When we showed up for the game an hour and a half early, we were not allowed to get tickets for the Dawg Pound — they had already sold it out.

All of the students, about 70 or so that were here for games during break, had to sit in section LL — the upper bowl.

So thanks to the ticket office, when the Dawg Pound was needed the most, it was completely disbanded for the Charlotte game.

True hardcore fans had to watch as the Dawg Pound filled up with everything but rowdy college students, which has become the Dawg Pound's staple.

Section L looked like all the other sections, filled with old people and little kids sitting down for the entire game.

What a disgrace to the students! Do we not pay part of our tuition to sit in Section L?

Also, after entering the Arena, we spoke to a member of the Athletic Department. The response he gave us was, "You could have gotten your tickets earlier." Oh yeah, that's a good idea. SIU had been closed all week for Christmas break. Had we got our tickets earlier, we would have been the only two students in the whole Dawg Pound surrounded by other people not even close to our age or rowdiness.

The halftime show on Magic 95.1 had a special on the home court winning streak, and the commentator said a lot of the credit goes to the rowdy student section.

Well, go figure; the game that you get rid of us is the game that ends the winning streak — 31 games down the drain all to sell an extra 210 tickets to some old folks. We are giving the ticket office 100% of the blame for the loss on this one.

Oh yeah ... and we almost punched out some moron fan before the Charlotte game who was carting around a shoe box top with "Welcome to the Jungle" written in pen.

He was walking around attempting to educate some of us on Saluki basketball. We had never seen this guy before.

(So sir, if you are reading, we know more than you, so shut your mouth.)

Also, if you are going to make a sign, at least put more than three minutes of work into it, and try to make the writing so you can see it from more than three feet away.

Even with "selling out and hanging the students to dry" routine that the ticket office adopted ending at the end of break, we still managed to get a pretty good student section for the Wichita State game.

Bringing us to our next point, how many times do we have to say this — for the love of God, wear some sort of SIU apparel!

Whether it being maroon, white, gray, black or whatever else, at least represent the University when you sit in the Dawg Pound.

We are tired of students wearing crap clothes with something that deals with SIU or associates with the Dawg Pound.

Finally, we would like to claim our new favorite player ... (drum roll) Lamar Owen. Man, this guy is a maniac out there.

Our shout goes out to Lamar for his hard work during games.

Lamar has our love — the ticket office, however, does not. That is all for this time...

“True hardcore fans had to watch as the Dawg Pound filled up with everything but rowdy college students.”



Ask your Best writer

SIU, do you have a sports question you'd like to see answered? Sorry, we cannot give out Joel Sambursky's phone number, but we can help answer questions pertaining to schedules, recruiting, etc. If you have a burning question, drop the DAILY EGYPTIAN Sports Desk an e-mail at sports@dailyegyptian.com. We will do our darndest to answer any question. We will run the Q & A's every Wednesday in Saluki Sportsview.

EVANSVILLE

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Burton has not scored in double figures the past five games, but Wagner is fresh off a career-high 24-point scoring binge Sunday in a win against Bradley.

That ability for Cuffle's supporting cast to go off on any given night is a cause for concern for the Salukis.

"If you got a lot of good shooters on the team and they're on that night, it can get scary," Turner said. "If they catch fire, then those points can come in bunches."

In last season's meeting at Evansville, the shooters did just that.

The Purple Aces shot an unbelievable 70.6 percent from three-point land on 12-of-17 shooting. SIU shot 66.7 percent itself in the Salukis narrow 90-84 win.

MVC

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"They'll do whatever is necessary for us to be successful as a program and that's what you have to love about them."

But the sting of Gray's loss will still be felt throughout the entire program, said head coach Connie Price-Smith.

"She always came in and always performed well at conferences and throughout the years," Price-Smith said.

"She's a one-ener, and I think that with the newcomers that we brought in and with the ones that we still have here, we can fill the void from those points."

"We got the majority of our team back and we have a lot more depth than we did last year. So we're looking for a good indoor and outdoor season."

JACKSON

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coach in Saginaw, Mich. Donald Durrett. Kill developed ties to Durrett while he was head coach at Saginaw Valley State University. According to Jackson Sr., Kill asked Mason permission before he ever contacted his son.

At 5-foot-11 and 190-pounds, Jackson considers himself a "pre-down back who can do everything the coaches ask from him — and a little more."

"I am always looking for a big play," said Jackson, who received scholarship offers from other Big Ten schools Wisconsin and Iowa while in high school. "I never thought the running back position is where you just get three or four yards here or there. I am a 250-carry back."

Vermin experts render a verdict

Larry Stewart
Los Angeles Times

Roger Clemens told the New York Yankee he was retiring. Then, 72 days later, he signed with the Houston Astros. So what was the reaction in New York?

"Roger the Rat," screamed the headline on Page 1 of Tuesday's New York Post.

Caught, off-guard: Another big sports story Monday was the surprise announcement that Dan Marino would be returning to the Miami Dolphins as their senior vice president of football operations. That means Marino will be giving up his TV jobs with CBS and HBO after

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Keys To Games • Don't allow Evansville shooters to get hot, namely pre-season all-conference pick Clint Cuffle. • Pressure Evansville's young freshmen and use rare size advantage to win the rebound battle.	Playstation prediction: We will simulate each game on NCAA March Madness 2004. This game's score: 64-50 SIU
DE prediction: 81-68. Look for Brad Korn to take advantage of the Aces small lineup	

The Salukis currently have a 20-game home winning streak against MVC opponents.

The last Valley team to escape the SIU Arena with a victory was Evansville in the final game of the 2000-2001 season.

Another motivating factor is spite for the Bluejays of Creighton, who are tied atop the MVC standings with SIU.

"We can't let Creighton feel the same way if they hear about [Evansville] beating us," Turner said.

In December's Fast Start Invite, the first indoor meet of the season, the Salukis claimed thirteen top-three finishes, four of which came from the throwing events.

The Salukis received strong performances from Dunbar, senior Danielle Lawary, junior Venisha Williams, freshmen

April Heath and junior Inna Turevsky.

Dunbar believes the team will perform well and turn a lot of heads this season.

"I think we will come out on top of the conference," Dunbar said.

"I think we'll surprise a lot of people in our conference. "Everyone is training really hard. This indoor is doing really well at practice. I'm very, very happy. I'm very excited."

The Salukis will host the Saluki booster this weekend, a two day event at the Recreation Center.

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Career Rushing Yards						
Year	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2001	10	21	87	4.1	1	13
2002	13	239	1317	5.5	6	71
2003	5	55	256	4.7	1	39

Career Receiving Yards						
Year	G	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
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Carolina crashes playoff party

Sam Farmer
Los Angeles Times

The Philadelphia Eagles are preparing for their third consecutive conference title game. The New England Patriots are two seasons removed from winning the Super Bowl. The Indianapolis Colts have averaged more than 10 victories a season over the last five.

And the Carolina Panthers? Only two years ago, they set an NFL record by losing 15 consecutive games. When it comes to football's version of the final four, the Panthers are the party crashers.

And that's just how they like it. "It's nice because people don't know anything about you, so it's hard to prepare," said defensive end Mike Rucker, whose team will play Sunday at Philadelphia in the NFC championship game. "That's what happened. People have overlooked us, taken us for granted. And we're humble."

The Panthers have had plenty of time to work on their humility. They had gone seven seasons without making the playoffs, last doing so in 1996, their second season of existence, when they came within a victory of reaching the 1997 Super Bowl.

"We have a lot of high-character guys on our football team," said second-year Coach John Fox, who took over a team that had finished 1-15 in 2001. "We have found our formula, and it's worked out so far. We've won more close games than I can remember, this one [Saturday's double-overtime victory at St. Louis] included. But our guys believed we could do it."

To understand how far the Panthers have come, it's important to know where they've been. The franchise has weathered some horrible personnel decisions in the 1990s, a racial mess that nearly ripped apart the team, and a murder trial that concluded with the conviction of receiver Rae Carruth.

Carruth's trial made the most national headlines. He was convicted of conspiracy to commit murder and

sentenced to almost 19 years in prison for his role in the 1999 ambush killing of his pregnant girlfriend.

Then there was the behavior of quarterback Kerry Collins, the franchise's first draft pick, who fell out of favor with teammates after using a racial epithet during a drunken binge. Collins ultimately quit the team, telling then-coach Dom Capers, "My heart's not in it," then resurfaced and helped lead the New York Giants to the Super Bowl.

"The thing that compounded it was the way we performed on the field was way below average," said kicker John Kasay, the only original Panther left on the roster. "Those things kind of steamroll and perpetuate a bad environment. They test your character."

Meanwhile, the Panthers made several personnel blunders, such as overpaying for defensive linemen Sean Gilbert, Reggie White, Chuck Smith and Eric Swann, a group that was almost never injury-free enough to play together, and using first-round picks on Tim Biakabutuka, Jason Peter and Rashard Anderson, all of whom proved to be either injury-prone or complete busts.

The seeds of change were sown in the abysmal 2001 season, even before then-coach George Seifert was fired. The Panthers used their first three draft picks that spring on linebacker Dan Morgan, defensive tackle Kris Jenkins and receiver Steve Smith — all pivotal players now — and proved to themselves that they were good enough to stay in games, even though they weren't good enough to win.

Eight of Carolina's last 12 losses in 2001 were by six points or fewer, and four of their first five losses last season were by three points or fewer. The Panthers finally learned to slam the door on opponents this season, going 10-3 in regular-season and postseason games decided by a touchdown or less.

"We know how to win now because we've been through that the last two seasons," Rucker said. "We've learned from our mistakes. That's how

you teach your kids; when you do something wrong, you've got to learn from your mistake. We've done that, and now it's paying off for us."

The Panthers have several outstanding players, but none has achieved the star status of Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb, New England's Tom Brady, or Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison of Indianapolis. Just as the Patriots did two years ago, the Panthers have succeeded with a cast of lesser-known players.

When running back Stephen Davis went down with a quadriceps injury Saturday at St. Louis, former UCLA standout DeShaun Foster stepped in and picked up the slack. It was his former Bruin teammate, cornerback Ricky Manning Jr., who made a critical one-handed interception in the clutch. And the quarterback-receiver combination of Jake Delhomme and Smith is only starting to make a dent in the national consciousness.

With Rucker, Jenkins, Julius Peppers and Brentson Buckner, the Panthers have achieved what they were aiming for in acquiring White, Smith, Swann and Gilbert: The team has assembled the best defensive line in football.

"They're really focused on one side of the ball and tried to become a top team in their front seven," said newly hired Atlanta General Manager Rich McKay, who had the same role with Tampa Bay this season when the Buccaneers lost twice to the Panthers. "They try to dominate teams that way. And on the other side of the ball, it's all about eating the clock, ball control, wear you down ... To me it's a pretty simple formula. They're going to try to dominate you on defense and just wear you down on offense."

Simplicity sounds good to Delhomme. He's trying to take a very straightforward, low-key approach to Sunday's game.

"I'm not looking at this as if there's only four teams left," he said.

"In my book, things haven't changed since the first week, so I'm still thinking there's a full slate of games this weekend. The stakes are a little bigger, but you've got to be the same guy."

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"We have a lot of high character guys on our football team."

— Coach John Fox
Head coach of the Carolina Panthers

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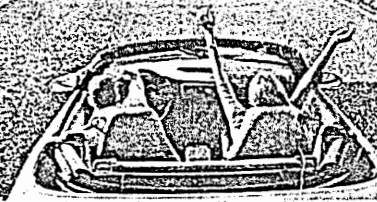
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Daphney Desamours of the SIU women's basketball team has taken hold of the starting point guard position and is not letting go. After coming off the bench in the Salukis' first 10 games of the season, Desamours has played tremendously well while starting the last two.

The junior transfer from Miami scored a career-high 10 points against Creighton Jan. 5 then followed that up with a 19-point, nine-rebound performance in the Dawgs' 65-62 victory over Evansville Saturday.

Expect Desamours to be in the starting lineup this weekend when SIU travels to Indiana State and Illinois State.

From downtown

After playing just 12 games, Illinois State is already on its way to breaking a season record.

The Redbirds have hit 92 three-point shots this year, just 21 short of the season record of 113 set in 1996-1997.

If Illinois State keeps going at its current pace of 7.7 threes per game, it will surpass the record during its three-game home stand that starts Friday against Evansville.

The threes are raining from everywhere as five players average double-

figure scoring for the Redbirds, winners of seven of their last eight games.

Going streaking

The Salukis will attempt to put an end to a streak that has been plaguing them the last couple seasons when they face Indiana State this Friday.

Dating back to the 1999-2000 season, the Sycamores have won seven consecutive games vs. the Dawgs. SIU's last win was a 64-62 decision at the SIU Arena during that season.

It's anybody's game

Drake (6-7, 3-1) defeated Illinois State (8-5, 2-2) 73-60 in Missouri Valley Conference action Monday night.

The Bulldogs used an 18-4 second half run to distance themselves from the Redbirds, who were led by Zora Skrabalova with 20 points and nine rebounds.

In other MVC action, Drake was defeated by Evansville by a score of 69-56.

Considering the Salukis are coming off a victory over the Aces, this perhaps suggests the Dawgs have a good chance of upsetting the Redbirds as well — but not so fast.

The two teams SIU has beaten this

season, Saint Louis and Evansville, have both handled Drake fairly easily. However, the Bulldogs dismantled the Salukis at the SIU Arena 69-42 to open the conference season. Explain that one.

Players of the week

Kristi Woodard of Creighton and K.C. Cowgill of Southwest Missouri State were named the Missouri Valley Conference's players of the week.

Woodard improved on her career-high point total in each of Creighton's three victories last week while averaging 23.7 points per game.

The sophomore started with 21 points at Southern Illinois Monday night. A 23-point performance against Indiana State was followed by a 27-point outburst against Illinois State last Saturday.

Cowgill scored 29 points in the Lady Bears' two MVC victories last week.

The junior from Grand Island, Neb., scored 16 points against UNI to help SMS win 80-65, and the scored 13 points in the SMS 93-60 victory over Bradley.

SIU's Desamours was recognized as a candidate for the award by the conference.



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14 Wednesday 15 Thursday 16 Friday 17 Saturday

BASKETBALL

Men-Evansville 7:05 pm SIU Arena	No events	Women-Indiana St. 6 pm	Men-Bradley 2:05 pm WSIU-TV8
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TRACK

No events	No events	Men & Women-Sakuli Booster Rec Center	Men & Women-Sakuli Booster Rec Center
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SWIMMING

No events	No events	No events	Men & Women-@Western Kentucky
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ON THE AIR TONIGHT

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m.	Cincinnati @ Marquette - ESPN
8 p.m.	North Carolina @ Maryland - ESPN

PRO BASKETBALL

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MVC STANDINGS

Men's Basketball

MVC Overall

	W	L	W	L
Creighton	4	0	12	0
S. Illinois	4	0	10	2
SMS	2	2	10	5
Wichita St.	2	2	9	5
N. Iowa	2	2	7	5
Drake	2	2	6	6
Indiana St.	2	2	6	6
Bradley	1	3	8	7
Evansville	1	3	2	10
Illinois St.	0	4	4	8

Monday's results:
No games scheduled

Tuesday's results:
No games scheduled

Today's games:
Creighton at Northern Iowa
Wichita St. at Bradley
Illinois St. at Drake
Evansville at S. Illinois

MVC STANDINGS

Women's Basketball

MVC Overall

	W	L	W	L
Creighton	4	0	8	5
SMS	3	0	11	1
Drake	3	1	6	7
Illinois St.	2	2	8	5
Indiana St.	2	2	8	5
Evansville	1	2	6	6
S. Illinois	1	2	2	10
N. Iowa	1	3	5	8
Bradley	1	3	3	10
Wichita St.	0	3	3	8

Monday's results:
Drake 73, Illinois St. 60

Tuesday's results:
No games scheduled

Today's games:
Houston at Wichita St.

AROUND THE VALLEY

results from the weekend

Men's Swim/Lig
Indiana 174, S. Illinois 67
Ohio State 172, S. Illinois 71

Men's leaders

Scoring

Player, School	PPG
Gilbert, Bradley	20.2
Brooks, S. Illinois	16.8
Moss, Indiana St.	15.8
Gillingham, Bradley	15.7
Arnold, Illinois St.	15.4
Sommerville, Bradley	15.4

Rebounding

Player, School	RPG
Schneiderman, UNI	7.4
Madiri, SMS	7.4
Deren, Creighton	7.1
Gruber, UNI	7.1
Sommerville, Bradley	6.9

Assists

Player, School	RPG
Holman, Wichita St.	5.4
Wagner, Evansville	5.3
Robinson, Bradley	4.3
McKinney, Creighton	3.9
Andrews, SMS	3.9

Women's leaders

Scoring

Player, School	PPG
Donovan, Illinois St.	20.5
Koch, SMS	19.8
Gray, Evansville	17.6
Swisher, UNI	17.2
Rhodes, Indiana St.	15.5

Rebounding

Player, School	RPG
Buckner, Wichita St.	11.2
Cook, UNI	10.6
Gray, Evansville	9.7
Berwanger, S. Illinois	8.6
Williams, Bradley	8.3

Assists

Player, School	RPG
Boeglin, Indiana St.	5.0
Kirby, Evansville	4.8
O'Brien, Illinois St.	4.3
Lingor, SMS	4.3
Berry, UNI	4.2

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis to take on floundering Aces

SIU welcomes 2-10 Evansville to town

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On paper, it's a game that shouldn't really be much of one. Entering tonight's contest at the SIU Arena, Evansville's record sits at just 2-10 overall and 1-3 in Missouri Valley Conference play.

In comparison, SIU is 10-2 overall, 4-0 in the MVC and is fresh off an emotional come-from-behind victory against preseason league favorite Wichita State.

This screams of a game where SIU should dominate, but the Salukis are not viewing it as such.

"[Evansville] competed with Purdue for a half, they were right there with Ole Miss, led the whole game and should've won the game," said SIU head coach Matt Painter.

"They have proven they can play with the big time teams, and so our guys will respect them."

Also commanding respect is a game that took place almost a year ago.

Last season, a mediocre Evansville squad pulled a shocker and knocked off Creighton, who was 16-1 and undefeated in conference play at the time.

The Salukis remember that game, and it gives them more than enough reason to not overlook the Purple Aces.

"If they had a sub-par team last year and they beat Creighton, no matter what kind of team they have this year, they're capable of coming out here and beating anybody," said SIU senior guard Bryan Turner.

The big gun for Evansville is preseason all-conference pick Clint Cuffle.

The lone senior on a team with 10 freshmen and sophomores is averaging 12 points a night, down almost five points from a year ago. But Painter credits that more to opponents focusing on shutting down Cuffle, who is now playing the power forward spot in Evansville's small lineup.

Painter said Cuffle has a bull's eye on his back because of the accolades, and it is hard for a jump shooter to stay on with defenses keying on him.

"We saw a lot of that with Kent Williams where he went through stretches where it was tough to get him good looks at the basket because they gave him so much attention," Painter said.

Also making things difficult for Cuffle is the loss of forward Ian Hanavan from a year ago.

Hanavan forced opponents to worry about more than Cuffle, allowing him more open shots.

Now, only Lucious Wagner (10.8 points) and Andre Burton (10.7 Points) average in double figures for Evansville.

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Senior Brad Korn puts up a shot against Wichita State Sunday at the SIU Arena. Korn scored 14 points in the win against the Shockers. The Salukis are set to take on the Evansville Purple Aces at 7:05 tonight in the SIU Arena.

FOOTBALL

Gopher's RB transferring to Salukis Jackson to finalize transfer Thursday

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The SIU football team's backfield may have just found a feasible solution for the void created by the graduation of running backs Tom Koutsos and Muhammad Abdulqadir.

Ex-Minnesota running back Terry Jackson II informed Gopher head coach Glen Mason he is transferring to Southern Illinois Friday, the DAILY EGYPTIAN learned Tuesday. His transfer should be finalized sometime Thursday night when he plans to sign a letter of intent to attend SIU.

Saluki head coach Jerry Kill cannot comment on recruits until the letter is signed.

"Coach Mason didn't want to see me go," said Jackson, who'll be a senior next fall. "I was one of the guys he liked a lot. He cared about me as a person in the same manner, and he knew this move would be best for me."

Jackson, who rushed for 1,317 yards and six touchdowns at Minnesota in 2002, was named preseason All-Big Ten by Athlon Magazine entering 2003. But for a season that was filled with so much promise, Jackson found himself left with more questions than answers after the season had ended.

A lifelong running back, Jackson was moved to receiver in 2003 with three games left in the season, a position he had never played. Jackson finished with just 256 yards rushing, although he managed to maintain an average of nearly five yards per carry.

Jackson had shoulder surgery after the 2002 season to repair torn cartilage, but he said it has healed correctly and his strength is starting to return. He said at his peak strength he benches in the 350-pound range.

"When they moved me to receiver, that is [what caused the transfer]," Jackson said. "I never played receiver in my life. It was too hard for me. I'd hate to be in a position where I'd be timid. I'd hate it."

According to Terry Jackson Sr., SIU first became aware of Jackson's intent to transfer after Kill received a phone call from his ex-high school

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Salukis set for MVC championship run

Women's track looks to improve last year's second-place finish

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The SIU women's track and field team won a combined seven individual titles and nine individual runner-up finishes at last year's indoor and outdoor conference meets.

Despite that successful finish, this season should leave the previous campaign in the dust.

Last year, the Salukis finished second in the indoor pre-cham-

ampionship coaches poll after being picked fifth to begin the season.

Having lost four-year star and All-American Latrice Gray, the Salukis return as a team with mixed experience and youth led by seniors Korto Dunbar and Noa Beitler and junior Kelsey Toussaint.

Lawrence Johnson, assistant women's track and field coach, said he expects the Salukis to duplicate last season's success or better.

"We really expect big things out of [Dunbar and Toussaint]," Johnson said.

"They should step to the forefront this year in all the sprint events and help us out as it relates to the Missouri Valley Conference championship meet."

Johnson also expects significant contributions from freshman Leslie Murillo in the hurdles, junior sprinter Yvonne Cohen and junior Katie Fesler in the high jump.

Dunbar, a 2003 NCAA national qualifier, finished with MVC-best times in the 55-meter dash and 55-meter hurdles at the Fast Start. Invite in December and was named MVC female track Athlete of the Week.

"It was really important for me, coming into my last year, and ending out my junior year," Dunbar said.

"I did really well. It was important for me to keep what I had from last year and so I'm working really hard in the preseason."

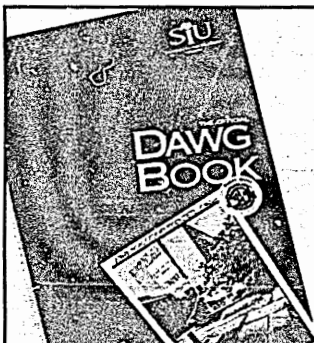
Toussaint, a junior from Bell Garden, Tobago, set the school record in the 60-meter sprint as a freshman.

Dunbar's and Toussaint's competitiveness and team-first attitude make them special athletes — a factor their coaches hope will help the team garner more honors than the lofty number of awards earned last season.

"Neither one of them likes to lose," Johnson said.

"They prepare really hard, and they love to win and be successful. They're really team players, and you don't find that a lot in track and field."

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