Finals Finish offers last-minute relief

Students enjoy free food at Recreation Center

Luzia T. Smith
Daily Egyptian

Students had the opportunity to enjoy a slice of pizza and an extended Recreation Center Monday as the 11th annual Saluki Finals Finish began.

The event ran from 6 p.m. to midnight and will continue with the same hours Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Gayle Tisdale, assistant director of marketing at the Recreation Center, said Saluki Finals Finish allows students to have some fun from the stresses of finals week.

"It just gives the students a chance to relax," Tisdale said. "They can work a little bit harder and have something to eat."

Tisdale said along with the pizza, students were given a healthy option in different fruits. Fresh fruit, salad and popcorn from Oldorf Park studying buddies, ‘entrepreneurially’ said to take advantage of its free food, were set up for students to enjoy and have a break from studying and enjoy some pizza.

"It was sick of studying, so I decided I was going to come out for a while and take a break," Siudana said. Tisdale said the event was a good way to get his mind off studying for finals. He said the finals finish was a nice gesture from the university.

"It’s nice that the school threw something a little bit different at us," Siudana said.

- Fan Yang, a second-year graduate student from Beijing, said the free food is a nice break from studying. Allen had the first three remaining in the week, and the event would allow her to better prepare for them.

- Saluki Finals Finish will continue tomorrow, when taxes will be served to students attending. Last year, the event saw a record number of students come out as about 4,000 came out for free food and study time.

- Tisdale said students could also use the final finish as an opportunity to do some quiet study. "We have study sessions, and some of the professors are doing," Tisdale said. "The professors have a study session, then they come down to work a shift serving food." Tisdale said the event would continue through final week.

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Nick Johnson
City Council looks to increase revenue

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Decision in Trevino arbitration expected Dec. 23

Madeleine Lacroix
Daily Egyptian

The chief mediator in the case between former Chancellor Kenneth W. Trevino and U of I trust members has had a one-week extension in a trial of a decision expected today.

- UI Spokesman Dan Dross said no explanation was given for the one-week extension, but a legal decision is not expected until Dec. 23.

- A three-person panel will decide if Trevino is entitled to the remainder of his contract's $8 million in severance pay.

Please see TREVINIO
H1N1 clinic today open to all students

The Student Health Center will hold a H1N1 vaccination clinic today open to all students for this semester. The clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in room 1112 in the Student Health Center. Vaccines are free for students with their student ID. Before anyone who falls into "high risk" category will be eligible for free vaccination from the Student Health Center. For more information, contact the Student Health Center’s Web site at www.studenthealth.ufl.edu.

The Jackson County Health Department is also opening H1N1 clinics to the general public today from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Jackson County Health Department building in Murphysboro. The vaccine will be administered free to all persons 6 months and older.

The Jackson County Health Department has scheduled clinics for the general public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 11 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 12.

TREVINO

Connectiv, Iowa City

Trevino wants about $180,000 in funding to help the local economy.

Trevino, who was chosen as U.S. Chamber of Commerce chairman in 2007, was recently held up to a lawsuit.

Trevino told reporters after former attorney Gene Locke ceded control of a political action committee to the state's political action council.

Police Blotter

There were no crimes reported by the police.

Corrections

If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian at 518-351-2021.
Cheng briefed on university, begins in January

Sule T. Smith
DAILY EAGLE

Rita Cheng is quickly becoming another prominent name on the growing scene of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Cheng, who was appointed by the SIU Board of Trustees Thursday to be the university's new chancellor, has been receiving reports from university administrators about what the university's immediate needs would be since her appointment.

Currently provost and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Cheng said it is extremely important to get acquainted with the university as fast as possible.

"It's very important to make a smooth transition," Cheng said.

"This is a time, like any other time, that I will be able to study the institution and meet people before I have all of the day-to-day responsibility for the campus.

Cheng said she expects the university's problems and get to know everyone she can as quickly as possible in order to make a fast transition into the role of chancellors.

"We need to resolve the intricacies of those colleges," Rice said. "It's not for the faculty and it's not for the students. It's a way to determine what the university can do for students and how to improve the university.

Rice said the university would likely be done with the transition by the time the new chancellor begins work.

Paul Savella, vice president for Academic Affairs, said it is extremely important for Cheng to be able to spend the summer with the university before she steps in as chancellor.

"It's an imperative for her to be spending time with the university," Savella said. "She will spend time building a lot of relationships, and it is preparing very carefully for the work she has to do in her transition to join us.

Cheng said the university's move to Carbondale is a way to reduce the distance education, and the university is working to attract new students and new programs.

"We want to attract new students and new programs," Cheng said.

"That is a very important for us to bring new students to Carbondale and to be able to bring new programs to Carbondale," Cheng said.

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Gore at climate talks: Polar ice may go in 5 years

Global warming

A majority of the world's adult population is aware of the climate change issue, but there is still a substantial minority that is not.

Percent who say they have not heard of global warming:

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Source: Gallup poll of 206,193 adults in 128 countries from 2007-2008; margin of error: ±1 percentage point

Graphic: Nellina Yingling © 2009 NCT

Copenhagen—New

numerate modeling suggests the

Arctic Ocean may be more likely to

free the stations annually at early spring. At Gore and Monday's the U.N. climate conference.

This new projection, following several years of dramatic retreat by
polar sea ice, suggests that the key

may be made available in the next

more months sooner than the year

2030 that researchers previously expected eight Arctic governments, including the United States. The Science was commis-

sioned by Gore and Howery's

aboratory, was presented at the Norwe-

gian Polar Institute on the station

of ice melt worldwide.

Average global temperatures have increased by 0.74 degrees C (1.3
degrees F) in the past century, but

the mercury has been at least twice

as quickly in the Arctic. Scientists say the breakup of the former

north polar sea ice shifted significantly

in recent years as much as the thick

multyear ice has given way to the

seasonal ice.

In the summer of 2007, the

Arctic ice cap dwindled to a re-

cord-low minimum extent of 4.3

million square kilometers (1.7 milli-

on square miles) in September. The melting in 2008 and 2009 was not as extensive, but still ranked as the

third and third greatest decreases ever recorded.

Last April, the U.S. National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted that

Arctic summer could be almost ice-free within 36 years, not at

the 21st century's end as earlier predicted.

Gore cited new scientific work that the U.S. National

Ice School, whose Arctic ice research

is a basis for planning polar

voyages by Navy submarines. The

in the predictive modeling stresses

the "multyear" leading not just at

the surface area of ice but its

thickness at depth.

"Some of the models suggest

that there is a 75 percent chance

that the entire north polar ice

cap during some of the summer

months will be completely ice-

free within the next five to seven

years," Gore said. His office later

said he had misstated the figure,
because ice would be expected to

reside in island channels and

other locations.

Asked for comment, one U.S.

government scientist questioned

what he called this "aggressive"

projection.

"It's possible but not likely," said

Mark Serreze of the U.S. National

Snow and Ice Data Center, in

Boulder, Colorado. "We're receiv-

ing with skepticism."

On the other hand, a leading

NASA ice scientist, Jay Zwally,

said last year that the Arctic could

be essentially ice-free within "five
to less than 13 years."

Meanwhile, "what's happen-

ing in Greenland's terrific ice

sheet has really surprised us," said

Jens E. Pedersen of the University

of Copenhagen.

She cited one huge glacier in

west Greenland at Jakobshavn, that in recent years has doubled its rate of dumping ice into the sea. Between northern land and fresh

uninhabited, of 1.8 million square meters to 3.4 million-

square meters (107,000 to 331,000)
in the past 10 years.

Jensen said the biggest ice

sheets are those of West

Antarctica — what's already co-

crushing 1.8 million square feet

a year to those rising seas levels. She said this could double within the next decade.

"With global warming, we have

seen great changes already," she

said.
VOICES

QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Mr. Blair's fundamental flaw was his acrophobia towards power... Washington turned his head, and he couldn't help staring at the glamour that it gave him."

—Jon Martin

COUNSELING CENTER

Dealing with pain and distress

Jon Martin

More and more customers are being asked for charity donations at the cash register. I said if he gave me two bucks off the shirt I just bought he could have that!

MEN'S STORE

There were no tears, no moans, no acting up. Just a quiet, calm, and steady looking at the floor. The customer did not speak. He just reached for his wallet and pulled out two dollars.

The customer then left, and the cashier looked up and said, "Well, that was a quick sale."

THEY WERE

Bombings show Iraq's instability

McClatchy Tribune

The five car bombs that killed 17 people and wounded hundreds in Baghdad last week marked two aspects of the continuing missile conflict in Iraq very clearly.

1. The country is not yet stable. Iraq's security forces have taken on all responsibility for security in their own nations, but they are not yet ready to handle this job.

2. U.S. troops, estimated 14,500, are still on the ground in a training, advisory and backup role, as they are still needed.

3. The hospitals are still packed with injured and wounded Iraqis, who are being treated in hospitals in the war-torn country.

4. The U.S. military has not yet taken full control of the situation in Iraq.

5. The situation in Iraq is not yet stable. The war is not yet over. The people of Iraq are still in need of assistance and support.

As an Egyptian awaits a response to a request for food aid, the United States must continue to support the Iraqi people in their time of need.

To make a good exit, the United States must provide aid to the Iraqi people, support the Iraqi government, and help to rebuild the country.
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On the Strip, at the Game or on the Web.
'Metropolitan' mixes wit and perils of youth

Luke McCormick Daily Egyptian

Metroplex

Editor's Note: Ten-Year Itch is a mostly column featuring in a film or album at least 10 years old and deserving of a second look.

Many directors have to sacrifice to get a vision on the silver screen, but rarely do they have to give up a home.

To complete his directorial debut, Whit Stillman had to sell his New York City apartment to finance "Metropolitan."

The film centers on a group of young friends, all UH (Urban Houston Bureaucratites) as they negotiate the top of the New York social hierarchy. They step over each other and hurt feelings to get what they want: the unmistoppable popularity.

Current television series "Gossip Girl" greatly labored to this film, as each week's characters pop up and down the Upper East Side's social ladder. This is a place where the conspicuous spend, however, as Stillman's vision is much less soap opera-esque and more focused on relationships and dialogue.

"The dialogue is where Stillman really shines. The conversations in this film are bursting with dry wit and ironic humor."

Getting the script's cheek for great lenses is group leader Nick Smith (Chase Eigeman). Eigeman is an arrogant young guy but still comes off as self-aware. It is as if he knows he is being a jerk, but must maintain this persona to be the super-cool movie dude he is. The film is written wonderfully in the script, but without Eigeman's excellent performance, it would have fallen flat.

The film has a plot, but it falls by the wayside as the interactions, the quick conversations between characters, are what carry the film. Around these talks, new member makes his way into the group kind of setting things askew. Tom Townsend (Edward Wilson) (although, Eigeman should have blown up) pushing them past anything more than friendship.

His subsequent films are all enjoyable, fun, but his first shot with "Metropolitan" remains the director's best work.
The Phillies have a tentative agreement to acquire star pitcher Roy Halladay for a prospect and two players to be named later, according to the Associated Press.

The deal makes Halladay the most highly paid pitcher in the majors, the Associated Press reported.

The Associated Press reported that a trade between Philadelphia and Toronto was "tentative" and "in progress." A final agreement seems possible Monday.

Reports indicate that the price tag on Halladay was around $20 million per year for what will likely be a six-year contract.

Halladay was recently traded to the Phillies and will make his debut with the team on Monday against the New York Yankees.

The Associated Press reported that Halladay was "the most prized pitcher on the trade market. A six-time All-Star and the 2003 AL Cy Young Award winner, the right-hander went 17-6 with a 2.79 ERA for the Blue Jays last season. He led the majors with four shutouts and nine complete games while finishing third in Cy Young voting."
I think that Henry Paulson's warning today is the seventh different warning that means the market would have to be the top of the year. That is pretty preposterous. It has to be a world record. I have no doubt that prices will fall again. I have no doubt that prices will fall yet again. I have no doubt that prices will fall yet again. I have no doubt that prices will fall yet again.

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By Ryan Simonlin

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