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COLUMN PAGES: Gus Bode says self-soothe to make it through finals week.

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## Finals Finish offers last-minute relief

### Students enjoy free food at Recreation Center

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Students had the opportunity to enjoy a slice of pizza and extended Recreation Center hours 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 today.

Gary Tisdale, assistant director of marketing at the Recreation Center, said Saluki Finals Finish allows students to have a break from the stresses of finals week.

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

Tisdale said along with the pizza, students were given a healthy option in different fruits.

Ryan Siriann, a sophomore from Orland Park studying business, entrepreneurship, said he needed "to take a break from studying for finals and enjoy some pizza."

"I was sick of studying, so I decided I was going to come out for a while and take a break," Siriann said.

Siriann said the event was a good way to get his mind off of studying for finals. He said the finals finish was a nice gesture from the university.

"It's nice that the school threw

Fan Yang, a second-year graduate student in mining from Beijing, eats and studies for her math final at the Recreation Center during the Saluki Finals Finish Monday. Dr. Nadar Mogharreban, a professor in computer science, volunteered to serve pizza and estimated that they would see anywhere from 1,000 to 1,500 people that evening.

something a little bit different at us," Siriann said.

Kristin Allen, a sophomore from Quincy studying psychology, said she decided to come to the event to get some pizza.

"Everybody likes to get together and come out to get some pizza," Allen said. "It's a little bit

of a break from studying."

Allen said she had three finals remaining in the week, and the event would allow her to better prepare for them.

Saluki Finals Finish will continue tomorrow, when tacos 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 finals finish as an opportunity to do some studying.

"We have study sessions that some of the professors are doing," Tisdale said. "The professors have

a study session, then they come down to work a shift serving food."

Catherine Swajkowski, a sophomore from Plainfield studying speech communication, said she also attended for the food.

"I heard there was pizza, so I decided to come out for it," Swajkowski said.

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## City Council to vote on tax options

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Faced with a projected budget deficit of more than \$5 million over the next two fiscal years, the City Council will vote today on several revenue-increasing ordinances.

The Council will be presented with one ordinance that would abate the city property tax, one that would reinstate it and one that would raise the sales tax by one-half percent, according to the agenda posted on the city's Web site.

Councilman Joel Fritzier, who has repeatedly said at previous meetings that he is in favor of raising the sales tax and abating the property tax, said it doesn't make any sense to raise the property tax when the city has an influx of non-residents during the day who use city services.

"Why should the residents be paying for the services others are using?" Fritzier said. "A sales tax (increase) would be more fair."

Fritzier said it would be great to have students attend the meeting and express their views, especially since a property tax increase would mean a rent increase.

"It's a business expense for landlord, and who pays the expense to the landlord? The renters," Fritzier said.

City Manager Allen Gill submitted his budget recommendations to the Council in September, which included reinstating the property tax and eliminations of some city positions.

The Council will only discuss revenue options on Tuesday, Gill said.

"Everybody realizes that the middle of a recession is not a good time to be raising any kind of tax, but the city needs to continue municipal services," Gill said.

While it's safe to assume rent increases may occur with the reinstatement of the property tax, Gill said, the city has more vacancy in rental properties than recent years

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Mary Pohlmann  
City Council member

and the tax could encourage landlords to fill those properties without increasing rent.

Students would also be negatively affected by a sales tax increase, Gill said.

Council members have mentioned in previous meetings a possible combination tax — a partial abatement of the property tax combined with a sales tax increase — but Gill said there is no legal precedent for partial abatement.

Gill said a property tax increase could cause problems in the future should the city need to completely reinstate it.

"We might end up with a lower tax lid that would prohibit further restoration of the tax," he said.

While she's sure a revenue increase is necessary, Council member Mary Pohlmann said she's not sure which tax option would be best and that citizen input is paramount in her decision.

Pohlmann said she is waiting to hear Council and citizen comments at the meeting before making up her mind.

Pohlmann said from the suggestions she's been receiving, citizens realize there needs to be a tax increase.

"I think we're all open to new information that's been presented," Pohlmann said. "This is probably the most important decision that a Council person makes all year. It's not a decision that I make lightly."

## Decision in Treviño arbitration expected Dec. 23

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The chief arbitrator in the case between former Chancellor Fernando Treviño and the university has asked for a one-week extension in lieu of a decision expected today, SJU Spokesman Dave Gross said no explanation was given for the one-week extension, but a final decision is now expected no later than Dec. 23.

A three-person panel will decide if Treviño is entitled to the remainder of his contract's payout.

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# H1N1 clinic today open to all students

The Student Health Center will hold an H1N1 vaccination clinic today open to all students for the first time this semester.

The clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in room 111/112 of the Student Health Center. Vaccinations are free for students with their student ID. Before, only people who fell into a

high-risk category were eligible for vaccines from the Student Health Center.

For more information, visit the Student Health Center's Web site at [www.shc.auc.edu](http://www.shc.auc.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 back building in Murphysboro. The vaccines will be administered free to the general public.

The Jackson County Health Department has scheduled clinics for the general public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 21 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 29.

**TREVINO**  
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Trevino wants about \$680,000 including salary, housing and other benefits.

Trevino, who was chosen as SIUC chancellor in summer 2007,

was placed on paid administrative leave in March 2008.

SIUC President Glenn Poshard cited failure to perform basic job duties outlined in Trevino's contract and reassigned him to a tenured faculty position. Former Board of Trustees member Sam Goldman

was appointed interim chancellor in April 2008 and in January 2009, the interim was dropped from Chancellor Goldman's title.

Trevino is now serving as the dean of the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work at Florida International University.

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# Houston voters elect first openly gay mayor

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Annise Parker made history Saturday by becoming Houston's first openly gay mayor, seizing 53.6 percent of the vote in the city's hotly contested election.

"This election has changed the world for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Just as it is about transforming the lives of all Houstonians for the better, and that's what my administration will be about," Parker told supporters

after former city attorney Gene Locke conceded defeat.

Of the more than 152,000 residents who turned out to cast ballots in the fourth largest U.S. city Saturday, 81,652 chose Parker — some 11,000 votes more than were placed for Locke.

The election battle leading up to Saturday's balloting was marked by fierce campaigning and anti-gay rhetoric.

Parker is a lesbian who has never made a secret of an issue of her sexual orientation. But that orientation

became focus of the race after anti-gay activists and conservative religious groups endorsed the 61-year-old Locke and sent out mailers condemning Parker's "homosexual behavior."

Meanwhile, gay and lesbian political organizations nationwide rallied to support the 53-year-old Parker by raising money for her campaign and making calls urging people to vote.

Locke tried to distance himself from the anti-gay attacks while courting conservative voters who could tip the race in his favor.

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# Cheng briefed on university, begins in January

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Rita Cheng is quickly learning some of the most pressing needs of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Cheng, who was approved by the SIUC Board of Trustees Thursday to be the university's next chancellor, has been receiving reports from university vice chancellors about what the university's most immediate needs will be when she steps into office.

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 manage chancellor transitions," Cheng said.

"This is a time, like no 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 to learn 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 chancellor.

Interim Provost Don Rice said his report to Cheng included problems the university has in regards to having too many deans with interim titles.

"We need to resolve the interim-ness of those colleges," Rice said. "It's not fair for the faculty, and it's not fair for the interim dean to be in that status."

Rice said the university would likely be doing contract bargaining with three unions — the Faculty Association, the Graduate Assistance

Program, and non-tenured track faculty — when Cheng arrives, although he hopes bargaining with non-tenured track faculty will be completed.

"She will come in, and they will have begun," Rice said. "I cannot anticipate, given they won't start until mid-to-late spring, that they will not be over."

Rice said the university is also in a situation where it is hurting in terms of enrollment.

Cheng said enrollment, retention and the budget seem to be the most pressing issues facing the university.

"Those issues keep coming up in follow up conversations as well," Cheng said.

Cheng said the complexities surrounding construction and new buildings will also need to be addressed.

Paul Sarvela, vice president for

Academic Affairs, said it is extremely important for Cheng to be up to speed with the university when she steps in as chancellor.

"It's so important for her to be visiting with her vice chancellors," Sarvela said. "She's jumping into a big job, there's going to be a lot of challenges, and she is preparing very carefully for when she works through this transition to join us."

Sarvela said his report to Cheng included concerns regarding the university's distance education.

Cheng said she would begin her transition onto campus in January when she would be in Carbondale no fewer than three days per week.

"When I begin in June, I'll have used this transition time wisely and will be able to look forward and not spend time learning some of the basics," Cheng said.



Rita Cheng  
Incoming SIUC chancellor

# University lacks furlough policies: No draft proposed or worked on

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Universities statewide are preparing policies and rules for furloughs to stay afloat while the state delays appropriation payments — except Southern Illinois University.

At the SIUC Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, trustee member John Simmons said a draft of a furlough policy would be discussed at the next meeting. SIUC Spokesman Dave Gross said he believed that remark referred to the next meeting of the State Universities Civil Service System, of which Simmons is a member of the Merit Board.

"Our board is not going to have a

furlough policy) on the agenda," Gross said.

A furlough is the placement of an employee in a temporary non-duty, non-pay status for a continuous or non-continuous period of time due to a lack of funds.

The SUCSS administrators, develops and maintains rules and procedures relating to the employment of professional, technical and support staff at major public universities in Illinois, according to the system's Web site.

SUCSS's policies do not encompass much of SIUC's faculty, such as professors, administrators and union members.

SIUC Spokesman Rod Sievers said though furloughs have been talked about as a last resort, no one has

actually set out to draft a policy.

"Nothing has been said to us formally," Sievers said. "No one has set out, to my knowledge, to work on a policy."

The SUCSS posted a proposed amendment of furlough rules on the Illinois Register on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules Web site Dec. 4. The proposed rules, which include a requirement of at least 15 days prior notice to a furlough, are up for comment for a 45-day period before a revised version will be brought to the Merit Board on Jan. 20 for approval.

Eastern Illinois University has released a draft of a furlough policy and collected comments and suggestions from faculty and staff. The draft states employees would be notified "as soon

as possible and every effort will be made to provide notification at least 30 days in advance." It also states employees would not be required to take more than 30 days of unpaid leave in a fiscal year.

ETU faculty and staff have suggested other measures be taken before implementing furloughs, such as a freeze on new hiring, cutting temporary, extra, student or part-time help, eliminating consulting for projects and eliminating print documents by making everything online, according to The Daily Eastern News. Other suggestions included adopting a four- to four-and-a-half day workweek or closing the ETU campus during holidays or low-use times.

According to The Daily Eastern

News, ETU President Bill Perry said he hopes to have a final furlough policy in place by February.

The University of Illinois released an interim policy on furloughs in July, stating employees would receive at least 30 days prior notification of a furlough day and no employee would be required to take more furlough days than the president and chancellor. Furloughs are likely to be implemented in spring at University of Illinois campuses, according to The Daily Illini.

Sievers said the university is unlikely to implement furloughs any time soon: Individual contracts and collective bargaining agreements that do not include furlough guidelines would have to be entirely redone, Sievers said.

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Looking for something more authentic than local favorite Pizza Darn, the group had decided to venture out and try a new place.

"I swear it was the scariest moment of my life," Kari Winsay, a friend of Danny's, recalled. "It was a situation yesterday when sophomore...

According to Senior Ben Higgins, eight professors (including those mentioned above) were spotted in the faculty parking lot behind the school just after noon, watching football and playing...

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backy-sack.

"They were freaking tailgating!" Ben exclaimed furiously. "Charcoal grill, coozies, Chinese horseshoes... the whole shebang! They're supposed to be helping us here... not grilling hotdogs and high-fiving."

The faculty did not deny the claim. In fact, Art History professor Michael Fineman spoke with great liberty.

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

Charles J. Hanley  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**COPENHAGEN**— New computer modeling suggests the Arctic Ocean may be nearly ice-free in the summertime as early as 2014, Al Gore said Monday at the U.N. climate conference.

This new projection, following several years of dramatic retreat by polar sea ice, suggests that the ice cap may nearly vanish in the summer much sooner than the year 2030, as was forecast by a U.S. government agency eight months ago.

One U.S. government scientist Monday questioned the new prediction as too severe, but other researchers previously have projected a quicker end than 2030 to the Arctic summer ice cap.

"It is hard to capture the astonishment that the experts in the science of ice felt when they saw this," said former U.S. Vice President Gore, who joined Scandinavian officials and scientists to brief journalists and delegates. It was Gore's first appearance at the two-week conference.

The group presented two new reports updating fast-moving developments in Antarctica, the autonomous Danish territory of Greenland, and the rest of the Arctic.

"The time for collective and immediate action on climate change is now," said Denmark's foreign minister, Per Stig Møller.

But delegates from 192 nations were bogged down in disputes over key issues. This further dimmed hopes for immediate action to cut more deeply into global emissions of greenhouse gases.

Gore and Danish ice scientist Dorthe Dahl Jensen clicked

through two slide shows for a standing-room-only crowd of hundreds in a side event at the Bella Center conference site.

One report, on the Greenland ice sheet, was issued by the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program, an expert group formed by eight Arctic governments, including the United States. The other, commissioned by Gore and Norway's government, was compiled by the Norwegian Polar Institute on the status of ice melt worldwide.

Average global temperatures have increased 0.74 degrees C (1.3 degrees F) in the past century, but the mercury has risen at least twice as quickly in the Arctic. Scientists say the makeup of the frozen north polar sea has shifted significantly in recent years as much of the thick multiyear ice has given way to thin seasonal ice.

In the summer of 2007, the Arctic ice cap dwindled to a record-low minimum extent of 4.3 million square kilometers (1.7 million square miles) in September. The melting in 2008 and 2009 was not as extensive, but still ranked as the second- and third-greatest decreases on record.

Last April, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted that Arctic summers could be almost ice-free within 30 years, not at the 21st century's end as earlier predicted.

Gore cited new scientific work at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, whose Arctic ice research is important for planning polar voyages by Navy submarines. The computer modeling there stresses the "volumetric" looking not just at the surface extent of ice but its thickness as well.

"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 meant nearly ice-free, because ice would be expected to survive 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 sticking with 2030."

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 1.3 years."

Meanwhile, what's happening to Greenland's titanic ice sheet "has really surprised us," said Jensen 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 melted land ice and heat expansion of ocean waters, the sea-level rise has increased from 1.8 millimeters a year to 3.4 millimeters (.07 inch a year, to .13 inch) in the past 10 years.

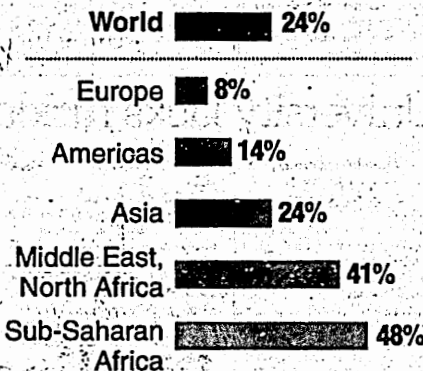
Jensen said the biggest ice sheets — Greenland and West Antarctica — were already contributing 1 millimeter (.04 inch) a year to those rising sea levels. She said this could double within the next decade.

"With global warming, we have woken giants," she said.

## 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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**Ken Macdonald**  
 Britain's former Director of Public Prosecutions, attacking ex-Prime Minister Tony Blair for leading Britain into war in Iraq

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## Dealing with pain and distress

**Jon Marin  
 Chuck Hees**  
 GUEST COLUMNIST

*Editor's note: This column is part two in a two-part series.*

Life involves pain and distress. No person can entirely avoid or remove pain or distress from his or her daily life.

An inability to accept pain or distress can lead to increases in suffering. Learning how to use skills when you cannot change the situation you are facing helps to reduce your suffering, or at least help you survive a bad situation.

The distress tolerance skill of distracting was described in our previous article. This week, three additional skills will be described: self-soothing, improving the moment and focusing on pros and cons.

Each of these skills can help someone accept life as it is in the

moment. These skills can increase your ability to tolerate and accept distress or learn to bear pain skillfully.

Self-soothing is using your sense of vision, hearing, smell, taste or touch in a way that is comforting, nurturing and gentle to yourself.

For example, you could look at nature, go to a museum with beautiful art or light a candle and watch the flame. You might listen to soothing music, hum one of your favorite songs or pay attention to sounds around you.

Baking cookies, smelling flowers or walking in a wooded area can produce comforting smells. Eating a favorite meal, drinking hot chocolate or sucking on hard candy can invoke strong tastes. Finally, you could pet an animal, get a massage or sink into a comfortable chair.

Improving the moment involves replacing immediate negative events with more positive ones. One could use his or her imagination to create a

safe place or situation that is different than the current situation.

Finding or creating some meaning for a current situation can help people in crisis. You might pray for the strength to bear the current pain or distress you are suffering. Relaxing one's body can reduce stress associated with a crisis.

Focusing on one thing in the moment can provide time to settle down emotionally. You might take a brief vacation from adulthood, allowing someone else to take care of you for the moment. Finally, you can encourage yourself by being your own personal cheerleader.

Focusing on pros and cons consists of thinking about both the positive and negative aspects of deciding to tolerate the pain or distress you are experiencing. What are the short-term and long-term consequences or effect of your goals?

Choosing to drink alcohol when you are stressed about studying for

finals will bring you a short-term escape, but it will also bring long-term consequences (such as a hangover the next day and, ultimately, failing the exam because you didn't study).

Each choice you make can be explored beforehand to ensure that your choices create the best opportunity for dealing with difficult and painful situations.

The end of the semester is a very stressful time, with projects being due, final exams and holiday activities.

Utilizing the distress tolerance skills of self-soothing, improving the moment, focusing on pros and cons and distraction can help you cope with the immediate stresses and help you be effective in achieving your long-term goals.

*Marin and Hees are professional psychology interns at the Counseling Center.*

**THEIR WORD**

## Bombings show Iraq's instability

**MCCLEARY TRIBUNE**

The five car bombs that killed 127 people and wounded hundreds more in Baghdad last week made two aspects of the continuing mission in Iraq very clear.

1. The country is not yet stable. Iraqi security forces have taken on all responsibility for security in their own nation, but they're not yet quite ready to handle this job.

2. U.S. troops, of whom 120,000

are still on the ground in a training, advisory and backup role, are still needed. But, thankfully, they do not appear to be under nearly as much threat as in recent years.

Since U.S. troops pulled back in June, 17 Americans have been killed by hostile action. While each of those lost lives is a tragedy, together they represent a low point for U.S. deaths inside Iraq.

In October and November, despite several large-scale attacks

against Iraqi citizens, a total of four U.S. service personnel died from enemy fire.

Thus far in December, no Americans have been killed in Iraq. The American military has made huge strides in improving security and preparing Iraqi forces to continue that progress when it leaves.

But this week's brutal attacks, for which al-Qaida has claimed responsibility, make it clear that job is not finished.

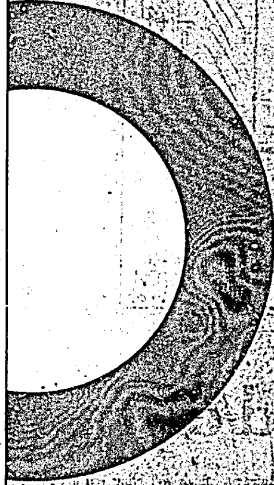
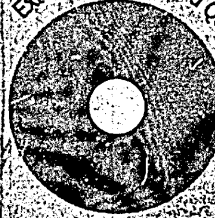
As Egypt's al-Ahram newspaper noted Thursday, "Everyone must know that the U.S. will not withdraw as long as Iraqi forces are incapable of protecting the country."

To make a good exit, the United States will need more patience. The good news, in this new and vital role, is that, for our troops, the cost in blood is decreasing.

*This editorial appeared in the Kansas City Star Friday.*

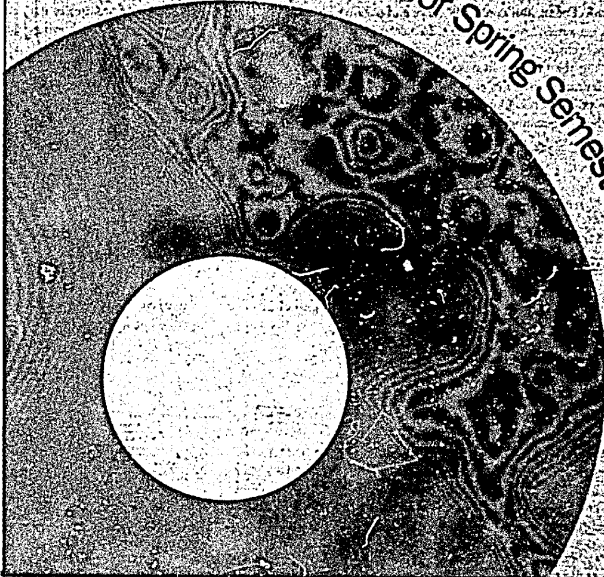
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TEN-YEAR ITCH

# 'Metropolitan' mixes wit and perils of youth



**Luke McCormick**  
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*Editor's Note: Ten-Year Itch is a weekly column focusing on 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, or UHB (Urban Haute Bourgeoisie) as they navigate the top of the New York social hierarchy. They step over each other and hurt feelings to get what they want: the utmost in popularity.

Current television series "Gossip Girl" is greatly indebted to this film, as each works characters go up and down the Upper East Side's social ladder. This is about where the comparisons stop, 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 chunk of great lines is group leader Nick Smith (Chris Eigeman). Eigeman's Smith is an arrogant 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, suave dude he is. The character is

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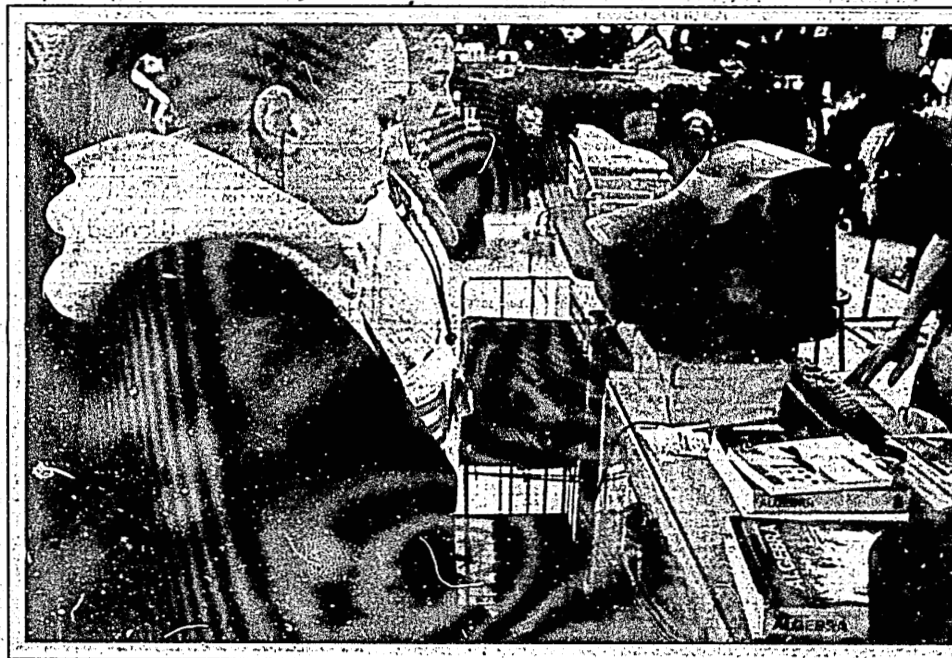
written wonderfully in the script, but without Eigeman's excellent performance it would have fallen flat.

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, a new member makes his way into the group kind of setting things askew. Tom Townsend (Edward Clements) does not dress the same as everyone else and needles away at the debutante parties the group hits up and tries to shoot down everything they strive for. It takes some smooth talk from Nick and an eventual

crush Tom develops on a high society female to envelop him into this world of privilege.

The plot is just structure to Stillman's banter. Directors like Wes Anderson and Noah Baumbach who came along later in the decade borrowed heavily from Stillman's fashion sense and use of language. None of his films spawned a star like Owen Wilson (although Eigeman should have blown up) pushing them past anything more than cult status.

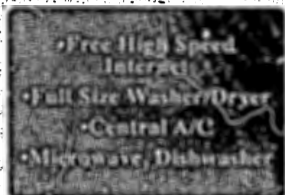
His subsequent films are all enjoyable fare, but his first shot with "Metropolitan" remains the director's best work.



Alicea Settlemeir, front, a freshman from St. Louis studying zoology, and Tara Ameduri, a freshman from Edwardsville studying pre-dentistry, wait for their book buy-back grand total at 710 Book Store Monday. Many of the Carbondale bookstores aren't buying back certain books because they are semester-specific. 710 currently has buy-back stations at Trueblood Hall and Lentz Hall. EVAN DAVIS DAILY EGYPTIAN

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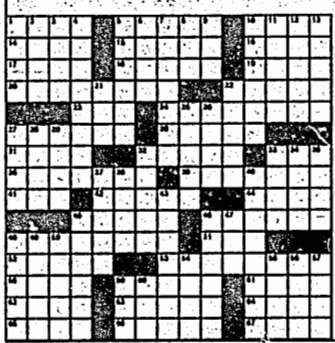
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# STUDY BREAK

**JUMBLE** THE SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Krurek

**WAGLD**  
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**THE DUPLEX**



## Crossword

- Monday's answers
- Across**  
 1 Valley girl's "shaw"  
 5 Ere  
 10 Facial bones  
 14 Indian princess  
 15 City attacked by Godzilla  
 16 Gusto  
 17 Related tool  
 18 Bee parts that are really cool?  
 19 Online prefix with -pedia  
 20 Like Later Tots  
 22 Jeered  
 23 Novelist Deighton  
 24 Metaphorical site of some presidential chats  
 27 "Haste makes waste" and others  
 30 Sassy  
 31 Tree of life site  
 32 Baked...  
 33 Anatomical procedure  
 35 Place for a Priest  
 39 Handyman's carryall
- Down**  
 41 ...Cape candy  
 42 Mary in a hurry  
 44 "Die," hymn  
 45 Brawny  
 46 Christus of fairway  
 48 lengthy guarantee period  
 51 Mary a Rockdick serve  
 52 Smells  
 53 "Ditor"  
 58 Turn-based automaker  
 59 Dispatch boat  
 61 Pup's locale  
 62 Hefy volume  
 63 Ceiling  
 64 Pro  
 65 River of Hades  
 66 Angel hair, e.g.  
 67 Pretz with distant
- Down**  
 1 Graceful horse  
 2 "The Open Window" storywriter  
 3 Part of LBI, e.g.: Abbc  
 4 Dedicate path to walk  
 5 "Diet Revolution" doctor  
 6 "Aany" sayer of '70s-'80s TV  
 7 Painter Georgia  
 8 Del request  
 9 Dawn deity  
 10 Like the calendar established by Hillet II  
 11 Cover story!  
 12 Roused  
 13 Said with a sneer  
 21 Future father's schJ  
 22 Plaster painting surface  
 25 Tees off  
 26 Attorney general under Clinton  
 27 Kitors' cries  
 28 Server's edge, in tennis  
 29 ABER: Pret.  
 32 Dustpan's partner  
 33 Spanish river  
 34 Perfectly

**MUTES** **BALTY** **ROM**  
**ATONE** **ABASE** **AMO**  
**JARJ** **JAR** **BINKS** **JED**  
**SHOOT** **OUT** **OF** **AGE**  
**YSL** **ABRAHAM**  
**CAMS** **OUTRANK**  
**OB** **I** **POT** **BOILER**  
**DONK** **OSSIE** **RULE**  
**BOX** **OFFICE** **SLA**  
**DOIDARE** **CHAP**  
**ENGARDE** **QUA**  
**QUAKE** **I** **SUPPOSE**  
**URB** **POTAL** **IDON** **IT**  
**ISO** **AGOGO** **ONCLE**  
**PER** **WHOO** **SEEKS**

- 35 It can be allowed when they run into each other.  
 37 Rhythms  
 38 ...want for Christmas  
 40 Energetic type  
 43 Fights before the main event, for short  
 45 Highest point  
 46 Actress Fanning
- 47 Rocks at the bar  
 48 Hay storage areas  
 49 Checkmate  
 50 Like freshly poured beer  
 54 ...just me, or  
 55 Slight  
 56 In ...as found  
 57 Wreath of "La Bambu"  
 59 Mont Blanc, e.g.  
 60 Through

# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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

Monday's answers

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3	6	8	2	4	5	9	7	1
7	5	6	4	1	2	8	9	3
8	2	3	9	5	7	1	6	4
1	4	9	8	6	3	7	5	2

## Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

- Today's Birthday** — This year, you will get a zodiac is really check in the career department. Loyalty is a major issue now, as at least one person fades from the stage, leaving you with a void in your heart. Express your feelings to the people who matter. Choose new friendships with the long term in mind.
- Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 7 — Deliver your unique ideas in a group setting. You'll want to be sure to deliver the same message to everyone, but how they hear it is up to them.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is an 8 — You probably won't get much work done today, but you'll cement relationships and help others who are stressed to the extreme. This is useful.
- Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is an 8 — Somebody has some really good ideas today. Let's hope it's you! But not, listen and learn.
- Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is an 8 — Life may does seem like a mystery, and have the key to unlock the solution for every problem you encounter.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 7 — If everyone were on the same page, progress would be simple. Do your chores and the decision-making, but decide you must.

- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Everything turns out really well today if you read between the lines and sense the emotional undercurrent.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is an 8 — A new person arrives on the scene. This can shake up plans in a good way. Revise goals and take the first step.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 7 — Someone really needs your help now. Compassionate conversation eases pain. Then take action to resolve a difficulty.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is an 8 — You meet a new person today who may be on the scene for many weeks to come. Don't interrogate, instead, offer useful tips.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is an 8 — The only problem today is with mixed messages. Ask questions about any confusing factors. Pursue a passion late in the day.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — The flow of ideas goes both ways today. You grasp the concept of glamorizing your own persona. Add color.
- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 7 — Anything you can imagine you can make happen now. A female works with you to make the necessary changes. Work your plan.



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## JUMBLE

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

**ORRUJ**

**ESHOU**

**KELLYY**

**TANTIA**

## WHAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Krurek



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

Answer: THE

(Answers tomorrow)

Monday's answers | Jumbles: NAVAL QUEEN SYMBOL RITUAL  
 Answer: What the military couple needed to see the fall colors — AUTUMN LEAVES

# Phils have tentative deal for Halladay

Rob Maaddi  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Phillies have a tentative agreement to acquire star pitcher Roy Halladay in a trade with Toronto, and the former Cy Young Award winner was in Philadelphia on Monday for a physical required to complete the deal.

Philadelphia also is discussing a trade that would send Cliff Lee, another former Cy Young winner, to the Seattle Mariners.

The commissioner's office granted a 72-hour window on Sunday for Toronto and Philadelphia to complete their trade, a baseball official familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Monday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because Major League Baseball didn't make any announcement.

Halladay took a physical on Monday for the NL champion Phillies, another person with knowledge of the situation said, also on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

Philadelphia could give up pitchers J.A. Happ, Joe Blanton and outfielder Dominic Brown as part of a deal, the person said. Those three players also took physicals in Philadelphia on Monday.

Halladay's agent, Greg Landry, was registered at a Philadelphia

hotel, a sign the sides were working on a contract extension, which likely would be necessary before Halladay waives his right to block a trade.

Lee, who like Halladay is eligible for free agency after next season, could wind up going to Seattle, the baseball official said.

The 32-year-old Halladay is 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 17-10 with a 2.79 ERA for the Blue Jays last season. He led the majors with four shutouts and nine complete games while throwing 239 innings, second to Detroit's Justin Verlander (240).

Halladay would be a huge addition to the aggressive Phillies, who won the 2008 World Series and repeated as NL champs this year, when they lost the World Series to the New York Yankees in six games.

The Phillies are thought to be a preferable fit for Halladay because they hold spring training in Clearwater, Fla., near his offseason home.

Aware they probably couldn't afford to keep Halladay beyond next season, the Blue Jays shopped their ace before the July 31 trade deadline. The Phillies were thought to be involved in talks involving Halladay at that point, but instead they landed Lee from the



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Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Roy Halladay pitches to the New York Yankees in the first inning, Sept. 15 at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Cleveland Indians for four minor leaguers.

Lee was a big reason Philadelphia won its second consecutive pennant, going 4-0 with a 1.56 ERA and two complete games in five postseason starts.

The Blue Jays' fired general

manager J.P. Ricciardi late in the season and replaced him with Alex Anthopoulos. When contacted Monday by the AP, Anthopoulos declined comment.

The Phillies have been busy this offseason, signing free-agent third baseman Placido Polanco to an \$18

million, three-year contract. They also signed Brian Schneider to be their backup catcher, and reserve infielder Juan Castro.

Halladay has been one of baseball's best pitchers for years. He owns a 148-76 career record with a 3.43 ERA.

# St. Louis Cardinals' Freese faces DWI charge

Jim Salter  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Cardinals third baseman David Freese was arrested over the weekend on suspicion of driving while intoxicated, the fourth time in less than three years that a member of the team has faced drunken-driving allegations.

Police in Maryland Heights, Mo., said Monday that Freese was stopped at 2:40 a.m. Saturday in suburban St. Louis for a traffic offense, then given a sobriety test.

Details of the test were not released, but Freese was arrested for driving while intoxicated and failure to drive within a single lane.

Freese was booked and then released, police said. He will appear in Maryland Heights municipal court, but no date has been set.

Freese's agent, Phillip

Tannenbaum, said the player is remorseful.

"The entire matter is regrettable," Tannenbaum said. "David looks forward to contributing to the success of the St. Louis Cardinals. We look forward to putting this behind us."

In a statement, the Cardinals said the team was "extremely disappointed with David and he will have to take full responsibility for his actions."

"We take these matters very seriously and we continually reinforce with our players that they are to be accountable both on and off the field," the team said. "We apologize for the embarrassment that David's actions have created."

There was no phone listing for Freese. Phone messages left with his attorney, Scott Rosenblum, were not returned.

Freese, 26, is a native of suburban St. Louis and played high

**"We take these matters very seriously and we continually reinforce with our players that they are to be accountable both on and off the field."**

— statement by St. Louis Cardinals

school baseball at Lafayette High School in St. Louis County. He was drafted in the ninth round by San Diego in 2006. The Cardinals acquired Freese in a December 2007 trade that sent Jim Edmonds to San Diego.

Freese has been one of the team's most productive minor leaguers and was a candidate to start at third base in 2009 after Troy Glaus had offseason shoulder surgery that would force him to sit out most of the season.

But in January, Freese's car skidded on ice and wrecked. He injured both feet and eventually had surgery on his left foot, forcing him to miss

most of the first half of the season.

He returned to hit .300 with 10 home runs and 37 runs batted in in 56 games at Triple-A Memphis. In 17 games with St. Louis, he hit .323 with one homer and seven RBIs.

Freese enters 2010 as perhaps the front-runner for the starting job at third base. Glaus was not re-signed, and Mark DeRosa, who played mostly third base after being acquired in a June trade with Cleveland, is a free agent.

Even if the Cardinals re-sign DeRosa, he could be moved to left field if Matt Holliday opts to sign elsewhere.

The arrest of Freese was the fourth alcohol-related incident involving a member of the Cardinals since early 2007, when manager Tony La Russa was arrested at an intersection in Jupiter, Fla., for driving under the influence.

Two months later, relief pitcher Josh Hancock died when the sport utility vehicle he was driving struck a tow truck that was parked on Interstate 64 in St. Louis. Police said Hancock was speeding, talking on a cell phone and had a blood-alcohol level nearly twice the legal limit.

The Cardinals banned alcohol from the clubhouse after Hancock's death.

In February 2008, utility player Scott Spiezio was released after being charged in a six-count complaint involving drunken driving and assault related to a car crash in California.

# Lovie: 'A lot has gone wrong' for Chicago's Bears

Rick Gano  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE FOREST — Coach Lovie Smith, under intense criticism for a poor season that will keep the Chicago Bears out of the playoffs for a third straight year, says there's a lot of blame to go around for the team's downfall since a Super Bowl appearance.

"A lot of things have gone wrong

when you don't make it three years in a row," Smith said Monday, a day after a 21-14 loss to the rival Green Bay Packers.

The sloppy Bears committed 13 penalties Sunday, quarterback Jay Cutler threw two more interceptions to run his season total to 22 and Chicago's decision making was questioned after it used back-to-back timeouts late in the game when a challenge on an incomplete pass failed.

Smith told reporters that three of the Bears' eight losses so far were "legitimate," but they had chances to win the other five.

So, what went wrong in those five? "I think in most games the same things kind of stand out. Turnover ratio, you can look at some penalties, just not executing the way we need to — coaches, players and all," Smith said. "As much as anything we didn't get the job done. It's kind of as simple as that."

Asked if he could foresee changes in the coaching staff next season, Smith said he wouldn't look three weeks ahead or to next year. He insisted the team was focusing solely on beating this week's opponent, the Baltimore Ravens.

After making the Super Bowl following the 2006 season, the Bears have been on a slide.

Not long after their loss to the Colts on a rainy day in Miami, they

didn't retain defensive coordinator Ron Rivera, despite having one of the league's best defenses at the time; top running back Thomas Jones was traded to the Jets; and Smith got a contract extension through 2011.

Since that season, Chicago posted records of 7-9 and 9-7 and now things have only gotten worse. The Bears can reach 500 only if they beat the Ravens, Vikings and Lions to close it out.

# Saluki Insider

With the year drawing to an end, what do you think was the No. 1 sports story this year?



**RYAN VOYLES**  
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I'm going back all the way to February, when the Steelers performed one of the greatest two-minute drills in Super Bowl history. The Santonio Holmes catch in the end zone in the last minute reverberates in my mind when I think of the greatest plays in Super Bowl history. A superb finish to a great game.

I think that Manny Pacquiao winning his seventh title in his seventh different weight class would have to be the top story of the year. This is a pretty prestigious record that he has broken and shows that he is without a doubt, the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world. His seventh title victory has also let us up for what could be boxing's biggest draw since the days of Tyson. The undefeated Floyd "Money" Mayweather vs. Manny Pacquiao to determine the best fighter in the world is a fight even non boxing fans will enjoy. Pacquiao's 7th title win gave this to us.

**DEREK ROBBINS**  
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Without a doubt, the Yankees buying — I mean, winning — their 27th World Series. They started the season off extremely slow, which brought out all the boos, but they plethora of talent came through when it counted. The Red Sox has bottomless pockets, and after already signing Curtis Granderson this offseason, we might be singing a similar tune come this time next year.

## NEST

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### Best team

The New York Yankees featured an offense that some might call legendary. It seemed like up and down their batting order they had another monster just waiting to crank the ball out of the park. They did not have the greatest pitching in the game, but when you score about 90 runs a game, that does not really matter.

The second the Cardinals were eliminated from the playoffs for doing their best impersonation of the Cubs, it was just a matter of time until the Yankees won their 27th. New York was the most dominant team in all of sports this year.

### Worst team

Their 0-16 technically ended in 2009, so the Lions would have to be the choice for this one. I mean, if I thought the New Jersey Nets would go 0-82 I may have put them here, but the 2008-09 Lions set a new standard for awful and I am here to salute them.

### Worst idea

Tiger's over-reliance on the driver.

Most obvious nuclear bomb getting ready to detonate

Who didn't see Milton Bradley blowing up and turning the Cubs into a team lucky to finish over .500? Oh,

that's right, I didn't. No wonder I am a fan of this franchise.

### Best player

Tiger Woods. Albert Pujols once again showed the world that he is not exactly a mortal.

### Best player you didn't know existed

Marian Gaborik of the New York Rangers in the NHL. He leads the league in goals and is second only to Joe Thornton in points. I'm not sure whether Marian being honored in this column is more surprising to some people than New York having a hockey team.

### Jay Clutcher memorial award for clutch

Kobe Bryant seems to just be getting better. You can always count on him to make a game-winning shot. He has four championships; he could even surpass Michael Jordan as the best player of all time. Being a pretty big Jordan guy, that is saying a lot.

### Jay Cutler memorial award for anti-clutch

Well, Jay Cutler this season. His team needed him to come through after they went out on a limb to acquire a franchise guy. It has not exactly worked out. I guess just wait until Mike Shanahan comes to town ...

Proof BCS bowls mean nothing. Brian Kelly leaves his undefeated Cincinnati Bearcats to coach at Notre Dame. Kelly was supposed to coach Cincinnati against Florida in the Orange Bowl, but obviously that isn't happening. Do you think Kelly would have left Cincinnati right then if he had a chance to win a BCS bowl? No. God do I hate DI college football.

### Worst prediction of the year

I actually thought that the Wizards would bounce back from a horrible season and actually make the NBA finals. Yeah, no, that was stupid. They still suck. I mean, it takes a big man to admit his mistakes. I'm just waiting for the Wizards to win the rest of their remaining games and go 16-0 in the playoffs.

### Best score

New England over Tennessee 59-0 in the National Football League. This game turned the season around and forced Tennessee to start Vince Young at quarterback. The Titans have been 6-1 since and are a threat to become a surprise playoff entrant. The only loss they have suffered since is once to the Colts. After starting the season 0-6, nobody thought they would be in this situation.

### Best sport

As always, it is baseball. No competition.

## VOYLES' VISIONS

# A Farewell to Visions

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I'm channeling my inner quitter for this one.

After a semester of mountainous "highs" and "Grand Canyon-like lows," it is time to wrap up my visions. It is better to end them now, before they begin to get too blurry and reliant, becoming the laughingstock of every other retired column in the newspaper retirement home.

But I digress.

The last four months have seen visions ranging from the WNBA being bumped by the circus, ways for SIU to attract more fans and a faint criticism of the Bowl Championship Subdivision.

And though there has been some response toward "my hatred for SIU" and "My obvious hatred for women and the WNBA," there has been plenty of positive feedback saying my visions have garnered them a new appreciation for sports. For that, I thank you.

Enough goodbyes, though; sports are about jubilation and celebrating whenever your favorite team succeeds (not sure what spots are about for Cub fans). To dwell too much on the negatives is to forget the whole reason most of us watch sports — to distract us from the rest of our lives. Coming into this, the game plan was to take everything with a grain of salt, with a humorous angle to take all sports.

It also helps if the sports teams you cover exceed all expectations.

Saluki fans should be thrilled with the performances of their teams this fall. The football team, who entered the season picked to finish second in the conference, won 11 straight games after a close loss to open the season against Football Championship Subdivision Marshall. The team won all their games against Missouri Valley Football Conference foes, including a thrilling 27-20 victory at Northern Iowa — the team's first victory there since 1983.

The 440-mile trip to Cedar Falls, Iowa, was the greatest idea ever. If given the chance to road trip across the country to see

your team arise — take it.

And though they fell in the quarterfinals, 24-3, to William and Mary, SIU has nothing to be ashamed about after the great season it had overall.

And let us not forget the volleyball team, after missing the postseason last year by one match, the team erupted to historic 11-0 start to the season, then added some more excitement before losing in the conference tournament.

And no one can forget about the performance this year in cross country by Jeff Schlrmer. The senior finished 19th in the country at Nationals, his second-straight top-30 performance at collegiate cross country's biggest stage. Though he did get a heroes welcome at the last SIU men's basketball game, not enough recognition can be given to the Schlrmer's cross country career.

And although this columnist will not be there to entertain everybody through the spring semester, do not forget this sage advice.

### 1. Support the team.

Sounds simple, but it needs to be said. Anyone who goes to a women's basketball game (All 20 students who do) realize that there needs to be more support for the teams. Even the men's basketball team had a season-low attendance last Saturday afternoon. Let us just show up and support a great team.

### 2. Wear some maroon.

It looks good on you! And the person you are interested in will totally notice how good you look.

### 3. Don't worry about not having a team to cheer for after March.

The school is not that likely to close come March. If you are afraid of getting attached to the team and school, then losing it all after March — then stop. Saying the school does stop in March (and that is doubtful), then at least the sports will provide a nice distraction from the horrors happening around you.

And is that not what sports are all about?

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## SWIMMING & DIVING



Therese Mattsson, a senior from Stockholm, Sweden, practices her freestyle in the pool Nov. 24. The Saluki swimming and diving team is getting ready for the upcoming Missouri Valley Conference Championships in February that will be hosted at SIUC.

# The Hardest Is Yet To Come

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While Santa's elves will be busy at work, so will the Salukis.

The SIU swimming and diving team has its most important work still ahead of them as they prepare to enter their conference meets.

Both teams start up again Jan. 23 against Missouri State. The women begin their Missouri Valley Conference Championships on Feb. 11, while the men begin their Mid-American Conference Championships March 3.

The Salukis have only three meets left in the season before heading to conference championships.

SIU assistant swimming coach Scott Olson said the team is expected to train while it is home during the holidays.

"We want them to maintain what fitness level they have right now, because when they come back we will have a holiday training period of about two weeks," Olson said.

Olson said the team is going to be training on another level when it comes back Jan. 3.

"They know it is coming, and they are going to get a volume and intensity that they have not seen all year round," he said. "It's very similar to what future Olympians go through, where they go to camp before Olympic trials and train

**"The Christmas training is the most crucial time of training. There are no distractions, and we can nap in between sessions so we can capitalize on our first-semester training and get to a different level of intensity."**

— Jameson Kuper  
senior swimmer

—which is called the hell week—and then three weeks after the holiday training the women have their conference championship."

Olson said the team is going to endure workouts that will make it reach above and beyond what it's comfortable with.

"We want them to be prepared not only physically but mentally as well, so that when they step up on

the blocks at conference they are confident in their ability to swim fast," he said.

Senior swimmer Jameson Kuper said the holiday training is the team's most important training and a time for the swimmers to concentrate solely on swimming.

"The Christmas training is the most crucial time of training," Kuper said. "There are no

distractions, and we can nap in between sessions so we can capitalize on our first-semester training and get to a different level of intensity."

Senior swimmer Keli Kramer said the team had a couple of motivating team meetings before finals week.

"We just got to keep the motivation high and stay focused over break; we can't stop," Kramer said.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Tennis finds Love in the south

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The women's tennis team has not been conference champions since 1988—but perhaps a little Love from the sunshine state could help put the program back on the map.

Korey Love, of Spruce Creek High School International in Port Orange, Fla., signed her letter of intent Nov. 17 to play for the Salukis starting next fall.

TennisRecruiting.net ranks Love as 112th in the nation, and Babolat Recruits ranks the four-star recruit as 40th in the talent-rich southeastern region.

"(Love) is 'an extremely focused player when she's on the court,' head coach Audra Nothwehr said. "What really impressed me is how well she figures out her opponent—quite often she would lose a five-set set, but would always find a way to come storming back and get the win."

With her senior results yet to be

**"She's extremely friendly, energetic and really excited to come here and play."**

— Emily Whitney  
sophomore tennis player

determined, Love has lost only two singles matches throughout her high school career, both of which were in the state tournament.

Last year, the 5-foot-8 right-handed senior capped an undefeated season in singles as the 4A State Champion, defeating Zelaya Zehila (4-6, 7-5, 6-2). The fact Love went undefeated her junior year defied all odds Nothwehr said.

Love defeated highly sought-after recruit Alligail Yull (6-3, 6-3) and bested two five-star recruits—Brittany Diblings (4-6, 7-6(4), 3-0 w/draw injury) and Jenna Doerfer (7-5, 2-6, 6-3).

"Usually when kids her age come away with such big wins like she did, they tend to get so overly excited that they lose their focus and lose a match

they should win in the next round," Nothwehr said. "Not Love. After she won the Florida state tournament, she went on to win what is Florida's Super Bowl for high school tennis — her persistence and determination is really what won it over."

Her 2008 season was recognized with Volusia County Player of the Year and Dairy Farmers Tennis Player of the Year honors.

Holding a 4.1 GPA on a 5.0 scale entering her senior year, Love has proven to be as focused in the classroom as she is on the court.

With neither her academic nor athletic capabilities in question, the Salukis looked to seal the deal when Love toured the campus in August.

Love stayed with sophomores Emily Whitney and Vishakha Sheoran, but also spent time getting to know the rest of the team during her time in Carbondale.

Whitney said the team took to Love extremely well and thinks she will mesh quite naturally with the rest of the girls.

"She's extremely friendly, energetic and really excited to come here and play," Whitney said. "Our campus is probably what won her over—she kept saying how pretty she thought it was."

Nothwehr said she views this as a highly respectable recruiting accomplishment and hopes to use this to expand the Saluki's recruiting territories.

"When you sign one top recruit like Love, other recruits begin to recognize the school and look our way," Nothwehr said. "Our range of recruiting went to about the Kansas City area, but Korey is well known throughout Florida, and this signing opens up all sorts of opportunities for our program."

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# End of year awards



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2009 is drawing to a close and Robbins' Nest is about to go into hibernation until January. This year will be a distant memory by that point, so what better time is there to look back on the year that was? These are the official and super-prestigious Robbins' Nest awards for 2009.

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