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Icy conditions cause university meltdown

Snowstorm creates economic safety concerns

Allison Petty

Lauren Lamb needed three people to help her get to her first class Wednesday.

Lamb, who uses a wheelchair, was one of several students who expressed concerns about safety in the aftermath of a snowstorm that canceled Tuesday classes and covered campus in several inches of snow and ice.

“I just kind of sink,” said Lamb, a senior from Sorenza studying speech communication. “I have no traction, and once you’re stuck, you’re stuck.”

Todd Sigler, director of the SIUC Police Department, said no accidents or injuries had been reported to campus police by around 4 p.m. Wednesday.

However, Undergraduate Student Government President Dena White said he was flooded by complaints from students and had seen several fall on the ice.

“I think it was a bad decision to open up the campus without the sidewalks having been cleared properly,” White said. “There’s no excuse for this … it’s unfair, and how dare they treat students this way?”

University spokesman Rod Stevens said Physical Plant crews used more than 300 tons of salt to clear the sidewalks and parking lots Tuesday. He added that the workers followed a priority list to decide which areas to clean first, concentrating primarily on areas used by students.

Brian Mager, director of the university parking division, said in an email that parking agents would not write any citations Wednesday.

Mager said the upper level of the parking garage had been closed until further notice.

Wednesday evening, the SIU Arena parking lot had been cleared using multiple construction vehicles.

However, many parking lots, such as those outside the Lesar Law Building, the Communications Building and Pullman Hall, were covered in at least half an inch of ice.

Although most area high schools, elementary schools and community colleges announced closings.

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Council approves funds, challenges schools

Debate in city funds for Attucks continues

Barton Lorimer

Hours of deliberation by the City Council ended with Mayor Brad Cole asking why community organizations are raising kids instead of families and schools.

The question arose after the City Council approved staff recommended funds for community organizations Tuesday night. The contributions will be part of the fiscal year 2009 budget, which goes into effect May 1.

Councilwoman Corni McDaniel asked representatives from the I Can Read program and Family Advocacy Services if they receive financial support from Carbondale Elementary School District 95 since their students benefit from the organizations. Both representatives said they do not, but Dolores York-Anderson of the advocacy service said teachers and counselors have contributed student records and classroom performance in the past.

Cole said he wonders why the school district is not giving money to the organizations since students are learning from these outside sources and why children depend after-school activities instead of going home.

Linda Meredith, Superintendent of District 95, said the school’s own issue with funding was why they had not contributed to the different organizations. Meredith said she still appreciates the work organizations like I Can Read and Family Advocacy services have done for the students.

“We consider these organizations partners,” she said.

The council did not take action to fund Attucks Community Services, which submitted a request for $74,460 in fiscal year 2009, and a reduction in rent at the city-owned Emma C. Hayes Center. City Manager Jeff Doherty said his staff recommended Attucks should receive $34,641 for rent payments, which have not been made in 10 months.

Doherty said he staff recommended Attucks’ recommendation was lower because

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Former football coach sues university

Lawsuit disputes whether Kill must pay to terminate contract

Joe Crawford

The university’s recently departed head football coach has filed a lawsuit in a dispute over whether he should pay for accepting the coaching spot at Northern Illinois University before his contract expired.

In the lawsuit, former coach Jerry Kill claims a section of his contract that would fine him for leaving SIUC before his contract ran out is illegal and cannot be enforced.

The section of the contract requires Kill to pay the university a third of a year’s salary, which totals $57,772.44, for taking another head coaching position before his contract expired.

Associate General Counsel Deborah Nelson said Kill’s contract was set to expire in 2011.

Shari Rhode, a Carbondale attorney who represents Kill, said the requirement that Kill pay for leaving early is an “illegal penalty,” but the contract calls the requirement “liquidated damages.”

Rhode said it is legal to include a liquidated damages provision in a contract, which pays for the cost the university incurs when an employee leaves early. But she said she believed the language in question was illegal because it provided no room for Kill to leave for another coaching job.

She said Kill’s contract with SIUC did, however, allow him to leave his position if he retired, died or if the university breached the contract.

The primary function of the case is to determine whether the provision represents liquidated damages or a penalty which would be illegal, she said.

“That’s where the dispute is,” she said. “And Coach Kill has made very clear that once the court decides which side is right, if it’s a legal liquidated damage provision he’ll pay it — if it’s an illegal penalty he won’t.”

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Ming Wei Neo came from Singapore with only two months to pack and move everything in her life to America.

The graduate student studying music said she found more than just extra space when she arrived in the states.

Neo said she became a Christian last semester. Now affiliated with the campus ministry group, Chi Alpha, Neo helped tell other students about Chinese culture and the organization Wednesday evening in University Hall.

In the second of four events focusing on different places around the world, Residence Hall Dining spiced up the event by making it a little more one-culture specific.

The first event was a hodgepodge of different cultures. Michelle Ostien, graduate assistant and nutrition counselor for residence hall dining, said this event would focus more on the Chinese culture.

The affair featured artifacts and food for sampling. Beth Swartzendruber, a 2001 SIUC graduate and full-time staff member of Chi Alpha, said the authentic Chinese dancers who were scheduled to perform at the event all had the flu.

Swartzendruber helped provide music to participants by recruiting Neo and another music student, Chien Meng “Mickey” Chun to play Chinese folk worship songs during the event.

Ostien said she was excited about these events because she wanted students to know about all the cultural diversity the university has to offer.

“Everyone’s so different and university has to offer,” she said.

There are so many different cultures and different countries represented with all of the students who attend here,” she said.

Christa Sangster, a junior from Chicago studying music, said she thought these events were important because she was aware of all of the different cultures represented on campus and was sure other students were in the same position.

To see students come to SIU and go back home without experiencing different cultures and learning from somebody else, I think it’s sort of a waste of their money,” she said.

Dried fish, Feb. 20 and 27 will highlight African culture with musical shows, dancers and food.

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WASHINGTON

Senators vote ban CIA waterboarding, other harsh interrogations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress on Wednesday moved to prohibit the CIA from using waterboarding and other harsh interrogation techniques, after the Bush administration defended its use in secret sessions, despite President Bush's threat to veto any legislation that it could not pass muster with the agency's interrogation techniques.

The measure was contained in a bill authorizing intelligence activities for the current year, which was approved on a 51-45 vote. It would restrict the CIA to 19 interrogation techniques outlined in the Army's field manual. That manual prohibits waterboarding and other harsh interrogation methods, if a suspect's adverse reaction shows the measure is not needed to conceal their cooperation. It is also about morality, and whether people actually feel the pain they inflict.
**Transition services offered to veterans**

Veterans and military officers join for luncheon

Madeleine Leroux  
Daily Egyptian

Veterans new and old were given the chance to meet and help each other make the transition to college life.

Disability Support Services hosted a Veteran’s Luncheon Wednesday morning in the Old Main restaurant in the Student Center. Kathleen Pleksa, director of Disability Support Services, said the purpose of the luncheon was to welcome veterans to the university and inform them of the services offered through DSS.

“We’re trying to help them find each other,” Pleksa said.

DSS offers a transition program for veterans with service-related injuries, said Rita Van Pelt, DSS coordinator. The grant-funded program matches veterans new to the campus with a veteran who has been successful at SIUC.

“(The luncheon) is to get the word out there and explain what we’re doing,” Van Pelt said.

Van Pelt said she often heard the same stories from veterans about the often-confusing transition from the military to SIUC. The program is set up to help disabled veterans, she said, but DSS is finding that veterans without disabilities are having the same troubles.

Rob Havers agrees.

Havers, a junior from Vienna studying business management, was in the U.S. Air Force from 2002 to 2005 and said the transition can be difficult for any military veteran.

“It’s a culture shock,” Havers said. “The structure is different.”

Previously unaware of the programs offered through DSS for veterans, Havers said he likes that SIUC is starting a program to help veterans and is willing to be a mentor for veterans new to the campus.

The luncheon was open to veterans, students and people with military affiliations, Van Pelt said, but university officials were also in attendance to show their support for veterans.

Chancellor Fernando Treviso said he served in the U.S. Army and the transition program offered through DSS is a terrific opportunity. It is a great idea and a great program, he said, especially when so many students have been affected by the war in Iraq.

“It’s touched a lot of lives,” Treviso said. “If nothing else, you see it on TV all the time.”

Jon Darr, associate professor in the school of architecture, is a U.S. Army veteran from the Vietnam War era. Vietnam War veterans were underappreciated, Darr said, and this is an opportunity to show gratitude to the troops.

Lt. Col. Gary Hlimes, director of Army ROTC, attended the luncheon with three military officers who served in Iraq.

The services offered to veterans are not advertised much in ROTC, Hlimes said, because the primary concern is attracting new recruits to the military.

Maj. Jeremiah Aeshleman, an Army ROTC enrollment officer who spent a year on tour in Iraq, right, eats with other ROTC members at the Veterans Luncheon Wednesday in the Old Main restaurant of the Student Center. The luncheon’s goal was to forge relationships between older veterans and those recently returning from duty.

“It’s very daunting to come back,” Aeshleman said.

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Poshard, university irresponsible

Dear Editor:

I’d really like to know who makes the decisions regarding the closure of campus. As I arrived at school early Wednesday, I was greeted by the ominous sounds of trudging, creaking tree limbs — many were already on the ground. The parking deck east of Foster was half closed. The steps leading into Parkinson were armored in ice. Everyone I spoke to fell at least once.

Did someone try to use a Zamboni?

Dear Editor:

I would like to recommend a change of the SIU motto to “Taladose in Incompetence.”

I understand that the people who run this university consider themselves Southernians and as such are unaccustomed to strange things like snow and ice, but this is Illinois and the state’s location means it is still subject to freezing, winter weather. By no means did I expect the crews removing snow and ice on Monday to have everything clear by Tuesday morning, but the frozen tree run on roads and parking lots around campus suggest that instead of using Tuesday’s closure to their advantage, they gave the university a respite from extraneous sounds and conditions.

Too many people can’t manage

Dear Editor:

I think Glenn Poshard and SEU need to think a little more before they open a campus that is clearly not ready to do so.

I understand closing campus is a big deal, and that it doesn’t happen often, but considering the circumstances and the fact that the quality of roads and sidewalks is marginal at best, this campus would have fared better to stay closed.

I myself live off campus in Murphysboro on an unplowed road. I spent over an hour just getting off my driveway to a plowed roadway. To get out of my driveway, I had to wedge my floor mat under my tires to get traction.

Students who had to walk near or through Thompson woods during the course of their tricks to claw their health in their own hands.

Opening campus Wednesday was negligent and lacked any common sense. Hopefully nobody has been injured, but if they have I wouldn’t be the least bit surprised to see lawsuits start cropping up. To spell it out to the administration, heavily laden tree limbs = gravity = possible injuries. Or should I write it in crayon?

Mr. Poshard, you do remember the name Jane Byrne, right?

Michael Marsh

graduate student, studying geology

tage the university suspended to the weather. I can see that there were still cars abandoned in the lots Monday, but that doesn’t excuse leaving the remainder of the lot unplowed and snowed on.

The random nature of walkway closings on campus is even worse, with some areas looking more like they were attended to by a Zamboni instead of a plow.

Having worked for an ice-control company, I know there are limits to the power of salt with regards to temperature, but I know that during the day on Tuesday the temperature was sufficiently high to allow salting and plowing to have made some removal possible.

All I can hope for is that the number of falling injuries and resulting lawsuits is low enough for my fins to not increase further.

Adam J. Mikolajczyk

senior, studying plant biology and zoology

Then, when I arrived on campus, I found road conditions were in dire need of help. The parking lot by the Engineering building was just beginning to be cleaned, and the sidewalk were not even touched.

I dealt with the situation and made it clear.

But what about those who are not as lucky, because luck is the only reason I made it, and couldn’t even get to campus?

Not to mention students with limited mobility and handicapped students didn’t even have a chance. It’s not fair to those who can’t make it and will possibly be penalized for not attending class.

Glenn Poshard should have made a few more considerations before he declared campus would be open.

Brandon Banbury

senior, studying mechanical engineering

Here’s to trying to make a buck

Dear Editor:

I was appalled by the condition of the university’s sidewalks and walkways today.

While I understand how hard it must be for the university’s groundkeepers to maintain clear walkways after an ice storm, I am more upset that the university felt that the poor job done was adequate. Today’s opening of campus felt more like a blatant attempt to make money than caring if it was safe enough for students to attend classes.

When the university closes, it loses tons of money.

They lose all the business generated from students buying meals in the Student Center, as well as the food stands in the Communications building and Wham.

Campus police cannot give parking tickets.

The university loses money left and right.

Campus police even felt it was too dangerous for them to patrol campus. Allston Petty reported today:

“I told Sigler, director of the SUC Police Department, said no accidents had been reported on campus. He said officers responded to calls, but wouldn’t patrol the campus until road conditions improved.”

I try not to become part of the problem by getting stuck early or having our own accidents.”

When the SUC Police Department doesn’t feel safe enough to drive on the roads, what about saying something?

Most of the sidewalks on campus were blanketed with ice while others were simply decked pockmarked with sharp chunks of ice.

Instead of using salt down on the sidewalks, students had to traipse through what appeared to be a crap/ashphalt combo that looked haphazardly thrown down.

What are students in wheelchairs or those on crutches supposed to do? There wasn’t a smooth walking surface in sight.

Did university officials even consider this before making the decision to open on Wednesday? I’d love to see Poshard or Thorto try to “accident” through these sidewalks like the rest of the students and faculty on campus.

Let’s call today for what it was: The university looking to make a buck, and not caring about our safety in the process.

Meredith Kelleher

junior, studying political science

I don’t know about everyone else, but I’m curious who is it that obviously wanted students to be trudging across.

Kudos to the grounds guys. I saw them working yesterday and it’s a lot of ice to try to clear.

For the people who decided campus should be open, one question: Did you have to walk across this campus today?

Maybe you should try it out before sending the students on a slippery slope.

Amanda Peters

senior, studying German studies

Open campus is irresponsible

Dear Editor:

Although I’m glad that classes were canceled Tuesday, it seems like the administration was being a bit irresponsible in opening the campus on Wednesday.

On my way to class this morning, I almost slipped and fell so many times on a thick sheet of ice that covers all of the sidewalks and parking lots, closed Wednesday to continue to work on a fix — but more importantly, to avoid unnecessary travel.

Except us, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Check back tomorrow for our word on the matter.

For now, the letters speak for themselves.
A message from the Voices desk

As some might already have figured, technology has not been on our side lately. The Voices e-mail (voicesdesk@gmail.com), has officially gone kaput. We have not received any of the overly numerous letters, submissions and other messages for about a week. For this we apologize and bring you a NEW e-mail address that will hopefully serve you as a drop away.

voicesdesk@gmail.com
We hope to hear from you soon. We're basically done.

The Duke report

Valentine's Day commandments

Andrew O'Connor

You shall not purchase Hallmark.

The biggest problem with Valentine's Day is its inherent commercialization. In fairness, the modern incarnation of Valentine's Day has always been a for-profit scam, but it exists today as such only because we buy (into) it. It is common for cultures to have traditions and holidays like Valentine's Day. A day for people to share their romantic love is great if genuine. Our Valentine's Day seems more forced than the new holiday from work, a government mandate believed it is more important to keep the day, so incredibly lame and puny.

Valentine's Day is its inherent meaning the day you decide the university would be closed. At the end of the day, I figure that's the only commandment worth following. Happy Valentine's Day, Megan.

O'Connor is a junior studying political science.

Letters to the Editor

What wonderful priorities

Dear Editor:

President Poshard.

As a student studying Public Administration, I would like to thank you for increasing the value of my degree by demonstrating that the SIUC administration believes it is more important to keep the parking lots were sheets of ice, the walkways were solid ice. One thing became clear to me today. Coming from the Chicago area, I was used to knowing that thousands of students of Southern Illinois University. The Daily Egyptian is published by the students of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, with fall and spring, circulations of 20,000. Five copies are distributed on campus and in the Carbondale, Murphysboro and Carterville communities.

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If the SIU administration is going to have the school open the day after an ice storm despite the fact that the public schools and junior colleges are closed, fine. But at least make it possible to navigate throughout the school safely. Hopefully the day will come when SIU gets decision makers who are competent. I don’t think the university’s image would be tarnished because school officials decided to close down campus after a major ice storm since they could make it safe to travel around on.

The staff and students’ safety should be the No. 1 priority.

Mike Magnus
senior studying psychology

DAR

Valentine’s Day

The most important day of the year, February 14th, is right around the corner and people are preparing for Valentine’s Day including buying roses, chocolates, teddy bears and a lot more. So what does a Valen...
For the second time in a month, one of SIUC’s life science buildings was evacuated for a chemical spill.

Emergency teams responded to the 4:45 p.m. call of a chemical spill in a basement laboratory of Lindegren Hall Wednesday. Stacey Taft, a graduate student from Carbondale studying microbiology, said she was finishing the organization of a cabinet for flammable substances when she accidentally knocked over a glass container with 250 grams of sodium hydrosulfite inside.

University spokesman Rod Sievers said the building was reopened at 6:10 p.m., and could not tell how many people were inside the building at the time of the spill.

Sievers said campus police officers did a search inside the building to make sure everyone had evacuated when they arrived. Emergency teams adopted the procedure after a larger incident in Life Science II on Jan. 18 when a group of students ignored the building’s fire alarms after 2 gallons of chemicals were spilled in a first-floor laboratory.

“It was a lesson learned from Life Science II,” Sievers said.

Taft said she poured a sawdust mixture on top of the spill, which was nearly six inches wide.

The mixture, which absorbs the chemical and fumes, is included in chemical spill kits placed in each of the building’s laboratories.

Gareth McGee, a senior from South Africa studying microbiology, said he was in the room with Taft when she quickly told him to get out.

He said Taft was calling the university’s Center for Environmental Health and Safety as he was leaving.

Taft said the chemical is hygroscopic, which is a flammable substance if it comes in contact with water. As she reported the incident via telephone, a representative from the center advised Taft to pull the fire alarm because of the chemical’s toxic fumes.

Firefighters arrived at 5:15 p.m. and referred to their quick response guides to handle the specific substance. The guide informs response teams of a chemical’s properties, and the best way it should be contained.

Spill shuts down Lindegren

Flammable chemical knocked over in basement laboratory
Injured student ‘humbled’ by support

Recovery fund created to help SIUC researcher

Maria Capati
Daily Egyptian

After a car accident left her paralyzed from the waist down, an SIUC researcher said she has been blessed by an outpouring of love from the Carbondale community.

Stella Iwuagwu, a 38-year-old doctoral student studying health education, was conducting research in her native Nigeria in September when a devastating accident cut her research short. After hearing about the struggle, several local offices started the Stella Recovery Fund in hope of deferring medical and rehabilitation costs.

Iwuagwu, a native of two, said she has had difficulty paying the bills related to her injuries.

But the fund, started by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and the Fellowship Office of the Graduate School at the university, should help with necessary medical expenses, modifications to her home and specialized equipment, including a modified car that would allow Iwuagwu to drive with hand controls.

Although she is going through medical and financial difficulties, Iwuagwu said she is taking life one day at a time. She said she is motivated and determined to continue her physical therapy. She hopes to someday walk again and provide for her children.

"Tragedy will happen," Iwuagwu said. "But it is humbling to ask for help and get help."

Iwuagwu was conducting research on her doctoral thesis, which studies the sexual and reproductive health education, of women living with HIV and AIDS, when the car accident occurred. She spent five days in Nigeria before she was airlifted to Ghana, where she underwent a back operation. Iwuagwu spent four weeks in Ghana and was then brought back to the United States, where she spent two months in intensive rehabilitation therapy at the St. Louis Rehabilitation Institute.

Since returning to Carbondale, she has had to adjust to the physical limitations in her everyday life. "It is humbling to ask for help and get help."

Volunteers have gathered to build a ramp for Iwuagwu’s home so she can more easily enter in her wheelchair, said John Holmes, director of Building Homes: Rebuild with a Handicap Lives a project of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.

Holmes said he contacted the graduate school when he heard Iwuagwu’s situation.

"I knew about Stella's story from the start and just wanted to help in any way I can," Holmes said.

Holmes said a fundraiser for Iwuagwu would be scheduled for the spring.

Pat McNeil, assistant dean and administrator of the underserved fellowship office of the graduate school, said Iwuagwu is an outstanding woman who has been there for others and now needs help from the school and community. McNeil said the fellowship program is a family unit and believes in sharing and helping those in need.

Those interested can send donations to The Bank of Carbondale, Holmes said. A collection box will be available in Woody Hall B128, until Feb. 28.

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Students to help in Hurricane Katrina relief

Habitat for Humanity plans spring break trip to Alabama

Cristian Stelle
Daily Egyptian

A group of 18 SIUC students opted to pass on beaches and brew in favor of bricks and two-by-fours for their spring break activities this year.

"The group, a pseudo-indie-pendant chapter of Habitat for Humanity through the Newman Catholic Student Center, hopes to raise money for a trip to Mobile, Ala., to help build houses for still-recovering Hurricane Katrina victims and other home-less people," Corinna Schaidley, a junior from Metamora studying plant and soil science, said she got involved with the group because it seemed like a unique opportunity to help others.

(Building houses) is a widespread cause that people overlook sometimes," Schaidley said.

Each of the students has to pay a site fee of $125 to the Mobile affiliate of Habitat for Humanity to pay for supplies and equipment to build the houses.

To raise money for the trip, the group has held fundraisers, one of which took place 9 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart.

Jeff Jenkins, interim director for the Newman Catholic Student Centre, said the group chose Wal-Mart to ask for money because it is a high-traffic area.

"(You) see people from all over the community there," he said.

For every dollar someone donated to the group at Wal-Mart, members stacked a paper brick on top of a box symbolizing a step toward the building of a house, Jenkins said.

The group raised roughly $750 from the fundraiser, which brought the group close to its goal, Jenkins said. He said the members will also use an anonymous donation of $100 to the Newman Catholic Student Center and a leftover $200 from last year’s group toward expenses.

Jenkins said all the money raised would go toward transportation and food for the students.

The trip over spring break is considered a "collegiate challenge" program for Habitat for Humanity, which means it is "challenging you to make a difference," rather than using spring break to hang out with friends, Schaidley said.

She said it is the right choice for her spring break.

"(Habitat has) always been something I wanted to do," Schaidley said.

Corinna Schaidley, a junior from Metamora studying plant and soil science, looks toward the Carbondale Wal-Mart parking lot for potential donors to the Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break Collegiate Challenge trip. On Saturday, donors could purchase paper bricks symbolizing home construction to help send 18 SIU students to Mobile, Ala.

Emily Simmons
Daily Egyptian

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When professional bull rider and SIUC alumna Steve Koelm rode his first bull at the tender age of 11, he knew he would be in the arena the rest of his life.

“It’s like an addiction,” Koelm said.

Eighty years later, Koelm still rides professionally. Last weekend, he came out from his hometown of Altamont to the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds to compete in what the rodeo world has dubbed “the world’s first extreme sport.”

Koelm knows the extremes of the sport firsthand. In his career, he’s suffered from myriad injuries including broken arms, ribs, and noses and a punctured liver that almost killed him.

“I’ve been knocked out almost every year I’ve competed,” he said.

Despite the numerous hospital trips, Koelm still rides and said what attracts him to the rodeo is how his score is not determined by a team effort.

“I know who to blame when I have a bad ride,” he said.

Scores in bull riding are based on two criteria: how far the bull performs and how well the rider can control the bull. Two judges give up to 25 points for each criteria for a total of 100 points, and a rider must stay on for the full eight seconds for the score to count.

“My bull used to be good,” Koelm said, referring to the score of 74 he received in Saturday’s competition.

Today’s bulls, like any other competitive animal, are specifically bred to be mean during competition. However, most of the animals are completely docile outside the arena.

Koelm, who has spent some time buying and trading a few bulls, said they know their job during a competition, and once the rodeo is over, anyone could walk right up to one.

“I also want people to know that these animals are treated like royalty,” he said.

Koelm said rodeo bulls are the only type of cattle that get to live full lives. “Although his days of trading animals are over, Koelm plans to stay in the sport as long as possible. When he is not riding, Koelm says he has degree from SIUC as the marketing director for the Professional Bull Riders.

For Koelm, whose family and friends all grew up around the sport, bull riding is not just a job. It’s a lifestyle,” he said.

It’s also a hobby,” he added.

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Story and photos by Brandon Chapple
The Best Rentals in Town
Available Fall 2008

One Bedroom

607 / N. Allyn
616 / N. Allyn
507 S. Ash #1-2, 13-15
508 S. Ash #1, 2-3
509 S. Ash #1-26
504 S. Beveridge
514 S. Beveridge #8
608 / W. Cherry (available June 8)
403 W. Elm #1-4
718 S. Forest #3
605 W. Freeman #2, 3 (available June 8)
507 S. Hays #2
408 /1 / E. Hester
410 E. Hester
410 /2 / E. Hester
208 W. Hospital #1
703 S. Illinois #101
703 S. Illinois #102
703 S. Illinois #201
703 S. Illinois #202
612 / J. Logan
507 W. Main #2
507 / 1 / W. Main B
400 W. Oak #3
410 W. Oak 1,2,3,4, 5
202 N. Poplar #2
202 N. Poplar #3
507 S. Poplar #2
301 N. Springer #1,2,4
414 W. Sycamore #W
414 W. Sycamore #E
404 / J. University
406 S. University #2,3,4
606 S. University #2,3,4
734 W. Walnut # 2
703 W. Walnut #2

Two Bedroom

607 N. Allyn
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408 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #1,2,3
514 S. Ash #1,2,4
407 S. Beveridge
512 S. Beveridge #1-7
514 S. Beveridge #1-5, 7
508 N. Carico
501 N. Carico
720 N. Carico
908 N. Carico
306 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #2
404 W. Cherry Court #
405 W. Cherry Court
406 W. Cherry Court
407 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Chestnut
310 W. College #1-4
401 W. College #5, 6, 7
501 W. College #4-6
501 W. College #6-8
507 W. College #6-8
509 W. College #4-6
710 W. College #6
375 E. Crestview
506 S. Dixon
303 W. Elm
113 S. Forest

Three Bedroom

115 S. Forest
303 S. Forest
706 S. Forest
716 S. Forest
718 S. Forest #3
500 W. Freeman #1,2,3,6
109 Glenview
520 S. Graham
505 S. Hays
507 S. Hays #2
514 S. Hays
408 /1 / E. Hester
408 E. Hester
410 E. Hester
703 W. High #E, W
208 W. Hospital #1
703 S. Illinois #201
703 S. Illinois #202
401 James
705 N. James
507 /1 / W. Main #B
207 S. Maple
906 W. McDaniels
300 W. Mill #2-4
407 E. Mill
409 E. Mill
411 E. Mill
400 W. Oak #1,3
402 W. Oak #E, W
408 W. Oak
501 W Oak
507 W Oak
300 N. Oakland
505 N. Oakland
511 N. Oakland
514 N. Oakland
600 N Oakland
506 N Oakland
1305 E. Park
507 S. Poplar 1,3,4,5,6,7
301 N. Springer #1,2,4
913 W. Sycamore
919 W. Sycamore
404 S. University #8
404 /1 / S. University
408 S. University
402 /1 / W. Walnut
504 W. Walnut
820 W. Walnut #2
1004 W. Walkup
406 W. Willow
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309 W. Cherry
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408 E. Hester
208 W. Hospital #2
212 W. Hospital
401 S. James
610 S. Logan
614 S. Logan
515 S. Logan #
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409 E. Mill
411 E. Mill
413 W. Monroe
417 W. Monroe
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400 W. Oak #1-2
402 W. Oak #E, W
501 W. Oak
505 N. Oakland
511 N. Oakland
514 N. Oakland
600 N. Oakland
602 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park Lane
506 S. Poplar #1-7
509 S. Rawlings #2,3,5,6
519 S. Rawlings #2-5
913 W. Sycamore
408 S. University
402 W. Walnut
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820 W. Walnut #1, 2
406 W. Willow

Four Bedroom

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COUNCIL
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He said the council would not re-
consider its plans to raze the 1970s-era Center for
it requested funds for programs it
no longer sponsors.
Attucks has not received money
from the city in fiscal year 2008,
which ends on April 30, because of
management and financial concerns — including tax problems valued
$18,000. After a prompt from city
officials, Attucks hired a new program
director, Abdul Haqq of Carbondale,
and made its Board of Directors
liable for the taxes.
Haqq said the organization, which provides youth tutorial and recreation
programs as well as computers for
the public’s use, wants to move to a
new location, but still takes the city’s
money intended for rent and use it
for other operations. Haqq said it was
unfair for his program to be charged
such high rent for a center “built with
Attucks in mind.”
Councilman Lance Jack said
Attucks gets a discount in rent
because of utility payments made
by the city, and the amount of space
they have.
Cole said Attucks is at risk of
repeating the problems since the
Board of Directors has not changed.

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Shryock Auditorium
Thursday, February 14th
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Yolanda Adams.

“RISING STARS WITH A UNIQUE SOUND.
意义的杂志"
Today is Valentine's Day, when greeting card companies make a fortune and a ton of chocolate is consumed. What are your plans for the big day?

Wes Lawson
I'll probably watch a movie in my friends' room or go to a movie with them. Yeah, not being taken on Valentine's Day is a ball of fun.

Audra Ord
Oh, I'm not Single's Awareness Day! I'm hung up with my ex-boyfriend and my best friend. Last year we went and saw "Hannibal Rising"; we're trying to find something equally anti-V-Day to do this year. It's probably include a lot of boys and girls -- the only ones in my life I can rely on to make me happy. (And no, I'm not really this bitter and cynical.)

Devin Vaughn
I think the real question that should be asked is "Why can't anyone from the Pulse get a date?"
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

Are you zealous that there is a hot older woman for a girlfriend? I don't give the key.

He knows how to target the "divorced-and-just-want-to-have-fun" demographic.

While I'm mixed in the 'young-independent-and-very-x-funque' demographic.

The Duplex

by Glenn McCoy

"Yes!!"

THE DAILY CROSSWORD

By The Mepham Group

Puzzle Solved

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22. Sheriff's
desk
24. Leg ends
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28. Highly spiced
curry
29. Prepared to take
30. Memorizing
32. Type of potato
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Pulse
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band
desk
7. Opera highlights
8. Data producer
9. Trumple
10. Kindergarten
guest
11. Small boys
12. Manipulators
13. Djem dad
14. Long end
15. Wood after
scots
16. High-sided
stew
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18. Memorizing
process
19. First of billions
20. As a milk
21. 3rd bedroom
22. Traveler's trips
23. Type of orange
24. Female servant
25. Oregon city
26. Preaching hide
27. D.I. info
28. Tone
29. Muscat
30. Low boost
coffee?
31. Prey...-
32. PENetration meta-
33. Proposal maintained by
34. Backside
35. Posta
36. Maze of "Battle
Cry"
37. Part 2 of quip
38. Dad's sister
39. "Vicky" water
40. "Horse tributary
41. "Stiff"
42. Shell propeller
43. Fast Bier's letters
44. End of vup

The Daily Crossword edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Wednesdays' Puzzle Below

HUNTNGR

By Alan F. Ochochewski

Level: T 2 4

Sudoku

By The Mepham Group

By Linda C. Black

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**Dear Hollywood: ‘Star Wars’ rages on**

Hollywood, it’s time to tattle on someone’s mother.

George Lucas fibbed.

He said that when “Star Wars” Episode III: Revenge of the Sith hit theaters, he was doing creating films for the franchise so he could arrogantly task by adding awkward prequels to the 1970s and 1980s sci-fi trilogy.

But now, Lucas is bringing another “Star Wars” installment to the silver screen this August — a computer-generated animation called “Star Wars: The Clone Wars.”

In the words of Princess Leia: “Help us, O Han Kenobi! Our only hope is you.”

The only thing you did right for your movie was the casting of wonderful actor Ewan McGregor as Obi-Wan Kenobi. He brought his movies and he saved audiences from walking out.

We, Hollywood, have forgiven you for all the bad plot and casting decisions made in Episdoes I-III. Think about all the wrongs you committed — the risible portrayal of Anakin. “I just can’t wait to be Darth Vader and strawpeople with my mind,” Skywalker by Hayden Christensen, the killing of three of the most-hyped characters in the films almost as soon as the audience saw him (Obi-Wan Grievous, Count Dooku and Darth Maul). And let’s forget the greatest wrong of all, the inclusion of one annoying and useless Jar Jar Binks.

And then you had the audacity of a thievin’ ambulance secretary to digitally image the episode of Christensen over the original actor who played Skywalker in the film. And yet to�ver, Josh Young.

And if you wanted to watch “Die Hard,” you want us, “Star Wars,” but only if you’ll give us the great science fiction film with great acting and even better graphics we deserve.

Don’t let us down, Hollywood. And as this nerdy fan will lead the charge with her purple, Mace Windu plastic light saber against you.

Alicia Wade

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**WIN**

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“Tis an elf that has come off a comfortable win, we might have got them at maybe not 100 per cent,” Davis said. “They played inspired basketball, very tough defensively and disrupted us.”

Randal Falker and Bryan Mullins led SIU in a 7-0 run to start the game but from then on every Saluki was involved.

Tyreso Green, a pre-first guard, showed no hesitation takin’ a 3-pointer that went in. After Drake’s Klayton Koerer hit a 3-pointer, freshman forward Carlton Fay took no time launching a three of his own the moment he touched the floor.

The SIU defense could not stop all of Drake’s shots from falling, but when the shot missed the Salukis were there to scoop it up every time.

Drake did not get a second shot opportunity until there were only 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

The Bulldogs had hot shooters as well with Koerer, Josh Young and Josh Parker finding success from 3-point range. But when Young hit a three, Joshua Bone responded by breaking his defender down with the dribble and connecting with one of his own.

When Koerer and Young hit consecutive threes, Mullins halted the run with a deep ball. When Parker hit a long ball, Shaw and Green scored with layers.

Coach Chris Lowery said the offensive energy was focused on pressuring Drake the whole time. “I just thought we were aggressive. When we played them last time we didn’t attack them,” Lowery said. “This time we attacked them and took our layups when we had them.”

The Bulldogs even enjoyed a 3-point lead in the second half for about 10 seconds before Shaw and Bone hit a pair of 3-pointers to extend SIU’s lead.

The rest of the team had the green light and we were close. With a 1-point lead with less than 10 minutes to play Bone pulled up for another 3-pointer and again hit the shot.

When the game was tied with 1:30 remaining it was Wesley Clemmons who came up with the layup.

Mullins said the team came together and responded to every offensive run the Bulldogs went on. “They made their runs and hit some tough shots but we always had an answer,” Mullins said. “Everyone pitched in. This was a great team win. No one really stood out and had an amazing game but everyone did their job.”

The Salukis hope to bring their hot shooting with them when they face Wichita State Saturday.

Junior guard Bryan Mullins plays defense during Wednesday’s game against Drake at the SIU Arena. The Salukis beat the Bulldogs 65-62.

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Roger Clemens and Brian McNamee met face-to-face in a Congressional hearing Wednesday for the first time since allegations of Clemens’ alleged use of steroids and performance enhancing drugs appeared in The Mitchell Report. Did the meetings prove anything to you?

“I misremember some of what Clemens said but I think he lied under oath. McNamee and Clemens are probably both liars, but Andy Pettitte and Chuck Knoblauch have seemed honest about the whole thing. There would be no reason for Pettitte to lie about a friend so I figure he is telling the truth.”

“My thoughts both did a good job of lying under oath. Their stories are both inconsistent but I think Clemens got the worst end of the deal by having his “best friend” Andy Pettitte going against him. These proved nothing until there is DNA evidence I think Clemens is clear.”

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Salukis shoot on target

Mullins and Falker lead Salukis with 13 points a piece

Megan Kramper
Daily Egyptian

All season long, coach Chris Lowery said he hadn’t given up on his struggling Salukis.

It showed Wednesday night.

At Drake, SIU defeated the Bulldogs 65-62 to win the Missouri Valley Conference play.

Senior guard Tyrone Green drives to the basket as senior forward Randal Falker screens out his defender. The Salukis defeated Drake 65-62 Wednesday at the SIU Arena.

High-powered offense key in victory

Jeff Engelhardt
Daily Egyptian

The Salukis challenged the best offensive team in the conference to a shootout Wednesday night with no hesitation.

The methodical and grinding offensive of SIU was thrown to the side to play Drake-style basketball and it worked as the Salukis upset the Bulldogs 65-62.

No. 14 Drake couldn’t have hoped for a better place to the game as they came out in the first half and shot 7-for-16 from beyond the arc and 48 percent overall from the field.

SIU (13-12, 8-6 MVC) beat Drake at its own game and had one of the most efficient offensive 20 minutes this season when it went 6-for-11 from beyond the arc and 55 percent overall.

The Salukis’ different offensive approach was enough to throw the Bulldogs (22-2, 13-1) off their defensive strategy. The name on the back of the jersey did not seem to matter as any Saluki who had an open look had the green light to shoot.

Drake’s coach Keno Davis said he could tell the Salukis were ready to challenge the Bulldogs at their own game.

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SWIMMING & DIVING

SIU swimmers dive into championship weekend

Luis C. Medina
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women’s swimming and diving team is hunting for another championship.

The Salukis will begin the bid for their second consecutive Missouri Valley Conference championship today as they compete in the State Farm MVC Championship, which will take place at the Recreation Center.

In 2007, SIU won its first MVC championship since the 2001-02 season, breaking a four-year streak where the Salukis finished runner-up to Missouri State.

Coach Rick Walker said his swimmers have never felt the pressure to repeat, but their expectations are real.

“We want to win and I think we have a shot at winning,” Walker said. “But we’re going to have to overtake Missouri State and a steadily approaching Illinois State to do it.”

With three first-place votes in the Pre-Championship Coaches’ Poll, the Salukis are favored to win. Missouri State received the other two votes, while Illinois State, Northern Iowa and Evansville follow third through fifth respectively.

SIU and Missouri State have finished either first or second since 2003, while Illinois State, who has the fewest conference titles, has not won the MVC since 1998. The Salukis have won 13 of 22 MVC championships.

Northern Iowa will look for a repeat of the success it had in last year’s championship. The Panthers scored 382 points and coach Stacey Simmer earned Coach of the Year honors.

Evansville senior Nicole Ulrich ranks in the top-10 in the MVC in the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly events.

Ulrich will try to lead the Purple Aces to an upset victory as her swimming career ends with the championships this weekend.

The Salukis lost to the Bears in Springfield, Mo., 134-147 in a dual meet Jan.19. Kelly Doar, Julie Ju, Isabel Medina, Therese Mattsson and Marcela Teixeira won individual events against Missouri State, and the Salukis won the 400-yard medley relay and 400 freestyle relay events.

SIU will look to improve on the 10 events collected in that meet.

The Salukis finished the regular season with a victory at the final home dual meet against Evansville.

The women’s team won 12 of 13 events en route to a 119-58 victory over the Purple Aces. Senior Julie Ju picked up victories in the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard breaststroke events, which earned her the Swimmer of the Week award for the second week in a row.

Ju, the two-time defending MVC Swimmer of the Year, will try to defend her titles during the weekend.

She was victorious in the 100-yard breaststroke and 100 freestyle events at last year’s championships.

Despite last year’s conference championship and this year’s success, Walker said Missouri State is the team to beat, adding how important it was for his swimmers to be focused.

“We are what we are and that’s all we can be, except we want to strive to be better,” Walker said.

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