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Tuesday, February 15, 2011

## Executive Committee approves university college

The SIU Board of Trustees Executive Committee approved the implementation of the university college model Monday and will decide whether or not to ratify the model in April at the board's next meeting, according to a university press release.

"While we have many excellent programs and offices in place that support our new students, the university college will enhance the effectiveness of these

programs and significantly broaden the number of students who will benefit from these services," Chancellor Rita Cheng said in the release.

Mark Amos, director of Sakiki First Year, will continue his involvement in the university college until someone is chosen to head it, he said in the release.

He said the university college will not only help students adjust to the university

but also provide a support system to help them reach their goals and graduate.

The provost and senior vice chancellor position, which remains vacant after the resignation of Gary Minish, will head the program. Cheng said too many positions reported to the provost and breaking up the departments that were under the direction of the provost will take pressure off that position.

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# Mayoral candidates split on green policies

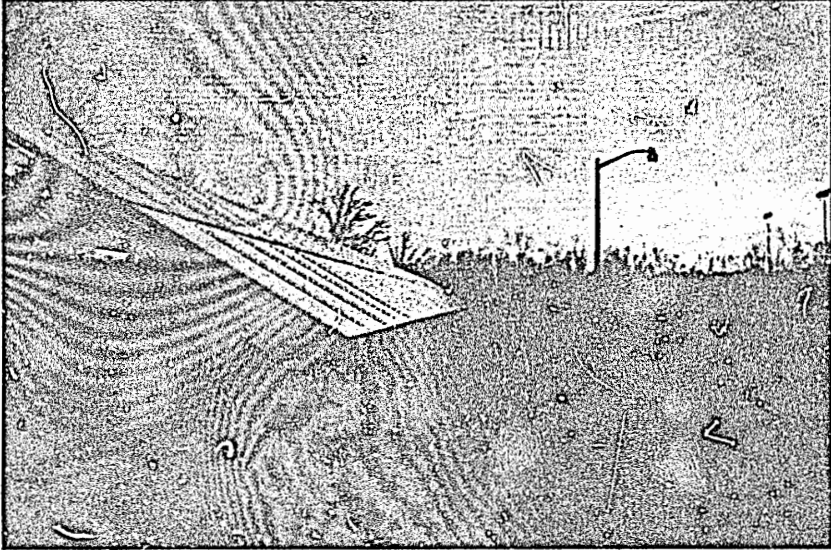
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*Editor's Note: This is the second of a weeklong series the DAILY EGYPTIAN will run on the mayoral candidates' stances on issues affecting Carbondale.*

While all of the Carbondale mayoral candidates agree that going green is a positive step for the city, they vary on what shade of green it should be.

Mayoral candidates George Maroney, Brent Ritzel, Sam Goldman, Jod Fritzel and Steven Haynes each spoke on what green initiatives they would work toward if elected. Ritzel and Fritzel said they want a more sustainable city, while Maroney and Goldman said a proper balance between concern for the environment and economic productivity is necessary. Haynes said he would work to bridge the communication gap between supporters of the green movement and the business community.

A primary election will be held Feb. 22 to reduce the five mayoral candidates to a field of four and the 16 city council candidates to a field of 12. The contenders are running to fill the mayor's seat held by Brad Cole and council seats held by Haynes, Mary Pohlmann and recently appointed Michael Neill. The candidates who receive the most votes during the primary election will be placed on the



The SIUC solar panels, located next to the Coal Research Center, soak up some of the morning light Monday. Green initiatives, such as the push for sustainable energy, are among the top priorities for the city for some mayoral candidates. Brent Ritzel, one of the mayoral candidates working toward environmental sustainability, said Carbondale needs to improve its standards of living through sustainable practices.

PAT SUTPHIN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

ballot for the April 5 general election.

Fritzel, a council member, is a candidate for mayor, and if elected, his council seat will also have to be filled.

Maroney, former hospital administrator for Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, said the city needs to balance the

environment and economy responsibly.

"I think we have to be very careful in this economy that we balance the desire to create environmental initiatives with the reality of business," he said. "If we go too far down the idealistic path, we will cause harm in economic development."

Ritzel, director of public education

and outreach for Equitech International LLC - a company that delivers clean water, power, oxygen, medical support, renewable energy fuels, shelters, food and agricultural support to natural disaster areas - said he is the only candidate who has worked for the green movement. He said he wants

to shrink the number of Carbondale's hospital patients by teaching people about eating organic food, drinking toxin-free water and breathing toxin-free air.

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# Love for university brings students, faculty together

JULIE SWENSON  
Daily Egyptian

Despite recent tensions, faculty and union members showed the love for Chancellor Rita Cheng on Monday by signing a Valentine for her at the I Love SIUC Rally.

The card, signed by the SIUC Labor Coalition, its collective unions and students, read: "We love this university and this community. It is time for this administration to listen to us, talk with us and work with us for a shared vision

of SIUC Carbondale." The card was delivered to Cheng after the rally, which was held in the Free Forum Area outside Anthony Hall.

A two-person band also sang and played several songs on guitar between speakers, including "Stop, Children, What's That Sound" and "Teach Your Children," while attendees waved signs that read "I'm not the problem. I love SIUC. I'm the solution," "Good pay for good work," and "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

The unions present under the

SIUC Labor Coalition were the SIUC Association of Civil Service Employees, SIUC Non-Tenure Track Faculty Association, SIUC Graduate Assistants United, SIUC Faculty Association, Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council Local 878 and the American Federation of State, Federal and Municipal Employees Council 31.

Cindy Kessler-Criswell, office manager at the Rehabilitation Institute and president of the Association of Civil Service Employees, said the unions gathered to show how much the mem-

bers love and believe in the mission of the university.

"We want fair bargaining. We don't feel like we have had fair bargaining, and we just want the administration to join with us in: the bargaining process," she said. "We definitely want the university to succeed on all levels."

Randy Hughes, president of the Faculty Association, said the union members still feel a lack of partnership between the administration and faculty. The purpose of the rally was to show how important and positive that part-

nership can be through proper bargaining and collective involvement, he said.

"Beyond the collective bargaining agreement, it's really important that faculty, staff and students are all involved in figuring out how we solve our problems," Hughes said. "This rally is a chance for the partnership to be restarted. Maybe we can start over with a better footing and actually make some progress."

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# Crosswalks dangerous for distracted students, data shows

SARAH SCHNEIDER  
Daily Egyptian

People need to keep their heads up as they walk through a crosswalk because they don't own the road, Russell Thomas says.

"I think pedestrians get in a mindset that it is OK to just keep your head down and not look when you get in these crosswalks and you own it as a pedestrian," said Thomas, a campus police officer. "The driver is not always going

to see you, so you have to be aware of your surroundings."

Combined data from both campus and city police shows there have been 55 pedestrian crosswalk accidents and 44 bicycle crosswalk accidents in the past three years, said Michelle McLernon, the Wellness Center's outreach coordinator. In the past decade, there have been two pedestrian traffic fatalities on campus, she said.

Registered Student Organization Sakiki Project Ignition and the Wellness

Center recently campaigned to promote crosswalk safety and cited an observational study they conducted as reason for concern.

The study found that in seven days, one crosswalk on campus saw 2,513 pedestrians and 26 percent, or 681 of them, were distracted while crossing a crosswalk.

"If we all took a step back, slowed down and thought that our safety is more important than our destination, then I think these numbers would go

down," McLernon said.

She said wearing headphones, texting, talking with friends or being on a cell phone are dangerous distractions while crossing a street. She said more people could have been wearing headphones than what the study showed because it was conducted in November and many people were wearing hoods, which made it difficult to see headphones.

Thomas said in 2010 there were seven pedestrian accidents on campus. He said crosswalk safety is an issue not

only on campus but everywhere.

In January, the Governors Highway Safety Association reported pedestrian fatalities rose in the first six months of 2010 and pedestrian deaths made up about 12 percent of traffic fatalities nationwide. The association found Illinois had the 12th highest pedestrian traffic fatalities in the country in 2009.

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"If we can get more people to focus on these things and things like exercise, we won't have such a need for these Western medical practices that, frankly, are not engaged in the issues of sustainability, especially local, as much as they could be," Ritzel said.

Haynes said he wants to continue with the progressive ideas the Green Party has already introduced through important and relevant dialogue. He said the green movement has had a positive effect on Carbondale's work force, whether it be through building or vehicle usage.

"People from the green movement are citizens they are people we know and I think to have some of the concerns that they see as priority makes it become a (city) priority, too," Haynes said.

Fritzer, who spent 20 years in Oregon, said he was impressed at Carbondale's recycling program when he first came to town, but he would like to establish a graduated system similar to Portland's.

With a graduated system, people can buy 10, 20 or 30-gallon trash cans, and they pay for the size and quantity; unless they choose to recycle then they pay a flat rate, Fritzer said.

"(As it is now, Carbondale charges) \$9, and you can put out one garbage

can or 15 garbage cans if you want," Fritzer said. "It doesn't matter if you recycle or not, so having a graduated system like that encourages people to do recycling."

Goldman, former SIUC chancellor, said it is possible to support the green movement, and the environment while still supporting business. He said he wants to implement the city's comprehensive plan by design while being sensitive to environmental sustainability.

"These strong groups that think the environment is No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 and business is No. 4, and we can't do that," Goldman said. "Because (Carbondale doesn't) have the business to do that, you'd create a forest."

RALLY

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Douglas Anderson, a tenured professor of philosophy and Illinois Education Association union member, was one of the guitar players and said he came to the rally to show solidarity for his colleagues and SIUC. He said in the past, universities were run by a faculty-appointed administration, whereas today universities are run by appointed officials. The shift created a more oppositional atmosphere between faculty and the administration, taking the focus away from students, Anderson said.

"If you teach undergraduates for many years, you actually get interested in their lives, and it would be nice for everyone to take that seriously, including the folks running the university,"

Anderson said. "There's such a distance between faculty and administrators built into the way universities in the U.S. are run (that) it's difficult to have direct communication. This rally can help accomplish that; it's a good thing."

Anderson said he saw similar issues at Penn State and Wittenberg University. The rally should serve as a chance for the university to listen to faculty and improve the status quo, he said.

"There's a lot of older people here, and if you look at the history of unions it's people with experience... who can give you a pretty good sense of when there are problems," Anderson said. "People ought to pay some attention to that experience; these folks are committed to the university, to southern Illinois, and to ignore their input and interests is I think a fundamental mistake, a management mistake."

Thuy Duong, a graduate student in social work from Vietnam, said she was at the rally to improve the university's communication and to support getting more benefits for students and faculty. She questioned the nature of facts the administration presented to the public, she said.

"I've read a lot of newspapers every day about the budget cuts and about the differences of the school, but I don't think we should be in that bad situation," Duong said. "We don't really know what is really going on, and is it really that bad, or is it just shown to be that bad?"

She said more students should learn about the issues affecting faculty and administration to help change the university.

"Only when we understand something can we improve it," Duong said. "If more people get involved, I think the school will work better."

CROSSWALK

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Thomas said distracted pedestrians are similar to distracted drivers, both put themselves in danger. He said while the law says a motor vehicle has to yield the right of way to pedestrians, pedestrians have to pay attention.

"It makes you mad that the car didn't stop, but at the same time you are able to talk about it," he said. "Who is going to win in that situation, a human or a vehicle?"

McLemon said many students think if they are hit in a crosswalk they will get free tuition. She said this is a very dangerous way to think.

"It would require going through the legal system, going through the court and it would take years," she said. "Not to mention you would have to survive the accident to get there."

Thomas said cyclists are supposed to walk their bike through crosswalks in Carbondale.

The Wellness Center's study showed 96 percent of bicyclists in a week did

not dismount before riding through a crosswalk.

"They were in violation of road-way safety laws," Alhassan said. "They weaved in and out of traffic and were not being very safe."

McLemon said the study was a preliminary effort to see what the issue was in crosswalk safety, and the committee now promotes the message that pedestrians should not be distracted when traveling through crosswalks.

"It is a perpetual problem we need to take a look at," she said.

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# iPads offer option of digital dissection

BRANDON COLEMAN  
Daily Egyptian

Frog dissections on iPads may be the way of the future for more K-12 schools that lack money for science experiments, Frackson Mumba says.

The Partnership for Improved Achievement in Science through Computational Science project, a collaboration among 11 southern Illinois elementary and secondary schools, Southern Illinois Alton and SIUC, will have trained more than 50 southern Illinois K-12 teachers and feature 50 iPads by the end of its two-week summer workshops, said Mumba, associate professor in curriculum and instruction at SIUC.

The PIASCS project is the second of three workshops to train teachers how to use the apps and currently has 25 teachers in its workshop, Mumba said. He said the teachers meet with project managers an additional four times throughout the school year to continue learning apps on the iPad, and graduate students help teachers learn how to use apps, he said.

"In order to help (teachers) more, we decided to buy the iPads because they are portable, easy and they're cheap," Mumba said.

The PIASCS project received \$530,000 to train teachers in the 11 southern Illinois elementary and secondary schools from Franklin, Jackson and White counties in biology computer simulations on iPads, Mumba said. He said a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education made it possible.

The project is part of a bigger initiative to improve math and science test scores among U.S. students in grades four through 12 by having them use simulation applications on Apple iPads, said Erin Miles, project manager for PIASCS.

**Illinois State Board of Education grant money**  
**\$530,000 total**  
 2010: \$180,000  
 2011: \$250,000  
 2012: \$100,000

**Goal:**  
 50 iPads across 11 southern Illinois schools by the end of summer

14 currently distributed  
 16 to be delivered in spring

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Source: Partnership for Improved Achievement in Science through Computational Science

The project also helps students develop technology skills and provides alternatives to performing labs, Mumba said.

"We believe that ... if we use computer simulation we are likely to help students perform well in science," he said.

Mumba said iPads give students a 3-D view of traditional dissections and experiments in a way textbooks can't.

"Most teachers and students have difficulties understanding the micro aspects of science, the things they cannot see," he said.

Currently, 14 iPads are in circulation among the 11 schools, Miles said. Sixteen more will be bought and rented out to elementary and secondary schools this spring, she said.

Miles said she brought iPads to Carmi-White County Middle School Monday so

students could work on a frog-dissection application. Other science apps the girls were able to delve into included a space shuttle simulator, a periodic table of elements and an anatomy app.

The majority of schools in the project are rural ones that do not have much money to spend on new technology, Miles said.

"Our project is putting technology in the hands of students that would otherwise never be able to use this technology," Miles said.

She said some schools in the region lack the money to afford a lab facility where students can perform dissections. The iPad allows students to not only perform a full, mess-free dissection, but it also speaks to students, walking them through the entire lab. Disabled and dyslexic students who learn better by hearing benefit more through

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— Frackson Mumba, associate professor in curriculum and instruction

labs performed on an iPad, she said. Marjorie Brooks, associate professor in zoology, said virtual labs aren't substitutes for hands-on lab experiences. She said she prefers students do real dissections instead of virtual ones because students would lose valuable and necessary experience if all lab dissections switch to a digital format.

Charlie Simer, science and health teacher for grades six through eight at Woodlawn Grade School, said Woodlawn is a fairly large school, but it doesn't have the money to buy animals for lab dissections or the equipment that accompany dissections such as scalpels. The iPads also avoid potential injuries that come with lab dissections, he said.

Simer, who will be the last in his workshop class to receive an iPad, said he borrowed SIUC's rental iPads Friday and plans to borrow them again in the near future because of the anatomy and bone simulated animations available on the device.

"(Students) are begging me to bring them back," Simer said.

Marcus Lynn, Carmi-White County Middle School teacher, said the iPads were well-received by his science students.

"They asked, 'Can we keep them?'" Lynn said.

He said he has only used the frog dissection app, but plans to use the microscope and wind tunnel apps. The iPad gets students more involved, Lynn said.

# Rising travel costs affect study abroad programs

RYAN VOYLES  
Daily Egyptian

Financial uncertainty at home and abroad could prevent some students from studying around the world.

Thomas Saville, associate director of SIUC study abroad programs, said the biggest problem he sees facing the programs is the overall rise in prices overseas and the cost of currency such as the Euro and Yen.

"Airfare, hotels and groceries are the real issues affecting people," he said.

But Robert Hahn, a professor in philosophy, said cuts at home have also affected some students' ability to go overseas.

Hahn is the director of the Ancient Legacies Seminars, which offer trips to Greece, Turkey, Egypt and Italy. He said his college cut 10 \$1,000 grants given to students to help pay to study abroad. He said he is consistently looking for sources who will donate money to help send students to other countries.

However, Hahn said it is important for students to travel abroad and recommended students find any way possible to travel while

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— Naseem Ahmed, education coordinator in international programs and services

in college.

"For most people, when you finish your education, and once you get a job, most people don't get a lot of money to start, and they'll get maybe a week off a year," he said. "So if you don't have a chance to do it when you're in college, you may not get another opportunity to do it for years, if ever."

Naseem Ahmed, an education coordinator in international programs and services, coordinates a yearly trip to Morocco to study contemporary Muslim women. She said she is aware of the costs of the programs, and she does her best to keep them as low as possible. However, Ahmed said it is nearly impossible to keep prices below \$3,500 for the two-week trip.

"Frankly, taking a trip to Africa for 14 days can really not be less than that, and our ad-

ministrators understand that," she said.

Ahmed said it is heartbreaking when students tell her they want to go on the trip but cannot afford it.

"It's very hard to convince students to study abroad, and when they are interested, it is sad to see the cost keep them away," she said.

Saville said he has actually seen an increase in students applying for study abroad programs, though he said the numbers are just leveling out after dropping off when the recession started. He said about 200 to 300 students study abroad every semester.

Students who are dedicated to studying abroad should consider taking out student loans or looking into federal grants, Saville said.

"Most students who do go overseas have loans," he said. "They're the typical SIU student"

Hahn said he figured about only 1 percent of the SIUC student body could afford to go on his trip, and it's those students he needs to inform about the program.

"My problem every year is trying to figure out how to reach out to them and get them interested," he said.

Ahmed said she encourages students to look outside the conventional ways of raising money and see if the community could help out.

"Students should not overlook any opportunity! See they have in the community," she said. "Every little bit helps."

Saville said it is important for students to start prioritizing if they truly want to study abroad.

"Start (raising money) if it is a priority for you," he said. "It may be difficult, and you may not get into the program you want to, but people can find a way to raise money and go out there."

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# Prof. examines practices of profit, cultural exploitation

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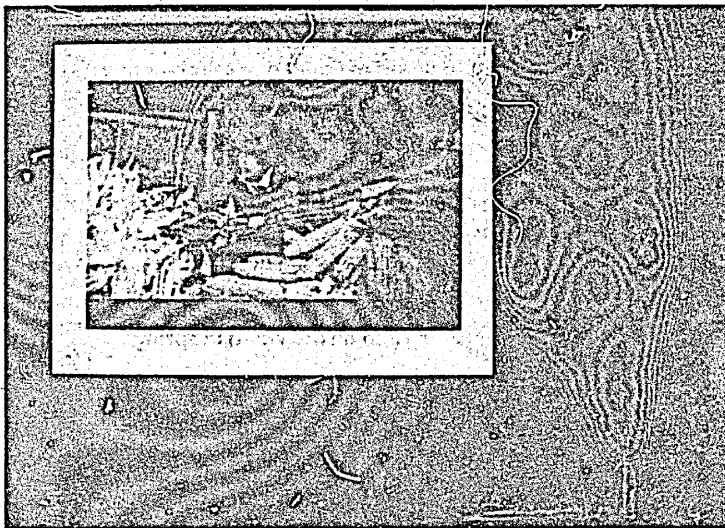
Exploitation can occur in many regions because of a lack of defined culture, says Sarah Lewinson.

Lewinson, associate professor in radio-television, presented pictures, video and anecdotal evidence of a culture becoming something that could be bought and sold for tourism in China as part of the Global Media Research Center's spring speaker series.

She said she initially went to China in 2008 with her son to do a project on the World Heritage Beer Garden Picnic. While living there, the project became a documentation of labor exploitation through China's growing tourism industry in the Yunnan province, she said.

"We were already interested in heritage, and in the question about the heritage being something that wasn't real, that's something that was actually just being used as something that could be sold," Lewinson said.

She said the culture known as the Naxi, one of 56 ethnic minorities in China, occupy one of the few remaining ancient cities largely untouched by modern construction. The Naxi maintained the market city for 1,000 years, and when their methods became obsolete, the people lost their culture, Lewinson said.



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Sarah Lewinson, an assistant professor in radio-television, gives a presentation titled "Global Markets in Local Color: World Heritage Yard Sales" Monday in the Communications Building. Lewinson,

who lived in Yunnan, China for six months, discussed how increased tourism exploited the heritage of the Naxi and how it is possible for this to happen in other regions such as the Midwest.

When word got out that the city was in near-perfect condition, it became a tourist attraction with 30,000 tourists flocking each day to see the architecture, she said.

Officials from the Global Heritage Fund, an organization devoted to protecting culturally significant sites, said the city has

up to 4 million tourists per year.

The Naxi culture shifted from sustainable to profit-driven in the past century with cheap, disposable goods readily available to tourists, she said. Pollution from the goods began to destroy the ecosystem, and some Naxi people created an ecotourism business in response, she said.

She found people were paid to wear full traditional costumes every day, even though the pieces of clothing had lost their context and purpose, she said. Not only were the Naxi treated like a commodity, but other minorities were also paid to dress in Naxi costume — a far cry from the reality of the Naxi's past, she said.

In the United States, heritage

is usually about buying goods as opposed to life skills that allow people to live, she said. The cultural exploitation Lewinson witnessed in China could happen anywhere because some people aren't sure what their heritage is, she said.

Beth Spezia, a graduate student in mass communication and media arts from Herrin, said she was interested in the topic of Lewinson's research, especially when applied to the growing tourism business in southern Illinois. The distribution of wealth between the southern and northern parts of the state creates opportunities for more wealthy regions to exploit less wealthy ones, she said.

"It raises compelling questions," Spezia said. "I think our area has invested heavily in the winery business and various arts and cultural attractions. ... I think we have to look at some of the things that are happening along the wine trail and the arts trail."

Exploitation happens because people concentrate more on trying to grow businesses in an economy rather than improve lives in a society, Lewinson said.

"I think there are decisions made about places that are political, and they're political in terms of some people being able to get money and other people won't get the money," she said. "You don't know about who or what is not getting the possibility to live in the process."

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Carbondale is under siege – by crude, hairy creatures known as frat boys. These lumbering neanderthals have descended upon our fragile college ecosystem like a swarm of locusts, leaving only a wake of fast food wrappers and cheap beer cans along their trail of destruction. Because of their limited intellect, Birkenstock sandals and disproportionate muscle, frat boys are relatively harmless alone, as they lack the agility or balance to give chase. Their strength comes solely from numbers. Unfortunately, the frat boy is a pack hunter by nature and is rarely seen alone. Scientists believe this stems from an

instinctive feeling of inadequacy within each individual. They are also nocturnal animals, coming out only at night mostly to veil their needs from the hopes that one will make the mistake of reproducing with them.

The most important and alarming aspect of the frat boy, though, is that their population seems to grow with unparalleled speed. Regulating this population has proved problematic because it is difficult to distinguish an average student from a frat boy. The wily frat boy has learned to integrate himself seamlessly into our peaceful society through cultural evolution. They are in our classrooms, restaurants, bars and even our homes! There may even be a frat boy sitting next to you

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at this very moment. I urge you, however, not to panic because the frat boy can sense vulnerability – something they have become very well-attuned to as they primarily prey on drunk, unsuspecting females. They do so by luring them back to their dwellings with the promise of Burnett's flavored vodka, also known as the gentleman's roofie. The best course of action when encountering a frat boy is to invite him to a study group since learning is the frat boy's natural nemesis.

If you are unsure how to spot one of these frat boys, here are a

few helpful tips: 1.) They will most assuredly be wearing some sort of symbol to show their status among the tribe, usually a few letters of the Greek alphabet. 2.) They are most likely wearing a polo shirt, possibly with a popped collar. 3.) They may be wearing a hat backwards. 4.) They may be wearing sunglasses at night or during cloud cover. 5.) They keep making Adult Swim references. 6.) They inform you when the next episode of Jersey Shore is airing. 7.) They frequently use the word "gay" to mask sexual insecurity. 8.) His name is Chad. 9.) His favorite beer is Natural

Light. 10.) They make shameless attempts to conform.

If you recognize one or more of these traits in a guy, he is undoubtedly a frat boy and you should alert your local authority or simply make fun of him. The worst part about the resilient institution known as a fraternity is that it perpetuates America's cowboy-capitalist mentality; if you can't make friends, buy 'em! So next time you see one of these poor souls stumbling through the streets, subconsciously hoping to get plowed by an incoming car, do not fear them. Pity them. And if you ever fall victim to one of their alcohol-fueled antics, just remember that if they weren't around ten years later to take out your trash, then you would have to do it.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Students, community need to respect sleep

Dear Editor,  
As I read through the Feb. 1 article "Poor sleep habits could lead to lower GPAs," I was amazed by how much I agree with it. I know some people who do not get enough sleep at night and it seems to really affect them. I think poor sleeping habits are one

of the things causing poor grades. Unfortunately, for students who live in the dorms, it is hard to go to bed early because of all the noise inside and out. It would help if people were a little more courteous to others, such as not yelling at 1 a.m. outside the towers. It seems once students

get into a pattern of going to bed late, it is hard for them to fall asleep earlier on other days. Another reason it's hard to fall asleep in the dorms are the trains that go by at 12 a.m. blaring their horns. I don't know if it is a law that they have to blast the horn at every road intersection, but I

think they overdo it sometimes. I would also like to add that alcohol consumption during the week leads to lower grades. Besides decreased grade point averages, data also suggests that students who drink heavily are more likely to drop out or fall out of college. If everyone could be a little quieter

at night, we could somehow lessen the length of the train horn and students watched how much they drink each week, we would start getting better grades.

Dane Fearneyhough  
freshman from Louisville, KY  
studying aviation

#### New bill gives rights to infant men and women

Dear Editor,  
We are writing in response to the column "New bill takes rights from U.S. women." The article presumes that on-demand abortion is not only a right, but one that should be covered by federal funds and taxpayer dollars. The first issue we want to address is regarding the end of the article in which the author states, "birth control and family planning are the keys to making abortion rare." What other right is envisioned to occur rarely? If it is a "right," it should be spread as far and to as many people as possible; to claim it should be "rare" is turning

a blind eye to what the underlying truth is regarding this issue while at the same time unintentionally acknowledging it. If abortion is so helpful and worthy of tax dollars, why should it also be rare?

Next, we would like to address the misguided hypothesis that birth control and family planning supposedly do make abortion rare. In reality, as the use of contraceptives increased, so have abortion rates. In fact, the Guttmacher Institute released an article entitled "Relationships Between Contraception and Abortion: A

Review of the Evidence" in the March 2003 edition of International Family Planning Perspectives and the results show a simultaneous increase in both contraceptive use and abortion rates in six countries including the United States. This phenomenon occurs because as partners use contraceptives, and as the contraceptives fail, they are not in the mindset to accept a pregnancy and a child and become potential parents. Therefore, they abort their child.

This mindset is traced to the separation between the sexual act and

parenthood. In our society, sex does not equal children and sexual acts are seen as purely sexual instead of a means toward spousal bonding and new life. The attitude of our generation reflects this notion through the killing of innocent children by abortion, the rise of divorce rates and a general disregard for the gift of sexuality.

Lastly, as women, we do not feel that the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act" takes away our rights, as the title of the article insinuates. This act will not make abortion illegal, but rather prohibits the government from paying for it.

Instead we propose that the money that would have been used to support legalized killing should be allocated to women who choose to keep their babies but are financially unable to do so. Abortion is not a right, but being born is and one's economic status should not prohibit it.

Rachel Frichtl  
sophomore from Newton  
studying Animal Science

Allison Zilka  
senior from Bolingbrook  
studying philosophy

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Michelle Obama says romance has to be kept alive, even for those living in the White House**

WASHINGTON — Her's Michelle Obama's advice for couples this Valentine's Day: laugh with your partner.

She says it's what she and President Barack Obama do, and it seems to be working. Their marriage, although tested throughout the years by his political ambitions — for the Illinois Senate, the U.S. Senate and later president — is going on 19 years.

"I think a lot of laughing," the first lady said at a White House luncheon with reporters who asked about the Obamas' union. "I think in our house we don't take ourselves too seriously, and laughter is the best form of unity, I think, in a marriage."

"So we still find ways to have fun together, and a lot of it is private and personal. But we keep each other smiling and that's good," she added. It also helps that Obama is "very romantic."

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Officials: US to expand military training in Yemen where al-Qaida group plots attacks**

WASHINGTON — Faced with an increasingly alarming threat from al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, the U.S. military will begin a new training program with Yemen's counterterrorism unit so it can move against militants believed to be plotting attacks on America from safe havens there.

The effort will mark the first time the U.S. has trained the counterterrorism unit, which has traditionally focused on protecting Yemen's capital, according to a senior defense official. Under the plan, the training would begin in the next few months, and the Yemenis could more than double the size of their counterterror force, which now numbers about 300.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because details are still being worked out.

**EGYPT**

**Egyptian state workers protest for better pay in labor unrest following Mubarak's ouster**

CAIRO — Hundreds of Egyptian state employees are protesting in Cairo to demand better pay and conditions in the latest outbreak of labor unrest unleashed in the uprising that ousted President Hosni Mubarak.

Outside the Nile-side TV and state radio building, hundreds of public transport workers are demonstrating to demand better pay. Several hundred protesters from the state Youth and Sports Organization protested Monday in Tahrir, or Liberation, Square with similar demands.

The Central Bank of Egypt ordered banks across the country closed following a strike by employees of the National Bank, the largest state bank.

**EGYPT**

**Egypt and Iran: Different looks at people power as play in Middle Eastern revolutions**

CAIRO — No sooner had the announcement come than the streets of Cairo exploded in joyful celebration. The hated autocrat was gone. A new era was ushered in with cheers, tears and the cacophony of car horns.

And so it was in Tehran, about 32 years ago. On Feb. 11, 1979, the commander of the Iranian air force announced on national radio that the armed forces were withdrawing from the fight to save the American-backed regime of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, who had already fled the country three weeks before in the face of burgeoning street protests against his autocratic rule.

With the military gone, the Iranian monarchy collapsed and with it any chance that the shah would return from what had been spun as a vacation — ironically to Anwar Sadat's Egypt.

As the troops returned to barracks, Tehran erupted into wild celebrations — punctuated by the deafening din of thousands of horns.



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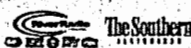
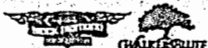
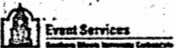
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**AFGHANISTAN**

**NATO: More nations pledging support, but 740 trainers still needed for Afghan police, army**

KABUL — More nations are pledging support, yet NATO still faces a shortage of 740 trainers needed to get Afghan soldiers and policemen ready to take the lead in securing their nation, the coalition's top training official says.

Needed most are 290 police trainers, including those to work in new training centers opening in Afghanistan this year, U.S. Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, the commander of NATO's training mission, told The Associated Press in an interview Saturday.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai wants his nation's police and army to take the lead in protecting and defending their homeland by 2014, a deadline that will be reached only if the training effort — already on a fast track — gets even more support from NATO and other nations. Caldwell said the coalition wants to have the additional 740 trainers in place by this summer.

"The NATO secretary general has said, 'No trainers, no transition,'" Caldwell said. "He is exactly right. If you don't have sufficient numbers of trainers, then we can't set the conditions for transition in 2014."

The Afghan security force added more than 70,000 police and soldiers last year and now is 270,000-strong. It is well on its way to meeting Karzai's goal of reaching 305,600 by the end of October. Karzai is expected to announce his next target for growth in coming weeks.

**EGYPT**

**Wedding industry in Las Vegas takes it full, chapels hope to entice couples on Valentine's**

LAS VEGAS — Erless Davis didn't want a traditional wedding. No conservative music and rows of unfamiliar guests. She wanted A Little White Chapel. In glitzy Las Vegas.

Wearing a mini-dress, David marched with her boyfriend, clad in black jeans, through a set of gold-leafed doors and into a waiting room where they could buy garters, memory books and bride and groom baseball caps.

For her, Valentine's Day 2011 was the perfect date. "It's the day of love," said Davis, 23, as she and Matthew Jacobs, 23, waited for a minister.

It may be. But there's not much of it going around these days for wedding chapels in a city known for outsize marriages. There's a love recession in Las Vegas.

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

**Emirates' openings for exiles in spotlight after fall of Egypt's leader**

DUBAI — For political figures in exile, the United Arab Emirates has been a luxury refuge, a base for plotting attempted comebacks and, for at least one unable to escape assassins, a final stage. There is no shortage of speculation that Egypt's Hosni Mubarak could join the list.

The Dubai-based network Al-Arabiya reported Saturday that the former Egyptian president was making plans to head to the Emirates. A Kuwait daily, Al-Qabas, said Friday that UAE officials have offered Mubarak haven in Al-Ain, a desert city near the Omani border.

UAE officials have made no public comment on the reports, which were so persistent that the UAE's state news agency WAM issued a rare denial Sunday of bulletins that Mubarak's plane had landed in the Sharjah emirate north of Dubai.

But it wouldn't be out of character to open their doors to a former leader with few options at home, just as neighboring Saudi Arabia did for toppled Tunisian ruler Zine El Abidine Ben Ali last month and Uganda's Idi Amin in 1979.

The roster of Emirate exiles includes former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, the late Pakistani ex-Premier Benazir Bhutto and a tunic-clad Chayken warlord who was gunned down by a killer with a gold-plated pistol.

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# Crossword

## Horoscopes

**By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement**

**Today's Birthday** — You have much to learn still. Once you realize that, your horizons expand. Follow your own path, and don't be afraid to aim high. You'll find satisfaction in contributing to others. Making other people's wishes come true becomes part of your wish.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 6 — It's a good day to take one stride at a time. You don't have to venture far if you don't feel like it. Trust yourself. You can do it.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 6 — Communication seems easy today. However, measure your words. Be cautious about new business endeavors. Do the research before making decisions.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 6 — Slow down in the risk-taking today. Caution is recommended in love and business relationships. Leave your money in the bank. Take it easy.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 7 — Your personal confidence is on the rise. Your economic confidence may take a couple more days to reach its peak this month. Plan and budget wisely.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Complaints can take you far, but only if you take them to someone who can do something about them. Otherwise, you may as well save your breath and focus on being productive.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 6 — You may have to be cautious in your romantic and professional relationships today, but you can always depend on a good friend. Talk it over.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Do you think you're the only one that worries too much? Go ahead and worry, if you must, but everything works out in the end. Be open to new work opportunities.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 6 — Your sense for adventure takes you down the road less traveled, even if you hesitate or question your judgment. Go ahead and play full out.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 6 — You may question your purpose in life. Why are you really here? Inquire openly, and listen to what comes back. For clues, examine what you love most.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 6 — A power play may occur behind the scenes. If confusion ensues, take time to get clear about your ideas. A female pays you back for a previous kindness.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — Seek help from a female teacher. Pay special attention to color today, and find harmony in your projects. You give it extra significance and special shine.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 7 — What if you could view every challenge as just one simple step towards reaching a goal? Each test could win you some new, invaluable skill.

## THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**
- Pres. William Howard
  - Ross or Rigg
  - Goatee spot
  - Luau dance
  - Blundered
  - Fritly dress trimming
  - Press, as clothes
  - Indications that mean "same as above"
  - Afternoon rest
  - Kitty cat
  - TV awards
  - Hunt illogally
  - Paid athlete
  - Thwart
  - Official edict
  - Crane or heron
  - Polynesian of New Zealand
  - Regulation
  - \_\_\_ to; like
  - Close up holes
  - Foundation
  - Affirmative
  - Across Delta
  - High-powered surgical beam
  - Abilities
  - Baby's toy
  - Become firm
  - Cold rice and raw seafood
  - Fight site
  - Exhale in relief
  - Tad
  - Demeaning
  - Halper
  - Blue-pencil
  - Door hanger's bit of hardware
  - Night twi-ker
  - Prescribed amount
  - Trimmed the lawn's border
  - Choir song

- DOWN**
- Skinny
  - Ambience
  - PC insertion of old
  - Light brown
  - Figure out
  - From Dublin
  - \_\_\_ and crafts
  - Tennis court divider
  - "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
  - Din
  - Injure
  - Unpleasant
  - Loch \_\_\_ monster
  - "Thanks, Pierre"
  - Twosome
  - Foreboding sign
  - \_\_\_ up; become cheerful again
  - Fluctuate
  - Accepts
  - \_\_\_ out; distribute
  - Stretchiness
  - Portrait stand
  - Spotts
  - Australian bird
  - "If I \_\_\_ a Rich Man"
  - Select, as the best, from a group
  - Tub activity
  - Sheep's cry
  - Eyelid hair
  - Set on fire
  - Uneven
  - Scorch
  - In the sack
  - Make over
  - Wallach et al.
  - Warble
  - Actor Sandler
  - Swiss capital
  - Definite article
  - Can cover
  - Bit of soot

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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## JUMBLE

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

VAMUE

RAPEP

GORNTS

GINPTY

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Those are your great-great-great-grandparents

WHAT THE ELECTRICIAN DISCOVERED WHEN HE TRACED HIS FAMILY TREE

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

A: THE "GINPTV"

MONDAY'S ANSWERS

Jumbles: GNARL ICING ARTFUL ENTICE  
Answer: When the guitarist auditioned for the band, he was — "FRETTING"

# SUDOKU

THE SACRAL OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 2 3 4

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).

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		8	6	2				
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MONDAY'S ANSWERS

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

TENNIS

# Women split weekend matches, men fall in Clarksville

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Although the SIU women's tennis team started the season slow, coach Audra Nothwehr said her team usually progresses as the season continues.

The women's team lost 4-1 Saturday in Chicago to the University of Illinois at Chicago, but won its first match of the season Sunday by beating Northern Illinois 5-3 in DeKalb.

Nothwehr said the team played with more consistency in its match against Northern Illinois.

"We pulled it together a little bit more this weekend," Nothwehr said. "We competed pretty hard in singles, and by Chicago ... our strengths really started to show themselves."

Nothwehr also said the team's slow start isn't much of a negative because it can develop later in the season during conference play and end-of-season tournaments when it counts.

Freshman Korey Love was the top player in both meets for the women. She was also the only player to win her singles match Saturday against UIC, winning her sets 6-2, 6-0, but she and sophomore Anatacia Simons lost their doubles match 8-2.

Love played both doubles and singles matches Sunday. She and Simons won their doubles match against Northern Illinois 8-4, but Love lost her singles match 6-0, 6-0.

While the women's team won its first match of the season, the

**66** *We pulled it together a little bit more this weekend. We competed pretty hard in singles, and by Chicago ... our strengths really started to show themselves.*

— Audra Nothwehr  
coach

Men's coach Dann Nelson said he didn't see his team perform at its best in doubles Friday against Austin Peay in Clarksville, Tenn.

The Salukis lost their doubles matches 2-1, as senior Falk DeBeehouwer and sophomore Orhan Spahic were the only pair to win their doubles match.

"We need to tweak a couple of things in our doubles play to be more aggressive," Nelson said.

Nelson said matching partners is a work in progress, and it takes time for players to get comfortable playing alongside each other before they really improve.

Aside from the doubles matches, the team performed well in singles.

Freshmen Adam Fabik, Jorge Cavero and Carlos Do Val all won their singles matches, which gave the team a 3-3 split against Austin Peay.

Although he said each freshman played well in the match, Nelson said he thought Do Val, who won his singles match



Freshman Jorge Cavero prepares to return a swing to teammate Orhan Spahic during practice Monday at Sports Blast in Carbondale. Cavero, along with teammates Carlos Do Val and Adam Fabik, won all his singles matches Friday against Austin Peay in Clarksville, Tenn. The team's next match is Sunday against Saint Louis in Carbondale. **LAUREN LEONE**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

7-5, 6-4, improved the most since the team's last meet against Morehead State.

Do Val said all of the team's freshmen have played well, even

though they are in their first year of college tennis.

"We may not have as much experience, but I think we're pretty confident in ourselves

now," Do Val said.

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**COLUMN**

CONTINUED FROM 12

NHL Hall-of-Famer and former Penguins great Mario Lemieux said Monday the NHL had a chance to send a clear message that actions in games such as Friday's Islanders-

Penguins bout are unacceptable and an embarrassment to the sport.

His statement came after the NHL had already suspended Islanders forwards Trevor Gillies and Matt Martin for nine games and four games respectively. In addition, the league fined the

Islanders \$100,000 for "failure to control their players."

Will such penalties curb fighting in the NHL or in any other sport? Probably not. Fines haven't changed professional athletes' behavior in the past, and there's no reason to think

DePietro wouldn't be willing to drop the gloves for a rematch when the clubs meet again April 8.

In any case, many fans who go to major sporting events will look forward to seeing a well-played game, but in the back of their mind, many will also go to the game

hoping to witness an event that will make the end-of-season recap shows, SportsCenter's Top-10 plays or, better yet, the Not-Top-10.

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## D.E. Daily Bark

Albert Pujols is still in contract negotiations with the Cardinals even after rejecting a few contract proposals. If a deal isn't made by Wednesday, Pujols has said he won't partake in any contract negotiations until after the season. Do you think St. Louis would stand a chance without the slugger?

Let's be honest, the man is everything that embodies the Cardinals. I love the Cardinals, but without Pujols, the team's wings are pretty much clipped.



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They would stand a chance, but the fans might tear down Busch Stadium before a season begins with Pujols on another team.



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The season Pujols leaves the team is the season that the Cubs mercilessly slaughter the poor Cardinals and riots break out in St. Louis.



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## Would Cards be contenders without Pujols?

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Salukis repeat tale of two halves

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Coach Missy Tiber said she knows the offensive limitations of her team, but she would like to see more effort on both ends of the court to improve the team's play.

"There's just a lot of things offensively we cannot do, and as hard as it is to say as a coach, we're just not good enough to do some things," Tiber said.

A 59-45 loss to Evansville (8-15, 3-9 Missouri Valley Conference) Saturday extended the losing streak for SIU's women's basketball team (2-21, 0-12 MVC) to 13 games, its longest since losing 14 consecutive contests between the end of the 2003-04 season and beginning of the 2004-05 season.

The Salukis have also yet to win a conference game this season. They've lost all 12, which marks the longest conference losing streak since the team lost its first 13 conference games in 2001-02.

Although the team managed to outscore the Evansville Purple Aces and keep its turnovers to seven in the second half of Saturday's game, Tiber said the Salukis didn't have enough intensity on offense or defense in the first half.

"You can't do that against a team that's trying to take everything away from you," Tiber said.

Senior forward Katrina Swingler said the team needs to work on putting together a complete game.

"It's been our story for the whole year," Swingler said. "As a team we just got to get in our mind, we've



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Senior forward Nneka Nwani battles for a rebound in the game against Evansville Saturday at the SIU Arena. The Salukis lost to the Purple Aces 59-45 despite 15 points from sophomore

guard Teri Oliver. The Salukis have lost 13 straight games and 12 straight conference games. SIU's next game will be against Northern Iowa Thursday at the SIU Arena.

got to start and finish."

In the first half Saturday, the Salukis turned the ball over 17 times and scored 13 points while Evansville turned the ball over nine times and scored 29.

Tiber said an inspirational speech in the locker room may have driven the players to perform better in the second half.

"Well, I probably yelled at them pretty good," Tiber said. "In

the second half I thought we were better."

Sophomore guard Teri Oliver was the second half's leading scorer with nine points and two assists. She also reduced her turnovers to four.

Oliver said she understands the team is going to have turnovers, but they still need to work toward overcoming those problems.

"As a team, we obviously need

to lower our turnovers because it's been a problem with us," Oliver said. "We just need to play as

Swingler was one shot away from getting another double-double this season before she was taken out of the game because of foul trouble with about three and a half minutes left in the game.

Tiber said the team has been struggling with offense, but the

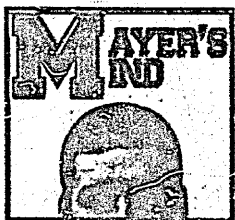
defense looked as good against Evansville as it did early in the year. "That's what kept us in some games," she said.

The Salukis' next game will be at 7:05 p.m. Thursday at the SIU Arena against the Northern Iowa Panthers.

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### STAFF COLUMN

# Fans love 'moments' as much as games



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Few sports moments are more entertaining than a goalie fight, and Feb. 2 was set to be no different.

Pittsburgh Penguins goalie Brent Johnson and New York Islanders goalie Rick DePietro squared off to have at it.

However, the first left from Johnson caught DePietro flush in the face, causing several fractures to DePietro's face and a sprained knee, which put him on the shelf for four to six weeks.

Fans who showed up for the team's rematch Friday had to know it would be a physical matchup, but few could have expected a game with a combined 346 penalty minutes, 10 ejections, 15 major penalties for fighting and 20 misconducts.

While that type of game is met

with derision on many fronts, there is no question the fans Friday at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Long Island, N.Y., came away with memories they will never forget and stories to tell their friends and family for years to come.

Sometimes the "experience" of a sporting event is better than the game itself.

Few will probably remember the Islanders won Friday's game 9-3 or the Penguins' 3-0 win the night of the goalie fight. But they will all likely remember the fights.

What's even better, is when those moments are unexpected.

## Sometimes the "experience" of a sporting event is better than the game itself.

The fans at "Disco Demolition Night" between games of a 1979 White Sox doubleheader at Comiskey Park in Chicago didn't expect the second game to be canceled because fans stormed the field and began to riot.

Fans who showed up at Fenway Park for the Oct. 13, 2003 game between the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees didn't expect to see Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez grab 72-year-old Don Zimmer, the Yankees' bench coach, by the head

and throw him to the ground. These examples all involve fights, but they are similar to watching a no-hitter or seeing a baseball player make a web gem. They are memorable moments for all involved.

Are these fights bad for their respective games? Some will say yes and some will say no, but both sides will adamantly support their views.