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“The United States of America will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons.”

President George W. Bush  
warning North Korea, Iraq and Iran during the State of the Union address.

## Bush: war on terrorism ‘only beginning’

Bush vows to double defense, homeland security spending

Alexa Aguilar  
Daily Egyptian

President George W. Bush said Tuesday night that the war on terrorism is “only beginning,” and thousands of “ticking time bombs, set to go off” are at large. To continue America's fight against terrorism, Bush asked Congress to double spending for defense and homeland security.

In his first State of the Union address, Bush also asked Congress to pass another tax cut, an economic stimulus package to stop the recession, and to back his education policies.

Few details were offered on domestic policies, as most of the speech was dominated by updates on the ongoing war.

Gus Bode

Bush sternly warned North Korea, Iraq, and Iran, a trio he called an “axis of evil,” that their pursuit of weapons of mass destruction are called the pursuit a “grave and growing danger.”

He also promised that he would unearth a “terrorist underworld” in a dozen countries, including Bosnia and Somalia.

He said that the nations would be given a chance to take care of the



State of the Union protester Charlie Howe engages in a heated (but non-violent) argument with passerby James Vaughn about American and world policies. The protest occurred at the intersection of Illinois and Main streets Tuesday afternoon and was put on by the Coalition for Peace of Southern Illinois. The intention was to show the protesters' views of what the State of the Union means to them. President George W. Bush warned the nation that North Korea, Iraq and Iran's pursuit of weapons was a “grave and growing danger.”

ALEX HAGLUND  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

problem themselves, but if action wasn't taken, America would have to act.

“I will not wait on events, while dangers gather. I will not stand by as peril draws closer and closer,” Bush said. “The United States of America will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons.”

Bush also detailed how intelligence gathered during the war in Afghanistan showed that there is still a threat to American security. He said that diagrams of American nuclear power plants and public water facilities were found, and also surveillance maps of U.S. cities and

landmarks. “What we have found in Afghanistan confirms that — far from ending there — our war against terror is only beginning,” Bush said.

He was complimentary of Democratic and Republican lawmakers for their bipartisan support of the war, and he urged Democrats to work with Republicans and support his agenda.

“Now Americans deserve to have this same spirit directed toward addressing the problems here at home,” he said.

Democrat Dick Gephardt, house minority leader, gave a statement after the speech demonstrating

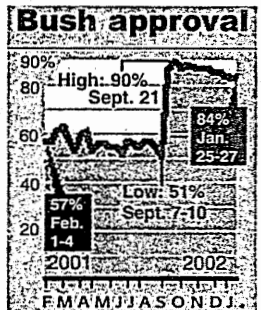
party support for the war on terrorism. But he challenged Bush's stances on dealing with taxes and health care.

Bush spoke highly of the American spirit since the Sept. 11 attacks; indeed, many of the guests at the Capitol were heroes that Bush highlighted during his speech.

He asked Americans to continue the patriotic sentiments of the last few months and commit two years or 4,000 hours to community service.

“We can overcome evil with greater good,” Bush said.

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## New RSO funding kicks in

New deadline for application Feb. 15

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Daily Egyptian

Undergraduate Student Government Finance Committee chair Mary Wallace is sure the annual RSO funding will be easier this year because of an earlier deadline and simplified application.

But some RSOs are unsure if the new deadline, which is more than a month sooner, will be any benefit to RSOs.

Wallace alerted the RSOs through the listserv she developed last spring that there were changes and that the new guidelines were designed to simplify the requests for RSO operational and activity funding.

While the Finance Committee

has yet to receive one RSO funding applications from any of the 200 RSOs for fiscal year 2003, Wallace is not worried. The new submission deadline is Feb. 15 as opposed to last year's March 24.

“Last year, most of the applications came on the day of the deadline,” she said.

The Hispanic Student Council said the early deadline might pose a problem for RSOs to fill out the form thoroughly, and that eliminated questions may mean the forms are not being specific enough. Juan Garcilazo, the council's president said he and the council's executive board have not read the forms closely.

The application asks for basic information including the number of members, needed amount for an event, how much an RSO spent the previous year and the purpose of

the organization and its scheduled activities.

Wallace argues that the guidelines will help the committee's efficiency and make the entire process easier for RSOs.

The Feb. 15 deadline gives the committee more time to review requests and determine how much money to allocate, Wallace said.

Questions on the funding applications are scaled down to similar questions RSOs will be asked in the following interviews.

Last year's application contained questions that were not even asked during the interviews, Wallace said.

Other RSOs anticipate a better system of receiving funds from USG.

“If the process is simpler, than

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## Joint project strives to improve student health

William Alonso  
Daily Egyptian

Cheryl Presley, director of student health programs, said it is ridiculous for a medical program that is accredited and respected on the national level to be practicing medicine in a dormitory.

SHS has been occupying several buildings on Greek Row since the 1960s and is now lobbying for a new building in a joint project with the Recreation Center. As part of the land-use plan, a project aimed at improving campus structure and refinement, SHS would be housed in new facilities attached to the Recreation Center.

Health Services is scattered around campus with offices in Beinhof Hall, Kesnar Hall, Applied


Science and Arts building, Trueblood Hall, the Student Center and the Recreation Center. The administration offices, clinic and pharmacy are all located in cramped dormitory buildings along Greek Row.

“We were put in these buildings temporarily in 1960. The students on our health advisory board have been supporting a new building for the last 12 years,” Presley said. “Every reviewer that has come to the University to review the program has mentioned the constraints of practicing medicine in a residence hall.”

The new facilities for the joint project will be paid for by a new \$34 student fee increase, but the process to get the project underway will be time-consuming. The Undergraduate

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**Justice department purchases drapes for statues**

WASHINGTON — No longer will the attorney general be photographed in front of two partially nude statues in the Great Hall of the Department of Justice. The department spent \$8,000 on blue drapes that hide the two giant, aluminum art deco statues, said spokesman Shane Hix. For aesthetic reasons, he said, the drapes were occasionally hung in front of the statues before formal events. The department used to rent the drapes, but has now purchased them and left them hanging. The drapes provide a nice background for television cameras, Hix said. ABC News reported that Attorney General John Ashcroft ordered the statues covered because he didn't like being photographed in front of them.

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**U.S. urging Arab leaders to pressure Arafat**

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is urging Arab leaders to put more pressure on Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat to crack down on terrorist activity, as the administration weighs its own next steps in dealing with him. The Bush administration has asked Arab leaders not to invite Arafat to Arab League summits, to suspend bilateral meetings with him, to curtail public criticism of the United States and to increase calls on Arafat to take action, they said. Bush spoke with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Monday, where he voiced his disappointment in Arafat. On Friday, he will meet with Jordan's King Abdullah. — from worldnews.com









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**Hundreds perish after canal explosions**

LAGOS, Nigeria — Rescue workers and frantic family members pulled hundreds of bodies yesterday from a canal in Lagos, Nigeria's largest city, victims who drowned as they fled explosions at an army weapons depot. The toll in the Sunday night catastrophe was uncertain 24 hours later. More than 500 bodies had been retrieved, and the work at the canal was still going on. There was no count of the military casualties at the army barracks on the depot grounds. Many victims apparently didn't realize how deep the water was and drowned when they ran and drove vehicles into the Oke Afa drainage canal, witnesses said. They were fleeing explosions at Lagos' Ikeja military base, which propelled shrapnel and shock waves for miles. A fire, believed to have started at a market near the barracks, spread to the ammunition depot and triggered a night of terror. For hours the percussive, terrifying sound of exploding bombs repeated as artillery shells lit the night sky and crashed into a hospital, a church and dozens of homes. It drove residents from a densely populated neighborhood toward the canal - and into it.

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**Argentine economy likely to slide further into recession**

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Argentina's government, struggling to turn around a four-year recession that has put the country on the verge of social chaos, said yesterday the economy could contract even more this year after a painful currency devaluation. Only two days after the biggest street demonstrations yet by an angry middle class and unemployed Argentines protesting the new government, Deputy Economy Minister Jorge Todeca said gross domestic product (GDP) could fall 5 per cent this year. "When we came into government, at first we forecast a 2.6 per cent fall in GDP ... we've changed that ... taking us to a 5 per cent contraction. The budget will be based on this forecast," Todeca told local radio. Foreign minister Carlos Ruckauf warned the country was caught between public demands for an end to bank deposit freezes and recession, as well as pressure from the International Monetary Fund to cut spending and endemic government budget deficits. — from worldnews.com

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# Disabled student finds SIU a step above the rest

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Courtney Stocking learned the hard way about which college was best for her and her disability.

Growing up with Cerebral Palsy, Stocking, a sophomore in therapeutic recreation counseling from Arlington Heights, knew in high school that she did not want to move far away from home to attend college.

With that in mind, Stocking thought Illinois State University would give her a good education at a reasonable distance from home. What she got was a disheartening introduction to college life that eventually brought her to SIUC.

"I should have come here freshman year, but I wanted to be closer to home," Stocking said.

Now starting her second semester at SIUC, Stocking looks back on her experience and knows that some colleges are just not right for certain people.

Putting up with ISU's lack of accommodation for students with disabilities for her entire freshman year, Stocking and her parents knew they had to do something to better her situation.

After looking at a few local colleges and weighing in the distance factor, Stocking finally decided SIUC had what she needed to continue her education in an appropriate atmosphere.

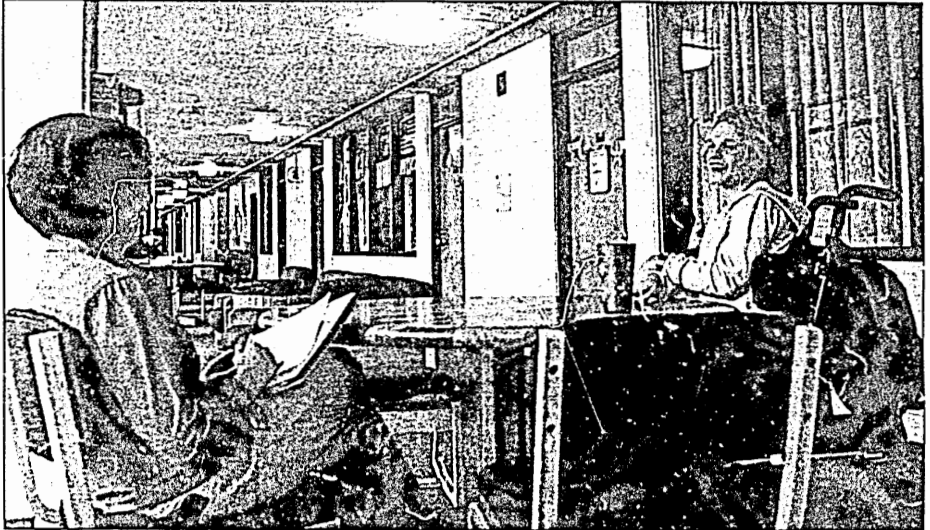
"It's so far away, but it's totally worth it. I have a friend with an accessible van that drives me," she said.

As far as getting around on campus, Stocking said after being here a semester she's used to most of the campus and doesn't have any trouble accessing buildings where she has classes, lives or works out.

"People with disabilities come back a week early so they can get used to everything, and [Disabled Student Services] goes above and beyond trying to make students as successful as possible," Stocking said.

Unlike at ISU, Stocking is now able to attend all her classes and has finally gotten back the high grades she was used to in high school.

"I couldn't make it to a class [at ISU] and I got an 'F,'" she said. "I've never gotten an 'F' in my life."



PATRICK FILE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Courtney Stocking hangs out with friend Mary Schwarz in the first floor hallway of Smith Hall. This is Stocking's second semester at SIUC. She transferred from ISU after being disgusted by the accommodations for students in wheelchairs.

After one semester at SIUC, Stocking has four A's and one B on her SIUC transcript. She attributes her success to the people around her, friends and family.

"I can't say enough about people and their willingness to help," she said. "So many people are willing to volunteer to do little things like take notes in class."

Friends are also a big reason Stocking has received such a positive influence from SIUC.

Julie Malebranche, a sophomore in animal science from Plainfield, lives on the same floor in Smith Hall as Stocking, and has really enjoyed being her friend.

"She's a great person and so personal with everyone," Malebranche said. "People come up to her off the street and say how she's an inspiration to them."

Her teachers also have nothing but good things to say about her.

"I'm glad she's doing a lot better here; that's a good sign for our program," said Marjorie Mallin, Stocking's Introduction For Individuals with Disabilities teacher and a professor of health education and recreation. "Courtney has been very active in promoting recreation for people with disabilities."

Getting out and informing people about dis-

abilities and working with those that have them have been long-term goals of Stocking. In high school, she worked with younger students to educate and make them aware of disabilities.

After graduating from SIUC, Stocking hopes to get a job in therapeutic recreation and help out grade-school aged children with disabilities.

"If they can see that an older person has a disability and is doing OK, then they'll understand it more," Stocking said.

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# Armed robbery conspirator receives six years

Sara Hooker  
Daily Egyptian

A North Carolina man involved in an unsuccessful armed robbery attempt in Murphysboro that resulted in the death of one his accomplices was sentenced to six years in prison for home invasion.

Donald Druid, 31, pleaded guilty to the charge for his role in the Sept. 8 break-in of Murphysboro resident Prentice Washington's apartment.

In return for the negotiated plea, charges of

armed violence and first-degree murder were dropped, Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec said.

"Absence of a criminal history on Mr. Druid," Wepsiec said, was a determining factor in the plea agreement.

While Druid was active in the events of Sept. 8, he was not as involved as the other co-defendants, and his future cooperation at their trials also played a part in the guilty plea, Wepsiec said.

Druid, along with Taffia Cunningham and Jahneria Singletary, both SIUC graduate students at the time, and Karen Smith and Tyre

Cunningham, of Durham, N.C., allegedly entered Washington's home armed with a shotgun and attempted to rob him of drugs and money.

Tyre Cunningham, Taffia's brother, was shot and killed by Washington in self-defense. His body was recovered three days after the shooting in the woods near Crab Orchard Lake.

Taffia Cunningham and Singletary both face first-degree murder charges, home invasion and armed violence, while Smith faces home invasion and armed violence. The three have a pretrial hearing scheduled for Feb. 7.

A fifth man has also been charged in connection with the disposal of Cunningham's body. Tolulope Adegboro, 21, and another man not charged allegedly aided Washington in dumping Cunningham's body after the robbery conspirators fled from the scene, police said. Adegboro will appear in Jackson County Circuit Court today on charges of concealing a homicidal death, obstructing justice and unlawful restraint.

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# National gas prices fall

Companies blame winter

Arin Thompson  
Daily Egyptian

The winter season means less drivers on the road, and that's resulted in a decrease in prices at the gas pump. Gas prices have been falling throughout the month of January. During the winter season, the big companies are reporting extensive losses in their fourth quarter reports because of the slower winter season.

Chevron Texaco reported a \$2.5 billion loss, Noble Affiliates Inc., an independent company, reported a \$27.5 million loss. Imperial Oil Ltd. out of Canada fell almost 62 percent

in revenue, while Conoco Inc. and Phillips Petroleum Co. took a staggering loss of 77 percent, or \$423 million in the fourth quarter.

Rich Johnson, spokesman for Phillips Petroleum Co., said the cheap prices are a combination of the winter months and the current low price of crude oil.

"At the end of the summer and fall, prices come down," Johnson said. "You'll see little jumps around the holidays, but overall people just drive less during the winter."

Tuesday, gas prices in Chicago were down to a low of 98 cents a gallon at Speedway and a high of \$1.35 at BP Amoco. The price of gasoline in Carbondale fell as low as 93 cents per gallon on Monday at the Convent Food Mart stations.

"Last week it got down to about 97 cents a gallon," said clerk Barbara McCalla.

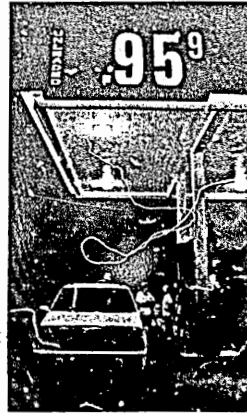
The gasoline business was booming when the prices dropped.

"Oh, yeah, we were busy," said McCalla. "The price has gone back up a little to \$1.13 today but it's still busy."

Clark and Corner Express in Carbondale were also up to \$1.13 per gallon on Tuesday.

In a report released by the American Petroleum Institute, the petroleum imports (crude and products) for the United States in December were 10,895,000 barrels per day; imports in the same month last year were 12,053,000.

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STEVE JANNEK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale residents fill up their tanks at the Murphy USA gas station in Carbondale on Tuesday evening. Prices reached as low as 93 cents.

# Jeb Bush's daughter arrested for prescription fraud abuse

By John Kennedy  
The Orlando Sentinel

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (KRT) - Gov. Jeb Bush's daughter was arrested early Tuesday on a charge of prescription fraud, police said.

Noelle Bush, 24, is accused of trying to pass a forged prescription for Xanax, an anti-anxiety medicine, at a 24-hour Walgreen's drug store in Tallahassee.

She is one of three children of the Florida governor and his wife, Columba, who issued the following statement:

"Columba and I are deeply saddened over an incident that occurred last night involving our daughter Noelle. This is a very serious problem. Unfortunately, substance abuse is an issue confronting many families across our nation."

Bush asked the public and the media to "respect our family's privacy during this difficult time so that we can help our daughter."

Noelle Bush is the second of three children and the family's only daughter. She graduated from Tallahassee Community College in 2000. More recently she attended Florida State University although she is not a student there now.

Noelle is the governor's middle child and a niece to President George W. Bush.

Her mother has worked on behalf of Informed Families of Florida, a nonprofit group involved in educating families about drug abuse.

Jeb and Columba Bush had said previously that one of their three children struggled with a drug problem following Bush's unsuccessful first run for governor in 1994. They did not say whether it was Noelle or one of her brothers.

President Bush's twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, have both been charged with underage drinking. Last May, Jenna was charged with using someone else's identification to try to buy a margarita at a restaurant, and Barbara was charged with underage drinking.

The charges were dropped after they performed community service, attended alcohol awareness classes and paid \$100 fines. A separate underage drinking charge in April against Jenna Bush went on her record as a conviction because of the restaurant violation. She was fined and her license suspended.



RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kick ball: Alex Funk (right), 6, of Carbondale, looses her shoe while aiming for the ball during a game of kickball at Turkey Park on Tuesday afternoon. Kids Korner daycare took advantage of the unusually warm temperatures and headed outside.

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### OUR WORD

## Better services for female students best cure for gender gap

SIUC is looking for more female students. In fact, increasing the 43 percent of female students currently enrolled is one of Chancellor Walter Wendler's goals for Southern at 150, the University's long-term plan to improve SIUC by its 150th anniversary in 2019.

Of the 22,000 students enrolled at SIUC, males represent 57 percent of on-campus enrollment. The gap between men and women has been as much as 60 to 40. SIUC's image has emerged as a possible factor in keeping prospective female students away. There is some truth to that.

SIUC continues to try to shake its "party school" image. Halloween riots in the past haven't helped that effort. A deeper analysis of the gender gap, however, will find that the few number of female enrollees has more to do with programs and services offered to them than rowdy rebel rousers on Halloween.

If SIUC wants more female students, the University should look at the most obvious issue for female students: campus safety. Female students enrolled in evening classes are sometimes walking through dimly lit areas, including through or near Thompson Woods and from student housing in Southern Hills.

Women's Services, a component of SIUC's Counseling Center, houses the Campus Safety Program, which offers self-defense classes and an after-hours escort service. Still, prospective female students may not worry about trekking through campus if some areas were better lit and had a more conspicuous police presence. Programs offered to female students could be more diversified.

Women's Services also offers assistance in educational and vocational decisions, but SIUC's recruiting power lies in its curriculum. If the University wants more female students, it should make a conscious effort to recruit women for classes that fall outside what is traditionally thought of as "women's studies."

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This is not a slight against the Womens Studies Program here on campus, which offers classes on Women in the Criminal Justice System and Women in Engineering, Science and Technology. The University has to attract women interested in exploring engineering, science or aspects of criminal justice as a discipline.

These particular disciplines offered at SIUC have been male-dominated through the years, but there are young women out there interested in these subjects. If they are not finding SIUC, we have to do a better job of finding them. This again speaks to recruiting. Yet, recruiting women is not made easier with respect to poor housing — on and off campus.

If SIUC wants to attract more female students, many residence halls and off-campus apartments should be kept in better condition. Parents who visit the campus may think twice about sending their daughters here after viewing some of living facilities. The city is not free of criticism in this area.

Some students find off-campus housing less than satisfactory. Better living conditions off-campus could be an attractive tool luring more women here. These are just a few examples of where SIUC can improve. Nationally, more women are enrolled in college than men. SIUC's numbers could reflect that trend with a little more dedication.



### GUEST COLUMNIST

## Being a victim of terror should not be a winning lottery ticket

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In popular American culture, a woman carelessly spills coffee in her lap and, in a quick lawsuit, is presented with a check that makes her an instant millionaire. While this award was later reduced, it was seen as symptomatic of a tort system gone awry. Americans want to see people correctly compensated for wrongful injury; they do not believe such injuries should be a winning lottery ticket. However, this country is making instant millionaires out of thousands of people because their relatives were in the wrong place at the wrong time. The U.S. government is currently offering approximately \$1.6 million to the family of each victim of the Sept. 11 attacks. This payment is in exchange for these families waiving their cause of action against the airlines whose aircraft were hijacked that day. There are two reasons that these payments should not be made: first, because it is an implicit admission that either the airlines or the U.S. government is responsible for those events. It is unclear as to where the airlines were negligent; in the past the standard of care had been for pilots to turn over the control of aircraft to hijackers. Some have blamed the foreign policy of the U.S. government for the attacks. While I reject this assertion, even if it is true, it is too attenuated for liability to be attached.

The second reason the federal government should not make these payments is that the payment disregards the victims of previous terror attacks — Pan Am 107, World Trade Center I, Oklahoma City, the African Embassy attacks and the USS Cole, just to name a few. There are no criteria established for what

sort of tragedy entitles the victims' families to government relief. There is no principled distinction between the death of someone in the World Trade Center or Pentagon and a horrible auto accident on I-57. The victims are equally dead and the families equally deprived of the benefit of their lives.

In addition to this large government payment, there are the millions of dollars that citizens have donated to the various charities set up in response to the attacks. In response to pressures from people making donations, most of those funds will be dispersed directly to victims' families rather than to help rebuild damaged infrastructure. It is estimated by the Wall St. Journal that these payments will amount to \$1-\$2 million apiece, plus life insurance and any payments individual companies make to the families of employees who died in the attacks.

The principles of tort recovery in a wrongful death action usually limit that recovery to what the decedent would have earned in a lifetime, less their annual expenses. The probability of any recovery in the amounts the victims of this event will receive is likely to exceed any judgment they would receive had they sued the Al-Qaeda network.

Whether one agrees with the above analysis or not, many will point to the alleged uniqueness of the event and the victims' circumstances, but this is not true. The scale of the attack does not make the victims' suffering any greater than the victims of previous attacks. In time Americans will come to resent these "lottery winners" (albeit with a very costly ticket), and when they do, they will be less willing to donate money and assistance to the victims of the next calamity to strike our nation.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Women who seek to be equal with men lack ambition.”

Timothy Leary

### WORDS OVERHEARD

“... there is something missing in what we have to offer. We are cheating the students of a world view that we should be offering.”

Margaret E. Winters  
interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and research

COLUMNISTS

# The "strong independent black woman": A question of identity

Many conversations in the African community seem to revolve around issues of identity and the effects that oppression, racism and discrimination have on the everyday lives of Africans. It seems in the midst of this vast discussion that the subject of the black woman has promptly been ignored.

Now many scholars, as well as other black women, probably agree. Patricia Hill Collins, bell hooks and Kimberle Crenshaw certainly would uphold the idea that the "black female experience" has been overlooked in the definition and resolution of racism and racist practices. However, my subject is a little different. I am wondering about the very meaning of the term "Strong Independent Black Woman." Now, many African women may take this column to be more capacious than critical, but I think this is a question Africans should start to ask.

What qualities do black women possess that make them strong and independent in contrast to the other members of their culture, and do black women live up to these alleged qualities once they have been decided upon? In many commentaries and discussions of relationships and "black female identity," the concept of the "Strong Black Woman" seems to continually arise. Case in point: This summer while teaching at a summer institute, my class was discussing black feminism, an argument by Crenshaw ironically enough, but in this discussion it was unanimously agreed between all the black women in this class that "black men had a culture of failure."

Now this may seem as no surprise to anyone considering the negative attention black men get. However, one has to admit it is a very sophisticated argument to be advocated by 14 to 16-year-old girls who feel that they are indeed separate and have a culture independent from that of African males. So we must ask then, what is it about the male culture that allows or prompts black females to make a cultural identity separate from what black males participate in?

This idea of being separate and independent arises from some prior conception of what black men lack. As such, it seems to be reactionary. This is also demonstrated in



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the use of such a term in interactions between African men and women, especially in critique of interracial relationships. It is commonly stated that black men date outside of their culture because they would like a subservient woman, and cannot handle a "Strong Independent Black Woman." So what qualities are making the black woman this way, so much so that it intimidates or even emasculates a black man to the point that he seeks refuge in a more subservient woman?

Some say it is education, but while it is true that more black women graduate with higher grade averages, does it hold true that the intellectual gap between black men and women is so great, black women believe that a relationship with a black man is an intellectual misalliance? Or more important; if we use this as a standard, can we say that most black women comprise the intellectual enterprises of our culture, making them the "minds of the ebony towers?"

An even more critical question is whether or not black women are living up to the mythical legacy of the "Strong Black Woman." During slavery and segregation this title was well deserved and understandable in that the black man owes his existence in many respects to the African woman. However, the use of this historically descriptive term in application to the contemporary actions of black women merits attention, criticism and deep evaluation. Many women who believe they deserve respect and praise for merely being black women, while at the same time decreasing the quality of life and culture for their people, may inspire some to be more critical in the term's application.

This is especially true since it seems to

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create competition and divisiveness in the African community. Now that does not mean there should not be strong independent black women. But using the term when there may not or are not any real world examples of a strong independent black woman is questionable. In particular, if the term is serving a practical purpose in its application and not being used as a defense mechanism or an abstraction chiding with Plato in the realm of forms. I think the consequences of interracial marriage and the long-term degradation of cultural loyalty and positive African relationships provide impetus to examine this identity.

My Nommo appears on Wednesday. Tommy is a senior in philosophy and political science. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



LETTERS

## What I want you to know

DEAR EDITOR:

As one of many concerned University students, the recent letters submitted by our students experiencing discrimination on campus has really impacted me. As an institution, one of our greatest strengths lies in our diversity. The opportunity for each of us to learn from one another is significant, but surely we all realize there are barriers to this goal.

With this in mind, I want to share with all interested parties that Student Development, in conjunction with International Students and Scholars, Intercollegiate Athletics, USG, University Housing and University Programming, is planning a Spring Symposium for Feb. 16 entitled "What I Want You to Know." The activities are designed to increase student understanding and appreciation of our differences and similarities and go one step further with the development and proposal of specific activities that might improve the campus environment for all minorities, be they racial, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation or others. These proposals will then be submitted to USG and Student Affairs for implementation where possible.

Registration is limited but open to all students committed to making a difference. Sessions will be led by our own students, and in fact, the author of one of the previous "Guest Columns" in the Daily Egyptian will be a facilitator. For more information, contact me in Student Development at 453-5714.

This issue is important not only for student retention, but also for one of the most profound responsibilities we have as a University; the responsibility of producing good citizens ready to participate in a world community. There are many of us who do care on this campus and are working every day toward solutions. This is an open invitation to all students to come and help us make things better.

Paulette Curkin,  
coordinator, Student Development

## Bloated military does little to solve problems

DEAR EDITOR:

The city of Goma in the Congo has suffered a grotesque lava attack, and its residents have resigned themselves to a life of more aggravated misery than they had before. The Afghans have suffered more than 20 years of war and devastation by their fellow humans, topped off recently with numerous 5,000-pound U.S. bombs splintered with some cluster bombs, some of which will detonate later to remind them of their suffering.

At last, the bombs have stopped. As the nations of the world gather to at least discuss the miseries of Afghanistan, Colin Powell steps forward to offer a miserable \$300 million to help with the rebuilding (but of course we hope we can deduct the cost of the bombs we dropped).

Two days later, President Bush announces an increase of some \$48 billion to the U.S. military. That's an increase to an already bloated military that will boost it to \$380 billion to start to build a missile defense system and upgrade weapons, adding more poundage, more clusters, more killing. Then we will give or sell our older weapons to all the other countries so they can proceed to kill one another, producing more Afghans.

Is there no light at the end of this tunnel? AND WHAT ABOUT THE CONGO? They are our brothers and sisters, and how dare we let them perish, while we arm the world and fantasize about missile defense.

Elsie Speck,  
Carbondale

# Cloud nine: made of asbestos and neon?

At the beginning of every semester, I make a solemn vow to change my old habits and become the nose-to-the-books, determined student I know is hiding somewhere deep inside me. This week I celebrate the fastest-ever end to Gut biannual resolution: January 28, 2002. I skipped all of my afternoon classes to fly a kite.

It's that witch Mother Nature, too. She knows I'm trying hard, and waits just until I'm vulnerable, then slips in 60 degree weather to bust my chops. I drove to Carbondale Monday morning thinking little of my papers due this week and instead spent the day fantasizing about spring break. In my mind, I was already heading down Route 66 on my way to peace of mind and warm neon signs.

The more I think ahead, however, the more antsy I am becoming for vacation to get here. And it isn't the sun in my eyes, either. Sadly, this summer may in fact be the sunset of an era passing us by in an industrial pace. While hard-core '60ers still answer the friendly call of the famous highways' many small-town detours and gaudy attractions, most tourists have traded in the country road for its more time-conscious neighbor, Interstate 44.

Even more depressing, along with the "super-



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slab" evolution comes the inevitable fatality of an American heritage decaying quietly behind the scenes. Once a long, winding Mecca of vintage architecture and pastoral scenery, countless communities find it easier to turn their heads as our all-too-recent history falls into disrepair along 66's weedy roadside and bushy overgrowth. Among our rural death toll lay the dusty remains of many deserted beacons of the past, including St. Louis' famous Coral Court Motel, torn down in 1995. And the endangered list is growing at an alarming rate. This summer may in fact bring the final curtain for John's Modern Cabins, an aging site along the highway just 10 miles west of Rolla, Mo.

While preservation activists fight to keep the windblown cabins standing, the tattered scene seems almost a tribute to what 60ers sorely refer to as the "McCulture." Heading west, tourists will notice to the right side of Route 66 a cluster of caved-in, asbestos-filled cabin walls surrounded by plants and wildlife, donning the circa-1950 neon sign for the campsite. To the left, however, one can easily make out the noisy chaos of Interstate 44's speeding motorists and semis whizzing past, oblivious to the once peaceful landscape parallel to them. Visitors can easily discern a proverbial snapshot of what happened to rural America as nature reclaims its spot. One can view the dead, the death and what killed it, all at a glance.

Writes James Howard Kunstler: of our post-war, baby boom generation, "Americans still liked to think of themselves as rugged individualists, as pioneers out on the frontier, no matter how many of them really worked as factory slaves or office drones."

While many of us may never have lived on a dusty road past an old General Store or sunny barn scene, we like to think it's still there for the taking when our city lives become smothering and our need for country air surfaces. We still like

to think of ourselves as pioneers. Show me a sunny day in Sakuli country; and I will show you dozens of SIU parking decals lining the Giant City blacktop; all transporting carloads of breezy-hungry students to the mock solitude of hiking trails and rock cliffs. Meanwhile, this plague of second and third-generation yuppie capitalism takes no pride in the more eccentric treasures left behind along the Midwest's rural routes. We may see the forest through the trees, but how many buildings will soon become hidden in the undergrowth?

In the meantime, I am packing my April suitcase early, in hopes that Mother Nature will float me another loan on this spring weather. Each day counts during the fight for our landscape, and I intend to get there before the Grand Finale.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON JOHN'S MODERN CABINS AND LOCAL ROUTE 66 HISTORY AT SPRING-BREAK66.COM OR BY EMAILING THE AUTHOR.

Not Just Another Priddy Face appears on Wednesday. Grace is a senior in architectural studies. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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# Mystery of missing Penn State student deepens

By Marc Schogol  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (KRT) - It's been almost three months since anyone has seen or heard from Pennsylvania State University senior Cindy Song, and nobody has a clue where she is.

Song, 21, was last seen by a friend who drove her back to her off-campus apartment complex after a Halloween party that spilled into the early morning hours of Nov. 1.

Since Song was reported missing by friends three days later, local police and the FBI have conducted air searches, ground searches and dog searches of this hilly, wooded, rural portion of central Pennsylvania.

Missing-person flyers and posters describing the 5-foot-3, 110-pound Song have been widely posted and distributed. Investigators have questioned

Song's friends and acquaintances and checked her phone, Internet, credit card and ATM records - and tips, including a possible sighting in Philadelphia.

The university community is offering a total of \$27,000 for information. But no trace of Song has been found.

It's not unusual for college students to disappear for a day or two, Penn State spokesman Bill Mahon said.

"They go away with a roommate or make other plans and don't tell their family and friends," he said. "A day or two. After that, you know something's wrong."

The last similar case anyone at Penn State can recall was in March 1987, when a female student was found slain in an off-campus apartment. The crime was never solved.

Hyun Jong "Cindy" Song, who is from Seoul, South Korea, came to the United States seven years ago to stay with relatives near Alexandria, Va. Song

went to high school there and then went to Penn State, majoring in integrative arts. She had many friends, especially among the university's Korean community.

Since her disappearance, Song's mother has come here from Korea several times. Song's brother, Kihoo Song, 26, has temporarily moved here from Korea to monitor the investigation, of which he has become critical.

In the weeks after Cindy Song's disappearance, there was much concern among fellow students - especially members of the student Black Caucus, which is especially sensitive to the experience of minority students on an overwhelmingly white campus.

But over time, the general level of awareness and interest has mostly vanished - as have most of the posters put up all over campus that urged anyone with information to call police at 800-479-0050.

"It concerns me, but I'm not especially afraid," Melissa Pothering, 20, a junior psychology major from Pottsville, Pa., said last week of Song's disappearance. With a new term, students have other pressing matters that demand their attention, Pothering said.

"It's like I've gradually put it in the back of my mind... It's just one thing that happened to happen. If it happened more than once, I would be concerned."

Kihoo Song is very unhappy about that kind of attitude and about the investigation. He has complained to the South Korean Consulate in New York, several Korean TV news crews that have reported on the disappearance, and anyone else who will listen.

While they understand the family's frustration and anguish, investigators say they have done everything possible - including running down bogus tips.

On Jan. 18, an area resident reported getting a middle-of-the-night call from a young woman who gave her name as "Cindy" and said: "My place is a mess and my leg is bleeding," then hung up.

Police traced the call to two teenage girls, who were charged Jan. 21 with disorderly conduct.

"We want people to know we're taking this very seriously," said Ferguson Township Detective Brian Sprinkle, the local police officer heading the investigation.

Sprinkle is frustrated, too. "We have no clues, no leads," he said. Investigators have even sent information on the case to America's Most Wanted in hopes that the TV show, which has helped find missing and wanted people, will do a segment on Song's disappearance.

Sprinkle is convinced that "somebody out there knows something about

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the disappearance." Or that somebody might have seen something. "That's the thing," Sprinkle said. "Somebody might not realize what they saw, didn't think twice about it and still might not think about it, but publicity might jog their memory." Hey I did see something that was suspicious?"

What "it" was that somebody may have seen, nobody knows. Sprinkle makes a point of saying "there are no clues or evidence suggesting that crimes were committed."

But with each passing day, it's harder not to think the worst.

Police say that Song and friends had been drinking at the Halloween party and that Song had been slightly intoxicated, but that there was no indication of any drug use that night, or that Song was impaired when she returned.

Kihoo Song continues to worry and chafe.

"Police investigators at this point are deadlocked," he said, through a university-provided translator, during an interview last week in the university's student center.

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**WEATHER MONITOR**

# Cell phone ban unlikely in Illinois

Dan Kurash  
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

**CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE) -** Legislation was passed in New York state and parts of California banning the use of cell phones while driving, but this type of legislation isn't likely to affect Illinois.

"I don't think there is any need to pass legislation in Illinois banning the use of cell phones (while driving), nor would legislators have the political will to pass the 'unpopular law,'" said Champaign Alderman Tom Bruno.

Using a cell phone while driving can be seen as no different than changing a radio station, caring for an infant in the car or lighting a cigarette. They are all distractions that divert the driver's attention from the road.

"Driving comes down to personal discretion," Bruno said. "The automobile industry expects its drivers to handle distractions, or else there would be no radios or cup holders to play around with."

However, some people believe there are times when car phones shouldn't be used.

"I think cell phone use is more involved than other normal car distractions, especially while driving in urban areas," said Anthony Hird, University of Illinois junior in LAS.

Companies like Motorola have developed technology like cell phones that allow the driver to clip the receiver to one ear. Receivers covering both ears are illegal in Illinois.

"If I license drivers who have only one arm, I don't see the need to

warrant hands-free cell phones in the car," Bruno said.

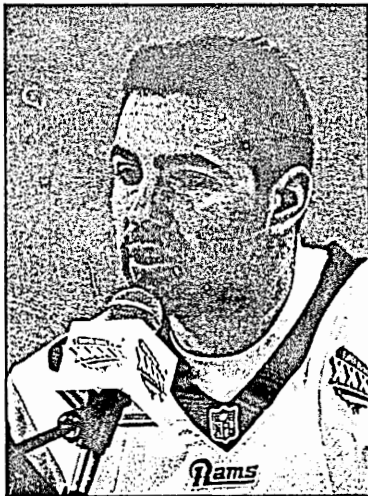
But Bruno noted conversations divert the attention of the driver more than changing a CD, especially if an argument takes place.

"It comes down to responsibility and whether the driver's focus is on the road or on the content of the conversation," said Tony Ortiz, University of Illinois Police Department crime prevention coordinator.

Many believe cell phones are needed in case of emergencies, but their use is sometimes questionable in other cases.

"If Illinois was to pass legislation, I feel they need to make the law practical to daily life because there are obviously times when it is useful," Ortiz said.

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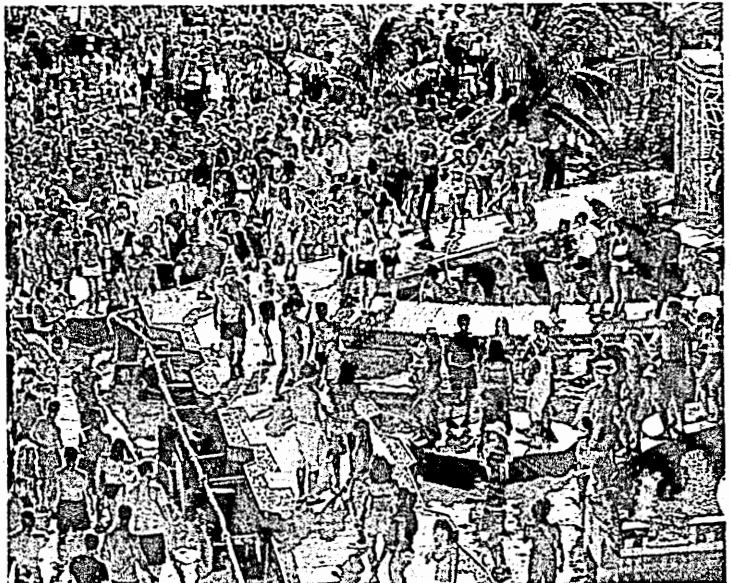


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**RSO**

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the earlier deadline should pose less of a concern," said John Li, committee member of the International Student Council.

RSOs can appeal for more funding throughout the following year after applications and an interview process has been conducted for non-annual events and activities.

Along with the revised funding guidelines, next year's general funding

account is \$510,000; about \$100,000 more than the previous year.

The increased account is a direct effect of the hiked student fees that were implemented last year.

For the school year 2001-02, USG will have distributed close to \$400,000 to approximately 115 RSOs.

In the upcoming months, the committee will work with over 200 RSOs to address concerns or questions in relation to the funding process.

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**CUSICK**

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Although Lytle is back, he's not 100 percent and the Saluki frontcourt tandem of Rolan Roberts and Jermaine Dearman should dominate the glass against the athletically-challenged Aces.

You hate to say kick a team while they're down, but the Salukis have no time for sympathetic feelings while trying to gain ground on league-leading Creighton.

And Evansville, a program rich in basketball tradition, is definitely down.

Entering the season, they were

one of only eight Division I schools with 15 consecutive .500-or-better seasons in conference play, the past seven seasons being in the Valley.

Barring a miracle, that streak will come to an end this year. And by the way things are looking, Evansville might not even be a D-I school in the near future.

UE's athletic department, strapped by budget shortages, is contemplating dropping to the Division II or III level.

While that decision isn't expected until late spring, it appears the basketball team has already made the move down.

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**STRIVES**

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Student Government will vote on a fee recommendation in late February or early March, then the general fees will be submitted to the Board of Trustees in April for discussion and voted on in May. From there, the proposal will be discussed with the Chancellor's and President's Offices for more concrete recommendations.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Dietz said he hopes all the recommendations will be discussed as early as May. When that is completed, planning money will be appropriated and the plans for the facilities will begin, he said.

It will be a year or two before any construction will begin.

On the other side of the joint project is the Recreation Center, which, according to Bill McMinn, director of the Recreation Center, is looking to obtain fitness and multipurpose space.

"The collaborative programming we could do with health services could put us on the cutting edge in the country, in regards to programs and research," McMinn said. "It would be a seamless integration of a holistic approach to student health."

A new building for the SHS would solve many of the problems the program operates under in its current facilities. Among the issues they face are a lack of rooms to house patients, continuity of care and offices that are occupied by four to six people.

Presley said students and the University would further benefit from a new building in terms of academics.

"Physical education, athletic training and physical therapy students would be able to come over and work with students at one site," she said.

"The building would also provide a place for students to complete their academic

internships. Students would no longer have to go to St. Louis to do a rotation in their fields."

Dietz stressed the importance of the academic services that a new facility would be able to provide.

"As we build a new student health center it would not only take care of the existing services that are there, it would allow us to offer new services," Dietz said. "In terms of working with the Recreation Center, students could do rehabilitation work under the guidance of faculty can't accommodate."

Yet, it will be a while before a shovel goes into the ground. Presley and McMinn talked with USG last Wednesday about the fees that would be involved with the joint project and the benefit.

USG President Michael Perry said he sees the benefit in tackling the two projects together, but has a few concerns.

"The Board of Trustees hasn't approved the building for the Recreation Center addition as part of the land-use plan," Perry said. "The board has not explicitly approved the building of the health center."

Perry said he hasn't received much feedback from the senate about the fees involved in the joint project.

Even though the project is only in the conceptual phase, Presley is ecstatic just to be discussing the idea.

"It is a dream that will hopefully come true. I hope to propel us to more of the Harvard, University of Minnesota and Virginia Tech models, where programmatically and visually it will become one of the top programs. It will do nothing but benefit the students."

Reporter William Alonso can be reached at [walonso@dailyegyptian.com](mailto:walonso@dailyegyptian.com)

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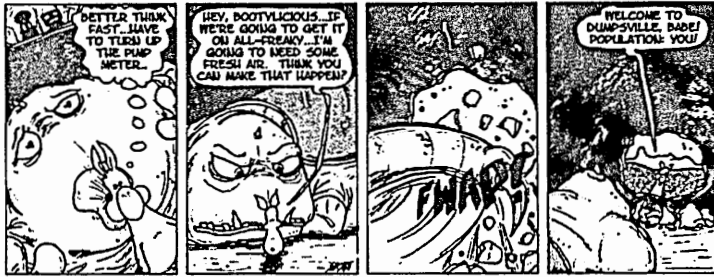
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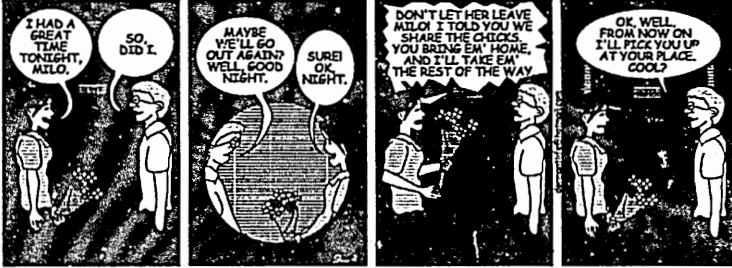
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# Daily Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

**Today's Birthday (Jan. 30).** The more you do this year to protect your future, the better you'll feel. You're confident already, and with good reason. But it's not enough to be smart. Stash some money away. You can retire in luxury some day, and the sooner you do it, the better. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 7 - Work will interfere with play. No point in whining about it. Rearrange your schedule. By about Friday night, you should have dug yourself out of this mess.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 6 - You're not alone; you have someone who wants to take care of you. Let that person fuss over you. Tip generously. It's a justifiable expense.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 6 - Slow down and go over your notes. Reassess the situation. At first it looked like the answer was simple. But the more you learn, the more complicated it's becoming. No need to rush. Don't overlook an important detail.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 6 - Circumstances are forcing you to tackle a difficult subject. This is a class you wish you could skip, but you can't. It's a requirement. Keep your chin up. You'll do better than you expect.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 7 - It looks like you won one bet but lost another, so don't race out and spend a windfall on toys. There's money coming in, but there's also money going out.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 7 - You're stronger and more confident now. You don't have to put up with an old annoyance anymore. You can tell the person in charge who's been bothering you. The odds are good you can get this thing fixed.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22)** - Today is a 7 - Slow down and go over your lists. Make sure you've done everything you promised. You've let the paperwork stack up, and some of those details are important. There are some paybacks that need to be taken care of immediately.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 6 - Something you want to get rid of could be useful to a friend. This person has something you can use, too. Broker a trade that works for you both.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 7 - You run into a critic as soon as you start your new adventure. Maybe this person can be tamed with good logic and a sense of humor. If not, try cookies.

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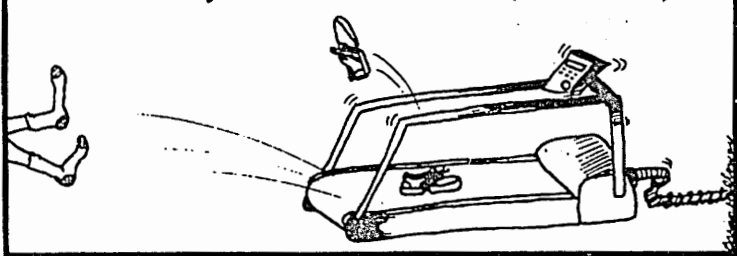
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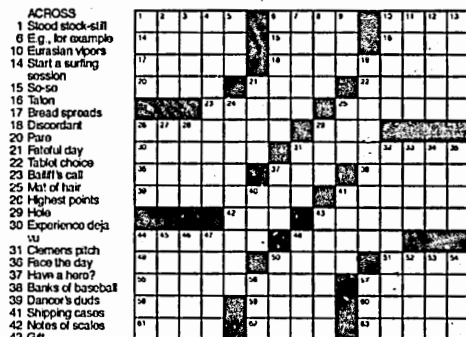


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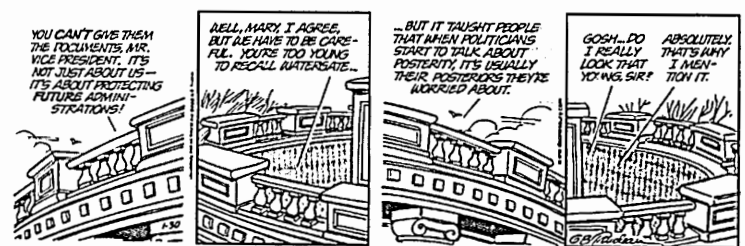


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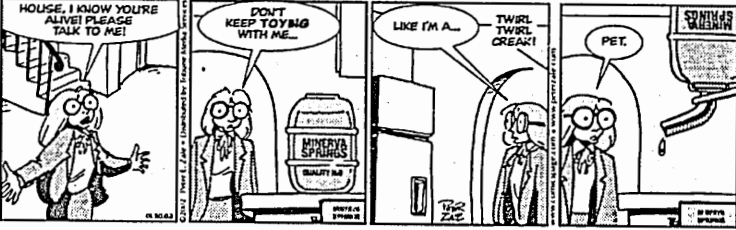
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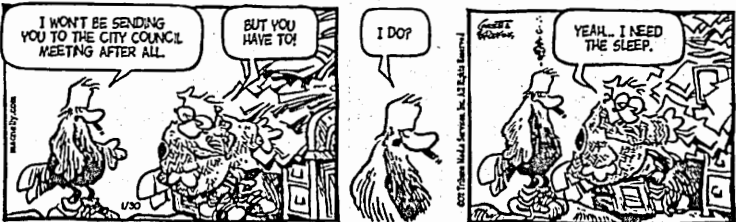
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## TENNIS

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"Columbians are really friendly and more open to foreigners," Botero said. "Here they don't talk much to other people."

Botero's English teammate, Booth, also noticed that American athletes receive more fan support than English athletes, which he is not used to and greatly appreciates.

Booth said the biggest differences between his country and this one are the amount of space, the weather and the quality of university facilities.

Booth and his roommate, Sosva, joked that their favorite things about America are "the weather and the women."

Jeffrey said international tennis teams have become the norm in collegiate tennis. She said some collegiate teams have one or two Americans, but plenty of teams have none. Either way, Americans are a

definite minority in college tennis, and Jeffrey recruits accordingly.

"I do more international recruiting, but it's not necessarily on purpose," said Jeffrey, adding that since there are more international players, she does more international recruiting. "I try to recruit the best players we can get, also looking for character and potential."

The Salukis just competed in the MVC Individual Championships, and the team won't play again until a March 1 tournament at Louisville. Jeffrey said the team's diversity has had a minimal effect on practices or team chemistry, adding that "people are very much the same around the world."

"That theory can be proved by her team's favorite women's tennis player. Her players, like seemingly every other male on the planet, pledge allegiance to Anna Kournikova.

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## EVANSVILLE

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Sophomore Aces center Dan Lytle, one of the MVC's best big men, is back from injury but still not at full speed. He's been just one of many Aces this season who have dealt with unpleasant health issues. Additionally, word that the school is contemplating downgrading its Division I status can't be much for the team's morale.

"They've just dealt with unbelievable injuries from knees to jaws to wrists to whatever," Weber said. "They've had it all, and now you've got the distraction of the program maybe changing levels or conferences, so they've just had a ton of things thrown at them."

The Aces managed to stun SIU last year in the Salukis' final home game of the season. To avoid a repeat of that, Hairston wants to see the Salukis improve the sometimes shaky shot selection they showed at Northern Iowa.

"At times we do take bad shots," Hairston said. "If we're more patient, we can get it inside and go to our strengths, what's working, and we'll be OK. But until then we have to keep working at it."

The Salukis have yet to lose back-to-back games this season, but the team still has a few kinks to work out

— namely free throw shooting, inconsistent ball movement and losing focus after winning several consecutive games.

"We've just got to worry about ourselves, be ready to play and use the home court to get feeling good again about ourselves," Weber said. "We've got to improve, and not only making progress at home, but also on the road so we can beat a tough team in a crunch kind of a game."

That opportunity will come Sunday. In the meantime, SIU is eager to put the UNI loss behind by maintaining its perfect home record tonight.

So far this season, Kent Williams and Marcus Belcher have been the team's co-captains. After the Northern Iowa loss, Weber tacked Rolan Roberts' name onto that list to try to bolster the Salukis' leadership for what he hopes is an aggressive postseason drive.

"Those three guys have to keep them focused and keep them determined and not let down," Weber said. "Because this is it now. The only thing you're guaranteed is 10 games — nine in the conference and one in the [Valley] tournament."

"You've got to play your best basketball at the end and you can't let anything slip by."

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## Saluki women try to avenge league thrashing

## SIU travels to Evansville tonight

Todd Merchant  
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's basketball team has lost 11 consecutive games, including nine MVC games, but the women are looking forward to the second half of the conference season because of the chance to avenge their league losses.

Round No. 2 of MVC play begins tonight as the Salukis travel to Evansville, Ind., to take on the Purple Aces at 7 p.m. at Roberts Stadium.

The Salukis have payback on their minds as they attempt to even things out with the Aces, who demolished the Salukis, 87-49, earlier this month in Carbondale.

Evansville is situated in fifth place in the MVC with a 5-4 mark and is looking at tonight's game as a stepping stone to a successful second half of the season.

SIU, on the other hand, is last in the conference with an 0-9 record and sees the second half as a chance to show the rest of league that it can compete.

Salukis head coach Lori Opp said her team lacks the experience of other teams and she realized this season would be tough because of that.

"We're taking our lumps," Opp said. "We knew we were going to take some lumps this year. They're a positive group and they're still working hard and that's all we can ask for."

Opp said the Salukis have to be stronger on the boards and keep the turnovers to a minimum if they want to have a chance at pulling off the upset.

"If we can take care of those two areas, we'll be in every game that we play," Opp said. "We also have to improve our shooting percentage, and that comes with taking higher percentage shots, which is something we're continuing to work on."

The Salukis — in the midst of a school record losing streak — shot a

meager 28.1 percent from the field against the Aces earlier this month and were beaten on the boards by a whopping 47-29 margin.

Freshman SIU guard Danette Jones led the Salukis with a career high 16 points against Evansville in the earlier meeting and hopes to continue her success against the Aces. Jones said she thinks SIU matches up well with Evansville, especially at the guard position, where a noticeable size advantage helped her last game.

"I just felt like I got more looks at the basket than I had before," Jones said. "There were a couple of times that I had shorter guards on me which helped me in getting my shot off."

Tonight's game is the last of a three-game road trip for the Salukis. SIU will then take an eight-day break and return to the court on Feb. 8 when it takes on Wichita State at the SIU Arena.

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## 6 men, 6 countries, 1 team

SIU men's tennis sports players come from five continents

Michael Brenner  
Daily Egyptian



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From left to right: Alon Savidor, from Israel; Cestas Tsouloupas, from Cyprus (no longer with the team); Lukasz Soswa, from Canada; Richard Booth, from England; Peter Bong, from Australia; Julian Angel Botero, from Columbia; and Coach Missy Jeffrey.

national origins, with Australian Peter Bong being the main target.

"Peter gets picked on the most because he's an Asian-Australian, which you don't see too often," Booth said. "But it's all in good fun, and nobody uses racial slurs."

The diversity also helps players adjust to their new environment. For Soswa and Blake, there is not much of an adjustment. Soswa described America as "pretty much the same thing as

Canada."

But for Bong, Savidor, Booth and Botero, it's a huge adjustment.

"The hardest part is getting used to a different culture and being away from friends and family," Savidor said.

His Columbian teammate, Botero, got more specific.

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## COLUMNIST



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## Evansville has become Valley's whipping boy

Those gaudy jersey tops. More white boys than an episode of "Beverly Hills 90210." That coach you love to hate. That could only lead to one conclusion: The University of Evansville men's basketball team must be in town.

And do I feel sorry for them. Evansville limps into the Arena tonight against an angry foe. The Salukis, still bitter over that loss at Northern Iowa Saturday night, must be licking their chops anticipating the chance to get back on the court. And who better to take their frustrations out on than the league's whipping boy? A team that hasn't won a road game all season. A team that won't win a road game all season.

Of Evansville's eight road losses, they've only kept the score respectable in two of them. The average margin of defeat has been just more than 18 points per contest when Jim Crews has taken the boys outside of Roberts Stadium this season.

That tends to happen when opponents are shooting 42 percent from beyond the arc and tallying 81 points a game on average. In past years Evansville could get away with allowing so many points because they usually had enough scorers to keep pace, but this year has been atrocious. In their most recent loss, they shot 1-of-19 from downtown and mustered a measly 41 points against Valley leader Creighton.

A factor contributing to some of these struggles, other than the obvious scarcity of talent, is the injury troubles pestering leading scorer and rebounder Dan Lytle, who has been hobbled by knee problems this season.

The Edwardsville native underwent arthroscopic knee surgery on Jan. 7, but made a speedy recovery and played just nine days later against Drake.

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## Salukis plan to tune out Purple Aces

SIU men's basketball team host reeling Evansville tonight

Jay Schwab  
Daily Egyptian

Stetson Hairston was supposed to be a Purple Ace.

The Saluki freshman wing player originally chose to suit up collegiately at the University of Evansville, but after further contemplation, had second thoughts and instead opted to play his college ball in Carbondale.

That's been a welcome development for the SIU men's basketball team, which has seen Hairston crack the starting lineup in his debut season while instantly becoming the team's top defender.

The boys in Evansville haven't forgotten about Hairston's change of heart, though. When the Salukis played at Evansville earlier in the season, several of the UE players gave him an earful.

But Hairston said a little trash talking won't throw him off when the Salukis see the Aces again for a 7:05 meeting tonight at the SIU Arena.

"I'm not worried about it — I just let it go in one ear and out the other," Hairston said. "It don't bother me."

It would be easy for the Salukis not to worry much about anything thrown at them by Evansville, which is last in the MVC. SIU beat the Aces by 10 back on Jan. 2, and Evansville (4-14, 1-8 MVC) has shown no signs of coming to life since.

But after SIU (17-4, 7-2 MVC) unexpectedly lost at Northern Iowa on Saturday, head coach Bruce Weber has his team's attention — especially with a blockbuster showdown versus Creighton on tap for Sunday.

"If we don't win this game, the game Sunday won't mean nothing," said Saluki forward Tyrese Buie.

Evansville's offense is usually a strength, but not this year. The Aces mustered a paltry 41 points in a 16-point loss to Creighton their last time out.

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Evansville University (4-14, 1-8) Aces

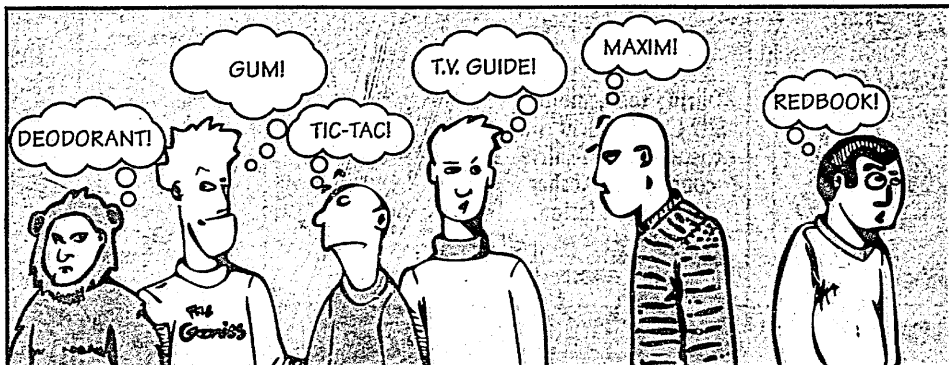
Southern Illinois University (17-4, 7-2) Salukis

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**The Word on the Salukis:**  
SIU's season-long nemesis — free throw shooting — burned the Salukis in Saturday's loss at UNI. Teams are going to be likely to keep looking SIU inside players unless they start hitting from the line. SIU handled UE pretty easily in Evansville, and will be looking to do the same ahead of a huge game at Creighton on Sunday.

**The Word on the Aces:**  
UE has had a miserable year, and recent news that the ace will be considering dropping from Division I rubs extra salt into the wounds. The Aces are a slow team and don't get real good point guard play or defense. One thing the Aces usually can do is shoot, but even that offense has been stifled at times. Big man Dan Lytle and wings Adam Selig and Chris Carter are capable scorers.

**Bottom Line:**  
SIU hasn't lost at home this season, and there's no reason for that to change tonight.



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