Enrollment drops 6.8 percent

SIUC on-campus enrollment has dropped 6.8 percent from last fall. The previous two fall semesters saw a drop of 576 on-campus students. This semester saw a drop of 521 students compared to spring 2006.

University spokesman Rod Siervers also said the decline was not a surprise. "As had as they are, they were expected," Siervers said. "We can only go up."

He said it is important to only compare fall numbers with those of the previous fall — and spring numbers with those of the previous spring — because of graduation and other factors.

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"At least it's a loss of a drop," Siervers said. "Maybe we're stemming the tide a little bit. Of course, we need it to go back the other way."

Dunn said he is pleased the gap in enrollment did not increase for spring semester. "I think we would have had even better progress, but our off-campus numbers are down," Dunn said.

Off-campus numbers consist of the university's military-based programs, and decreased by 79 students this semester.

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SIUC denies grievance for test takers

Ryan Rendleman
Daily Egyptian

SIUC Faculty Association President Marvin Zeman is fighting for his right to speed.

On Monday, university officials denied a grievance filed by the Union's grievance committee in December after 65 faculty members failed a statewide ethics exam.

In the grievance, the Faculty Association asked the university to remove the names of faculty members listed as non-compliant because they failed the ethics test during the fall semester by completing the test in less than 10 minutes.

The test — mandatory for all state employees — does not mention a 10-minute time requirement.

Zeman said the association recently attempted to bring the Illinois Education Association for help and they have contracted an outside law firm to investigate the legality of the actions taken against the test takers.

In addition to seeking legal counsel, Zeman said the union would hire an arbitrator next week if the executive committee of the union approves.

The arbitrator would examine the situation and resolve it with a binding resolution, he said.

Interim Chancellor John Dunn said the university doesn't think the grievance has any ground because the university has not handed out any discipline.

Dunn said the Illinois Inspector General's office listed the staff as non-compliant, but not the university. He said the university would rather work this issue out differently, but any outcome will be fair.

"We are confident that whatever is necessary here will be handled in a manner most appropriately," he said.

Zeman said being listed for non-compliance is discipline in itself. He also said the administration would not tell him what sort of discipline, if any, to expect.

He said the scope of the punishment could change the attitude of those listed as non-compliant. "If they said they were going to put a bullet through my head, I may do something else," he said.

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The place that Paul built

Public Policy Institute hits 10-year mark

Joe Crawford

January marks the 10-year anniversary of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. But its director, Mike Lawrence, isn't celebrating.

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Following the development of the clinic, said Sandra Maurizio, clinical supervisor at the clinic.

The institute in 2000 helped form the SIUC-based Heartland Dental Clinic, in which dental hygiene students provide care to Medicaid recipients and low-income or uninsured children.

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You don't lose a Paul Simon and have life go on the way it was. — Mike Lawrence

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Nearby $2,000 in merchandise looted from Stereo One in Carbondale

Stereo One on Sweets Drive in Carbondale had to get a new door after a burglary Monday morning.

Two stereo and three amplifiers were taken from the store. Video surveillance recorded a suspect wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, dark pants and gloves taking the equipment and leaving in a dark sedan similar to a Toyota Camry, according to a police report. The suspect broke the glass of the door to enter.

Police were alerted at about 3:10 a.m. to an alarm and investigated the store. Upon arrival officers found that the glass of the front door had been smashed. Bryce Williams, assistant manager of Stereo One, said a floor jack was thrown at the window and broke the glass.

Williams said the equipment that had been taken was worth between $1,800 and $2,000.

Hastert recovering from gallbladder surgery

CHICAGO (AP) — Former House Speaker Dennis Hastert is recovering from surgery to remove his gallbladder after he complained of abdominal pain caused by gallstones, his office said Tuesday.

The 65-year-old Republican went to Rush University Medical Center in Chicago Friday and had the surgery the same day, Hastert spokesman Brad Hahn said. Hastert, who represents the 14th congressional district in Chicago's western suburbs, is expected to make a full recovery and plans to resume his full schedule, his office said.

Last July Hastert spent several days in a suburban Maryland hospital after being treated for a skin infection. He also was hospitalized in early 2005 for removal of a kidney stone.

Hastert was the longest-serving Republican speaker in history, holding the post from 1999 until earlier this month, when Democrats took control of the House.

Former cable worker pleads not guilty in Chicago woman's death

CHICAGO (AP) — A cable television worker charged with sexually assaulting and killing two Chicago women pleaded not guilty Tuesday to one of the deaths and was indicted on charges in the other.

Anthony Triplett, 25, is charged with multiple counts of first-degree murder, rape and first-degree robbery in the two cases.

A team of police detectives identified Triplett as the suspect in the two cases after conducting a DNA test on the suspect and comparing it with samples from the two crime scenes.

Triplett's trial was set for Nov. 6, 2007.

POLICE REPORTS

A burglary from a motor vehicle occurred between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday at Thompson Point near lot 32. A backpack was reported stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

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Psychology professor instills life ambition in students

Ryan Rendleman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As a teacher for almost 20 years, Meera Komarraju has struggled to give her students a purpose in life.

Komarraju, an assistant professor of psychology, said she has pushed herself repeatedly to work hard at everything she does.

She said the high demand she has placed on herself is evident through her character as a student, mother and university teacher.

Komarraju was born and raised in Hyderabad, India, and is the fourth oldest among three brothers and five sisters. She said her father pushed education because it was the “passport to success.”

After receiving a doctorate in psychology from Osmania University in India, Komarraju came to the United States. She said her desire to continue schooling helped her cope with the difficulty of adjusting to a new culture.

“I would say that it was difficult to leave my family and come,” she said. “But it was something I was really, really passionate about and so I was happy with that opportunity.”

Komarraju said she had her first of two sons during graduate school, and her desire to care for them led her toward a teaching career because she could spend more time with her family.

This desire to spend time with family led her to SIUC in 1986 because the university offered her a part-time position, she said.

As a teacher, Komarraju said she strives to help her students figure out the mystery of life. This ties into her life philosophy that the purpose of life is to work hard and do everything the best that it can be done.

“What’s the purpose and why are you here?” she said. “To do something and to do it well.”

Psychology Chairwoman Jane Swanson said Komarraju treats all students fairly and doesn’t let negative experiences taint her future interaction with them.

In addition, she said Komarraju is an ambassador for psychology because she is in charge of Psychology 102 — a general education course that almost 1,000 freshmen attend each semester.

“She’s just great, I think, at describing the value of the psych degree, or what it is that people will get out of the department,” Swanson said, Jennifer Menak, a fourth-year doctoral student from Minnesota studying clinical psychology, has taught the class with Komarraju.

She said Komarraju makes sure to teach things that are applicable to her students.

“She relates it to things that are typical psych 102 student is going through — breaking up with a girlfriend or moving away for the first time,” she said.

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WASHINGTON

Senators warn against drift toward war with Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican and Democratic senators warned Tuesday against a drift toward war with an emboldened Iran and suggested the Bush administration was missing a chance to engage its leaders on what they said were potentially helpful talks over next-door Iraq.

"What I think many of us are concerned about is that we have active hostilities with Iran without having aggressively pursued the right path to deal with them," said Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., who in response to Negroponte repeated President Bush's oft-stated preference for diplomacy, although he later added, "We don't rule out other possibilities."

Survey: Many troops short on crucial gear

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan have complained about shortages of key protective equipment including armored vehicles, roadside-bomb countermeasures and communications gear, a Pentagon survey released Tuesday showed.

The survey found that those not getting needed gear included troops performing untraditional missions such as detainee operations and explosive ordnance disposal.

In some cases, they went ahead with the missions and called the results summary report.

The report found the U.S. Central Command and the Army's internal equipment controls inadequate and recommended improvements.

San Diego

Woman convicted of poisoning husband for life insurance

SAND DIEGO (AP) — A woman was convicted Wednesday of poisoning her husband with ant poison so she could cash in on his $325,000 life insurance policy. A jury found that Teresa Fondare, 43, had poisoned Thomas Fondare, 51, in 2002.

Defense attorneys argued that Cynthia Sommer, 33, wanted a more luxurious lifestyle than she could afford on his $275-a-year salary and saw his military life insurance policy as a way to pay for it.

In addition to the breast enlargement surgery, Sommer and her co-workers talked to beach vendors and brought home 250 pounds of Brazilian ant poison and saw his military life insurance policy as a way to pay for it.

Sgt. Todd Sommer was in top condition and died on Feb. 18, 2002, at the couple's home on the Marine Corps' Miramar base in San Diego.

West Virginia

Explosion levels gas station, killing 4

LIGHTGHT, W.Va. (AP) — Fumes from a leaking underground tank exploded inside a convenience store near a ski resort Tuesday, killing four people, setting off a wall of debris and killing at least four people, authorities said.

A state police officer was seriously hurt at the Flat Tops Little General Store, where the tank is buried in the parking lot and a sign showing the price of gasoline.

State Fire Marshal Sterling Lewis said an unknown number of people were inside a 30-foot cube of building. 500 pounds of propane was being worked on in the lot of the business.

The explosion blew candy and hot dog wrappers into trees 200 to 300 yards from the store.

A Senate Republican challenges Bush on war powers

WASHINGTON — A Senate Republican took direct President Bush's declaration that "I am the decision maker on war and peace." But there are other legislative options to force the war's end, say majority Democrats and some of Bush's traditional Republican allies.

The alternatives range from capping the number of troops permitted in Iraq to cutting off funding for troop deployment beyond a certain date or setting an end date for the war.

"The Constitution makes Congress a coequal branch of gov- ernment. It's time we start acting like it," said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., who presided over a hearing Tuesday on Congress' war powers.

"There is no climate-change denier," said Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, the top Republican on the commis- sion, but he questioned whether "the issue of politicizing science has itself become politicized."
GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Gaza’s warring factions took to the airwaves, saying those kidnapped over the past week wereLeaf 36 people dead in five days. The main benefits for businesses are that the state and attract investment and economic development there to get more job growth,” Harris said.

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But Carbondale City Councilman Chris Wissmann said the business atmosphere allows many companies to enter negotiations with a city with a hefty amount of leverage that could tilt the playing field in their favor.

“Unfortunately, we’re in an era where businesses come to town and say ‘What are you going to do for me?’” he said.

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Mark Harris, spokesman for the Illinois department of commerce and economic opportunity, said enterprise zones are a viral tool for development in economically depressed areas like Jackson County.

“It certainly is an economic development tool that really tries to help areas that are economically depressed in the state and attract investment and economic development there to get more job growth,” Harris said.

He said the enterprise zones help with job creation in areas where there might not otherwise be potential economic opportunities. He also said expansions are a regular occurrence, so enterprise zones should continue to be useful.

“It’s going to continue to be a useful tool, especially because coming from the local level you’re obviously most familiar with what the needs are and the ways to attract the areas where there are needs for investment,” Harris said.

Wissmann said the key to the success of enterprise zones and the cities that utilize them is to make sure that businesses are not abusing the benefits. He said cities must look at three things when they are considering letting a business open its doors in an enterprise zone — what the return would be, if development would happen without the enterprise zone and how much the community would benefit.

“He said businesses, such as locally owned establishments that offer real benefits to the community, should be awarded spots in the enterprise zone, and others, such as corporate stores that offer minimum wage jobs and funnel profits out of the city, should be left to conquer the market on their own.”

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Our Word

Sinking ships

The Cardboard Boat Regatta has been a staple of the university for 34 years. SIUC President Glenn Poshard called it one of the "great events for the campus," and a "signature spring event." But the university does not financially support it. Instead, one of the largest and most fun events on campus leans on donations and outside sponsorships to keep it afloat.

And that is a problem. People didn't start paddling cardboard boats across open water until SIUC professor Larry Busch, a coordinator of the event, came up with the idea as a final project for his design class. The idea exploded across the country — and the world — and brought SIUC national attention from MTV and ESPN. Now numerous colleges host a cardboard boat regatta with regulations that mirror Busch's original plan.

Larry Briggs, another event coordinator, said he has sat on several SIUC image task forces to promote the regatta as something the university should put money behind, but has been unsuccessful in recent years.

Interim Chancellor John Dunn recognized the event as an important one, but did not recall a conversation about financial support from the university.

The university has image problems. The Chronicle of Higher Education recently poked fun at the now-infamous photo of a group of students bored in a math class, the university's marketing department needs a lot of work and it's getting harder and harder to get students to sign up for classes way down here in Carbondale.

So, we encourage the university to send a little money to the regatta and put their seal on it — task force optional. A family event that promotes safety and fun in an alcohol-free environment is exactly what SIUC should endorse.

We also encourage Poshard and Dunn to build a boat and sail it across Campus Lake on April 28. Participation at an event that brings hundreds — if not thousands — of spectators would show their dedication to students and faculty — even if they don't beat the Daily Egyptian's boat.

Gus Bode says: The DE is looking for student columnists and wants you to apply.

Want to make your opinion heard on a university policy? Is something important on your mind? Do something about it.

To apply for a position, fill out an application at the DE office located in the Communications Building, room 1247, with a sample piece of your writing.
A cartoonist's perspective

Alex Ayala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

“When are you the next Alex Ayala?” is what the half-page advertisement read on the first publication of the Daily Egyptian read this semester.

This advertisement that ran on the editorial page at the start of the past two semesters, calls upon an individual to step up and take over as my position as a cartoonist of the DE, a position I’ve maintained for the past nine semesters.

Even though the ad calls for the next Alex Ayala as if it was some type of American Idol audition, it’s actually a serious and honest call for a student artist.

With graduation approaching, the newspaper is seeking to fill the position with an enthusiastic and willing cartoonist that has the capability to meet deadlines and illustrate various topics.

All of this may sound demanding, but believe me, this position never seemed like a job, but an opportunity that allowed me to take part in creating a product for you readers to see on a weekly basis.

Illustrating for my high school newspaper and participating in the graffiti scene on the northwest side of Chicago has helped me polish my illustration ability and effectively execute composition of a given space. I found similarities with cartooning for a newspaper and graffiti art, both forms published and seen by the masses, so the transition to print seemed natural.

I recall a similar ad calling upon a cartoonist in the fall of 2002 after noticing that student artists were mass-produced is literally one of the best feelings I’ve had.

I never expected to invest so much time on this craft, especially when I recall my high school adviser telling me to pursue something other than an art career since there was no money in it. If I would’ve listened to his advice, I wouldn’t have won recognition from the Illinois College Press Association, or, as Kanye West says, “got ten plaques on my wall.”

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This position has become like my undeclared major. Even though I will leave with multiple portfolios of discolored newsprint, the memories will never fade away.

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Mark Umile writes numbers in pi on clear plastic on Jan. 22 in Philadelphia, Penn. Umile memorized thousands of digits in the unending string.

**Man takes pi further**

**Tom Avril**

**PHILADELPHIA —** Remember pi? Most of us learned the 3.14 part.

Marc Umile has gone oh-so-much farther.

Earlier this month, Umile was certified as the North American record-holder for memorizing digits of the mathematical constant. He spelled out 12,887 digits, to be exact — a feat that took him 3 hours and 40 minutes.

For those whose math skills are a little fuzzy, that’s the ratio of a circle’s circumference to its diameter.

It begins with 3.14159265358979323846264338327...

and never stops, never repeating the same pattern — a string of digits that has captivated both numbers buffs and those looking for a deeper mystical meaning.

““I was really proud of him that he did it,” said his wife, Maryann. “I can’t remember a phone number.”

Umile, 40, wrote the numbers onto a portable tape player.

Then, he listened — and listened. During his commute.

During his lunch break. While walking down the street.

After 2 years, 2 worn-out tape players and more than 100 batteries, it sank in.

He professes not to be a math whiz. A filing clerk for a company that handles Medicare bills, he never studied trigonometry and did not attend college. Yet it is clear he has a passion for numbers and pi.

He’s a man with a relentless determination and the ability to ignore those who thought he was a little strange.

But why pi?

Because it’s there. Because he wanted to explore the limits of the mind. And because he wanted to hit one for the home team.

Umile first heard of pi via the Internet one day in 2004, he found the world-record list and saw that it was dominated by Asians and Europeans. He decided the United States needed another representative.

“We're not changing the curriculum at all. People will get a chance to actually apply the SIU model of it as well,” Officer Scott Miller said. "Patrol tactics are patrol tactics whether it's here, Champaign or Chicago."

One part of the class involves role-playing scenarios. In one set-up, students are placed in a pseudo-tragic stop in the role of an officer.

“We try to give as many role-playing scenarios as possible," Mathis said. "We do traffic stops and we have different scenarios that we throw at them. There may be a mock gun in the car, there may be a knife in the car, or someone may take off running."

Mathis said role-playing helps show police what officers encounter.

Along with mock scenarios, students also go on ride alongs with both departments.

“We're going to set it up that not only will they do a ride along with us, they will also do a ride with the Carbondale police department,” Miller said. "That way they get to see both sides of the department."

During a ride along, participants accompany an officer for part of an eight-hour shift. The officers respond to calls and explain why certain things were done.

"It's basically 'COPS 101,'" Miller said.

The only time the ride along participant would not be able to accompany a call is if it was determined to be a safety risk. Miller said the rider's safety comes first.

Other activities include handling and shooting police firearms and demonstrations of self-defense tactics and devices.

Part of the class is to explain thejudicial side of the law. Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wespus and Judge Kimberly Dahlen will describe different legal matters.

Miller said he hopes for about 20 participants. Tim had signed up for Tuesday. Friday is the last day to register.
Faculty Association President Marvin Zeman sits in his office Tuesday afternoon and discusses his views on ethics training.

Sievers said off-campus enrollment is a concern for the university. He cited the war as the main reason for lower off-campus enrollment.

Members of the military are reluctant to sign up for class because they are either in Iraq or afraid they will have to go, Sievers said.

Sievers said many reasons could have caused enrollment decreases. He said the increase of tuition might cause students to go to junior or community college for their first two years.

Dunn said tuition is always an issue. “The issue of affordability and accessibility is always very much a concern to us,” Dunn said.

He said the question of need-based aid is currently being addressed.

Carmen Suarez, interim associate vice chancellor for enrollment management, said she does not believe new registration procedures have affected registration or retention rates.

The new procedures require students to pay all debts before they will be allowed to register for classes.

“I think it’s actually a lot more friendly and service oriented than canceling their registration,” Suarez said.

Dunn said the policy was changed to help students sort through fees and payments in a responsible way.

The previous policy allowed students to register, but students with unpaid fees would be dropped before classes started.

Dunn said efforts have been focused on fall 2007 recruitment efforts.

In addition to the ethics training issues at SIUC, Zeman said he received five e-mails from professors at other universities in Illinois, including University of Illinois at Chicago, Western Illinois University and Illinois State University.

These professors are also addressing the training issue with their respective schools, he said. English Professor Beth Lordan said she refused to sign the non-compliance form because she thought it was unjust.

“It’s just inaccurate and really unfair,” she said. Lordan said she has no plan of action at this time. “I’m just going to wait and see how it all plays out,” she said. “If they decide to punish me then I’ll decide what I’m going to do about that, but right now I haven’t been punished.”
Simon, a native of Eugene, Ore., came to southern Illinois at age 19 after his father, a Lutheran minister, took a job in the area. After working as an editor and publisher at the Troy Tribune near St. Louis and serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, Simon began a career as a politician in 1955 in the Illinois House of Representatives.

Simon, widely recognized for donning a bow tie and thick-rimmed glasses, went on to serve in the Illinois Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives and as Lt. Gov. of Illinois. In 1988, he tried unsuccessfully to win the Democratic nomination for president.

Simon was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1984 and 1990. He began work at the institute immediately after his second term. Simon, at age 75, died in December 2003 after heart surgery in Springfield.

Patti Simon, who wed the former senator in May 2001, said he was a “super-optimist” whose ambition occasionally made some around him anxious.

“You’d think, ‘oh boy, what is he going to have us do now?’” she said.

Lawrence said he worried he was fighting a losing battle when Simon made him the spokesman for the campaign finance reform project.

“One of the things Paul felt was that we should be a do-tank rather than a think-tank,” Lawrence said. In January 1996, Simon said he wanted to establish an action-oriented institute.

“What I am interested in is not an institute that simply has a good intellectual exchange with a volume on a shelf in the library gathering dust,” he said.

Patti Simon said she believes her late husband would be pleased with what the institute has accomplished since his death.

“There are topics that Paul might not have brought in, but that goes with the passing of the torch,” she said.

Lawrence said he is confident the institute has remained true to Simon’s vision, but it has undoubtedly suffered in his absence.

“You don’t lose a Paul Simon and have life go on the way it was,” he said.

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Madonna's "The Confessions Tour"

Release date: Jan. 30, 2007

Label: Warner Bros.

If you look into the sky on a clear night, you can almost see Madonna's star falling before your eyes.

Madonna was once one of the most popular and respected pop stars on the planet. Sadly, those days are long gone and all she has left is atrocity draped like her latest, "The Confessions Tour: Live From London."

Somewhere in between adopting African babies, developing an alien accent that is neither English nor American and ruining the film career of director/husband Guy Ritchie, Madonna has found ample time to chart out unexpected, unoriginal banal techno-pop for the past decade. Unfortunately for all of us, she simply refuses to take a cue from the likes of Lyrnd Skynyrd, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Buddy Holly.

Where's a helicopter and a hill in Wisconsin or a prop plane when you need one, really?

Make no mistake, "The Confessions Tour" is an awful and atrocious album. Filled with keyboards, electronic drums, processed vocals and synthesized instruments, it's quite possibly the least live-sounding live album ever released.

Songs such as "Jump" and "Confessions" are not a mere taster of what is to come, but indeed the song choices and arrangements are a treat for the ears only. Vocalists such as James Ingram, Michael Bublé, Lionel Richie, Stevie Wonder and Bruce Springsteen simply make no sense, but Madonna refuses to take a cue from the likes of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Buddy Holly.

"The Confessions Tour" is a total lack of musicality, a lack of meaning, a lack of substance, a lack of inspiration, an insult.

With all the talk about the new/old "Like a Virgin" song, it's a good question to ask yourself - how many songs does it take to bring back meaningful music or at least to bring back meaningful lyrics? Well, according to "The Confessions Tour," it takes a total of approximately five lines to bring back meaningful music or at least to bring back meaningful lyrics. The point is not to simply remind music fans how bad the pop world has become or to kick Madonna while she's down. Admittedly, though, that's fun.

The point is that "The Confessions Tour" is an example of everything currently wrong with music and a warning for Madonna to stop before powers much higher than me have to intervene for the good of the world.

Gloria Bode says there's no need to download, there's a bargain bin of CD reviews online at siude.com

Norah Jones 'Not Too Late' soothing, sensual

Julie Engler

Norah Jones 'Not Too Late'

Release date: Jan. 30, 2007

Label: Blue Note Records

Norah Jones approaches songwriting in her own personal way on her latest release, "Not Too Late," a collection of 13 relaxed, jazz and even some more parts country, tracks. Featuring special guests such as M. Ward, operatta "Sinkin' Soon" is flared full of contenctness, "Reservoir Dogs," "Jump," and "Confessions" are not a mere taster of what is to come, but indeed the song choices and arrangements are a treat for the ears only. Vocalists such as James Ingram, Michael Bublé, Lionel Richie, Stevie Wonder and Bruce Springsteen simply make no sense, but Madonna refuses to take a cue from the likes of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Buddy Holly.

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The album isn't terrible by any means. It has a large amount of really strong songs such as "Love Song No. 7" that trounces on a somber piano path guitars that bounce back and forth along-side a jaunty tambourine and a soft whistle.

"Emily Jean Snick" is a really great song and it's where the band really shines with their varied approach. The usual yelp of Alec Ounsworth really sounds like it fits with the buzzing guitars and ringing bells.

The band even goes for a straight ahead dance tune with "Satan Said Dance," with goofy bleps and a speedy beat. The song is about a different kind of Hell, one where Satan makes you dance until you drop. Strange song lyrics that make the album hit on different levels.

The album really feels like it echoes in many of the tracks such as "Men in You." This probably has something to do with the band existing the hely of Dave Fridmann, who has worked with bands such as Mercury Rev and The Flaming Lips, a true ale's inciting the band to explore being spacer on tracks, and sometimes it does work.

The album would have been much stronger if it had held to a consensus tenent sound. Instead, it feels like a collection of songs that might not have all deserved to be put on a full length. Each song feels like it was crammed with noise and lacks the simple charm that their self-titled possessed.

For the rabid fans, this will be a treat. For everyone else, the head scratching will probably continue.
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By Linda Black

Today’s Birthday (01-31-07), follow through this year on projects you’ve already started. There are big bucks to be made if you’re perseverant. Also keep your costs down so you end up with a profit.

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 6 - Allow events to transpire naturally, while watching. You’re in for a pleasant surprise. Believe in miracles.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - The more you study, the more you see the great value in having good friends. Now is a good time to have them help you carry a heavy burden.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 9 - Gather up as much as you can, graciously of course. More money and status for doing less manual labor is your objective.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - Move quickly, and use your imagination. You can solve an old problem simply by trying something you’ve never done before.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Follow through on the project initiated yesterday. Once that’s done, it’ll be easy to see what you need to do next.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Continue to encourage your teammates to advance toward the goal. They can accomplish amazing things with your direction and support.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Nobody’s going to tell you what to do in this situation. You get to figure it out and hold yourself to your own schedule. You get to keep all the risks, and you’ll get all the credit.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - The people who know you best believe you can do just about anything. Don’t argue, that would be disrespectful. Give it your best shot.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - A private family celebration is in order. Do something nice for the others, even if you don’t like it yourself. They’ll think you’re wonderful, and you’ll gain points.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - If you get nothing else done today, let people know how much you appreciate what they’re doing for you and are doing for you now. Without them, you’re nowhere near as effective.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Concentrate on understanding exactly what’s requested. Then, provide something the client will like even better.

Sudoku

Solution to Tuesday’s puzzle

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“Can’t find where that Funky Spling is coming from in your apartment?”

“Find a new apartment in our Classifieds”

“The Daily Egyptian is the key to any great civilization!”

— Gusimus Maximus
Schnitker is not on the Sycamores’ roster this season, but SIU could. Chris Lowery said his team will have to play well defensively.

“We have to play hard. We have to make them make decisions from the floor and it looks like the ball is tipped up until the end of the game,” Lowery said. “If we can get our defense out and relax and make plays like they did last year, that could get us in trouble at the end. If we go at them, and attack them on both sides of the ball then we might get success.”

The Sycamores (1/10, 8-9) have been attacking each of their last two opponents with tight defense. Their defensive intensity has forced 48 opponents turnovers in the last two games.

For the Sycamores (11-9, 4-6), the morning rounds felt terrible empty.

“I think the morning rounds felt terrible,” said Richardson, the chief of surgery for the University of Louisville. “One day after Barbaro was euthanized, Richardson had plenty to do Tuesday. Back in surgery, he said his voice cracking. “I don’t really want to be amongst a group of people that really love and grieving, I mean, it gets peaceful and “remarkably loving.”

“Since the beginning of the week, Richardson’s morning rounds felt terrible empty. “I’ve been getting up before six every morning for the last eight months, Richardson said after his morning rounds was Barbaro’s ICU stall.

Richardson looked into the colt’s bright eyes and when he was comforted and formed an emotional bond with the Kentucky Derby winner. Richardson said it was the loudest he remembers the Arena being since the Indiana game on Dec. 1, 2001 — a 72-60 Sycamore victory.

Coach Lowery and the team would like as many students as possible to bring energy into the arena for this important game,” Trude said. The SIU ticket office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Richardson: ‘Still hard to deal with” Barbaro’s death

Dan Gelston
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KENNED’S SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — For the last eight months, one of Dean Richardson’s first stops every morning rounds was Barbaro’s ICU stall.

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Eikenberg said the zone also protects the inside whereas the man-to-man protects the outside shot. “We’re able to put more pressure on the ball when we play man,” Eikenberg said. “It helps our ability to cover various screens.”

A good man-to-man defense should shut down the ball handlers at the point of attack because if the team is athletic enough, each player should be able to stay with their counterpart.

Burris said a variety of skill sets make the defense run smoothly. “We play to our strengths because this team has players who are fast and some who are slower,” Burris said. “The balance on defense helps people get into good positions.”

In addition to cutting back on points, the defense creates more turnovers, which can lead to quick points on the other end.

The Salukis boast two starters in the top 10 in steals for the MVC. Sweere is third on the list averaging 2.1 steals per game while Smith is eighth averaging 1.65 spg. As a team, SIU averages 8.05 spg.

The Salukis are second in the MVC in rebounding margin averaging 2.8 more rebounds than their opponents.

Olsen said one of the benefits of man-to-man is the simplicity of boxing out on the low post, which contributes to SIU being first in the conference in defensive rebounds per game at 30.1.

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Marvin Harrison looms as the opposite of Terrell Owens

Mark Craig
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE
MIAMI — Prima donna receivers in Cincinnati and Oakland and Dallas would have relished every tick of all 60 minutes. But this was Marvin Harrison, and he had the look of a man cleaning his garage on a sunny day. “This,” he said, “is not my favorite thing to do.”

Harrison normally rejects all national interview requests out of hand. He often will go more than a month without talking to reporters who cover his Indianapolis Colts. But on Tuesday at Dolphin Stadium, the 11-year veteran and probable future Hall of Famer experienced his first Super Bowl media day, the annual loosey-goosey gabfest that goes against pretty much everything Harrison believes in when it comes to football, talking and NFL receivers.

“I just don’t think there’s that much to talk about,” he said. “I don’t mind talking this week, although it’s a little nerve-wracking right now with so many microphones and cameras in your face. And I’m a little uncomfortable with all the eyes.”

It’s strange hearing that from a receiver in 2007. After all, it’s a position that probably leads all others in divas per capita among professional sports teams.

Cowboys receiver Terrell Owens has never met a camera he didn’t mug for. Oakland’s Randy Moss doesn’t crave it as much, but once he gets going, look out.

And Cincinnati’s Chad Johnson loves the spotlight so much that a news release about his Super Bowl party was distributed in the Super Bowl media center this week. Harrison has 122 regular-season touchdowns and more than 13,000 receiving yards. That’s more than T.O., more than Moss, more than Johnson.

But Harrison often goes overlooked because he keeps his mouth shut and his celebration dancing shoes locked away.

If he wins the Super Bowl MVP, it would strike another blow for humble receivers because it would come a year after Pittsburgh’s Hines Ward won the award. “I don’t know why I’m not flamboyant,” said Harrison, shrugging his shoulders as if it really mattered. “But I do enjoy what I do on the field. Everybody has things they do during the course of a game. I don’t know why I’m different.”
As a Lions fan, I know, I’ve heard all of the jokes. Love the Lions. Hate the Bears. Better than Scott Baker does. I bleed Honolulu Blue.

I'm not entirely sure the battle is that simple. As much as it's been overrated, Grossman will make or break the Bears. If he improves on his okay performance last week against the Saints, Grossman puts the Bears in the driver's seat. We forget the Colts have a good defense, so it will be Colts D vs. Grossman and his running backs.

I mean it's just you don't get a chance to huddle up. Comeback Nathan Vasher said. “We have signals, other ways for the defense to know what to do. We practice on that. This won't be the first no-huddle we played this season, and I think we'll adjust to it well, to just go out and make plays.”

The Bears needed to make these plays at times without being able to substitute. They'll have to adjust to the quick tempo Manning and his mates covet. And, perhaps most daunting, they might have to outthink the maestro. “He puts in the work and it shows on the field,” added the other starter at cornerback, Charles Tillman. “He knows how to get you off balance and actually do it. So you just have to try to disguise as much as you can and see if you can surprise him a couple of times.”

The element of surprise often is eliminated by the element of speed. If the Colts can operate on a quick pace, it complicates an already complex challenge for Chicago. Sissingh the Holy offense is difficult enough with Manning. Pro Bowl receivers Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne, tight end Dallas Clark, running backs Joseph Addai and Dominic Rhodes and a strong offensive line. Thwarting it at warp speed, it complicates an already complex series could be too much to ask.

Forget all of Manning’s histories at the line: the pointing, the backing off, turning around to instruct teammates, slapping his helmet, calling out signals — fake and real. The true beauty of the no-huddle is how it can force defenses to be imbalance against one of the NFL’s most dangerous offenses. "Tom Moore has given me more freedom and trust and more responsibility," Manning said, referring to the Colts’ longtime offensive coordinator, the only one Manning has played for in nine seasons. "Meanwhile, I can call some of my plays and I have the ability to change plays — that’s more responsibility.

"Of course, if you change to one that does not work, you feel so much more responsible for that. So maybe you try harder to make it work.”

It’s worked very well since Manning came into the league as the No. 1 overall pick and started from Day 1 as a rookie in 1998. The no-huddle has been a part of the scheme for much of his career. He likes it, the coaches like it, even the Internet like it.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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Feb. 13 Missouri State 7:05 p.m.
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**Women’s Basketball**

Women master man-to-man defense plays role in 8-1 conference

Matt Hartwig  
*Daily Egyptian*

The SIU women’s basketball team has made playing defense look easy.

As of Sunday, the Salukis (12-8, 8-1) have the No. 1 scoring defense in the Missouri Valley Conference, allowing 63 points per game throughout the season and only 58.2 in conference play.

The defense has been the driving force behind the Salukis this season, which has coincided with their best conference start since the 1993-94 season.

While the foundation of the man-to-man defense isn’t as complex as zone, it is important to understand how SIU sets up its top ranked defense.

The coaching staff has a background running the defense dating back to its playing days.

Coach Dana Eikenberg has run a man-to-man scheme since her collegiate career at Penn State and assistant coach Judy Adams ran the defense at Tennessee, one of the most heralded programs in women’s basketball history.

Eikenberg said a good man-to-man defense requires great energy, endurance and physicality.

“Our athleticism is good in the post and we can switch out to a bigger guard on the perimeter,” Eikenberg said. “Our goal is to disrupt the highest percentage offense of our opponents.

The scheme the Salukis use, it’s the players who make the defense run to near perfection.

The women’s regular rotation is quite similar to the men’s setup.

SIU uses a three-guard set with a pair of forwards. The starting guards are sophomore Erica Smith and juniors Debbie Barris and Jayne Sweere.

The Saluki frontcourt consists of senior Carlai Moore and freshman Dana Olsen.

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The Salukis have played 15 conference games at SIU Arena. The Saluki women’s basketball team has the top ranked scoring defense in the Missouri Valley Conference.

**The view from both sides:**

Walk-on has inside track for career goals

Scott Mieszala  
*Daily Egyptian*

C.J. Smith knows what SIU basketball looks like on the court and from the sidelines.

The senior guard has played 15 minutes and scored two points in his four years as a walk-on for men’s basketball team, but said he has used basketball as a stepping stone for another passion — broadcasting.

“Smith, a radio and television major from Chicago, was an announce on WSUI-TV when the Salukis played at Evansville Jan. 17.

“Obviously he’s not a kid who’s going to go to the NBA or has a big future in basketball,” SIU coach Chris Lowery said. “But he’s used basketball as a stepping stone to another avenue and that’s what your kids have to be able to do.”

Mike Trude, the athletic department’s promotions and marketing director, called the game alongside Smith.

“It was the first game he’d ever done, so I know he was nervous,” Trude said. “I think as we went along in the game, he got more comfortable in what he was doing.”

Smith was the sideline reporter Jan. 10 when SIU played at Bradley, which Trude said indicated Smith would be capable of giving strong insights as an announcer.

“Trude said he and Smith needed just two takes for the game show. The two actually succeeded in one take, but Trude said it was lost in the TV truck.

“What I liked is that he wasn’t scared,” Trude said. “When you can knock out a good game show in one take and have it good enough to air, that’s pretty good for a guy who’s never done it before.”

Smith said his goal in broadcasting is to be a studio analyst, such as Kenny Smith or Charles Barkley on Inside the NBA.

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The Sycamores have lost five games in a row. Last season they had lost 11 consecutive games prior to arriving in Carbondale, when Sycamore’s Tison Schnitker scored 24 points, leading his team to a 63-54 win over SIU.

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