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Enrollment drops 6.8 percent

Sarah Lohman
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC on-campus enrollment has dropped 6.8 percent from last semester, according to enrollment numbers released Tuesday.

Current on-campus enrollment is 17,285 students — down 1,263 students from fall 2006.

Interim Chancellor John Dunn said the drop was predicted because spring enrollment is traditionally lower than fall.

Total enrollment for spring 2007 dropped 2.9 percent, or 528 students, from spring 2006.

University spokesman Rod Sievers also said the decline was not a surprise.

“As bad as they are, they were expected,” Sievers 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.

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.

“At least it’s less of a drop,” Sievers said. “Maybe we’re stemming the tide a little bit. Of course, we need it to go back the other way.”

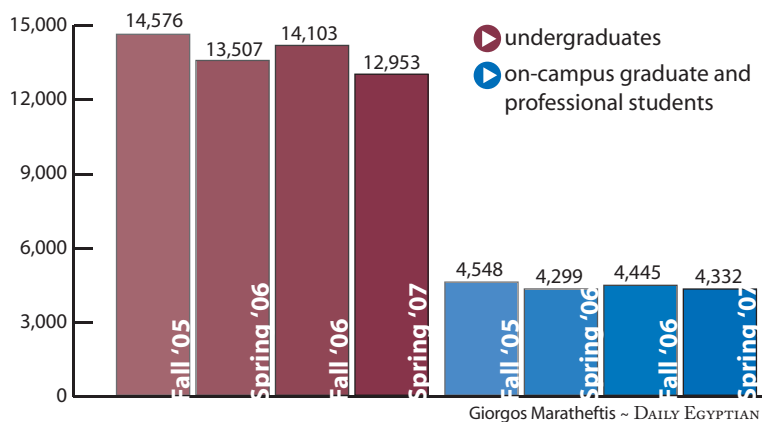
Dunn said he is pleased the gap in enrollment did not increase for spring semester.

“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 on-campus enrollment since fall 2005



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A photograph of Mike Lawrence and Paul Simon hangs in Lawrence's office at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. Lawrence took over the position as director after Simon's death in 2003. Simon founded the institute in 1997.

The place that Paul built

Public Policy Institute hits 10-year mark

Joe Crawford
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

January marks the 10-year anniversary of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

But its director, Mike Lawrence, isn't celebrating. “To me, and I believe to Paul, milestones ought to be measured in accomplishments and not in years,” Lawrence said.

The institute, formed in 1997 by the late former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, has seen its share of achievements.

Nationally known for hosting speakers ranging from Barbara Bush to Walter Cronkite, Lawrence said the institute has also helped make significant changes to public policy.

In 1998, the institute brought together a group of Republicans and Democrats to form a consensus on campaign finance reform in Illinois. The legislation that resulted forced politicians to be more candid with their sources of fundraising.

“Until that legislation was enacted, it was legal in Illinois for a politician to use campaign contributions to buy a car or build an annex on a home or pay tuition for a son or daughter,” Lawrence said.

Former Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar signed the bill at the institute to emphasize the role that its personnel played in passing the legislation, said Lawrence, a longtime journalist and Edgar's former press secretary.

The institute in 2000 helped form



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Mike Lawrence, the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, talks on the phone in his office with a representative of Sen. Barack Obama's office Tuesday afternoon.

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

The institute was instrumental in not only the opening, but also the development of the clinic, said Sandra Maurizio, clinical supervisor at the clinic.

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“You don't lose a Paul Simon and have life go on the way it was.”

— Mike Lawrence
 director, Paul Simon
 Public Policy Institute

SIUC denies grievance for fast 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 appealed to 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 grounding because the university has not handed out any discipline.

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

“I'm quite 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 most fun I'll have all semester | 11% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I at least stayed awake | 31% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lame & boring as usual | 16% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| So boring that I was tempted to gouge my eyes out | 16% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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• Cost for this program is \$325, and all materials are included
• For more information, contact the SIUC-Division of Continuing Education at 618-536-7751

Black male round table
• 6 p.m. today at Grinnell Hall, Lower Level
• Discussion group addressing issues of SIUC black male population
• Contact Alfred Jackson at 618-453-6748 for more information

Men's basketball vs. Indiana State
• 7:05 p.m. today at the SIU Arena
• Tickets prices range from \$12 to \$20 for adults and \$8 to \$20 for high school and younger depending on seat location, SIU student admission is free with a valid SIU Student ID
• Contact Julie Beck at 618-453-5153 for information on group discounts

National Association of Black Journalists
• 5 to 6 p.m. today at the Communications Building, Room 1244
• General meeting discussing plans for Black History Month
• Contact 618-453-3289 for more information

Housing Social Justice Committee meeting
• 5 p.m. Thursday at Grinnell Hall, Lower Level
• Meeting to discuss upcoming production of Tunnel of Oppression
• Individual students, faculty and staff members and RSO groups invited to participate
• Contact Alfred Jackson at 618-453-6748 for more information

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Submit calendar items to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call 618-536-3311, ext. 266.

NEWS BRIEFS

Nearly \$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 stereos 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 Corolla, 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 on 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, aggravated criminal sexual assault, robbery and residential burglary in connection with the deaths of Roxula Sakowska, 23, and Janice Ordridge, 39.
Prosecutors have alleged Triplett was working for a Comcast contractor when he killed the women after entering their homes for service calls.
Ordridge's partially clothed body was found in the bath tub of her home in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood Oct. 23, two days after Triplett allegedly paid a service call. Sakowska's body was found in the bath tub of her South Side home on Dec. 8, the same day Triplett had been there, authorities said.

POLICE REPORTS

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

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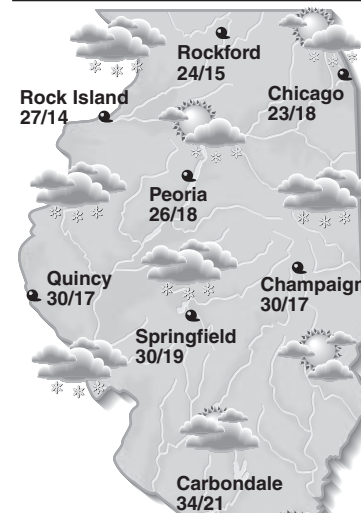
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Illinois Weather



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| Edwardsville | 32 | 19 | c | 33 | 18 | c | | |
| Moline | 27 | 14 | sf | 25 | 14 | c | | |
| Mt. Vernon | 34 | 21 | c | 30 | 20 | sn | | |
| Paducah | 36 | 22 | c | 33 | 25 | sn | | |
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 High/low yesterday 35°/18°
 Normal high/low 41°/21°
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 Normal month to date 2.81"
 Year to date 3.37"
 Normal year to date 2.81"

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 Moonrise today 3:46 p.m.
 Moonset today 6:17 a.m.

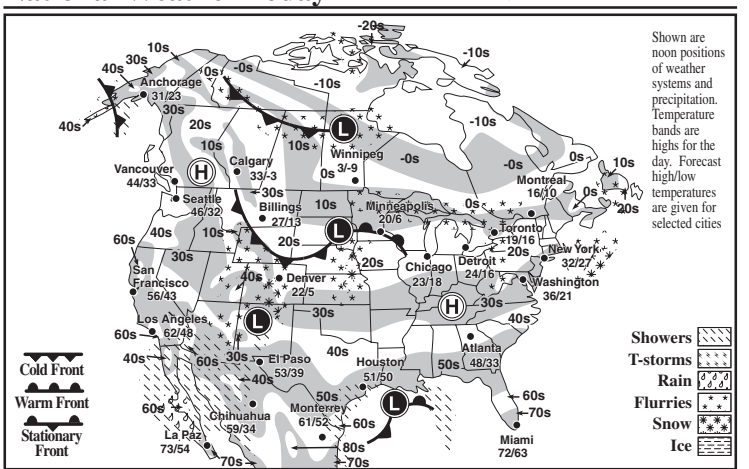
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| Denver | 22 | 5 | sn | 26 | 4 | c | | |
| Indianapolis | 30 | 21 | pc | 28 | 22 | sf | | |
| Kansas City | 28 | 14 | sn | 28 | 13 | c | | |
| Las Vegas | 59 | 40 | c | 58 | 38 | s | | |
| Nashville | 38 | 27 | pc | 38 | 31 | sn | | |
| New Orleans | 52 | 51 | c | 72 | 54 | r | | |
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Promoting purpose

Psychology professor instills life ambition in students

Ryan Rendleman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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

Komaraju, 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.

Komaraju 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, Komaraju 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."

Komaraju 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, Komaraju 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 Komaraju treats all students fairly and doesn't let negative experiences taint her future interaction with them.

In addition, she said Komaraju 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 Mrnak, a fourth-year doctoral student from Minnesota studying clinical psychology, has taught the class with Komaraju.

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

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

Professor Profiles

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Meera Komaraju an assistant professor of psychology has been at SIU for 20 years.
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Ballroom D**

Polls show the majority of Americans consider themselves to be in the "middle" when it comes to partisan politics. Yet, those on the extremes have a disproportionate influence when it comes to nominating presidential and statewide candidates in much of the nation.

As Joe Klein wrote in *Politics Lost*, "Both parties swan toward the extremes, since the extremists are the most adept at raising money and crowds, using direct mail, negative advertising, and the other dark arts of political consultancy."

Three highly successful political moderates — Republicans Jim Edgar of Illinois and Christie Whitman of New Jersey and Democrat Ben Nelson of Nebraska — helped influence national policy as governors in the 1990s. Today Nelson serves in the Senate, where he and several other moderates have formed a bipartisan bloc that has made a difference. The three of them, in a discussion moderated by institute director Mike Lawrence, will explore how a potentially powerful section of the American electorate can be energized and galvanized.



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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 longtime adversary in potentially helpful talks over next-door Iraq.

"What I think many of us are concerned about is that we stumble into active hostilities with Iran without having aggressively pursued diplomatic approaches, without the American people understanding exactly what's taking place," Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., told John Negroponte, who is in line to become the nation's No. 2 diplomat as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's deputy.

Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., a possible presidential candidate, asked Negroponte if he thinks the United States is edging toward a military confrontation with Tehran. In response, 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 experienced shortages of key protective equipment including armored vehicles, roadside-bomb countermeasures and communications gear, a Pentagon survey released Tuesday shows.

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

In some cases, they went ahead with the work anyway, used informal means, the report summary said.

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

SAN DIEGO

Wife convicted of poisoning husband for life insurance

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A woman was convicted Tuesday of murdering her Marine husband with arsenic so she could cash in on his \$250,000 life insurance policy, some of which she used to have her breasts enlarged.

Prosecutors argued that Cynthia Sommer, 33, wanted a more luxurious life-style than she could afford on her 23-year-old husband's \$1,700 monthly salary and saw his military life insurance policy as a way to "set herself free."

In addition to the breast enlargement surgery, Sommer's friends and co-workers testified, she threw wild parties and had casual sex with multiple partners in the weeks after her husband's death and the payment of the insurance policy.

Sgt. Todd Sommer was in top condition when he collapsed 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

SGHENT, W.Va. (AP) — Fumes from a leaking propane tank exploded inside a convenience store near a ski resort Tuesday, shattering the building into a pile of debris and killing at least four people, authorities said.

At least five other people were seriously hurt at the Flat Top Little General Store, where little remained except twisted metal and a sign showing the price of gasoline.

State Fire Marshal Sterling Lewis said an above-ground tank capable of holding 500 pounds of propane was being worked on at the time of the blast.

The explosion blew candy and hot dog wrappers into trees 200 to 300 yards from the store, said Mike McDonough of nearby Flat Top.

Audit: Millions in Iraq reconstruction aid wasted

Hope Yen

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government wasted tens of millions of dollars in Iraq reconstruction aid, including scores of unaccounted-for weapons and a never-used Baghdad training camp with an Olympic-size swimming pool, investigators say.

The quarterly audit by Stuart Bowen Jr., the special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, is the latest to paint a grim picture of waste, fraud and frustration in an Iraq war and reconstruction effort that has cost taxpayers more than \$300 billion and left the region near civil war.

"The security situation in Iraq continues to deteriorate, hindering

progress in all reconstruction sectors and threatening the overall reconstruction effort," according to the 579-page report, which was released today.

Calling Iraq's sectarian violence the greatest challenge, Bowen said in a telephone interview that billions in U.S. aid spent on strengthening security has had limited effect. Reconstruction now will fall largely on Iraqis to manage — and they're nowhere ready for the task.

The audit comes as President Bush is pressing Congress to approve \$1.2 billion in new reconstruction aid as part of his broader plan to stabilize Iraq by sending 21,500 more U.S. troops to Baghdad and Anbar province.

Democrats in Congress have been

skeptical. Virginia Sen. Jim Webb has suggested that the U.S. is spending too much on Iraq reconstruction at the expense of Hurricane Katrina rebuilding in New Orleans, while California Rep. Henry Waxman plans in-depth hearings next week into charges of Iraq waste and fraud.

According to the report, the State Department paid \$43.8 million to contractor DynCorp International for the residential training camp outside of Baghdad's Adnan Palace grounds that has stood empty for months. About \$4.2 million was improperly spent on 20 VIP trailers and an Olympic-size pool, all ordered by the Iraqi Ministry of Interior but never authorized by the U.S. U.S. officials spent another \$36.4 million for weapons such as armored vehicles, body

armor and communications equipment that can't be accounted for. DynCorp also may have prematurely billed \$18 million in other potentially unjustified costs, the report said.

Responding, the State Department said in the report that it was working to improve controls. Already, it has developed a review process that rejected a \$1.1 million DynCorp bill earlier this month on a separate contract because the billed rate was incorrect.

Bowen, whose office was nearly eliminated last month by administration-friendly Republicans in Congress, called spending waste in Iraq a continuing problem. Corruption is high among Iraqi officials, while U.S. contract management remains somewhat weak.

Scientists pushed to downplay global warming

H. Josef Hebert

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Federal scientists have been pressured to play down global warming, advocacy groups testified Tuesday at the Democrats' first investigative hearing since taking control of Congress.

The hearing focused on allegations that the White House for years has micromanaged the government's climate programs and has closely controlled what scientists have been allowed to tell the public.

"It appears there may have been an orchestrated campaign to mislead the public about climate change," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Climate change also was a leading topic in the Senate, where presidential contenders for 2008 lined up at a hearing called by Sen. Barbara Boxer. They expounded on why they believed Congress must act to reduce heat-trapping "greenhouse" gases.

"This is a problem whose time has come," Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., proclaimed.

"This is an issue over the years whose time has come," echoed Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., said "for decades far too many have ignored the warning" about climate change.

At the House hearing, two private advocacy groups produced a survey of 279 government climate scientists showing that many of them say they have been subjected to political pressure aimed at downplaying the climate threat. Their complaints ranged from a challenge to using the phrase



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., left, greets Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., before Obama's testimony at a hearing titled 'Senators' Perspectives on Global Warming,' held by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday.

"global warming" to keeping scientists from talking to the media.

The survey and separate interviews with scientists "has brought to light numerous ways in which U.S. federal climate science has been filtered, suppressed and manipulated in the last five years," Francesca Grifo, a senior scientist at the Union of Concerned Scientists, told the committee.

Grifo's group, along with the Government Accountability Project, which helps whistle-blowers, pro-

duced the report.

Drew Shindell, a climate scientist with NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, said that climate scientists frequently have been dissuaded from talking to the media about their research, though NASA's restrictions have been eased.

Prior to the change, interview requests of climate scientists frequently were "routed through the White House" and then turned away or delayed, Shindell said. He described how a news release on his study

forecasting a significant warming in Antarctica was "repeatedly delayed, altered and watered down" at the insistence of the White House.

Some Republican members of the committee questioned whether science and politics ever can be kept separate.

"I am no climate-change denier," said Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, the top Republican on the committee, but he questioned whether "the issue of politicizing science has itself become politicized."

Senate Republican challenges Bush on war powers

Laurie Kellman

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WASHINGTON — A Senate Republican on Tuesday directly challenged President Bush's declaration that "I am the decision-maker" on issues of war.

"I would suggest respectfully to the president that he is not the sole decider," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said during a hearing on Congress' war powers amid an increasingly harsh debate over Iraq war policy. "The decider is a shared and joint responsibility."

The question of whether to use its power over the government's purse

strings to force an end to the war in Iraq, and under what conditions, is among the issues faced by the newly empowered Democratic majority in Congress, and even some of the president's political allies as well.

No one challenges the notion that Congress can stop a war by canceling its funding. In fact, Vice President Dick Cheney challenged Congress to back up its objections to Bush's plan to put 21,500 more troops in Iraq by zeroing out the war budget.

Underlying Cheney's gambit is the consensus understanding that such a drastic move is doubtful because it would be fraught with political peril.

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 deployments beyond a certain date or setting an end date for the war.

"The Constitution makes Congress a coequal branch of government. It's time we start acting like it," said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., who presided over a hearing Tuesday on Congress' war powers. He also is pushing legislation to end the war by eventually prohibiting

funding for the deployment of troops to Iraq.

His proposal, like many others designed to force an end to U.S. involvement in the bloody conflict, is far from having enough support even to come up for a vote on the Senate floor.

Closer to that threshold is a non-binding resolution declaring that Bush's proposal to send 21,500 more troops to Baghdad and Anbar province is "not in the national interest." The Senate could take up that measure early next month.

But some senators, complaining that the resolution is symbolic, are forwarding tougher bills.

Enterprise zone extension, expansion in the works

Brandon Augsborg
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As current enterprise zone legislation draws closer to its expiration date, some local officials feel the need to extend and expand the life of the zones.

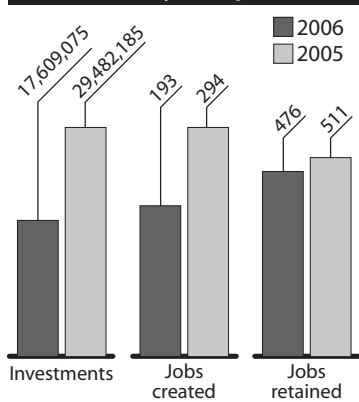
State Rep. Mike Bost is drafting legislation that would extend the expiration date of the law from 2010 to 2020. The new law would allow the boundaries of the enterprise zones in Jackson County to be redrawn.

Enterprise zones are established in economically depressed areas and are designed to spur development by offering tax benefits and other government services to businesses that build or operate within the zones.

Bost said reorganizing enterprise zones to keep up with development is possible under the current law, but the process can be lengthy and could hurt the courtship between a city and a business.

A document from the Carbondale assistant city manager for economic development's office prepared for the Jan. 16 City Council meeting echoes that sentiment, saying "when

Jackson County Enterprise Zone



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a retailer can locate in another community and serve the Carbondale-Marion market, a 90-120 day wait to obtain the enterprise zone in Carbondale through a political process can kill a deal."

Bost said Carbondale and Murphysboro — the cities that comprise most of the enterprise zone in Jackson County — have approved resolutions to support the new law. He also said he is working to get a draft to the Jackson County Board for approval.

"The two cities are definitely pushing for it," Bost said. "I hope that the county is on board with it and will be."

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 us?'" he said.

Wissmann said many businesses demand enterprise zone tax exemptions and benefits, and often wait until a city caves in to their demands.

The main benefits for businesses in one of the 95 enterprise zones in Illinois are the state tax exemptions. The tax breaks include a sales tax exemption on building materials, a utility tax exemption and investment and jobs tax credits that also help on tax day. Local governments may also offer incentives, which include abatement of property taxes on new improvements and waivers for licensing and permit fees.

Mark Harris, spokesman for the Illinois department of commerce and economic opportunity, said enterprise zones are a vital 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 potent 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.

"The two cities are definitely pushing for it. I hope that the county is on board with it and will be."

— Mike Bost
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Palestinian cease-fire starts taking hold

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Gaza's warring factions began to hold their fire Tuesday as a truce took effect across the volatile territory and brought hopes for an end to the infighting that has left 36 people dead in five days.

Previous truces between Hamas and Fatah militants in Gaza have quickly collapsed into new fight-

ing, and it appeared unlikely the two sides would comply with all the terms of the current agreement.

Late Tuesday, the two sides began releasing hostages — fighters kidnapped over the past week — both sides said.

On Tuesday morning, the streets of Gaza were calm, as radio sta-

tions played national songs instead of factional music.

Hopes for an enduring truce fell in the afternoon after a Hamas gunman was killed. Officials blamed the shooting on Fatah militants, and Hamas supporters took to the airwaves, saying those behind the campaign against their group must be targeted.



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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

A family event that promotes safety and fun in an alcohol-free environment is exactly what SIUC should endorse.



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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 environ-

ment 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.

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“We don't care if they rank us first or ninth because it all matters what we do in the season.”

Kerri Blaylock
SIUC softball coach
on the teams rankings for the upcoming season

BEYOND THE INK

A cartoonist's perspective

Alex Ayala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

"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 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 to 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 the ad while eating breakfast on the first day of my college career. I gathered my portfolio and sketchbook and brought it to my scheduled appointment in room 1263 of the Communications Building.

Walking in as an unproven freshman bearing a mustache and goatee to the likes of the Captain Morgan pirate, Lance Speere, the managing editor at the time,



ALAN ROGERS ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

interviewed me and after reviewing my material shook my hand and welcomed me to the DE staff.

Now in my tenth semester, let me tell you that as an artist, investing time in something you believe in and to see it be 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, "gotten plaques on my wall."

I know the cliché "an image is worth a thousands words" is thrown around loosely like dice on the pavement, but I've found this to be true in many circumstances.

On Feb. 5, 2006, the late president James Walker passed away and I showed up to the newsroom the following day expecting the usual assignment routine. What I received was news of his passing and one of the most difficult and memorable assignments I've had to date.

My challenge was to illustrate Walker in a rendering that represented his character and personality. Having met deadline, the illustration ran on the front page the following day. A family member, who phoned the newsroom to thank the DE for its support, said my artwork brought tears to their eyes for the first time since the tragedy; the illustration was framed and given to the family a few days later.

Moments such as these are priceless to me and have kept me motivated to continue illustrating for our readers — not merely because it has potential to end up on the front page, but because I feel as if viewers deserve page one content day in, day out.

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. I will leave the university soon hoping to pass this position on to someone who is willing and motivated to create for our readers. Hopefully someone will step up to the plate someday.

Ayala is a senior studying industrial design.

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Mayor Cole lacks openness

DEAR EDITOR:

I am very concerned about a lack of openness by Mayor Cole.

Why were there closed meetings to negotiate a shady land deal? The American Tap building was a former bar on the Strip. It was empty and run down, but not so dilapidated that it could be condemned by the city and torn down at the owner's expense. So, Mayor Brad Cole called city council meetings and mandated that they be "closed" to the public.

Well, I want to know what happened at those meetings that gave Mayor Cole the right to go visit a prison and "negotiate" with Henry Fisher, who was convicted of sexually assaulting a 12-year-old child.

But here's the real kicker: our mayor gave our tax money — \$150,000 — to this convict for a property worth only \$39,000 (as appraised by Cecil Appraisal Service). Then this building was torn down at the expense of the city and the property remains vacant to this day with no potential buyers. The only council people to not vote for this were Sheila Simon and Maggie Flanagan. I must admit that the only reason

I know about this is from a DE article. I don't think it made it into any other local papers.

Why would a mayor, if he had the best interest of the public, make such a bad deal? At the very least, he's a poor negotiator, and at the very worst, he puts personal friendship with a criminal sex offender above his responsibility for our city. And either way, the public won't know because he kept the meetings secret. What else is Mayor Cole doing that we, the public, don't know about?

Jon Bathgate
Carbondale resident

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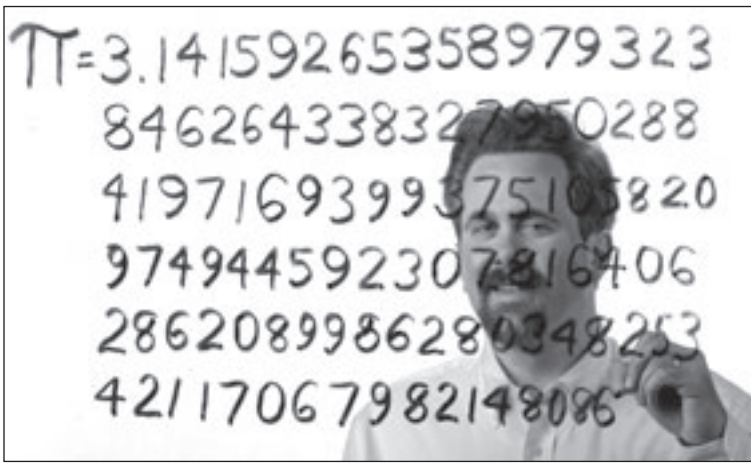
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Mark Umile writes numbers in pi on clear plastic on Jan. 22 in Philadelphia, Penn. Umile memorized thousands of digits in the unending string.

Man takes pi further

Tom Avril
McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

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 spewed 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 3.14159265 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 out by hand, a thousand at a time, then recorded them in his voice on 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 puzzles, not to mention 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.

Upon surfing 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.

"It seems like in the eastern part of the world, they really have their stuff together," Umile said. "I want to help us catch up."

Umile set the record last month at the law office of Montgomery McCracken, where attorney C. Scott Meyer was one of three witnesses. He did not recite the numbers out loud, but typed them into the computer, 1,000 at a time, after which the witnesses verified their accuracy by using a spreadsheet. Then he did the next

thousand.

"It's just an amazing accomplishment," said Philadelphia real estate agent Warren Nelson, another of the witnesses.

The necessary forms were mailed to Germany and the performance was certified by Jan van Koningsveld, himself a top competitor in international contests of mental gymnastics, who maintains a Web site that lists pi record-holders for each continent and for the world.

Umile is far short of the world record of 43,000 that van Koningsveld cites on his list, held by Krishan Chahal of India. He's even farther from the 67,890 digits listed by the Guinness World Records, a feat accomplished in China.

But he does hold the world record for memorizing 905 digits of "e" — another key mathematical constant — which he recited on the same day as pi. And three months earlier, he notched another world record by doing the first 5,544 digits of the square root of two.

The ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter has been a source of fascination for thousands of years; a rough approximation is even in the Bible.

It is not clear who was the first to stumble upon this relationship. An Egyptian scribe wrote about it in 1650 B.C., according to "The Joy of Pi," a 1997 book by Seattle author David Blatner.

The ancient Greeks later estimated a value for pi by using polygons to approximate the outline of a circle. Archimedes found that when he inscribed a 96-sided shape in a circle, its perimeter was $3 \frac{10}{71}$ (roughly 3.141) times the diameter. He then drew a second 96-sided shape outside the circle, calculating a value of $3 \frac{1}{7}$ (roughly 3.143) — reasoning that a value for pi lay between the two.

Today, pi is calculated to many billions of digits by using computers, though Blatner says the added digits have little practical application.

Umile grew up in Roxborough, Pa., where his mother still lives. He has not told her about his numerical accomplishments, saying she'll find out when she reads this article.

"I don't think she would be a bit surprised," he said. "She knows I have a good memory for details."

It is a handy talent. In high school, it helped him memorize scripts for school plays. And his relatives rely on Umile to remember the details of old family photos.

Class teaches cop reality

Citizens Police Academy to give inside look at criminal justice in 12-week course

Danny Wenger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Local police are set to separate the reality of police work from fiction in a class open to Carbondale residents.

Citizens Police Academy is a free 12-week course put on by a combined effort of the Carbondale and SIUC police departments. The class begins Tuesday and is meant to teach the reasons behind different police tactics and procedures, said Carbondale police officer Randy Mathis.

"The purpose is to create a well informed public about what it is we do at the Carbondale Police Department," Mathis said. "It's important for them to know because there's a lot of misinformation out there about what police can and can't do."

Officers from both departments teach the course. During the classes in the spring, SIUC Police will teach courses about patrol and telecommunications.

"We're not changing the curriculum at all. People will get a chance to actually see the SIUC side 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 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 somebody may take off running."

Mathis said role-playing helps show people 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

along with the Carbondale police department," Miller said. "That way they get to see both sides of the departments."

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' live," 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 set to explain the judicial side of the law. Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec and Judge Kimberly Dahlen will describe different legal matters.

Miller said he hopes for about 20 participants. Ten had signed up on Tuesday. Friday is the last day to register.

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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.

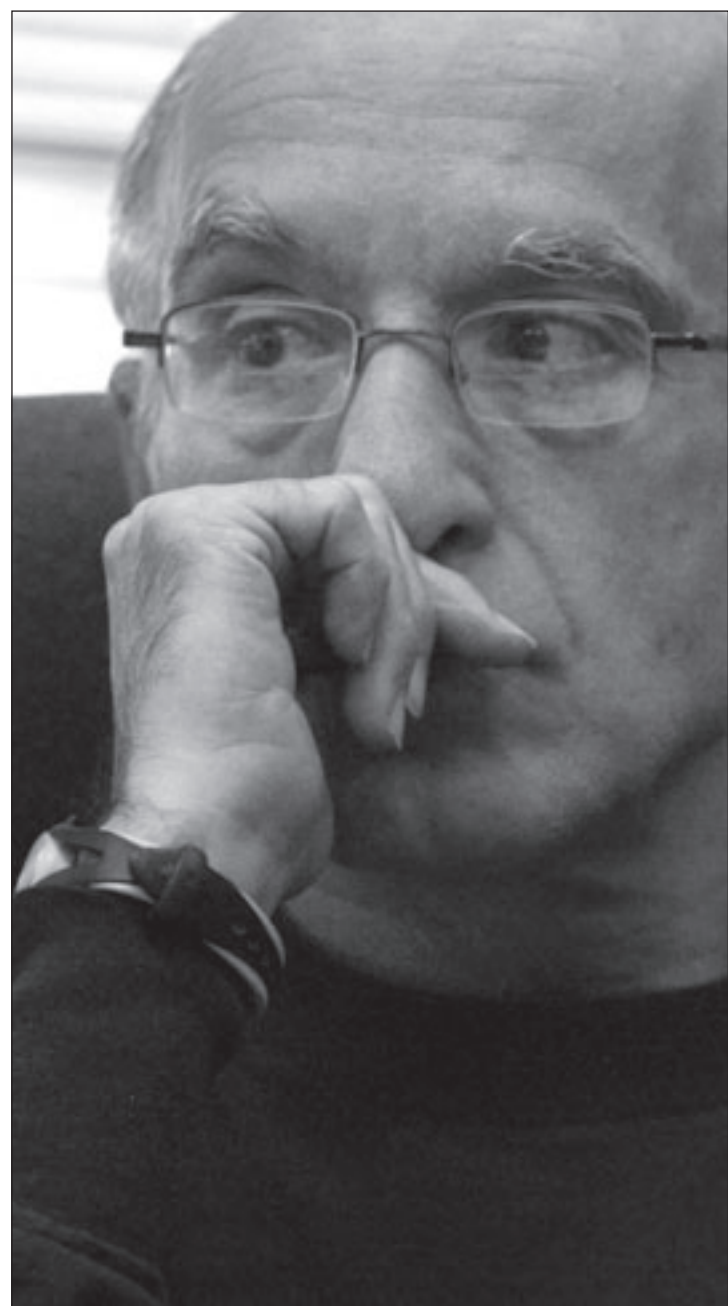
“I think it’s actually a lot more friendly and service oriented than canceling their registration,” Suarez said.

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.

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Faculty Association President Marvin Zeman sits in his office Tuesday afternoon and discusses his views on ethics training.

TEST

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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.”

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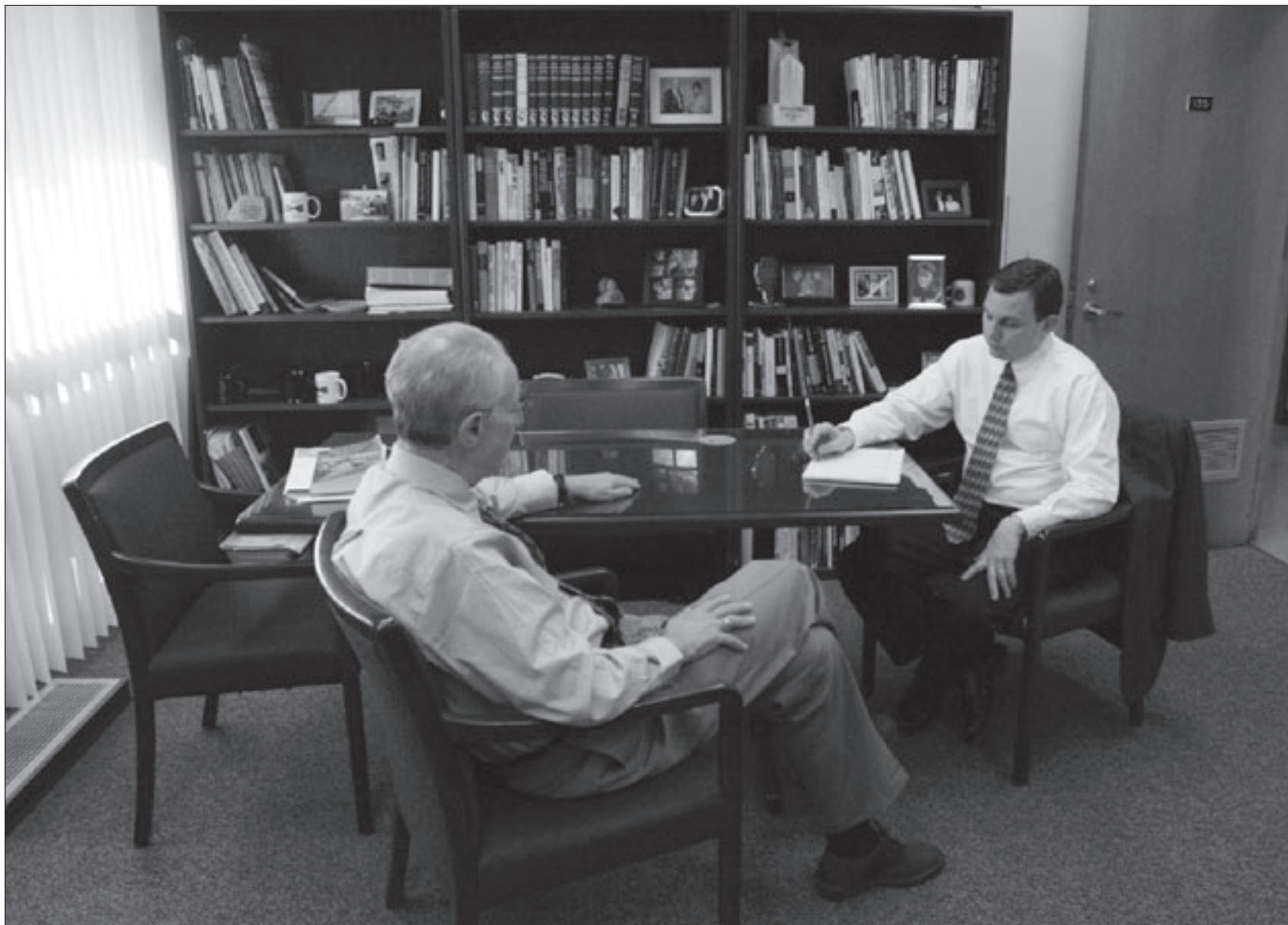
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Mike Lawrence, the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, talks with Matt Baughman, the assistant director, Tuesday in Lawrence's office at the institute.

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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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How much more do we have to take?

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Madonna '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 atrocious drivel 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 churn out uninspired, unoriginal banal techno-pop for the past decade. Unfortunately for all of us, she simply refuses to take a cue from the likes of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Stevie Ray Vaughn 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 only offensive musically, but riddled with inane spoken word nonsense and the type of crowd banter that should never make its way onto a record. Likewise, the disco-techno mash-up "Music Inferno" and the token rock track "I Love New York" are at best slightly obnoxious rather than wholly offensive and lyrically insulting.

Even a classic tune such as "Lucky Star" is marred by keyboard bleeps, a lengthy intro and over processed vocals. Just a tip: drenching vocals in reverb and a touch



of echo cannot – I repeat cannot – hide the fact that Madonna can no longer carry a tune. Even hearing the latest bludgeoning of "Like a Virgin" isn't so much a reminder how far Madonna has fallen as much as it brings back touching memories of the goodness of "Reservoir Dogs."

The worst offender of all, however, is a nine-minute rendition of the cell phone shilling little ditty "Hung Up." It's bad enough that Madonna was content to expel any credibility she had left by appearing in commercials featuring "Hung Up," but to make an extended version of a song that only contains approximately five lines is simply inexcusable.

The point is not to simply remind music fans just how bad the pop world has become or to kick Madonna while she's down. Admittedly, though, that sure is 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.

Clap your hands to 'Some Loud Thunder'

Wayne Utterback
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah
'Some Loud Thunder'
Release date: Jan. 30, 2007



If the independent music scene is known for one thing, it's for hyping the next "big thing."

When indie rockers Clap Your Hands Say Yeah self-released their self-titled album, the hype began to swell furiously. Whether that hype was deserved or met is an argument to be decided between listeners, but for their latest release, "Some Loud Thunder," they really fall to becoming just another regular band.

Trading the quirky pop sound they happily embraced with their self-titled is a more atmospheric approach. By atmospheric, I mean they wander all over the place and don't sit in one spot for too long. Their self-titled was one consistent chunk of really fun songs, but songs seem to twist and turn from beginning to end on "Some Loud Thunder" without any sort of familiarity.

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

"Emily Jean Stock" 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 bleeps and a speedy beat. The song is about a different kind of Hell, one where Satan makes you dance until you drop. Its strange song lyrics that make the album fun to listen to.

The album really feels like it echoes in many of the tracks such as "Mama, Won't You..." This probably has something to do with the band enlisting the help of Dave Fridmann, who has worked with bands such as Mercury Rev and the Flaming Lips. It feels like he's encouraging the band to explore being spacier on tracks, and sometimes it does work.

The album would have been much stronger if it had held to a consistent 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.

Norah Jones 'Not Too Late' soothing, sensual

Julie Engler
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Norah Jones 'Not Too Late'
Release date: Jan. 30, 2007
Label: Blue Note Records
www.norahjones.com



Norah Jones approaches songwriting in her own personal way on her latest release, "Not Too Late," a collection of 13 relaxed, jazzy and even some more parts country, tracks. Featuring special guests such as M. Ward, organist Larry Goldings and cellist Jeff Ziegler, this home-produced album radiates Jones' sensuous creativity without the help of a record label.

Jones wrote half of these songs on the road with an acoustic guitar, the others at sporadic moments, and recorded them in her home studio with bassist Lee Alexander. (Arif Mardin, producer of Jones' two previous albums, died last summer.)

Jones is best known for her jazzy folk melodies, with her light piano playing accompanying her voice — vivid and potent, yet gentle when it need be. For that, "Not Too Late" is more of the same Jones. But with this album, Jones releases more emotion than she had on her first two albums, with songs that are cluttered with romantic rhyme and



dreamy stories.

The opening track, "Wish I Could," and "Broken" are slow country waltzes, and the acoustics of "Wake Me Up" match closely with those of Hem. With steel guitar and strings backing up Jones, the instrumentation is never overwhelming but fades in and out with Jones' voice as a lead.

"Sinkin' Soon" is flared full of syncopated jazz rhythm and flavorful vocals, and is one of the darker songs on the album when compared with the airy country ballads. Jones would have fared well by doing more tracks like this one, with raspy horn and multiple layers of instruments that breathe life into an otherwise soothing album.

This album has the potential to win Jones more awards, but no doubt plenty of fans will be relaxing to this album until that time comes.

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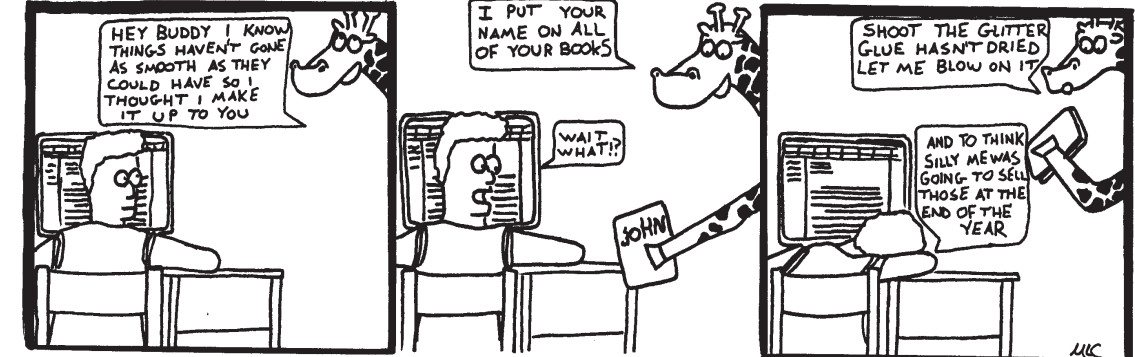
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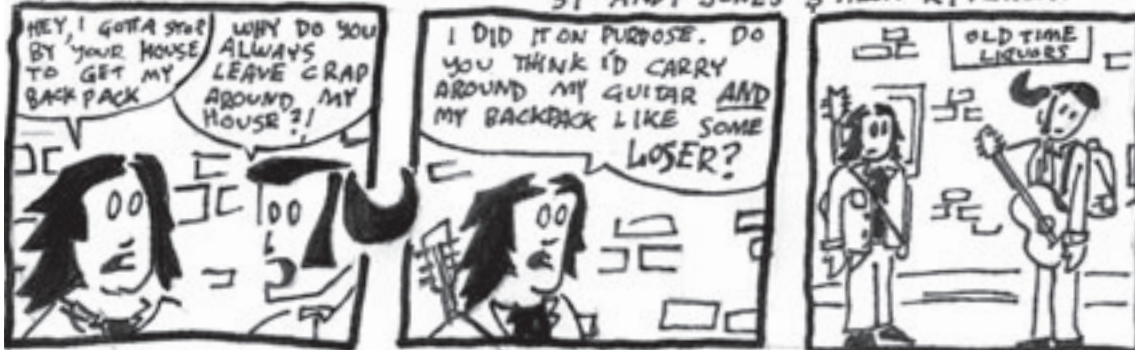
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

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 instigated 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 - Concentrate on understanding exactly what's requested. Then, provide something the client will like even better.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Follow through with confidence and intense concentration. Land your catch carefully; don't let it get away.

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've done 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 - 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 take all the risks, and you'll get all the credit.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - 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.

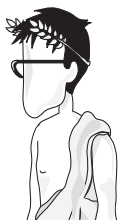
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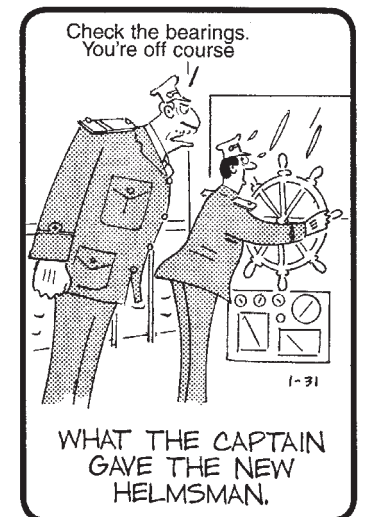
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ENEMY

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Schnitker is not on the Sycamores' roster this season, but SIU coach Chris Lowery said his team will have to play well defensively to win.

"We have to play hard. We have to make them make decisions from the time the ball is tipped until the end of the game," Lowery said. "If we let them hang 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 have success."

The Salukis (17-5, 8-3) 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), starting guards Gabe Moore and Marico Stinson have turned the ball over on average less than three times each game.

But, with the Salukis' defensive intensity, the opponent's 3-point field goal percentage has risen dramatically.

"That's part of the reason why we've been giving up so many threes," Lowery said. "Our rotations are a little slow because we are playing so much harder than we were."

In games against Northern Iowa and Illinois State at SIU arena, the visiting team completed 19 of 26 three-point attempts. Northern Iowa converted on 11 of 15, while the Redbirds made 8 of 11 from behind the arc.

Those numbers make for a combined 3-point percentage of 73 percent.

The Salukis do not want to rely on the 3-point shot themselves.

For the Saluki offense, Lowery said getting the ball to Randal Falker is something he wants his team to do against Indiana State.

Falker is averaging 13 points and 7 rebounds per game going into tonight's contest. His field goal percentage is 61.8 percent — good for fourth-best in the league.

"We understand where the ball needs to go, and it needs to go through Randal," Lowery said. "And when it does that then obviously the guards get theirs too. It will be interesting to see if they guard him man, or they guard him double."

Game time is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. at the SIU Arena.

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SMITH

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"I hope I did good. I don't know," he said. "I'm so critical of myself so I think I did all right."

Smith was a freshman when he walked onto the team for the 2003-04 season, but he didn't see any playing time. He logged 14 minutes in his sophomore campaign and didn't play in 2005-06.

The senior guard wasn't on the roster to begin this season, but Smith said he rejoined the team for the same reason he tried out his freshman year.

"I just missed it so much," Smith said. "I just wanted to just keep playing ball. I just love basketball so much."

Smith plans to graduate May 12 and Trude said Smith is already making connections that are vital to break into the broadcasting business.

“We want our kids to be more than just basketball players.”

—Chris Lowery
SIU Basketball Head Coach

Lowery said Smith has seen what the local sportscasters do on a daily basis since he's been with the Salukis, and Lowery had no reservations having a player of his own announce a game.

"We want our kids to be more than just basketball players," Lowery said.

"C.J. has a great and unique outlook on our program, being able to be a sideline analyst and also be a part of the team gives him added insight to what's actually really happening because he knows the game plan."

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TICKETS

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For a guaranteed spot, students must pick up their tickets in person at the SIU ticket office or Student Center no later than 4 p.m. on Friday. After 4 p.m. the tickets reserved for students are eligible to be sold for general admission to the public.

As always, student admission is free.

"Our students make the atmosphere at the arena," said Mike Trude, marketing and promotions director for Saluki athletics. "Our students make SIU Arena the toughest place to play in the conference."

The Salukis are 49-1 in their last 50 conference home games.

On Jan. 23, 2,000 students were in the SIU Arena to witness the Salukis take first place from Northern Iowa. Trude said it was the loudest he remembers the Arena being since the Indiana game on Dec. 1, 2001 — a 72-60 Saluki 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.

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Richardson: 'Still hard to deal with' Barbaro's death

Dan Gelston
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — For the last eight months, one of Dean Richardson's first stops on his morning rounds was Barbaro's ICU stall.

Richardson looked into the colt's bright eyes, made sure he was comfortable and formed an emotional bond with the Kentucky Derby winner that maybe only owners Roy and Gretchen Jackson equaled.

One day after Barbaro was euthanized, the morning rounds felt terribly empty.

"I'm still having trouble dealing with it," said Richardson, the chief of surgery for the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center, his voice cracking. "I don't really want to talk about it. It's still hard to deal with."

Even so, Richardson had plenty to do Tuesday. Back in surgery, he popped out briefly in the New Bolton lobby to give one person a medical update on her horse, cracking a few jokes and putting the owner at ease about her stallion.

Just another day at the office. "That's what I do," Richardson said.

But not everything was back to normal at New Bolton a day after Barbaro was euthanized after complications from his gruesome breakdown at last year's Preakness.

Staffers were subdued, and the floral deliveries arrived with sympathy cards attached instead of messages of hope:

"Barbaro, you fought the good fight. You will always be a champion. Love you!!!!"

"In loving memory of Barbaro, champion of our hearts."

As Gretchen Jackson said Monday, grief was the price they all

paid for love.

"I've been getting up before six every morning for the last eight months to look at the horse," said Richardson, pausing to collect his thoughts. "And he's not there. It's kind of tough."

Jackson said during an interview on CNN's Larry King Live on Tuesday night that the end was peaceful and "remarkably loving."

"There's such an outpouring of love and grieving, I mean, it gets blended together in a situation like this," she said. "I don't want to be morbid and I don't want to glamorize it, but it's very special to be amongst a group of people that really love the animal and are joined together to celebrate its life."

Barbaro's body was no longer at New Bolton. The Jacksons told CNN they had not yet decided where the horse will be buried.

It could be just a few hundred yards from the scene of Barbaro's greatest triumph in the Kentucky Derby. Officials at the Kentucky Derby Museum, located on the Churchill Downs grounds in Louisville, Ky., said Tuesday they'd be "honored" if Barbaro were buried in a garden along with four other Derby winners.

"We've expressed to them how honored we'd be to have Barbaro here," Lynn Ashton, executive director of the museum, said. "We feel like we're bringing horses back to be honored."

The grave sites of Derby winners Sunny's Halo (1983), Carry Back (1961), Swaps (1955) and Brokers Tip (1933) are located outside on the museum grounds.

Other possibilities include the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky., and the Jacksons' Lael Farm, just a few miles from the New Bolton Center.



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Marvin Harrison looms as the opposite of Terrell Owens

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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 touchdown catches 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."

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DEFENSE

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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."

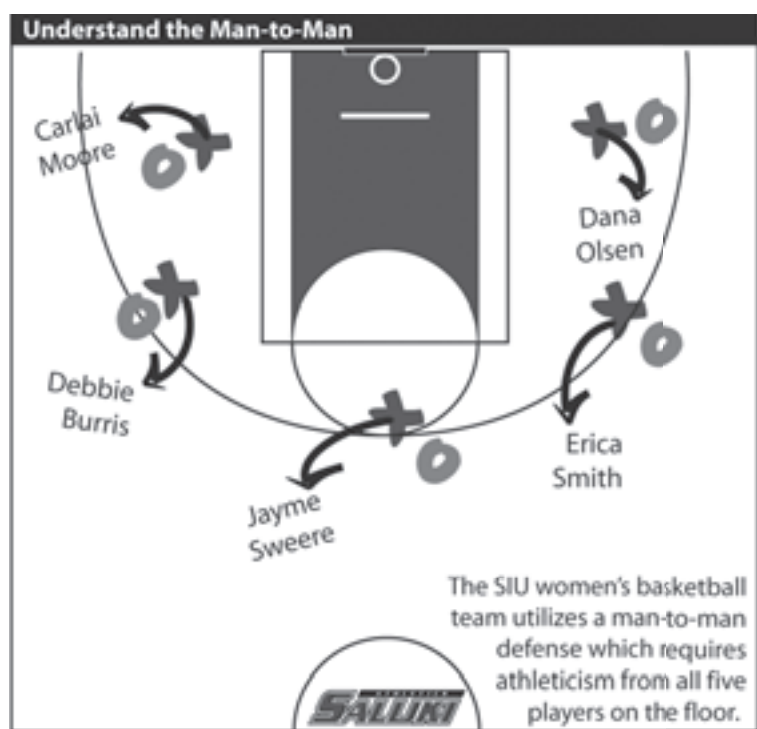
In addition to cutting back on points, the defense creates more turnovers, which can lead to quick points on the other end.

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



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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.

"It's easier to get position down low when our guards pressure their ball handlers," Olsen said. "Every team has its outside shooters but we're able to adjust to that."

However, the Salukis allow opponents to shoot at a .446 clip, which ranks last in the MVC.



This stat could be misleading because SIU has allowed opponents to take only 1,028 shots, the least in the MVC.

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Who do you think will win the battle in the Super Bowl, the Colts' offense or the Bears' defense?



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"As a Lions fan; I know, I've heard all of the jokes. I love the Lions. I love the Lions more than Scott Baker does. I bleed Honolulu Blue. Therefore, it is hard to find the strength to say anything remotely kind about the Chicago Bears. The Bears defense is good, but the Colts offense is better."



Former Saluki Bart Scott, who finished the season with 103 tackles, 9.5 sacks and two interceptions for the Baltimore Ravens, was named to his first Pro Bowl, Tuesday. Scott was added to the AFC's Pro Bowl roster in place of teammate Ray Lewis — who withdrew from the game because of injury. Lewis had been slated to take the place of Denver Broncos' linebacker Al Wilson, who also withdrew because of injury.

"Just because of Peyton Manning and the injuries in the Bears' defense, I begrudgingly say the Colts' O. It's not an unwinnable battle for the Bears, though. If they can get pressure on the QB like they did the last two games, it can mask the inexperience Chicago has at safety."

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"I'm not entirely sure the battle is that simple. As much as it's been overstated, 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."

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?

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SPORT BRIEFS

There's no hiding from the no-huddle at the Super Bowl

MIAMI (AP) — And there's no fear of the no-huddle for the Chicago Bears.

They understand what they will face on Sunday. They know Peyton Manning will bring the Indianapolis Colts to the line of scrimmage almost immediately after the previous play concludes, survey the scenery and choose a play that befuddles the defense.

Except the Bears won't panic, won't have their heads spinning and won't be gasping for air. They swear.

"I mean it's just you don't get a chance to huddle up," cornerback Nathan Vasher said. "We have signals, other ways of getting different defenses. We don't have to just stay in the same defense when they go no-huddle. I think that's a luxury we have as a defense and we practice on that. This won't be the first no-huddle team we played this season, and I think we'll adjust to it well, just to go out and make plays."

The Bears will need to make those 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 what you're going to do before you 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. Slowing the Indy 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 with the same 11 players for an entire series could be too much to ask.

Forget all of Manning's histrionics at the line: the pointing, the backing off, turning around to instruct teammates,

slapping his helmet, calling out signals — false and real.

The true beauty of the no-huddle is how it can force defenses to be imbalanced 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 on 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 linemen like it.

Colts QBs on a different level: Unitas, Manning

(MCT) The Colts are an unusual NFL franchise in that they have two separate histories — the Baltimore era and the Indianapolis era.

Baltimore fans do not acknowledge the second half of the history book. When the moving vans pulled out of Baltimore that snowy March night in 1984, the Colts ceased to exist in their eyes. Then-Colts owner Robert Irsay took the trophies, leaving Baltimore with the memories: Johnny Unitas, Memorial Stadium, the Colts Marching Band, four NFL championships.

Almost as a curse for moving, the Colts could not return to the Super Bowl. Until now. Indianapolis won its first AFC championship with a 38-34 victory over the New England Patriots last Sunday, earning a trip to the Super Bowl to play the Chicago Bears.

Finally, a small bridge has been built linking the history of the Colts in both Baltimore and Indianapolis — championship quarterbacking. Baltimore had Unitas, the best ever. Indianapolis has Peyton Manning, the best passer of his generation.

Unitas died in 2002. He hadn't played a down of football since 1973. Manning wasn't even born until 1976. But Manning knows the Unitas legend as well as he knows his own playbook.

Former Bear Jim McMahon is taking a pass

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears will try for their first championship in 21 years when they meet the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl, but the "punky QB" who helped the 1985 team win it all won't have his eyes glued to the field or the TV set on Sunday.

"I won't even be watching it, so I don't care," McMahon said after a news conference for the "Valentines For Vets And Soldiers" program on Tuesday. "I haven't watched the game in 10 years."

McMahon, wearing his trademark shades along with a dark yellow button-down shirt and jeans, had little else to say about the title game.

The quarterback and one of his targets on 1985 team, wide receiver Dennis McKinnon, were on hand as 40 elementary school students donated homemade cards that will be sent to soldiers and veterans.

"Whether you're a soldier or a former athlete, we all love mail — especially when we get it from kids," said McKinnon, who has a brother in the military.

McMahon spent three days in Iraq over New Year's visiting the troops and plans to go to Afghanistan.

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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| Jan. 27 | Illinois State | 2:05 p.m. |
| Jan. 31 | Indiana State | 7:05 p.m. |
| Feb. 3 | Wichita State | 1:05 p.m. |
| Feb. 7 | Bradley | 7:35 p.m. |
| Feb. 10 | Creighton | 5:05 p.m. |
| Feb. 13 | Missouri State | 7:05 p.m. |
| Feb. 17 | ESPN Bracket Busters | TBA |
| Feb. 21 | Indiana State | 7:05 p.m. |
| Feb. 24 | Evansville | TBA |
| Mar. 1-4 | State Farm/MVC Tournament | TBA |

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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| Jan. 27 | Evansville | 2:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 2 | Indiana State | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 4 | Illinois State | 1:05 p.m. |
| Feb. 9 | Bradley | 7:05 p.m. |
| Feb. 11 | UNI | 2:05 p.m. |
| Feb. 16 | Drake | 7:05 p.m. |
| Feb. 18 | Creighton | 3:05 p.m. |
| Feb. 25 | Evansville | 2:05 p.m. |
| Mar. 1 | Missouri State | 7:05 p.m. |
| Mar. 3 | Wichita State | 2:05 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 Jody 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."

In spite of the schemes 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



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Debbie Burris defends Creighton's Michelle Kaus Jan. 18 at the SIU Arena. The Saluki women's basketball team has the top ranked scoring defense in the Missouri Valley Conference.

juniors Debbie Burris and Jayme Sweere.

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

The defensive pressure for a man-

to-man defense relies on constant pressure from every player on the floor. This defensive set cuts down on high percentage shots especially from the perimeter.

Man-to-man is different from

a zone defense in that a zone relies on collapsing the dribble drive while cutting lanes by using bodies outside the post.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dawgs ready to mark territory

Jim Nelson
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Game after game, the goal is the same.

Defending home court is what the SIU men's basketball team has been about.

SIU will host Indiana State tomorrow night, hoping to get revenge on the team that gave the Salukis their only home Missouri Valley Conference loss in their last 50 conference games at SIU arena.

Still SIU coach Chris Lowery said he hasn't focused on this game more than any other on his teams' schedule.

"It's too long of a season to be talking about circling calendar dates and worrying about a big game or a small game," Lowery said. "We understand that we've got to play hard enough to win. We didn't play hard enough last year to win."

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

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Creighton tickets still available

Jim Nelson
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Dawg Pound has its tickets. SIU's Athletic Department is calling on all Salukis to pick up their student tickets for the Feb. 10 contest with Missouri Valley Conference power Creighton at SIU Arena.

The ticket office disbursed 400 tickets to the Dawg Pound prior to the tip-off of the men's basketball game against Illinois State Saturday. Now, 1,400 tickets remain for the game which could be a battle of teams tied for first place in the MVC. Both the Salukis and Creighton have earned 8-3 marks in conference play.

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The view from both sides: Walk-on has inside track for career goals



PROVIDED PHOTO

C.J. Smith, right, announces the Salukis game with Mike Trude at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, Ind.

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 announcer on WSIU-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 to allow him to get into different avenues and that's what you want your kids 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 pregame 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 pregame 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."

He said he needs to work on enunciation and choosing the correct times to talk, but overall people have told him he did a good job.

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1,400

• The number of student tickets available for Feb. 10 game against Creighton

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