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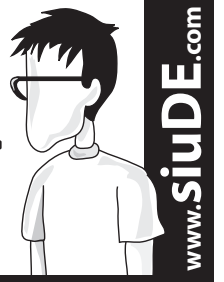
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# Enrollment up 0.7 percent from spring

Numbers show 5.6 percent drop from fall semester

**Allison Petty**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Enrollment has increased by 134 students since the university took roll at this time last spring, according to a report released Monday.

The report stated 19,789 students are enrolled this semester, which reflected a 0.7 percent increase from last spring's 19,655. Don Rice, interim provost, said he felt the numbers were positive.

"I think it shows that departments and faculty are working very hard to try to help students," Rice said. "Enrollment management is doing as good a job

as they can do as they reformulate their structure."

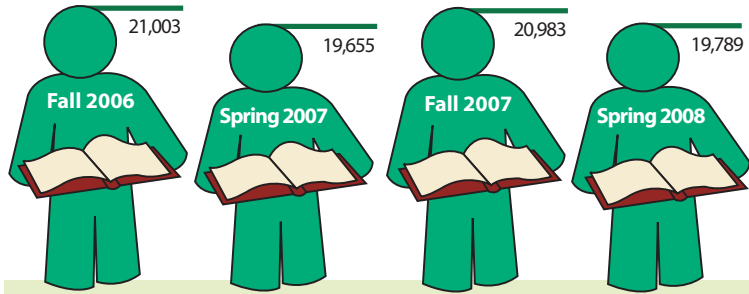
Though Rice expressed excitement about the report's findings, those comparing numbers from fall to spring semesters would not see an increase. Enrollment is down 5.6 percent from last semester, when the total number of students was 20,983.

However, Rice said it was important to compare enrollment numbers from spring semester to previous spring semesters, and fall to fall, because many students graduate in December.

"I think that what you want to know is ... your continuation rate relative to the same period of time where students are encountering the same kinds of difficulties and pulls on their time and that kind of thing," Rice said.

He said he was particularly happy about the 12 percent increase in first-year students, with

Students enrolled at SIUC



Source: University Communications

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numbers of freshmen increasing from 458 last spring to 514.

University spokesman Rod Sievers said increases in military activity probably caused a 40-student drop in off-campus enrollment from last spring.

"Just about all of our off-campus programs are on military bases," Sievers said. "I have no doubt that the surge in military activity affected our enrollment with those

students."

Off-campus enrollment was down 317 students when the fall numbers were announced in September. University Chancellor Fernando Treviño said at the time large-scale deployments overseas were responsible for the drop.

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# Research Park plans to expand

Park receives \$1 million grant to build road

**Brandy Oxford**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Southern Illinois Research Park plans to add yet another road to the twists and turns on the campus map.

A \$1.25 million project to build a road connecting campus and the research park, a university-related corporation that helps businesses get started, is slated for completion in December 2009, although it is not sure yet when they will break ground. Kyle Harfst, director of the Office of Economic and Regional Development at SIUC, said the road would allow access to undeveloped land and give them the opportunity to expand the number of facilities housed within the park.

The university received a \$1 million grant from the Federal Highway Administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation to develop a perimeter roadway to connect Highway 51 to the research park.

Harfst said the park is a corporation and is separate from the university, but one of the park's charges is to fully develop its 42 acres in order to further its relationship with the university.

Yong Gao, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, started Midwest Energy Group Inc., which converts grease into biodiesel, in the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center, one of the park's two buildings.

Gao said he has full confidence in the technological aspect of his work, but needs help with unfamiliar aspects such as business plans and management.

"I'm a professor on the technology side and on the business side. I'm really immature, so I really count on help," Gao said. "We're talking about the other side of the world."

Faculty inventors interested in starting a business may start in the Small Business Incubator Program in the Dunn-Richmond Economic

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# Salukis row without a boat

Laura James, a second year pre med student from Lawrenceville, competes in the 2008 Southern Illinois Indoor Rowing Championship Saturday morning in the Recreation Center.

This year's competition featured members of the SIUC Rowing Club, but next year the club plans on inviting teams from surrounding universities.

BRANDON CHAPPLE  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



# Rowing club competes sans boat

**Christian Holt**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

As sweat dripped from both of their faces, Stephanie Jensen yelled in her teammate Zach Sims' ear, "Push harder!"

Although Sims pushed and pulled, his efforts were not enough to win the race.

Sims and Jensen are two of 15 students in the Rowing Club,

comprised of students interested in working out by rowing a boat between 2,000 and 5,000 meters.

But the club, which formed last semester, must build up a sweat on land, as its members have yet to raise enough money to purchase a boat. The club practices twice a day on the rowing machines, called ergometers, in the Recreation Center.

The ergometer is a machine that simulates a rowboat. Students and advisers used the machines in a competition that consisted of four 2,000-meter races Saturday.

The goal of the day was to

finish the race in the least amount of time.

The winner was Sam Myler, a senior from Chicago studying pre law.

Myler has only been rowing for two months, but is still described by the club's faculty adviser, Mike Magnuson, as one of the strongest rowers on the team.

Myler said he happened upon the club by chance when he was working out at the same time as them.

"It's just the most phenomenal workout," he said.

Myler completed

the race in six minutes and 54 seconds.

Second place went to club president Dan Fouts, a senior from Robinson studying business administration.

Fouts finished the race in six minutes and 58 seconds despite having to start over 700 meters into the race because of a machine malfunction.

The club's vice president, Jensen, a sophomore from Chicago studying paralegal studies, said good times for the

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siUDE.com Question:  
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| Yes, its better for my schedule         | 64% |
| Yes, I basically live at the rec        | 10% |
| No, the existing hours were fine for me | 9%  |
| No, I don't work out at the rec         | 17% |

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Do you think students should have to pay an extra fee to move facilities, like the tennis courts, because the new stadium will be built on top of the current facilities?

A. Yes, recreation is one of the most important student functions.  
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C. No, they are just redressing the Saluki Way fee, which students already paid.  
D. No, the money should be spent elsewhere

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CALENDAR

**Division of Continuing Education**

- The Individualized Learning Program is offering extended testing hours (last available time to schedule is 5:30 p.m.) for students on Friday
- To schedule a test, please call 536-7751

**Saluki Heritage Interpreters informational meeting**

- 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Agriculture Building, room 209
- First meeting; upcoming environmental interpretation events discussion; elect new officers

**Academic Expectations and the International Student**

- 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday at the International Students and Scholars Office-Meeting Room
- The workshop will explore a variety of academic expectations that International students are sometimes uncertain of, focusing on the nature of plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty
- Gerald Nelms, SIUC associate professor in the English department will be speaking
- Contact 453-5774 for more information

NEWS BRIEFS

**VA angry, apologizes for deaths at Marion site**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Investigators flagged 19 deaths over the past two years at a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in southern Illinois as possibly linked to substandard care, an angry VA official said Monday as he apologized to affected families and pledged reform.

The hospital in Marion undertook many surgeries that its staffing or lack of proper surgical expertise made it ill-equipped to handle and hospital administrators were too slow to respond once problems surfaced, said Dr. Michael Kussman, U.S. veterans affairs undersecretary for health.

"I can't tell you how angry we all are and how frustrated we all are. Nothing angers me more than when we don't do the right thing," Kussman told reporters during a conference call after releasing findings of the VA's investigation and summarizing a separate Inspector General's probe.

Still, Kussman insisted, "what happened in Marion is an exception to what otherwise is a truly quality health-care system" across the VA.

The VA will help affected families file claims to seek compensation, he said.

The VA investigation found that at least nine deaths between October 2006 and March of last year were "directly attributable" to substandard care at the Marion hospital, which serves veterans from southern Illinois, southwestern Indiana and western Kentucky.

Kussman declined to identify those cases by patient or doctor, though Rep. Jerry Costello, a Democrat from Belleville, said those nine deaths were linked to two surgeons he did not name.

Of an additional 34 cases the VA investigated, 10 patients died as the result of questionable care that complicated their health, Kussman said. Investigators could not determine if the care actually caused the deaths.

The VA's investigation cited by Kussman covered a two-year span, the VA said.

The inspector general's office blamed three deaths on substandard care at the Marion site, but that review covered only the past fiscal year that ended in October, Costello said. That report was not immediately available Monday.

Telephone calls on Monday seeking comment from the Marion VA were directed to spokespeople with the agency's Washington headquarters.

In-patient surgeries will remain suspended indefinitely at the Marion hospital, Kussman said. They have not been performed at the facility since problems first became public last August.

**Illinois' Democrats campaign for Obama**

CHICAGO (AP) — Barack Obama's campaign isn't taking anything for granted — not even votes in his home state primary that top Illinois Democrats are betting on him to win.

Some of the state's leading Democrats turned out Monday at the Obama campaign's volunteer headquarters to launch a final push for votes that they hope will help the Illinois senator capture the most delegates he can in the Feb. 5 Democratic presidential primary.

"We know he's going to win big, but every single vote can lead to more delegates for Barack Obama," state Comptroller Dan Hynes said.

Illinois is among more than 20 states holding primaries that day that will help decide the tight contest between Obama and his chief Democratic rival, New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

But the Clinton camp has maintained all along it won't hand over Illinois to Obama because the New York senator has deep roots here from her days growing up in a Chicago suburb to her time in the White House.

To show they've got their focus on the state, former President Bill Clinton is set to attend a Chicago fundraiser Tuesday night and the campaign has used phone banks in the waning days before the primary to reach voters around Illinois, Clinton campaign spokeswoman Stacey Zolt Hara said.

"We are not conceding a single vote in Illinois," she said.

While Obama has cornered the support of well-known Democrats like Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and his son, Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., Clinton's web of support includes the elder Jackson's wife and billionaire businessman Jay Robert "J.B." Pritzker, an heir to the Hyatt hotel's fortune. That pits Pritzker against his billionaire sister, Penny Pritzker, who backs Obama. Clinton's campaign manager is also the sister of Chicago Alderman Danny Solis.

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# Personal training keeps students motivated

Trainers offer variety, gain experience

**Christian Holt**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Although Lisa Barr looks like she could run miles and work out with the fittest of people, she said she liked having a personal trainer to keep her in line.

Barr said she would rather have someone to make her work out than have to rely on herself.

The Carbondale resident has taken part in the personal training program through the Recreation Center twice a week since July 2007. The center has 18 nationally certified trainers on staff and their services are available to students at a cost.

Barr said she was skeptical when she started the workouts because she was not sure what they would entail. But once she realized how much she enjoyed it, she started spreading word to her friends.

Barr said she likes to come see her trainer, Amanda Perkins, a second year graduate student from Louisville, Ky., studying sport and exercise psychology, because she likes to have someone to hold her accountable for her workouts.

Perkins said Barr's situation is common.

"A lot of people need personal trainers for motivation," she said.

Perkins said she has roughly eight clients on a regular basis. She does not have one certain routine, she said, and makes sure to use the program that would benefit the

## Recreation Center personal training

A fitness test is required before you can work with a personal trainer

\$20 = fitness test


\$15 = fitness test with purchase of first personal training session

 = \$20 per training session  
1 person

1st - 9th training session = \$20

10th - 19th training session = \$19

20th + training session = \$18

 = \$105 per person  
• 1 fitness test each  
• 6 training sessions each  
group of 2

 = \$40 training session group rate  
• \$15 fitness test each  
group of 3-8

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**Amanda Perkins, a second year graduate student in sports and exercise psychology, coaches Lisa Barr, a Carbondale resident, in a workout routine Monday at the Student Recreational Center. Personal training sessions are offered for one to eight people with the cost varying by group size.**

client the most.

"There's not just a cookie-cutter training program for everybody," she said.

Perkins said it is helpful to have a personal trainer because the Recreation Center can be intimidating to those who are not familiar with the equipment.

Lynne Thompson-Cundiff, fitness coordinator at the center, said there are many types of training sessions offered. Students and community members can have sessions individually, with a partner or with a group of people up

to eight.

All participants are required to get fitness tests before their sessions begin. After that, the price of the personal training sessions varies by the number that attend each session and how many sessions are purchased.

Thompson-Cundiff also said most of the 18 trainers are graduate students.

"It's a great opportunity for those students to get that experience," she said.

## Reasons to hire a personal trainer

- I've never exercised and I don't know what to do.
- I've exercised a little bit but I'm not sure if I'm doing it correctly.
- I don't know which exercises to do on which days.
- I don't know how many sets or reps to do and I don't know how long to rest between my sets.
- I would like to learn about circuit training.

Those interested in purchasing time with a personal trainer can stop by the Lifestyle Enhancement Center at the Recreation Center

or call 453-1272.

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## Voters take advantage of early ballots

SIUC to host four polling places for Feb. 5 primary

**Barton Lorimer**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

If the county's early voting trends continue for the 2008 Illinois primary, election judges can expect to count more ballots during this year's primary than in the past.

Jackson County Clerk Larry Reinhardt and his staff have collected nearly 240 ballots with a week remaining in the countdown to "Super Tuesday." The ballots are a part of early voting, which is a new chance for voters to have their say weeks before the regular election. Reinhardt said 2008 being a presidential election year is one of the major reasons for such a strong turnout.

"It's about what we expected for this primary," Reinhardt said. "Of course we're expecting a higher than normal turnout."

He said it would not be a surprise if future elections have a higher turnout as early voting becomes more recognized.

Visiting Professor John Jackson of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute said the turnout is up because the Illinois primary was rescheduled to an earlier date. As a result, he said, the state will be a vital piece for both Republican and Democratic presidential candidates.

Early voting also includes ballots

## Where students living in residence halls can vote

|                   |   |
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| University Hall   | University Hall (Precinct 21)                 |
| Southern Hills    | Grinnell Hall (Precinct 22)                   |
| University Park   | Grinnell Hall (Precinct 22)                   |
| Brush Towers      | Grinnell Hall (Precinct 23)                   |
| Thompson Point    | Lentz Hall (Precinct 25)                      |
| Evergreen Terrace | Evergreen Terrace Activity Room (Precinct 24) |

All polling places are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 5

submitted by voters registering with Jackson County during an extended application deadline, which expired on Jan. 22. These late registers had to cast a ballot as a part of their registration at the courthouse.

The county has been setting up shop in the Carbondale Civic Center for early voting, and will continue to do so until 3 p.m. on Thursday. Early ballots can also be submitted at the county courthouse in Murphysboro until Monday.

Four of Carbondale's 29 voting precincts service University Housing, which has caused the county to set up polling places on campus. Voters living in Brush Towers and surrounding area, including University Park and Southern Hills, will be able to cast their

ballot at the polling place in the lower level of Grinnell Hall. Keith McMath, a coordinator for Brush Towers, said the county has the authority to use SIU's facilities anytime since they are state property.

Other precincts scheduled to be

on campus include Lentz Hall and University Hall. All voting precincts in Jackson County are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All Jackson County voters will be given a paper ballot similar to a Scantron, requiring them to darken ovals next to their choice. The votes are scanned by a counting machine and saved onto a memory card. When polls close, memory cards tally up the votes and will allow election judges to determine the winner.

An older style ballot requiring voters to punch holes next to a candidate's name has been discontinued throughout most of Illinois, Reinhardt said.

This year's primary will be the first time the Green Party will be recognized on the Illinois ballot instead of being write-in candidates. In order for a third-party to be recognized, candidates in a previous election must receive at least 5 percent of the vote. Green Party gubernatorial candidate Rich Whitney received 11 percent during the November 2006 election.

New certification requirements prevent the ballot from being changed after Dec. 8, which means presidential candidates who have dropped out of the race since then will still be listed.

## Immigrant takes sanctuary in Chicago

**Michael Tarm**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Flor Crisostomo bid to become a symbol for immigration reform by spurning a deportation order Monday and taking sanctuary in a Chicago church that recently hosted another high-profile illegal immigrant.

The 28-year-old, who left three children in Mexico in 2000 when she paid a smuggler to drive her across the border into the United States, told reporters at the Adalberto United Methodist Church that she knew her actions would almost certainly end in her deportation or imprisonment.

"But when I do return to my children, I will not return, as so many have, empty handed," she said, clutching a photo of her kids with tears streaming down her cheeks. "I'll be able to give them the only thing that I can pass on to them — my dignity."

Later at the tiny, storefront church on Chicago's West Side, Crisostomo told The Associated Press she was "picking up the torch" from Elvira Arellano, an illegal immigrant who lived in the same church for a year before leaving in August to visit Los Angeles; there, immigration authorities arrested her and, within a matter of hours, deported her to Mexico.

Arellano, who called Crisostomo from Mexico on Monday to offer encouragement, became a beacon of hope for millions of illegal immigrants and a lightning rod for those who saw her brazen refusal to leave the United States as proof of lax enforcement.

Activists hope Crisostomo becomes a similar symbol.

But Adelberto's pastor said no

one pressured Crisostomo to take sanctuary at the church, which is located in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood.

"It's unfortunate we have to do this. This church has other priorities, like helping the poor in this neighborhood," the Rev. Walter Coleman said. "But God didn't give us a choice. When God says do this, we say, 'Yes sir!'"

Coleman complained the push for immigration reform had stalled, saying that even sympathetic politicians have put the sensitive issue on the back burner.

"So what are we supposed to do?" he said. "Who's moving this movement forward? It's not moving forward."

Crisostomo, who spoke through a translator, said she left Iguala Guerrero, Mexico, after she was unable to find a job that would enable her to buy enough food for her two boys and one girl, who range in age from 9 to 14.

In July 2000 she paid a smuggler to take her across the border and spent three days lost in desert-like conditions before making it to Los Angeles, she said. A month later she arrived in Chicago, where she worked 10 hours a day, six days a week in an IFCO Systems site that made packing materials.

By last year, she earned about \$360 a week, sending \$300 to her children for food, clothes and school books, she said. To keep her own costs down, she lived with four other women in a two-bedroom Chicago apartment.

"My children's lives improve a lot as a result," she said. "It wasn't luxury. But it meant they could survive."



## WIRE REPORTS

## WASHINGTON

## New home sales dropped in 2007 by a record amount; Prices posted weakest showing in 16 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — New home sales plunged in 2007 by the largest amount on record while home prices tumbled sharply in December. Analysts forecast more trouble in 2008 as housing tries to emerge from its worst slump in more than two decades.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that sales of new homes dropped by 26.4 percent last year to 774,000. That marked the biggest decline on record, surpassing the old mark of a 23.1 percent plunge in 1980.

The government reported that the median price of a new home barely budged last year, edging up a slight 0.2 percent to \$246,900, the poorest showing since prices fell by 2.4 percent during the 1991 housing downturn.

And the slump in sales and prices appeared to be worsening at year's end. December sales fell by 4.7 percent, a larger-than-expected drop, while the median price of a home fell by 10.4 percent last month, when compared to December 2006, the biggest 12-month decline in 37 years.

"It looks like the floor fell out of the housing market in December," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. He said the current slump is already on par with the deep housing downturn of the 1980s and could end up being the worst in the post World War II period.

## ILLINOIS

## Bond revoked for indicted businessman who raised cash for Obama, other Illinois politicians

CHICAGO (AP) — A judge revoked the \$2 million bond Monday for indicted businessman Antoin "Tony" Rezko, who has raised thousands of dollars for Barack Obama and Illinois politicians.

U.S. District Judge Amy J. St. Eve said she grew concerned after learning Rezko received \$3.5 million from a company in Lebanon; he had claimed that he had no income. St. Eve said she feared Rezko could be a flight risk.

The real estate developer and fast food magnate was arrested Monday morning at his home in suburban Wilmette. At an afternoon hearing, the judge ordered him into custody and scheduled a Tuesday hearing where Rezko's attorneys will attempt to get bond reinstated.

Rezko has pleaded not guilty to charges of fraud, attempted extortion and money laundering, and is scheduled to stand trial Feb. 25. He is accused of pressuring businesses seeking work before two state regulatory boards to make campaign contributions and payoffs.

Rezko had long been a fundraiser for Gov. Rod Blagojevich and for Obama, the presidential candidate and senator from Illinois. Neither Democrat has been accused of wrongdoing in the case.

## CALIFORNIA

## West Coast's wet weather moving out but blackouts continued, some roads closed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Skies were clearing Monday over waterlogged California after a week of downpours and heavy snowfall that led to avalanches and traffic deaths but only minor flooding and slides.

Highways closed because of heavy snow in the Sierra Nevada were reopened Monday, including a nearly 130-mile stretch of U.S. 395 just north of Bishop to the Nevada state line, state officials said. Interstate 80 through the Sierra between Sacramento and Reno, Nev., also was reopened Monday but chains were required, according to a Department of Transportation Web site.

The storm produced wind approaching 40 mph during the night in the mountains east of Los Angeles, said Penny Dodge, a desk clerk at the mountain resort community Big Bear Lake. It was the worst she has seen in her seven years in the area.

"We had it all last night — the wind and the blowing," she said Monday.

The storm system was headed east Monday and could bring winds and heavy moisture to the Great Plains, National Weather Service forecaster Stan Wachowski said.

# Kennedy endorses Obama campaign

David Espo  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Summoning memories of his slain brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy led two generations of the First Family of Democratic politics Monday in endorsing Barack Obama for the White House, declaring, "I feel change is in the air."

Obama is a man of rare "grit and grace," Kennedy said in remarks salted with scarcely veiled criticism of the Illinois senator's chief rival for the presidential nomination, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, as well as her husband, the former president.

Obama beamed as first Rhode

Island Rep. Patrick Kennedy, then Caroline Kennedy, and finally the country's best known liberal took turns bestowing their praise. "Today isn't just about politics for me. It's personal," Obama told a boisterous crowd packed into the American University basketball arena a few miles across town from the White House.

It was also about politics, though, and a rapidly approaching set of primaries and caucuses across more than 20 states on Feb. 5, with more than 1,600 national convention delegates at stake.

Kennedy's endorsement was ardently sought by all three of the remaining Democratic presidential contenders, and he delivered it at a

pivotal time in the race. A liberal lion in his fifth decade in the Senate, the Massachusetts senator is in a position to help Obama court voting groups who so far have tilted Clinton's way. These include Hispanics, rank-and-file union workers and lower-income, older voters.

Kennedy is expected to campaign actively for Obama beginning later this week, beginning in Arizona, New Mexico and California. Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of John Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1963, will also make campaign appearances, officials said.

David Axelrod, a senior Obama adviser, said strategists also hope Kennedy can help blunt Clinton's

charges that Obama's health plan would not provide coverage for all. "I don't think anybody believes that Ted Kennedy would endorse a candidate who wasn't thoroughly committed to the goal of universal health care," he said.

Clinton betrayed no disappointment at her rival's gain.

"We're all proud of the people we have endorsing us," she said in a conference call with Arizona reporters. Addressing Kennedy's criticism of politicians who pit groups against one another, she said she was "strongly in favor of getting to where our politics can be about the real issues, trying to find common ground."



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Democratic presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) (left) hugs Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) as Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) watches during a rally at American University in Washington, D.C., where Kennedy endorsed Obama's candidacy, Monday.

## Bush seeks support for Iraq, economy

Terence Hunt  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush, focusing on gnawing recession fears in his final State of the Union address, said Monday that Americans are troubled about their economic future and prodded Congress to urgently approve a \$150-billion rescue plan.

On Iraq, always a main topic of his annual addresses to Congress, Bush said his troop buildup is succeeding after five years of a long and costly war that has claimed the lives of 3,940 members of the U.S. military. "Al-Qaida is on the run in Iraq and this enemy will be defeated," Bush said.

With his approval rating near its all-time low and less than a year remaining in his presidency, Bush lacked the political clout to push bold ideas before a hostile, Democratic-led Congress. Offering modest new plans, Bush proposed a \$300 million "grants for kids" program to help poor children in struggling public schools pay for the cost of attending a private school or a better public school outside their district.

The White House urged lawmakers, particularly in the Senate, to resist any temptation to enlarge the economic-stimulus plan that he and House leaders agreed on last week. "At kitchen tables across our country, there is concern about our economic future," the president said. "In the long run, Americans can be confident about our economic growth."

Excerpts of his prepared text were released in advance by the White House.

On two issues that were centerpieces of State of the Union addresses past — Social Security and immigration — Bush passed the buck back to Congress, which had ignored the president's earlier proposals. Contending that entitlement spending is "growing faster than we can afford," he said, "I ask members of Congress to offer your proposals and come up with a bipartisan solution to save these vital programs for our children and grandchildren."

A major challenge for Bush in his address to Congress was simply being heard when many Americans already are looking beyond him to the next president.

## Bomb kills five U.S. soldiers; Iraqi troops expect showdown

Kim Gamel  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — In a daring ambush, insurgents blasted a U.S. patrol with a roadside bomb Monday and showered survivors with gunfire from a mosque in increasingly lawless Mosul. Five American soldiers were killed in the explosion — even as Iraqi troops moved into the northern city to challenge al-Qaida in Iraq.

Iraqi reinforcements, along with helicopters, tanks and armored vehicles, converged on Mosul for what Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki pledged would be a decisive battle against al-Qaida in its last major urban stronghold.

The attack on the U.S. patrol — the deadliest on American forces since six soldiers perished Jan. 9 in a booby-trapped house north of Baghdad — raised the Pentagon's January death count to at least 36.

The toll so far is 56 percent higher than December's 23 U.S. military deaths and marks the first monthly increase since August. But the figures remain well below

monthly death tolls of more than 100 last spring.

Tensions in Mosul, Iraq's third largest city, have spiked after the explosion last week in an abandoned apartment that authorities say was used to stash insurgents' weapons and bombs. As many as 60 were killed and 200 injured.

The unrest in Mosul stands in sharp relief to a significant decline in bloodshed most elsewhere in Iraq in recent months. The relative calm has been credited to a U.S.-led security crackdown — along with a Sunni revolt against al-Qaida in Iraq and a cease-fire order by radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr for his powerful Mahdi Army militia.

But influential members of al-Sadr's movement said Monday they have urged the anti-U.S. cleric to call off the six-month cease-fire when it expires in February — a move that could jeopardize the security gains.

In Mosul, the attackers struck in the southeastern Sumar neighborhood, a middle-class district popular with former officers in Saddam Hussein's military and now a suspected hotbed for the insurgency.





STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center located at the Southern Illinois Research Park offers a variety of resources for businesses and entrepreneurs. Funding has been secured to build a new road connecting the research park to U.S. Route 51 near the SIU Arena.

EXPAND

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progress to One Enterprise Place, the park's more permanent business housing facility, Harfst said.

SIUC was required to match \$250,000 of the \$1 million grant through the Flexible Match Program with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

John Koropchak, vice chancellor for research, said the research park's land would meet the majority of that obligation. Harfst said the rest would be provided through the park's budget and their partners. He said the road would improve the value of the property, but it would have to be appraised to determine exactly how much.

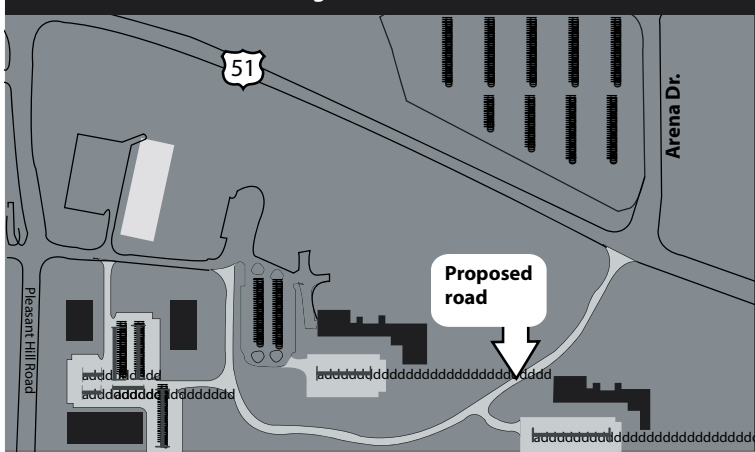
Harfst said he hopes the road design will be complete by the end of 2008 and the road construction complete by December 2009, but said these are their tentative, early targets and those dates may change.

Park revenue is generated through rent collected from companies who use the park's research facilities.

The park has two buildings, The Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center and One Enterprise Place, but Koropchak said the road should open up opportunities for six to 10 more.

The Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center's two primary purposes are to serve as outreach for economic development activities on behalf of the university and to serve as a small business incubator for

Plans for new road connecting SIUC and Southern Illinois Research Park



Source: Kyle Harfst

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merging and startup companies. They have office, wet laboratory and light industrial space available. Harfst said their wet laboratory, which includes fume hoods and vent space, is a rarity in southern Illinois.

The Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center was built in 1990 and was grandfathered into the park corporation when it was formed in 2001. Revenue the facility generates can be directed toward the park's expenses, such as maintenance and staffing, because no money is owed for its construction.

One Enterprise Place is also owned by the university and was paid for through bonds the university issued. Rent revenue this facility generates is used to pay that debt. It was fully occupied by February 2007 - a year after its completion - and is approaching its second anniversary.

Koropchak said increasing the number of facilities of this nature at the research park could create jobs for students who graduate from the university

"I've worked with a lot of students in my days here and a vast majority talked about how much they liked it here and said they'd love to stay here, but frequently it's a challenge to find jobs that are compatible with their training and experience," Koropchak said.

Gao said these facilities offer assistance not readily available in the region because there are fewer major industries and therefore fewer veterans to pass on their knowledge.

"The research park is essential for technology companies like mine to grow," Gao said.

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Row

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racers are fewer than seven minutes for the men and fewer than eight minutes for the women.

Although machines offer the members a good workout, Magnuson said they would like to purchase two four-person boats by April to compete in a marathon.

Magnuson said each boat would cost \$4,000.

Some of the members said they plan on raising the money with a

grant and through fundraisers later in the year.

Magnuson also said rowing is a change of lifestyle for the students involved in the Registered Student Organization.

He said the members practice for somewhere between an hour and an hour and a half at 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"It gets in the way of going to the bars," Magnuson said.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOONS



## STAFF COLUMN

# Tapping the fountain of wealth

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When my wife first started working as a receptionist at a coal mine last year, her boss explained to her that all the money the company made came from the miners. It was for that reason the company worked so hard to keep them happy.

They had huge company parties with catered meals. They gave gift baskets on holidays. It was quite the set up. They treated the miners, who made the money, well so they would want to keep working.

The boss said the administrative side was an expense, they made no money and if money became tight the administrative offices would feel it first.

Keeping that in mind, I would like to discuss Saluki Way.

Everyone who waves the tattered Saluki Way banner seems to think after its completion, all of the university's problems would be washed away. They also seem to think current students would somehow benefit the most by funding a stadium that does not even have a set start date, much less a completion date. The fact of the

matter though, is students shouldn't have to bear this financial burden.

Robin Hood didn't rob the poor to feed the rich.

You don't grab quarters out of the Salvation Army holiday pot to pay for a soda.

Poor college students who live off loans and scrounge for change to buy Ramen from Save-a-Lot shouldn't have to pay for a stadium.

I would like to point the masterminds behind the project to an overflowing fountain of money they could tap. I propose that the people who would benefit the most are the ones who should pay the most.

Who are these mysterious people who could benefit more than students and have extra money?

Why the faculty, of course.

If you think it sounds absurd to take money from established professionals, it seems it would be more so from unemployed students, right? Of the two groups, I would wager the professors would feel it less.

According to the SIUC Web site, in the fall of 2007 there were 213 professors, 280 associate professors and 277 assistant

professors. The average professor salary was \$90,700. Associate professors earned almost \$67,000 and assistant professors made just more than \$58,000.

Those are just the salaries of professors. Administrators tend to make more. Chancellor Fernando Treviño pockets a cool \$290,000 a year.

Those are some pretty high numbers, considering the median income for a family in Carbondale is \$34,601, according to the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau. The cost of living in southern Illinois is lower than the national average as well.

When it comes to spare cash to pay for a stadium, it would seem the faculty should have more in their couch cushions than students have in their pockets.

Besides the fact that faculty members have more money to give, they have greater interest in the future of SIU than the current students.

For the average undergraduate, SIU is merely a four-to-five year stop as they begin their adult life. It's a stepping stone, not a foundation.

For faculty members, however, this is their career. Many professors have taught here for years. Some have been here for decades. The chances of a faculty member

being here longer than a student are practically certain.

So I propose they pay.

When a university gets more exposure, it's the professors who reap the benefits. If enrollment goes up, they have more students to teach, more equipment to utilize, more opportunity to do research and fewer holes in their classroom ceiling.

If enrollment goes up in two years, or fifteen, what does it matter to the students who graduate this spring? It doesn't help their career. It doesn't improve their educational opportunities now. It won't lower the monthly payments on their student loans.

I propose that the wonderful SIU faculty, professors, administrators and all the rest give up 20 percent of their annual salary for Saluki Way. For those pulling in \$90,000, that should be easy. If they were to do that, the university would bring in almost \$11 million a year – almost three times the amount they now take from students.

Lower education costs would bring more students than a fancy football stadium. Without students there is no SIU. Just like you can't mine coal without miners, you can't be a professor without students.

*Wenger is a junior studying Spanish and journalism.*

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Too often, where we need water we find guns instead.”

**Ban Ki-Moon**  
United Nations Secretary-General  
on making the imminent water shortage crises the top cause on the global agenda



## FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

# What will our pages in history say?

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Most people remember where they were and whom they were with on Sept. 11, 2001. In my mind's eye, I can see a 13-year-old Sarah sitting at that old, green graffiti-laden lab table with Mr. Morrisette, bedecked in overalls and a plaid shirt perched precariously on his stool at the front of the room and about 30 sets of eyes glued to the small television.

That's about all I have from that day, except for the one thing our teacher (I'm not even sure which one) told us.

She told us to remember this day, because someday it will be in the textbooks our kids read.

This thought pops into my head every once in a while, generally when it will produce the most amount of conflict.

We read about history and, for some of us, it's just a collection of stories about people who lived a long time ago that we must memorize to be tested on later. We don't remember that history is something that people went through, just like we're going through life now.

And right now, with a black man and a white woman as frontrunners in our presidential campaign and in the sixth year of war, we're all living through history in the making.

In a luncheon last week with Chicago Sun-Times columnist and NPR commentator Laura Washington, she suggested maybe it is time for the baby boomers to step down from being the frontrunners in the decision-making process.

Which means it is we, the college-age generation, who will be responsible for our country's future.

I suggest that everyone think about this opportunity.

In class the other day my instructor asked a question and I caught myself sitting on the edge of my seat, waiting a little impatiently for the answer – an answer that never came.

In that moment I realized I was the one who had to decide the answer. In all my years of high school, the only answers I ever felt expected of me were ones I could easily look up in my textbook.

So I'm asking you, my peers, to take this opportunity to think for yourself. To not only accept but relish the fact that the answer to the question, "Where will our country be four years from now?" is up to us.

I can't help but be bothered by some of the campaign coverage I read. Briefs inform us that Edwards is touting the fact that Hillary left South Carolina early. And politicians point to other politicians, putting them down for acting like politicians.

A politician knows it's an insult to be called a politician and then uses it. How does anyone find that acceptable?

The information you need to make sound decisions is out there, but it will take some work to find it among the stories about which fifth-grade arguments the candidates had today.

As a member of the media, this upsets me personally. Why does all the news center around the bad things the candidates did? What can they tell me about them that is good?

Candidates seem more concerned about telling us why not to vote for their opponent. John Edwards took the time to criticize Hillary Clinton for leaving South Carolina before the primary, questioning whether she would ever return to the state if she became president. He may have meant this as some twisted, indirect way to say he would come back. In fact, he may have said that very thing, but the news brief doesn't mention whether or not he does, making his finger pointing seem more important than anything else.

Candidates should focus on explaining what they will do for their constituents and why they care. If they don't spend less time trying to demean their opponents, voters will develop such a bad taste in their mouth they want nothing more than the multi-course meal that is the election process to end.

They didn't throw those critical thinking exercises at us in our younger years of education just to watch us cringe – they knew one day we'd need the ability to think and decide for ourselves.

So put your books away, it's time for your test. Let's ace this one, OK?

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## STUDENT COLUMN

## A prize not worth winning

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This week the U.S. Senate will continue work on President Bush's proposed \$145 billion economic stimulus package meant to stabilize and possibly invigorate a slumping economy that teeters on the brink of recession.

While some analysts debate as to whether we are already in a recession, or if the specter of inflation is floating over our shoulder, there is little question that we are in serious trouble. This economic bungling has been a long time in the making.

It began with a fundamental shift from a financial strategy that stressed fiscal responsibility on the part of government, toward savings development on the part of the people. What we have today is a fiscal ideology of unrestrained spending by both citizens and government.

Only have \$500 in the bank? No problem. You go get that new, shiny SUV. Can't manage a 20 percent down payment on a house? No worries, this low initial percentage, adjustable-rate, subprime mortgage will get you into the house you always dreamed of but could never afford.

Government has a nasty problem with surplus funds? Easy, we'll wipe it out with massive tax cuts. Who needs a rainy day fund anyway? It's not like a war is going to start, or a city could fall victim to a massive natural disaster.

As ridiculous as the examples are, they reflect the reality of our "race to spend" doctrine. The very notion of a savings safety net within which both government and citizens alike could weather a national or financial disaster is never considered. That would impact the unrelenting drive for more, new, better stuff.

The stated purpose of the upcoming stimulus package is to give most single tax payers \$600, and couples \$1,200. The money really is not for you, but so that you can go cash the check and hand the money to someone else. This process of money changing hands

is intended to stimulate business and growth; and this in turn is intended to provide more stability and job security for the American worker.

That most Americans could not survive being unemployed for two months on what they have in their savings is irrelevant, we have credit for that. The race to spend is all that matters here, and the government and big businesses want you in the running.

But before we lace up our shoes, we should ask what the prize at the finish really is.

Our national debt is more than \$4 trillion, we have outrageous housing costs (median home price in California is \$600,000) and we are straddled by skyrocketing food prices (in some places a gallon of milk is \$5).

It would seem that the only thing we can hope to win is the booby prize: A country where only the very well off can really afford anything. A fiscal ideology devoid of stressing the need to develop financial security is unhealthy at best and very dangerous at worst.

I agree (in part) with some of the material presented in the three-volume "Histoire du XXe siècle," which states "Economic growth imposes a hectic form of life, producing over work, stress, nervous depression, cardiovascular disease, and according to some, even the development of cancer."

While I do not advocate the abandonment of the policy of promoting economic growth and development, I do question this overt desire for a breakneck pace in which to develop it. We have been running this marathon for hundreds of years. We will do so for many hundreds more. We can afford to slow down and inject the precept of committing to save on both a national and individual level into our fiscal policy.

The emergence of a national mindset that places more value on the health, happiness and security of the individual and society rather than the newest game controller, larger SUV or that huge house at the end of the cul-de-sac, is to me, truly a prize worth winning.

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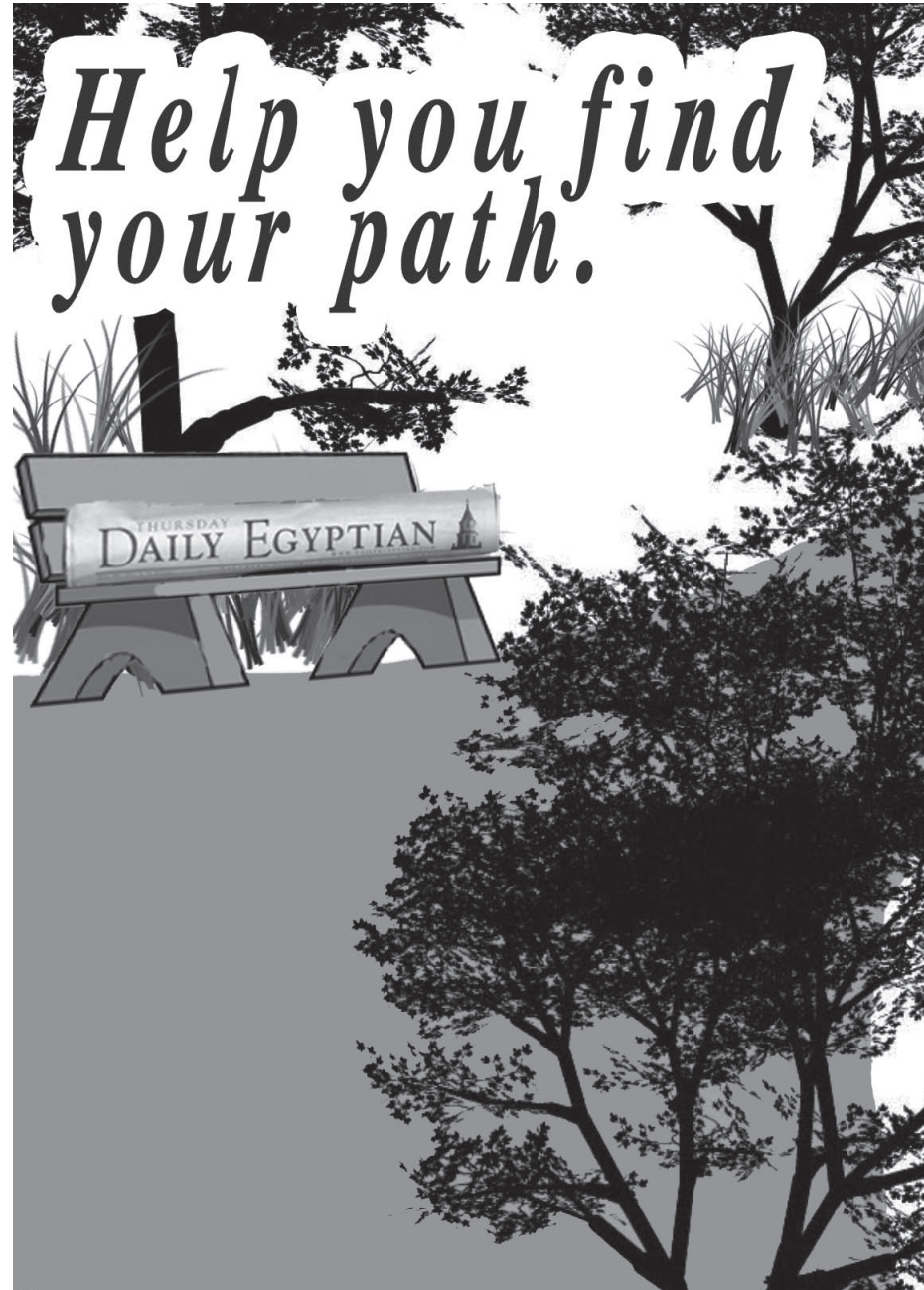
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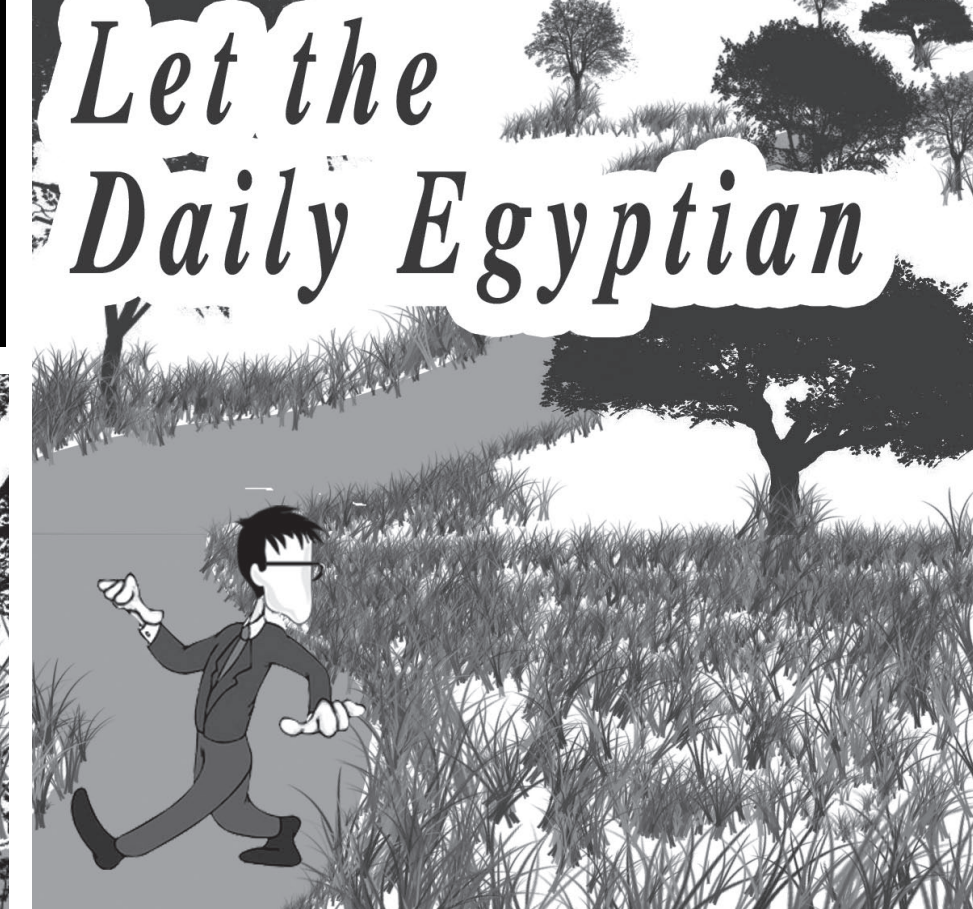


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**Audra Ord**  
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The student attacks his adversary full-force, striking with precision and exhaling sharply with each blow he is unable to block. Participants kick, block and strike to the best of their ability, but in the end there is a clear winner. The 'losing' student taps out, signaling the end of the fighting match.

The activity described above is known as sparring, an aspect of several martial arts disciplines. Students have the opportunity to learn sparring and other martial arts techniques through programs offered at the student recreation center.

Classes are available for Ba Gua, Shotokan Karate, Wing Chun Kung Fu, Xingyi Quan and Olympic Tae Kwon Do and are offered for two six-week sessions: Jan. 28 through March 7, and March 17 through April 25.

A basic knowledge of self-defense is the main reason many people learn martial arts, said Marty Davis, Wing Chun Kung Fu instructor.

"Martial arts has been watered down," Davis said. "They don't tell people that [some martial arts] is not going to provide you with what you need to survive a real street encounter."

Yet while most people never need to use their martial arts training in a practical situation, a lot of confidence comes from knowing they can use it if they need to, said Steve Eberhart, a Shotokan Karate sensei.

Learning self-defense is most important for women and children, Davis said.

But martial arts is more than learning how to defend yourself. There are other physical components, such as exercise and increased flexibility.



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**Luke Nelson, a freshman from Bunker Hill studying zoology, completes an aerobic exercise in Jim Crouse's Thai Boxing course Monday night in the Recreation Center. 'It was an easy way to whip me into shape,' Nelson said.**

There are spiritual and mental components of martial arts as well, including becoming more centered and calm, Eberhart said.

"It's also good for kids; it does help them learn self-discipline," Eberhart said. "They've done studies of

children with ADHD and they've found that it's useful in helping them learn to control their impulsivity, inattention and hyperactivity. I think that's because of the self-discipline."

In addition to the martial arts classes that are offered, other programs in dance, Tai Chi, pilates and yoga are offered through the recreation center.

For more information or to register for a class, visit the Recreation Center administrative office or call 453-1263.

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# FOX's 'Moment' is a snore

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'The Moment of Truth'  
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New episodes air 8 p.m. Wednesdays on FOX

Move over "Millionaire" — a new game show is in town, and it's more revealing and relies solely on a contestant's ability to tell the truth.

Based on a show created and canceled in Columbia after a woman revealed she had put a professional hit out on her husband to win \$25,000, FOX's "The Moment of Truth" gives players the chance to win \$500,000 if they can answer 21 personal questions about themselves without lying. As the questions progress, they become more provocative. The player wins more money, and one fib causes him or her to lose it all.

The catch is, contestants must answer questions such as "As a football player, did you ever sneak a peek at another player's privates while taking a shower?" or "Are you a member of the Hair Club for Men?" in front of a handful of family and friends sitting in the front row.

At any time one of the contestant's family or friends can hit a button if he or she does not want to hear the answer to the question, and a different query will be asked. However, there is no predicting whether the next question will be better or worse than the passed one.

Before the show, players are given a 50-question lie detector test, which is where the 21 questions for the show are pulled from. Thankfully this isn't court, and as long as viewers aren't bothered by the ambiguous nature of

lie detector tests and how they aren't always accurate this show is pretty entertaining.

Watching contestants squirm as their loved ones wait for the answers adds a little trash factor to the show, and some of the questions may make home audiences thankful they aren't a part of the program.

Mark L. Wahlberg, who hosted "Russian Roulette" on the Game Show Network and "Temptation Island," hosts "The Moment of Truth" and brings much-needed humor to the show by poking fun at contestants after particularly embarrassing answers.

However, the pacing of the show is its biggest detriment and, should it not survive, be the reason it is cancelled. Viewers have excruciatingly long waits between when the question is asked, when the contestant answers and when the answer is revealed to either

be true or false.

One could seemingly hear the question, make a sandwich, hear the contestant's answer, walk the dog and run a few errands and make it back in time to see if he or she was telling the truth.

The turtle pace of the show also allows for roughly two or three questions to be asked before a hugely long and agitating commercial break. "The Moment of Truth" unfortunately becomes a snore-fest when it should be controversial and entertaining.

Hopefully, creators of the show will pick up the pace in coming episodes and make a game show that could possibly survive on its provocative nature alone able to be a staple on prime time.

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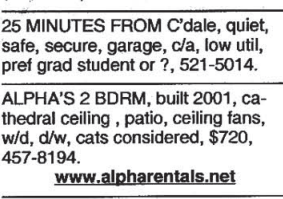
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Men's Basketball

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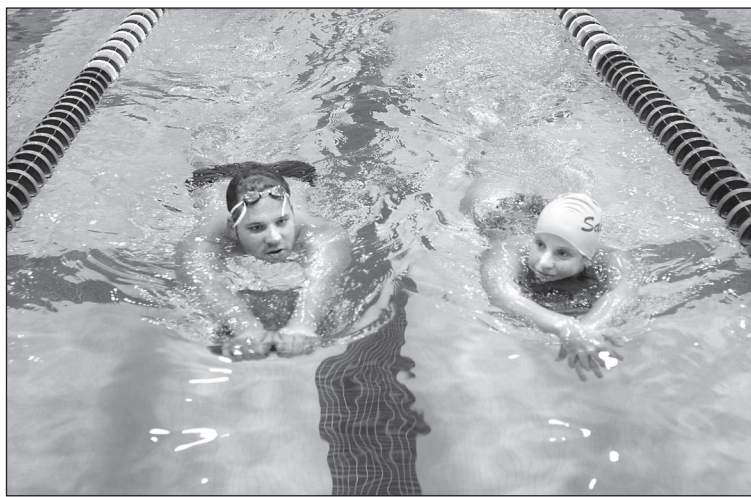
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The women's team of Ju, Emily Duerringer, Tovah Gasparovich and Isabel Madeira placed first in the women's 400-yard relays with a time of 3:33.28.

The Salukis host Evansville University on Saturday in their last meet before the women compete in the Missouri Valley Conference championships and men in the Sun Belt conference championships. Walker said he was encouraged by his swimmers' attitudes as they head into their last meet before conference championships.

"They're mature enough athletes to know their biggest swims are still to come," Walker said.

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DuVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU swimmers Stephan Ackermann, left, a senior, and Kelly Dvorak, a junior, swim a lap side-by-side during practice at the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium Wednesday afternoon. Ackermann took second place in the 50-yard freestyle at Western Kentucky on Saturday.

## BASKETBALL

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Eikenberg said she would like to see some other things but her most redeeming quality is that she is a competitor.

Sweere has been a competitor off the court as well.

The radio-television major has a 3.52 grade point average and received an honorable mention as a 2007 MVC Scholar-Athlete.

Sweere helped the Salukis garner a No. 19 ranking in the 2006-07 Women's Basketball Coaches Association Top-25 academic honor roll poll.

Despite her performances in the classroom and on the court, don't expect to see her on the TV just yet.

Sweere said she will follow the path former teammate Moore chose and pursue a master's degree in kinesiology. Moore is a graduate assistant coach at Murray State under former SIU assistant coach and current

Racers head coach Jody Adams.

Sweere said she'd like to use the kinesiology degree to become a strength and conditioning coach at another university.

She might be an ideal coaching candidate — she's already led rebuilding processes at both Missouri-Kansas City and SIU.

Sweere helped an SIU team that went 3-24 in the 2004-05 season improve to 10-18 during the 2005-06 season.

But her favorite moments as a Saluki came during the 2006-07 campaign when they went 21-11, including a 16-2 mark in the MVC, en route to their first conference title since 1990.

She said clinching the conference during "Pink Out" against Evansville stands out the most.

The "Pink Out" game was the second largest crowd in the program's history. In support of breast cancer awareness, 3,055 fans showed up to see the Salukis beat Evansville 63-60.

"It was the coming together of a lot of things that we had dreamed of," Sweere said.

The only thing SIU hasn't done during Sweere's campaign is participate in an NCAA Tournament. With hopes of an at-large bid dashed long ago, the Salukis will have to win the MVC Tournament, which begins March 13.

Unlike previous years where they've played on opponents' home courts, the tournament will be played at a neutral site in St. Charles, Mo., which could benefit the Salukis and give Sweere the perfect senior send-off.

"It's going to be a lot closer for my family to come, and hopefully it will pan out in the results of the tournament," the Springfield, Mo., native said.

But Sweere and her teammates aren't getting ahead of themselves. They return to the court Thursday at Northern Iowa (6-12, 2-5) to take on the struggling Panthers.

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**SWIMMING & DIVING**

# SIU bested by Western Kentucky

Julie Ju breaks two records in defeat

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SIU's swimming and diving team didn't come back from Western Kentucky with a victory, but they left the hosts something to remember them by.

Senior Julie Ju left her name in the Western Kentucky pool record books with victories in the 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard breaststroke. But the Salukis fell short in their attempt to upset the Hilltoppers, despite being victorious in 10 events.

Coach Rick Walker said he felt good about SIU's event wins.

"They know this is a tough time of the year," Walker said. "This is not necessarily the time we want to let up."

Senior Antonio Santoro posted first-place finishes in the 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard butterfly. Santoro, the 2006-07 Sun Belt Swimmer of the Year, also finished second behind Western Kentucky's Sean Penhale in the 500-yard freestyle. Last week, Penhale won the Sun Belt Conference Swimmer of the Week after his performance against Evansville University.

Junior Dennis Hedo picked up victories in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle competitions. Senior teammate Stephan Ackermann, who won the 50-yard freestyle against the Hilltoppers in last year's meeting, finished second behind Hedo in the 50-yard freestyle.

Hedo also contributed to SIU's victory in the 400-yard relays. The quartet of Hedo, Anthony Bousquet, Gareth McGee and Tim Silkaitis posted a time of 3:06.70 to win the race.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**



EDYTA BLASZCZYK ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior guard Jayme Sweere attempts a layup against Creighton Jan. 20. Sweere scored a career-high 33 points during the Salukis 77-67 loss to Evansville Sunday.

# FROM KANGAROO TO SALUKI

Sweere sixth highest scorer in the MVC

Matt Hartwig  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

At times, senior guard Jayme Sweere has carried the SIU women's basketball team.

Against Creighton Jan. 20, Sweere delivered the game-winning shot with 10 seconds left in overtime to give the Salukis a 75-74 win. On Saturday she delivered a career-high 33 points in SIU's 77-67 loss at Evansville.

And with only 11 games remaining in the Missouri Valley Conference regular season, Sweere's teammates are leaning on her more than ever.

She said she's not going to focus too much on the Evansville game. She has too much left to play for in her final season of collegiate basketball.

"Because it's a loss and because that was a game we needed, it's hard to really think about much else than that," Sweere said. "Maybe in 10 years I'll look back on it, but right now it's not really something I'm thinking about."

Her recent offensive prowess has given the Salukis a reason to believe they can still win the MVC championship despite trailing Illinois State (17-1, 7-0 MVC) by four games.

Playing well in crunch time has never been an issue for Sweere; in fact, some of her best games came when the team needed her most.

Take the 2006-07 season for example.

In the first round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament, Sweere recorded her first career double-double in a 58-50 victory over Stephen F. Austin. Her 23 points and 10 rebounds led the team.

She followed that performance with another double-double in a 72-46 loss to Kansas State in the second round of the tournament.

Sweere averaged 11.7 points per game and 5.3 rebounds per game during her junior season and has upped both averages to 14.6 and 6.9 respectively.

Her scoring and rebound output has increased each year since she debuted for Missouri-Kansas City her freshman year. Sweere averaged 7.4 points per game in 29 contests for the Kangaroos.

By her own choice, Sweere followed coach Dana Eikenberg to SIU (7-10, 3-4) along with now graduated forward Carlai Moore and fellow backcourt member Erin Pauk.

Eikenberg said the original reason she recruited Sweere was her high basketball IQ.

"She had a strong body with a competitive spirit, and we thought with the right tutelage and constant coaching that she would be one of the better guards at the time in the Mid-Continent Conference," Eikenberg said. "Jayme has worked hard on her game, she's elevated from where she started and where she is now."

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**"Jayme has worked hard on her game, she's elevated from where she started and where she is now."**

— Dana Eikenberg  
 head coach

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# SIU seeks to keep up winning ways

Salukis have won last three out of five

Megan Kramper  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Coming off one of the more eventful weekends this season, the SIU men's basketball team is ready to focus on making a run in the final weeks of Missouri Valley Conference play.

The Salukis (10-10, 5-4 MVC) are coming off a close 48-44 win against Creighton as part of ESPN's College GameDay Saturday night. The team will turn around tonight to host the Evansville Purple Aces at the SIU Arena.

Junior guard Bryan Mullins said the team has to come out with a lot of energy to keep hopes of padding its record before the MVC Tournament in March.

"There is still a lot of games left to be played and every game matters,"

Mullins said. "We're just trying to take it one game at a time."

Coach Chris Lowery also isn't counting the Salukis out of the post-season, stressing the fact that his team needs to play with consistency for the rest of regular season play.

After Saturday night's matchup, Lowery said he was proud of seniors Randal Falker and Matt Shaw for accepting their leadership roles.

"It's been a struggle to get them to talk and do the leadership things," Lowery said. "But if it takes Creighton to do that then I hope they continue to do that because they've been better than they've been all year."

Evansville is coming off their first MVC victory this season with an 84-65 win over Missouri State on Saturday.

The Purple Aces (6-13, 1-8) did take a hit when second leading scorer junior guard Shy Ely went out of the game against the Bears with a sprained ankle. His status is unknown

for tonight's game, according to Evansville Athletics.

Junior guard Jason Holsinger leads the Purple Aces offense with 13.5 points with Ely following closely adding 13.3 points per game.

Junior guard Wesley Clemmons said even though Evansville sits at the bottom of the MVC standings, the Salukis cannot overlook them especially after their victory over Missouri State.

The Salukis dropped a game at Missouri State Wednesday, 63-62.

"We just have to go out there and play like they're number one in the conference," Clemmons said.

The two teams previously met this season on Jan. 15 in Evansville as the Salukis recorded an 80-67 win, with Falker scoring 16 points while adding nine rebounds and five assists.

Lowery said the team would focus on repeating the things that made them successful in their wins this season.

"Our biggest thing is us," Lowery



STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Junior guard Wesley Clemmons shoots over three Creighton defenders Saturday night at the SIU Arena. Clemmons had two points and two assists in the Salukis' victory.

said. "We have to worry about us and improve on us and improve the things that help us win."

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