Evacuees return home after weekend flood scare

Levee near Grand Tower will hold high water levels

Barton Lorimer
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Western Jackson County residents along the Big Muddy and Mississippi rivers are returning home as area water levels subside from what several television stations have labeled the Flood of ‘08.

A voluntary evacuation was issued by county emergency officials with the county’s Emergency Management Agency expressed concerns a dirt levee along the Big Muddy River in Grand Tower — about 25 miles southwest of Carbondale — would not hold back rising flood waters. But when the National Weather Service said water levels would actually be 1 foot lower than originally anticipated Saturday, the request was lifted.

“Our levee people are confident it can withstand the water, but some say it can’t,” Grand Tower Mayor Randy Ellett told the Associated Press. “We just have to deal with it the best we can.”

Water levels at the spillway

The approximate water level of the Big Muddy River at Route 127 in Murphysboro for March 2008. Measured in feet.

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Derek Moser, coordinator with EMA, told the Chicago Tribune that an inspection showed damage to the 40-year-old levee, which would cost $60 million to replace.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich joined the emergency service’s request for residents to evacuate this weekend. The governor declared 19 southern Illinois counties disaster areas and ordered the opening of many camping facilities for those displaced by the weather.

Land between Carbondale and Murphysboro remains under water as the Big Muddy River continues to pour over its banks. The river’s water level is predicted to reach 38 feet by today.

Meanwhile, portions of Carbondale’s east side remain flooded as high water levels in Crab Orchard Lake force area creeks to crest. A creek that feeds the lake from the north has flooded the land between Giant City and Reed Station roads.

A flood continues to build as water from Crab Orchard Lake and a system of streams spill into the land around Spillway Road. Docks at West Crab Orchard Marina were under water Saturday, as swiftly moving waters pored into lower ground.

Assistant City Manager Kevin Baity said public works officials were inspecting the city’s waste drainage system for obstructions as creeks within city limits returned to their banks earlier this week.

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Students, community members rally against war

Songs, signs and chants protest invasion of Iraq

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In December 2001, Maggie Parker began spending her Saturday afternoons at the Carbondale Town Square Pavilion, joining a group of six to 10 others to protest the invasion of Iraq. The war had not yet begun, but the group demonstrated in anticipation of the conflict.

More than six years later, she is still standing there.

“In one sense, it’s certainly very discouraging and frustrating,” said Parker of Carbondale. “Yet it’s also very heartening to think that there are enough people to keep this going every Saturday.”

Parker said the group, which has grown to about 15 to 20 regulars, protests by holding signs and banners encouraging to end the war. They took their vigil on the road Saturday, marching down Illinois Avenue holding signs and chanting, then meeting at the Interfaith Center for a rally of about 70 people. The occasion marked the fifth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, which occurred March 19, 2003.

When Parker and the others began protesting, an opposing group of war supporters gathered across the street, protesting, an opposing group of war supporters gathered across the street, and thumbs-up signs from passing motorists.

“Fight in Iraq.”

Students for Peace and Democracy member Jon Klemke said several people insulted him by yelling “liberal” from their cars. But he said the insult was misguided, because peace is non-partisan.

Klemke, a freshman from Glenview studying cinema and photography, said the war had been mismanaged.

“I am a firm believer that you can always solve a problem through talking to people,” Klemke said.

Candy Davis came to the rally with strong opinions and a guitar. Davis, a doctoral student from Carbondale studying anthropology, performed several songs, including one she wrote about a month after Sept. 11.

Some say might makes right and fit for war to even up the score, but they can’t have any children for their dirty little war,” Davis sang. “No matter how you dress up it two wrongs don’t make a right. Those folk who want to have a war should be the ones to fight.”

She said she had been protesting for peace since the Vietnam War and was concerned that her children, particularly her 25- and 21-year-old sons, could be drafted to fight in Iraq.

Kaori Sato, a freshman studying anthropology at the University of Illinois, spent part of her spring break at the rally. Sato said she was visiting a friend in Carbondale, heard about the event and decided to join. Though many of her peers might spend this time on a beach, Sato said there was nowhere she’d rather be.

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COLUMN, PAGE 6: Gus Bode says the buildings at SIU live off of a shoe shine and a smile.
Police arrest Iraq protesters during Easter Mass

CHICAGO (AP) — Six protesters interrupted Cardinal Francis George's Easter Mass by security guards and ushers Sunday at Holy Name Cathedral, standing and yelling their opposition to the war in Iraq.

The group issued a statement after the arrests, saying the protesters were staging "to reach both Holy Name's large Easter audience — including Chicago's most prominent Catholic citizens, who commonly attend Easter Mass at the church — and the many more viewers who, usually, commonly extensively cover the service."

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Wrigley, Cubs in limbo as Tribune's Zell seeks home-run deals

CHICAGO (AP) — Despite a Midas touch for eking profit from distressed properties, Sam Zell surely didn't know that having control of baseball's lovable losers would be this hard.

As Opening Day approaches on March 31, the new Tribune Co. chief's plan to sell the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field is months behind schedule and both helped for sales are in limbo.

Fans are venting about the prospect of him selling naming rights to historic Wrigley, public officials oppose his plan to sell the ballpark to a state agency, and some prospective Cubs buyers are frustrated the Cubsball would come without the ballpark.

Yet whether or not Zell is able to win approval for a sale of Wrigley to the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority, clearing the way for a Cubs sale, few are betting against the real estate billionaire and renowned dealmaker.

"It's gotten a lot more complicated because of his effort to maximize the proceeds from selling Wrigley and the Cubs," said analyst Dave Novosel of the Gorman Credit bond research firm. "But from his viewpoint, if he can get more dollars out of this, even if it takes an extra few months, it's a worthwhile delay."

The controversy over changes involving Wrigley, Novosel said, "is obviously a lot easier, but I don't know that it's hurting his pocketbook."

Zell's personal fortune, estimated by Forbes magazine last year at $5 billion, enabled him to risk orchestrating a buyout of Tribune last April at a time when other readers of the local paper and TV company were hesitating to bid for the ailing newspaper and TV company.

Speaking afterword, George said, "We should all work for peace, but not by interrupting the worship of God."

Those arrested say they are members of a group called Catholic Schoolkids Against the War. Police identified them as: Angela Haban, 20; Regan Petrello, 25; Regan Petrelli, 20; Regan Petrello, 19; Ephraim Ramirez Jr., 22; Dorotea D. Smith, 5, and Ramia J. Zimba, 22.

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Kappa Alpha Psi hosts weekend celebration

Madeleine Leroux

Thousands of people came to SIUC this weekend looking to take part in a long-time tradition.

Kappa Alpha Psi ended its annual foursome week with Player’s Ball at 10 p.m. Saturday in the SIU Arena. The Ball ended a weekend of events, which featured celebrity appearances, such as TV personality Toccara Jones and rapper Yung Joc.

Keilin Hopkins-Bey, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, said the fashion show attracted a turnout of almost 2,000 people.

“It’s a tradition,” Hopkins-Bey said. “Everybody’s going to come anyway just out of support.”

Kenton Avery said he came down from Northern Illinois University with nine people to attend the celebration. Avery said though attending was a tradition for his friends, it was his first time coming to Player’s Ball and he was there to have a good time.

Johnson said Player’s Ball, sold out for the third straight year. It was very successful, Johnson said, and peaceful.

Hopkins-Bey said the event grew into the big attraction it is now. Everybody knows about Player’s Ball, Hopkins-Bey said.

“It’s a lot of dancing, a lot of music, a lot of smiles,” Hopkins-Bey said. “It’s just one big party.”

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ABOVE: Keilen Hopkins-Bey, right, a senior from Chicago studying administration of justice, passes out barbeque to people waiting in line Saturday afternoon at Kappa Karnival at the SIU Arena.

A group of friends jump around in an inflatable gladiator trampoline Saturday afternoon at Kappa Karnival at the SIU Arena.

Police crack down on drunken driving

University police have begun another period of increased traffic enforcement aimed at cracking down on drunken driving and promoting safe driving.

The enforcement period, which began Easter weekend, is the fourth of eight the department will take part in this year. These enforcement periods are a result of a safety grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation’s Mini-Grant Alcohol Enforcement Program emphasizing on enforcing drunken driving, speeding and safety belt laws.

Ray Lynn Allen, a coordinate from the Marion studying psychology, said these enforcement periods are worth a try in helping everyone safe.

“If having these enforcement periods helps, then that’s good that the police have a program like this,” Allen said.

Warning students not to drive drunk

Some students might not care and will do what they want, but if they hear about this, maybe some will decide not to drive drunk.

Elyn Hollis, a junior from St. Jacob studying human nutrition and dietetics, said crossing the crosswalks can be dangerous.

“Sometimes I’m not sure if the cars will stop, especially when they are coming towards me really fast,” Hollis said.

Hollis said having extra police enforcement could work and possibly help students make the right choice.

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Sugler said he understands college students want to socialize and enjoy their weekends, but they should be safe and smart about it. He said planning ahead and having a designated driver would eliminate arrests and possible deaths.

“We’re not trying to stop students from going out, we just want them to do it safely,” Sugler said.

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Drunk driving in Carbondale

The number of DUIs per year for the past five years in Carbondale and the average blood alcohol level of those who were tested.

Source: SIUC Public Safety Director Todd Sugler

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VIOLENCE IN IRAQ KILLS AT LEAST 57 AS EXTREMISTS POUND GREEN ZONE

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAQDHAD - Rockets and mortars pounded Baghdad's U.S.-protected Green Zone on Sunday and an Israeli army soldier was shot and killed as a suicide car bomber struck an Israeli army post in the northeastern city of Mosul in a range of attacks that killed at least 57 people nationwide.

An American official with knowledge of the situation said a significant presence of Sunni militants was behind the march into the Green Zone on Sunday, and that militant attacks persisted throughout the day.

A suicide bomber blew himself up between two buses in downtown Baghdad, killing 13 Israeli soldiers and injuring 42 other people, police said.

Iraqi guards opened fire on the vehicular traffic at the entrance to the Green Zone, which was surrounded by an American, British and Iraqi forces there that are working to derail a Sunni extremist offensive in Baghdad.

In Mosul, Iraq's third largest city about 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, has been described as the heart of the Sunni insurgency.

Iraq police said at least five people were injured at least 10 civilians were found the bullet-riddled bodies of 12 people — six in Baghdad, four in Mosul and two in Kut, scene of clashes between government troops and Shiite militiamen.

Elsewhere, several mortars or rockets struck a U.S. base in the Shiite city of Hillah, about 60 miles south of Baghdad, Iraqi police said. The American military did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the attack.

Gunmen opened fire on passengers waiting for buses in a predominantly Shiite area in southeastern Baghdad, killing at least seven men and wounding 16 people, including women and children, according to police.

Police also found the bullet-riddled bodies of 12 people — six in Baghdad, four in Mosul and two in Kut, scene of clashes between government troops and Shiite militiamen.

Since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, violence in Iraq has killed at least 57 people nationwide.

Violence in Iraq kills at least 57 as extremists pound Green Zone

Cheney, U.S. won't put pressure on Israel

Deb Riechmann
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM - In a bold reversal of Israel, Vice President Dick Cheney said Sunday that the United States will never press for peace between Israel and the Palestinians but will never press for peace if it jeopardizes its security.

Cheney, on an Easter weekend visit to Jerusalem and the Palestinian territories, reiterated Washington's commitment to establishing a Palestinian state that it said would have the security and stability, and be an integral part of our world.

"America's commitment to Israel's security is unshakeable, as it is our commitment to the Palestinian people as they work for a peaceful future," he said.

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With Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Prime Minister Salam Fayyad.

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Cheney also said that the United States and Israel worked on a MidEast peace deal, but they are not ready to take that off the table.

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“This is exactly what I believe in, so it’s perfect,” Sato said.

Some forms of protest were less vocal. Rachael Paull, a 12-year-old of Carbondale, said she was inspired by the book "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" by Eleanor Coerr, which relates the true story of a young Japanese girl who developed leukemia in the aftermath of the 1945 atomic bomb drop. Sadako Sasaki believed if she made a thousand paper cranes, she would recover, according to the book.

Paull said she hoped to enlist others at the rally to help her make a thousand paper cranes, which she wanted to send to Washington, D.C., with a note explaining the group’s wish for peace.

Rachael’s father, Alex Paull, said she came up with the idea on her own while attending an anti-war poetry reading Wednesday. He said she began making cranes out of the event’s programs.

Paull said he had been protesting at the pavilion sporadically since the war began and was encouraged because the movement seemed to be growing.

“You’ve got to have hope,” Paull said. “It depends on the American people standing up, and I think it’s about time they do.”

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Explosion causes ammonia gas leak

BOONEVILLE, Ark. — An explosion at a meat packing plant on Sunday caused an ammonia gas leak that forced 180 people from their homes, but none of those working at the plant was injured, emergency responders said.

The explosion in the western Arkansas town of 4,000 occurred in the freezer section of the Cargill Meat Solutions plant, which makes frozen ground beef patties and steaks, said Renee Preslar, a spokeswoman with the state Department of Emergency Management.

Mark Klein, a spokesman for Minneapolis-based Cargill Inc., said the plant is closed Sundays but that about 20 contractors and a few other employees were at the site at the time of the fire. The plant employs about 800 people, he said.

“Everybody’s good. There’s been no injuries,” said Gina Kinney, a dispatcher with the Logan County Sheriff’s Department.

The fire involved an estimated 88,000 pounds of anhydrous ammonia, plus the plant had 100,000 pounds of nonflammable carbon dioxide, which is used in refrigeration systems, she said.

Late Sunday afternoon, a dark gray plume from the fire still could be seen 10 miles away. Firefighters were unable to fight the blaze using conventional equipment because of the danger and that they would let it burn itself out.

Explosion causes ammonia gas leak

A Corrupt Politician’s Worst Nightmare

Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 7 p.m.
Shryock Auditorium
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Patrick J. Fitzgerald, the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, has spent two decades supervising, building and winning cases against high-profile figures and government officials in investigations ranging from public corruption to corporate fraud to terrorism and other violent crimes.

Since his appointment in 2001, Fitzgerald and his team have chalked up successful prosecutions of former Governor George Ryan on fraud and racketeering charges and dozens of Ryan’s associates through the Operation Safe Road investigation. Fitzgerald’s office has had similar success in Chicago where dozens have been found guilty in the city’s Hired Truck Program scandal. During this time, he was also assigned to investigate the leaked identity of former CIA official Valerie Plame, which led to the conviction of I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby, the vice president’s former chief of staff.

Before heading to Illinois, Fitzgerald worked on cases in New York, including prosecutions against Gambino crime family members and against terrorists responsible for bombings in the 1990s at the World Trade Center and at U.S. embassies in Africa.

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Death of a ceiling tile

By Danny Wenger

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The Communications Building at SIUC has been reading Arthur Miller. Miller wrote “Death of a Salesman,” a classic American play, in 1949. The play chronicles the final days of one Willy Loman, a struggling salesman who can never quite get ahead. Loman always chased the American dream of financial success and wealth, and two grown sons, but never quite get ahead. Loman always decided the only way he could collect his life insurance was by killing himself so they would be by killing himself so they could collect his life insurance. Loman wants the best for his wife and later his wife and later his wife’s money. He says “He’s not to be allowed to fall into his grave like an old dog,” he says. Hopefully attention gets paid to buildings, like Faur Hall and the Communications Building, before they are too far gone.

Wenger is a senior studying Spanish and journalism.

Instead of real replacements or repairs, poorly-devised temporary solutions pop up can like an umbilical cord. It’s ridiculous, but it’s in plain sight for all to see. Yet the university’s money is spent on ridiculous projects like Sukhi Way. The heads of the school parallel Willy Loman as well. They try to get ahead by being “well liked.” They somehow reason that a shiny new stadium will make up for decrepit facilities. They are, ultimately, failing with this approach, just like Loman.

The question now is, How much more rain, how many more dead ceiling tiles, how much more drip-catching trashcans and leak tarpars to have to pop up before things change? Linda Loman, Willy’s wife and later widow, laments that, “attention must be paid,” to Willy’s deteriorating state before his suicide.

“His ceiling tiles were falling,” she says. Hopefully attention gets paid to buildings, like Faur Hall and the Communications Building, before they are too far gone.

Earth Hour 2008

Dear Editor:

As a mayor concerned with climate change and the environment, I thought you might appreciate an update on the upcoming Earth Hour Celebration.

This small [and symbolic] contribution made to the environment (lights off for one hour at 8 p.m. March 29) will be embraced in many parts of the world. As I write this, almost 11,000 businesses, 165,000 individuals (including at least 100 Facebook users at SIU Carbondale — they have their own page) and four major U.S. city governments including Atlanta, Chicago, Phoenix and San Francisco have pledged to celebrate Earth Hour in ways that reflect their city’s commitment to the environment. Several other major cities across the globe have also done the same, not to mention the hundreds of small towns in between.

How will Carbondale respond?

Dave Piercy
Senior studying forestry
Thumbs Down to chancellor troubles and great floods

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And Obama reminded us that anger and frustration are not destiny.

Voice Guest Column

Obama provides a lesson on how to talk about race

For a people so obsessed with race, we are exceptionally bad at talking about it. Some of us don’t care about talking about it, too willing to bend that history towards ideologically, too blithely dismissive of the fact that history matters, that past informs present informs future. Some of us lack the compassion, to talk about the cruel, to prefer to use it only as a means of denigrating, diminishing and dismissing the other.

Obama, who has steadfastly refused to be defined or confined by race, has nevertheless seen race consume the last two weeks of his campaign. First, there was Geraldine Ferraro and her assuine mockery of the African-American ministerial tradition into a corrosive, paranoid, ungodly bitterness. For Obama, the expenditure and politically intelligent thing would have been to beseech Wright, cut him loose and move on. Instead, he did what Clinton did not after Ferraro shot off her mouth, what George W. Bush did not after he spoke at Bob Jones University, what John McCain did not after he was revealed to be the Confederate flag, what Ronald Reagan did not after he blessed “state’s rights,” what Jimmy Carter didn’t after he invoked “ethnic purity.” He showed courage. He siezed the teachable moment. Then he taught that moment, not in the simplistic black and white terms so often preferred by blacks and whites but, rather, with a grasp of the thorny nuances of race and a compassion vast enough to comprehend not only the anger and frustration of blacks and whites, but also that of whites, and to recognize the righteousness in both.

And Obama reminded us that anger and frustration are not destiny. “America can change,” he said. “That is the true genius of this nation. What we have already achieved gives us hope, the audacity to hope, for what we can and must, achieve tomorrow.”

He explained America to itself. He pointed America toward higher ground. It was a brave, magnificent, and, mark my words, historic moment. You see, we just lost the last excuse for our inability to talk about race. Last week in Philadelphia, Barack Obama showed us how.

Leonard Pitts, Jr., winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for commentary, is a columnist for the Miami Herald.

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804 W. Willow

Two Bedroom

607 N. Allyn
609 N. Allyn
408 S. Ash
304 S. Ash #1,3
514 S. Ash #1,2
407 S. Beveridge
512 S. Beveridge #2-7
514 S. Beveridge #1-5,7
508 N. Carico
510 N. Carico
306 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #2
404 W. Cherry Court #
405 W. Cherry Court
406 W. Cherry Court
407 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Cherry Court
310 W. Chestnut
310 W. College #1-4
401 W. College #7
501 W. College #4,6
503 W. College #4,6
507 W. College #6
509 W. College #6
710 W. College #6
305 E. Crestview
307 W. Elm
716 S. Forest
500 W. Freeman #1,3,6
109 Glenview
520 S. Graham
505 S. Hays
507 S. Hays #2
408 1/2 E. Hester
408 E. Hester
410 E. Hester
703 W. High #E

Three Bedroom

607 N. Allyn
609 N. Allyn
408 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #3
508 S. Ash #1
514 S. Ash #1,3
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beveridge
506 S. Beveridge
507 S. Beveridge #5
509 S. Beveridge #4
513 S. Beveridge #3-5
515 S. Beveridge #5
510 N. Carico
309 W. Cherry
405 W. Cherry
407 W. Cherry
404 W. Cherry Court *
405 W. Cherry Court
406 W. Cherry Court
407 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Chestnut
300 E. College
608 W. Cherry
(available June)
303 W. College
400 W. College #3,5
407 W. College #1,2,5
409 W. College #1,3
507 W. College #2
509 W. College #1
809 W. College
305 E. Crestview
104 S. Forest
120 S. Forest
603 S. Forest
716 S. Forest
605 W. Freeman #1
109 Glenview
503 S. Hays
505 S. Hays

Four Bedroom

609 N. Allyn
504 S. Ash #3
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beveridge
506 S. Beveridge
309 W. Cherry
405 W. Cherry
407 W. Cherry
408 W. Chestnut
300 E. College
312 W. College #2
807 W. College
809 W. College
305 Crestview
104 S. Forest
120 S. Forest
603 S. Forest
503 S. Hays
505 S. Hays
509 S. Hays
212 W. Hospital
208 W. Hospital #2
212 W. Hospital
610 S. Logan
614 S. Logan
515 S. Logan *
411 E. Mill
413 W. Monroe
417 W. Monroe
400 W. Oak #1,2
402 W. Oak #E, W
501 W. Oak
505 N. Oakland
511 N. Oakland
514 N. Oakland
602 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park
507 S. Poplar 6-7
301 N. Springer #1,2,4
913 W. Sycamore
919 W. Sycamore
404 S. University #5
404 1/2 S. University
402 1/2 W. Walnut
820 W. Walnut #2
1004 W. Walkup
406 W. Willow
804 W. Willow

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305 Crestview
208 W. Hospital #2
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402 W. Oak
412 W. Oak

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This horror flick barely causes a shudder

Alicia Wade  
**DAILY EGYPTIAN**

**'Shutter'**
Rated: PG-13  
Starring: Joshua Jackson, Rachael Taylor, Megumi Okina, James Kyson Lee  
Directed by: Masayuki Ochiai  
Runtime: 85 minutes

Unfortunately for the latest Asian horror remake "Shutter," the scariest part of the movie was the trailer for "The Strangers" that played before the movie actually started.

If moviegoers haven’t seen this creepyflop of a preview, head to YouTube immediately and skip this film. The movie follows Ben, a photography student who has the hard luck of being in Japan for his photography job and their honeymoon. As Jane drives to their honeymoon cabin, she loses her way and ends up driving through a typically creepy and foggy forest and hits a girl who disappears shortly after the accident.

The car accident haunts Jane’s conscience, and though she tries to put it behind her, all of the pictures she takes have ghostly wisps and images she cannot explain. The girl Jane thought she hit on the road soon starts appearing to her husband and herself, and Jane attempts to discover who the girl is and is that the accident isn’t the only reason the ghostly woman haunts them. As he stumbles through this plot, Jackson comes off as more tired and lazy in his acting than anything, which is probably the fault of a poor script.

"Shutter" certainly isn’t the worst horror film of the remake bunch, but as soon as opening scenes of these movies where the blonde heroine is haunted by the wrong doings of others, plots become stale and boring.

Not only that, but the creepiness factor is low. The film relies on several jump-out scares, and rarely takes the time to build tension. In one scene when one of Ben’s friends is photographing a model and begins to see the shape of a girl in his photos, it takes the girl about five seconds to amalgamate and attack. When audience members get the feeling that something creepy is going to happen, it will, and there will be no suspense.

"Shutter" also lacks a clear climax, as there were easily two other times the film could have ended before it actually did. There’s the final ghost showdown in Japan, after which it could have ended, the realization that the final showdown didn’t rid them of the ghost, where the movie maybe should have ended, and then the actual ending.

This poor story planning makes an 85-minute movie seem to take ages to watch. Final revelations of the plot are made far too late in the film to hold real weight as most patrons are already preparing to locate the nearest exit.

But the horror flick isn’t completely bad, and has one relatively creepy moment that plays on fear of the dark and unknown. In the scene, Ben is in his photography studio at the end of a shoot and relaxing on his couch. Suddenly the lights go out, and his studio flashes begin burning with light every few seconds. When audience members’ eyes finally settle in to the scene, they can expect chills as the ghostly woman stalks Ben while he moves around the room.

The film should also be commended for not stooping to the level of gratuitous violence and blood it could have used. Sometime horrific events are better left to the imagination so the mind can blow them up in the most terrifying way possible. This film operates on that idea, leaving the ghost’s attacks mostly unknown.

"Shutter" has the hard luck of coming after "The Ring," "The Ring 2," "The Grudge," "The Grudge 2," "The Eye" and so on and so forth in the line of foreign horror remakes. It suffers from being too much like its predecessors, as well as not being written well enough to make any horror impact.

It’s fun to see for a few jump-out scares and one particularly creepy scene, but lacks any real horror depth.

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**Complementary Health Care: What You Should Know**

**Monday, March 31, 2008**

**9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**SIUC Student Center, Ballroom B**

**Dr. Tieraona Low Dog**  
**Keynote Speaker**

**About the speaker**
Tieraona Low Dog was a member of the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine and serves on the faculty at the Program in Alternative Medicine at the University of Arizona. Low Dog is a medical doctor and complementary medicine practitioner. In the White House commission report, she advocated the need for “healthy skepticism” to assure patients face minimal risk and only rely on proven alternative medicine techniques. Her numerous honors include being named Time magazine’s “Innovator in Complementary Medicine” in 2001 and receiving NPI’s People’s Pharmacy award in 2007. (Learn more at www.drfordog.com.)

**About the conference**
The conference is designed for members of the general public who are using or exploring complementary medicine techniques as part of their overall health care options and for traditional and alternative health care providers and researchers wanting to bolster their understanding of the benefits and challenges of integrating the two practices.

**To Register**
Contact institute project coordinator Christina Rich at 618.453.4078 or crich@siue.edu. Registration is free but required for space and meal considerations.

**Schedule**
9:00 a.m. Welcoming remarks by Mike Lawrence, Director, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute  
9:10 a.m. Keynote speech by Dr. Tieraona Low Dog  
10:30 a.m. Panel 1: Complementary Medicine: Past, Present and Future  
11:45 a.m. Lunch (included for free but advanced registration required)  
1:00 p.m. Panel 2: Consumer Issues in Complementary Medicine

Following the conference, there will be an optional session for university-based researchers interested in exploring cross-discipline research opportunities. For more information, contact Jane Adams at 618.453.5019 or jadams@siue.edu.

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‘Taylor’ fails as comedy

Wes Lawson
DAILY EGYPTIAN

‘Drillbit Taylor’ rated PG-13
Starring: Owen Wilson, Tony Gentile, Nate Hartley
Directed by Steven Brill
Run time: 102 minutes

It was probably inevitable that Judd Apatow and his gang would produce a movie that wasn’t up to snuff with the likes of “Superbad” and “The 40-Year-Old Virgin.” But who knew that the movie would come so close on the heels of those comedy classics?

Although “Drillbit Taylor” isn’t an entirely awful movie, it does reek of wasted opportunity.

“Apatow and his gang would produce a movie that wasn’t even funny. particularly in wooing a teacher at their school (the lovely Leslie Mann) than he is with protecting the boys. Lots of subplots and throwaway gags later, everyone learns a lesson through the motions.

Even worse, the kids in the film clearly need to go back to acting school. Nate Hartley gives a performance that is so bad, the audience can tell that he is going through the motions. The movie has some funny moments, especially some of the one-liners, but a lot of it is lost in a sea of forced sentimentality and unrealistic characters.

Director Steven Brill isn’t exactly a skilled director (he did helm “Without a Paddle” and “Little Nicky”) and perhaps under someone with a surer directional style, like Apatow himself, the film might have been something better.

“Drillbit Taylor” certainly isn’t bad enough to show that the Apatow gang has lost its luster. This could probably be chalked off as a minor setback and a generic film that could have used a few more rewrites. Hopefully whatever the people who made this movie come up with next will be better.

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PULSE CHATTERBOX

Talk show star Oprah Winfrey and her Harpo Studios are funding off two lawsuits. One claims a woman attending a taping of Oprah’s show was injured during an audience stampede, while the other alleges the idea for “Oprah’s Big Give” came from a woman in Boston and she has not received compensation.

If you could see Winfrey for anything, what would it be?

Alicia Wade
Losetime...and the shame from admitting that last time came from watching Oprah every afternoon from high school on.

Danny Wenger
For refusing to endorse my false memoir on national television or in her self-endulging publication “O Magazine.”

Madeleine Leroux
For bringing “Dr. Phil” into the media spotlight. Why do people continue to listen to a man who has no right to call himself a doctor?

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Weight on seniors in NIT loss**

Falker scores double-double in last career game

Megan Kramper
**Daily Egyptian**

After a loss, most players don’t let out a laugh.

But after his last as a Saluki, Randall Falker couldn’t control himself.

Falker and three other seniors ended their college careers in Tempe, Ariz., as SIU fell to No. 1 seed Arizona State 65-51 in the second round of the National Invitational Tournament Thursday night.

But Falker had more on his mind than one disappointing final score.

“I can sit here with a smile on my face right now thinking about the time I had at SIU,” Falker said in a post-game radio interview after the loss.

Falker’s fifth double-double of the year led the Salukis as he scored 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Helping Falker along the way was his four-year running mate Matt Shaw, who added 12 points and eight rebounds.

Sophomore guard Joshua Bone chipped in 10 points.

All season long, the Salukis struggled to find a leader but when it seemed junior guard Bryan Mullins was taking the reins, he ended up with a stress fracture in his leg that forced him to miss both NIT games.

SIU played with a limited rotation as Mullins and junior forward Torre Boyle were confined to the bench.

Boyle sat out Thursday’s game because of an sprained ankle he suffered in practice Wednesday in Tempe.

Having another player in the rotation could have changed things, Coach Chris Lowery said.

“The Salukis got out to a 7-0 lead, but couldn’t control the tempo as the Sun Devils gained control of the lead on a three-pointer by guard Jerren Shipp with 6:20 left in the first half,” Falker said not adjusting to physical play in the paint early helped the Sun Devils pull away.

“We battled, but we just came out with the short end of the nick,” Falker said.

Lowery said the Salukis didn’t execute plays in the paint effectively and didn’t finish off plays even though there were getting good looks at the rim.

“The seniors led the way as Shaw, Falker and fellow senior Tyrone Green combined for 35 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists in the game,” Lowery said.

Arizona State was led by freshman guard James Harden, who dropped 16 points, six rebounds and seven assists.

Junior forward Jeff Pendergraph added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

With the win, the Sun Devils advanced to the quarterfinals and will face No. 2 seed Florida Tuesday night.

The loss ends the careers of Falker, Shaw, Green and Don Cooperwood.

Lowery said putting the game on the shoulders of the veterans was his plan.

“We did every single thing through them and that’s how you get to go down,” Lowery said. “I wanted to go down with those guys doing everything.”

Senior forward Matt Shaw pounds fists with senior forward Randall Falker during the Salukis’ 69-53 win against Oklahoma State Tuesday at the SIU Arena.

**BASEBALL**

**SIU can’t complete sweep**

Bulpen fails in blowout loss

Matt Hartwig
**Daily Egyptian**

In the first two games against conference foe Indiana State, the SIU baseball team got a strong lift from its bullpen.

In Sunday’s finale with the Sycamores, the bullpen looked as dreary as the weather.

The Salukis (10-8, 2-1 MVC) were defeated by the Sycamores 15-6 at Abe Martin Field, falling short of a three-game sweep.

Saluki coach Dan Callahan said three bad innings — including a four-run fifth inning, a four-run eighth and a four-run ninth — cost the team.

“What could’ve gone wrong did go wrong,” Callahan said. “There were three four-run innings. You can’t compete when you do that.”

Sophomore reliever Tom Danahy took the mound with a 4-3 lead and struggled from the start, walking the first batter he faced. After a couple of wild pitches and a balk, the game was tied at four.

It went downhill from there.

Danahy was pulled in favor of sophomore Jimmy Cornell, who allowed one hit and two runs without recording an out.

SIU answered with a run in the bottom of the fifth inning and freshman reliever Daniel Etienne kept it close with a scoreless top of the sixth inning, but the Salukis failed to capitalize with a big inning of their own.

In the bottom half, SIU sophomore third baseman Michael Frengian and junior second baseman Scott Elmesdorff got on for junior catcher Mark Kelly with one out.

But Kelly, the team’s leading run producer with 17 RBIs, couldn’t do any damage and struck out swinging. That would not get any closer.

Threatening again in the bottom of the seventh, sophomore first baseman Tyler Choute got on for senior shortstop Tyler Laison.

Laison crushed a double down the left field line for his eighth hit in 10 at-bats during the series. Laison said his hot hitting is a credit to his work in batting practice.

“I’m taking a confident approach to batting and I’m going up there looking for different pitches,” he said.

On the following at-bat, Choute scored on a sacrifice fly from Frengian to cut the lead to one, but the Salukis would not get any closer.

After Etienne was pulled in favor of senior Ian Reinhart, Indiana State (5-12, 1-2) tallied a pair of bunt singles to lead the bases for senior outfielder Chris Schmidt.

Schmidt padded the lead with an RBI single up the middle and Reinhart walked in a run to give the Sycamores a 9-6 lead.

SIU won the first two games of the series 7-2 and 11-3 respectively, but lost 15-6 Sunday at Abe Martin Field.

Stephen Rici RL
**Daily Egyptian**

**Freshman Daniel Etienne pitches the ball during Sunday’s game against Indiana State.**

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