Center stage: Latino heritage

Irekani Ferreyra, a member of the traditional Mexican band Nahui Ollin from Chicago, performs Friday at SIU. The performance was part of a festival that kicked off Latino Heritage Month.

Stephanie Riccardi, DailyEgyptian

Festival Latino kicks off Latino Heritage Month

Allison Petty
DailyEgyptian

Todd Pierce said the food at Festival Latino was so good he'd slap his mama for it.

The festival, which included music and traditional Aztec dancing, was held Friday in conjunction with Latino Heritage Month, which began Saturday and runs through Oct. 15. Pierce, a graduate student from Virginia studying medical education preparation, said he enjoyed the event for several reasons.

“I love Hispanic culture, and there's free food too, so that's a good time,” Pierce said. “It's nice to see the campus come together and have a good time.”

Bianca Cervantes, the public relations chair of the Hispanic Student Council, said the festival is organized by HSC each year as part of the month’s activities. Cervantes, a sophomore from Lake Zurich studying radio-television, said the event has been a successful way to raise awareness of Hispanic culture on campus and in the community.

“It's just a way to get students involved and learn a little bit about our culture,” Cervantes said.

Abdul Abdulsalam, a graduate assistant working in the Student Development’s Multicultural Programs and Services, said the month's events would include films on immigration and racism, the Annual Noche de Gala Salsa Night, Craft Shop workshops, student interaction socials and special guest speakers.

All of the month's events were open to the public.

“Although it's labeled Latino Heritage Month, it's not just for Latinos. It's for the entire community because it's about awareness and becoming involved,” said Carl Ervin, director of MPS. “SIUC has always prided itself on its diversity and its recognition that each part of us helps create a better mosaic, a better America.”

Ervin said the calendar of events for LHM was put together over an extensive planning stage by a number of groups on campus.

“Right after this month is over, it's like, ‘OK, what can we do next year?’” he said.

Kassandra Merrifield, a senior from Colorado studying English, said she was interested in the learning opportunities that the month would offer.

“My name is spelled Merrifield and not just ‘Merrill’,” she said.

“We’re interested in the learning opportunities that the month would offer.”

Roberto Ferreyra (left) and Irekani Ferreyra perform at Festival Latino.

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Plagiarism review committee selected

Joe Crawford
DailyEgyptian

SIUC Chancellor Fernando Trevino announced the names of the seven faculty members set to serve on a committee to review plagiarism allegations against SIU President Glenn Poshard Friday.

The committee — which includes the chairman of the department that declined to review Poshard’s dissertation earlier this month— is made up mostly of the top elected officials in the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Association.

“These were people that were elected by their constituency groups,” Trevino said. “We chose those people that would have elected leaders serve on the committee to avoid any appearance of ‘cherry picking.’

Trevino announced Sept. 6 he would put together the committee after the Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education, the department that granted Poshard his doctorate, declined to suggest revisions to the 1984 document.

Since then, the Chronicle of Higher Education has reported it found similar instances of text that appeared to be lifted without proper attribution in Poshard’s 1975 master’s thesis.

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Poshward poll may have been swayed by friend

Brandy Oxford
DailyEgyptian

In a recent e-mail, a friend of SIU President Glenn Poshard attempted to influence people to vote against the president’s resignation in a poll conducted by the Springfield State Journal Register.

The validity of that poll — which showed a resounding 3-1 vote against the president’s resignation — is now in question. Director of University Christian Ministries Hugh Muldoon sent the e-mail and asked friends to vote. "

"Public opinion has a significant influence with the Board of Trustees and other political figures,” the e-mail said. "What I would hate to see is such an important decision for us being made because of the influence of a pre-eminent JB poll.

The poll directed readers to vote about whether or not they believed
Ten years later, after others remember ‘Roby Ridge’ standoff

SOUTH ELGIN — It was the longest standoff in Illinois State Police history, lasting 39 days and costing nearly $560,000. By the time the dust settled, a 51-year-old widow had held troopers at bay with a shotgun, shut down a police dog, and threatened a suicide pact by smearing herself with petroleum jelly.

Ten years later, officials involved told the Springfield State Journal-Register that the standoff in this tiny central Illinois community taught them valuable lessons about dealing with mental illness.

On the eve of the standoff’s 10-year anniversary, Shirley Allen still lives in her small green home — a friend says she hasn’t left her home for nine years. Family and friends hate her silence, and her onetime neighbor says she has become even more withdrawn over the past decade.

“In interesting from the human dynam-ics standpoint,” said Mike Spees, former state police lieutenant and Allen’s longtime friend. “She’s a person in nursing homes in the same situation shush in getting better care but not living as independently.”

Allen’s brother, Byron Dugger, declined to comment when reached by The Associated Press at his home Sunday after-noon.

The standoff in this neighborhood broke south of Elgin after 20-year-old David Olson, who led the state police at that time, ordered in negotiators, blasting Allen’s favorite music and then forcing his way into her home.

Terry Gainer, who led the state police at that time, said he doesn’t remember any regrets about how the situation was handled, despite widespread criticism that authori- ties overreacted.

Allen refused to go quietly, and then-SPRINGFIELD — Serious crime in Illinois fell again in 2006, but murders rose unexpectedly and violent crime was more of a problem in rural parts of the state, new state data show.

Both murders were up for the first time in five years, thanks to a doubling in rural counties and an increase in the Illini corridor region. Robberies increased more than 2 per-cent and violent crime in rural areas went up for the fourth time in five years.

Meanwhile, arrests for drug offenses signifi-cantly lessened, with murder arrests down 16 percent and drug arrests declining slightly.

State officials say they’re pleased that overall crime numbers continued to improve but other trends are a reminder that police can’t be complacent.

“Overall crime has been cut back,” said Public Safety State Director Larry Trent said in a statement. “Our goal continues to be a reduction in violent and property offenses.”

The difference in rates among differ-ent regions and counties were significant. Serious crimes, which included both in Illinois counties and increased in 48 counties. Twenty-five counties had more murders than in 2005, while 17 had fewer.

Murders had fallen under just 1 percent in Illinois urban counties, even though murder rates were down from 2005 in 405 to 2001 in 405 — nearly a percent.

In rural areas, murder rates were down 30 to 10, but the total was similar to totals posted in years before a drop in 2005 in rural Illinois.

A huge population difference between urban and rural areas also skewed the state-wide results. For example, murder rates were up in Chicago areas but down 20 percent in the urban coun-tries, sending the statewide total down 16 percent from 2005.

David Ohm, head of the criminal jus-tice department at Loyola University in Chicago, said fewer murder arrests could indicate murderers are becoming harder to see, with witnesses unwill-ing or unable to gang shootings, for example.

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Cool weather must have dampened the spirits of some supporters.

Regina Farrell, a Carbondale citizen and head of a group attempting to save the Kroger grocery store on the west side of town, set up a rally in Turley Park Sunday in hopes to render at least 1,000 signatures in support of her group’s conquest.

Unfortunately for Farrell, fewer than 100 people showed up to sign the petition supporting her efforts. Kroger is expected to close Oct. 30.

Farrell said she was disappointed with the lack of people who came to the rally, and the nonchalant attitude some people showed toward the store’s looming closing.

However, Farrell said she would continue to petition for Kroger despite the lackluster turnout.

“For us it’s a big whoop-de-doo,” she said. “Although corporate is under a big corporate umbrella, you sure don’t feel that when you walk in the door, and to me that is the coolest thing about that store.”

Farrell said she wanted to show the Kroger corporation how much the store means to local residents. She felt the company didn’t know how the community was reacting to the store’s closing after talking with a Kroger public relations representative.

“I was put in touch with him to find out if they really knew about the community outcry,” she said. “Once we began talking it was pretty noticeable that he did, nor did the people who were making the decision to close the store.”

Jessica Rucker, a friend of Farrell’s who helped at the rally, said the store’s closing would negatively affect nearby commerce.

“I think that Kroger is an anchor store there and it brings a lot of business to that whole entire mall,” Rucker said.

Farrell said if Kroger left, the west side of Carbondale would lose major business.

“We’re losing a major business in a place that’s industry poor. I think that strip mall relies on Kroger,” Farrell said. “Once you get past Murdale, what’s there going to be?”

Posted on the side of the gazebo were lists of businesses and people who donated items to the rally.

Rucker said some of the donors included Cristaucho’s Café and Bakery, Kopies and More and True Value. Rucker said she thought the businesses donated because they could lose business if Kroger closes.

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Shiite villages in Iraq raided as Ramadan violences surge

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military on Sunday announced the arrest of a suspect in the killing of a sheik who spearheaded the U.S.-backed Sunni revolt against al-Qa'ida. The same day, the Sunni toastmasters launched a campaign of violence during the holy month of Ramadan.

Dozens of suspected Sunni insurgents were killed in clashes Saturday, as U.S. and Iraqi troops moved against Sunni areas in Iraq. The surge of bloodshed — with 54 people dead and more than 15 people sitting and homes abashed — has occurred a day after Al-Qa'ida announced a new campaign to begin during Ramadan and Iraq claims the terror movement is ready to launch its 3rd-ump irrespective of the Iraqi constitution.

Defense Secretary recommends veto of troop rest increase

WASHINGTON — Secretary Robert Gates said Sunday he would recom- mend a veto of a Senate proposal that would give troops more rest between deployments in Iraq, branding it a danger- ous "backdoor" way to draw down forces.

"Sorry, no, there’s no way to approach with the plan by Sen. Jim Webb, D-VA, and express confidence they could round up the votes to pass it, although perhaps not by the margin to overcome a veto.

Labor

Dow Jones reaches tentative labor deal with WSJ reporters

NEW YORK — Dow Jones & Co. has reached a tentative deal on a new con- tract for the editors and reporters rep- resenting the Wall Street Journal, ending months of sometimes conten- tionless talks.

The board of the union, the Independent Association of Publishers’ Employees, agreed Saturday to send the deal to its membership for a vote, while the Wall Street Journal, ending months of sometimes content- tionless talks.

The union had been working without a contract with the union representing report- ers at The Wall Street Journal, ending months of sometimes content- tionless talks.

"The people have in- incomprehensible following devas- tating forest fires that killed more than 65 people last month, and a challenge from a split in the right-wing vote to win a second four-year term.

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"As soon as we hit, everything went dark and everything fell," said Milford Furolng, 23, a witness from British Columbia, Canada. The plane started filling with smoke and fire broke out, he said. A passenger in front of her caught fire, while one in the back kicked out a plane window.

It was not clear how many of the 79 fortunate survivors on board died, but they included tourists from France, Germany, Israel, Australia and Belgium. But government of- ficials in Stockholm said at least 18 bodies have been erupted.

About 60 bodies were retrieved quickly, but it took hours to get the other bodies out. Parts of the twisted- plane lay smoking at the side of the runway, while officials wearing mask canted bodies wrapped in white sheets to an airport storage building.

Conservative prime minister wins Greek election

Elena Bekatoros
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis declared vic- tory in Greece’s parliamentary election Sunday, although offi- cial results showed he would have a slimmer majority in par- liament.

Karamanlis overcame wide-spread doubts about his ability to follow through on his promise to overhaul public administration and shrink the state, and was a candidate that would clear the way for a large coalition government.

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President George Bush intervened after his father, former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou.

Official results from near- by two-thirds of the votes cast showed Karamanlis’s New Democracy party ahead with 39.5 percent of the vote, while the opposi- tion socialist PASOK party had 38.5 percent.

His statement came minutes after his rival, PASOK leader Lucas Papandreou, conceded defeat.

"The people have chosen and our decision is respected. PASOK fought hard but it did not succeed" said Papandreou, adding his party would work with his father, former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou.

Simpson, 60, has said he and other people with him were retrieving items that belonged to him.

Simpson has said there were no gunman involved and that he went to the room at the casino only to get stolen momentos that included his Hall of Fame certificate and a picture of him backing up with J Edgar Hoover.

Simpson told The Associated Press on Saturday that he did not call the police to help reclaim the items because he has found the police unresponsive to his issues, since his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and his friend, Ron Goldman, were killed in 1994.

"The police, since my trouble, have not worked out for me," he said, noting that whenever he has called the police "It just becomes a story about OJ."
POLL

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Pashard should resign. Out of 3,443 votes, 29.7 percent said they believed Pashard should resign and 70.3 percent disagreed.

Muldoon said Pashard expressed concerns about the poll in an unrelated conversation when Muldoon asked him how he was doing. Pashard did not call to ask him to sway the poll in his favor, he said.

The e-mail said, “Pashard thinks it is important to have a substantial majority in favor of his staying.”

Spokesman Dave Gross confirmed that Pashard “lightly” asked to [Muldoon] to consider sending missives about the poll to Faculty Association members.

As a friend of Pashard’s for more than 20 years, Muldoon said he felt he could help by sending the message.

“Jim coming into the presidency was a breath of fresh air for me,” Muldoon said. “His passion, his vision, his commitment have been unparalleled. So when I see this opportunity for the university under threat and at risk, I feel something.”

Muldoon said he did not feel his e-mail had a significant impact on the poll.

“I’m not that grandiose,” he said.

As of Thursday and about 1,500 votes tallied, the poll was about a 50-50 split.

Muldoon’s e-mail was sent out Thursday afternoon.

He said responses to the e-mail varied from support to discomfort at participating in the poll to frustration that the focus is on plagiarism and not larger world issues.

University spokesman Mike Rutz said the university would not take an official position or comment on what any person sent from his or her personal e-mail address to another.

“I don’t think employees would want the university to comment on that,” Rutz said.

Muldoon said he does not con- done plagiarism, but he hopes a sense of balance and fairness can be restored. He said he thought the committee’s report was a good idea.

“I think I would prefer that there would be some outside people on that committee,” he said. “I think that would increase the profession- alism, or at least the perception of things. We want this done right.”

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Treviro said he expected the committee — whose members he said are all current or former students — to report to him with their findings by the end of the month.

Faculty Senate Secretary David Worrells, one of the seven commit- tee members, said he spent much of the weekend reading through Pashard’s dissertation. Worrells said he has a copy of Pashard’s master’s thesis.

“I have a personal interest in it also,” Worrells said. “I got my Ph.D. from SIU as well.”

Worrells said he was not aware of any scheduled meetings of the committee, but said he thought two weeks would be long enough to deal with the issue.

“Our interest is to get this thing handled as quickly — and most importantly — in the best way possible,” he said.

Graduate Dean John Koropchak said he believed the formation of the committee and the selec- tion of its members was in line with procedures outlined in the Student Conduct Code section of the Graduate Catalog.

“Under the circumstances, I think it’s gone the best we could hope for,” Koropchak said.

Treviro said Faculty Association President Marvin Zeman was the only top-ranking official unable to serve on the committee and associ- ation member Philip Howze is to serve in his place.

The Faculty Senate representa- tives are:

Ramanarayanan Viswanathan, Faculty Senate president and electri- cal and computer engineering pro- fessor;

Peggy Stockdale, Faculty Senate vice-president and psychology pro- fessor.

Committee members

Brad Cobeele: Graduate Council vice-chairman and chairman of the Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education

Spyros Tragoudas: Graduate Council chairman and professor of electrical and computer engineering

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Lenore Langsdorf: Faculty Senate secretary associate professor of academic management and flight

Not pictured — Philip Howze, Faculty Association member and professor of library affairs.

David S. Worrells, Faculty Senate secretary associate professor of aviation management and flight.

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Tuesday, September 17, 2007

SIUC won’t appeal in contract case

SIUC has given up on keep- ing staff employment contracts confidential.

The university announced last week it wouldn’t challenge an Illinois appeals court’s deci- sion in August that said employment contracts were pub- lic information.

The case began after an Anna newspaper submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for several employment contracts for SIU employees — including those of SIU President Glenn Pashard and former Chancellor Walter Wendler.

SIU spokesman Dave Gross

said last week the university felt it had complied with public infor- mation laws.

Throughout the process, Pashard denied he had any- thing to hide in his contract and he voluntarily gave the Dazz Egyptian a copy of the docu- ment after the appeals court’s decision. Pashard said his interest was in protecting the privacy of other university employees whose contracts might include informa- tion about required counseling for drugs, alcohol or mental ill- ness.

Pashard did not return a call for comment Friday.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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STUDENT COLUMN

Remembering Halloween 2000

Most of us were still in high school when the last major incident occurred during Halloween in Carbondale. I wasn’t there, but I’m sure that people who were there wouldn’t describe Halloween as an “incident” but rather a number of words like mayhem, chaos and pandemonium. That year, the Strip was virtually destroyed by unruly students (many not from our university) who overturned cars, smashed windows and even threw rocks at the police, which prompted the use of tear gas to disperse the mob.

You can see a great description of what the year 2000 Halloween in Carbondale was like on YouTube. In one of the clips I found, you can see a giant crowd taking over the Strip prior to all the excitement. The clip starts off showing some guy climbing an electric pole, and then shows the masses of people gathered in the streets and even rooftops of Illinois Avenue. Later in the clip, we even see an idiot light something on fire and throw it into the crowd.

It’s a pretty fair assumption that after that point, things went downhill in a hurry. Thousands of college students having a good time quickly evolved into pure bedlam. Things got out of control and people got hurt. Newly named university President James Walker compared what he saw on the morning news the day after to watching a soccer game in England in an interview with the Chicago Sun Times.

The aftermath of the 2000 Halloween riot resulted in several new policies and procedures to prevent something like that from happening again. The city shut down the Strip and banned the sale of kegs on and around Halloween. The university briefly shut down the campus and sent everyone in the residence halls home for what they termed “Halloween Break.”

I’m sure that everyone has his or her own opinion of who is to blame for the melee that occurred that Halloween. There will always be the people that point fingers at the students, as they are the easiest to blame because they were directly involved. Others might say that the city and university are to blame for losing control of the situation. Anytime you get caught unprepared for something like that you have to be at least partially to blame.

Several other college towns across the nation have larger celebrations than we do in Carbondale go by every year without a hitch. Sure you’ll always have those kids that drink too much and fights that break out, but rarely do you ever see situations that result in the deployment of tear gas like we saw that Halloween in Carbondale.

Personally, I think the city could make a lot of money around Halloween if they exercised more control of the situation. Section off an area of town, much like what happened this weekend with the Main street Pig. Out and charge admission. Have Carbondale police officers check IDs and wristband people 21 or over. The local bars and establishments could set up tents and serve food and drinks. The bottom line is that if you could control the environment, a Halloween celebration in Carbondale could bring in tons of money for the city and local businesses.

We all know the current restrictions are unfair. If things get too out of control on Halloween, why is it that we allow places like Pinch Penny, PK’s and Muggy’s to stay open but tell the rest of the bars on the Strip that they have to shut down. Fortunately, I don’t have to answer that question but it’s pretty convenient that we allow some to stay open and make others shut down.

My advice to everyone this Halloween and even to those 2,268 members participating in Unofficial Halloween on Oct. 20, enjoy yourselves and have a good time but remember that we don’t need any incidents like in 2000. Hopefully as more Haloween’s pass without any major disturbances, the city will finally lift the restrictions on Halloween and everyone will be able to celebrate Oct. 31 responsibly once again.

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THEIR WORD

Feds need to fight fair on white-collar crime

Companies should not be put in a position to surrender constitutional rights because a zealous government lawyer makes them an offer they dare not refuse.

This summer, a New York federal judge dismissed charges against 13 former employees of KPMG, an accounting firm allegedly involved in developing illegal tax shelters for rich clients. The reason? Government prosecutors twisted KPMG’s arms so hard that, in the judge’s view, the company in turn improperly pressured ex-employees into giving up their constitutional rights.

Two defendants testified that KPMG rodded them they would be fired if they didn’t cooperate fully with the government’s investigation. Given the intense pressure the Justice Department was exerting on KPMG, the judge ruled, company executives had no choice. Weeks earlier, the same judge, Lewis Kaplan, slapped federal prosecutors in the case for compelling KPMG to refuse to pay legal fees for its accused employees, a standard procedure.

Where is the prosecutorial overreach? Under provisions of the Justice Department’s so-called McNulty Memorandum, prosecutors are allowed to ask companies to waive attorney-client privilege as part of a deal to escape indictment. Why is this a big deal? A federal indictment is a massive blow to a company’s reputation, to its share value and, ultimately, to its ability to do business at all. So being officially designated as “uncooperative” with a federal probe. Think of the Arthur Andersen accounting firm, which was ruined after federal indictment in the Enron scandal. Judge Kaplan found that KPMG’s very existence was likely at stake, providing an almost irresistible rationale for giving the feds whatever they demanded.

Federal prosecutors are already immensely powerful. Companies should not be put in a position to surrender constitutional rights because a zealous government lawyer makes them an offer they dare not refuse. Congress is now considering bipartisan legislation that would bar the Justice Department from giving favored treatment to companies in exchange for their waving certain due-process rights, refusing to pay an employee’s legal fees and the like. Prominent legal figures from the left and right, as well as the liberal American Civil Liberties Union and the conservative Heritage Foundation, have urged Congress to pass the legislation.

We agree. Everybody wants to see the government aggressively battling white-collar crime. But it’s in the interest of justice, not the Justice Department, for Congress to force the feds to fight fair.

This editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Thursday.
Those that live in a glass house

Julia Kozuck
guest columnist

For the past week, I have been discussing the accusations against President Glenn Poshard with my classmates and friends. And we can’t decide what is the best course of action for President Poshard to take. I know that some of us are upset, and while I do not directly speak for all of those whom I’ve spoken with, I can say the following about how I feel.

I am angry at the AFAC, especially Ms. Friedenberg, who uses the title “Professor Emerita Linguistics,” yet continually finds ways to complain about a university she wants nothing to do with, unless she can bring it down or use her title. Can’t she take the thousands of dollars she “wants” from the university for supposed harassment and move on with her life? I am upset the following about how I feel.

• First of all, the mention of Mitt Romney is a laughable inclusion. A non-partisan poll found Romney’s gubernatorial approval rating to be 43 percent in 2006—three years after he took office. Massachusetts Republicans were only six percent more generous with their approval.

• But thank you for reminding us, Ms. Lindsay, that Romney is a member of a less common community. Additionally, a phrase such as “family values” is a weakness in the political journalism lexicon. The Third Reich might have cited “family values” as a good reason to label and lock up the jews.

• On the issue of divorce, marriage “vows” are increasingly seen as anachronistic. People are not static; sometimes we grow apart. Lindsey says Giuliani’s marriage to a woman 10 years his junior raises eyebrows. Political policy should raise eyebrows. A 10-year disparity between husband and wife is not too uncommon and does not serve as a good example of job performance.

• Surely the politicians who have kept their marriages together have done so out of pure love and not for political reasons. Additionally, I’m sure the wish of a powerful senator or congressman is allowed the full freedom to file for divorce if the so wishes.

• Affair and marriage are issues of celebrity. We are not a part of these people’s personal lives. They exist to represent their constituents.

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Lindsey’s column distinctly avoids policy. Voters may cringe at the fact that Romney supports the 2007 troop surge in Iraq. Additionally, not everyone may realize that Giuliani made $14.4 million from speeches in 2006 alone, leading me to equate him with a war profiteer. His changed for the adverse health office outlined by ground zero workers broken on by the dust of the aftershock is another blunder on his record.

To his credit, he was extraordinarily fortunate in having his favorite political career ruined by being in the wrong place at the right time.

Personally, I won’t let go of the 37 lawsuits brought against him for infringing upon free speech. I don’t know why we need an article dealing with personal character when public character is laughable enough.

Dan Stagg
senior studying cinema and photography

If these citation mistakes were so easy to spot, why didn’t the committee find them?

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Column avoids political policy

Dear Editor:

Colleen Lindsay offers me with her personal brand of blunder puff pieces, and she has been doing so for months. To her credit, she thinks in the same manner as the average mindless writer who gets distracted by the smoke and mirrors of the political funhouse, and therefore gives valuable insight into the democratic process of the United States. But her column is a weigh-in for potential presidents, a way off.

First of all, the mention of Mitt Romney is a laughable inclusion. A non-partisan poll found Romney’s gubernatorial approval rating to be 43 percent in 2006—three years after he took office. Massachusetts Republicans were only six percent more generous with their approval.

But thank you for reminding us, Ms. Lindsay, that Romney is a member of a less common community. Additionally, a phrase such as “family values” is a weakness in the political journalism lexicon. The Third Reich might have cited “family values” as a good reason to label and lock up the jews.

On the issue of divorce, marriage “vows” are increasingly seen as anachronistic. People are not static; sometimes we grow apart. Lindsey says Giuliani’s marriage to a woman 10 years his junior raises eyebrows. Political policy should raise eyebrows. A 10-year disparity between husband and wife is not too uncommon and does not serve as a good example of job performance.

Surely the politicians who have kept their marriages together have done so out of pure love and not for political reasons. Additionally, I’m sure the wish of a powerful senator or congressman is allowed the full freedom to file for divorce if the so wishes.

Affair and marriage are issues of celebrity. We are not a part of these people’s personal lives. They exist to represent their constituents.

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Personally, I won’t let go of the 37 lawsuits brought against him for infringing upon free speech. I don’t know why we need an article dealing with personal character when public character is laughable enough.

Dan Stagg
senior studying cinema and photography

Poshard and plagiarism

Dear Editor:

I do not know whether or not Glenn Poshard is guilty of plagiarism. However, the publicly available information looks very bad for him, and his public response to the allegations falls squarely into the category of “The dog ate my homework.”

If the allegations are true, the doctoral degree was obtained through fraud and deceit and should be revoked posthaste. There is a very weak defense that it was too busy and southern Illinois.

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Cold weather can’t keep Carbondale from PIGGING OUT

Annual fundraiser offers food, games and music

David Lopez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale residents were encouraged to abandon all constraints and dive into a rack of ribs during the weekend.

The 11th Annual Carbondale Pig Out was held this weekend in the 710 Bookstore parking lot. The event is a fundraiser put on by Carbondale Main Street, a not-for-profit organization that promotes growth in the downtown district of the city.

Meghan Cole, executive director of Carbondale Main Street, planned the event, which hosted an amateur barbecue contest and local music acts such as Woodbox Gang, Under the Radar and Josh Plenmann.

The Pig Out is Main Street’s largest fundraiser and usually raises anywhere from $12,000 to $15,000. The money raises funds toward things like grants for exterior improvements of buildings.

“Our mission is to improve the downtown area,” Cole said. “We want to show people that you don’t have to go to the mall or St. Louis to enjoy great shopping or dining.”

The Bourbon Knights, a self-confessed politically minded band, played Saturday night to a crowd of about 100 people. It was the band’s second year playing the Pig Out.

Out, which they admit is different from the usual atmosphere.

“You kind of have to win them over here,” said David Raymond, guitarist for the band. “At Hangar, it’s always the same crowd, and they know what to expect. It’s different than that because it’s not the same drunken crowd. There’s a lot more families and kids so we try to cut down on the swearing.”

Raymond’s 3-year-old daughter Bella frolicked through the crowd as the band played into the night. Her mother, Kelly Dye, enjoyed the Pig Out but said she felt there could have been more there for children.

“Ideally, it would be nice for them to have more kid-related functions, but it doesn’t seem like they would have the capacity,” Dye said.

Besides inflatable playgrounds, there was also a track for remote controlled cars that patrons could control with f Tas steering wheels.

“They should make it more of a carnival atmosphere if they want to bring people in and make money,” Dye said. “They’d have a better chance of making money if they had rides.”

Compared to last year’s Pig Out, patrons and vendors felt there was a smaller turnout and something missing from this year’s festivities.

Employees at the 17th Street Bar and Grill stand said they remembered last year’s Pig Out being much more crowded. They said possible reasons for the lower turnout this year included cold weather, the lack of a Saluki football game and the Murphyboro Apple Festival.

Shivering beneath a tent Saturday night, Jessica Potts listened to the music and drank beer from a white plastic cup while conversing with friends.

“It’s nice that you can drink outside,” said Potts, a junior from Herrin studying architecture. “It’s a good atmosphere,” she said.

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“Out is the same drunken crowd: There’s been more there for alcohol, the lack of a Saluki football game and the Murphyboro Apple Festival,” said Meghan Cole, executive director of Carbondale Main Street.

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— Meghan Cole
Carbondale Mayor

Tom Farley of Metropolis pitches a washer during competition at the Carbondale Main Street Pig Out Saturday afternoon in the parking lot of 710 Bookstore.

Steve Emmons of Cape Girardeau, Mo., slices a beef brisket during the Carbondale Main Street Pig Out. Emmons was competing on the team Squealing Delight.

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Gore at Emmys: ‘viewers can help make television’

LOS ANGELES — A mob family, a former vice president and the cast of ‘Roots’ brought the audience to its feet at Sunday’s Emmy Awards.

Al Gore received a standing ovation from the Shrine Auditorium crowd as his current TV channel, which features viewer-created video, was honored for achievement in interactive television.

“We are trying to open up the television medium so that viewers can help to make television, and join the conversation of democracy, and reclaim American democracy by talking about the choices we have to make,” said Gore, whose global-warming documentary ‘An Inconvenient Truth’ received an Emmy earlier this year.

The saga about a black American family’s dream come true. I’ve been doing this for 17 years. The usually staid awards need not be...
Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

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Thorton is perfectly cruel in ‘Woodcock’

André Spencer  
DAILY EGYPTIAN  
“The Brave One”  
Starring: Jodie Foster, Terrence Howard, Nicky Katt  
Directed by Neil Jordan  
Runtime: 119 min.

What is it about the vigilante that has suddenly spawned three comic book hero movies released in the course of a week? Is it the primal nature of the whole moral system in play? Or is it that the comic book hero movie has left the public exhausted and craving something a little more down to earth?

The only question that can be answered by this review is what makes the more competent of the big three releases deserving of your attention makes bloody vengeance worth your time.

In “The Brave One,” NPR talk-radio host Erica Bain, played by Jodie Foster, and her fiancé, played by Naveen Andrews, are brutally assaulted by a gang of random thugs while walking their dog in the park, leaving her fiancé dead. After being given the quintessential “We know this must be very difficult—for you please—have-areat-and-an-officer-will-be—” treatment, she decides to take the law into her own hands.

In an off-hand manner, finds emotional comfort in NYPD homicide detective Sean Mercer, played by the most lucratively employed man in Hollywood, Terrence Howard, who has his own hidden distress of due process.

In what could have been a paper-thin character, Foster adds much dimension. Her ability to shift from a look of unbelieveable terror at her first kill, to moving so fluidly into a nearly frightening glare discoursing an almost child-like savagery.

Of the three revenge films out this month, (the other two being “Shoot Em Up” and “Death Sentence”), director Neil Jordan, (“The Crying Game”) actually seems to have something genuine to say about the redemptive powers of destruction, or as it is put in ‘Brooks and Schrapp ragefilm’ bellybutton,” it is ultimately lost in the screenwriting, handled by Roderick Taylor, Bruce A. Taylor and Cynthia Mort. Post-9/11 New York is, as we know, a far cry from the 1970s and 1980s New York seen in “Death Wish.”

Yet conveniently enough, our heroine runs into plot-pushing danger every time she goes out past dark, whether on the snoop for or not. This discrepancy is redeemed by the amount of development the latter instances lend to the character, making her aim much more focused and therefore more powerful.

As powerful as her cause may be, the overall moral of the story, made disappointingly clear by the ending, is as problematic as any of the films in the genre. It latches on to a simplified idea of bravery inside a Gotham landscape, which moralizes blowing your problems away with bullets as opposed to confronting one’s own emotions.

In the long run “The Brave One” stands a cut above the revenge film archetype mostly by way of excellent filmmaking and masterful acting, yet dangles off the edge of a major pitfall.

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‘Dragon Wars’ strange, unrealistic and misses the mark

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DAILY EGYPTIAN  
“The Dragon Wars”  
Rated: PG-13  
Starring: Jason Behr, Amanda Brooks, Robert Forster  
Directed by Hyung-rae Shim  
Runtime: 107 min.

For an unrealistic movie with oversized dragons and a lot of incomprehensible jargon, “Dragon Wars” had some strong points but seemed to waste a lot of bricks and cars.

In the movie, Ethan, played by Jason Behr, is a reporter who learns from Jack, played by Robert Forster, that it is his destiny to find a young girl named Sarah in danger of the Immogis, otherwise known as a dragon. Behr then makes it his sole purpose to find Sarah and protect her, in order to prevent Los Angeles from being demolished.

While the basic premise of the movie is easy to follow and quite heartwarming, the movie becomes confusing and hard to follow. Unfortunately, missing essential information makes many of the scenes seem perplexing, and the overall plot is too obscure to comprehend, such as the origins of the dragon and the reincarnation of the characters Behr and Brooks.

Aside from the confusion of the movie, the special effects of the dragons crushing people and using their forces to envelope vehicles and tear apart brick buildings if they were Legos is quite entertaining but got a little too extreme and unrealistic, especially considering it was a little too easy for two characters to avoid being captured by gigantic dragons and also an entire army.

The one touching point of the movie revolves around the compelling and sentimental theme of following one’s destiny regardless of the cost to one’s well-being or employment status. The seeming everlasting love that progresses between Behr and Brooks gives the movie a surprising heartwarming aspect.

Nevertheless, spending 90 minutes seeing the same over-played theme of a city on the brink of destruction and the difficult and all-together strange plot overpowers any emotional, heart-warming themes and makes this movie a movie that should be avoided.

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Senior quarterback Nick Hill recorded two career-highs on Saturday, throwing four touchdowns to four different receivers and passing for 252 yards in the SIU football team’s 44-10 win over Southern Utah.

Although Hill had some strong games last season, he only had three games in which he threw multiple touchdowns. Hill has already matched that total in the first three games this season, throwing two in the season opener against Quincy, three at Northern Illinois and a career-high four in just three quarters on Saturday.

The senior quarterback has been efficient, completing 67.6 percent of his throws and averaging nine yards per attempt. Last season, his completion rate was 61.7 percent. Hill still hasn’t thrown an interception this season, and said he was just as ready to play at Southern Utah — and an attendance of 4,557 — as he was for Northern Illinois.

SIU scored 21 points in the first quarter, including two touchdowns passes from Hill.

“I think we were mentally focused in the first quarter,” Hill said in the postgame interview. “We weren’t worried about the atmosphere.”

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**VOLLEYBALL**

The Salukis defensive play kept the game alive in the second half.

SIU players could be seen diving with the underside of the ball to keep Indiana State State quiet.

Junior libero Kristy Elswick, who had 28 kills and 22 digs over the three in 2001.

Junior outside hitter Kassie Berwanger said the number of players with solid dig totals was a testament to SIU’s versatility.

The Salukis might have had 56 digs and 10 blocks, but Winkeler said the Salukis needed to be slow and balanced on defense.

“We are kind of running all over, and you once in a while it comes up, then we all kind of run,” Winkeler said. “We are not getting stopped and slowing it down, trying to make the ball be between our legs.”

Friday’s crowd, which broke the record of 668 fans set in 1990, did little to deter Illinois State, and we were intimidated at first,” said junior right side hitter Kassie Berwanger, who had 20 kills and 22 digs over the weekend. “I don’t know why, but this year, that wasn’t an excuse. We didn’t perform.”

The Salukis lost the first two games, rallied back to win the third and late in the fourth, were tied at 25. SIU then committed three consecutive errors, losing the game and subsequently the match.

Media said the blockers are a problem team continues to work on.

“We would be on a roll and then make one mistake and we would let it lead to five,” — Marine Medic.

Favre rallies Packers to 35-13 win

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Brett Favre picked a near-perfect way to become the winningest quarterback in NFL history.

Favre completed his first 14 passes of the second half and threw three touchdown passes to help the Green Bay Packers to a 35-13 victory over Eli Manning and the New York Giants on Sunday.

The victory was the 149th of Favre’s 17-year career and gave him one more than Hall of Famer John Elway. It also gave the Packers their first 2-0 start since they won their first three in 2001.

The loss was the second straight for the undisciplined and error-prone Giants, something that hasn’t happened at the start of a season since 1996 — the year Dan Reeves got fired.

Tom Coughlin, who came into the season under pressure to do more than make the playoffs, may now be really under the gun.

Favre threw a go-ahead 2-yard touchdown pass to Bobas Frakes on the Packers’ opening series of the second half. The right-time Pico Bowl quarterback added TD tosses of 3-yard to Donald Lee and 10-yard to David Driver after New York rookie Ahmad Bradshaw fumbled the ensuing kickoff.

Favre finished 29-of-38 for 286 yards, including 18-25 for 147 yards in the second half as he constantly exposed the Giants’ suspect defense with short passes.

Rookie DeShawn Wynn added touchdown runs of 6 and 38 yards for Green Bay.

Manning, whose playing status was uncertain all week because of a sprained shoulder, played well, leading New York to scores on three consecutive series bridging the second and third quarters. He threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress and helped set up field goals of 48 and 32 yards by Lawrence Tynes, who also missed a 34-yarder on the opening series of the game.

Manning finished 16-of-29 for 211 yards. He costs a hitherto interception to defensive tackle Corey Williams with 6:35 to play. Backup Jared Lorenzen replaced Manning after Wynn’s long touchdown run gave Green Bay a 35-13 lead.
**FOOTBALL**

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Kill said Randle was disappointed in not playing against Southern Utah.

“I know we’re going to need him down the stretch-run, and we got a lot of games to play,” Kill said in the radio interview. “I think I’ll look a lot smarter if he’s healthy.”

Karim had 12 carries for 40 yards, and scored two touchdowns for SIU – one from one yard out and the other two yards from the end zone. Warner received the majority of the carries, totting the ball 20 times for 92 yards. Once a day, we can get that from them every game, we’ll be in great shape,” Kill said of Warner and Karim in the radio interview.

A fumble by Warner in the first quarter was canceled by offsetting holding penalties on both the Salukis and Southern Utah, which kept the drive alive for Hill’s eventual first touchdown pass of the night to senior wide receiver Justin Allford.

Defensively, the Salukis held the Thunderbirds (0-3) to 287 yards and kept Southern Utah quarterback Wes Marshall to a 50 percent completion rate. Although Marshall had 18 runs for 123 yards, he was sacked twice and threw three interceptions – one to junior safety Clayton Johnson, one to freshman linebacker Matt Spedl and the last to freshman corner back Rorey Lindsey.

The first turnover from the Thunderbirds came on their sec- ond play of the ball, when the Thunderbirds offensive coordinator Brandon Williams forced a fumble, which was recovered by senior corner back Craig Turner. Turner ran 19 yards before being brought down, and the Salukis first possession began seven yards from Southern Utah’s end zone.

Karins scored his first touch- down two plays later, and the game wouldn’t get any closer for the Thunderbirds.

The high-point for Southern Utah came when kicker Steve Pulver hit a 52-yard field goal with the wind at his back, which was recovered by SIU sophomore cornerback Nick Hill 16-21. Jordan said in the postgame radio interview he was hoping Saturday’s game would be SIU’s first shutout before Pulver’s field goal.

“I wanted tonight to be our first shutout, but unfortunately they kicked the field goal and the two-got in they scored a touchdown,” Jordan said. “Got to shoot for next week.”

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“Rudy Ruettiger probably has as good a chance of starting quarterback as anyone in the room,” Kill said as sporting an Irish jersey. Weis said after the 34-23 loss Saturday for a acting as if we were the first day of training camp, but a better idea would be act- ing like his old staff in New England and videotaping the defensive calls of the other teams.”

“We are in great shape,” Kill said in the radio interview. “I know I’ll look a lot smarter if he’s healthy.”

If we can get that from them every game, we’ll be in great shape.”

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Salukis roll over Thunderbirds

Scott Mieszala
Daily Egyptian

After a thrilling comeback win at Northern Illinois, maybe the SIU football team deserved a break.

The No. 7 Salukis did have to travel to Cedar City, Utah, but won handily Saturday, scoring the first 28 points in a 44-10 win over the Southern Utah Thunderbirds.

“Tim just glad, with the road trip last week and then coming out here and playing, just winning the game,” SIU head coach Terry Kill said in a postgame interview on 95.1 FM. “I think that we talked about, if we win 10-8, I’ll be happy.”

Salukis senior quarterback Nick Hill got his break late in the third quarter, being replaced by freshman Joe Allinis. Hill finished the game with career highs in passing yards, with 252, and passing touchdowns by throwing touchdowns to four different receivers.

“He’s playing very good in that right now, making good decisions and spreading the ball around,” Kill said in the radio interview.

In all, the Salukis gained 500 yards against Southern Utah, with 273 through the air and 227 on the ground.

Senior running back John Randle just got his break because of an ankle injury sustained against Northern Illinois last week, but juniors Larry Warner and Deji Karim stepped in adequately in Randle’s absence.

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Hill sees increased responsibility as offensive passing increases

Last season, Hill averaged 15 pass attempts per game, while Whitlock received 24.4 rushing attempts per game. In all, SIU had 573 rushing attempts and 206 passes thrown last season.

Throughout three games this season, the Salukis (3-0) have tallied 80 rushing attempts, compared to 54 pass attempts, and Hill has averaged 24.7 pass attempts per game.

“We’re asking (Nick) to do twice as much as he did a year ago,” Kill said in the postgame interview.

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Volleyball

Saluki tailgaters motivate team

Sonya Libero
Kristy Elswick
Attempts a dig during a game against Indiana State University at Davies Gymnasium Saturday.

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Volleyball records first tailgate, conference victory

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In a weekend of firsts, the SIU volleyball team’s first conference victory of the season mattered most.

The Salukis’ 3-1 victory against Indiana State University Saturday night represented their first Missouri Valley Conference victory and followed a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Illinois State University on Friday before a record-setting crowd of 713 fans in Davies Gymnasium.

The Saturday contest marked the first-ever tailgate outside of Davies and freshman right side hitter Paris Leon’s first career kill.

Despite the night of firsts, though, SIU needed a victory to salvage the weekend for its fans, said sophomore middle blocker Marina Medici.

“We felt really disappointed to let that many people down,” said Medici, who tied a career-best 19 kills and had a .486 hitting percentage against Indiana State. “The loss gave us a little extra motivation.”

That extra motivation failed to show in the Salukis’ 9-4 overall, 1-1 MVC first game against Indiana State. The team came out appearing fatigued, said coach Brenda Winkeler, and quickly found themselves down 22-11 because of it, which led to a 30-24 loss.

The Salukis boosted their intensity level, however, and took third straight from Indiana State (3-7, 0-2 MVC).

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Cross Country

SIU takes home first and second at EIU

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Despite missing a core of the team, the SIU men’s cross country team didn’t skip a beat.

The men’s team took first place in the Panther Invite Friday, beating host Eastern Illinois University by 57 points. The SIU women’s team, meanwhile, finished second in the contest.

Senior Kevin Doran, junior Mohamed Mohamed and sophomore Tyler Bradford, who are still going through preseason training, did not compete in the race.

Head coach Matt Sparks said the three runners, who are expected to be among the most productive on the team, would return this Saturday when the team hosts the Saluki Invitational. The Saluki men featured five of its runners in the top 10 spots to claim the title. Sophomore Jeff Schirmer led the way in the 8K race, and finished in first place with a time of 25 minutes and 12 seconds.

Freshman Kyle Kirchner, sophomore Jason Ochoa and freshman Dan Danbar took the fifth, sixth and seventh spots. Sophomore Greg McBride rounded out the top spots for the Salukis, taking 10th place.

Schirmer said the Salukis wanted to put fire runners in the top 10, and said the team was excited it achieved its goal.

Despite missing key runners, Schirmer said the team was expecting to take first place head- ing into the contest.

“We’re looking really strong this year,” Schirmer said. “Everyone has high expecta- tions for us.”

In August, the men’s team was predicted to finish first overall in the MVC in a poll taken by conference coaches.

Head coach Matt Sparks said even with underclassmen, the younger portion of the team should also play a vital role in the team’s success.

“We felt like with our underclassmen, that they could still come out and win the meet, so we wanted to put some pressure on them,” Sparks said.

Sparks said he also wanted to throw the younger members of the squad into leadership roles early to see where their summer training has put them competitively.

The women were also led by the underclass- men and took home second place, only three points behind winner Southeast Missouri State.

Sophomore Nefertiti Williams led the Salukas with a fourth place finish in the 5K race with a time of 18 minutes and 23 seconds.

Alexsia Dikabo, also a sophomore, fin- ished seventh with a time of 18 minutes and 31 seconds and freshman Emily Tonner finished 12th overall.

Dikabo said the team is looking to average its loss when it matches up with Southeast Missouri State again in the Saluki Invitational Saturday.

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