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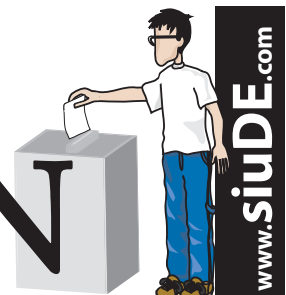
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USG president questioned about funding

Student trustee candidate accuses opponent of corruption

Allison Petty
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

A candidate for student trustee has questioned his contender's fiscal responsibility, bringing forth the information just in time for the student elections today and Wednesday.

Dylan Burns, a junior from Springfield studying history, said Monday he had serious concerns about

his opponent, Undergraduate Student Government President Demetrous White. Burns cited what he believes is a relationship between White's ties with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and a roughly 600-percent increase in USG's funding of the fraternity.

"There's no way, in my opinion, that can be innocent in any way," Burns said, adding he believes White has a political endorsement from the fraternity.

According to USG records provided by White, Alpha Phi Alpha received \$6,435 from USG in 2006-07. That number increased to \$38,420 in 2007-08. All of the money allocated by the organization comes from the student activity fee, which costs each student roughly \$36 per semester and totals more than \$400,000 per year.

White defended himself, saying his role as USG president has no bearing on the finance committee. White also questioned how Burns would know he had ties to the fraternity.

Finance committee chairman Stephen Albert, who is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, said USG offered more funding to the fraternity because many people on campus attend its events. Roughly \$14,000 of the money would go to pay for rap artist Yung Byrd to perform at Saturday's Spring Out BBQ, Albert added.

"Is that a big price jump? Yeah," Albert said. "Did people come up with great ideas this year? Yeah. Should I penalize them? ... Maybe tell them they shouldn't put on events for the school?"

Albert became chair of the committee in January, when former chair Joe Yancey stepped down halfway through the year. Yancey said he had always followed the funding guidelines set for USG, but now saw that Alpha Phi Alpha might have received more than its due.

"Now that you're telling me this, it does kind of sound suspicious," Yancey said. "Whenever I was chair, we would just fund whoever came in really, base it on the attendance and how well they met the guidelines."

Because White had been the committee's chair the previous year, he sat on as an adviser and helped make decisions, Yancey said. He said White would encourage him to fund events

such as the Miss Eboness competition — allocated \$10,000 this year — but White's support was not limited to Alpha Phi Alpha events.

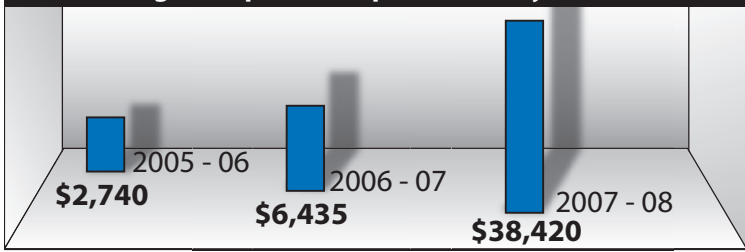
Burns said he took issue with White's self-appointment as an adviser, because he said the president should not have a role in the finance committee's decisions.

"He framed it to the senate as he was trying to help them along to better the process," Burns said. "Clearly, he's bettering the process in the name of the people that got him elected."

Election Commissioner John Teresi, who served as vice president two years ago, said he hadn't seen enough information to know if White and the finance committee were corrupt. However, he said it would not be difficult for anyone in USG's executive office to push through funding for favored groups.

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USG funding for Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Inc.



Source: USG records

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Eye-opening lecture kicks off GLBT week

Jenn Lofton
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Rev. Mel White said coming out as a homosexual was incredibly difficult.

He was a Christian minister. He feared ridicule. And he chose to make the announcement on national television.

Students, faculty and other community members gathered in Student Center Ballroom D Monday to listen to White's story of his struggle to accept his own sexual orientation, but also acceptance from other Christians.

White is a well-known author and director of more than 50 television specials, documentary films and books on his experience as someone who faces daily scrutiny about his sexual orientation.

White said he travels across the nation to talk about his experiences to convey that homosexuality is something a person cannot try to reverse and that there has been progress made.

One of the reasons White said he was afraid of coming out was he was raised as an evangelical Christian. His faith forbid even the thought of someone being homosexual, he said.

"It's important for society to see homosexuals as humans, too. We don't need to be cured, nor are we sinful," he said.

White also mentioned how he fought with himself for decades to prove he was not homosexual. He tried everything from a heterosexual marriage, therapy and even electric shock to deny something for which he knew he would be ridiculed for the rest of his life. However, White said what people say about him and the rest of the gay community no longer fazes him.

Bill Harper, assistant to the director for the University Christian Ministries, said White brings a real presence and power to the university on such a



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The Rev. Mel White speaks to an audience during a discussion on sexual orientation in American religions and culture at the Student Center Monday. White is the first of six events offered this week as part of the 2008 GLBT Awareness Week.

delicate topic.

"It's not a dead issue. People don't want to talk about it, but it is something that needs to be discussed," Harper said.

Harper said he hopes the lecture and the other events this week leave students and the community open to change and

acceptance of different sexual orientations. It is important there is an understanding of the obstacles homosexuals have to face on a daily basis and people need to be more aware of the negative effects it has on them, Harper said.

Greg Garant, a junior from Chicago studying psychology, said the lecture made him realize there has been prog-

ress made in the religious community of accepting homosexuality.

But Garant said there is still a long way to go before there is full acceptance, which is a reason people have a hard time coming out to the community.

"There is often the belief religion is anti-gay and they feel shut out. It's

important there is progress in religion so hopefully homosexuality will be more accepted in society," Garant said.

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Conduct code revisions change hands — again

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After more than a year of review of the Student Conduct Code, the final report of recommended changes is being prepared and the responsibility of finalizing the code now lies with a new interim chancellor.

Paul Sarvela, committee chair and dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, said interim Chancellor Samuel Goldman now has final approval on all recommended changes to the conduct code.

In March, Chancellor Fernando Treviño was placed on administrative leave and Don Rice, interim provost and vice chancellor, began fulfilling the day-to-day duties of the chancellor, including finalizing revisions to the conduct code. On Friday it was announced Goldman would step in as interim chancellor, making him responsible for finalizing revisions.

Goldman said he could not comment on the progress of the conduct code's revisions as he has not seen it yet and is not familiar with the process of conduct code revisions.

Sarvela said Julie Payne Kirchmeier, director of University Housing, is putting together the final report of recommended changes. It will then be distributed to all committee members and there will be a final opportunity to vote on all recommended changes, he said.

Sarvela said after the committee has its final vote, the report would be submitted to Goldman, who will decide which recommendations to follow and then discuss changes with SIU President Glenn Poshard. Sarvela said

Progression of conduct code	
October 2006 Seven SIUC students accused of beating a fellow student were expelled because of procedures outlined in Student Conduct Code	December 2007 Committee turns in draft of conduct code to Chancellor Treviño
March 2007 Student Conduct Code committee appointed to review and revise code	January 2008 USG President Demetrous White attempts further revisions to conduct code
Summer 2007 Meetings and focus groups held with students, faculty and staff	March 2008 Interim Provost Don Rice takes responsibility of finalizing revisions to code after Treviño is placed on administrative leave
November 2007 Committee begins drafting proposed changes to code	April 2008 Preparations begin on final report of revisions, finalization of code now falls to interim Chancellor Samuel Goldman

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Goldman would also decide when the final conduct code is released.

"We really would like to have this done before the end of the semester," Sarvela said.

He said the most debated changes were to the interim separation policy, which allows the university to ban a student from campus without a hearing, and the jurisdiction policy. The current conduct code gives SIUC jurisdiction over students anywhere, on or off campus.

The committee has made lists of possible changes, with each item speci-

fied as a majority or minority opinion, to these areas for Goldman to consider.

But even a majority vote doesn't assure the change will be made.

Sarvela said all minority opinions of the committee are included in the final report and Goldman can pick and choose which recommendations to abide by.

"Dr. Goldman may take all of our suggestions, take half of them or modify them," Sarvela said. "It's his call."

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Delta, Northwest merger makes world's largest airline

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc. and Northwest Airlines Corp., squeezed by record high fuel prices and a slowing economy, are combining in a stock-swap deal that would create the world's biggest carrier.

The boards of both companies gave the deal the go-ahead Monday.

The announcement could spur other airline combinations. The most likely scenario that has been talked about is a potential deal between United and Continental airlines.

Under the terms of the Delta transaction, Northwest shareholders will receive 1.25 Delta shares for each Northwest share they own. The exchange ratio represents a premium to Northwest shareholders of 16.8 percent based on Monday's closing stock prices.

That currently values Northwest at almost \$3.63 billion based on 277 million Northwest shares that the companies said are outstanding.

Delta said the combined airline, which will be called Delta, will have an enterprise value of \$17.7 billion, which includes the combined market values of the two companies and combined net debt. It will be based in Atlanta, and Delta CEO Richard Anderson will head the combined company.

There will be an unspecified number of job cuts or transfers through the consolidation of overlapping corporate and administrative functions, Delta said. The two airlines employ more than 80,000 people combined. The company expects no involuntary furloughs of front-line employees and said the existing pension plans for

both companies' employees will be protected.

Delta doesn't plan to close any of the two airlines' hubs.

Delta said it will use its best efforts to reach a combined Delta-Northwest pilot agreement, including resolution of pilot seniority integration, before the closing of the merger.

U.S.-based non-pilot employees of both companies will get a 4 percent equity stake in the new airline when the deal closes, Delta said.

Northwest pilots and the union representing most of Northwest's ground workers immediately announced they would fight the combination.

Dave Stevens, chairman of the Northwest branch of the Air Line Pilots Association, said in a prepared statement, "The risk to Northwest Airlines and to the Northwest pilot group from letting this merger proceed, as it is now structured, is simply too great."

Northwest didn't consult with the union that represents its baggage handlers, ramp workers and ticket agents, said Joseph Tiberi, a spokesman for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

"If the airline wanted the support of their employees they should have brought us in and discussed it with us earlier," he said.

Lee Moak, head of Delta's pilots union, said Delta hopes cooler heads will prevail.

"It takes two to fight," Moak told The Associated Press. "We don't see a fight here. We see a cooperative relationship with the Northwest pilots to bring everybody to parity as soon as possible."

Hear from the New York Times Chief Washington Correspondent

David Sanger

Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m.
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China, Japan and India:
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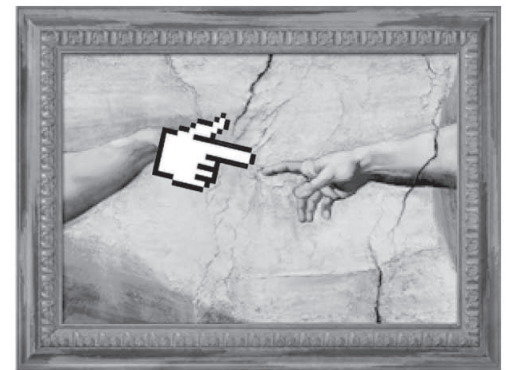


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In 2004, he and four colleagues shared the American Society of Newspaper Editor's top award for deadline writing, for the team coverage of the space shuttle Columbia disaster. Sanger appears regularly on public affairs and news shows, including Washington Week in Review, Face the Nation and the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.

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Obama questions Clinton on trade

Beth Fouhy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Democratic Sen. Barack Obama on Monday questioned rival Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's opposition to free trade agreements that some voters contend have eliminated thousands of U.S. jobs and mocked her weekend visit to an Indiana bar as pandering to the working class.

"Around election time, the candidates can't do enough for you. They'll promise you anything, give you a long list of proposals and even come around, with TV crews in tow, to throw back a shot and a beer," Obama told a meeting of the Alliance for American Manufacturing.

Clinton did just that at a stop

Saturday at Bronko's restaurant in Crown Point, Ind.

The two presidential candidates continued to hammer each other Monday after a weekend of criticism stemming from Obama's comment that some small-town voters are bitter over their economic circumstances and "cling to guns and religion" as a result. Obama uttered the words at a private fundraiser in San Francisco last week and Clinton has seized on them in seeking the edge in Pennsylvania, which holds its primary April 22.

Obama also chided Clinton over NAFTA and the Colombian trade deal. Clinton has criticized NAFTA, which was passed under her husband's watch. She opposes the Colombian trade deal even though

former President Clinton supports it and her top campaign strategist, Mark Penn, met with Colombian officials to help push for its passage. Penn has since been demoted.

"Here's what you can't do. You can't spend the better part of two decades campaigning for NAFTA and PNTR for China, and then come here to Pennsylvania, and tell the steelworkers you've been with them all along," Obama said. "You can't say you are opposed to the Colombia Trade deal, while your key strategist is working for the Colombian government to get the deal passed."

In response, Clinton spokesman Phil Singer said, "Senator Obama's speeches won't hide his condescending views of Americans living in

small towns."

Addressing the gathering later Monday, Clinton said her husband made mistakes related to NAFTA but that she planned to fix them. Clinton said she would either address the NAFTA problems leading to job losses, or would tell Canada and Mexico that the United States is pulling out of the agreement.

Both candidates are hoping to secure the endorsement of the influential United Steelworkers union, which backed Democrat John Edwards before he dropped out of the race. Steelworkers president Leo Gerard introduced Obama to the crowd, saying, "We're tired, we're frustrated, we're angry and we need somebody who's going to stand up for fair trade."



Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., addresses the Associated Press annual meeting Monday in Washington.
CHUCK KENNEDY
MCCLEATCHY TRIBUNE

CBS News journalist rescued in Basra

Kim Gamel
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraqi troops freed a kidnapped British journalist for CBS News on Monday after finding him hooded and bound in a house during a raid in a Shiite militia stronghold in Basra.

Richard Butler's rescue after two months in captivity was a welcome success story for the Iraqi military, which has been strongly criticized for its effort to impose order on Iraq's second-largest city, an oil hub 340 miles southeast of Baghdad.

It came on a day in which nearly 40 people were killed or found dead nationwide — half of them in bombings near or in the northwestern city of Mosul.

Roadside bombings killed two U.S. soldiers, one in Baghdad and the other in the northern Salahuddin province, the military said. At least 4,034 members of the American military have died since the war started in March 2003.

Butler, 47, was thin but in good condition and laughing as he was shown on Iraqi state television hugging well-wishers and greeting beaming Iraqi officials.

"Thank you and I'm looking forward to seeing my family and my friends at CBS and thank you again," said Butler, who was working as a producer for "60 Minutes" when he was kidnapped.

"I'm pretty weak and I've lost

quite a bit of weight," he said later. "I'm looking forward to a decent meal."

Defense Ministry spokesman Mohammed al-Askari said the troops were not in fact looking for Butler. He said an army patrol conducting a sweep of the area responded after coming under fire from the house where he was being held in the Jibiliya neighborhood.

One of the gunmen was wounded in an exchange of fire and another was captured while two men escaped, he said.

When asked by al-Askari on Iraqi television if the Iraqi army was good, Butler said it was "brilliant."

"The Iraqi army stormed the house and overcame my guards and they burst through the door," Butler said. "I had my hood on, which I had to have on all the time, and they shouted something at me and I pulled my hood off."

Basra security commander Lt. Gen. Mohan al-Fireji said Butler was sitting on the floor with his head covered by a sack and his hands tied when the troops stumbled upon him.

Butler had been held since Feb. 10, when masked gunmen seized him and his Iraqi interpreter from Basra's Sultan Palace Hotel.

The interpreter was released within days, but Butler remained in captivity despite claims by radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's office that it was negotiating with the kidnappers for his release.

Iraq asked to pay more for rebuilding

Anne Flaherty
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Iraq's financial free ride may be over.

After five years, Republicans and Democrats seem to have found common ground on at least one aspect of the war.

From the fiercest foes of the war to the most steadfast Bush supporters, they are looking at Iraq's surging oil income and saying Baghdad should start picking up more of the tab, particularly for rebuilding hospitals, roads, power lines and the rest of the shattered country.

"I think the American people are growing weary not only of the war, but they are looking at why Baghdad can't pay more of these costs. And the answer is they can," said Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska.

Nelson, a Democrat, is drafting legislation with Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine and Democrat Evan Bayh of Indiana that would restrict future reconstruction dollars to loans instead of grants.

Their bill also would require

that Baghdad pay for the fuel used by American troops and take over U.S. payments to predominantly Sunni fighters in the Awakening movement. Plans are to propose the legislation as part of a war bill to cover spending through September.

Likewise, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said he wants to add a provision to a defense policy bill that would force the Iraqi government to spend its own surplus in oil revenues to rebuild the country before U.S. dollars are spent.

These senators, well-known war skeptics, could find allies in lawmakers who support Bush's current Iraq

policies. In hearings last week, Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., asked Defense Secretary Robert Gates whether Baghdad should start paying some U.S. combat costs, and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., raised the possibility that an anticipated Iraqi budget surplus this year could be used to help Afghanistan, whose \$700 million in annual revenue represents a small fraction of Iraq's \$46.8 billion budget.

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— Ben Nelson
Nebraska senator

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TEXAS

Texas judge wonders how to decide fate of 416 seized children

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — The judge and lawyers involved in one of the biggest child-custody cases in U.S. history struggled Monday with the legal and logistical morass of deciding the fate of 416 children seized by Texas authorities in a raid at a polygamist sect.

"Quite frankly, I'm not sure what we're going to do," Texas District Judge Barbara Walther said after a conference that included three to four dozen attorneys either representing or hoping to represent youngsters taken two weeks ago from the Eldorado ranch of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a renegade Mormon sect.

The turmoil and confusion deepened Monday when the children were taken by bus under heavy security out of the historic Fort Concho where they had been staying to the San Angelo Coliseum, which holds nearly 5,000 people and is used for hockey games, rodeos and concerts. Authorities ordered the move after some of the youngsters' mothers complained to Gov. Rick Perry that the children were getting sick in the crowded fort.

About 20 children had a mild case of chicken pox, said Dr. Sandra Guerra-Cantu with the state Health Department.

Perry spokesman Robert Black said the governor did not believe the children were being housed in poor conditions at the fort. "Let's be honest here, this is not the Ritz," Black said, but he called the accommodations "clean and neat."

The courtroom conference was held to work out the ground rules for a court hearing beginning Thursday on the fate of the children. The state is accusing the sect of physically and sexually abusing the youngsters and wants to strip their parents of custody and place the children in foster care or put them up for adoption.

ITALY

U.S.-friendly Berlusconi wins Italy's election and heads into third stint

ROME (AP) — Media billionaire Silvio Berlusconi won a decisive victory Monday in Italy's parliamentary election, setting the colorful conservative and staunch U.S. ally on course to his third stint as premier.

The victory in voting Sunday and Monday by parties supporting the 71-year-old Berlusconi avenged his loss two years ago to a center-left coalition.

"I'm moved. I feel a great responsibility," he said in a phone call to RAI public television while monitoring election results at his villa outside Milan. Italian news agencies said he had a private dinner with key aides.

Berlusconi capitalized on discontent over Italy's stagnating economy and the unpopularity of Romano Prodi's government.

"I think it was a vote against the performance of the Prodi government in the last two years," said Franco Pavanetto, a political science professor at Rome's John Cabot University. "Berlusconi won because he has a strong coalition and because people feel that on the other side, the government is going to take them nowhere."

ISRAEL

Former President Carter offers to be 'communicator' between Hamas, U.S.

AIRPORT CITY, Israel (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter defended his plan to meet with the top leader of the violently anti-Israel Hamas movement, saying Monday he hopes to become a conduit between the Islamic militant group and Washington and Israel.

Isolating Hamas is counterproductive, Carter said. Hamas rules the Gaza Strip but is ostracized by Israel, the U.S. and European Union as a terrorist group.

"I think it is absolutely crucial that in the final and dreamed-about and prayed-for peace agreement for this region that Hamas be involved and Syria will be involved," he told a business conference outside Tel Aviv.

"I can't say that they will be amenable to any suggestions, but at least after I meet with them I can go back and relay what they say, as just a communicator, to the leaders of the United States," he said.

The U.S., EU and Israel have blacklisted Hamas for its history of killing some 250 Israelis with suicide bomber attacks and its refusal to renounce violence and recognize the Jewish state.

Student employees enjoy eggs and exaltation



Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz thanks students for being employees at the university as part of the National Student Employment Week Awards Ceremony at Lentz Hall Monday morning.

EDITA BŁASZCZYK
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Student-employees honored with breakfast

Lindsey Smith
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jarin Dunnigan received two "bonus" checks for a total of \$475 this week.

Named the state's and the university's Student Employee of the Year, Dunnigan was recognized at a special breakfast Monday. The Student Employment Program hosted the event honoring 14 student employee nominees. Financial aid staff said the event was meant to reward students for their hard work while keeping them motivated and focused throughout the year.

Dunnigan, who has been employed at the Department of Public Safety for nearly two years, said being a student employee is complicated.

"It's challenging to balance all those things: your recreation, trying to pursue two degrees, pursuing a master's degree in the fall ... I'd go to school during the day and then come to work, sometimes until three in the morning," Dunnigan said.

According to the Student Employee of the Year's guidelines, any student employed on campus for at least six months during the academic year is eligible for nomination. Nominees were evaluated by a panel of four university employees on their reliability, quality of work, initiative, professionalism and uniqueness of contribution.

The SIUC Student Employee of the Year receives \$400 and a plaque. The two finalists were recognized with a \$200 scholarship and certificate. This year's finalists were Julia Kozuck from University Housing and Alexa Young from Student Center Scheduling.

Because he also won the state title, Dunnigan,

a senior from Flora studying administrative justice and psychology, received an additional \$75.

Working at University Housing for almost four years, Kozuck, an undeclared graduate student from Roscoe, said her employers understood the "student" in student employee came first.

With her parents being six hours away, Kozuck said her supervisors have helped her cope with the stress of college life.

"I don't call my supervisors my moms, but they're like older sisters to me," she said. "They know everything that's going on in my life because I know I can spend five minutes up in their office and say 'Oh my gosh. This is what's happening. I hate this professor.'"

Rebecca Dycus, the publicity and promotions supervisor at University Housing, said since Kozuck has been there for almost three years longer than she has, Kozuck has been her

go-to person.

"Julia is such an important part of my job. I absolutely cannot do my job without her. I depend on her for everything," Dycus said. "It's going to be really hard to find someone to fill her shoes."

Dunnigan said being a student employee gave him maturity, responsibility, experience and networking connections. But he said being a student employee is not something that should be done as an incoming freshman.

"First semester, concentrate on what you're here for ... going from high school to college is a big transition. Take it easy. Then towards the end of the semester, decide if you're capable of taking on a position for work within the university ... then try to find a job," Dunnigan said.

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OUR WORD

Check Watts, Burns and the 'green' fee

Editor's note: The DAILY EGYPTIAN reported today that student trustee candidate Dylan Burns has accused current USG President Demetrous White of irresponsibly allocating funds to select Registered Student Organizations.

The story, as some do, materialized on deadline. In the spirit of transparency, the Voices page will be back tomorrow with our word on the matter.

The students of this university all have one thing in common: We pay it too much.

For the future Undergraduate Student Government president and student trustee, this should be a sentiment they hold dear.

But they should also be knowledgeable of the reasons behind this. They should be fair-minded, convincing and confident in their abilities to stand up against the administration.

They should inspire people to align with them.

They should be willing to put in long hours.

Above all, they should be committed to representing their constituents.

They should be Chiquita Watts for president and Dylan Burns for student trustee.

(Oh, and be sure to mark the box for the "green" fee, too.)

Chiquita Watts for president

"(I would) be in their face," said Watts, on reaching out past the non-binding powers of USG to the administration.

This attitude is important consider-

ing the truth of the matter. The USG is merely a constituency group; it cannot enact any real change. It will take petitions and protest for its message to sink into the heads of the higher-ups. Watts said she would do this.

Watts also says she wants to start with the small things. It's a realistic notion that we appreciate. Her goals to require CPR classes and expand student parking may be lesser problems that a place like SIUC faces, but they are far from trivial.

You can't go wrong on decreasing our chances of being late to class and increasing our chances of living.

Burns for student trustee

We like Burns' "let's compromise" ideology.

The student trustee will be a stark minority in a room full of middle-aged Board of Trustee members. It will take someone who is willing to bridge this gap in a well-reasoned, mature way to have any impact.

"You have to come into the Board of Trustees meeting, into executive session, with a compromising attitude, saying that 'I'm here to work with you,'" Burns said.

Bringing forth issues such as the deterioration of Greek Row and the university becoming more sustainable are ones that will require patience — patience that Burns has made evident through his reasoning.

Burns has said that by voting down every fee just because it's a fee, people tend to not take you seriously.

Burns is right.



LYDIA BARGIELSKI ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

The "green" fee

On that note, we hope that students realize some fees are so important that they come down to our very livelihood.

The sustainability research and implementation the "green" fee promises is imperative to the longevity of this university. It would allow a professional council to develop efficiency plans

specific to SIUC — and with a \$300 million-plus deferred maintenance bill, efficiency seems to be just what we need.

Imagine if our campus was entirely powered by solar energy, a free and renewable resource.

With rallied support, it is entirely possible.

Thumbs down to blackouts and lack of funding

ANDY FRUTH

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Thumbs Down to the rolling blackouts that keep occurring throughout campus.

In four years here at SIUC, I've never seen or heard of more power outages affecting various locations throughout campus such as Greek Row, Morris Library and even the lights on the Arena fields. There has to be some logical explanation for all the power outages. Are the nicotine-crazed squirrels on campus terrorizing SIUC's electrical systems in protest? Could the deer that usually attack people in the woods during fawning season be making a pre-emptive strike? Or like many other things on campus suffering from the calculated neglect of deferred maintenance, could our electrical system be suffering from extreme old age? I'd like to think it's the squirrels but I wouldn't bet on it, folks.

Thumbs Up to plans for new energy efficient roofs for Faner Hall and the Agriculture Building.

The days of falling ceiling tiles, buckets and water collection systems only MacGyver could rig up are over. I actually foresaw Faner Hall becoming something similar to a giant fish-bowl before I ever heard plans for getting the roof fixed.

Thumbs Down to the elimination of the Finish in Four scholarships.

Tighter budgets equal no more money for scholarships that reward people for finishing college in four years. The once innovative, first of its kind program in Illinois is gone and students who aren't graduating this year are now out \$500. They might as well make us pay for our books and then not give us anything back for them. Oh wait, they already do.

Thumbs Up to the possibility of a full

week of intramural softball action for the first time all season.

As of Sunday, the forecast said no rain until at least Friday, so hopefully all the teams that haven't played a game yet (like the two teams I'm on) will finally be able to get on the field before the playoffs start next week. Maybe next year the intramural staff should look into starting the season a few weeks earlier than they normally do so we don't run into the problems we

have this year.

Thumbs Down to the idea of the American athletes boycotting the opening ceremonies at the Summer Olympics in Beijing.

With all the protesting going on all over the world over the torch relay, I think the message has been relayed to China and skipping the opening ceremonies would be pointless. If the United States wants to prove a point to China using the Olympics,

Thumbs down to the elimination of the Finish in Four scholarships.

I suggest we make that point on the field, on the court and in the pool like we always do by sweeping the medal count at their place.

Thumbs Up to future Salukis Kevin Dillard, Torres Roundtree and Anthony Booker whom all shined in last Saturday night's McDonald's Riverwar.

This exhibition match up featured high school all-star teams from Illinois and Missouri and was played in the new Chaifetz Arena at Saint Louis University. Dillard scored 20 points off the bench and a pair of McCluer North High School (Mo.) teammates led the way as Roundtree scored 20 points and Booker scored 17 points and pulled down 12 boards.

All three will be suiting up with the Salukis next year and will debut along with Nick Evans (who likes to dunk anything within 10 feet of the basket), so we could be in for quite a show next year.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's no wonder there are so many illegal immigrants. The legal method is so intolerant and confusing."

Brad Darnell
a Canadian
on facing deportation for a 10-year-old misdemeanor charge

THE WEEKLY WENGER

Vocational schools could help with dropout problem

DANNY WENGER

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Recently the Fox Network's game show "Are you Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" showcased that an unfortunately large number of U.S. residents answer that question in the negative.

The fact that several professional adults have been unable to complete the show's challenge and have had to "drop out" of fifth grade is disheartening, but not compared to the larger, real dropout problem in the U.S.

"Cities in Crisis," a recent study released by America's Promise Alliance, found that graduation rates in the U.S. are lower than previously thought. While for years the national graduation rate was touted at about 85 percent, the study found the national average is much closer to 70 percent.

The most disturbing news was that high school students living in one of the 50 largest cities in the country were even less likely to walk down the graduation aisle. The report said only 52 percent of the students from one of the big 50 graduate. The chance of graduation in one of these cities, "amounts, essentially, to a coin toss," the report said.

To put this in perspective, 5,642 students graduated with degrees here in 2007, according to the SIUC Institutional Research and Studies, but the chances are somewhere roughly 214,000 high school students dropped out in Chicago.

Colin Powell was right when he said this is a catastrophe.

One possible solution to the gross failure of the U.S. education system might be to take a cue from some of the more successful European systems, like Finland.

Something that seems overlooked in the U.S. and embraced around the world are

vocational, or trade, schools. In Finland, all children are required to go to comprehensive school, something similar to middle school and high school, until they are 15. At that point they decide whether to pursue more schooling that would lead to college, or to immediately learn a trade.

Unfortunately, in the U.S. there seems to be some kind of stigma associated with trade schools. Equally, those who choose not to attend college and work a trade are viewed as slightly lower than those who have framed degrees.

Everyone has different strengths and learns in different ways. Some students excel with lectures and writing while others need more hands-on opportunities. Those who choose or want to learn a trade rather than sit in a lecture hall shouldn't be dismissed.

If vocational schools were better advertised and students were educated on the opportunities offered there, then the high dropout rate and resulting

problems of an uneducated populous might be averted. Dropping out leaves students with no diploma, and worse, no real job skills. If they can find a trade at a vocational school that interests them more than sitting through art history classes, they might focus more on learning and thus have better future employment.

For students or family members of students contemplating dropping out, this might be a very real solution that satisfies both the need to keep learning and keeping the students' interest.

There is nothing wrong with learning a trade rather than getting a four-year degree. Vocational jobs are an important part of our economy and those who work in them deserve respect for their skill and knowledge.

There are plenty of Ph.D.'s who can't unclog a sink or change their car's oil.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Read it or leave it

DEAR EDITOR:

Before Jordan Wilson takes another swing at my paper — not dissertation — "Ball Fair?" he should probably read it. It's available at: <http://www.siu.edu/~ppi/index.htm>. Every one of the points made by Wilson in his most recent article is specifically rebutted in the paper.

First, despite admitting "athletics rarely pay," Wilson argues that the donations and NCAA/television revenues brought in by winning teams make college sports a logical investment.

Not quite. The latest figures for SIU show that our men's basketball team brought in \$851,891 in NCAA distributions. Our television contract was worth \$23,350. Basketball-focused alumni donations amounted to \$139,528. This is very typical — alumni pay only 2 percent of the operating expenses of an average university.

However, our basketball team also spent \$590,000 on scholarships and salaries alone. Overall, the team lost \$107,184 despite being the main beneficiary of \$3,473,081 in student fees. Our football team lost \$1,155,454. A few "come hither" ads on ESPN2 are arguably not cheap at this price. Also, the key point of my paper was that most mid-majors, unlike SIU, never make the NCAA and thus see none of these benefits of athletic investment.

I also take issue with Wilson's bizarre claim that, without sports, "any university would sink."

What? The University of Chicago plays D-111, and they're pretty good. Among more major universities, the Patriot League does not offer athletic scholarships and the powerful Atlantic-10 (U-Mass, Temple, Xavier) does not bother to sponsor football. It simply makes no sense to claim that schools of this caliber are not 'major' because they spend more money on buildings than sports.

I won't even reply to the comment that I called Jamal Tatum, a great guy, a dumb jock. The paper (read it) clarifies in depth why I say athletes underperform.

Wilfred T. Reilly II

doctoral student in political science

IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE

The case for the 'green' fee

STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Save money and the environment

In past weeks, the Student Environmental Center has tried to emphasize the moral imperative of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to avoid pushing atmospheric levels past a tipping point, which will result in catastrophic ecological and social decline.

But for those of you out there who aren't worried about climate change, or maybe even believe it's already too late, there's another very good reason to come out and vote yes on the 'green' referendum today and Wednesday.

Why? Because the referendum is an investment in energy efficiency technology that will save SIUC millions of dollars over time, making higher education more accessible.

The university has not received a net increase in funding from the state in the last eight years, while the price of electricity has continued to skyrocket. This causes the university to endlessly raise tuition and fees, effectively slamming the door in the face of low income students.

Last January, Ameren increased electricity rates by as much as 40 percent. The university is currently negotiating with Ameren, expecting a 15 percent to 20-percent increase in the new contracts. This has forced the university to reallocate funds meant for building maintenance and other important services to account for rising energy bills.

We can expect the price of higher education to continue to go up and more and more of our tuition and fees to go straight into Ameren's coffers — unless we act now.

How the "green" fee works

The "green" fee is the first phase of a larger proposal called Project EcoDawgs that aims to help the university reach climate neutrality.

As it is proposed, the "green" fee will be allocated by a sustainability council who would also serve as an institutional body capable of crafting a realistic plan of action with short, intermediate and long term goals for the university to lower its greenhouse gas emissions and save money on utilities.

The council — 22 students, faculty and staff — will address the feasibility of projects that can be certified in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design such as green building design, wind turbines and solar panels.

Two-thirds of the funding committee responsible for allocating the "green" fee will be students, so we have a majority say in where our money goes.

It'd be nice if all our fees worked that way, eh?

We need you

Project EcoDawgs, a campaign of SEC, is the product of more than a year of planning by several students, faculty and staff at the university. We are very excited for this opportunity to make our university an environmental leader while simultaneously helping reduce the costs of higher education.

But we can't do it without you.

If you think Project EcoDawgs and the "green" fee is the right thing for SIUC, we need you to come out and vote during the USG elections today and Wednesday. It only takes a minute, and there are several on-campus polling places, including the Student Center and Recreation Center.

If you have further questions, please visit: <http://secsiu.org/feeFAQ>.

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PULSE CHATTERBOX

Matchbox Twenty has recently pulled out of a gig scheduled at Cheyenne Frontier Days, the world's biggest outdoor rodeo festival. "We ask that (fans) please understand that it would be impossible for us to put ourselves in the position of making money from what we believe to be the mistreatment of animals," stated lead singer Rob Thomas. What do you think of the group's sudden animal rights activism?

Alicia Wade

Eh, you have to stand for something. But I think, unfortunately, Matchbox Twenty has become about as irrelevant as rodeo sports.

Devin Vaughn

I think they should have gone ahead with the gig and donated the money they would have earned to PETA. I mean, they probably would have made at least \$75 each (at least that's how much it took for them to play my sister's senior prom).

Audra Ord

I think they're just burned out from being on the road and are looking for any excuse to take a day off. Sorry, fans ... better luck next time.

FUNDS

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He said the executive officer would need to make an agreement with the finance committee chair. Once the committee approves event funding, Teresi said, the senate trusts the committee's judgment and rarely questions allocations.

That trust, coupled with the support of the president, could allow any group to skate through the organization with excessive funding.

"As long as you went through all those steps, it would be really easy (to manipulate the system),"

Teresi said.

Burns said White should be impeached as USG president.

"Regardless of whether or not he's friends with (the fraternity) — he's gone out of his way to usurp the constitution," Burns said.

He said he brought the issue to the DAILY EGYPTIAN Monday because he had only heard about it a few days ago. Burns added that he initially hesitated to reveal the information before the elections, believing he would be accused of mudslinging.

USG presidential candidate Dave Loftus, a sophomore from

Princeton studying political science, said he heard concerns about White's leadership from several senators who did not want to be named.

"Obviously after seeing these numbers, we need to look into a little more oversight," Loftus said.

White said USG gave the fraternity a lot more money this year and he understood why the increase could look strange. But he said USG funds events and doesn't take into account how much any group has received.

"It's disappointing because it's suggesting that we're not doing

things by the book," White said. "Even if you disagree with my policies, you should at least agree that I'm fair with everything I do."

Jennifer Arteaga, a senator representing the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, said she was one of several senators concerned about problems of corruption in USG.

"People are letting it slide by. Things that shouldn't be happening are happening," Arteaga said. "This is just untangling that web starting with finance, because that's the most apparent issue."

Arteaga said most of the senators are friends, and don't want to

impeach or punish each other for not upholding the rules.

But she said everyone, including White and herself, should be held accountable for the situation.

"I'm not going to lie. I'm still a little hesitant about investigating it as well," Arteaga said. "At the same time, it's not right. Regardless of whether they're my friends or not, at the end of the day you have to do what's right and what's appropriate."

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THE STATE BUDGET: PRIORITIES AND PRESSURES

Illinois will have to meet several serious challenges during the next few years. The state is hampered by a large amount of debt, a lack of reserves and a severely underfunded pension system. The governor and legislature have spent the past year in an increasingly vitriolic battle over taxes, health care and mass transit funding. To tackle these issues effectively, the state will need some degree of political cooperation.

Illinois has balanced spending with revenues reasonably well in recent years. Moreover, officials have taken measures to address the state's pension shortfall by issuing bonds to infuse money into the system. But the state still faces a significant budget shortfall that puts into question its ability to weather a recession or other emergency. Furthermore, the state has not had a capital budget in several years, and this may threaten federal matching funds.

--From the Pew Center on the State's Government Performance Project 2008

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9:00 a.m. Opening remarks

- **Ralph Martire**, Executive Director, Center for Tax and Budget Accountability
- **Mike Lawrence**, Director, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute

9:10 a.m. Keynote address: Illinois State Comptroller Dan Hynes

10:00 a.m. Panel discussion: Priorities and Pressures Facing the Illinois State Budget

Moderator: **Beverly Bunch**, Associate Professor, Center for State Policy and Leadership, University of Illinois at Springfield

Discussants:

- **Linda Baker**, Professor, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University Carbondale and former secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services
- **Fred Giertz**, Professor of Economics, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign
- **Tom Johnson**, President, Taxpayers Federation of Illinois and former director, Illinois Department of Revenue
- **Mary Jo Waits**, Project Director, Pew Center on the States and an expert on the state budgets across the nation

11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Office of the Illinois Governor (invited)

Noon Lunch

12:30 p.m. Bonus session: Effective Lobbying by Nonprofit Organizations

This 45 minute session, hosted by the Donors Forum, and presented by Linda Renee Baker, is specifically designed for staff, board members and volunteers of nonprofit organizations that seek and rely on grant funding.

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2 BDRM APT, IN QUIET neighborhood, behind Murdale, d/w, w/d-hookup, sorry no pets, \$480/mo 4573321.

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- 6 bdrm-313, 610 W Cherry**
 - 5bdrm-303 3 Hester**
 - 4 bdrm-503, 505, 511 S Ash, 321,324,406,802 W Walnut 501 S. Hays**
 - 3 bdrm-310, 313, 610 W Cherry 405 S Ash, 106, 408 S Forest, 306 W College, 321 W Walnut**
 - 2 bdrm-305 W College, 406, 324, 319 W Walnut**
- 549-4808 (10am-5pm) No Pets Rental List at 324 W Walnut**

3 BDRM, 2 BATH house, carpet, yard, garage, c/a, Carterville, Tri' C. schools, call 924-1965.

ALPHA'S 2 BDRM, 2 car garage, w/d, d/w, whirlpool bath, cats considered, \$770, 457-8194, www.alpharentals.net

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COUNTRY SETTING, 1 mo FREE, 2 bdrm, carpet, gas appl, c/a, pets ok, \$375 & \$550, call after 5pm, 684-5214, or 521-0258.

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4 BDRM HOUSE, 1bath, pet friendly, w/d, Aug lease avail, walking distance to SIU, call John for info, 314-374-1828, price neg.

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M'BORO, 2, 3 & 4 bdrms, \$400 & up, avail June & Aug, 15 min to SIU, pets ok w/addl dept, 687-1774.

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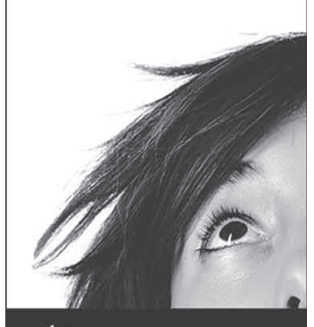
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The absolute deliciousness of overt sexuality, scathing storylines, bombastic acting and the epic dramatic pause of telenovelas has come to VH1 in yet another reality show monopolizing its airwaves.

Except, thankfully, amongst the bland formulaic reality shows, "Viva Hollywood" takes formula, injects a ton of drama, which is what telenovelas are all about, and adds fun challenges to watch, making it a program worth seeing.

It's sort of like watching behind the scenes of American soap operas on drama-laced steroids.

"Viva Hollywood" takes an up-and-coming group of actors and actresses and puts them in a house together to compete for the final prize: a contract with Telemundo,

the largest telenovela production company stateside. They are given challenges to record scenes with one another, based on mammoth emotions such as lust, and given challenges such as fight acting. The worst one is picked from the challenges to be up for elimination, while the rest of the participants pick another competitor from the house to duel in the elimination ceremony.

The two then plead their cases on why they should remain in the hunt for the prize in front of a panel of judges. The panel then decides who gets to stay and the participants must watch a scene shot in telenovela style in order to find out who the judges have chosen. Those up for elimination act out a scene and when the recording reaches its peak, the one who is eliminated from the competition dies, while the other walks away to vie for the prize.

"Viva Hollywood" is a wonderful behind-the-scenes look for anyone who has ever wondered what it takes

to be a part of the drama-filled telenovelas — or soap operas in general for that matter. It's interesting to watch the participants learn the trade, honing their acting skills while learning new tips and tricks along the way.

Not to mention the show is filled with gorgeous men and stunning women who no doubt supply a little bit of eye candy, even for those with no interest at all in the show. The elimination ceremonies alone are worth watching the show for as the first one ended with a scene of a cat fight, two women falling down the stairs, one death and one tearfully thankful participant who lived to compete another day.

"Viva Hollywood" is a perfect fit for anyone looking to fill the void of "Rock of Love 2," which is getting ready to leave, or someone just looking for a little more over-the-top drama in his or her life that you never actually have to participate in.

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SPORT BRIEFS

Tatum makes stylish return to Carbondale

Former Saluki guard Jamaal Tatum will return to Carbondale this weekend to unveil his new clothing line.

Tatum will be at Gatsby's II Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. where he will release the spring collection of his new clothing line, "One Couture." The guard is also in town for his second annual Tatum Shootaround camp.

Handbags from his collection will be given for free during the event. Autographs will be available throughout the entire event as well.

Tatum said releasing his own clothing line is a dream come true.

"The idea of starting a clothing line has been something that has existed in my mind since my freshman year in college nearly five years ago," he said.

Standout prospect joins SIU, another could follow

Marshall standout Ryan Hare has made a verbal commitment to the SIU men's basketball team, co-recruit Kevin Dillard said Monday.

The 6-foot, 4-inch guard led Marshall to a Class 3A Illinois State Championship. Hare averaged 18.4 points per game while collecting 108 rebounds on the season. He joins a recruiting class that includes Dillard, Torres Roundtree and Anthony Booker.

"Voice of the Salukis" Mike Reis reported Frank Henry-Ala could commit to SIU as early as Wednesday. The 6-foot, 5-inch forward is a staunch defender, averaging 10 rebounds and three steals per game at Motlow State.

Henry-Ala also brings athleticism with a 40-inch vertical leap, according to <http://scouts.com>.

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The Saluki bench watches the action on the floor during the March 14 game against Illinois State. Freshman Katrina Swingler, left, is one of only five players returning to the team next season.

EIKENBERG

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He said he would not discuss specifics of the findings, but determined the priority is to improve communication between the coach and the team as well as with the athletic administration.

Freshmen Paris Campbell, Ellen Young, Brenna Saline and Natalie Taylor left the team after the season and Moccia said all were granted releases. Freshman Tanaeya Worden left the team under similar circumstances in the middle of the season.

Without the players, Eikenberg said she is focused on building a team around returning players Jasmine Gibson, Erica Smith, Katrina Swingler, Alex Hart and Kaci Bailey. She previously said she is recruiting junior college players primarily to add to her class of Olivia Lett and Eryn Stepherson, who are currently seniors in high school.

"We've met them with head-on honesty and we've had some good success and we will find good success here in the next couple of weeks as we wrap it up," Eikenberg said.

She is also in the process of replacing assistant coach Susan

Koering, who left to get married. Eikenberg said she has a candidate in mind but wouldn't elaborate further.

When asked about changes she wanted to make for the 2008-09 season, she said she wanted to wait until her staff was complete before getting into greater detail.

Eikenberg said she is also in the process of rebuilding relations with area high school teams, which have seen and been affected by the coverage of the accusations.

“People that are not supportive of us have been non-supportive on blogs and anonymously. I can't correct that.”

— Dana Eikenberg head coach

“You find out in situations like this who your friends are and who they're not. People that are not supportive of us have been non-supportive on blogs and anonymously. I can't correct that,” she said.

She added that some people in the community have been supportive and are looking to help the program move forward.

“The people who have e-mailed and called and sent letters, those are the people we know we can count on and continue to do what we have started to do here,” she said.

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"I think Oklahoma City is a great city for basketball, but I know I would be upset if my favorite team switched cities. I would like to see them stay in Seattle because the fans still support them now and if the team can put some defense around Kevin Durant, they could rise to prominence again."

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"I don't know if it's a good decision to move to Oklahoma, but the Hornets did OK there. It's sad that Seattle will lose a team because it's a major market, but Oklahoma City isn't exactly a small town."

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"They should stay, and there shouldn't be any questions asked about it. The Sonics have a storied past thanks to stars like Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp and a bright future with Durant. Every measure that should be taken needs to be taken to keep this team in Seattle."

SALUKI TRACKER
Jerry Hairston Jr.

Former SIU baseball player Jerry Hairston Jr. is batting .441 for the Louisville Bats, the triple-A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. Hairston has 15 base hits in 34 at-bats and ranks second on the team in batting average and on-base plus slugging percentage.

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TRACK & FIELD

SIU track stars keep rolling

Salukis collect four more meet titles

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The SIU track and field team continues to collect individual titles as it gets closer to the Missouri Valley Conference Outdoor Championships.

The Salukis picked up four meet titles and posted 25 top-5 finishes at Saturday's Ole Miss Invitational in Oxford, Miss. In its first three meets of the outdoor season, SIU has captured 22 meet titles.

Head coach Connie Price-Smith said she was happy to see the way the team has improved and continues to perform at a high level.

"I thought they did a good job competing with the teams that were there," Price-Smith said. "We had a lot of top finishes and a lot of personal bests."

Senior Brenton Siemons accounted for two of the Salukis' individual titles. Siemons posted the top finish in the hammer throw and shot put. His hammer throw measured more than 186 feet, edging Ole Miss junior James Maloney.

Siemons' effort in the shot put resulted in a throw more than 55 feet, 3 feet farther than second place finisher, Memphis senior Glen Edwards.

Sophomore Thomas Smith followed Siemons' first-place showing in the hammer with a third-place finish in the hammer and a fifth-place finish in the shot put. Senior Blake Brachear cleared 15-1 in the pole vault to pick up the men's third title.

Sophomores Geoffrey Daniel and



DuVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman thrower Dan Young attempts the hammer throw during the Spring Classic meet March 28. The Salukis picked up four meet titles and 25 top-5 finishes at the Ole Miss Invitational.

Trevor Poore posted top-5 finishes in the triple jump and long jump, respectively. Poore also finished third in the javelin.

Freshman Kyle Kirchner posted the best finish of the Saluki runners with a second-place finish in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:42.25, while freshmen Brad Wrage and Willie Knox posted top-5 finishes in the 5,000-meter run and 400-meter hurdles.

Senior Brittany Riley and teammates freshman Rickael Roach and junior Sasha Leeth took the top three spots in the women's hammer throw. Riley's 218-foot throw bested her Saluki teammates and accounted for the women's only meet title.

Junior Bianca Stuart jumped more than 19 feet on her final jump en route to posting a second-place finish in the women's long jump. Senior Andrea

Norris and sophomore Nefeteri Williams also posted second-place finishes in the 100-meter dash and 1,500-meter run, respectively.

Jumps coach Andre Scott said the team's performance was good, but expects its best performances are yet to come.

"We stayed the same as we did last weekend and hopefully we'll run into some better weather this coming weekend because they should be getting better," Scott said. "I'm just waiting for them to turn that corner and have some better performances."

SIU looks to keep up its strong start as it travels to Nashville, Tenn., to compete at the Vanderbilt Invitational.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach knows doubts will remain



Coach Dana Eikenberg talks with senior Erin Pauk during the Salukis' 77-65 loss to Illinois State March 14. Eikenberg addressed the findings of the Athletic Department's review of the women's basketball program Monday.

JAKE LOCKARD
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Eikenberg attempts to rebuild team

Matt Hartwig
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dana Eikenberg is ready to move on with day-to-day basketball operations.

After an internal review was completed this weekend, Eikenberg remains the head coach of the

SIU women's basketball team and is spending her time getting her team ready for next season.

But after former players came forward with allegations of verbal abuse and five freshmen ask for their releases, she knows questions about her program are not going to go away any time soon.

"Because of your articles, we're going to have to talk about this for the next two years," Eikenberg said Monday. "The more we continue to communicate and talk about it,

the more we will have to defend ourselves."

Eikenberg said she has been "honest and forthright" with everything that has been publicized, which has made a difference as she attempts to rebuild her team through recruiting. After the releases, only five players return from last season.

The problems facing the squad are not exclusive to SIU, she said, referring to other Missouri Valley Conference schools without

giving specifics.

"We're now the only Valley school that have had their stuff reach the paper," she said. "There's two other schools having major issues and it hasn't made their local papers."

Eikenberg was endorsed by Athletic Director Mario Moccia after a two-week review of the program. Moccia said he talked to every player and coach individually to get a handle on the situation.

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MEN'S GOLF

Men post season best

SIU finishes in second place at Illini Spring Classic

Luis C. Medina
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU golf team is finally starting to live up to its preseason expectations, posting its best finish of the season.

The Salukis finished in second place at the Fighting Illini Spring Invite. It was the team's highest finish of the spring season, and best since a second-place showing at the D.A. Weibring Intercollegiate at the Weibring Golf Club in Normal Oct. 8.

Host school Illinois shot a final round 303 and a tournament total of 609 to finish in first place, seven strokes ahead of SIU. The Salukis started Saturday's final round in a third-place tie with Eastern Illinois, but shot four strokes better than the Panthers en route to a final-round 303 to finish in second place at the 11-team event.

Coach Leroy Newton said he was proud with the team's performance in the poor golfing weather.

"The conditions were brutally cold, but I'm happy with way the team battled through and never gave up," Newton said. "Pars were as good as birdies with the tough winds, but we did a good job taking one hole at a time."

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— Leroy Newton
 head coach

BASEBALL

Salukis look to rebound against SEMO

Matt Hartwig
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Fresh off of a weekend in which it stranded 43 base runners, the SIU baseball team is hoping to turn around its season in the midst of a four-game losing streak.

The Salukis (18-15) will take on Southeast Missouri State at 2 p.m. today at Abe Martin Field, looking to end the skid against the team that started it. The Redhawks (14-14) defeated SIU 11-4 April 8 to end its five-game winning streak.

"We got pitchers struggling, we got hitters struggling and we've made crazy plays in the field," coach Dan Callahan said. "It's a combination of a lot of bad things and we got to figure out a way to right the ship."

Southeast Missouri State has had some struggles of its own recently. It was swept by Jacksonville State this weekend and has lost four games in a row as well.

The good news for the Salukis is senior reliever Ivan Nails won't take the mound for the Redhawks.

Nails was torched for eight runs in 3.2 innings Sunday against

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— Dan Callahan
 head coach

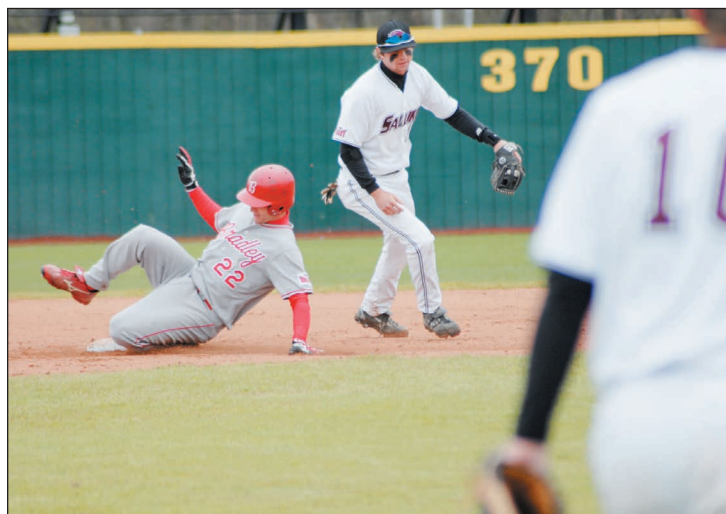
Jacksonville State but dominated SIU April 8 when he tossed eight innings of scoreless relief en route to his first win of the season.

The Saluki offense struggled to get anything going in the game after a four-run first inning, and had similar problems this weekend in a sweep at the hands of the Braves.

Eight of the nine hitters in the Saluki lineup are hitting above .300 but they were only able to muster three runs in the first two games of the series.

Junior second baseman Scott Elmendorf said the offense got going early out of the gate the last time out against SEMO but it still resulted in a loss.

"With our offense, we never feel like we're out of a game but it's a letdown," Elmendorf said. "Every



STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bradley outfielder Colby Luttrell slides under Scott Elmendorf's tag Sunday at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis look to bounce back after being swept by Bradley when they host Southeast Missouri State today.

game from here on out is very important. We have great talent but we haven't gone out there and proved it."

On the mound, Callahan has the option of going with either freshman Nick Rice or junior Andrew Dunn. Rice has a 1-1 record with a 4.35 ERA while Dunn has a 2-4

record with a 3.64 ERA.

Dunn started the previous game against Southeast Missouri State. He allowed six runs, one earned, through five innings en route to the loss.

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Junior Todd Obergoenner followed up his career-best second-place finish at the Arkansas State Indian Classic with another top-10 finish.

Obergoenner was the Salukis' high scorer with a mark of 9-over-par, finishing tied for seventh with three other golfers including sophomore teammate Blake Driskell.

Sophomore Jordan Cox shot a final-round of 4-over-par to finish tied for 13th overall for SIU's third individual top-20 finish. Senior captain Matt Ellis and junior John Danielson rounded out the Saluki scoring, finishing in 34th and 36th place overall.

Newton said the second-place finish is encouraging for SIU, which will finish the season in search of its first conference title in school history at the Missouri Valley Conference championship Monday and Tuesday. The Salukis bested Missouri Valley Conference foes Northern Iowa (tied for third), Illinois State (sixth) and Bradley (11th) in the Fighting Illini Spring Invite.

"You always want to be playing your best golf at the end of the season heading into the MVC Championship," Newton said. "I'm proud of the way we're finishing the year, and know we're ready to do our best to represent the school in the season finale."

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