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Grad students ask for freeze in fees

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

A letter presented to the Board of Trustees at its meeting Thursday on behalf of Graduate Assistants United proposed a fee freeze for all graduate students at the university.

"As it is now, (graduate students) are taking out loans like mad," said Jim Podessa, president of GAU. "Some of us are graduating from the university not only with a Ph.D. or a master's degree, but some of us are graduating here with a debt equivalent to a starter home."

The GAU is a labor union bargaining group that represents more than 1,700 graduate assistants, teaching assistants and research assistants at SIUC.

The board did not discuss the proposal at the meeting, but Podessa said there have been ongoing conversations for almost a year with the university's administration.

David Wilson, associate dean of the graduate school, said because of ongoing negotiations, there will be a mediated meeting Friday between the bargaining teams from GAU and the administration.

Wilson said the negotiations for fee freezes will not just affect graduate assistants.

"It is as much a student issue as it is a GAU issue; the two are not necessarily the same," he said.

The proposal said during the summer, amid contract negotiations, graduate assistants' stipends were increased, which was a large gain for them. The gain is now lost because of the hikes in student fees, it said.

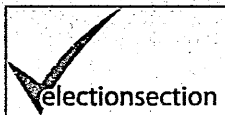
Graduate student fees have risen by more than \$2,000 per student in 10 years from an annual \$1,096 in 2000, to \$3,115 in 2010, according to the Office of Institutional Research and Studies. Graduate students have to pay 15 different fees, which increase according to the number of credit hours a student is enrolled in, according to the graduate school website.

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Jane Grote, a senior from Pittsfield studying theater, practices her monologue "Tuesday during 'The Vagina Monologues'" rehearsal at McLeod Theatre. Grote said this is her third time performing in "The Vagina Monologues," and she is excited to be a part of it again.
JESS VERMEULEN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mayoral candidates plan to combat racism



KAYLA KEARNS
Daily Egyptian

While all of Carbondale's mayoral candidates agreed racism exists in the city, one was moved to tears when talking about it.

Brent Ritzel, director of public education and outreach for Equitech International LLC, cited an area of Attucks Park next to the former Koppers wood treating site as an example of environmental racism. Koppers shut down operations in July 1991, and according to an EPA summary of the site, the soil

remains visibly contaminated with creosote.

Ritzel said the lack of effort to clean the area is immoral and disturbing to the city's northeast side residents, who are predominantly African-American, because the toxins cause long-lasting health concerns.

"The closer that someone lives to the plant, the younger that they're going to be dying of cancer," Ritzel said.

Mayoral candidates Ritzel, George Maroney, Sam Goldman, Joel Fritzier and Steven Haynes each spoke on how he would approach racism if elected. Fritzier said racism is a problem of attitudes, while Goldman and Maroney said education is the proper means to neutralize racism. Haynes said racism can be helped with communication, while Ritzel

said racism is the No. 1 reason he's running.

A primary election will be held Feb. 22 to reduce the five mayoral candidates to a field of four and the 16 city council candidates to a field of 12. The contenders are running to replace Mayor Brad Cole and fill council seats held by Haynes, Mary Pohlmann and recently appointed Michael Nell. The candidates who receive the most votes during the primary election will be placed on the ballot for the April 5 general election.

If Fritzier is elected mayor, his council seat will also have to be filled.

Haynes said it is necessary to remember past incidents of racism to avoid repeating them in the future. He said he has personal concerns with his campaign due to his ethnicity.

"I try not to label myself as an African-American candidate for mayor," Haynes said. "I know my roots... I'm not afraid to talk about those, but I'm running as a person who wants to be the next mayor for all of Carbondale as a whole, not just the African-American community."

Haynes said Carbondale residents need to be open and honest with each other and not afraid to ask questions to clarify what a person's intent is with his or her statement in regard to racism.

"There are going to be people you don't like, not because of the color of their skin, but because you don't like them," Haynes said. "I think sometimes we fall back on that."

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Quinn expected to borrow state's way out of debt

LEAH STOVER
Daily Egyptian

Gov. Pat Quinn will take the floor at noon today to deliver his annual budget address, but the state's \$15 billion deficit is expected to take center stage.

Following the recent income tax increase passed by Democrats in the House, Illinois' deficit remains the highest in the state's history. Although the increase is expected to generate billions of dollars in the coming year, the revenue is not enough to balance the state's budget. In response, Quinn's proposal is expected to include cuts in human service areas,

a possible \$1 per pack tax increase on cigarettes and a borrowing plan that is presumed to jump start Illinois' journey out of the deficit.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said after the income tax increase, 5 percent of the state's revenue was left to go toward borrowing \$8 billion in hopes of forcing a reconstruction of the state's budget.

"The revenue stream for this is already there," Poshard said. "They can go out on the market and borrow \$8 billion with the money that has already been approved in the tax increase."

If the borrowing plan is passed, Poshard said the result could

be positive. He said the interest currently building on the money owed by the state is higher than the interest on what would be borrowed, and in the end, borrowing could save some money for the state.

However, Quinn's borrowing plan may experience an obstacle almost immediately. Senate Republicans have said the bill will be unanimously opposed by their party, which would stop the plan from going forward.


"It's very difficult for us to say, 'Oh we're going to support a borrowing bill when (Democrats) prove over and over again that they can't stop the spending,'" Rep. Mike Bost said.

"We're just going to have to see how this pans out."

Republicans stood strong against the borrowing plan because they believe increasing debt would be detrimental to the state, according to a Tuesday article by the Associated Press. Instead, they want to pay the overdue bills over time and generate the revenue through spending cuts. The result would be a longer wait for organizations working for the state to receive payment and possible cuts in the money promised to them for services in the future, the article stated.

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Visiting artists program brings diversity, students to campus

TERRANCE PEACOCK
Daily Egyptian

The School of Art and Design's visiting artists program offers students a different perspective while helping recruit students for the school, program director Harris Deller says.

The program is funded by the fine arts activity fee, which is \$36.05 and is included in each student's tuition and fees, according to the SIUC Board of Trustees' website. A committee selects a group of about four or five artists to speak to students, as well as describe the program's strengths and what it has to offer.

The committee consists of representatives from departments and schools in the College of Liberal Arts and College of Applied Sciences and Arts, including the Schools of Music, Architecture, and Art and Design, and the departments of speech communication, cinema and photography, and theater.

Ten-day enrollment numbers for the School of Art and Design in the past six fall semesters have fluctuated between a high of 422 students in 2006 to a low of 375 in 2008 and 2010, according to data provided by John Nicklow, vice chancellor of enrollment management. In fall 2010, there were 355 art majors and 20 design majors, according to the data.

Stacey Sloboda, professor in the School of Art and Design, said the visiting artists program is a wonderful recruiting tool to get students to come to SIUC.

"It brings several major national and international artists, critics, curators and art historians to campus to give lectures," Sloboda said.

Deller said the artists can provide unique experiences or viewpoints that teachers may not have.

"We are trying to bring artists in who have a different point of view than what the faculty offers, so students can get a more diverse back-

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— Stacey Sloboda, professor in the School of Art and Design

ground of what's going on in the art world," Deller said.

The program is open to the community, in addition to students and faculty, Deller said.

"Each artist is required to do a public lecture for the community, or anyone who attends for free," he said.

Artists meet with any interested students and spend the day with them so students can ask the artists for advice on their work and project ideas, Deller said.

The program also funds a number of lesser-known lecturers, Deller said. She said the program sometimes sponsors up-and-coming artists,

younger curators and other people students might be interested in.

"It's basically a way of bringing the outside of our world to Carbondale," Sloboda said.

The program sends out a poster each year to every art and design school in the country, and every high school and community college in Illinois, to recruit students, Deller said.

He said another thing the program does is try to be as diverse as possible.

"They aren't what I would call old, fat white guys," Deller said.

Out of the three artists who came to SIUC last semester through the

program, two were African-American. Theaster Gates, an artist who spoke for the program last semester, is a black sculptor from Chicago who has become well-known in the past couple of years. Gates comes from a strong gospel music background and combines sculpture with music, Deller said.

Terry Adkins, another visiting sculptor who teaches at the University of Pennsylvania, infuses African-American history into his work.

The program's first speaker this semester will be Dario Robleto, a Mexican sculptor who will visit SIUC March 22.

Deller said the program tries to include minority and women artists in each year's program.

"It is helpful for students to understand that art is a big world," he said.

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Number of students in the School of Art & Design, 2005-2010

	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010
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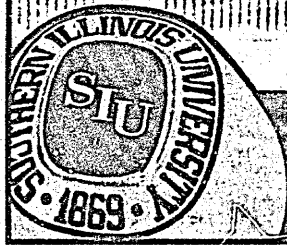
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For any semester a student holds a graduate-assistantship contract, he or she will receive a tuition waiver that will pay only the fees for the number of credit hours the student is enrolled in, according to the website.

Podessa said the bargaining unit is not asking for the university to exempt graduate students from fees because they know the university needs money, but every time fees increase, it is like a pay cut to graduate students.

"We are basically paying in fees the equivalent of a month's pay every semester," he said. "In effect, we are paying to work here and that is just not right."

Chancellor Rita Cheng did not respond to several calls seeking comment about the mediated bargaining meeting.

Wilson said more than half of graduate assistants are teaching assistants, which would be roughly 800 students. The assistants are important to the university and the success of undergraduate students, he said.

"It depends on the department and

the assignment, but teaching assistants could be anywhere from a grades-to-leading a recitation session, running a lab session or in certain situations with advanced students, they could be teaching a class," Wilson said.

He said Friday's meeting is something both sides are not supposed to express opinions about publicly.

Podessa said the university would shut down without graduate assistants. He said the GAU wants the administration to recognize how vital graduate students are to the institution, and fee freezes are needed so students can complete their degrees.

"We teach many of the core curriculum classes and do a lot of stuff," Podessa said. "We keep the university running."

John Owen, a graduate assistant in English from Nashville, Tenn., said he believes university officials should adopt a 'chop from the top' policy where salaries of six-figure employees would be cut by hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"This isn't to say that these university employees do not deserve their high pay grade," he said. "Given the fact that Carbondale is a cheaper city to live in, these cuts would not be completely devastating."

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Goldman, former SIUC chancellor, said racism clearly exists, and he would make sure the residents of the northeast side are involved in everything they want to be. He said the mayor should articulate human rights issues to the city.

"It takes an individual who says, 'We will do it.' I am sensitive to it. I'm a minority; I have felt it," said Goldman, who is Jewish. "There are issues here. That means the mayor has got to step up in front of some people and tell them, 'No, it's not going to be that way.'"

Fritzer said he noticed cultural differences when he moved to Carbondale from central Illinois and Portland, Ore.

"It was more of the southern culture," Fritzer said. "I found it more both ways. I found racist attitudes directed at me because I was white. I don't know if it was just me or if that's actually the case."

Maroney said his former hospital administration position at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale prepared him to work with a variety of individuals, and he would focus on education to fight discrimination, which could help produce more jobs and opportunities for residents.

"At some point in our society we will be able to criticize a black without being called a racist, and a black will be able to criticize a white without being called a racist. We haven't reached that point yet," Maroney said.

Maroney said Carbondale's mayor has an obligation to enforce current laws that protect individuals in the way the laws were originally written.

Ritzel compared Carbondale to a gated community and said he is 100 percent committed to ending what he called the imprisonment of the northeast side.

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Human services such as childcare for the working poor, meals for the elderly and education are vulnerable to program cuts. If the borrowing plan is blocked by the Republicans, the result could be severe, according to the article.

Bost said all programs are susceptible to cuts, though the funding of elderly and education programs remain hot button issues. He said the only way may be to make sensible reductions where the legislature will direct and streamline where it wants to make cuts.

"We're in a situation now where if we don't cut a little, we could lose a lot," Bost said. "This will not work with a shotgun approach. This must be done with a rifle."

Poshard said cuts have already played havoc in the local economy.

"When we can't pay our bills

on time, places like True Value and others out here in the community that do business with the university are at a loss," Poshard said.

As another source of revenue, Quinn may also ask legislators to reconsider a \$1 per pack surcharge on cigarettes.

If drastic changes don't occur, Bost said he fears a result worse than the current deficit.

"If something isn't done before long, or if certain rules aren't changed by the federal government, you may see states start to claim bankruptcy," Bost said.

Poshard said he doesn't expect actions as severe as states claiming bankruptcy, and said the chance of Illinois going bankrupt is almost nonexistent.

"Bottom line, the legislature and the government would work out a plan that would prevent the state from going bankrupt because that would be devastating," he said.

V-Week raises awareness of gender violence

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— Jenn Freitag
V-Week organizer

Women's Center, Freitag said. She said the remaining 10 percent is given to relief efforts in Haiti, this year's spotlight country. Last year, V-Week raised more than \$6,000 for the Women's Center. Freitag said reaching that amount was an amazing accomplishment, and she hopes for the same amount, if not more, this year.

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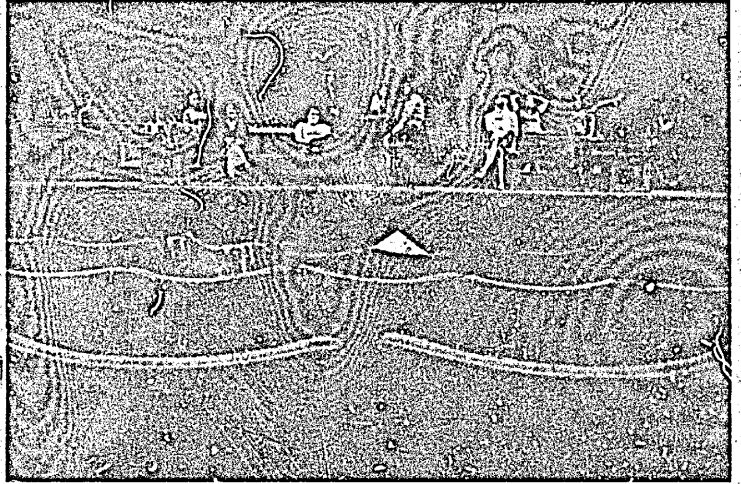
Freitag said V-Week is for everybody. She said gender violence is an issue that affects all of us and is one we should all address.

"It's important that men be there and engage with us," she said.

Freitag said Progressive Masculinities Mentors is a group that supports that idea. The group sponsors "A V-Week Dialogue," which addresses the issues of gender and sexual violence from a male perspective. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Health Center Auditorium.

Nico Wood is a doctoral student in performance studies from Chicago and co-director of Thursday's event, "A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and A Prayer." Although the performance will be done in a format similar to "The Vagina Monologues," MMRP is less restrictive, Wood said.

Unlike "The Vagina Monologues," which consist of solely women performers, Wood said MMRP has both male and female performers. The material is also written by a variety of



JESS VERMEULEN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

The 13-member cast of "The Vagina Monologues" prepares for a rehearsal Tuesday at McLeod Theater. "It's about raising awareness, raising eyebrows and raising funds for a much-needed

cause," said John Moss, a second-year Ph.D student in speech communication and theater from Virginia Beach, Va. Moss is one of three directors for the "Monologues."

authors, including Alice Walker, Howard Zinn and Maya Angelou. Wood said she, the cast and crew, have spent about a month rehearsing the performance.

"Right after auditions, we started with individual coaching sections, where myself and co-director of the show Anna Wilcoxon split the cast in half and worked with them one-on-one," Wood said. "In the past two

weeks, we've moved into full group rehearsal for the show."

Maggie Mapes, a master's student in speech communication from Le Mars, Iowa, serves as outreach/publicity coordinator for the week's events. She said that at its core, V-Week is a chance for anyone to become an activist.

Mapes said participation is the key in having an engaging dialogue

concerning these issues.

"Although a lot of people are still aware of sexual and domestic violence, they tend to think that it's not really near us, that it doesn't affect us or our friends," she said. "A large part of V-Week is to bring awareness to those issues, formulate strategies and allow some spaces for people to have a safe place (for) dialogue."

BRENDAN SMITH
Daily Egyptian

This week's focus is on valentines and vaginas.

Communities across the world are spending this week raising money for and awareness of issues of rape, incest, battery, genital mutilation and sexual slavery as part of V-Week, a movement to end violence against women and girls.

The wedding event began at SIUC Monday with open mic poetry, which incorporated stories of female assault, and will include events to draw attention to that issue and similar issues, said Jenn Freitag, a doctoral student in speech communications from Mediapolis, Iowa, and lead organizer for V-Week. The week of events will conclude Saturday after the second annual performance of "The Vagina Monologues."

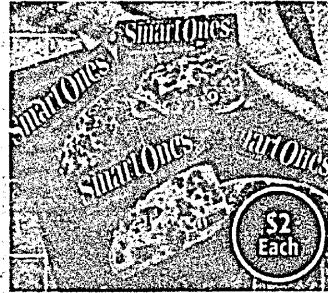
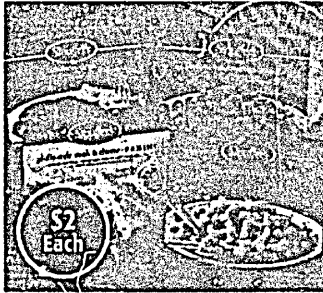
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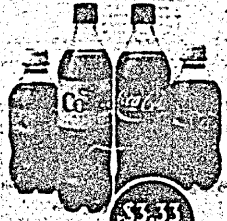
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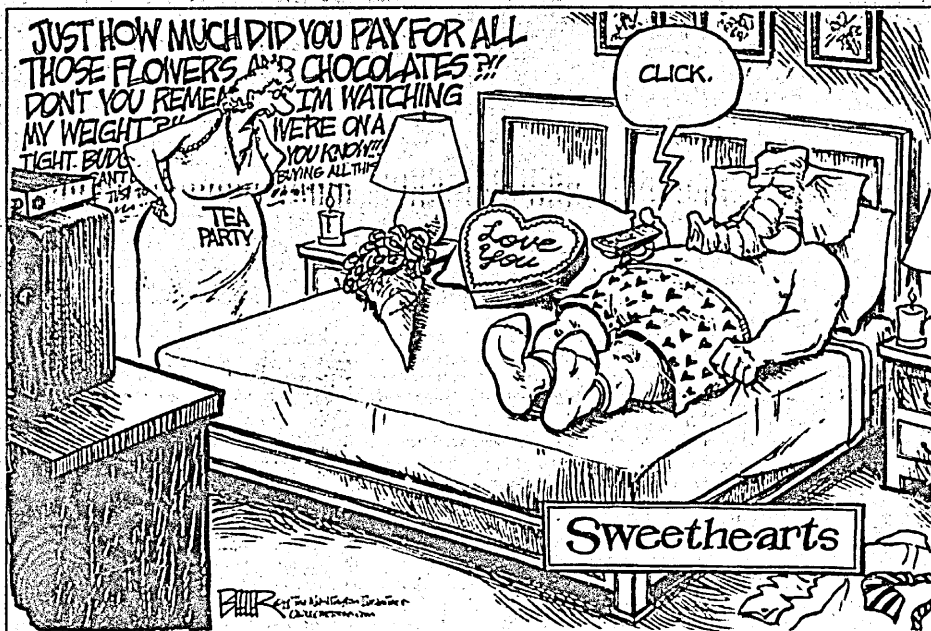
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STAFF COLUMN

America: A country consumed by corporations

KYLE AKEN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

There is a looming juggernaut out there gorging itself on the hopeless mass of working-class citizens. This titanic thing's already substantial girth is swelling to epic proportions. How long, then, until this bulbous beast collapses on itself, imploding into a swirling black hole that envelops us all?

That is a question we should address to the elite Americans in charge of the notorious super-corporations. We see signs of this marauding monstrosity on a daily basis. He leaves a slimy, gelatinous trail of oozing advertisements in his wrathful wake. If you are unsure about this claim, then look to the skies. You will see it littered with McDonald arches, Calvin Klein billboards and flashing commands on passing blimps that all say the same thing: Consume! Consume! Consume!

This staple of American capitalism is what erected the thriving metropolis that makes us swell up with patriotic pride today.

However, lady liberty now weeps as she slowly dilapidates due to America's overzealous ambitions. The ideas she represents are as forgotten as her crumbling, stony bust.

Capitalism is a wonderful economic principle; it is progress through competition. Unfortunately, America has embraced it with such open arms that it has mutated into what is called cutthroat capitalism. This off-branch property of currency has grown so exponentially that it is sapping the rest of the nutrient tree, leaving a gnarled husk that will soon leave the mighty oak of America to collapse on itself.

How did this happen you might ask? Well, that is why I'm here.

America has a free market society, which basically means that in industry, anything goes — even the occasional low blow. This has become a specialty of the corporate entity. The elites in charge of these corporations cling to their position of power and even help enact laws that help them remain there. They do

this through what I call power purchases. Political campaigns cost such substantial amounts of money that even the wealthy representatives who usually run for office cannot afford it all themselves. They look to corporate sponsorship for financial support. This, however, is no act of charity. It is simply an exchange of commodities in a flawed system. Corporations give the government money and in turn the government gives them indirect legislative power, passing laws that preserve and protect corporations' perched, plush thrones and extort the same honest, hard working people that helped them rise to the top. The corporation indirectly influences everything, including worker rights, wages, sick days and credit policies.

All of these instituted "regulations," as they call them, are designed to keep anyone not in the top 1 percent of the socio-economic class from moving up. So if you are in this other 99 percentile range, you automatically have a 95 percent

likelihood of staying in the same class you were born into. This is not just the price of progress or the way of the world. It is the inner workings of a system in shambles. Elite, powerful men pull the strings like puppeteers, which is no different from the monarchies of old.

Just recently, however, the tables have begun to turn.

The top-heavy corporations have neglected the bottom tiers for so long that they have doomed their own support system. Unless something changes soon, this class struggle will mark the end for a great nation. China has already slipped by us in the race for economic superiority, all because the elites wouldn't know what to do without their solid gold summer homes or their Ferraris that run on bald eagles' blood. Ironically, it is this very covetous greed that has ensured doom for these evil enterprisers. They leech the working man's wallet so long that he no longer has anything left to give. Now these fat cats are running scared, screaming for the government to

save them. But the government itself has begun to rely on these corporations. So it appears that unless they are willing to change, the elites are going to fall from their finely sculpted pedestal into the hands of the common people they left to scavenge for their scraps.

And if they fall, will America go with them? Has the corporate crutch we have all leaned on caused us to forget how to walk on our own?

Perhaps we should re-evaluate our economic options and, for once, pat the broken backs of the commoners that helped our nation flourish. And if we do adopt a better economic system to replace our outdated one, who will lead us into this uncharted landscape? What monetary messiah will help pick up the remnants of our shattered system? Perhaps this new system could be a balance of capitalism and socialism, one that will acknowledge the importance of every position on the economic hierarchy, from gas station clerk to oil tycoon. Only then can America take its first step back onto the right path.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

GOP mocks Obama's 2012 budget for ignoring deficit as House debates even deeper cuts for 2011

WASHINGTON — Republicans are mocking President Obama's \$1.73 trillion budget for 2012 for ignoring deficit as they prepare to vote on a budget for 2011.

Major to proceed with their conservative budget proposals. Republicans are demanding \$61 billion in cuts to federal programs for the remaining seven months of the fiscal year under a bill the House passed last week.

Reductions of that magnitude to take in a fiscal year would have a shocking impact on many programs. The GOP-run House planned to approve the measure Thursday.

The proposed reductions have "showdown" written all over them. Republicans indicated them in a must-pass bill financing the government, which Obama's run out of money on March 3. The Democratic-controlled Senate and Obama himself are sure to turn them down.

"We have consistently said it's not our intention to shut down this government," House Minority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said Monday of one possibility and there be an impasse. "That's political talk and we ought to get that off the table and we ought to go about the real business of trying to cut spending."

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Bahrain mourner killed in clash before funeral march for protest victim

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Security forces in Bahrain fired tear gas and bird shot Tuesday on mourners gathered for a funeral procession for a man killed in Egypt-inspired protests, killing at least one other person and raising the chances for further unrest.

Officials at Bahrain's Salmaniya Medical Complex, the meeting point for more than 10,000 mourners, said a 31-year-old man died from injuries from bird shot fired during the funeral in the hospital's parking lot. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not allowed to speak to journalists.

The latest death raises the possibility of more rallies and challenges to the ruling Sunni monarchy in Bahrain, a strategic Western ally and home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet.

After the clash, riot police eventually withdrew and allowed the massive funeral cortege for 21-year-old Ali Abdullah Mushalima to proceed from the hospital, the main state-run medical facility in Bahrain's capital Manama.

Mushalima was killed Monday during clashes with security forces trying to halt marches to demand greater freedoms and political rights. At least 25 people were injured in the barrage of rubber bullets, tear gas and live fire.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Can Sarah Palin succeed by bypassing conventional politics? Will she even try?

WASHINGTON — She says what she wants, does what she wants and makes no apologies. And love her or hate her, you can't really argue with this: Politics as usual has never been Sarah Palin's style.

"I wasn't wired to play that game," the former Alaska governor says in "Going Rogue," the memoir whose title reflects her affinity for going her own way.

As she weighs whether to seek the presidency, it's hard not to wonder: Do the old tenets of White House campaigns apply to someone who has broken virtually every rule in modern-day American politics? Can she bypass conventional politics and succeed? Will she even try?

Her would-be opponents are pondering these questions, and what the answers mean for their own possible candidacies, as they await word of whether the unpredictable Palin will be a candidate or kingmaker. It's a decision they will expect the already chaotic GOP field of potential contenders, Palin, with a loyal following among conservatives and tea party activists, will affect the race whether she runs or not.

The woman whom one potential GOP challenger, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, calls "a force of nature" repeatedly has ripped up and rewritten the playbook of traditional politics. It's what her legions of grass-roots backers adore about her, and it's what may either sink or make her candidacy, should she run.

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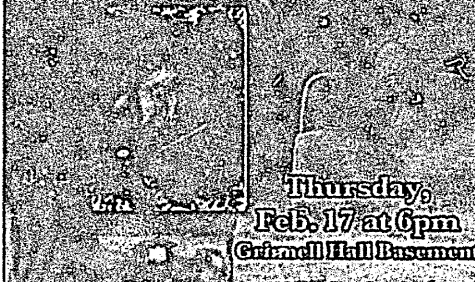
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A date in the dark



PAT SUTPHIN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Monday was the 10th Annual Z100 Blind Date, hosted by Jull Ingram and Kent Zimmer from the Nut N' Honey morning show. Ingram said the two radio hosts started the promotion as a way to make the morning show funny, different and more appealing.

"There are so many shows of people looking for love, and we want to show people that true beauty is not on the outside, it's on the inside," Zimmer said. "That's why we blindfold them."

Winner Jacklyn Kaenel was

one of more than 40 applicants to apply for the date with Ralph Santana, the hitting coach for the Southern Illinois Miners baseball team.

Kaenel and Santana took a limousine ride to Morello's Pizza and Grill in Harrisburg, where they had a steak dinner, then rode back to the River Radio station, all while blindfolded. Zimmer and Ingram assisted in everything from walking to cutting the food.

Kaenel said she applied for the blind date because it

sounded fun.

"There's nothing bad that can come of it," Kaenel said. "You either have a great time and meet someone great or get a good friend out of the deal." Kaenel and Santana came back to the station at 7 a.m. Tuesday for a live unveiling and introductions.

"She's just a cute girl that looks like she'd be fun to be around," Santana said in an interview after the unveiling.

As for a second date, Santana said he would leave that up to Kaenel.

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Teachers, school leaders come together in Denver

KRISTEN WYATT
Associated Press

DENVER — The nation's education chief chastised teachers and their bosses in equal measure Tuesday as he launched what the Obama administration is touting as the first-ever national summit between union leaders and administrators.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan told thousands of educators from more than 150 districts in 40 states that the nation's schools are in deep trouble and that bickering among teachers, politicians and administrators is sinking efforts to improve education.

Duncan reminded several hundred educators gathered for the two-day Denver summit that one of four American students fail to complete high school and that the U.S. is falling behind on college graduation rates.

"Collectively, you have the power to stop our nation's educational demise," Duncan said.

The Obama administration hailed the summit as a fresh start to kick off education overhaul efforts looming in Washington, especially delicate negotiations over how teachers should be paid and evaluated. Participating school districts agreed to send a teacher, an administrator and a school board member to hear presentations from a dozen school districts that recently steered through school overhauls agreed to by all three groups.

"The message is, the status quo is not acceptable, and we all have to work together for our students," said Denver Public School Superintendent Tom Boasberg, who was tapped by the administration to talk about Denver's shift to a teacher pay-for-performance system in 2005.

The teachers and school leaders were traveling together, sharing the same hotel and tucking into the same dinner buffet to promote unity.

Duncan asked participants to mingle and keep one thing in mind — that compromise is a good thing.

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— Tom Boasberg
Denver Public School Superintendent

"Progress more often requires tough-minded collaboration, rather than tough-minded confrontation," he said.

Duncan warned them it wouldn't be easy.

"Collaboration is such a friendly-sounding word, but in practice, nothing is more demanding at a district level," he said.

Duncan's remarks met with applause, but not all school districts are on board.

The nation's largest school district, New York City, and the Washington D.C. district pulled out of the summit after teachers accused school administrators of going back on their word. Other large districts, including Chicago and Los Angeles, are also missing from the all-expens-

es-paid trip funded by the nonprofit Ford Foundation.

In New York, teachers last month withdrew from an agreement to attend after some officials talked about seeking layoffs. In Washington, the teachers' union withdrew after union officials say they felt "hypocritical" presenting to other school districts how to work together with management.

"We're not in a good space right now, and I think it would be disingenuous to suggest that we are," said Nathan Saunders, head of the Washington Teachers' Union.

There was skepticism on the other side, too. The Education Action Group Foundation, a Michigan-based school choice advocacy group critical of teachers' unions, blasted the

summit's promise of collaboration Tuesday.

"Such happy talk makes for a good press release, but it does not match reality," EAG spokesman Ben Velderman said in a statement.

Participants, though, seemed in high spirits as they poured into Denver on a winter day.

"It's about collaboration, about a belief that if you want to make changes for students, you need to find a way to talk to each other," said Dennis Van Roekel, president of the National Education Association, a teachers' union with 3 million members.

The two-day summit didn't seem to allow for much socializing among the sometimes-adversarial groups. But teachers' and administrators joked about a mini-summit-camp experience of staying in the same hotel and dining together.

"It sounds silly, but the more we mingle and talk, the more we'll find out we have a lot in common," said Denver School Board President Nate Eastley.



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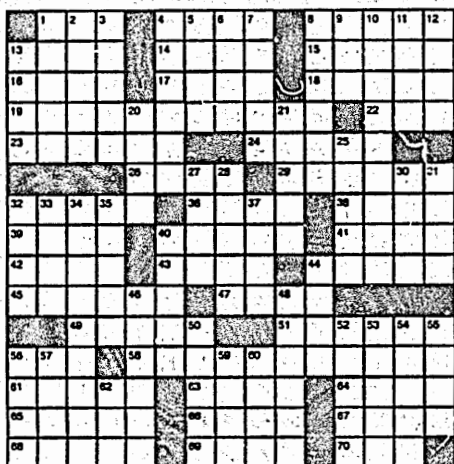


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Crossword

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**
- Annoy
 - Bay others
 - Turn aside, as one's eyes
 - Shortly
 - Connect text
 - Ne'er-do-well
 - Classic board game
 - Cowardice
 - Dad's brother
 - Desire for possessions
 - Certain vote
 - Embroidered decorative hole
 - ___ discussion; seminar
 - Inquires
 - Sunday paper supplement
 - Firm & crunchy
 - Basketball player's aim
 - Tiny particle
 - Sword handle
 - "The ___"; Fran Drescher series
 - Appear
 - Ms. Fitzgerald
 - "Step ___"; "Hurry up!"
 - Sloppy
 - ___ shame; be brazen
 - Ending musical passage
 - Luster; shine
 - Overwhelm
 - Mal ___; cocktail
 - Having bad effects
 - Receded
 - Invisible ___ emanation
 - Nurse's helper
 - Dig deeply
 - Custard treat
 - Winter toy
 - Spirited horse
 - ___ off; replc
 - Egg layer
- DOWN**
- Dental filling replacement
 - Mallman's beat



Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



- Assume a reverent posture
- Is appropriate
- Thought
- Old radio knob
- Undress
- Radcliffe grad
- Otto ___ Bismarck
- Increases in intensity
- Depend
- Birch or beech
- Highest point
- "As ye sow, so shall ye ___"
- Maudlin
- Wipe away
- Genghis or Kublai
- ___ boom; noise of the sound barrier breaking
- ___ well; excels
- TV show award
- Emeril, for one
- Irritate
- Not roadable

- Delay
- Aware of the shenanigans of
- Rope loop
- Horse's hair
- Gave silent assent
- Insist
- Personnel
- Grind the teeth
- Useful
- ___ with; toting
- Escaped
- Koppel et al.
- Aid in crime
- Bylaw
- Tehran's nation
- Actress Arden

Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's Birthday — The year ahead proves to be filled with possibility. Your popularity is high now. Don't lose sight of the big picture and don't get too comfortable. You want to keep innovating to keep from getting bored. If the game's too small, grow it.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — You may feel divided between staying at home with loved ones and getting your work done. Try to balance both while enjoying the process.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — There may be some tension in your social life. Channel that energy towards something positive. Learn from children. They know the value of friends.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — All the thinking you've been doing finally pays off. You may not be able to slow the thoughts, but you can still share some time with siblings and friends.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 9 — Now is a good time to complete business deals. Focus on sales, producing income and sustainable growth. Don't worry, just stay in action.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Today you feel your best. You'll accomplish whatever you set your mind to. Why not celebrate Valentine's Day all over again? It might be fun to share a nice dinner.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Emotions run high today, but that doesn't mean you can't direct them to your advantage. Spend time in your secret hiding spot. Use feelings to flavor your art.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — Energy is up, and the work's flowing! When it rains it pours. Take care of your clients (or teachers) with impeccable service. Go get help if you need it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Now it's time to settle your wild side a bit and focus on your career. You can still have fun at work. Be sure to incorporate love into your moneymaking.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Focus your energy on inventing something amazing for you and your community, from cooking lessons to volunteering for a good cause. Follow your heart.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Take advantage of business opportunities. You may find new partnerships where and when you least expect them. Try walking in new shoes.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 8 — Too much excitement can tire you out. Try to keep to one thing at a time. Get the paperwork done first. Collaborate with others for a lighter workload.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — You're entering two days of extreme creativity, and energy flows. Use the time well. Open new communications with long-lost friends or family.

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Answer: IT ○ ○ ○ ○ A ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Arglion and Jeff Knurek



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Answer: What the electrician discovered when he traced his family tree — THE "GENERATORS"

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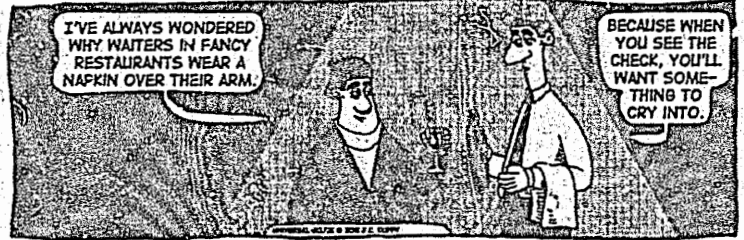
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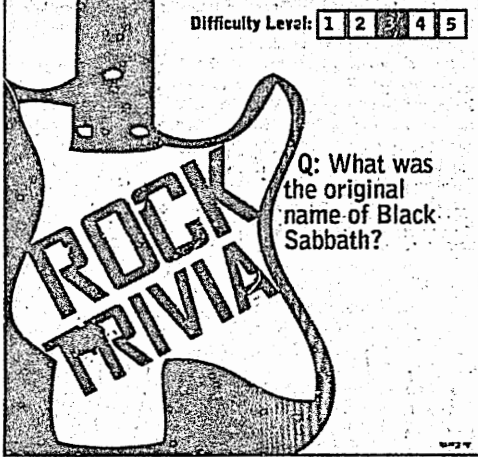
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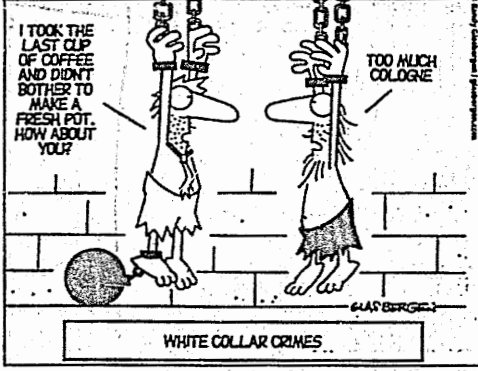
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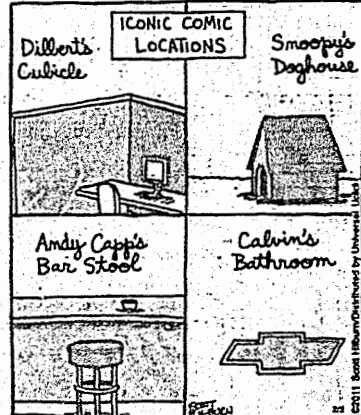
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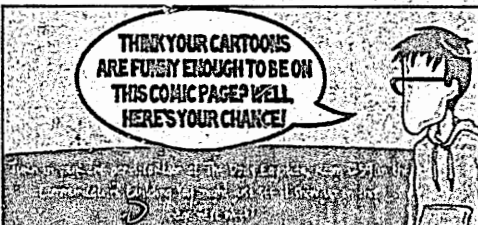
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La Russa: Players union pushing Pujols

The Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla.— St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa says first baseman Albert Pujols and his representatives are being pressured by the players' union during contract negotiations.

Pujols is eligible to become a free agent after the World Series and has set a Wednesday noon EST deadline to reach agreement on a new deal.

Pujols has vowed to cut off negotiations once he arrives at spring training, perhaps Wednesday. La Russa said Tuesday he thinks the three-time National League MVP is being pushed to set a new standard with his contract, and he said that's unfair to the player.

Alex Rodriguez's \$275 million, 10-year deal with the Yankees is baseball's current highest.

"I know what he's going through with the union and to some extent his representatives because his representatives are getting beat up by the union," La Russa said. "Set the bar, set the bar. You've got to deal with it. It's not the way it should be."

Pujols has played his entire 10-season career with the Cardinals and has repeatedly said he would like to stay with the franchise.

"We've had no discussions about numbers with Albert or with (agent) Danny Lozano or with any of his representatives," union head Michael Weiner said during a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

"I've had a number of players over the years that have looked at money first and regretted it later."

— Tony La Russa
St. Louis Cardinals manager

"Albert is a very experienced, sophisticated, intelligent player. He's got good, experienced representation. We're always available to consult with players, but there's been no discussion of numbers and clearly no pressure at all."

General manager John Mozeliak said it's not necessary that a deal be signed by noon Wednesday, but the sides would need to have agreed to terms.

Pitcher Adam Wainwright, who spent three seasons as the Cardinals player representative, said the union's job is to make as much money as possible for the players.

"At the end of the day, you have to do what's right for you and your family," Wainwright said. "The union I think understands that. Their job is to make sure we get the most that we can. That's what they're paid to do and that's what we pay them to do and that's why we need them."

La Russa thinks Pujols can overcome any pressures and make the decision that he believes is best for him.

"Albert is very smart, very strong and is going to make a really good decision," La Russa said. "I know that he's getting pressured and it's not arm twisting, it's dropping anvils on your back

through the roof of your house.

"I think it's unfortunate whenever it happens, not just Albert, it should just be about looking at everything to determine what's your best deal," he said. "There's enough money; nobody is going to suffer. The union is not going to suffer. The bar is not going to suffer."

La Russa said he's seen too many players being controlled by the union.

"The whole time I've been around it's been a factor, for a long time, a long, long time," he said. "I've had a number of players over the years that have looked at money first and regretted it later."

Pujols, a nine-time All-Star, is the only player in major league history to hit 30 or more home runs in each of his first 10 seasons. He has a .331 career batting average and averaged 41 homers and 123 RBIs.

He's also won six Silver Slugger Awards and two Gold Gloves. Last year he batted .312 with 42 homers and 118 RBIs and finished second in MVP balloting.

"I want Albert to do the best thing for him," Wainwright said. "He deserves that and we as teammates realize he's had such a great impact here."

BASKETBALL

CONTINUED FROM 16

Cleveland was also driving the car on an expired license. The car was impounded and Cleveland was issued a warning for his expired driver's license. The DAILY EGYPTIAN tried to contact LeMar or women's basketball coach Missy Tiber for comment, but athletic department media services said everything that needed to be said was available in the police report.

Campus police declined to comment about the incident.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN also contacted the Student Judicial Affairs office, but no one was available for comment.

The three players also filed a voluntary written statement with campus police. The players' statements said they bought three Airsoft guns at approximately 6:36 p.m. Feb. 3 from Walmart, dropped off Drinkard, and shot him and another person.

"(Then) someone shot a random guy," Cleveland said in his statement.

The unidentified victim was shot in the back of the head while he was wearing a hood, according to the report.

Teague's statement said he was the one who shot an unidentified person after dropping his teammate off. The players' statements said they were playing around and shooting each other and fellow teammates.

"I walked about two paces and felt as though a small rock had been thrown at my head."

— Victim

"With teammates, our (intentions) with the guns were to joke around and shoot each other with the guns," Long said in his statement.

The players were charged with battery, which violates a city ordinance and breaks the university code of conduct.

According to the code, "Unauthorized possession on campus means possession without authorization from Director of Department of Public Safety or his/her designee. Weapons include but are not limited to: pellet guns, BB guns, air guns and any other object a reasonable person may believe to be a gun."

The case is being prosecuted in criminal court by the Carbondale city attorney's office. The players' first appearance is March 9, three days after the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. City attorney Mike Kimmel, who will not be prosecuting the case, said he would not comment about pending litigation because of ethical reasons.

The men's basketball team did not return calls seeking comment Tuesday, but coach Chris Lowery held a press conference Feb. 4 where he released limited details

about the incident.

"The suspension was the right thing to do," Lowery said at the press conference. "These are not violent kids; these are not bad kids; there was nobody injured; there was nobody hurt, but there are ramifications for your behavior."

The incident could have led to worse circumstances, said Joe Schafer, associate professor in criminology. He said a small number of these incidents result in fatalities every year.

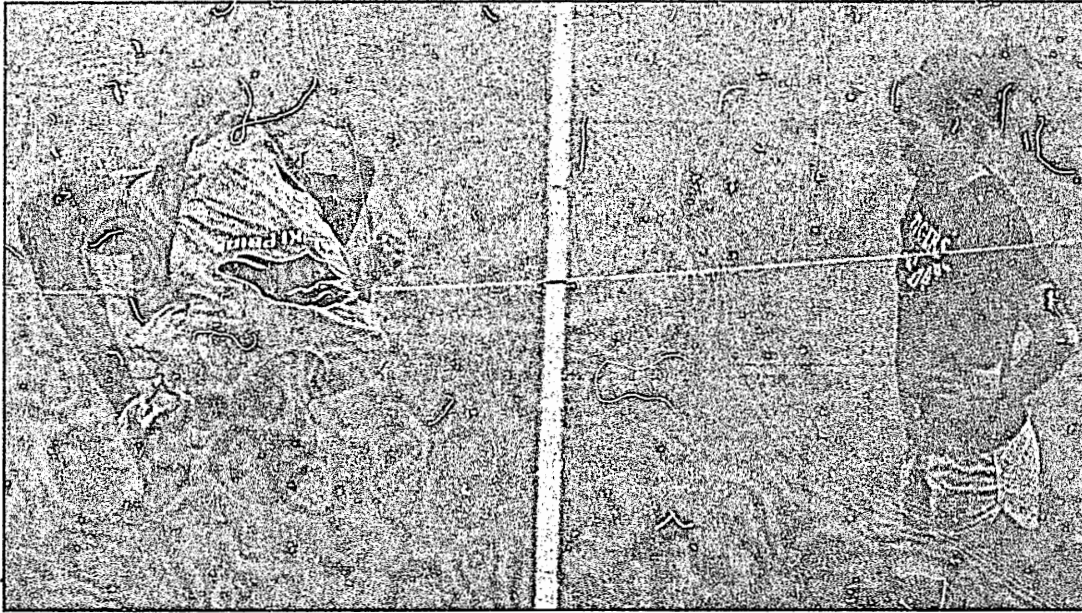
"An officer in the moment doesn't know if it's a fake gun," he said. "It's difficult to determine from 15 to 20 feet away."

The incident came during the team's five-game losing streak, its worst since the 1996-97 season. Without 6-foot-9, 290-pound Teague in the paint, Creighton's center Gregory Echenique posted 12 points and 14 rebounds Sunday in the Salukis' 50-69 loss.

The suspensions end today as the Salukis take on Indiana State at 7:05 p.m. at the SIU Arena

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TRACK & FIELD



Freshman jumper Kenya Culmer practices Tuesday at the Recreation Center while her teammate, sophomore jumper Kasey Ocegvera, looks on. Culmer, a native of the Bahamas, said she has found life to be quite different after moving to southern Illinois. "The weather and the competition have been the biggest differences for me so far," she said. GEORGE LAMBOLEY DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bahamian natives jump in as Salukis

JACQUELINE MUHAMMAD
Daily Egyptian

SIU track and field jumps coach Andre Scott said he went to the Bahamas about five years ago to monitor one Bahamian athlete, but the trip would eventually lead two more athletes to come to Carbondale.

Former SIU jumper Blanca Stuart and freshman jumper Douglas Palacios were both coached by Peter Pratt in Nassau, Bahamas. Pratt contacted Scott and informed the SIU coach he had a triple jumper who he believed would be a great asset to the Salukis.

After visiting Nassau to support Stuart in a Bahamian competition, Scott saw then 14-year-old Palacios compete. Years later, after much negotiation and hard work, Palacios became an addition to

the SIU track and field team.

Once Palacios joined the Salukis in the fall 2010 semester, his mother told Scott about her niece and Palacios' cousin, freshman jumper Kenya Culmer, who she believed was an excellent jumper and had potential to join the Salukis.

While most high school graduates were beginning their college careers in the fall of 2010, 17-year-old Kenya Culmer was trying to find a path that suited her while looking for ways to compete in track and field at the collegiate level.

After communicating through e-mail and watching videos of Culmer, Scott decided that he wanted her to join the Salukis.

Scott said international recruitment is hard but he tries to be very accommodating to recruits and make their transition easier.

"I've seen students have a hard time adjusting so I try to guide them by constantly communicating with them," said Scott.

Scott said that international recruitment can be difficult, but it got easier once he started to build relationships with other coaches.

Culmer said she had never seen snow before, she came to Carbondale and competed in her first competition as a Saluki during her first week on campus, Jan. 15 at the Saluki Open.

Through all the adjustments and transitions, Culmer was able to focus and leaped to victory in the high jump with a jump of 1.70 meters.

"The first two weeks I was really homesick; I cried a lot," she said. "But now I love it here. I love the people, the environment and my teammates."

As the season has progressed, Scott said Culmer is progressing on the

track and has adjusted well to her new environment.

Culmer, a business major, is learning to balance classes, practice and competing with the help of Palacios. Culmer said he has helped her a lot, including taking her to classes, introducing her to people and giving her his input during practice. If it wasn't for Palacios, Culmer said she doesn't think she would be successful.

"Me and Kenya have been close since we were small," Palacios said. "She's like my sister, so I take care of her."

Palacios and Culmer said they work together during practice and have a relationship and support system that is very unique. Not many college athletes have the opportunity to travel and compete with a member of their family.

When he first came to Carbondale,

Palacios said he felt not understood him, but now that Culmer is here, he has someone he can talk to and someone who can support him and he can help support.

"I help her during practice and try to make it easier by encouraging her," he said. "I want to make sure she is successful."

Culmer will continue to compete in the high jump for the remainder of the indoor season, and Scott said he hopes to have her go after the conference title, which he believes she can capture.

"I want her to chase the conference title for the rest of the season," Scott said. "Right now she's third; anything could happen, and she could be on top."

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D.E. Daily Bark

Ronaldo Luís Nazário, the three-time FIFA Player of the Year and top scorer in World Cup history, retired Monday. Where does this rank among major sports figures who have retired in the past decade?

It goes in third, following Brett Favre's first and second retirements.



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I think this retirement is definitely up there. I know the U.S. doesn't have the biggest soccer following, but after almost two decades of playing, he has set records that might not be touched for a long time.



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It's a big deal. He's been voted the best player in the world three times, and the soccer world will clearly miss him.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Suspended players shot teammate, 'random guy'

Cleveland, Teague, Long bought, used Airsoft rifle

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— Troy Long
junior guard

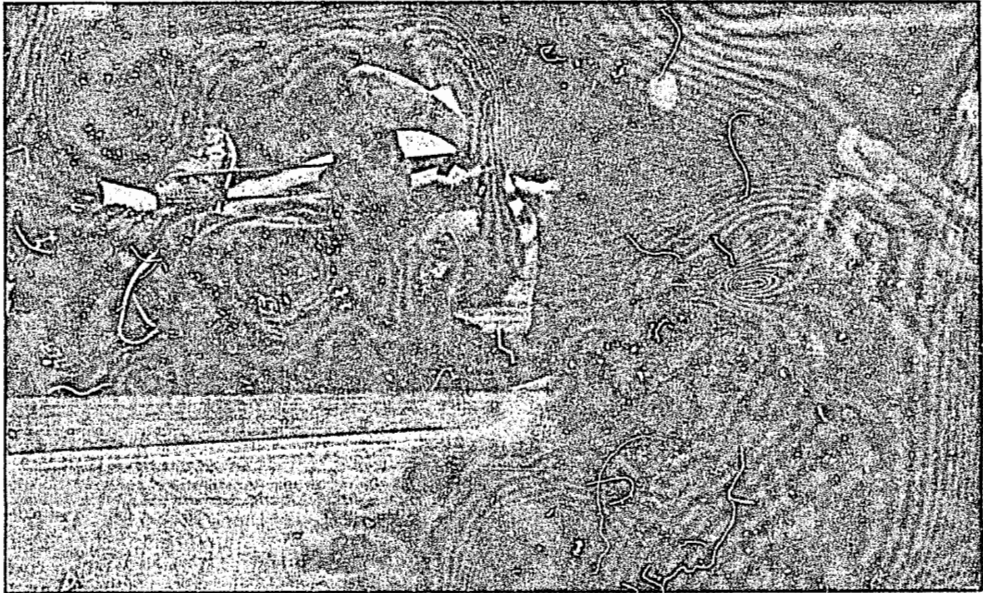
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After three SIU men's basketball players, who will return Wednesday from their three-game suspension, dropped off teammate Devante Drinkard at Smith Hall on Feb. 3, they shot him and another person with an Airsoft rifle, according to an SIUC police report.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN obtained details about an alleged battery involving men's basketball players sophomore center Gene Teague, and junior guards Mykel Cleveland and Troy Long.

According to the report and a written statement by the victim, the players are being charged for allegedly shooting an undisclosed 20-year-old male with an Airsoft rifle from a white Ford Mustang, which they borrowed from women's basketball freshman point guard Brooke LeMar while she was out of town.

Before firing the rifle, Cleveland stopped the car and asked the victim for directions to Smith Hall, according to the report. After thanking him the victim turned around to walk away from the vehicle, according to



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Junior guard Troy Long converses Tuesday with teammate sophomore center Gene Teague during stretches at the SIU Arena. Long, Teague and Junior guard Mykel Cleveland were

recently suspended for three games because of a violation of team rules and the university code of conduct. The three were charged Feb. 4 with battery on campus.

the report.

"I walked about two paces and felt as though a small rock had been thrown at my head," the victim said in a written statement in the report.

After the suspects shot him, the victim said he heard the sound of small rocks hitting an aluminum

awning on the side of the building.

"I realized what sounded like a ratchet rapidly being cocked behind me," the victim said.

The victim turned back toward the car, and the Mustang then drove away, according to the report. The victim said he was not injured.

Two written statements by witnesses said they saw a white Mustang driving recklessly in Thompson Point that night. One witness said the vehicle squealed its tires as it drove around a corner and started tailgating the car in front of it. Another witness said he or she saw

the vehicle "chasing a reddish car nearly bumper to bumper."

"The white Mustang was driving very aggressively around the turn of the circle," the witness' statement said.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Daugherty recognized for years of coaching and service

CORY DOWNER
Daily Egyptian

Junior golfer Alisha Matthews said the first time she met her coach, she reached out her hand but got it slapped away only to feel the welcoming embrace of a Diane Daugherty hug.

"I greet each of them with a hug because everybody needs a hug every day," Daugherty said.

The SIU Board of Trustees recognized Daugherty's actions through her community service and 25 years of coaching by awarding her the 2011 Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Award. Daugherty has been involved in many community events and has developed life-long relationships with faculty and students, she said.

“This is the hand God dealt me, and I'm happy I'm here.

— Diane Daugherty
Head coach of women's golf

Associate athletic director Kathy Jones said she nominated Daugherty because of her outstanding service to the community. She said Daugherty has gone above and beyond her job description and has become a model coach.

Daugherty said she has received many awards in her career and has been recognized for many different accomplishments, but she thinks the Sturgis award is the most important because it recognizes many areas of her life.

Daugherty said she knows there is more to life than golf, and she tries

to make that a main focus for her team. Making sure that the women are focused on their studies and health, as well as developing into a better person is most important, Daugherty said. She said she makes it a point to stay positive and make the most out of every day.

Daugherty said she played golf professionally, but her career was cut short due to knee injuries. She is grateful of all the opportunities she has had and doesn't take anything for granted, she said.

"This is the hand God dealt me, and I'm happy I'm here," Daugherty

said. "Things happen for a reason, and it definitely did for me."

Despite all the awards and recognition she has received through the years, Daugherty said the most gratifying part of her career is watching all of the players turn into wonderful young women.

"I want every young lady to grow up and want to play golf here at SIU," Daugherty said.

Daugherty was named MVC All-Centennial coach for the league, Women's Top-50 Teachers in golf and has led the Salukis to three conference championships and five second-place finishes in MVC championship tournaments.

Daugherty has been the co-director for the Hickory Ridge "Hook a Kid on Golf" clinic, been involved in the Women's Center "Taste of

Chocolate" for six years and has taken part in "Coaches vs. Cancer."

Daugherty is also a co-founder of the St. Francis Community Animal Rescue and Education, which has become an important part of her life.

"It's grown beyond my wildest dreams," Daugherty said. "It went from a dream to a legitimate operation."

Though Daugherty received the Sturgis award for giving back to the community, she feels the community has done even more for her.

"The community embraced me from the get-go," Daugherty said. "It's been a hand-in-hand experience."

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