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Student to introduce Clinton

SIUC student will announce former president today

Madeleine Leroux
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

For Kouri Marshall, life feels like a dream. Marshall was asked to introduce former president Bill Clinton at SIU-Edwardsville Wednesday as

part of the campaign tour for Sen. Hillary Clinton.

The graduate student studying public administration said he has been volunteering for the Clinton campaign since 2003, taking part in fundraising events and even throwing house parties to make campaign calls. But when he was told of the honor, Marshall said he couldn't believe anyone knew of his efforts.

"I just didn't know the national campaign took note," Marshall said. Marshall said Clinton fights for

people who don't have the resources they need, such as healthcare and education, but the reasons why he supports Clinton in the presidential election can be summed up in one word.

"It's a simple answer," Marshall said, "Loyalty."

Although he previously worked for Sen. Barack Obama when the presidential candidate was campaigning for Illinois senator,

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JAKE LOCKARD ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN
Kouri Marshall will introduce former president Bill Clinton
 Wednesday at SIU Edwardsville.

RAs to double in Brush Towers

Brandy Oxford
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Additional eyes will be on Brush Towers residents in the fall after a security audit identified the need for more assistants and directors in the residence halls.

University Housing administrators plan to double the number of resident assistants and hall directors in Neely, Schneider and Mae Smith halls for the fall 2008 semester because of the audits' findings, said Julie Payne Kirchmeier, director of University Housing.

Kirchmeier said she requested the audit last year to address all aspects of security, including buildings' systems of locks and staff surveillance patterns, and the audit cited a lack of staffing as a problem.

"We just feel that students aren't getting the individual attention that they need," Kirchmeier said.

The number of RAs in each building and floor will vary, but the overresident assistant number will jump from 16 to 32 next year. Each RA receives \$1,200 a year in addition to free room and board.

Kirchmeier said the proposed 7.5 percent housing and dining price increase is not related to the plan to increase the staff. She said several retirements and a zero base budgeting process, which reviews shortfalls in their mission and efficiency, have allowed for room in the budget for the staff increase.

She cited these as reasons why the rate will increase 7.5 percent instead of 8.5 percent in 2007 and 10 percent increase in 2006.

Instead of a 1-50 ratio of RAs to students, the towers will have a ratio of roughly one RA to 25 or 30 students. Beth Scally, associate director of university housing, said Neely Hall will not need as many RAs because it has more students living in single rooms and is reserved for students 21 or older, who she said need less assistance.

Kirchmeier said some schools have 1-100 ratios, but those are out of line with the best practice standards set by the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International.

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JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN
Clouds break over the SIU Dairy Farms as the storm moves over Carbondale Tuesday. The storm brought nickel-sized hail and wind gusts over 30 mph.

Citizens to weigh in on Ameren increase

Forum moved to accomodate more

Barton Lorimer
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

State Rep. John Bradley, D-Marion, said he knew from the start Marion City Hall would not be big enough.

The Illinois Commerce Commission will host a public hearing 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Williamson County Pavilion instead of the Marion City Hall with Illinois government officials about a possible rate increase affecting all Ameren Illinois customers. The forum will allow the public to voice their opinions about a proposed rate increase for all Illinois Ameren electricity and natural gas customers.

Erica Abbett, a spokeswoman

for Ameren, said the Peoria-based power company filed three requests for each of its providers, AmerenIP, AmerenCILCO and AmerenCIPS, to increase delivery charges to allocate \$247 million for ongoing infrastructure repairs. The increase requires ICC approval, which can be granted a minimum of 11 months after the request is submitted.

"In order to meet our customers' growing energy needs and growing energy expectations, we have to be able to invest in our system to improve reliability," Abbett said.

In a November press release, Ameren Illinois CEO Scott Cisel said the company's promise to keep rate increases under 10 percent was upheld in the request. The same release said an average residential customer with AmerenCIPS using 10,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity and gas in a year would see a surcharge of \$4.17 per

month.

Abbett said the exact increase amount per customer depends on the amount of energy they use. Ameren provides electricity to approximately 1.2 million people and natural gas to 840,000 customers. She said the numbers overlap because some customers receive both.

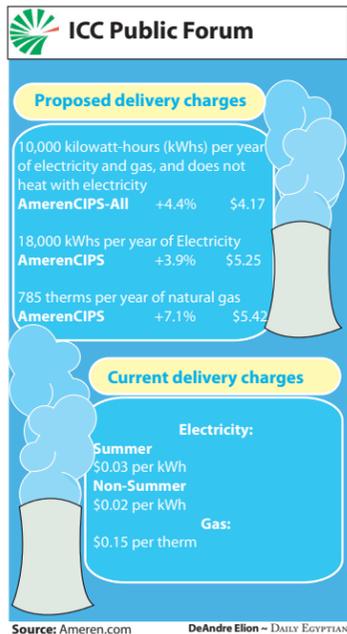
The request has not been met with praise by Illinois lawmakers. Bradley said he thinks no legislator in their right mind should support Ameren's request.

Bradley was a member of a group that spoke against Ameren's price increase in January 2007 after a ten-year rate freeze expired.

"It's aggravating because they are trying to hurt their customers," he said. "It's one thing after another."

Beth Bosch, a spokeswoman for

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siuDE.com Question: The Student Recreation Center is extending its hours. Will you take advantage?

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

This is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those Internet users who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of Internet users in general nor the public as a whole.

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

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

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CALENDAR

Division of Continuing Education

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

Saluki Heritage Interpreters informational meeting

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

Academic Expectations and the International Student

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

MCMA visiting artist series:

• Carol Golemboski, photographer
 • 6 p.m. Thursday at Lawson, room 161
 • Her recent series of black and white photographs, "Psychometry," addresses psychological issues concerning anxiety, loss, and existential doubt

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

Submit calendar items to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266.

CORRECTIONS

In Thursday's edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story "Research Park plans to expand" should have said "I'm a professor on the technology side, and on the business side I'm really immature, so I really count on help," Gao said. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

If you spot an error, please contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 253.

NEWS BRIEFS

Illinois copes with powerful winds, blinding snow, travel delays

CHICAGO (AP) — Mother Nature was expected to sock it to much of Illinois on Tuesday.

Powerful winds and blinding snow was set to sweep through Rockford and Chicago Tuesday evening, with gusts around 50 mph, the National Weather Service said. Blowing snow was expected to result in near whiteout conditions.

Thermometer readings would also drop dramatically, meteorologists said, plummeting to around zero from highs in the 40s in Chicago earlier Tuesday. Wind chill values were expected to fall below minus 20 by Wednesday.

In anticipation of the winter blast, some central Illinois officials took the pre-emptive step of closing schools early.

And in the Metro East, residents kept wary eyes on thunderclouds after the weather service declared a tornado watch.

The National Weather Service reported an unconfirmed tornado touchdown near Okawville in southern Illinois' Washington County. The high winds caused roof damage in several communities, including Nashville, where gusts of wind pulled off a corner of the roof at Nashville Community High School. No injuries were reported.

Federal judge says Obama's supporter must remain in jail

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal judge refused to release a high-profile fundraiser for Barack Obama and other Illinois politicians from jail Tuesday, saying that he might flee to escape trial on corruption charges.

Antoin "Tony" Rezko, 52, clad in the bright orange jumpsuit of a federal prisoner, listened silently as attorneys pleaded for his release but afterward was sent back to the Metropolitan Correctional Center.

Judge Amy J. St. Eve ordered Rezko jailed Monday after prosecutors disclosed that he received \$3.5 million from an Iraqi billionaire while claiming to be broke and living off handouts from friends and relatives.

She refused to budge when Rezko and his attorneys came back on Tuesday in hopes of springing him pending the start of his trial Feb. 25. She said there were just too many factors that would make flight tempting.

"It's the significant ties overseas, it's the travel overseas, it's no employment here, it's the access to the funds," St. Eve told the lawyers.

Defense attorney Joseph Duffy pleaded with St. Eve to release Rezko, even if that meant he would be on house-arrest except when visiting his lawyers' offices. He said Rezko was needed to prepare for his defense.

"Obviously, we're disappointed by the court's ruling," Duffy said after the hearing. "There's no evidence Mr. Rezko is a flight risk."

Rezko is charged with scheming to pressure firms wanting to do business with the state for kickbacks. The indictment charges him with wire fraud, mail fraud, attempted extortion and money laundering.

He is charged separately with swindling the General Electric Capital Corp. out of \$10 million in connection with the sale of pizza restaurants.

Rezko has poured thousands of dollars, both his own money and money he raised, into the campaigns of both Obama and Gov. Rod Blagojevich as well as other Illinois politicians.

POLICE REPORTS

Police are searching for two black males thought to be in their 20s in connection with the armed robbery of a 20-year-old SIUC student Monday. The individuals stole the victim's keys, wallet and cell phone before running off one of the campus pedestrian overpasses. One of the suspects is described as being 5'7" to 5'9", and wore a dark color hooded sweatshirt or jacket. The second is thought to be 5'8" to 5'10" and was wearing a similar sweatshirt or jacket, but with bright colored markings.

in three citations. The first was issued to Eric Somuah, a 23-year-old SIUC student from Chicago, for failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident. A pair of citations was given to Hannah R. Lazorchak, a 24-year-old SIUC student from Carbondale, for driving with a suspended license and possession of a drug paraphernalia. No injuries were reported in the incident.

Jadonne A. Giles, an SIUC freshman from Tinley Park, was arrested Monday for failing to appear warrant from a possession of cannabis charge.

A Monday traffic accident resulted

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Saluki Express offers late night rides

Official says students rarely utilize free transportation

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It's Saturday night in a Carbondale bar and those infamous words are called out: "Last call!"

The sign has been given that the bar will close its doors shortly. Now it's time to wonder how to get home.

Many opt to stumble back to their dorms or apartments on foot. Some take the risk of getting into their cars after a long night of drinking, and others may even dig into their wallets and spring for a cab ride home.

But there is an additional option, frequently overlooked or unknown — the Saluki Express.

Students throughout the day coming to and from campus often use the bus transit system. But for late night travel there is only one route available: Route 8 of the Saluki Express, which runs Fridays and Saturdays from 9:30 p.m. to 2:25 a.m.

Demetrous White, Undergraduate Student Government president, said the idea of starting a SIUC "drunk bus" was discussed last year, but those proposing the idea were unaware of the late night service offered by Saluki Express. White said after finding out late night travel was offered, the topic was dropped.

"We didn't see a need after knowing that service was already available," White said.

Steve Ginn, Saluki Express assistant manager, said the service has been offered for nearly 10



JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lin Wang, left, speaks to Xin Chen during their late night ride on the Saluki Express. Route 8 of the Saluki Express runs from 9:35 p.m. until 2:25 a.m., providing safe transport home for many students on the Strip.

years. Ginn said the late night bus route had a total of 159 riders in December, averaging out to fewer than seven people using the service each hour.

Western Illinois University offers Go West Transit, a bus system similar to Saluki Express, but during late night it's referred to as the "drunk bus." According to Erin Cline, a junior at Western and

assistant with Go West Transit, the late night route offered at Western is extremely popular among students.

"It takes you all through campus and the town square," Cline said. "It's usually full, too."

The late night bus at Western runs until 2 a.m. Thursdays and 3 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Cline said the bus runs through the most

frequented parts of town and stops right in front of the bars, making it an easy travel option.

Camille Dorris, executive director of the Women's Center, said the center has been promoting the use of night transit services since the early 1970s. Dorris said one tip for safe ways to travel at night would be to use the available night transit services.

"It's probably underutilized for night travel," Dorris said of the Saluki Express.

According to Dorris, other tips for safe night travel are to travel in groups, stay within well-lit areas and keep a cell phone at all times.

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FLORIDA

McCain, Romney vie for momentum in Florida Republican presidential primary

MIAMI (AP) — John McCain and Mitt Romney clashed in a hard-fought Florida primary on Tuesday, seeking campaign momentum before the race for the Republican presidential nomination turns into a nationwide delegate struggle on Feb. 5.

Rudy Giuliani and Mike Huckabee struggled for survival in a race that threatened to leave them behind — or out.

The winner stood to gain all 57 national convention delegates at stake, the biggest prize so far in an early round of primaries and caucuses.

A survey of voters as they left their polling places showed the economy was the top issue for nearly half the Republican electorate. Terrorism, the war in Iraq and immigration followed in importance. Not surprisingly in a state that is a magnet for retirees, more than one-third of the voters were 65 or older.

The poll was conducted by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International for the Associated Press and the television networks.

VENEZUELA

Hostage standoff ends in Venezuela

ALTAGRACIA DE ORITUCO, Venezuela (AP) — Gunmen who held more than 30 hostages inside a Venezuelan bank for over 24 hours fled in an ambulance and were caught Tuesday along a roadside, where they surrendered and freed their last five captives.

The gunmen first let three hostages go and then negotiated with police while holding on to the last two, Guarico state Gov. Eduardo Manuitt said.

"This nightmare is over," Manuitt told state television.

They eventually turned over their guns and a grenade, and then were ordered to the ground as police arrested them, Manuitt said. The pursuit ended less than two hours after the gunmen fled the bank in the ambulance under a deal negotiated with police.

The standoff in this town southeast of Caracas began Monday morning with a botched robbery. In the final hours, some hostages inside the bank waved signs in the windows with desperate pleas for help and used cell phones to call their relatives.

MARYLAND

Bush: reliance on faith helped him beat 'addiction' to alcohol

BALTIMORE (AP) — President Bush is talking more openly about his old drinking habit, and on Tuesday he offered perhaps his most pointed assessment yet by saying plainly that the term "addiction" had applied to him.

"Addiction is hard to overcome. As you might remember, I drank too much at one time in my life," Bush said during a visit to the Jericho Program, a project of Episcopal Community Services of Maryland that helps former prisoners deal with problems such as drug addiction, finding jobs and reintegrating productively into society.

Bush spoke to reporters after meeting privately with two men who have graduated from Jericho's program and dealt with drug problems. During that session, which the White House allowed one reporter to attend, Bush spoke frankly about himself.

"I understand addiction, and I understand how a changed heart can help you deal with addiction," he told the two men. "There's some kind of commonality."

HAITI

Rising food costs force Haiti's poor to eat dirt

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — It was lunchtime in one of Haiti's worst slums, and Charlene Dumas was eating mud.

With food prices rising, Haiti's poorest can't afford even a daily plate of rice, and some take desperate measures to fill their bellies. Charlene, 16, with a 1-month-old son, has come to rely on a traditional Haitian remedy for hunger pangs: cookies made of dried yellow dirt from the country's central plateau.

The mud has long been prized by pregnant women and children here as an antacid and source of calcium. But in places like Cite Soleil, the oceanside slum where Charlene shares a two-room house with her baby, five siblings and two unemployed parents, cookies made of dirt, salt and vegetable shortening have become a regular meal.

Signs point away from Iraq withdrawal

Robert Burns
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is sending strong signals that U.S. troop reductions in Iraq will slow or stop altogether this summer, a move that would jeopardize hopes of relieving strain on the Army and Marine Corps and revive debate over an open-ended U.S. commitment in Iraq.

The indications of a likely slowdown reflect concern by U.S. commanders that the improvement in security in Iraq since June — to a degree few had predicted when President Bush ordered five more Army brigades to Iraq a year ago — is tenuous and could be reversed if the extra troops come out too soon.

One of those extra brigades left in December and the other four are due to come out by July, leaving 15 brigades, or roughly 130,000

to 135,000 troops — the same number as before Bush sent the reinforcements.

Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, is scheduled to report to the president and to Congress in April on possible additional cutbacks and any recommended changes in strategy. Petraeus recently said it would be prudent to "let things settle a bit" after the current round of troop cuts is completed in July before deciding whether and when to reduce further.

Majority Democrats in Congress have pressed unsuccessfully to wind down the war quickly, in part out of concern that more firepower should be transferred to Afghanistan, where the security situation has deteriorated. Reluctance by Bush to continue the troop drawdown beyond July is likely to trigger a new round of conflict with the anti-war Democrats, especially with the November elections looming.

Petraeus seems at this point to be inclined to declare a pause in troop reductions after July, although no decisions have been made and there are competing pressures from within the Pentagon. The Army in particular wants additional reductions to enable it to shorten Iraq tours from 15 months to 12 months. The longer tours are among pressures that Army leaders fear could break the force.

Petraeus speaks regularly with Defense Secretary Robert Gates and other administration officials to keep them informed of his thinking, although he has not yet made a recommendation to Bush. A senior administration official said Petraeus has made clear he is "concerned about a rush to 10" — a reference to the 10-brigade force level that some administration officials see as an attractive target to hit by the time Bush leaves the White House a year from now.

The administration official

said "it really is not determined" yet whether conditions in Iraq will permit further cutbacks. The official briefed reporters last week at the White House on condition of anonymity.

With months to go before a decision has to be made about troop reductions in the second half of the year, it is possible that circumstances in Iraq will change, for better or for worse, in ways that cannot be foreseen. Thus Petraeus is likely to want as much time as possible before committing himself.

The first sign Bush might endorse a pause in troop reductions came earlier this month when he recounted for reporters his meeting with Petraeus in Kuwait on Jan. 12.

"My attitude is, if he (Petraeus) didn't want to continue the drawdown, that's fine with me, in order to make sure we succeed," Bush said. "I said to the general, if you want to slow her down, fine; it's up to you."

House passes economic recovery package

Julie Hirschfeld
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House voted Tuesday to rush rebates of \$600-\$1,200 to most taxpayers, but a partisan battle brewed in the Senate over Democrats' efforts to add jobless aid and help for the poor to the economic stimulus package.

The House plan, approved 385-35 after little debate, would send rebates to some 111 million families and give tax breaks to businesses, costing \$161 billion over two years.

President Bush and House leaders urged the Senate to take the bipartisan agreement and pass it quickly. Sen. Max Baucus, the Senate Finance Committee chairman, planned a Wednesday vote in his panel on a \$196 billion package that could face a slower path to passage.

"The temptation is going to be for the Senate to load it up," Bush said in the Oval Office. "My concern is that we need to get this bill out of the Senate and on my desk."

Baucus' measure adds \$35 billion for senior citizens and the unemployed, and shrinks the rebate to \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for couples. It would deliver checks even to the richest taxpayers, who are disqualified under the House-passed measure.



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

President Bush talks with members of Congress as he departs after delivering his annual State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress in the U.S. House of Representatives chamber on Monday in Washington.

Congressional leaders are aiming to send the package to Bush by Feb. 15. The goal was to start mailing out rebate checks in May and to have

most of them to taxpayers by July so that people would spend the money and kick-start a slumping economy. But the divergent plans — and bids

by Senate Democrats and some Republicans to enlarge the package with more add-ons — could drag out that schedule.

Study warns of 'forgotten war'

Anne Flaherty
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Afghanistan risks sliding into a failed state and becoming the "forgotten war" because of deteriorating international support and a growing violent insurgency, according to an independent study.

The assessment, co-chaired by retired Marine Corps Gen. James Jones and former U.N. Ambassador Thomas Pickering, serves as a warning to the Bush administration at a time military and congressional officials are debating how best to juggle stretched warfighting resources.

The administration wants to re-energize anti-terrorism efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan, where al-Qaida is regenerating. But the U.S. still remains heavily invested in Iraq, and officials are sending

strong signals that troop reductions there will slow or stop altogether this summer.

"Afghanistan stands at a crossroads," concludes the study, an advance copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press. "The progress achieved after six years of international engagement is under serious threat from resurgent violence, weakening international resolve, mounting regional challenges and a growing lack of confidence on the part of the Afghan people about the future direction of their country."

A major issue has been trying to win the war with "too few military forces and insufficient economic aid," the study adds.

Among the group's nearly three dozen recommendations: increase

NATO force levels and military equipment sent to Afghanistan, decouple U.S. management of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, establish a special envoy to coordinate all U.S.

policy on Afghanistan, and champion a unified strategy among partner nations to stabilize the country in five years.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he was not familiar with the study's findings, but he struck a more optimistic tone on Afghanistan's future.

"I would say that the security situation is good," Gates told The Associated Press. "We want to make sure it gets better, and I think there's still a need to coordinate civil reconstruction, the economic development side of it."

Gates said more troops are needed in Afghanistan, but "certainly not

ours." When asked how many more NATO troops might be needed, he said that number should be determined by ground commanders.

Sen. John Kerry said it was "past time for wakeup calls" and that a "comprehensive, thoughtful approach" in Afghanistan was urgently needed.

"The same extremist group which plotted the attacks of 9/11 are reconstituting themselves on the Afghan border and grow more organized by the day, making the stakes higher and higher," said Kerry, D-Mass., a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Jones-Pickering assessment, slated for public release on Wednesday, says the U.S. should rethink its military and economic strategy in Afghanistan in large part because of deteriorating support among voters in NATO countries.

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defense secretary

Faculty to help 17 counties prepare for disaster

Project receives \$1.3 million in federal funding

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Roughly \$1.3 million in federal funds could help university faculty prepare southern Illinois for disaster.

Faculty members would work under a \$1,288,000 grant to help 17 southern Illinois counties prepare for natural disasters, university officials announced Tuesday. The Federal Emergency Management Agency supplied the funding, which will last until 2010, said geology professor Nicholas Pinter.

"There is a real need in this area to look at what disasters can

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— Nicolas Pinter
geology professor at SIU

occur, have occurred in the past and ... reduce the threat, should these things occur in the future," Pinter said.

He described the region as the "southern California of the Midwest," referencing a history of major floods, tornados and earthquakes in southern Illinois.

Pinter said he and other professors would collaborate with members of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and five Illinois regional planning commissions on the project.

Counties covered by the grant include Pulaski, Massac, Union, Johnson, Jackson, Williamson, Franklin, Jefferson, Perry, Gallatin, Edwards, White, Crawford, Bond, St. Clair and Clinton. The city of Cairo in Alexander County will also participate in the project.

Pinter said the grant would help officials meet federal requirements for disaster planning. He added that the funding would help pay for several students to help with the project.

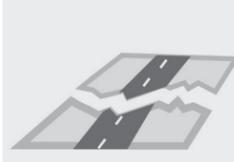
Andy Flor is the first of these students.

Flor, a graduate student from Flossmoor studying geology, said he would help gather and record data from the counties about their current emergency preparations.

Flor and other researchers will enter the data into a computer database, he said. Computer software helps develop more detailed planning and preparation for natural disasters.

Southern Illinois natural disasters

New \$1.3 million federal grant will allow university faculty to help 17 southern Illinois counties prepare for natural disasters.



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-Destroyed 15,000 homes

Source: National Weather Service

Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

"What we're really trying to do is inform communities where the flood plan is, what areas are going to be at risk, and you can plan around that," Flor said.

He added the project would focus on a variety of natural disasters.

"Floods are pretty obvious," Flor said. "In these counties they pose a big risk, but there's other things too — earthquakes, tornados."

Harvey Henson, a geology professor, said he has studied earthquakes for the past 22 years.

Under the grant, he said, it would be possible to raise a greater awareness about earthquakes.

"You've got to go out and talk to

the public," Henson said. "When we have a small tremor, public awareness is heightened and more people are interested in, 'Why are we having earthquakes? What does it mean potentially? Is it a threat, and what can we do about it?'"

Henson said southern Illinois' position on the New Madrid Seismic Zone made it vulnerable to the possibility of a large quake.

"It's a backyard threat to southern Illinois," Henson said. "We have a small earthquake every so often which reminds us of that."

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STUDENT COLUMN

The trouble with the Masons is...

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There are only two entities that can quiet the Archbishop of Canterbury: God and the monarch (and not necessarily in that order). However, in March 2004, British Freemasons circumvented both Jehovah and Queen Elizabeth II not only to shut Archbishop Rowan Williams up, but also make him take his words back.

How and why would a group of men who wear aprons and practice ancient rituals do such a thing, you may ask? Because Dr. Williams claimed that Freemasonry was incompatible with Christianity. On top of this, he also admitted to keeping members of the Craft away from senior posts in his diocese.

Members of the fraternal organization around the world will deny any incompatibility with the Christian faith (or any other, for that matter), but the vast majority of men who deny these claims are

also ignorant of how Masonry became what it is today.

Even Mayor Brad Cole, a seven-year member of the Craft, appears to be unaware of how this mysterious men's club found its way to America.

And if a public figure belongs to a group that wields enough power to make the head of the Church of England rescind a strongly held belief, then it is worth taking the time to lift the veil on its elusive past.

This task is much easier said than done, but it is also easy to overlook. Most low-ranking masons are unaware of the significance of the ceremonies they participate in. And the majority of outsiders know little of their public activities – much less their private ones. In their book “The Hiram Key,” writers and fellow Craft members Christopher Knight and Robert Lomas even admit that Freemasonry for them was, “little more than a social club providing an opportunity to indulge in some amateur theatricals, followed by a meal and

plenty of beer and wine.”

However, Knight and Lomas also discovered that their fraternity held the key to a laundry list of esoteric secrets. Years of research and several books later, they have

outlined what they believe to be the true history of more than just Freemasonry; they also believe they have discovered the secret past of the Christian faith.

And it is farther from orthodox belief than most anyone could ever imagine. In fact, the story they outline is so expansive and fantastic it makes “The DaVinci Code” look like a children's book. Among the many shocking beliefs they claim Freemasonry has passed down are the concepts that the Catholic Church began

as a fringe Jewish cult that was started by the apostle Paul, that Jesus was the leader of a fringe group of militants, and that the stories of his miracles are actually allegorical representations of his recruitment techniques.

And as for the history of the Craft,

And the majority of outsiders know little of their public activities – much less their private ones.

Knight and Lomas claim it is partly descended from the Knights Templar, a group of monks who purportedly unearthed scrolls from the ruins of the Temple of Solomon that support its theories. These knights were, however, arrested and killed on Oct. 13, 1307. The few who managed to escape either made their way to Scotland or America, the latter being a particularly amazing feat since they would have arrived in the New World a century and a half before Christopher Columbus was even born.

Regardless of how much of this information is fact or fiction, it does raise legitimate questions as to how Freemasonry fits into American society.

In the Jan. 16-22 edition of the Carbondale Times, Mayor Cole said, in relation to the Masonry's activities, that it “is much more than just a lunch or breakfast group. We're not a coffee clutch or a sewing circle. There's much more to it.”

And that's just the problem. If only he and his brothers at Shekinah Lodge knew how right he really was.

Wolfe is a senior studying English education.

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Don't replace unused facilities

DEAR EDITOR:

I have seen a number of articles in the DE about the proposed \$25.60 increase in the Student Recreational Fee. Outrage is abundant. Finally, something that most all groups are aligning to rally against – isn't unity great? Well, I have a different sense of rage on this subject.

Why are we proposing wasting money on tennis courts and a cricket pitch to begin with? For the last calendar year, I have driven past the areas on which the facilities rest(ed) twice a day, generally five days a week. Not once did I see these facilities fully utilized. Once I did see a group of students in a cricket match (and I recognized it as such), but this was on the high ground between the Arena and the baseball diamond. In this entire time I never saw more than three tennis courts in use.

Yet all I read is that someone besides the students need to pay for relocating these facilities. What is the point? So the university does not lose recreational capacity? It's time that the SIU student body, and the rest of America, comes to realize that we need to stop wasting resources; and money is a resource.

If we are not using something, it does not need replaced. If the managers and leaders of this university start running their departments like it's money out of pocket, instead of inflating a budget, maybe then we would stop seeing so many fee increases.

Jim Rhodes

graduate student studying mechanical engineering

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“Our security, our prosperity and our environment all require reducing our dependence on oil.”

George W. Bush
President of the United States
in his final State of the Union Address

INSIGHT



Coaching Cairo

Photo column by
Jake Lockard ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

I often went to Cairo last semester as part of The Cairo Project, a multimedia journalism course dedicated to telling the stories of the town. I chose not to spend all of my time photographing dilapidated buildings. Instead, I decided to focus my time and energy on finding people who were trying to improve the situation in Cairo.

I found coach Larry Baldwin. Dean of students, athletic director, basketball coach – those are some of Baldwin's formal titles. Above all, Baldwin, a native of Cairo, is a friend and positive role model for the students at Cairo High School. When Baldwin is not busy fulfilling his duties at the high school, he can often be found patrolling the streets in his car, making sure all of his students stay on the right path.

"What I've always tried to do is to make a difference in someone that needed some support,"

'You don't stop living just because you've reached a certain age.'

Baldwin said. "If you could say something, or just be there, just be a presence that they respect and admire, then maybe, just maybe, it might cause them to stay on the straight and narrow."

Baldwin spends much of his time at school and basketball practices talking to students such as Marquis Lemmon, a junior at Cairo High School. They are seen here talking about keeping up with schoolwork during an open gym at the high school.

Baldwin has coached for nearly 24 years, and has been told numerous times that he should retire. But Baldwin is not ready for retirement. "Coaching has been my life," Baldwin said, "You don't stop living just because you get sick. You don't stop living just because you've reached a certain age. You continue to live."

"So I just continue to coach because it's always been a part of my life, and I love it."

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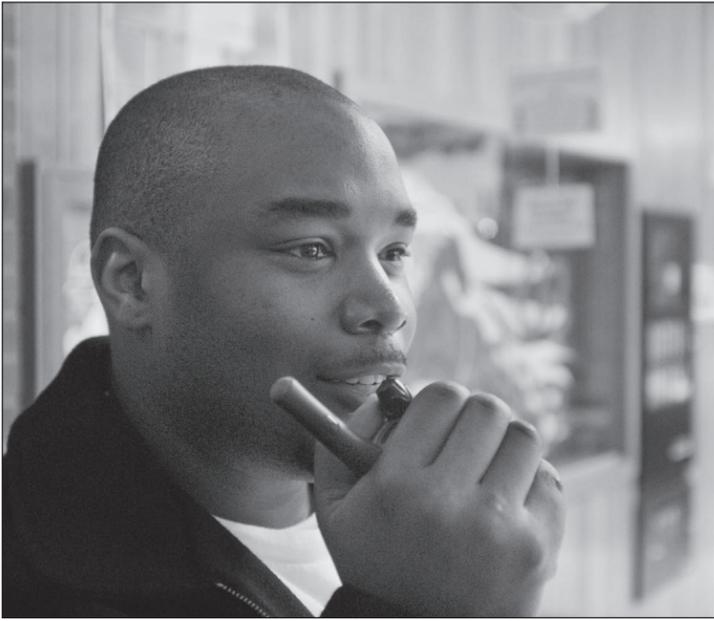
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Levon Johnson Jr., a junior from Plainfield studying rehabilitation services, announces he has completed his rounds as a resident assistant in Schneider Hall Tuesday evening. University Housing will double the number of resident assistants in Schneider Hall for the fall 2008 semester.

DOUBLE

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“We know that, particularly with underclassmen, there is a little bit more need. There are adjustment issues, so keeping it anywhere between 1-to-25 and 1-to-35 is usually better,” she said.

Scally said housing administration will decide in July exactly how many RAs will be on each floor at any given time, but the number definitely will not go down.

Each tower will have two hall directors instead of one in fall 2008. Each director makes about \$26,000 a year.

Scally said there are 11 major-specific floors, called Living Learning Communities, created to help students succeed and improve retention in the towers. Kirchmeier said all students, including those living in these communities, would benefit from the employee increase.

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INCREASE

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the ICC, said a power company can only request to increase delivery charges, and not prices for the actual products. She said prices are passed to the customer with no surcharge.

Other power companies in Illinois, such as Commonwealth Edison in Chicago, are filing for similar rate increases. Like Ameren, ComEd cited infrastructure repairs and system upgrades as primary reasons for a rate increase that would effect 3.8 million power customers as early as September.

During the last increase in energy costs, the Illinois General Assembly approved a \$1 billion relief package for Ameren and ComEd customers that would be credited to their bills. Though a similar package has not been proposed, low-income power customers can apply for relief to their energy bills through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – an organization funded

by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Debbie Thies, a coordinator for the Western Egypt Outreach office of the program, said \$2 million will be distributed to nearly 7,000 energy customers in Randolph, Perry, Monroe and Jackson counties until May 31. The applicant’s power does not need to be turned off, but they must be considered low-income on a chart setup by the program. For example, a person who lives alone and makes fewer than \$1,276 a month qualifies.

Though their main concern is heating costs, Thies said her program deals with all types of energy vendors including electricity, wood and natural gas. Annual credits per customer average roughly \$480.

Bosch said the forum in Marion is one of six scheduled across the state.

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CLINTON

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Marshall said Clinton has been fighting for a long time and it is time to elect a female president.

“I think she’s going to take us in a new direction,” Marshall said. Stacy Zolt Hara, a spokeswoman

for Hillary Clinton for President in Illinois, said without Marshall, there would be much less support for Clinton at SIUC.

“He has been an energetic and enthusiastic supporter for Sen. Hillary Clinton in southern Illinois,” Hara said. “He’s very deserving of this.”

Marshall said he hasn’t written his introduction yet, but he does know one thing he wants to say.

“I do know that I’m going to introduce Bill Clinton as the next first man,” Marshall said.

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Salukis dance their way to fitness

Rec Center offers new type of class

Christian Holt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

First there was Tae Bo. Then came the striptease fad.

Now, there is Zumba.

Zumba mixes Latin music and dancing with aerobic exercise to offer participants a fun workout while burning a lot of calories, said Mary Beth Borre, one of the instructors of a new class offered at the Recreation Center.

The exercise routine was started by accident in the early 1990s by an aerobics instructor in Colombia when

he forgot his music to teach the class. He improvised by instead using the music he had in his car and making up moves as he went along, said Lynn Thompson-Cundiff, fitness coordinator at the Recreation Center.

Originally called "Rumbacize," the name was officially changed to Zumba after creator "Beto" Perez was approached by American entrepreneurs.

Mary Beth Borre, a sophomore from Lombard studying paralegal studies, is one of two instructors who teach the free class.

Borre said she has been interested in aerobics since she was a freshman in high school and was certified in November so she could teach the class.

Thompson-Cundiff said recreation administrators decided to offer

the class to provide a fresh and fun way for members to exercise.

"In looking at trends around the country, it's been pretty successful," she said. "You can just kind of let loose."

Because everyone involved is fairly new to the Zumba scene, they may take some time to adjust to the original rhythms, Thompson-Cundiff said.

"It's a fun thing. They'll grow into it," she said.

Thompson-Cundiff said the workout she received from her Zumba certification class surprised her. She said she didn't expect to use her lower-body as much as she did.

Katie Mitchell, a first year law student from Stonefort, attended a Zumba class with two of her classmates Monday night. All three students tried Zumba for the first time.

Before the class began, Mitchell and her friends were skeptical about what the class would entail. By the end of the hour, the three shook their hips with the beat of the music.

"I just expect to have a good workout and be sore the next day," Mitchell said.

Students and members of the Recreation Center are welcome to drop in on the class any day they have free.

The class is free and offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

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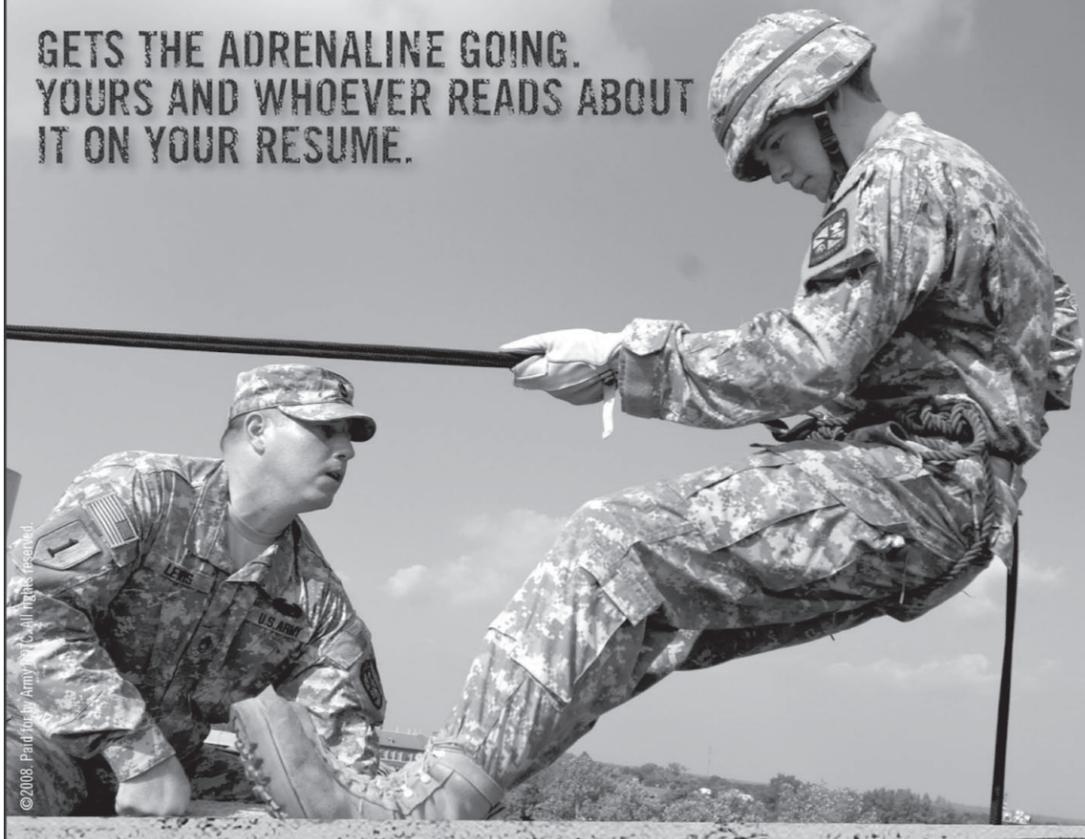
—Lynn Thompson-Cundiff
Recreation Center
fitness coordinator



ABOVE: Mary Beth Borre, a sophomore from Lombard studying paralegal studies, leads a cool-down exercise at the end of Zumba class Monday at the Recreation Center. The Zumba class is a free exercise class offered to Recreation Center members and students. LEFT: Participants in the Zumba exercise class work out to a Latin dance groove during Monday's class. Zumba is a relatively new aerobic exercise that focuses on calorie burning and muscle tone.

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Attorney General refuses waterboarding legality

Lara Jakes Jordan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Michael Mukasey said Tuesday he will refuse to publicly say whether the interrogation tactic known as waterboarding is illegal, digging in against critics who want the Bush administration to define it as torture.

In a letter to Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, Mukasey said he has finished a review of Justice Department memos about the CIA's current methods of interrogating terror suspects and finds them to be lawful. He said waterboarding currently is not used by the spy agency.

Since waterboarding is not part of what Mukasey described as a "limited set of methods" used by interrogators now, the attorney general said he would not rule on whether it is illegal.

"I understand that you and some other members of the (Judiciary) Committee may feel that I should go further in my review, and answer questions concerning the legality of waterboarding under current law," Mukasey wrote in his three-page letter to Leahy, D-Vt. "I understand the strong interest in this question, but I do not think it would be responsible for me, as attorney general, to provide an answer."

The attorney general added: "If this were an easy question, I would not be reluctant to offer my views on this subject. But, with respect, I believe it is not an easy question. There are some circumstances where current law would appear clearly to prohibit the use of waterboarding. Other circumstances would present a far closer question."

The letter does not elaborate on what the other circumstances are.

Mukasey's letter was sent on the eve of his appearance at a Justice Department oversight hearing chaired by Leahy. It is Mukasey's first appearance before the committee since he took office Nov. 9.

Waterboarding is an interrogation tactic that involves strapping down a person and pouring water over his cloth-covered face to create the sensation of drowning. The practice was banned by the CIA and the Pentagon in 2006.

The issue briefly snarled Mukasey's confirmation hearings by the same Senate committee last October. At the time, Mukasey refused to define waterboarding as torture because he was unfamiliar with the classified Justice Department memos describing the process and legal arguments surrounding it.

He promised then, however, to review the memos if confirmed and return an answer to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Tuesday's letter represents that response.

In remarks prepared for the much-anticipated hearing, obtained Tuesday before Mukasey's letter was released, Leahy said he expects the attorney general to answer senator's questions.

In years past, the Justice Department's "secret legal memoranda have sought to define torture down to meaninglessness," said Leahy. "I trust that today, Attorney General Mukasey will answer our questions and speak not as merely the legal representative of this president, but as the attorney general for all Americans."

Gloria Bode says the Pulse Team has been extra busy ... check out more on pages 13 and 17.



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Devin Vaughn
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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4 out of 5 stars

Sometime long ago, country music lost its way. Simple songs by honest people gave way to bloated, over-produced numbers that border on self-parody, such as "Save a Horse (Ride a Cowboy)" and "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk." It's no wonder why today the term "country" is enough to make your average audiophile smirk in derision.

Fortunately, with "Brighter Than Creation's Dark," the Drive-By Truckers are able to restore a little dignity to one of the most American of art forms.

Steel guitar-tinged and heart-broken, "Creation's Dark" spans across 19 tracks and 75 minutes of blue-collar woes and rural dilemmas without ever cartooning its subject matter in the fashion of latter-day country artists.

More traditional than other contemporaries in alt-country, like Wilco and the Old 97's, the

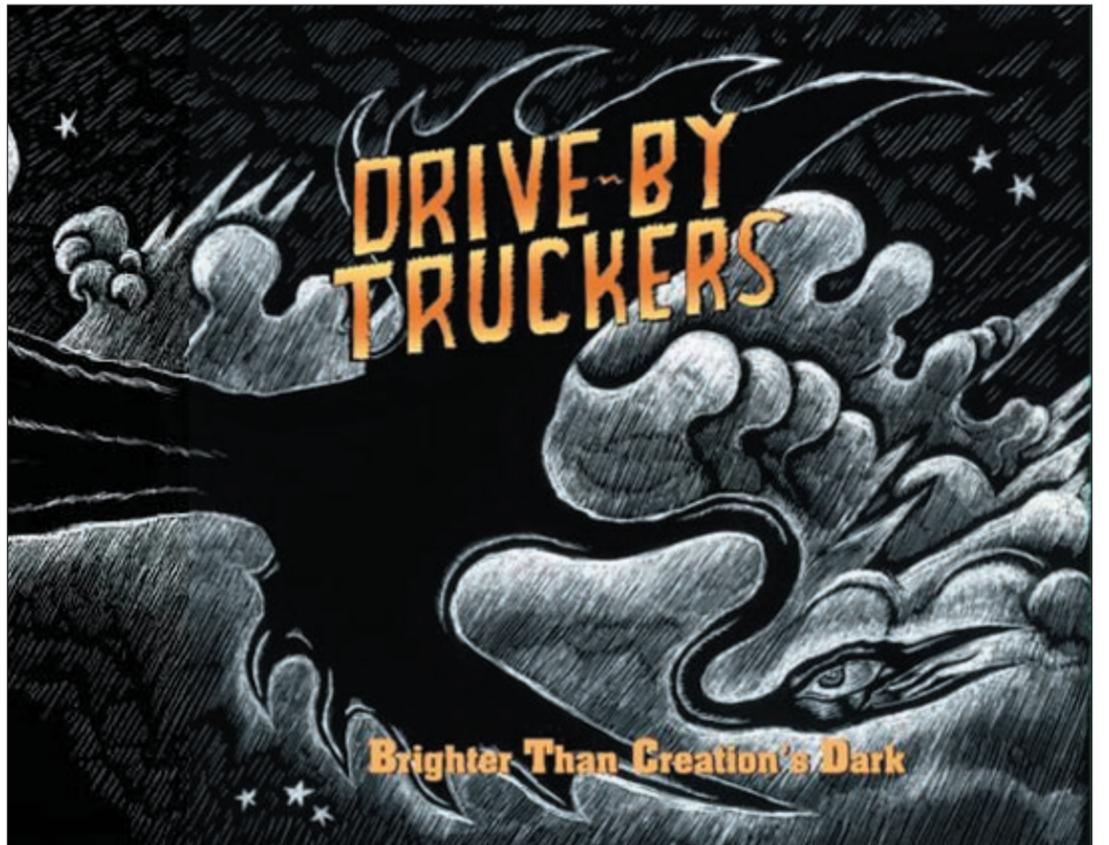
Drive-By Truckers take on a more classic country-rock approach in the same vein as the Band, while displaying the markings of southern rock bands like Lynyrd Skynyrd.

The album's sentiments range from reflective, "Is there vengeance up in heaven? Are those things left behind? Maybe everyday is Saturday morning," (from "Two Daughters and a Beautiful Wife"), to raunchy, "I got an itch that needs scratching but it feels all right. I got the need to blow it out on Saturday night," (from "The Righteous Path").

Thematically, "Creation's Dark," hardly ever lifting its gaze from the barroom floor, meanders between whiskey-soaked wanderlust and disillusionment, focusing on the stories of down-and-out country boys who have seen better days, with songs like "Daddy Needs a Drink" and "That Man I Shot."

And despite the presence of three guitarists, the Drive-By Truckers never seem cluttered in their instrumentation. Even as they alternate between four vocalists, the group maintains a very unified aura.

If "Creation's Dark" is flawed, it is only because its extensive runtime might wear on the patience of the average listener and its dreary laments might become a



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bit stale after never managing to look toward the lighter side of life. But flaws aside, "Creation's Dark" is a tightly constructed

and touching elegy for hope for other things lost along the lonely roads of life that brings a refreshing vigor into a waning art form

of Americana.

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Old classics in this customized 'Jukebox'

Julie Engler
DAILY EGYPTIAN

'Jukebox'
Cat Power
Release date: Jan. 28, 2008
Record label: Matador Records
www.myspace.com/catpower



3 out of 5 stars

"Jukebox" isn't the first record of cover songs Cat Power has released. "The Covers Record," in 2000, showed Cat Power's love of taking old tracks and making them her own.

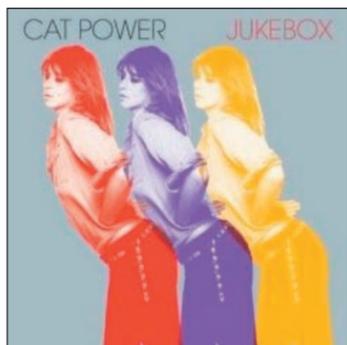
The follow-up to that album is more of Cat Power's best renditions of songs that aren't-so-obvious covers. In fact, they barely sound like covers at all.

Chan Marshall, the woman behind the name, and the Dirty Delta Blues, her backing band, give a show-stopping performance that is just as life draining as her originals.

Marshall's voice is captivating, but much like her music, it lacks dynamics. Her songs start on one note and end on the same, meaning you can skip to the next track after the first 30 seconds and not really miss much.

But it is her love of covering songs one would not really expect to be on a cover album that is the interesting part: It is not a "Greatest Hits of All Time" album, it is an album full of songs that inspire her. She takes them and crafts them as well as she would craft her own.

Alongside a slew of hits from original performers such as Frank Sinatra, James Brown and Janis Joplin, "Jukebox" has two originals of Marshall's: "Song To Bobby," a sweet



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tribute to Bob Dylan, and "Metal Heart," which appeared on an earlier album, "Moon Pix."

"Song To Bobby" isn't "I Believe In You," her Dylan cover. Her tribute is soft and loving, as she sings "I've always wanted to tell you, but I've never had the chance to say what I feel in my heart from the beginning to my dying day." She describes her life's encounters with Dylan's music over slow, finger picking acoustic with a morose, wailing electric and melodic piano in the background.

Her Dylan cover, on the other hand, is an electric rock anthem, quite the contrary from her heartfelt original, making obvious her respect for Dylan's entire catalog.

The limited-edition release includes a second disc with five extra tracks. Her cover of "I Feel," originally by the Hot Boys, starts with the same trademark piano sound as "Greatest Hits."

The slide and steel guitar ballad "Silver Stallion" is brilliant, classic country. Marshall sings so soft she is almost whispering — a sound she has nearly trademarked for herself. While that whisper is enchanting, Cat Power needs to speak up more.

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'Goliath' a giant epic for The Mars Volta

Julie Engler
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'The Bedlam In Goliath'
The Mars Volta
Release date: Jan. 29, 2008
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3.5 out of 5 stars

For a "record that did not want to be born," The Mars Volta's fourth album has a resonating vitality.

"Bedlam In Goliath" is complex, lengthy and organized, comprising 12 tracks that run a little over an hour. Omar Rodriguez-Lopez, producer/guitarist, and Cedric Bixler-Zaval, lyrics/vocals, are masters of prog-rock/metal who are at their worst interesting to hear, and this album proves what they can be at their best.

The music starts out with a belch of high-pitched screaming, ridiculous but signature to The Mars Volta. Then the band takes us through several layers, starting with textured vocals. At times,

Omar plays a meowing-wah of a guitar, such as in the beginning of the seven-minute monster of a song "Goliath." Other times it follows the scale of the vocals and reaches new heights and depths with arpeggios and solos, such as the grungy second-half of the same song.

Keyboard noises are foreign and minimalistic. Songs, such as "Tourniquet Man," feature the strange noises that seem to have been transmitted in from another realm.

At times, The Mars Volta only seems to be in-sync musically for a few moments before breaking off into other worlds. Sometimes the band seems to have the timing wrong, or sometimes it seems someone missed the cue. It's this planning to sound like nothing was planned that makes "Bedlam" such an interesting listen.

The album follows a storyline, an idea the band strayed away from with "Amputecture." This time, it's about superstition and the invisible world affecting the tangible world. In a curio shop in Jerusalem, Omar

found the "Soothsayer," an Ouiji-like "talking board" he bought for Cedric.

But it brought bad luck: The band's engineer loses composure, Cedric ends up injured, the drummer leaves and equipment is destroyed.

So, they buried it, and picked up where they left off. Along with usual-contributor John Frusacante (Red Hot Chili Peppers), "Bedlam" also features banging from new drummer, Thomas Prigden.

The lyrics that tell the story are important but sometimes discernable. It goes from screaming to singing to a computer-altered fuzz. But no matter what they sound like, it's about something dark and deep, some first-hand experience with something else. "You touched the hand that's touching sin, I need a brand new skin, follow me into oblivion," Cedric sings on "Ilyena."

Compared with "Deloused In The Comatorium," the band's debut in 2003, there are some great similarities, but not enough. Prigden reaches another level with



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his drumming The Mars Volta was never capable of five years ago.

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'Purple' Loeb stripped and strong

Alicia Wade
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'The Purple Tape'
Lisa Loeb
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4 out of 5 stars

Thanks to a massive hit song off of the "Reality Bites" soundtrack, Lisa Loeb became a household name in 1994 when her cat-eyed glasses and song "Stay" hit MTV and radio.

After years away from the musical limelight, the airy singer and songwriter has released a remastered version of her demo tape known as "The Purple Tape." The album features 10 songs and a companion disc that contains interviews with Loeb dissecting her songwriting process and reflecting on each song.

"The Purple Tape" is probably more to die-hard Loeb fans' tastes, especially with the interviews explaining the inspiration behind her songs. Some of the tunes were polished and put on Loeb's first full-length album "Tails," released in 1995.

But casual listeners who only know Loeb from her "turn the radio on, turn the radio up" days should appreciate this acoustic romp for what it is — solid tunes with honest lyrics.

"Snow Day" kicks off the album with an examination of isolation with a background of a lone, high-pitched strum of an acoustic guitar. The mid-tempo she uses for the song helps it not to be a drone of sadness, but rather a reflective, active song that deals with serious emotions.

Loeb's child-like, yet full voice comes in strong with a vibrato-rich



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tone that, without over-production, expresses her melancholy lyrics with a lonesome sound.

"It's a sinking feeling," she yearns. "Pulls me through the seat of chairs. When will you come rescue me, find solace, and then take me there?"

This song sets the tone for the rest of the album, showing that while some tracks may be more cheery sounding and foot tapping, the core of each track is deeply personal emotion.

An image of Loeb perched on a stool at an open mic night at an out-of-the-way coffeehouse is what many of these tracks invoke, especially on "Airplanes," the final song on the album.

It's easy to imagine Loeb whispering her song in her light voice into the metal head of a microphone, emoting what it was like for her as a child in the

heartfelt slow tune.

"And father, that's a hard word," she sings. "The things that you're needing, the things that you're missing, the things that don't show."

Her bare description of loneliness, awkwardness and growing up are easy to relate to and present in most of her songs. This makes "The Purple Tape" a wonderful and touching listen for anyone who has ever felt the pains of simply being human.

While it may not appeal to all due to its lack of production, polish and sheer rocking-out factor, "The Purple Tape" is the journey of a talented singer and songwriter before fame. Loeb shows that sometimes demo tapes deserve a remaster.

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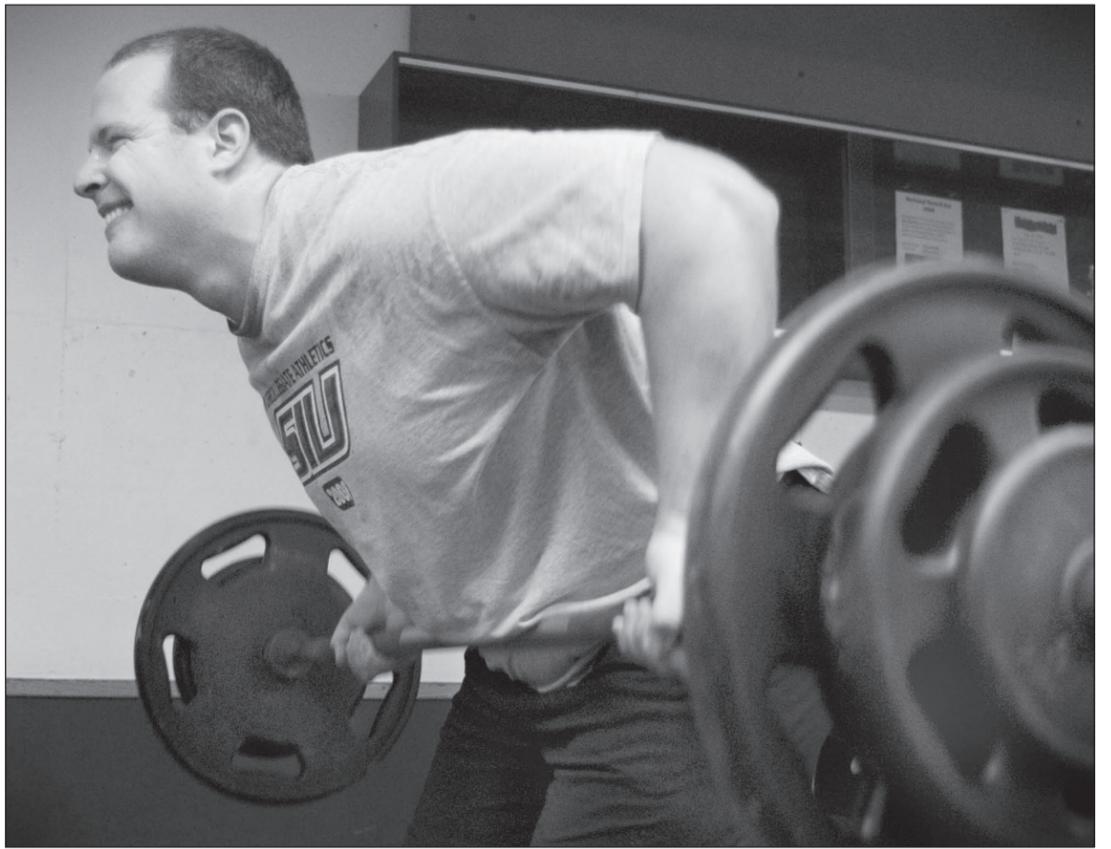
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Track and field senior leads Salukis with performance

Luis C. Medina
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When Brenton Siemons hits his first throw, it seems as if his teammates follow in stride.

This is the final year the Pittsfield native will compete for SIU. The fifth-year senior studying accounting is one of the track and field team's most accomplished athletes. Siemons posted 17 top-5 finishes in the 2006-07 season, finishing the year by winning indoor and outdoor shot put titles at the Missouri Valley Conference championships.

Throws coach John Smith said replacing an athlete like Siemons is going to be difficult.

"Losing Brenton is going to be hard," Smith said. "He's the kind of guy you want going into a conference meet."

Track and field was not always Siemons' sport. At Pittsfield High

School, he played golf for three years before his friends talked him into joining the track and field team. In his junior year, he was a state qualifier in the discus and shot put events.

Now he is one of the Salukis' most consistent point scorers.

Siemons started the 2008 portion of the track and field schedule strong with victories in the weight toss and shot put events at the Saluki Booster and Illinois Invitational. Siemons' performance at the Saluki Booster helped him win the MVC Athlete of the Week award Jan. 22.

Smith said Siemons is an "ice breaker." Siemons is not a vocal leader; instead he is the type of athlete who leads by example.

Smith said Siemons' soft-spoken personality has not changed since he came to SIU, but his skill has improved on a year-to-year basis more than any other

athlete he has seen.

"He's one of the best I've ever coached," Smith said.

Even though Siemons is doing well in his events, his main focus is in the classroom.

He said he used to find it difficult to concentrate in the classroom, but has shifted his sights toward the importance of graduation.

"In class, all I could think about is the next meet," Siemons said.

Siemons said he is focused on graduating because he is not sure what his future holds. He might pursue a master's degree in accounting and said he would

like to finish his Saluki career on a high note.

Siemons said he enjoys his events, and that helps him to be successful.

"When you have fun, you don't get burned out," Siemons said.

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He's the kind of guy you want going into a conference meet.

— John Smith
 SIU Track and field throws coach

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Freshman Nick King is one of the defensive backs that can look to Stepps when adjusting to a new style becomes difficult.

King said even though Lennon did not recruit him, his initial impressions of the new coaching staff have been positive.

"Change is not a bad thing because they come from a winning program, too," King said. "They are all ready to work and ready to bring a championship to SIU."

The players have not had much time with coaching staff except with Nessland, the new strength and conditioning coach, who is already working with the team.

Stepps said while a lot of

change has taken place he does not expect any changes in the results.

"There is more than one way to win," Stepps said. "It's a different style than coach Kill, but I think they will keep up the winning tradition and have a lot of success."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
John Smith

“11-10, 11-9, 2-6. Those were the records the three “prospects” had last year for the Mets farm system. The outfielder sent in the trade had a whopping .232 batting average and 12 RBI. I guess the Twins were thinking addition by subtraction, or maybe they weren’t thinking at all.”

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“Since the Twins couldn’t sign Santana they might have gotten the better end of the deal by raiding the Mets’ farm system. However, if the Mets can sign Santana to an extension, they might benefit from the deal in the long run.” Guest’s answer

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“I think the Twins got hosed in this deal. Santana is arguably the best pitcher in baseball and the Twins didn’t even get the Mets’ top prospect in return. Johan is the type of player that should require a team’s top prospect in return. This move makes the Mets the favorites to win the National League.”

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“I always tell people that Brenton’s money in the bank. He’s the surest bet I have on this team.”

—SIU throws coach John Smith on senior Brenton Siemons

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But it comes at an important time, he said, as the team makes a conference run crucial to its postseason ambitions.

Shaw was relatively quiet for the first half of the season, but has credited the intense practices with his spark on the floor.

“Our intensity in practice has gotten better by leaps and bounds,” Shaw said. “I was worried at the beginning of the year, honestly, just because you can tell after being there for three years that our intensity

wasn’t where it needed to be at.”

This is the second meeting of the season for the two teams that last met on Jan. 15 in Evansville when the Salukis walked away with an 80-67 victory.

Coach Marty Simmons said coming into Tuesday night’s game the Purple Aces wanted to keep Falker off the block but struggled on both ends of the floor.

Leading the Purple Aces (6-14, 1-9) was senior guard Shy Ely with 16 points and five rebounds, and junior guard Jason Holsinger scored nine points.

With the win, the Salukis now

sit in third place in the MVC behind Drake and Illinois State. Lowery said the positioning could benefit them as the season winds down.

“Being 6-4 in the league — anything can happen from here on out,” Lowery said. “Being in third place really allows us to creep in the weeds and allow people to know we’re still here.”

The Salukis will travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa, to take on Northern Iowa on Saturday. Tip off is set for 7:05 p.m.

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FALKER

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After drawing criticism for lack of senior leadership, Falker has played two consecutive games with the intensity that made him a pre-season Wooden Award candidate.

Lowery said he credits the intensity to the practices that have been carrying over to the games, which has given the team new life.

“Now is the time for us to make a move,” Lowery said. “Being in third place allows us to really kind of creep in the weeds and allow people to really know that we’re still here. Now were not the hunted anymore. We’re hunting people, so it’s good for us mentally right now.”

Falker sat out most of the first

part of the second half, but with 12:30 left to play he came back in and gave the Purple Aces another wake-up call.

Evansville cut the lead down to nine but Falker’s first play off the bench was a powerful block that led to a Saluki fast break. The Salukis went on to consistently feed the ball down low to Falker where he would draw a foul every time and convert from the charity stripe.

Not all of Falker’s contributions showed in the final stat sheet. Falker was active on defense as he played from beyond the 3-point line to underneath the post.

If an Evansville player was open from beyond the arc, he closed in on him. If the ball went down low, he ran up behind the player to

cause a loose ball.

Falker said he was focused on breaking any double team that Evansville threw at him.

“You just got to try to put your all into it sometimes because they’re walling you and trying to make you go one way,” Falker said. “A lot of times the pass is through them or around them so you just got to try to make the pass at all costs.”

Falker finished his night with 16 points, going 8-of-10 from the free throw line and recorded four blocks. Falker stepped out of the game to the fans’ applause for the final time with 5:45 remaining and a 20-point Saluki lead.

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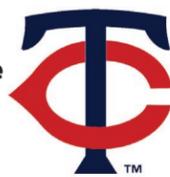


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MEN'S BASKETBALL 59-39



SIU defense stifles Aces

Seniors pave the way for 59-39 victory

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For a majority of the season, coach Chris Lowery said he needed his seniors to step up.

Tuesday night, they heard him loud and clear.

Senior forwards Matt Shaw and Randal Falker combined for 31 points and 19 rebounds to help the Salukis defeat the Evansville Purple Aces, 59-39.

The victory put the Salukis (11-10, 6-4 Missouri Valley) back over .500 for the first time since Dec. 15.

Shaw and Falker were the keys for the Salukis, with Shaw scoring a double-double with 15 points and 16 rebounds and Falker scoring 16 points

and four blocks.

While the Purple Aces kept the score within 10 for most of the game, the Salukis broke the lead open with seven minutes to play with a six-point run, including a dunk and 3-pointer by Shaw.

Free throws were vital for the Salukis as they went 64 percent from the line, including an 8-for-10 performance by Falker.

Lowery said the Salukis' offense could have been better Tuesday night, but defensively the team gave the Purple Aces a hard time.

"It was good to see that we totally dominated them and physically wore them down like we normally do when were playing hard," Lowery said.

The Salukis have credited intense practices to recent success and Lowery said he wanted to see this type of play early.

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Falker shows defensive prowess early

Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

If the block didn't do it, the steal probably did. If the dunk that followed the steal didn't do it, the next block did.

Any one of those first four plays from Randal Falker let Evansville know the senior forward was in no mood for their double-teams on defense or layups on offense.

Falker set the pace for the Salukis (11-10, 6-4 MVC) as they took a 14-3 lead and never looked back to secure a 59-39 victory. The senior forward started the game with a blocked shot, followed it with a steal, tossed in a layup and capped it off with one more block to send a clear message.

In the first half of play, Evansville

(6-14, 1-9) managed to convert only five shots when Falker was on the floor. The Evansville defense had just as much trouble containing Falker as its offense had scoring on him.

Falker put in nine first half-points, but it was the way he scored that kept Evansville looking for answers. Instead of just posting up, Falker would back out and cut to the hoop, which led him to receive passes with his momentum taking him to the rim.

When Falker wasn't scoring he was setting up teammates for an open look. Falker set a pick for a Bryan Mullins layup, had a quick assist out of a double team for a Wesley Clemmons' jumper and another dish for a Tyrone Green layup.

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Senior forward Randal Falker attempts a layup during Tuesday night's 59-39 win against Evansville in the SIU Arena. Falker led the team with 16 points on the night.

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FOOTBALL

Step in a new direction

Assistant coach Stepps bridges the gap

Jeff Engelhardt
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It has been anything but an "off" season for the SIU football team this season.

Coaches have changed, top seniors have left, new strategies will be put in place and the team is catching up on recruiting.

But in the midst of all the commotion, one lone assistant coach will return with a squad coming off one of the best seasons in SIU history.

Cornberbacks coach Travis Stepps is the last coaching connection from the coach Kill era that brought the program back to national prominence. Stepps is in the unfamiliar position of being the only connection between the current players and new coaching staff.

Stepps has been with the program for four years and has produced some of the best defensive

players for SIU during his time. He has coached All-Americans Alexis Moreland and Craig Turner while earning two All-American bids himself when he played at Pittsburgh State.

The offseason will bring different challenges for Stepps as he tries to change from previous coaching approaches to new ones while helping current players make the transition as well.

Stepps said change is part of the game and he is ready to make adjustments with the players.

"It's going good so far," Stepps said. "I have run across a lot of these guys before either playing or coaching and they have come in here and worked hard which didn't surprise me at all."

SIU officially announced the hiring of five new assistant coaches in addition to outside linebacker/defensive line coach Eric Schmidt. The new coaches include Kyle "Bubba" Schweigert, Tom Dosch, Jared Nessland, Phil Longo and Scott Fuchs.



Jared Nessland instructs the Saluki football team during strength and conditioning practice Monday afternoon in Lingle Hall. Nessland, the strength and conditioning coach, is one of six new assistant coaches this year and the first one the team has worked with since the season ended.

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Schweigert and Dosch were on Lennon's North Dakota staff during the 2001 national championship season.

Stepps said the new staff has already worked on getting to know him and the current players on the team.

"They have come in and try to get to know the kids on a personal basis and understand what they are

about," Stepps said. "They are getting to understand the team they have now and are starting to build a foundation with players."

Lennon has met with all the players on a one-on-one basis to get to know the team on a personal level. Lennon attended the annual football banquet and said the atmosphere of emotion and celebration the players showed got him excit-

ed to coach the group next season.

The banquet was one of the few times Lennon could relax, as he has stayed busy on the recruiting path with his coaching staff. Stepps said recruiting has gone well during the transition and that the success of last season has enticed players to come to the program.

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