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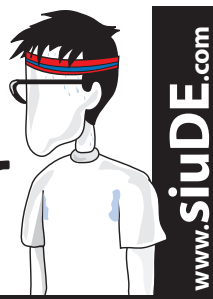
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Brooke Lopeman, center, and Tim Bannon play with puppies from the Humane Society of Southern Illinois Monday afternoon. Lopeman and Bannon volunteer their time to exercise the dogs at the shelter.

Springtime puppy love flooding local humane shelter

Spring means it's a busy season at the Humane Society of Southern Illinois.

Animals that have not been spayed or neutered reproduce during the spring, causing an influx on the shelter. Space is the biggest problem facing the Humane Society. Each month the society receives around 400 animals, and on average only 20 to 25 are adopted.

People who want to leave an animal must

read a form that warns, "Dropping an animal off at our shelter should be a last resort." Karen Mullins of the Humane Society stated that the shelter does euthanize animals. The factors that determine euthanasia are health, behavior and available space at the shelter.

The shelter houses around 65 animals and serves southern Illinois, but has taken animals from as far away as Kentucky and Missouri.

Some puppies and kittens grow up in the shelter and spend more than a year in the facility.

Volunteers are important to the shelter and help out on a daily basis to give the animals exercise. Volunteers come and go at their leisure.

"Anyone can be a volunteer," Mullins said. The shelter has forms available for those wishing to volunteer at the facility.

'Green' fee makes way to ballot

Joe Crawford
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

A referendum on a proposed "green" fee will likely appear on the ballot for student government elections next month, the election commissioner said Monday.

The Undergraduate Student Government office received more than the required 1,600 signatures in support of including the referendum, said John Teresi, the student charged with overseeing this year's election. Teresi said the election commission would finish looking over the petitions today, but the decision will not be made official until after a pre-election meeting Wednesday.

"With the numbers I have, it looks like it should be sufficient," Teresi said.

The referendum will ask students whether they support paying a \$10 per semester fee that would fund on-campus renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainability projects and research.

The fee is projected to bring in more than \$300,000 each year. It is part of a larger plan drafted by students and staff, titled Project Eco-Dawgs, which aims to reduce the university's contribution to global warming and make the campus more sustainable.

Jon Dyer, co-coordinator for the project, said students and faculty helped collect about 2,500 signatures in support of the referendum.

Dyer said the group collected 900 extra names in part as a precaution in case the validity of any of the signatures is challenged. But the extra petitioning also gave the group a chance to test its capacity and to have more face-to-face conversations with students about the fee, he said.

"I think it makes a strong statement," Dyer said.

If the referendum indicates there is student support for the new fee, Dyer said his group would present the idea to the SIU Board of Trustees at its April 10 meeting.

At the same meeting, Dyer said the group would propose that the board mandate all future construction and renovation projects at SIUC earn Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification.

The LEED rating system is the "nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings," according to U.S. Green Building Council.

Making buildings LEED certified is one way in which the "green" fee revenue could be spent, Dyer said. It typically costs an additional 2 percent on construction costs to certify a building, Dyer said.

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Administrator: SIUC should take Halloween break

Counselor says fall break could improve retention

Allison Petty
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Larry Dietz thinks the university should reinvestigate an old practice: Halloween break.

But the vice chancellor for Student Affairs said his reasons have nothing to do with the stigma surrounding the holiday. Rather, Dietz said, a fall break would allow students — especially freshmen unaccustomed to university workloads — to catch up on sleep and studying at a time when many might feel overwhelmed.

"I think it's crazy that we think a spring break is wonderful for all these reasons, but we dismiss it in the fall," said Dietz, adding he had not yet discussed the possibility with other administrators.

Fall break at SIUC

<p>• October 1990 University institutes first fall break. Residence hall front doors are locked at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 and reopened at 1 p.m. Oct. 30.</p>	<p>• October 1993 University does not schedule fall break for the first time since 1991. Halloween weekend features 226 arrests.</p>	<p>• October 1995 University reinstates fall break, closing campus from 10 p.m. Oct. 27 through 7 a.m. Nov. 7.</p>
<p>• April 2000 Interim Chancellor John Jackson approves the elimination of fall break for 2001.</p>	<p>• Halloween 2000 Fall break runs from Oct. 28 through Nov. 1. A decision by the Carbondale City Council allows bars on the Strip to remain open, resulting in more than 100 arrests and thousands of dollars in property damage.</p>	<p>• December 2000 University reinstates the planned fall break for 2001.</p>
<p>• March 2001 As a result of the previous year's debauchery, Jackson proposes a nine-day break, including weekends, for Halloween 2002. The proposed break would shorten Thanksgiving break from seven to four days.</p>	<p>• October 9, 2001 Chancellor Walter Wendler announces that SIUC will not take a fall break in 2002. Wendler says he wants to shift attention away from the university's tumultuous relationship with Halloween.</p>	<p>• Present: Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz says a fall break would allow students much-needed rest. Barb Elam, interim director of the Wellness Center, says the break could help students' academic performance and improve retention rates for stressed-out freshmen.</p>

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SIUC had its first Halloween break in 1990 when the university closed for five days. After a brief break from the breaks in 1993 and 1994, the university contin-

ued to close around Halloween from 1995 to 2001. Former Chancellor Walter Wendler declared the end of the breaks in 2001, saying they caused people

to focus unnecessarily on the university's Halloween-related "party school" reputation.

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Additional instruction program seeks more funding

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A program that offers additional help for students in selected courses is looking to grow, as long as money can be found for the expansion.

Supplemental Instruction is a program that offers peer-assisted study sessions twice a week for selected courses. The program was implemented at SIUC in 2001 to help improve retention and persistence.

Lisa Peden, coordinator of Supplemental Instruction, said the program is currently offered in 17 courses. Peden said courses with an SI component are selected by the percentages of D's, F's and withdrawals from the previous semester. If SI received more money, Peden said, the program could expand to 30 or 40 courses that have shown a need for the additional instruction.

Peden said the program has received some additional funding in the past through Student Affairs, but greater expansion of the program is going to require more.

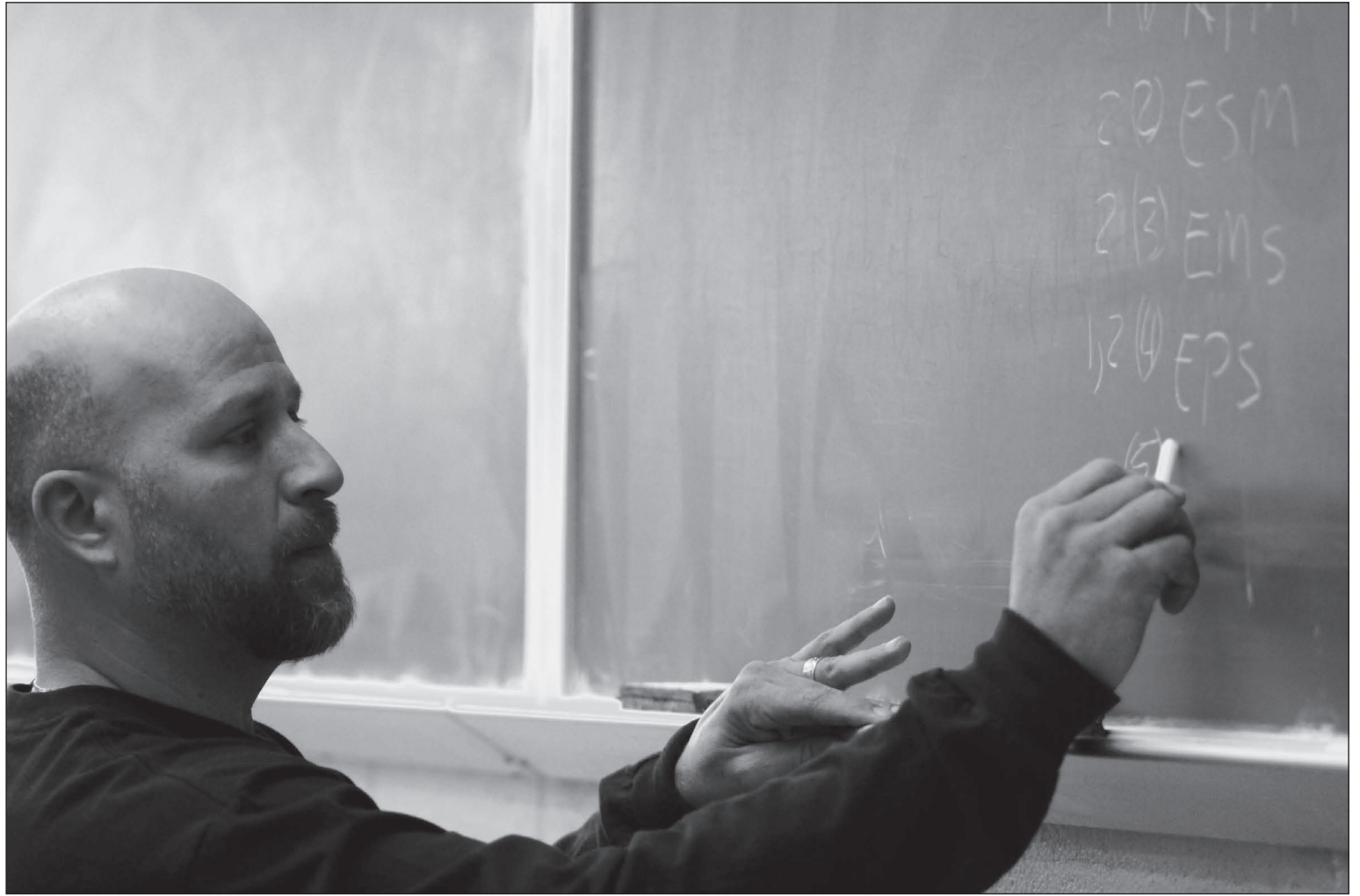
She said she has looked into grants, but is trying to find the funding elsewhere, as the grants are not a continual source of funding.

The existing budget allows the hiring of 12 to 14 student leaders per semester, Peden said.

"There are some institutions that have hundreds of SI leaders in hundreds of courses," Peden said. "We definitely could expand."

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said the program is based on peer collaborative learning, meaning students help students.

The data is pretty clear, Dietz



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Supplemental Instruction leader Ken Mitchell helps students review for a philosophy test in the Agriculture Building. Supplemental Instruction, a peer-assisted study program, is looking for more money to expand.

said. Students who participate in an SI component of a course generally do better than students in the same course who do not participate in the program.

Brad Veeck, a junior from Johnsbury studying accounting, said he started as a student leader

this semester and has attended the additional study sessions in the past. Veeck, an SI leader for Accounting 230, said the program provides students with an additional outlet for questions and help, especially if they don't feel comfortable talking to the professor.

"I think they can relate to me more than a professor," Veeck said. "I've taken the class, I know what's expected to get through it."

Peden said in addition to study sessions, the program offers academic coaching, which provides individual assistance in any course,

as long as there is an available student leader to provide coaching.

"That's really what it's all about," Peden said. "Trying to get help to the students who want the help."

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BREAK

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But Barb Elam, interim assistant director of the Wellness Center, said she thought the breaks were helpful for students' academic and emotional health. Elam said at least 100 new students visit the Student Health Center with stress-related problems during the fall semester.

New students often don't manage their time effectively, Elam said. They might be able to catch up if they had a break earlier than Thanksgiving, and retention rates could improve with students' performances, she said.

"I think a break closer to midway through the semester would allow students to kind of catch their breath, take a look at their assignments and their reading," Elam said.

The proposal for a fall break would need to be submitted by the chancellor, then approved by the president and Board of Trustees, said Paula Keith, administrative assistant to SIUC President Glenn Poshard.

Don Rice, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs,

said he had never considered the idea of a fall break and never worked at a university that had one.

"I would not be at all averse to an autumn recess of some kind, however, particularly if it can be scheduled approximately halfway between the opening of school in August and our Thanksgiving holidays in late November," Rice said in an e-mail.

Rice, who has assumed the duties of Chancellor Fernando Treviño while he is on administrative leave, said downsides to a break would include a shortened semester and the possibility that students would be away during home sporting events. However, he said careful planning could eliminate the latter concern.

Dietz said students, faculty and staff would need to support the fall break idea before it could continue.

"The bottom line is that if all of us agree on that on the campus, the president's office, the chancellor's office, the board agreed, we would have it," Dietz said.

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GREEN

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For a project such as the planned Student Services Building, which is projected to cost \$25 million, the certification would amount to \$500,000.

"We're hoping to, with the referendum passing, get some of those other policies passed for its usage," Dyer said.

The Project Eco-Dawgs proposal indicates the fee money could also pay for wind turbine projects at SIUC's University Farms and environmental campus and community events.

Dyer said under the proposal, all expenditures would have to be approved by a nine-member funding committee that includes six students.

Spending the 'green' fee

Projected cost of new Student Services Building: \$25 million

Estimated cost increase for LEED certifying a building: 2 percent

Estimated cost increase for Student Services Building: \$500,000

Estimated revenue from 'green' fee: more than \$300,000

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"So it's in student control," he said.

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U.S. troop death toll reaches 4,000

Bush: I will make sure their deaths were not in vain

Ben Feller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush called it a day of reflection. He never explicitly said why, but the reason was clear: 4,000 U.S. dead in Iraq.

That is the new toll of the five-year-old war, the kind of raw, rounded number that sticks in the public's mind.

So on a day that began with so much lightness — Bush hugging the Easter Bunny, cheerful children frolicking on the South Lawn — the president ended up offering sympathy for grieving families.

"One day people will look back at this moment in history and say, 'Thank God there were courageous people willing to serve, because they laid the foundations for peace for generations to come,'" Bush said in unscheduled remarks at the State Department.

"I have vowed in the past, and I will vow so long as I'm president, to make sure that those lives were not lost in vain," he said.

A roadside bomb in Baghdad killed four U.S. soldiers Sunday night, pushing the death toll to 4,000. That number pales compared with those of other lengthy U.S. wars, but it is much higher than many Americans, including Bush, ever expected after the swift U.S. invasion of Iraq five years ago.

"The question now is when will President Bush provide the answer that all Americans are waiting for," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. "With 4,000 Americans having lost their lives, when will the national nightmare the Iraq war has become finally end?"

Bush proclaimed the end of major

combat operations in Iraq in May 2003. Almost all of the U.S. deaths there have happened since then.

The White House signaled anew that additional troops won't be pulled out soon, as Bush and military commanders try to protect gains in security in Iraq.

Bush assured that the war will lead to victory — an outcome, he said, "that will merit the sacrifice."

The news of 4,000 dead in Iraq came the week after the war rolled into its sixth year, dominating most of Bush's presidency. Almost 30,000 U.S. service members have been wounded in the war.

Early in April, Bush is expected to announce the next steps in the war, and he is likely to embrace a pause in any troop withdrawals beyond those scheduled to end this July.

Democrats in Congress and on the presidential campaign trail continue to push for a faster end to war. But Bush still has the upper hand for 10 months.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said the death toll is a reminder that the nation must get out of an "endless civil war and make America more secure."

The White House was careful in its reaction to the milestone, calling it a sober moment but emphasizing that deaths are grieved no matter what the number. Bush said people are praying for the families of those killed whether they were among the first or the most recent casualties.

The number killed in Iraq is far less than in other modern American wars.

In Vietnam, the U.S. lost more than 58,000 troops, passing the 4,000 mark in 1966 as deaths rose quickly along with escalating American involvement.

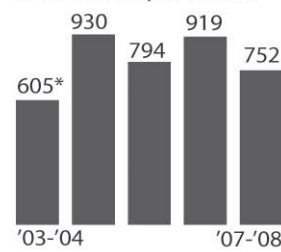
Somber milestones such as a new death toll often go unremarked by Bush. But he chose on this occasion to note the losses, albeit briefly and without taking questions from reporters.

U.S. troop deaths in Iraq

The number of deaths has reached a total of 4,000. The annual death toll with demographic and public awareness on the deaths:

Deaths by year

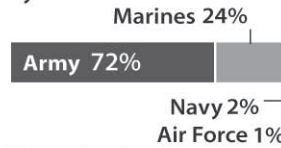
12 months, April-March



*Includes last 11 days of March 2003; war began March 19

Who were killed

By service branch



By service force



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As always, his message was determination.

"Our strategy going forward will be aimed at making sure that we achieve victory and, therefore, America becomes more secure," he said. Just last week, Bush said the high cost in lives and treasure was necessary to halt the spread of terrorism and keep Iraq out of chaos.

The White House said Bush is likely to embrace an expected recommendation from his top commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, for a halt in troop withdrawals in July. During the pause, Petraeus and other senior commanders would make yet another assessment of conditions in Iraq, possibly in September, before recommending any specific troop reductions for the final months of 2008.

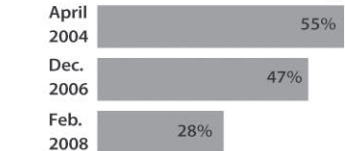
One factor arguing against a quick resumption in troop cuts after July is the likelihood that Iraq will hold provincial elections in October, an event that probably will require heightened security.

"It's now a question of how much time do we pause for," said Max Boot, a conservative expert on national security and a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. "Petraeus has been pushing for it, and I think the president will certainly give it to him. He has a pretty good hand right now just from the political calculus — he can make a decision on the merits without having to be panicked into a political

Public awareness dwindles

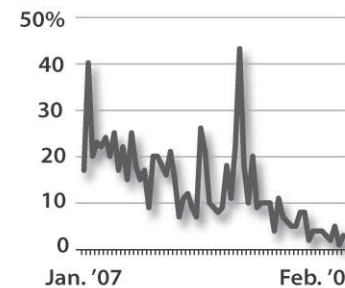
Since the start of military action in Iraq, about how many U.S. personnel have been killed?

Percent who answered correctly



News coverage dropping

Percentage of news stories per week on Iraq since January 2007



NOTE: One member of the Coast Guard has been killed; some figures do not total 100 percent due to rounding

decision."

The war has taken an enormous toll on Bush's own standing. Most Americans polled think the U.S. invasion of Iraq was a mistake.

Security has improved there, credited largely to the increase in U.S. military might last year. But the pace of political progress has exasperated U.S. lawmakers and military leaders.

The U.S. has about 158,000 troops in Iraq. That number is expected to drop to 140,000 by summer.

Bush met for two hours Monday with his national security team. Petraeus and Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, took part by video linkup.

Meanwhile, both Democratic presidential contenders made note of the 4,000 deaths.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton told a campaign audience in Pennsylvania that she would honor the fallen by ending the war and bringing home U.S. troops "as quickly and responsibly as possible." Her rival for the nomination, Sen. Barack Obama, said, "It is past time to end this war that should never have been waged by bringing our troops home, and finally pushing Iraq's leaders to take responsibility for their future."

Vice President Dick Cheney, meanwhile, criticized Clinton and Obama for advocating a U.S. withdrawal from Iraq. Without mentioning them by name, he said such a pullout would put the U.S. at risk.



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An Iraqi street scene in Khan Bani Sa'ad is viewed from a U.S. military vehicle in March 2008.

Remains of kidnapped contractors in Iraq recovered

Two men had been missing for more than a year

Schuyler Dixon
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — The remains of two U.S. contractors kidnapped in Iraq more than a year ago have been recovered, the FBI said Monday, weeks after families of several long-missing men gained hope that they might be found alive.

Ronald Withrow of Roaring Springs, Texas, and John Roy Young of Kansas City, Mo., were among six Western contractors kidnapped separately. The disappearances received new attention this month when the severed fingers of several men were

sent to the U.S. military in Iraq.

Several relatives had taken the discovery of the fingers as a hopeful sign, including the father of Jonathon Cote, who remains missing.

"We feel very sad that this is how it turned out. We wish it turned out a better way," Francis Cote said from his home in Getzville, N.Y., near Buffalo.

Cote said he had spoken to the families of Withrow and Young. He said that he was holding out hope his son is still alive but that the discovery of the bodies dampened those hopes.

"Let me say this: I'm not as optimistic as I was in the past," he said.

Withrow worked for JPI Worldwide when he was kidnapped in January 2007. Young worked for Crescent Security Group when he was kidnapped in November 2006. Withrow was among those whose

severed fingers were sent; Young was not.

Withrow's mother, Barbara Alexander, said an FBI agent visited her Sunday night.

"You just can't really be prepared for any news like that, especially when you had hope that your son is alive," Alexander said by phone from her home in Afton, Texas, about 270 miles northwest of Dallas.

"I know he's safe from all harm now," Alexander said. "We're bringing him home. That was what our main concern was. And that they're not going to hurt him anymore."

Reading from what she said was the final entry in a notebook, Alexander addressed her son directly:

"I know God has taken you home. I'm just someone that's taken care of you," she said. "It's hard to believe that you're gone. But you're in a more

peaceful place than here. I'll see you when I can. Wait for me at the gates of heaven."

Young's mother, Sharon DeBrabander, declined to comment after the FBI's confirmation. A woman who answered the door at the family's home said relatives were expected to discuss Young's death Tuesday.

The other men still missing are Paul Reuben of Minneapolis, Joshua Munns of Redding, Calif., and Bert Nussbaumer of Vienna, Austria. A finger from each was received by the military recently.

Francis Cote said he and other families were visited by the FBI last month and told DNA samples had been identified as those of the hostages. The agents would not say how they had gotten the samples, but one family member said she provided a sample after the FBI asked for one.

WIRE REPORTS

MICHIGAN

Mayor, former aide charged with perjury

DETROIT (AP) — Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was charged with perjury and other offenses Monday — and got a stern lecture about the importance of telling the truth — after a trove of raunchy text messages contradicted his sworn denials of an affair with his chief aide.

The 37-year-old "Hip-Hop Mayor" who brought youth and vitality to the job in this struggling city of 900,000 could get up to 15 years in prison for perjury alone and would be automatically expelled from office if convicted.

Ignoring mounting demands that he step down, Kilpatrick said: "I look forward to complete exoneration once all the facts have been brought forth. I will remain focused on moving this city forward."

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy brought charges of perjury, conspiracy, obstruction of justice and misconduct against the popular but polarizing mayor. In announcing the charges, she delivered something of a civics lesson on the importance of telling the truth under oath.

"Some have suggested that the issues in this case are personal or private," said Worthy, a Democrat like the mayor. "Our investigation has clearly shown that public dollars were used, people's lives were ruined, the justice system severely mocked and the public trust trampled on."

MIDDLE EAST

Cheney says Hamas sabotages Israel-Palestinian peace talks

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney, concluding two days of talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, said Monday that Hamas militants and their backers in Iran and Syria are playing the role of spoiler in Mideast peace talks.

"It is clearly a difficult situation, in part, because I think it's true, there's evidence, that Hamas is supported by Iran and Syria and that they're doing everything they can to torpedo the peace process," Cheney told reporters before heading to Turkey, the final stop on his 10-day trip to the Mideast.

Cheney said there's ongoing concern about the extent to which arms are being smuggled across the Egyptian border into Gaza where they're being used by Hamas to attack Israel.

"It's a continuing problem," he said. "All of that obviously has resulted in the ongoing activity of launching rockets into Israel and threatening the lives of Israelis and obviously making it difficult for there to be the kind of progress that I think we would all like to see," Cheney said.

Cheney, a strong supporter of Israel, talked with reporters in Jerusalem after having breakfast with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, the last in a series of meetings to talk about regional issues and nudge Israeli and Palestinian leaders to reach a peace agreement before President Bush leaves office in January 2009.

POLITICS

Clinton campaign says she 'misspoke' about sniper fire during 1996 Bosnia trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign said she "misspoke" last week when she said she had landed under sniper fire during a trip she took as first lady to Bosnia in March 1996. The Obama campaign suggested it was a deliberate exaggeration on Clinton's part.

Clinton often cites the goodwill trip she took with her daughter and several celebrities as a part of her foreign policy experience.

During a speech last Monday about Iraq, she said of the trip: "I remember landing under sniper fire. There was supposed to be some kind of a greeting ceremony at the airport, but instead we just ran with our heads down to get into the vehicles to get to our base."

According to an AP story at the time, Clinton was placed under no extraordinary risks on that trip. And one of her companions on it, comedian Sinbad, told The Washington Post he has no recollection either of the threat or reality of gunfire.

When asked Monday about the New York senator's recent remarks on the trip, Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson pointed to Clinton's previous written account in her book, "Living History," in which she described a shortened welcoming ceremony at Tuzla Air Base, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Clinton wrote: "Due to reports of snipers in the hills around the airstrip, we were forced to cut short an event on the tarmac with local children, though we did have time to meet them and their teachers and to learn how hard they had worked during the war to continue classes in any safe spot they could find."

Domestic violence pervades different areas

Forum discusses protective orders in rural, urban areas

Jakina Hill
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Domestic violence was discussed and dissected in a symposium Monday. Throughout four presentations and a panel, those in attendance discussed the differences between rural and urban areas, state department strengths and weaknesses and protective orders.

The event was organized by the crime, delinquency and corrections center and sponsored by the Center for Rural Violence and Justice Studies and a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The keynote speaker for the afternoon was T.K. Logan, a professor of behavioral science at the University of Kentucky.

Logan focuses on relationships between intimate partners and sexual assault victimization, and the justice system's response to intimate partners and sexual assault victimization in rural and urban communities. Logan presented her work to a group of about 50 people, mostly women, in the Student Center ballrooms. The PowerPoint presentation focused on the process of issuing an Emergency Protective Order and a Domestic Violence Order.

"Enforcement is the biggest problem with protection orders," Logan said. "Many women believe it's just a piece of paper."

Logan said the media portrayal



Associate professor Rebecca Weston, who has a doctorate in psychology, introduced keynote speaker T.K. Logan, professor of behavioral science at the University of Kentucky during the symposium on Rural Issues of Intimate Partner Violence in the Student Center ballrooms Monday.
JASON JOHNSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Enforcement is the biggest problem with protection orders. Many women believe it's just a piece of paper.

— T.K. Logan
professor of behavioral science at the University of Kentucky

only enforces that a piece of paper will not protect them by focusing on failures as opposed to the successes.

Not everyone who asks for a protective order gets one, Logan said. The main factors preventing the issuance of an emergency protective order are affordabil-

ity, availability, accessibility and acceptability.

Logan said people often don't realize that every application for a protective order is not necessarily answered with one being issued. In Kentucky, if the state fails to get it to the person it is against in two weeks, the woman has to again file

for and pay for the order.

Logan told a story of a woman who was asked by the judge to demonstrate how she was abused with a hanger. Logan said the woman got on her hands and knees to show the court what happened, only to be rudely dismissed by the judge.

Gail Thomas, staff attorney for the SIU School of Law's Domestic Violence Clinic, participated in a panel discussion that was the closing event for the symposium. Thomas said Logan's input was

what she found most interesting, especially the dramatic difference from Illinois and Kentucky provisions on handling emergency protective orders.

"(Logan) talked about how prosecutors in Kentucky tend not to file charges, even if the victim has called 50 times," Thomas said. "We have a way to go in Illinois but it made me appreciate what we do have."

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AN OFFICE WITH A VIEW

Changing reality

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During a discussion about ethics in a journalism editing class, my fellow classmates and I were asked to mull over the question of whether perception really is reality.

While my immediate answer was a firm 'no,' if I ponder the question, I realize it is true. There are several perceptions DAILY EGYPTIAN readers believe to be the truth, and my goal in this column is to do exactly what the headline says — change reality.

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On that note, I'd also like to make it clear that we are not media communications or press for the university. Our job is to bring you the news as objectively and accurately as possible.

We have no responsibility to ensure that all the news is rainbows and sunshine. Let's face it — news isn't always happy. And sometimes we have to report things that are less than happy. We're the paper that has the front row seat to this university and the things that go on here.

If we don't report that things aren't working, who will? Wouldn't you rather hear about it from a student than a disconnected media outlet?

We also want to hear what all the students think. Our Web site luckily gives us an easy way to do this. The ability to post comments has returned to our site this semester and things have been going smoothly for the most part, but we still reserve the right to remove comments that are inappropriate, inaccurate and malicious and unrelated to the issue at hand.

We don't take our own personal editorial views into account when editing comments,

and it is DAILY EGYPTIAN policy to not comment on our own site. So you can speculate all you want, but Joe Crawford never commented on his own story — ever. Want our opinion? Check out the Voices pages.

As most people realize, the DAILY EGYPTIAN is run by students. What people may not take into account is that students graduate, or at least they're supposed to. Turnover at the DAILY EGYPTIAN is incredibly high. Students start working here, and some decide they want to change their majors and some go to internships — like I'm preparing to do this summer — and then we all eventually graduate. That's the way it's supposed to work.

Now we've all had bad experiences before, especially with

the slew of weather issues the past few months have made all of us encounter. But are you going to stop driving because the city didn't clear the ice off once? I doubt it. So, those of you who have had a

bad experience with the DAILY EGYPTIAN in the past, give us another chance. Please express your concerns, and we'll do our best to make your experience what it should be: fair and accurate.

In the event any source feels a story is not fair or accurate, tell us. We want to hear your concerns. But remember the old adage: You catch more flies with honey than vinegar. Rude phone calls and hanging up on us isn't usually a good, professional way to deal with things, and only makes the process that much harder.

We try our hardest to do our best, but every once in a while a mistake may slip through. Please remember that no one is perfect all the time. A recent obituary appeared in The New York Times that said a woman moved to Carbondale where she and her husband worked with Buckminster Fuller — at the University of Illinois.

Lohman is a junior studying journalism.

PESSIMISTICALLY OPTIMISTIC

Let the (expensive) fun begin

JORDAN WILSON

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It appears the revolving door that is the SIU chancellor's office will soon be moving again.

As most of you know, SIU President Glenn Poshard put Chancellor Fernando Treviño on administrative leave last week. Now the university is basically going through a three-step process to address whatever the problems may be.

Treviño is still chancellor until Poshard says differently. If history prevails, though, Treviño's time at SIUC may be short-lived. After all, a chancellor's tenure at SIUC is usually shorter than a student's. Even two-year transfer students. Or in this case, one-and-dones.

Maybe Trevino will keep his post. But if he gets the ever-swinging boot, let me tell you how this thing will unravel.

First, our wonderfully efficient administration will elect some faculty to a panel. Then, that panel will meet 13 or 14 times and determine if an in-house committee would be beneficial for a chancellor search. Then, they'll nominate the aforementioned in-house committee, which will endlessly debate on how many people should serve on the committee whose only job is to recommend a search committee.

Those committee members will tirelessly talk about which search committee to use in finding a chancellor. Then, we'll pay some self-praising do-nothings in Chicago to give us four or five names. We will spend about \$150,000 on this process, which will eventually be paid for by students somewhere down the line.

Sounds fun, huh?

This is kind of how we got Treviño at SIUC last spring after then-interim Chancellor John Dunn became president at Western Michigan University.

The university set aside \$150,000 for the process. They paid a Chicago firm \$100,000 to set up a search and help identify attractive candidates.

Just before the search started, John Haller outlined why a search committee was needed.

"They bring with them a network, they bring with them a pool of candidates, and with the experience they have they can get a great deal of information beyond what one might get with a letter of reference," said Haller, the vice president for academic affairs.

Yet, all those pennies spent failed to realize some candidates' obvious shortcomings, such as one of the four finalists having a handful of ongoing lawsuits filed against him.

Hmph.

You know what else one of these fancy search committees bring?

An absurdly high and unnecessary price tag and results that a fourth grader who can use Google could come up with.

SIU still uses beer-bong-looking funnels and recycling bins to deal with flooding and deferred maintenance. How about a little common sense before we hand over a six-figure paycheck?

Let's visit our friend Google, and find some people who are reportedly shopping for a new job:

- Wim Wiewel, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Baltimore.

- Jon Whitmore, president of Texas Tech University.

- Gregory Aloia, dean of the College of Education at Florida

Atlantic University

- Phil Harmeson, University of North Dakota vice president for general administration.

- Juanita Fain, vice president of planning at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

- Ray Brown, director of institutional research at Westminster College in Missouri.

- Alex Capdeville, retired chancellor at Montana State University.

- Thomas Krepel, assistant to the president at Northern Illinois University.

- Cynthia Farris, associate provost for enrollment services at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Would any of these be viable candidates at SIUC? Maybe, maybe not. Point is, it only takes 20 seconds to find the latest round of academics looking for a new home.

If SIUC has to eventually fill the chancellor post, the university should do its own research. Find some names,

like above, do your own research and narrow down the list.

Don't pay a firm \$100,000 for public information that is open anyone proactive enough to prod.

Or we could save all the time, money, hassle

and guesswork and just ask Walter Wendler to move back into Anthony Hall.

I enjoyed his distinctive mustache, slicked-back hair and love of the job (5:30 a.m. interviews prove that).

What was wrong with Wendler anyway?

Maybe "self-plagiarizing" is worse than "inadvertent plagiarizing."

Wilson is a senior studying journalism.

Gus Bode says check out www.siuDE.com/podcasts to hear what the Voices desk has lined up this week. We'll share some background on our editorials, debate our differences and conclude that Jordan should definitely get a new haircut.

And don't fret — this is a new, weekly collaboration, so make sure to tune in today and next week (actually, you should just do it every day) to hear what's going on at the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



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Kathryn Gallagher
spokeswoman for Home Depot
on the retail store developing a bargaining policy to help cope with the economy

TWO MINUTES OF TRUTH

Position is power

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Five seconds left in the game. Dallas is up by one over the Phoenix Suns and it's the final game of the Western Conference Finals.

This play will be the last for one of these two phenomenal teams. One winner will emerge, the other is going home. The ball is inbound as Steve Nash runs around a screen at the top of the arch.

Five.

In the mean time, Shaquille O'Neal is freed up in the post.

Four.

Shaq gives a slight nod as Nash effortlessly drives the ball across the court.

Three.

Nash goes up for what seems to be a long three-pointer.

Two.

He makes a quick change and

bullets the ball toward the rim and a leaping O'Neal.

One.

Tip slam! Game over. The Suns are going to the finals.

Now we all know Shaq is banged up beyond recognition, and it's a long shot for a Phoenix Suns team to grace the floor for the NBA finals. I use this example simply to make a point on being in a power position.

Some would define the above scenario as luck. Luck can be defined as being in the right place at the right

time. It can also be defined as preparation plus opportunity plus action, and in order to make a power move, preparation is a must.

Time and time again, I go to class where our brilliant young minds are preparing for the future. Or so it may seem.

The thing that struck me as odd in these classes was that I could always walk up to the front of the room and have a seat.

Aside from my want to be in the front to have a less restricting seat and to sit more comfortably, I also know that the information

I also know that the information received in the front of the classroom is different from that in the back.

received in the front of the classroom is different from that in the back. Don't believe me? Try it out for yourself.

After having gone to countless seminars on leadership and personal development, if anything, I've heard it over and over again — position is power. Those who sit in the front of the room simply position themselves for a more powerful learning experience. Those who sit in the back barely learn. It never fails; the back rows

are always full, yet the front is as bare as the L.A. Clippers trophy case.

We're at the tipping point of a wave of change that will be headed up by this generation. And as a part of the generation, I think that we should 'un-cool' the 'cool' notion that the back of the room is where we belong.

The times have changed. People fought too hard to make sure we could sit wherever we wanted so let's take advantage of today.

Let's take advantage of the wealth of knowledge that's being passed to us from the instructor. We're driving into the Information Age with full-on force where knowledge is power. Those who have it will prosper, and those who don't will whine and fuss.

So take a moment, reflect and then ask yourself, "What's my position on this bus?"

Flowers is a senior studying biological sciences.

THEIR WORD

'Til the last dog dies

McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

There is nothing inherently wrong about a presidential nomination fight that lasts until Easter; it's been argued here that a rational, and national, series of primaries would last until Memorial Day or even Flag Day.

But the 2008 Democratic nomination battle is following the right calendar for the wrong reason. The longer it lasts, the worse the party's chances this fall may become. President George W. Bush handed the Democrats an unpopular war and a recession, and yet they still may find a way to blow the election. That old joke about Democratic firing squads being formed in a circle still applies.

New York Sen. Hillary Clinton may well take her mathematics-bemad-damned battle against Illinois Sen. Barack Obama all the way to the nominating convention in Denver, and that doesn't start until Aug. 25. Estimates by news organizations give Obama a lead of between 119 and 148 delegates. Given that the Democrats allot their delegates proportionally, Clinton would need to crush him in the remaining primaries to pull even.

That improbability explains why

her campaign was busy on two other fronts last week: trying desperately to convince Michigan and Florida to hold do-over primaries, and trying to convince party leaders and elected officials in the ranks of the so-called "super delegates" that regardless of what the hoi polloi think, she is much more electable against Republican John McCain of Arizona than Obama.

Results of the earlier Florida and Michigan primaries were ruled illegitimate by party officials because the two states had tried to butt in line ahead of the sacrosanct, first-in-the-nation Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary.

In a bit of that famous Clinton "triangulation," Clinton went along with the party leaders' decision to not seat the delegates chosen in Michigan and Florida and agreed with other candidates to not campaign in either place, but she left her name on the ballot in Michigan and showed up to bask in a meaningless victory on election night in Florida. Now, purely in the

interest of the democratic process, of course, she argues that the national party's decision "disenfranchised" voters in both states.

She has a point. Voters in the two states are paying a heavy price for the profound silliness of the presidential nominating process.

It's understandable that Michigan, a big industrial state, and Florida, the fourth most populous state in the nation, would want to move ahead of tiny, atypical New Hampshire and Iowa. But both states decided last week that do-over primaries at this point would present too many other problems, not

the least of which is that it wouldn't be fair to the other states that played by the rules.

Yet Clinton's arguments to the super delegates also threaten massive disenfranchisement. For the super delegates in states that chose Obama to vote contrary to the wishes of their voters threatens the kind of election-by-fiat that occurred in 2000. A party that screamed foul when Al Gore won the popular vote but was

denied the presidency hardly can risk alienating Obama's supporters by handing the nomination to Clinton.

At this point, any victory that Clinton might eke out would be Pyrrhic, dooming the party to defeat for decades. There has been talk of sending a delegation, perhaps led by Gore, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and party elder and longtime Clinton friend Vernon Jordan, on a peace mission to deliver that message.

A similar message was delivered indirectly Friday by New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, a cabinet member and U.N. ambassador in President Bill Clinton's administration and another close friend of both Clintons: Richardson announced his endorsement of Obama. If other party leaders, in particular former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, follow suit in coming days, the message will be hard to ignore.

But given what we know of Clinton's sense of entitlement and of her husband's 'til-the-last-dog-dies stubbornness, they're certainly capable of ignoring the message. Selflessness is not a family virtue.

This editorial appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Sunday.

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Participants in the 5K competitive run step off the start line at Evergreen Park on Pleasant Hill Road Saturday. The course started at the park, wound through the west side of campus and back to the park.
EMILY SUNBLADE
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



RUNNING FOR SUSTENANCE

PARTICIPANTS RUN 5K FOR BREAD

Emily Sunblade
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Drivers on Pleasant Hill Road shared their morning commute with over 100 runners Saturday morning.

The 10th Annual Nutrition 5K and Kid K was held at Evergreen Park over the weekend. Proceeds

from the run will be given to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen.

The run, sponsored by the Neighborhood Co-op, WSIU, Attitude Designs and First Southern Bank, began at Evergreen Park on Pleasant Hill Road and led runners through campus on Douglas Road near Campus Lake

and then back to the park.

Juan Tomas, 26, of Alto Pass was a first year participant in the 5K.

"I plan to compete again in the future," Tomas said. "My brother used to run marathons and he got me interested."

A pavilion at the park was home to several booths to provide assistance and entertainment to the runners and spectators.

John A. Logan Community College instructor Bill Connell has been bringing his 1-year certificate massage therapy students to the event to provide free massages for the past several years.

"It is a great way to get experience," Connell said. "The students are able to practice and work with people from the community."

One O One Yoga in Carbondale provided an instructor who led a warm-up session for runners before the race and also donated free yoga classes to raffle winners.

The event also includes a kids run that takes place within the boundaries of the park. Depending on their ages, children could choose to run the in-park course up to three times. Each child received a participation ribbon.

Tanner Burke, a 6-year-old from Cape Girardeau, has been participating in the run since he was 2, said his mother Sarah Burke.

"We recently moved to Cape, but came back to compete in the run," Burke said.

The top runners in each age group received a certificate and a loaf of bread from the Neighborhood Co-op Grocery. Runners were also greeted by a table of muffins, snack bars, apples and oranges upon completion of the race.



Juan Tomas, 26, of Alto Pass stretches before the 9 a.m. start of the 5K Saturday. 'I finished in about 22 minutes,' Tomas said. 'It's a great way to keep in shape.'

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Task force urges local food production

Illinois consumers hungry for local and organic foods

Tim McGovern
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Farmers in Illinois have no problem feeding their pigs and cows with food they produce, but most humans in the state get their food from elsewhere.

A small group of legislators, educators and farmers are fighting to amend this problem.

Illinois currently imports 90 percent of its food, a fact Leslie Duram took issue with during a gathering Saturday at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center to offer ideas and solutions.

"Often times food may travel as far as 1,500 miles or more before it reaches our kitchen," Duram said. "We need to keep money here in Illinois."

Duram, a professor of geography and environmental sciences as well as a member of the Illinois Local and Organic Food and Farm Task Force, said legislation is beginning to catch up to the issue.

The Illinois Food, Farms and Jobs Act of 2007 was passed unanimously in August to develop a plan for expanding and supporting a state local and organic food system that would increase locally grown food and organic food production.

A multitude of our food is imported from not only California, but countries such as Mexico and Honduras, where health standards tend to be lax.

"Only half percent of the foods that enter our state are inspected," Duram said. "Chemicals we may have banned here may have been used over there."

The majority of food grown in Illinois is used for animal feed and fructose as well as shipped to other states and countries, said Bridget Holcomb, a member of the Illinois Stewardship Alliance. The organization, located in Springfield, promotes farmer education and local food production.

Though there is a growing demand for local and organic foods, farmers don't receive government subsidies to grow crops such as spinach and strawberries that people consume.

Holcomb said it is relatively easy to grow a variety of food domestically even in the winter by using a "hoop house," or cheap greenhouse with a plastic-covered frame.

"Anything you find in a produce aisle can be grown in Illinois," she said.

She said that there are currently 73,000 farms in Illinois, down from 250,000 farms a century ago. The vast stretches of fields dotting the landscape produce inedible foods for humans, as most farmers only have access to corn

—non-sweet corn— and soy, she said.

In 10 to 20 years, half the farmers in Illinois will be retired, she said. A looming problem will be finding replacements for the current farmers, or else risk further farms disappearing from Illinois.

Illinois ranks fifth in the nation for lost farmland, according to <http://www.normeconomics.com>.

Holcomb said consumers purchasing foods from our local farmers makes logical sense because the food

We need to implement a 'field to fork' policy.

— Bridget Holcomb
 member of the Illinois
 Stewardship Alliance

is more nutritious, there is less fear of contamination and it can help create jobs in other areas such as processing and distribution.

"The federal policy needs to change," she said. "We need to start providing subsidies for farmers interested in producing edible products for the consumer. We need to implement a 'field to fork' policy."

Holcomb said she hopes the meeting would gather enough local interest and local expertise to encourage local food production and present change in the current laws in the state legislature.

"Our next step will be presenting our case in Springfield," she said. "We have many ideas and perspectives ... hopefully some good will come of this."

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 202 N. Poplar #2
 202 N. Poplar #3
 507 S. Poplar #2
 301 N. Springer #1,2,4
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 512 S. Beveridge #2-7
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 404 W. Cherry Court *
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 407 W. Cherry Court
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 509 W. College #6
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 303 W. Elm
 716 S. Forest
 500 W. Freeman #1,3,6
 109 Glenview
 520 S. Gramh
 505 S. Hays
 507 S. Hays #2
 408 1/2 E. Hester
 408 E. Hester
 410 E. Hester
 703 W. High #E

208 W. Hospital #1
 705 N. James
 507 1/2 W. Main #B
 207 S. Maple
 906 W. McDaniel
 300 W. Mill #2-3
 411 E. Mill
 400 W. Oak #1,3
 402 W. Oak #E,W
 408 W. Oak
 501 W. Oak
 300 N. Oakland
 505 N. Oakland
 511 N. Oakland
 514 N. Oakland
 602 N. Oakland
 1305 E. Park
 507 S. Poplar 6,7
 301 N. Springer #1,2,4
 913 W. Sycamore
 919 W. Sycamore
 404 S. University #S
 404 1/2 S. University
 402 1/2 W. Walnut
 820 W. Walnut #2
 1004 W. Walkup
 406 W. Willow
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 514 S. Ash #1,3
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 503 S. Beveridge
 506 S. Beveridge
 509 S. Beveridge #4
 513 S. Beveridge #3-5
 515 S. Beveridge #5
 510 N. Carico
 309 W. Cherry
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 305 E. Crestview
 104 S. Forest
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 109 Glenview
 503 S. Hays
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 408 E. Hester

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Coffee house concerts give students a chance to chill

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A student organization on campus is offering an alternative to the typical raucous concert scene with three acoustic performances later this week at local coffee shops.

The Music Business Association is hosting concerts at Melange Coffeehouse and Longbranch Coffee House on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The concerts are free and the performers are students from the SIUC School of Music.

"We looked at what there is in Carbondale ... there weren't really any live music venues for a more relaxed, chill environment," said Michelle Myers, president of the Music

Business Association.

The coffee house concert series gives students a chance to hear music they enjoy out of the traditional concert setting, said Jaci McDole, a senior from League City, Texas, studying music business and radio-television.

"It's giving students a chance to sit down, enjoy some coffee, do their homework and listen to [live music]."

— Jaci McDole
senior studying music business
and radio-television

"It's giving students a chance to sit down, enjoy some coffee, do their homework and listen to [live music]," McDole said.

Andy Martin, vice president of the Music Business Association, said coffee shops are a great venue for acoustic music because of their intimate setting.

"Going out to a crazy bar isn't really going to relax me, but I think a coffee shop environment and nice, calm music is going to be really relaxing and

a chance to get away," Myers said.

This week's coffee house concerts mark the first of their kind, though Myers, Martin and McDole hope they will become a regular event series.

The coffee shop proprietors have been cooperative in hosting the events because they like the idea of using live music to draw people to their businesses, Myers said.

Myers said all the coffee shops are supportive of local musicians and are willing to be a part of live music in the area.

She said another goal of the concerts is to create more awareness of acoustic styles of music in Carbondale.

"It's a style of music college students aren't used to hearing, and a chance for students to see some of their colleagues perform," Myers said.

Audra Ord can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 275 or at amarie06@siu.edu.

THE WEEKEND LINEUP:

— **SIUC Jazz ensemble**
Thursday at Melange

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Saturday at Melange

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TV Tuesdays: 'South Park' preachy pulpit

Alicia Wade
DAILY EGYPTIAN

'South Park'
Comedy Central
New episodes air 9 p.m. Saturday
on Comedy Central

The foul-mouth foursome of "South Park" is back for more risqué antics and controversial comedy in the animated comedy's 12th season on Comedy Central.

Though the season is a mere two episodes in, it seems as though the strange world of the Colorado town has moved away from developing regular characters further and exploring new venues within the town. Instead, storylines lean toward the preachy, which in some ways is beneficial for a show that has been invading television sets for more than a decade.

It allows "South Park" to always be relevant no matter how far away the episodes about alien probes and pig and elephant DNA seem to be. Sending a message to its viewers with commentary on pop culture and anything else creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker decide to take on is nothing new for the show.

It's admirable that "South Park," which

gained its notoriety for being a crass cartoon and delving into subjects otherwise untouched by television programming, has developed into a critical platform putting celebrities, government officials and even religions under scrutiny.

But unfortunately, the latest offerings in the half-hour slot have been relatively unfunny when compared to past episodes. Though it is early in the season, the preaching within "South Park" leans more toward unbearable to watch because of its harsh critique rather than an eye-opening, hilarious half hour.

In its first episode of the twelfth season, "South Park" once again dealt with HIV and AIDS. Main character Cartman was infected with HIV after receiving a bad blood transfusion. Cartman then infected his friend Kyle who couldn't stop laughing at his misfortune.

Cut to the end, and the boys of "South Park" learn the cure for HIV and AIDS is money injected into the body. While it's funny on the surface and obviously a commentary on how those with the cash get medication to aid in the fight against HIV and those without are left with no defense, the show just doesn't pack the same comedic punch it used to.

Absurdity is at an all time low and there



3.5 out of 5 stars



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are few jokes or gags for audiences to laugh at. Even the second episode featuring Britney Spears with half her head after a failed suicide attempt erred more toward the pulpit while scrutinizing the media who chase Spears and the people who eat up celebrity gossip.

The episode was "South Park's" version of Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery." Though it was a little more funny watching the inhabitants of the Colorado town turn their flashbulbs toward the star to sacrifice her than watching HIV and AIDS become a comedic

subject, it still doesn't pack the same punch as past episodes.

Hopefully, given time, this season of "South Park" will be as strong as former seasons. Though it is admirable to use a television platform to scrutinize subjects otherwise untouched in other media outlets, it's time for "South Park" to get back to being funny and preachy, and not just preachy.

Alicia Wade can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 275 or awade@siude.com.

PULSE CHATTERBOX

Sarah Jessica Parker was recently voted "Unsexiest Woman Alive" by Maxim magazine. Parker responded, "Do I have big fake boobs, Botox and big lips? No. Do I fit some ideals and standards of some men writing in a men's magazine? Maybe not." What is your reaction to Maxim's designation?

Audra Ord

Ouch. While I don't think SJP is on the same level as, say, Heidi Klum, she's definitely not a dog. My thoughts are that Maxim should eliminate this category from their "-iest" lists entirely, so nobody has to face the shame of being deemed the least attractive person on the earth. Talk about a downer.



Alicia Wade

I'm skeptical of how Maxim came to this decision, especially after the whole reviewing-the-new-Black-Crowes-album-without-even-listening-to-it debacle. Possibly a darts game in the dark with celebrity pictures?



Diana Soliwon

Um, sorry. I don't waste my time reading asinine magazines that plaster the fakest women alive on their covers.



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Senior shortstop Tyler Lairson slides into second base Saturday during the Salukis' victory over Indiana State. Lairson went 9-for-11 during the three-game series at Abe Martin Field as SIU improved its conference record to 2-1.

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utility man Adam Hills. Lairson, however, has been the man getting on base for the middle of the order along with freshman leadoff hitter Chris Murphy and junior second baseman Scott Elmendorf. Murphy and Elmendorf are hitting .313 and .333, respectively, as the table setters for Kelly. Kelly has 18 RBIs in 18 games this season while hitting .328. The Panthers have some hot hitters as well. Sophomore catcher Richie Derbak leads the team with a .368 batting average and is second on the team with 14 RBIs. Sophomore outfielder Curt Restko padded his .354 batting average with his first career five-hit game Sunday. Lairson said the game is important for both teams because non-conference games are scrutinized by the NCAA selection committee at the end of year when it determines the field for the College World Series. "We have to take the same approach to midweek games as we do to our weekend games," he said. "It would be nice to get a couple of wins this week before we head to Missouri State."

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CAREER

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compliment to the duo of Tony Young and Jamaal Tatum.

Falker had a breakthrough season as he won MVC Defensive Player of the Year and led the conference in blocks. Shaw shined when the Salukis took on top competition as he averaged 16.6 points per game when they took on Minnesota, Arkansas and Virginia Tech.

The elevated play of SIU's frontcourt helped the Salukis to a 25-5 record and an NCAA Tournament where they capped off one of the school's best seasons.

Shaw went down in the first round game against Holy Cross but managed to put in 11 points while Falker scored 12. In the second round, Falker recorded a double-double while Shaw sat out. Though the Salukis lost 61-58 to Kansas in the Sweet Sixteen, Falker recorded 11 points and nine rebounds while Shaw played 36 minutes through a bad ankle.

Shaw said the Sweet Sixteen run was one his favorite moments as a Saluki.

"I don't think you can point to one thing that stands out," Shaw said. "But playing in the Sweet Sixteen,

2005	2006	2007	2008
<p>March 2005 - Shaw named to the MVC All-Freshman team, started in the final 15 games of the season and led the team with a 59.2 percent field goal percentage.</p> <p>March 2005 - Falker led the team in blocks with 30 and had a 57.7 percent field goal percentage, second only to Shaw.</p>	<p>March 2006 - Shaw shot a school-record 46 percent from the 3-point line in conference games.</p> <p>March 2006 - Falker named MVC Tournament Most Valuable Player. Ranked third in the MVC with 7.8 rebounds.</p> <p>November 2006 - Shaw scored career-high 26 points against Minnesota in a 69-53 victory.</p> <p>November 2006 - Shaw averaged 16.6 points per game during Old Spice Classic Tournament.</p>	<p>February 2007 - Falker scored career-high 30 points against Evansville in a 76-69 victory.</p> <p>March 2007 - Falker named MVC Defensive Player of the Year. Led the conference with 2.12 blocked shots.</p> <p>December 2007 - Shaw recorded a double-double with 24 points and 10 rebounds against Western Kentucky.</p>	<p>March 2008 - Falker named to All-MVC First Team. Led the team in blocks, points and rebounds.</p>

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winning the conference tournament and cutting down nets is something I won't forget."

Writing records

Falker and Shaw are leaving their names in the SIU record books. Falker is second in games played at 137, sixth all-time in rebounds with 905 and 20th in points scored with 1,315.

His most impressive mark is 195 blocks, which is best all-time at SIU and fourth in MVC history.

Shaw is third in games played at 136, eighth in rebounds with 741, 12th in 3-pointers with 121 and 17th

in points scored with 1,363.

Falker said it was a pleasure to play alongside Shaw and that he will miss teaming up with him.

"It's going to be weird playing without him but it's just been fun," Falker said. "Everything has always been me and Matt helping each other out. He's a brother for life."

When the lights finally went down on their careers, Shaw said it was him and Falker in the locker room, talking about basketball like they always do, one last time.

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Niners forfeit draft pick for tampering with Bears' Lance Briggs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The San Francisco 49ers forfeited their fifth-round pick in next month's NFL draft after commissioner Roger Goodell said they tampered with Chicago linebacker Lance Briggs.

In a statement released by the league Monday, Goodell also said the teams will switch picks in the third round of the April 26-27 draft. Chicago, which had the 12th pick, will get San Francisco's seventh pick and the 49ers will get Chicago's choice.

Goodell said the 49ers violated the NFL's anti-tampering policy by contacting Briggs' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, about his client during the 2007 season.

"The 49ers organization respects Commissioner Goodell's ruling today, however we do disagree with it," 49ers general manager Scot

McCloughan said in a statement. "This was not a malicious act; we believe that our intent was within the NFL guidelines. Going forward, we will take the necessary steps to ensure we are in compliance with the NFL's interpretation."

Briggs, an all-Pro in 2007, had been designated as Chicago's franchise player, signing a one-year tender that meant he could not leave the Bears.

He had been expected to leave as a free agent after last season but instead re-signed with Chicago for \$36 million over six years. Briggs will earn \$21.6 million in the first three years of the deal and \$13 million of the contract is guaranteed.

"We are appreciative of the efforts of the league office on this matter and support the commissioner's decision," Bears president and CEO Ted Phillips said in a statement.

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The Dallas Mavericks announced that star forward Dirk Nowitzki will miss at least two weeks after suffering a high ankle sprain and mild knee sprain during Sunday's home loss against San Antonio. Can the Mavs survive without their leading scorer?



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"The Western Conference just seems way too hard for the Mavericks to make the playoffs without their superstar. Denver is knocking on the door after scoring more than 100 points in the last 11 games, including 168 against Seattle earlier in the month."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Dale Lennon



"The main goal is to get to know each other and get comfortable around one another. When April 19 comes around and we are about to play the spring game, we want everyone to be at their comfort level and ready to compete."

- Head football coach Dale Lennon on the first day of spring practice

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"This won't help the Mavs' chances of moving up in the Western Conference standings. Also not helping is Nowitzki's age, which could keep him out longer than expected. They'll survive but struggle to make the playoffs."

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"Even though I was wrong about the Rockets playoff chances after Yao got hurt, it won't keep me from picking against the Mavs. As good as Dirk's supporting cast is, Dallas has yet to beat a Western Conference team with a record above .500 since the acquisition of Jason Kidd."



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TENNIS

Women suffer split amid adversity

Men downed by Memphis

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The weather, a lack of electricity and a worthy foe bested the SIU women's tennis team Sunday.

Tennessee Tech (3-11) edged SIU, 4-3, in a match that began Sunday morning at the University Courts and ended in the afternoon at Sports Blast. Head coach Audra Nothwehr said she was proud of how the team handled the adverse and, at times, bizarre situation.

"Between waiting on the rain and the power to come back on, we just had to stay prepared the whole time," Nothwehr said. "I think this was a match where we got into some pressure situations, which help you. The more pressure situations you encounter, the better you are in the future."

Michela Cruise, Jessica Flannery and Amanda Taillefer picked up individual victories to help the Salukis split the singles matches against the Golden Eagles at three apiece before a wintry mix postponed doubles matches only minutes after they started and moved to Sports Blast.

After an hour-and-a-half-long power outage at Sports Blast further postponed doubles action, SIU and Tennessee Tech split the first two doubles matches. The Golden Eagles picked up the doubles point and victory behind the strength of their No. 3 doubles team. Evgenia Yartseva and Kelly Holtzhausen held off Amanda Taillefer and Andrea Courtney to secure a 9-7 victory.

Assistant coach Tomas Gonzalez said the Salukis' recent hard work



STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior Sabine Tsala Mvilongo, left, and sophomore Jessica Flannery celebrate during their match Saturday at the Sports Blast. The Salukis defeated Evansville 6-1 in their first conference match of the season.

showed despite the outcome of Sunday's match.

"It was a hard-fought match on a very difficult day," Gonzalez said.

Even though the Salukis were unable to pull out a victory against Tennessee Tech, they were able to win its first conference match of the year Saturday.

SIU (7-6, 1-0) defeated Evansville, 6-1, to secure its first Missouri Valley Conference win of the season.

Nothwehr said the doubles teams had been working on its aggressiveness, and it showed when the Salukis earned the doubles point with an 8-6, 8-5, 8-1 of the Purple Aces. SIU carried that momentum into its singles matches, collecting victories in five of the six matches against the Purple Aces.

While the women split their home matches, the SIU men's team had its losing streak extended to four games.

The Salukis' record fell to 5-6 after losing to Memphis, 4-3. Lucas Waked, Hugo Vidal and Sebastian Rubiano earned singles points, but dropped two of the three matches in doubles play, giving the Tigers the point and the victory.

SIU's first home match, which was scheduled for Sunday against Tennessee Tech, was canceled Sunday due to time constraints that came about after the switch of venues and weather delays.

The SIU men's and women's teams look to get back into the win column when they head to play Saint Louis for a two-day meet today and Wednesday.

SOFTBALL

Hot start shut down by Wichita State



Members of the Saluki softball team celebrate their 6-1 victory over Northern Iowa March 16. After sweeping Northern Iowa, the Salukis lost three in a row to Wichita State. It was the first time since 1993 SIU was swept by a conference team.

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MVC sweep first since 1993

Megan Kramp
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After a strong opening weekend in the Missouri Valley Conference, the SIU softball team couldn't keep its streak going against Wichita State.

The Salukis (15-14, 3-3 MVC) opened up MVC play with a sweep of Northern Iowa on March 15 and 16, but had the tables turned as they were swept on the road against the Shockers (22-12, 4-2) during the weekend.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said a lack of production from the Salukis' bats was the biggest factor in their first sweep in the conference in 1993.

"We came in and I thought the effort was there and we just didn't get it done," Blaylock said.

Offensively SIU struggled to get runs on the board as it was held scoreless all weekend dropping two games Friday 7-0, 3-0 and losing 1-0 Saturday.

Blaylock said going on the road with the Salukis' young lineup hurt them against the Shockers' veteran pitcher Ashley Bright.

Bright shut down the Salukis' offense as she pitched a shutout in game one and came back in game two of the series to earn her fifth save of

the season.

Senior first baseman Lauren Haas said while the team did have 10 hits during the weekend, all of the hits were at various times and the team couldn't put them all together.

Haas said the momentum of the three-game sweep against Northern Iowa was with the Salukis but they just couldn't put runs on the board.

In the last game of the series, freshman pitcher Nikki Waters put up a good effort to hold the Shockers' offense but couldn't contain third baseman Jamie Hull as she hit a solo

home run that would be the lone run of the ball game.

"She threw great," Blaylock said. "She was very composed throughout the game and gave us a chance to win, she didn't throw like a freshman."

Haas led the Salukis' limited offense as she extended

her hitting streak to four games and tied a career-high two doubles in the 1-0 loss Saturday.

Sophomore second baseman Alicia Garza also recorded a pair of doubles in the Salukis' opening game.

The Salukis will return to action Thursday when they travel to Eastern Illinois for a double-header beginning at 3 p.m.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior forwards take next steps

Falker, Shaw reminisce about careers together

Jeff Engelhardt
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It started as a competition between two freshmen battling for playing time.

Four years later, it ended as a close friendship that resulted in some of the most memorable Saluki moments.

Randal Falker and Matt Shaw have won conference championships, cut down nets and danced in the Sweet Sixteen, but Thursday's loss to Arizona State was the duo's final curtain call.

The Salukis were the unanimous choice to win the Missouri Valley Conference but SIU was never able to put together a dominating streak and ended in third place with a trip to the National Invitation Tournament.

The loss to Arizona State embodied the senior duo's season in many ways with Falker fighting through physical defense and Shaw trying to find his hot spot.

Coach Chris Lowery said he was going to let his seniors finish what they started three seasons ago.

"I'm very proud of the contributions our seniors made to this program over the years. They never quit no matter what," Lowery said.

Shaw and Falker showed no quitting against Arizona State as they only sat out five minutes combined. Though the duo exits on a loss, they have left fans with some of the biggest wins in school history.

The Beginning

Shaw was the true freshman from Centralia with a dangerous jump shot and Falker was the redshirt freshman



JAKE LOCKARD ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior forward Matt Shaw looks to pass the ball during the Salukis' 69-53 victory over Oklahoma State March 19 at the SIU Arena. Shaw and fellow senior Randal Falker leave SIU ranking near the top in school records.

from St. Louis with game-changing blocking ability. The two were set to impress coaches and earn playing time in their rookie campaign during the 2004-05 season.

Falker made a strong case to be the forward by playing all 35 games and leading the team in blocks with 30 while finishing third on the team with rebounds. Shaw won the battle,

though, and started the last 15 games of the season, leading the team in field-goal percentage and earning MVC All-Freshman team honors.

Shaw said his initial relationship with Falker was highly competitive because both of them wanted to play at all costs.

"There was definitely competition between us our first year," Shaw said.

"I think that helped us become better players though and we definitely learned from each other."

The 2005-06 season was the beginning of an on-court relationship that would dominate the MVC for the next three seasons. Both players started every game and Falker was named MVC Tournament MVP, while Shaw was second in the

conference in 3-point field-goal percentage.

One Sweet Season

The bond that began to form in 2005-06 was in full force during the 2006-07 season when the duo of Shaw and Falker became a perfect

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BASEBALL

High hopes for shortstop

Senior Lairson paces offense with .464 batting average so far this season

Matt Hartwig
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

After getting shellacked by Indiana State 15-6 Sunday, the SIU baseball team isn't going to sit around licking its wounds.

With five games in seven days, the Salukis don't have time to reflect on a bad day.

They will take a break from Missouri Valley Conference play to travel to Charleston to take on Ohio Valley Conference in-state rival Eastern Illinois at 2 p.m. today at Coaches Stadium.

The Panthers (8-9, 3-0 OVC) struggled early this season, losing their first seven games.

But they have turned it on since, punctuating their fifth-straight win with a 16-2 blowout win against

Morehead State.

The Salukis (10-8, 2-1 MVC) are trying to end their streak while getting their bullpen straightened out.

After posting four combined scoreless innings in a pair of wins during the weekend against the Sycamores, SIU's bullpen self-destructed in Sunday's loss.

Six relievers combined to give up 12 runs in five innings.

Coach Dan Callahan said the tilt with Eastern Illinois isn't a must-win game, but it is important to regain confidence.

"It would be nice to get back in there and go to Charleston and get a win to get our confidence rolling again," Callahan said. "I thought we were a confident team going into today, but (Sunday's) game didn't turn out how we wanted it to."

Aside from the bullpen's struggles Sunday, the Saluki offense appears to be on track.

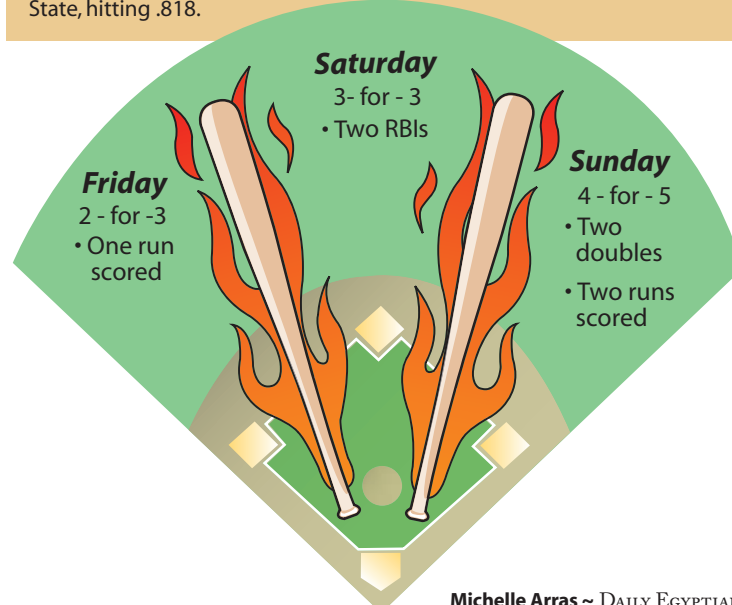
Senior shortstop Tyler Lairson finished the series 9-for-11 with a pair of doubles and two RBIs.

Lairson is hitting .464 this season with eight

RBIs. "I never know where I'll be at but hopefully I'll be back in the lineup and we'll just go from

Senior shortstop Tyler Lairson is on fire

Lairson finished an impressive weekend at the plate against Indiana State, hitting .818.



Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

there," he said. "It's whatever the coach thinks."

Lairson's hitting has also been productive given his lineup spot. As the eighth hitter in SIU's lineup, he

isn't asked to drive in runs with the same kind of pressure as junior catcher Mark Kelly and senior

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