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Faculty union to consider contract deal

Brandon Weisenberger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The university's faculty union is set to consider accepting tentative terms reached after eight months of contract negotiations with the SIU Board of Trustees.

Among items for consideration on Thursday are salary boosts to make SIUC faculty pay more comparable with other universities and giving professors more say in the tenure review process.

Bargainers for the BOT and Faculty Association struck the tentative deal Feb. 15 after hundreds of hours of talks and a number of deadlocks — including a two-month long lull in the fall — since talks began in June.

"The last few hours were very nerve-racking for me," said the union's chief negotiator Morteza Daneshdoost, a professor of electrical and computer engineering. "I was looking at my watch thinking, 'When will they call?' Then the call came and it was good news for everybody."

He said faculty would vote — likely ballot-style in the Student Center — before spring break on whether to approve the agreement. The BOT must also ratify the terms for the contract to go into effect.

While announcing the deal Friday, the board's contract spokesman Gary Kolb called the agreement historic, because negotiations have never taken less than a year since the Faculty Association and administrators began collective bargaining in 1997.

"Both parties attribute this in part to the dialogue and the commitment to civility and courtesy brought to the table in negotiations," said Kolb, a former Faculty Association president who is associate dean in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts.

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Tentative terms in faculty contract

- 3 percent pay raise retroactive to July 1
- Minimum 3 percent increases in fiscal years 2008 and 2009, minimum 3.5 percent increase in 2010
- 2008 and 2009 increase distributed 66 percent across the board, 34 percent by merit. In 2010, raises to be distributed 50/50
- \$3.25 million throughout contract's life, including \$250,000 this year and \$500,000 in following years

Giorgos Maratheftis ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN



JAKE LOCKARD ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Saluki fans cheer on the men's basketball team Saturday afternoon at the Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. The Salukis beat the Butler Bulldogs 68-64.

Taming the blue

Saluki players, fans quiet Butler crowd

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

INDIANAPOLIS — Saluki fans young and old embraced Saturday as they watched the SIU men's basketball team defeat a ranked team on the road for the first time in more than 21 years.

SIU (23-5) handed Butler (24-4) its first loss at home this season, winning 68-64 in front of a sell-out crowd, composed of many who were wearing the colors of the away team.

The Butler fans' chants of "D-U-I" did not intimidate SIU guard Jamaal Tatum — who was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in March — as he confidently took the line and hit several key free throws down the stretch.

After that, "S-I-U" chants filled the Hinkle Fieldhouse, and the only response dejected Bulldog fans could muster was a barely audible "...sucks."

After the game, SIU guard Tony Young said he appreciated the fan turnout.

"It felt good to look up there and see all the maroon in the crowd," he said.

"Sometimes you go into other environments and you see different

colors, but it's not maroon. It just felt good to see an entire side of Salukis over there cheering for us."

Genae Welch, a December graduate of SIUC, said she had "about eight heart attacks" during the game.

"We were in the middle of eight Butler fans mad at us, telling us to sit down, but it was worth it," she said.

Welch said she, like the team, did not let the fans in blue get to her.

"One guy kept holding up a Butler shirt, but I just kept pointing to the scoreboard," she said. "That said it all. I didn't need to say anything else."

It just felt good to see an entire side of Salukis over there cheering for us.

— Tony Young
SIU guard

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Candlelight vigil honors student

Danny Wenger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

There was music Sunday night at Nights Over Egypt, but not much dancing.

Instead, friends of Ryan Harris held candles to solemnly remember him.

Harris, a business student from Bollingbrook, died Thursday morning after being electrocuted by a microwave. Police said his roommate found Harris' body lying on the kitchen floor with the microwave next to him. The cover was off the appliance and it was plugged in. His roommate said Harris frequently worked on the appliance.

The vigil was originally scheduled for Friday night, but accord-

ing to the Facebook group made in Harris' memory, the date was moved so Harris' family could attend.

David Pierce, the owner of Nights Over Egypt, was a friend of Harris' and said he wanted to have a more casual and fun way to remember him.

"We really weren't sure how to do this, but Ryan was so into the entertainment and party scene, we really wanted to have something like this," Pierce said.

Pierce met Harris eight years ago while promoting events. Pierce was looking for a bouncer and Harris volunteered to help.

"We needed an extra bouncer, and he was there to party but he said 'Hey I can help,'" Pierce said. "He was always willing to help."

Fredanna McCormack, a health education doctoral student from Carbondale, was a friend of Harris and remembers him for his openness and dependability.

"He was genuinely open, he has a heart of gold," McCormack said. "He is completely the most dependable person that I know."

James Collier was Harris' roommate and met him at a meeting for veterans at SIU. Harris served for about five years in the Marines as an electronic maintenance supervisor. Collier said he spent most of his service overseas in Japan.

"He was overseas the entire time, in Japan in Okinawa," Collier said.

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JOSEPH MIDKIFF ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kara Scott, left, and Re'Kenya Watson visit during the vigil held for Ryan Harris at Nights Over Egypt on Sunday. Harris was the first to welcome Scott to SIUC about three years ago and Watson worked with Harris at Sports Blast for a year and a half. Harris died Thursday morning after being electrocuted.

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CALENDAR

Arthur Turner lecture
• 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Student Center Auditorium
• Deputy majority leader of the Illinois House will receive the 2007 Ralph A. Dunn Public Service Award for his two decades of service
• Free, open to public

All-majors job fair
• 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at Student Center Ballrooms
• Free event open to all students, alumni and community members
• Over 100 employers will be attending, dress professionally and bring multiple copies of your résumé

SIUC Shinkendo Club demonstration
• 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Center, Ballroom D
• Demonstration of authentic Japanese sword arts
• A brief lesson will follow demonstration

Dangerous creek!
• Media coverage and public perception of river hazards
• 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Communications Building, Room 1032
• Global Media Research Center speaker Steve Gough
• Free admission

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 536-3311, ext. 266.

POLICE REPORTS
There are no items to report today.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

Three women bludgeoned to death in Chicago
CHICAGO (AP) — Three women were found bludgeoned to death with a hammer in two apartments on the city's far North Side, and police had a suspect in custody Sunday.
Officers found the bodies after they were called to a domestic dispute Saturday morning. They also found a man hitting himself on the head with a blunt object, apparently trying to kill himself, police spokeswoman Monique Bond said. The 56-year-old man was hospitalized in police custody and was in fair condition early Sunday.
Police Officer Hector Alfaro said investigators learned that the suspect had quarreled with his wife and her stepsister at their home, had apparently bludgeoned them and then went around the corner to his in-laws' house, where he apparently attacked his mother-in-law.

Elephant's tusk removed with chain saw
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — It took veterinarians and a dentist nearly five hours Saturday to remove what was left of an elephant's infected tusk at the Oregon Zoo, and it took a chain saw, hand saws and a drill that can punch through concrete to do the job.
At least 20 people worked from midmorning to early afternoon to remove the rock-hard ivory, which was extracted in foot-long, bloody slabs. A ring the size of a roll of duct tape remains; veterinarians plan to go after it in about six weeks.
Oregon Zoo veterinarian Mitch Finnegan said the procedure posed a risk, but feared leaving the long-term infection untreated posed a greater one. Finnegan feared that Tusko would be too weak to stand when the anesthesia wore off, or that if he did stand, he might fall.
But Tusko started to move his legs, then rocked his body back and forth before sitting up and slowly standing.

Officials condemn 'South of the Border' party
SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — A "South of the Border" theme party has stirred outrage at a university after students showed up at the bash dressed as Hispanic janitors, gardeners, gangbangers and pregnant teens.
Photographs from the private, off-campus party organized by Santa Clara University students in late January appeared on the Internet soon afterward, prompting an outcry on campus.
One image shows a partygoer with a balloon stuffed under her shirt, making her appear pregnant. In another, a woman wears pink rubber cleaning gloves and carries a feather duster.
Paul Locatelli, president of the nearly 8,400-student Jesuit university, has condemned the party. A campus spokeswoman said the school is investigating the party and that the university's code of conduct extends to students who live off-campus.
A protest march organized by students attracted 250 people, while the campus has held meetings and plans a forum next week.

Mutated duckling born with four legs
LONDON (AP) — Webbed feet run in Stumpy's family, but a rare mutation has left the eight-day-old duckling with two nearly full-sized legs behind the two he runs on.
Nicky Janaway, a duck farmer in New Forest, Hampshire, 95 miles southwest of London, unveiled the duckling to reporters on Saturday.
"It was absolutely bizarre. I was thinking, 'He's got too many legs,' and I kept counting, 'One, two, three, four,'" Janaway said.
Stumpy would probably not survive in the wild, but Janaway, who runs the Warrawee Duck Farm in New Forest, says he is doing well.
"He's eating and surviving so far and he is running about with those extra legs acting like stabilizers," Janaway said.

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MON MAT: 1:45

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MON MAT: 2:25

GHOST RIDER (PG-13)
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Windy and warmer 55° / 44°	Rain and drizzle possible 52° / 33°	Partly sunny 60° / 39°	Mostly sunny 56° / 42°	Clouds and sun; breezy 53° / 48°

Illinois Weather

Rockford 38/26, Chicago 37/29, Peoria 46/31, Springfield 50/32, Carbondale 55/44, Cairo 57/40, Quincy 51/31, Champaign 49/31, Rock Island 42/27

Almanac
Carbondale through 3 p.m. yesterday
Temperature: High/low yesterday 37°/16°, Normal high/low 46°/25°
Precipitation: 24 hours ending 3 p.m. yest. 0.02", Month to date 1.70", Normal month to date 1.85", Year to date 5.08", Normal year to date 4.76"

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today 6:43 a.m., Sunset tonight 5:40 p.m., Moonrise today 7:49 a.m., Moonset today 8:23 p.m.

National Cities

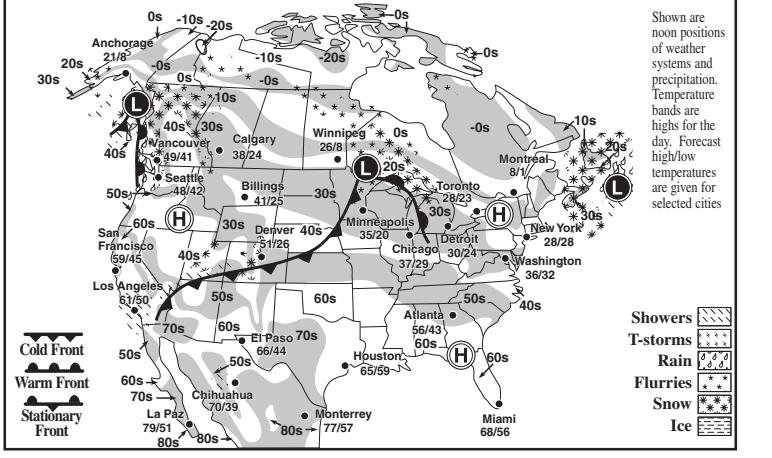
City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	56	43	s	59	51	c
Boston	20	19	pc	39	33	c
Cincinnati	46	34	pc	47	32	r
Dallas	68	56	pc	77	51	c
Denver	51	26	c	53	28	s
Indianapolis	47	36	pc	43	31	r
Kansas City	51	30	pc	50	33	pc
Las Vegas	63	43	sh	65	46	pc
Nashville	56	44	pc	60	47	c
New Orleans	65	54	pc	74	58	c
New York City	28	28	pc	42	33	pc
Orlando	65	40	s	74	49	pc
Phoenix	70	52	sh	69	49	s
San Francisco	59	45	pc	59	49	pc
Seattle	48	42	r	46	38	sh
Washington, DC	36	32	pc	48	36	pc

National Weather Today

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

Regional Cities

City	Today Hi	Today Lo	Today W	Tue. Hi	Tue. Lo	Tue. W
Bloomington	49	28	pc	42	28	r
Cape Girardeau	55	44	pc	55	39	r
Champaign	49	31	pc	44	26	r
Chicago	37	29	c	43	27	c
Danville	46	32	pc	44	27	r
Edwardsville	54	36	pc	49	34	r
Moline	42	26	pc	44	26	pc
Mt. Vernon	52	42	pc	49	31	r
Paducah	57	46	pc	56	40	r
Peoria	46	31	pc	46	30	r
Quincy	51	31	pc	46	32	pc
Rockford	38	26	c	41	23	c
Springfield	50	32	pc	47	29	r



DE named best college paper in state for second straight year

Staff report
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The DAILY EGYPTIAN began a winning streak over the weekend when it was named the best college newspaper in the state for the second year in a row at the Illinois College Press Association conference in Chicago.

The newspaper won 27 awards at the annual event Saturday, including first place in the John David Reed General Excellence category. Seven awards were for first place, including accolades for advertising, photography, design and reporting.

The Daily Illini of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the Daily Eastern News of Eastern Illinois University finished second and third overall, respectively.

"It's nice to know our long hours, our hard work and our low grade point averages have produced the best college newspaper in the state," said Editor-in-Chief Mark Edmondson, a junior from West Salem.

Bill Freivogel, interim director of the School of Journalism, said he hoped the awards would encourage aspiring journalists to come to SIUC.

"I certainly feel as though it's one of our biggest selling points as a school, that they can work on the best student newspaper in Illinois," he said.

The former St. Louis Post-Dispatch editor said the paper was one of the reasons he came to SIUC in December 2005. He also credited the role of the journalism faculty.

"I think it helps that we have a lot of professors who enjoy working directly with the students on the DAILY EGYPTIAN, who have many years of experience in newsrooms that they can impart to the students,"

Freivogel said.

Managing Editor Brandon Weisenberger, who was on a three-member team awarded first place for in-depth reporting, attributed the paper's top ranking to the staff's commitment to its readers.

"When we put out stories, whether they're about a chancellor getting demoted or a wiener dog fashion show, we keep in mind the people who read us and make what we do matter," he said.

Weisenberger, a 19-year-old sophomore from West Salem, said he came to SIUC because of the DE, and the paper's recognition is a positive accomplishment for the university.

Arijit Banerjee, a 30-year-old graduate student from India studying media management, received five awards for advertising.

"We've dominated the ICPA in terms of advertising awards for the last two years, so I wouldn't say I wasn't expecting it, but I'm really happy about five," he said.

Banerjee said the ads focused on branding the DE itself, especially its Web site, siuDE.com, which is ranked No. 33 in terms of traffic for all college newspapers in the nation.

Lane Christiansen, a 21-year-old from Algonquin who is on a six-month internship at The State Journal Register in Springfield, won four awards for photography.

She said she was particularly proud of a photo of a mother kneeling at a pair of combat boots representing her son, who died while serving in Iraq.

Christiansen said she left the shoot in tears.

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2006 Awards for Excellence in Illinois College Newspapers won by the DAILY EGYPTIAN

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Feature Photo

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Honorable Mention

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Advertisement Campaign

Photo Essay

Sports Feature Story

Editorials

Sports Page Design

Graphic Illustration



Mayoral hopefuls set to address student questions

Brandon Augsborg
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students will get a chance to ask the Carbondale mayoral candidates to weigh in on university-related issues Wednesday at the Meet the Candidates forum at SIUC.

The forum — organized by the DAILY EGYPTIAN, Black Affairs Council and Undergraduate Student Government — is at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Health Center Auditorium. The public is welcome to attend the free forum, but it is primarily designed for students and members of the university community.

All four mayoral candidates — Brad Cole, Sheila Simon, Jessica Davis and Pepper Holder — are expected to attend.

Moderator Bill Freivogel, interim director of the School of Journalism, said the forum would be more of a question and answer session as opposed to a debate between the candidates.

"We're styling it more as a forum and not necessarily a debate amongst the candidates," he said. "I hope this will give those who attend and are in the audience a chance to ask a question directly."

USV Vice President Paul Ogwal said the forum is meant to allow students to present questions that pertain to what actually affects the student population.

"The more students and university community that we can get out to this event the better," he said.

"I really think that it's important that we try to work together as a university community and as a Carbondale community, because we all live in the same community."

Black Affairs Council Coordinator Kevin Winstead said the forum would offer an opportunity for students to get candidates to answer their questions right away.

"Sometimes, I feel that within the city's political process that sometimes students are even left out or forgotten," he said. "This is a great opportunity for some of the issues that students have to get addresses."

The organizers ask that anyone who plans on attending to show up 15 minutes early so they can be briefed on the rules and the structure of the event.

The organizers expect the forum to last about an hour, and hope to provide refreshments and face time with the candidates afterward.

The USG meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday has been moved to 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center Ballroom B. Ogwal said the forum would not allow enough time for the USG meeting, where the group is set to discuss proposed increases in student fees.

The mayoral primary election, in which the field will be narrowed from four to two candidates, is Feb. 27.

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CALIFORNIA

Marine sentenced for helping to kill Iraqi

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — A Marine who said he never fired a shot in the kidnapping and murder of an Iraqi man was sentenced Saturday to 8 years in military prison — the longest sentence yet in the case.

Lance Cpl. Robert B. Pennington, 22, also was reduced in rank and given a dishonorable discharge during the sentencing hearing at the Camp Pendleton Marine base.

Pennington was part of an eight-member squad accused of kidnapping and killing Hashim Ibrahim Awad, 52, last April in the Iraqi town of Hamdania. Investigators said the Marines dragged Awad from his home, shot him and then planted an AK-47 and a shovel by his body to make it look like he was an insurgent planting a bomb.

BANGKOK

Bombs kill 3 in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — At least 23 bombs exploded Sunday in apparently coordinated attacks in parts of southern Thailand plagued by a Muslim insurgency, killing three people and wounding more than 50, the military said.

The bombings targeted electricity transmitters, hotels, karaoke bars and markets in the country's southernmost provinces, the only parts of Buddhist Thailand with Muslim majorities.

Violence has escalated in recent months despite a major policy shift by the military-imposed government, which is trying to replace an earlier, iron-fisted approach in dealing with the rebels with a "hearts and minds" campaign.

More than 2,000 people have died in the provinces bordering Malaysia since the insurgency erupted in 2004, fueled by accusations of decades of misrule by the central government.

NEW YORK

Internet addict sues IBM after firing

WHITE PLAINS, New York (AP) — A man who was fired by IBM for visiting an adult chat room at work is suing the company for \$5 million, claiming he is an Internet addict who deserves treatment and sympathy rather than dismissal.

James Pacenza, 58, of Montgomery, says he visits chat rooms to treat traumatic stress incurred in 1969 when he saw his best friend killed during an Army patrol in Vietnam.

In papers filed in federal court in White Plains, Pacenza said the stress caused him to become "a sex addict, and with the development of the Internet, an Internet addict."

His lawyer, Michael Diederich, says Pacenza never visited pornographic sites at work, violated no written IBM rule and did not surf the Internet any more or any differently than other employees.

IBM has asked Judge Stephen Robinson for a summary judgment, saying its policy against surfing sexual Web sites is clear.

UTAH

Man dies after being buried in avalanche

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — A man died after being caught in an avalanche Saturday while snowmobiling near Tower Mountain in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, authorities said.

The man was with at least three people but was the only one caught in the slide, according to the Wasatch County Sheriff's Office.

His friends dug through the snow looking for him, first finding his snowmobile and then his body. They administered CPR and called for help, police said.

JERUSALEM

Police commander resigns in scandal

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's police commander resigned Sunday after a government commission said he ignored ties between senior officers and underworld figures and failed to ensure a thorough investigation into the 1999 killing of a suspected crime boss.

The resignation of Moshe Karadi was the latest in a series of public scandals and controversies involving Israel's top leadership — including rape allegations against the president and questions over the prime minister's role in a bank sale.



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCT

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and Sen. Chuck Shumer (D-N.Y.) (right) and Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) (left) speak to reporters following a symbolic vote to reject President Bush's decision to deploy thousands more troops to Iraq on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on Saturday.

Democratic senators consider limiting war authorization in Iraq

Hope Yen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats pledged renewed efforts Sunday to curtail the Iraq war, suggesting they will seek to limit a 2002 measure authorizing President Bush's use of force against Saddam Hussein.

The top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said the proposal had little chance of succeeding. "I think the president would veto it and the veto would be upheld," said Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana.

A day after Republicans foiled a Democratic bid to repudiate Bush's deployment of 21,500 additional combat troops to Iraq, Senate Democrats declined to embrace measures — being advanced in the House — that would attach con-

ditions to additional funding for troops.

Sen. Carl Levin, who chairs the Armed Services Committee, said Democratic senators would probably seek to capitalize on wavering Republicans to limit the "wide-open authorization" Congress gave Bush in 2002.

Sen. Joe Biden, a 2008 presidential candidate who leads the foreign relations panel, said the 2002 authorization should be repealed to restate the president's authority and clarify the mission of U.S. troops in Iraq.

"I've been working with some of my colleagues to try to convince them that that's the way to go ... make it clear that the purpose that

he has troops in there is to, in fact, protect against al-Qaida gaining chunks of territory, training the Iraqi forces, force protection and for our forces," said Biden, D-Del.

The Democratic-controlled Senate failed to force debate on

a nonbinding resolution opposing the troop buildup. The 56-34 vote fell four short of the 60 needed, but Democrats quickly claimed victory, noting

that a majority of senators — seven of them Republicans — effectively voted against the escalation.

After a week of contentious debate in Congress, the White House scoffed at Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's claim that the

U.S.-led invasion in March 2003 has become "the worst foreign policy mistake" in U.S. history.

"The war is tough, but the solution is not to get out," press secretary Tony Snow said.

Snow said it was important to remove Saddam from power and noted that a majority of senators voted in 2002 to authorize force in Iraq.

The House passed a nonbinding resolution Friday that rejected the president's 21,500-troop buildup in Iraq. The vote put Bush on the defensive going into a far more consequential confrontation over paying for the plan.

House Democrats have said they will attempt to place restrictions on Bush's request for an additional \$93 billion for the military in an effort to make it impossible for him to deploy all 21,500 additional troops.

"The war is tough, but the solution is not to get out."

— Tony Snow
White House press secretary

Helicopter crash kills 8, wounds 14 U.S. troops

Noor Khan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHAHJOI, Afghanistan — After radioing in an unexplained loss of power and engine failure, a military helicopter crashed early Sunday in southeastern Afghanistan, killing eight U.S. service members. Fourteen survived with injuries.

Officials immediately ruled out enemy fire as a cause of the crash.

It was the deadliest single incident this year for the 47,000 U.S.-led coalition and NATO forces in Afghanistan.

The helicopter was carrying 22 U.S. service members when it had a "sudden, unexplained loss of power and control and crashed," U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col.

David Accetta said.

Zabul provincial Gov. Dilber Jan Arman said it was possible that the helicopter crash was due to bad weather.

The military relies heavily on helicopters for transport and operations because of Afghanistan's forbidding terrain and lack of passable roads. Dust and high altitude of Afghan's mountains take a heavy toll on helicopter engines.

In May 2006, another U.S. CH-47 Chinook crashed attempting a nighttime landing on a small mountaintop in eastern Kunar province, killing 10 U.S. soldiers.

In 2005, a U.S. helicopter crashed in Kunar, after apparently being hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, killing 16 American troops.

Palestinian under pressure to renounce violence

Laurie Copans
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — The U.S. and Israel agreed ahead of a three-way meeting with the Palestinians not to work with any new Palestinian government that does not renounce violence, recognize Israel and accept existing peace agreements, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Sunday.

The so-called Quartet of Mideast negotiators — the U.S., European Union, U.N. and Russia — has set these demands as a condition for lifting crippling international sanctions against the Palestinians. The platform of a new Palestinian power-sharing agreement reached this month speaks only of "respect" for existing peace deals.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Sunday tried to persuade visiting Secretary of State

Condoleezza Rice to give the Hamas-Fatah coalition a chance, his aides said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter with the media.

During the meeting, Rice said the U.S. position is unchanged, a senior American official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the talks were private. He said the U.S. would withhold judgment until the Palestinian government is formed. "We will reach our own conclusions," he said.

The Palestinian officials said Abbas, in turn, told Rice that his deal with Hamas was the best he could get, suggesting change in the government's program was unlikely. He also emphasized that he, not the government, would handle negotiations with Israel, and Rice assured him the U.S. would continue dealing with him, his aides said.

Singing in the new year

CESL students celebrate Chinese New Year with karaoke, Asian food

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

In addition to eating traditional foods to bring in the Chinese New Year, students from the Center for English as a Second Language took part in a more contemporary Asian pastime — karaoke.

More than 50 students from across the globe gathered Friday in Faner Hall to eat Asian food and sing karaoke in celebration of the first day of the Chinese New Year, which officially began Sunday.

Karaoke is a popular form of entertainment in China, said Olivia Chen, a CESL student from China. She said the pressures of Chinese society have caused the practice to become more popular.

"On the weekend, after school or after work, we karaoke," she said.

Thach Vo, a CESL student from Vietnam, sang karaoke to "My Heart Will Go On," the theme song to the blockbuster "Titanic." Vo said the song, which reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1997, is still popular in Vietnam.

CESL Director Marilyn Rivers said Friday was the first time the center celebrated the Chinese New

Year. She said the event is not exclusive to Chinese students, because many Asian countries celebrate the holiday.

Max Yen, an engineering professor from Taiwan, said the Chinese New Year is traditionally an opportunity to reflect and recuperate from the past year.

"It's like our Christmas," he said.

Marc Chang, a CESL student from Taiwan, made tea eggs — a traditional Chinese dish often associated with the New Year — for the event.

"Tea eggs bring luck," he said.

Jiyoung Lee, a CESL student from South Korea, wore a handmade hanbok to the event. Hanboks are traditional pieces of Korean clothing known for having many colors and no pockets. Lee said she only wears the hanbok on days of celebration.

The Chinese Students and Scholars Association will host a performance in celebration of the new year today at the Carbondale Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$6.

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Pu 'Bright' Qim, right, and Meng-Chun 'Mickey' Chien, left, sing karaoke while Botian Xia, middle, cheers them on Friday afternoon in Faner during the Chinese New Year festival. All three are at SIUC to learn English with the Center for English as a Second Language.

Help wanted

Businesses look for up-and-comers at spring job fair

Ryan Rendleman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students looking to tap into the post-SIUC job market have the chance Tuesday to speak with representatives from more than 90 companies at the spring semester job fair.

Businesses such as Boeing and Caterpillar are set to be on hand for the event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center ballrooms.

"Networking is the No. 1 job search strategy," said Michelle Garret, a Career Services specialist and job fair coordinator. "Many more people get their jobs via networking rather than posting their résumé online or actually applying for a specific position."

Career Services specialist Jaime Conley-Holt said all students could benefit from the fair, even though people generally think it's for seniors. She said the companies look for a variety of majors, so students from all fields of study should come to the event.

"Some of the employers actually look for people in any major," Garret said.

Students interested in approaching potential bosses need to be aware of a few important things, Conley-Holt said. They should dress nicely, research a few of the companies they are interested in and prepare questions to ask

the representatives.

Multiple copies of résumés are also key, she said.

Garrett also said with a little planning ahead, students could look more impressive to the employers. She said students focus on the 10 to 25 companies they are interested in.

"Students really need to prepare their introduction, explain where they're at in their academic career and what they hope to do with their future and how their specific interests and skills could meet that company's or organization's needs," she said.

Mark Hoaglund, a graduate student from Clifton studying economics, said he has been to the job fair twice and plans to attend it again Tuesday.

Even though not every job he is interested in is represented, he said he thinks it is beneficial to students. He said he would like to see employers from bigger cities brought to the fair in the future.

According to the Career Services Web site, businesses pay up to \$275 to be represented at the job fair.

Conley-Holt said SIUC has hosted the fair for more than 30 years. She said students looking for internships should come to the event because the businesses aren't just looking to hire.

"When you make a contact with an employer and you're actually face to face with them and you can speak to them then, they are more likely to remember you and want to hire you and contact you later," she said.

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OUR WORD

A deal well done

Reaching this deal, through weeks of disagreement and eventual compromise, is a much-needed shot in the arm for the university.

In its quest to turn around the Carbondale campus, SIU might have secured its strongest ally — the faculty.

After eight months, hundreds of hours and a loss of downtime and family time, negotiators for the Board of Trustees and Faculty Association struck a tentative deal last week on a new contract, one that holds the promise of more money for professors.

It just might be the surge of motivation this university has been lacking.

Dressed to the nines and sporting million-dollar smiles on Friday, reps from both sides announced what they called a “historic” deal. Some still groggy-eyed after the final talks the day before, they

spoke of how the agreement is a positive moment for the university and a turning point for a school trying to brighten its future.

The deal requires ratification by both the union and BOT, but it is certain to pass if the excitement shown by leaders ripples throughout their respective camps.

Reaching this deal, through weeks of disagreement and eventual compromise, is a much-needed shot in the arm for the university. Happy professors lead to productive classrooms, which result in students energized to learn — and eager to stay — at SIUC.

Led by mathematics professor Marvin Zeman, one of the most outspoken employees on the faculty roster, the union has done well to ensure that those who lead the classrooms are recognized for their efforts.

Between ushering thousands of students through academia and conducting required research to keep their jobs, the members of

SIUC’s faculty have their work cut out for them. They deserve the best the university can provide them.

SIU officials have played their cards right, engaging in peaceful talks instead of clouding the process with bureaucratic mumbo jumbo. By emphasizing diplomacy over oppositional tactics, the university’s brass has earned the respect of the faculty, and likely many throughout the SIUC community.

The Carbondale campus is full of talented professors. They uncover relics in Peru, develop machines that track cancer cells, play piano at Carnegie Hall and write award-winning poetry.

To keep this creative crop around, university leaders must see professors as teammates, not just employees.

Returning SIUC to a premier institution will not be easy, but with strength in numbers, the odds will only get rosier.

It’s time to get to work.

GUEST COLUMN

Obama has the ability to relate with a crowd

Erik Rancatore
GUEST COLUMNIST

It was cold, frigidly cold. It was the kind of cold where your feet are so cold that you cannot feel each step that you take outside.

But it was worth being that cold. In one city square block, more than 15,000 people crammed themselves in to see the next “rock star” of the Democratic Party — U.S. Sen. Barack Obama.

It felt like a rock concert, people crammed into every inch of space that they could find, lights from the media beaming down onto the stage and U2’s music playing in the background as the first-term senator took the stage.

This turnout was for a man who declared on that frigid day his candidacy for the 2008 presidential race. As soon as he announced his campaign, the crowd forgot about how cold it was outside and was transfixed on what this man had to say.

We’ve heard people talk about the way Sen. Obama can speak and move an audience. America has been exposed to his speaking on television but, until you are in a crowd, a sea of people, in person, listening to every single word and thought that this man has to say, you won’t understand his impact.

It’s the exact same way I explain watching soccer on television to soccer haters. You can’t watch it on television and understand the impact of the moment.

The same concept applies to Sen. Obama’s capability to focus you on his message and his desire to become the next president.

I’m not endorsing Obama for president — although there is a good chance I could submit my vote for him. Rather, I’m applauding the way he interacts with the audience, with those who support his campaign.

Obama realizes that we aren’t stupid and that we realize there are problems with the world and our relation with foreign countries.

Do I think he could be the best

international ambassador as the representative for the United States? Sure. But I believe his impact at home would be greater.

I believe his work as a community organizer in some of the worst Chicago neighborhoods gave him a great advantage on helping and assisting those struggling in our nation.

We all know of the struggles in New Orleans, the areas that have not been helped out. Unfortunately, those continuing issues are not going to be completed over night.

However, Sen. Obama’s resume and background indicates that he could be the man to put a plan in place. He seems to genuinely care for the every day citizen with the most common problem to an unbelievably absurd problem.

Don’t discount the other candidates, though.

As impressed as I am overall by Obama’s ability to capture an audience and a few of his initiatives, this political battle will be a fight of the heavyweights. Sen. Hillary Clinton has great momentum going into this

race and Sen. John Edwards seems to be gaining support as well.

This will not be a pretty tussle determining who will represent the Democratic Party. However, we have reached a great time to reflect on where our society has come.

No longer is it just another white man with the capabilities to grasp the office of the president. Rather, it is a diversified group with different cultural backgrounds that has the chance to represent the melting pot that is the United States of America.

Rancatore is a sophomore studying radio and television.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

“We are not a job placement service. They’re the key to this thing happening — not us.”

Burt Pusch
director of program services for the Transition to Employment on the program and the graduate students involved with it

Cultural show unites international community

Alejandro Gonzalez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC's international community came together Friday night to showcase performances from all over the world, from Africans playing traditional drums to an Indian fashion show.

The annual culture show had presentations from 13 international organizations, said Salman Mohiuddina, president of the International Student Council. The show attracted about 1,000 people and every seat in the Student Center ballrooms was taken.

The event took months of preparation to organize and each international association was asked to give one performance.

"Everything that was seen was part of each organization's culture. So they presented their culture," said Mohiuddina, a senior from Hyderabad, India, studying electrical engineering.

One cultural presentation was of Capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian martial arts dance performed by the Latin American Student Association and the Capoeira club.

The club's leader, Eric Dangoy a graduate student from Chicago, has practiced the dance for four years.

"This is all improvised, none of this is choreographed. We worked off of each other," Dangoy said. "For doing it for the first time in front of these people, we did as good as one could hope."

Another presentation by the Arab Student Association had men in white robes with their faces covered as they danced with swords.

Misfer Almarri, a freshman from Damam, Saudi Arabia, studying mechanical engineering, sang along with the music as he watched the Arab presentation.

"It's a national song about the king of Saudi Arabia," Almarri said. "In Saudi Arabia there are many cultures because it is a very big area. It's like they represented two kinds of traditional dances in Saudi Arabia."

Nalini Rao, a graduate student



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ABOVE: The Caribbean Student Association performs during the International Festival on Friday night in the Student Center. The annual culture show had presentations from 13 international organizations and attracted about 1,000 people.

RIGHT: Mohammed Radwan, left, prays at 6 p.m. before the International Festival. Radwan performed a dance with the Arab Student Association.

from Hyderabad, India, in electrical and computer engineering, said she liked the Indian dance because it was a fusion of modern and traditional India. She said she also liked the African performance.

"I really liked the drums from Africa. I've always wanted to listen to traditional African music with drums," Rao said.

Although Rao said she enjoyed the festival, she believes more festivals

should be held.

"I think we should have more international festivals, not just one night, so that we get to meet people," Rao said. "Here we just watch performances, but something where we get to meet students from other countries, try to make friends and have parties together. That would be nice."

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CITY ELECTIONS

Forum addresses community concerns

Candidates answer campaign questions

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The mayoral candidate forum held Friday night, while sometimes heated between two contenders, gave all four running a chance to answer questions concerning the community of Carbondale.

More than 100 people attended the event sponsored by the League of Women voters of Jackson County in collaboration with the Carbondale Times and WSIU Public Broadcasting. Mayor Brad Cole, Councilwoman Sheila Simon, Pepper Holder and Jessica Davis answered questions ranging from the recent rise in electric rates to funding for the Eurma C. Hayes Center.

The format of the forum gave each candidate two minutes for opening remarks, where all four took the time to thank the packed audience for attending the event. The candidates were then asked 15 questions and were given one minute to respond. At the end of the question and answer session, each was given another minute for closing statements.

The audience was asked to hold

their applause until the end of the questioning period, but that request did not stop some from responding to what the mayoral candidates said.

The final question of the night asked whether the four felt the city's hiring of a lobby firm to gain federal money to build a joint police station for city and university police was necessary. Cole defended his position on the lobbyist, eliciting some gasps from the crowd with a verbal jab at Simon.

"Of course the city of Carbondale — the city council — approved the hiring of a lobbyist to go out and get federal money, to bring home the bacon," Cole said. "I didn't grow up in the halls of the Capitol, so I need a little help getting some phone calls returned."

He went on to say with the recent change of the majority in Congress, there is an uncertainty as to what will happen in the future, but that cities still need representation. He also said if cities can use all of their personal contacts to make a deal, then no lobbyist would be necessary.

Simon said she was in agreement with the mayor, especially at the time the lobbyist was hired. However, she said now that area representatives and senators are in the majority, calls were being returned.

"I think we can probably move

from having a lobbyist because I think we can get the job done with our elected representatives now," she said.

Davis and Holder also weighed in on other questions, sometimes causing the audience to react.

When the candidates were asked whether they felt there were enough members of the city code enforcement staff and if current housing codes were up to par, a three-word answer from Davis had the crowd in stitches.

"No," she said. "Thank you."

Candidates were also asked to describe what they know about crime in Carbondale and how the mayor can impact that. Holder said he felt crime was related to the unemployment rate as well as people living below the poverty line.

"Poverty in itself is a crime," Holder said.

The forum was the first of three, with the second to be held after the Feb. 27 primary at 7 p.m. March 29. It will feature six city council candidates along with the remaining two mayoral candidates. The last will be held at 7 p.m. April 13 for the Carbondale Park District candidates.

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CONTRACT

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Faculty members threatened to strike in 2002 as negotiations lasted longer than a year. In the latest round of talks, no such threats were made, but the two sides would often go weeks without meeting during times of disagreement.

Union and BOT representatives said the relatively peaceful talks came by interest-based bargaining, a form of negotiations in which the sides come to the table with their goals and work towards compromise.

"I congratulate both teams for this successful outcome," interim Chancellor John Dunn said. "Both made a conscious and conscientious effort to advocate and to listen."

While salary was the dominant issue in talks, the sides agreed to give a faculty panel more say when assistant or associate professors are

denied tenure. If the rejected faculty members appeal, a panel vote can ensure another review.

In reaching an agreement on salary and tenure issues, the union had to compromise and dropped a proposal asking for a vote on whether all faculty members should pay a union service charge regardless if they are members.

Faculty Association President Marvin Zeman said despite the struggles and compromise, the tentative agreement was a positive step.

"This contract is about one thing — the faculty," Zeman said. "We are the backbone of this university. And we are not done. We need to work together as a university community to bring SIUC back to its high standards within the state and the nation."

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VIGIL

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"He used to always refer to those years as his 'young gun' years."

During his time in Japan, Collier said Harris became involved in martial arts.

"He was a martial artist and he used to fight in the tournaments over there," he said. "He had all kinds of certificates for winning."

Lamont "LA" Rice, a senior from Rockford studying industrial technology, was a friend of Harris who sang a few verses of "It's So Hard To

Say Goodbye To Yesterday" a cappella to remember him. Rice said Harris often told him he should try out for American Idol.

"He was a lively individual, he loved to party, and was very caring," Rice said.

Pierce said that Harris would always be remembered for his selflessness and kindness.

"The guy was just a genuine person," Pierce said. "I'm sure that you've heard the cliché that the good people are always the ones that go first. That's a bogus cliché, but in the case of Ryan, that is definitely true."



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Saluki fans cheer during the second half of the SIU vs. Butler game Saturday afternoon at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. The Salukis defeated the Bulldogs 68-64.

TAMING

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Patrick Maloney, a graduate student from Bartlett studying business administration, held up a sign that read, "ESPN2 — taking names and kicking Butler."

He said he was not surprised by the large number of Saluki fans in attendance.

"I was expecting more, but it sold out," he said.

Maloney said the Saluki fans made their presence known even though the Bulldog fans outnumbered them.

"When the stadium was supposed to be quiet and you hear the SIU chant, that's a big difference,

especially when you hear an air ball chant against the home team," he said.

Brody Demattei, a 13-year-old from Carbondale, wore a black and maroon Afro wig as he cheered on the team.

"It was really close," he said. "We knew SIU had to dig down deep to win."

Demattei said he was surprised so many SIU fans made the trek to Indianapolis.

"I thought it'd be a couple hundred, but it was a couple thousand I think," he said. "It made a big difference."

Bob Kariako, a retiree from Carbondale, said it was one of the greatest wins he's witnessed in

many years following the Salukis. "All wins are good, but this was a special one," he said.

Jason Davis, a junior from Libertyville studying automotive technology, said the difference was the team's experience in big, NCAA tournament-like atmospheres.

"Guys like Tatum and [SIU forward Randal] Falker, they've been there in the crunch time," he said.

He said he expected the Saluki fans to dominate the arena, and they did.

"Our fans are really supportive, and pretty crazy," he said.

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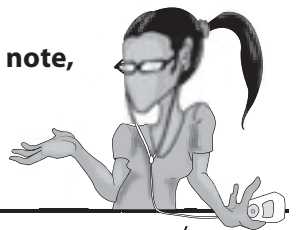
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'Ghost Rider' burns out

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Rated: PG-13

Starring: Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes, Peter Fonda, Sam Elliott, Wes Bentley
Directed by: Mark Steven Johnson
Run Time: 114 minutes

It might behoove "Ghost Rider" director Mark Steven Johnson to consider selling his soul to Satan to increase the grosses of his latest comic book adaptation, but not even the darkest of dark lords will likely provide much help.

After sitting on the shelf for nearly two years because of rumored special effects concerns and editing problems, "Ghost Rider" burns out in a blaze of comical villains, over the top acting and goofy one-liners. These elements are cinematic cyanide for serious movie fans, but a treat for those fond of comic book films or Nicolas Cage's ability to over emote and gesticulate with the best in the business.

Based on the niche Marvel comic of the same name, "Ghost Rider" tells the story of famed/

doomed motorcyclist Johnny Blaze (Cage), who enters a crooked pact with Mephistopheles (Peter Fonda). When Blaze's father (Brett Cullen) contracts cancer, the cyclist enlists the help of the aforementioned dark lord. In exchange for curing his ailing father, the devil forces Blaze into becoming the bounty hunter Ghost Rider.

When, decades later, Mephistopheles' son Blackheart (Wes Bentley) decides to challenge ol' dad, the elder evil deity enlists Ghost Rider to help avoid a literal Hellish uprising. Armed with a wicked chain, a flaming skull and a seemingly magical motorcycle, Blaze lays waste to the best Hell has to offer in scene after scene filled with riding stunts and fire effects.



There's an underplayed "romance" with Blaze's sweetheart Roxanne (Eva Mendes), a wacky pal (Donal Logue) who provides sage-like advice and a rogue's gallery of bad guys, but none of it seems consequential. Johnson goes seemingly out of his way to suck any emotion or consequence from the story, and "Ghost Rider" never carries any suspense or weight. What it does have, however, is intentional and unintentional laughs and campy performances.

The real problem with "Ghost Rider" is that



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Nicolas Cage star's in 'Ghost Rider,' the most recent comic book based film.

it's both bad and bad enough to be pretty entertaining. Cage hams it up in his most over the top performance to date, but it's entertaining to see the formerly respected actor channel the bravado of Elvis while consuming a martini glass filled with jelly beans or watching tapes of chimps performing kung fu. While some of the CGI effects aren't exactly up to snuff, much of the film's action is big, dumb fun. These comical elements are

the saving grace of a film with the good sense to present itself as a joke, a joyride and an unabashed popcorn flick.

In a year that has been full of utterly bad films already, "Ghost Rider" is at least bad in an utterly enjoyable way. The film's trouble will be finding the cross section of comic fans and film enthusiasts willing to accept "Ghost Rider's" campy flaws as fun.

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512 S. Beveridge #2-7
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306 W. Cherry
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404 W. Cherry Court
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406 W. Cherry Court
407 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Cherry Court
409 W. Cherry Court
410 W. Cherry Court
310 W. College #2-4
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300 N. Oakland
505 N. Oakland
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607 N. Allyn
609 N. Allyn
408 S. Ash
410 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #2, 3
506 S. Ash
514 S. Ash #1, 3,6
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beveridge
506 S. Beveridge
507 S. Beveridge #2-5
509 S. Beveridge #1-4
513 S. Beveridge #1-4
515 S. Beveridge #2 & 3
209 W. Cherry
309 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #1
405 W. Cherry
501 W. Cherry
606 W. Cherry
614 W. Cherry
405 W. Cherry Court
406 W. Cherry Court
407 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Cherry Court
409 W. Cherry Court
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303 W. College
309 W. College #1-4

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400 W. College #1-4
407 W. College #1-4
409 W. College #1,4-5
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503 S. Hays
505 S. Hays
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Four Bedroom

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410 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #3
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beveridge
506 S. Beveridge
209 W. Cherry
309 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #1
405 W. Cherry
501 W. Cherry
606 W. Cherry
614 W. Cherry
300 E. College
312 W. College #3

401 W. College #1-4
807 W. College
809 W. College
305 Crestview
502 W. Freeman
603 S. Forest
500 S. Hays
503 S. Hays
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610 S. Logan
413 W. Monroe
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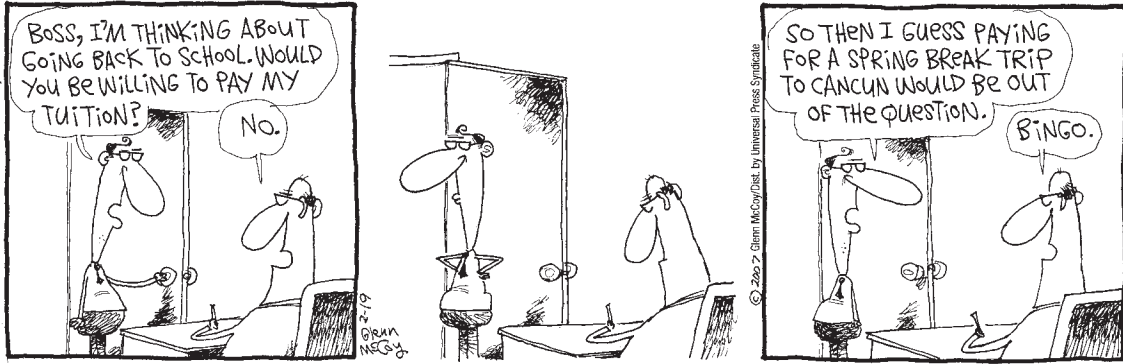
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			2		5	8	
	5		9	1	6		
8							3
		2	5		3		9
	1	7		3			
	6						5
9		5	4		2		

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Friday's puzzle

9	1	8	2	6	4	3	7	5
4	5	7	8	3	1	2	9	6
3	2	6	9	5	7	8	4	1
1	7	3	6	2	5	4	8	9
6	4	9	3	1	8	5	2	7
5	8	2	7	4	9	6	1	3
7	6	5	1	8	2	9	3	4
8	9	4	5	7	3	1	6	2
2	3	1	4	9	6	7	5	8

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Today's Birthday (02-19-07). You're very inquisitive this year, and quite confident. You'll challenge the old limits and blast through several. Not all your ideas are appreciated, but don't let that stop you. Come up with something else. That works, over and over again. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 4 - You still have a lot on your mind. It's becoming less of a burden. You're sorting through all the pros and cons. You'll soon have a plan of action.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Others seek your opinion, and you can see how they might need it. Sometimes it looks to you like they don't have a lick of sense.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - Although you feel sure you're right, appear to be listening intently. Be respectful. Don't make wise cracks. Be watching out for a surprise move.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You're losing interest in making sure you have enough on hand. That's natural, because you almost do. Don't forget to wrap things up well.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - Continue to sort through the numbers. Pretend it's a job you like. You're actually pretty good at it now. Figure out what's really going on.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Let somebody else take over the tough part, for a while. You can watch for errors and helpfully point them out. You're really good at this.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - The work is certainly plentiful, and maybe even fun. There's not much income from it yet. This is more of a speculative nature. Don't spend more on it than you'll earn.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You're very attractive now, and very persuasive, too. Therefore, you don't need to throw your money around. Remember that.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - You're often the life of the party, the star of the show. You have permission now to be invisible to all but your close family. You're undergoing a metamorphosis.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You're so immersed in your studies, you hardly know time's going by. Today, the startling development is found through your research. You're on the right path.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - If at first you don't succeed, review your shopping list. There are several items on there that you can do without.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - You're very intelligent but inhibited by tunnel vision. Rely on your own experience in a similar situation.

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The Salukis were sharing the ball on offense all night with three players tied with 12 points. The offense was halted in the second half, however, shooting 29.2 percent and being held scoreless for seven minutes.

Eikenberg's team responded with lockdown defense, holding Drake to 34 percent shooting in the game. Eikenberg said she credited the win to a gutsy performance from the whole team.

"I thought we were really tough," Eikenberg said. "Our defense carried us."

Eikenberg said she expected a physical game and that the toughest team was going to win.

Junior guard Jayme Sweere was an example of tough defense as she locked down the Bulldogs best player, Lindsay Whorton.

"Sweere did a terrific job guarding Whorton," Eikenberg said. "She had some big offensive rebounds."

The Saluki of the night was sophomore forward Jasmine Gibson. Gibson came off the bench and

S. ILLINOIS 49, DRAKE 45

Friday at Des Moines, Iowa.

SIU (17-9, 13-2)	27	22	—49
DRAKE (8-16, 3-11)	23	22	—45

SIU Individual stats

Top scorers: Jasmine Gibson, Carlai Moore, Jayme Sweere 12
Top rebounder: Dana Olson 6

DU Individual stats

Top scorer: Lindsay Whorton 11
Top rebounder: Monique Jones 6

TEAM STATS	SIU	DU
Field goal %	38.8	34.0
3-Point %	22.2	28.6
Free throw %	81.8	87.5
Field goals-attempts	19-49	18-53
Rebounds (O-D-Total)	13-22-35	13-19-32
Steals	10	3
Turnovers	15	16

sparked the team on offense and defense.

She said she credits her 12 points, five rebounds and two steals to the practice leading up to the game.

"We were challenged all week in practice to come with a focus to stop penetration and certain plays they had designed," Gibson said. "As a team, we were totally in sync."

SIU seems to be peaking at the right time as the season comes to a

S. ILLINOIS 67, CREIGHTON 56

Sunday at Omaha, Neb.

SIU (17-9, 13-2)	31	36	—67
CU (10-15, 7-7)	22	34	—56

SIU Individual stats

Top scorers: Jasmine Gibson, Jayme Sweere 16
Top rebounder: Erica Smith 13

CU Individual stats

Top scorer: Megan Neuvirth 14
Top rebounder: Megan Neuvirth 12

TEAM STATS	SIU	CU
Field goal %	46.9	37.3
3-Point %	50.0	23.1
Free throw %	85.7	56.3
Field goals-attempts	23-49	22-59
Rebounds (O-D-Total)	10-24-34	18-18-36
Steals	5	6
Turnovers	14	12

close. The Salukis will play their last three games of the regular season in Carbondale.

"This is a pivotal time and you have to play to the best of your ability," Gibson said. "Our defensive intensity helps us do that."

SIU plays Evansville at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the SIU arena.

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sides of the ball."

Clemmons and Green, a junior guard, also combined for nine rebounds, including seven in the second half, when Falker didn't pull down any boards.

SIU junior forward Matt Shaw said Clemmons and Green took the load off Shaw with key rebounds

and putbacks.

"They did a great job of coming in and sparing the big guys' minutes," he said. "They're so big and strong and that's what their capable of doing. They can play as a guard or as a big man for us."

Green also notched a blocked shot and three offensive rebounds, while Clemmons sank all five of his free throws, four of which came in the second half.

Clemmons has converted 12 of his last 12 free throws over the last four games for the Salukis, and he has also shot 5-of-10 from the field in those games, averaging 5.8 points.

"Wes had much more poise in the last four games than he's had prior to that," Lowery said.

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as the game goes," Shaw said, "but we did a great job defensively as well in clutch times."

Shaw scored 15 points, shooting 4-for-4 from the floor and going 3-of-3 from beyond the arc. He was one of three Salukis to score in double figures — the others were senior guards Tatum and Tony Young.

Tatum finished the game with 20 points, but was scoreless in the second half until the 5:25 mark, when he split a pair of free throws. In the next 1:37 Tatum scored five straight points for SIU on two more free throws and a pull-up jumper from the baseline.

"That's a pro's shot," Lowery said. "He just flung it in."

Tatum also had four assists in the

win against Butler (24-4, 11-2).

"He was making shots, but the most important thing is everybody who was on the floor was playing very unselfishly offensively. We made the extra pass quite a bit," Lowery said. "JT always gets a lot of attention because his quickness and his ability to hit pull-ups. I just thought he did a very good job of making sure everybody was in the flow of the game, offensively."

Young scored 11 points in the contest and said the Salukis fed off the unfriendly Butler crowd.

"It's just one of those situations as a player, you want to go into there, you want to go into hostile environments to play. It just hypes it up that much more," Young said. "You can't let them get to you because a lot of people, if you let the crowd get into it and you let the crowd disrupt what

you're doing it can be a bad thing, but I think as a team we feed off of it and we enjoy it."

Bulldog junior guard A.J. Graves entered Saturday's game as Butler's leading scorer at 17.6 points per game, shooting 37.1 percent on his 3-pointers and with an NCAA Division I-best 96.5 free throw percentage.

Graves, however, was held scoreless in the first half and finished the game with one basket and 2-for-3 from the charity stripe.

"You go against players like that and you hear so much about them and how good and how great they are, there's always a personal challenge to just go out and want to stop that player from doing what he does normally," Young said.

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Saluki Insider

STATS OF THE DAY

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The SIU men's basketball team defeated No. 12 Butler in Indianapolis on Saturday. The last time SIU defeated a ranked opponent on the road was against No. 16 Michigan on Dec. 19, 1975.

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Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?
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According to a report by the Chicago Tribune, former NBA star Scottie Pippen has said he wants to join a title-contending team in the league soon. If Pippen were to return, what team would he fit best with?



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"The guy just turned 41. Does it really matter what team he wants to play for? I get so tired of players who are "retired" coming back into the league. Doesn't Pippen have enough rings to convince him not to become a ring-ho like Karl Malone was? Wherever he goes he will score about 1.9 points per game, so it doesn't matter."

"If he comes back, the team he makes the most sense on is the Lakers. He can play some power forward for Lamar Odom, and understand the triangle offense that was such a success in his years with Phil Jackson in Chicago."

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"I think Pippen can put in about 12 minutes a game still, and he could really help a playoff contender. The Phoenix Suns need more depth on their bench and a guy like Pippen could provide that along with valuable playoff experience. I think Pippen can be to the Suns what Horry is to the Spurs."

SPORTS BRIEFS

BASEBALL

Salukis get exciting win in Mississippi

The SIU baseball team went 2-1 this weekend at the Coca-Cola Southern Mississippi Baseball Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss.

SIU ended their weekend on Sunday with a 4-3 victory over Louisville in 13 innings. Freshmen Tyler Choate and Michael Finigan had clutch hits with two outs that led to the win, and pitching from relievers Daniel Wells and Kyle Catto helped the Salukis get to extra innings.

Sophomore pitcher Cody Adams led the team to a 3-2 victory over Northwestern State by throwing six strikeouts. The team managed to come from behind and take the lead in the seventh inning on an RBI hit by catcher Mark Kelly.

The only loss the Salukis suffered was on Friday against Southern Mississippi — losing by a score of 9-0. SIU was only able to manage four hits the whole game.

The Salukis now stand at 3-3 and will continue their season on Friday at 2:00 p.m. when they play Central Michigan in their first home series in Carbondale.

SOFTBALL

SIU wins big in Crowne Plaza Classic

The SIU softball team improved to 8-2 this weekend after going 4-1 in the Crowne Plaza Classic in Houston, Texas.

The highlight of the tournament came on Sunday when they defeated No. 8 Louisiana State 8-5. The Salukis were able to defeat LSU with the homerun ball. Freshman Katie Wilson led the way with two homeruns and Katie Wagner and Amanda Clifton each hit one of their own.

SIU swept the competition on Saturday defeating University of

Houston and Centenary. The Salukis beat Centenary 5-1 behind the pitching of Katie McNamara and they defeated Huston 4-3 in extra innings after Wilson hit in the game-winning run with the bases loaded and two outs.

Friday saw the Salukis go 1-1 after beating Indiana and losing to Texas State. The Salukis were led by freshman Alicia Garza in their 6-2 victory over Indiana as she went 3-3 from the plate with a homerun. SIU lost to Texas State in extra innings 1-0 after brilliant pitching by senior Ashley Hamby.

The Salukis will continue their season this Friday at the NFCA Leadoff Classic in Columbus, Ga.

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Dawgs leave conference meet in fourth

The SIU men's swimming and diving team finished in fourth place at the Sun Belt Conference Championship meet Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

The Salukis slipped from second to fourth over the course of the three-day meet.

The highlights of Saturday came when junior Antonio Santoro set a new SBC record by winning the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:47.34. Santoro was also named SBC Swimmer of the Year.

Friday, the Salukis took first in two events. The Salukis broke another SBC record in the 800-yard free relay, and they also took the top three spots in the 200-yard freestyle.

The Salukis swam at their best on Thursday when they won two events and were runner up in two others. SIU won the 200-yard freestyle relay and the 500-yard freestyle.

Saluki swimmers that posted NCAA provisional-marks throughout the season will now wait to hear if they have been invited to the NCAA Championship on March 1.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis roll over Bulldogs

SIU wins big one over Butler by 4

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INDIANAPOLIS – SIU's win against Butler was a game of firsts for the Salukis and ESPN's BracketBusters.

SIU entered the game with a 2-14 all-time record in road games against Top 25 teams, its last away win against a ranked opponent being Dec. 19, 1975, at then No. 16 Michigan.

Saturday's game between the No. 16 Salukis and No. 13 Butler was also the first time in BracketBusters' five year history that two opposing teams were nationally ranked.

The first half, which SIU escaped leading 30-25, featured five lead changes. The Bulldogs never led by more than one point, though, and the Salukis led the entire second half to hold off the Bulldogs and win, 68-64. SIU also ran its winning streak to nine games.

Saluki junior forward Matt Shaw said it was a case of everybody on SIU (23-5, 13-3) making plays.

In the first half, Saluki freshman guard Joshua Bone hit a mid-range jumper to end a 7-0 Butler run, and all 10 of Jamaal Tatum's second half points were in the final 5 minutes, 25 seconds.

"JT (Jamaal Tatum) hit some big shots, everybody was making plays – just making big time plays as far as



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Jamaal Tatum celebrates with teammates as the clock expires Saturday afternoon at the Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. The 17th ranked Salukis beat the 13th ranked Butler Bulldogs 68-64.

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#16 S. ILLINOIS 68, #13 BUTLER 64

Saturday in Indianapolis

SIU (24-5)	30	38	—68
BUTLER (24-4)	25	39	—64

SIU Individual stats

Top scorer: Jamaal Tatum 20
Top rebounder: Randal Falker 7

BUT Individual stats

Top scorer: Mike Green 18
Top rebounders: Mike Green 7

TEAM STATS	SIU	BUT
Field goal %	44.7	40.9
3-Point %	46.7	39.1
Free throw %	73.0	73.1
Field goals-attempts	17-38	18-44
Rebounds (O-D-Total)	10-23-33	7-17-24
Steals	1	6
Turnovers	11	6

Bench plays big vs. Bulldogs: Clemmons, Green fill in as Falker gets into foul trouble

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

INDIANAPOLIS — Without their top scoring threat in the post, the Salukis came together down the stretch Saturday.

With just more than nine minutes remaining in the second half, SIU junior forward Randal Falker picked up his fourth foul.

Falker played 17 minutes and

recorded seven rebounds, two blocks and four points on four free throws in the first half.

In the second half against Butler, he played just seven minutes because of foul trouble and didn't make a basket in the game.

Saluki coach Chris Lowery said the Bulldogs' guarded the post players well in their wins over Tennessee and Indiana, and continued to do so against SIU.

"They have done a tremendous job on guys who can score down low," Lowery said. "I don't know what they do, but they do a very good job of that. Really, their toughness is why they're good defensively."

Lowery was forced to look to the bench with Falker's limited playing time, and Wesley Clemmons and Tyrone Green combined to play 39 minutes in the win and committed

one turnover by the sophomore guard Clemmons.

"That's where we've been wanting the bench to get eventually," Lowery said, adding that coaches and fans want the young players to play well immediately. "You have to be patient with them and as we continue to develop as a team, I think they've gotten better on both

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Erin Pauk goes up for a shot during the SIU vs. Bradley game Feb. 9 at SIU Arena.

The Salukis defeated both Drake and Creighton this weekend.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SIU wins twice on the road

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Salukis picked up two wins over the weekend against Drake and Creighton, pushing their winning streak to five. Defense was the key to both of those wins.

SIU (17-9, 13-2) defeated Creighton (10-15, 7-7), 67-56 on Sunday in Omaha, Neb. The bench players were important in the victory. SIU coach Dana Eikenberg said she thinks the bench has been vital in their recent success.

"Jasmine and Erin have been the key" Eikenberg said. "Without them, I don't think we would have won our last four games."

Jasmine Gibson and Erin Pauk combined for 30 of the Salukis 67 points. The offense also hit fifty percent from three-point range, but the Salukis are still determined to improve.

"We are so far from being the team I think we can be," Eikenberg said. "We have so much more we can work on."

Eikenberg said the main prior-

ity is to improve offensive poise and execution. The Salukis are focused on continuing to improve even though they are in first.

"We're not really looking to the conference tournament yet," Jayme Sweere said. "We have three more games, we are going to focus on them, especially Evansville."

SIU picked up their first win of the weekend beating Drake (8-16, 3-11) 49-45 on Friday night in Des Moines, Iowa.

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