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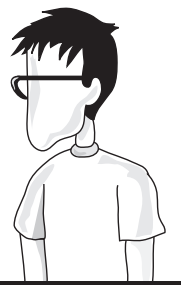
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**John A. Logan** president **Robert Mees**, right, talks with **Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz** Monday in front of the Student Center before heading back to John A. Logan on one of the new Rides Mass Transit District buses. A new route revealed Monday for the Rides program would extend services of the buses from Harrisburg to Marion with stops at SIUC and John A. Logan.

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## Bus routes expand service to city

New transportation could allow more access to education

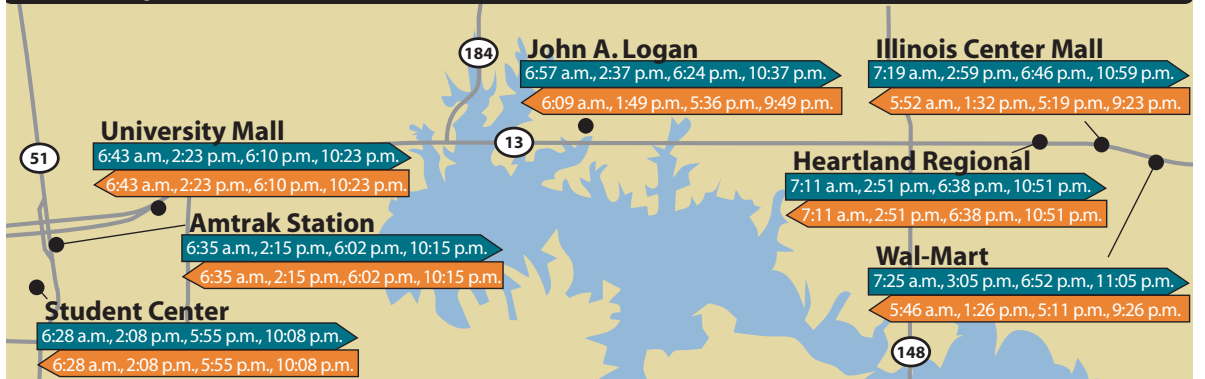
Sean McGahan  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

New public transportation routes through southern Illinois unveiled Monday have Denise Abell seeing more opportunities for people in her rural community.

Abell, a resident of Harrisburg, said the expansion of Rides Mass Transit District bus routes to run from Harrisburg through SIUC, John A. Logan College and other stops along Illinois Route 13 will provide more affordable travel options for people throughout southern Illinois.

"It's really been a blessing to a lot of

**New transportation routes**



Source: SIUC Center for Rural Health and Development

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people," Abell said.

As a home health care nurse for the Harrisburg Medical Center, Abell said she has seen many of her patients use the bus routes to travel to doctor appointments as far as Paducah, Ky., and Evansville, Ind. But the newest addition

to the service could go further to provide an affordable avenue to education for her 19-year-old son, who is considering transferring to SIUC next year, she said.

Access to education was a prime motivator for many involved in getting the new routes off the ground, said Bill

Jung, chief executive officer of Rides Mass Transit District. He said many in the 16 southern Illinois counties the service serves had inquired about traveling to SIUC and other colleges.

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## Student Affairs to get new administrator

Four candidates remain for dean of students

Jeff Engelhardt  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After nearly five years of doing double duty, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz is ready for a little help.

The search for a new associate vice chancellor for student affairs/dean of students has narrowed to four finalists from 45 applicants. The position has been vacant since Jean Paratore retired in December 2003.

Dietz said renewing the position would allow him to focus more on long-term goals within the university.

"We have some new initiatives and programs that I am going to need additional time to work on," Dietz said. "I need some help, so the new person will be running the day-to-

day operations and I will be doing the longer term projects."

Dietz said he needs to devote more time to the First-Year Experience program, Greek housing, the new student services building and other capital improvement projects on campus.

The associate vice chancellor will supervise the Counseling Center, Rainbow's End Program, Student Judicial Affairs and Legal Services, Career Services, Disability Support Services and Student Development.

The candidates include Zauyah Waite, associate vice president for student affairs at University of Toledo; Randi Schneider, director of enrollment management at the Trumbull Campus of Kent State; Cheryl Green, chair of the counseling department at Chicago State and Peter Gitau, dean of student life at University of Dubuque. Each candidate is scheduled to make an open presentation in the Student Health Center.



THOMAS BARKER ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Zauyah Waite, candidate for associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students at SIUC, answers questions about her administrative philosophies** Friday during a personal presentation at the Student Health Center. Waite currently holds a similar position at the University of Toledo and hopes to bring her experience to the SIUC administrative staff.

Waite made her open presentation Friday to about 20 university staff and community members.

The native Malaysian earned her doctorate in urban leadership and policy studies in education from University of Missouri-Kansas City

as well as her master's in reading education. She earned a bachelor's in English language studies and translation from University of Malaysia.

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The expansion connects Harrisburg to Carbondale with four routes per day, with scheduled stops at Southeastern Illinois College, Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion, John A. Logan College in Carterville, Williamson County Regional Airport, the SIUC Student Center, and other locations throughout Carbondale.

“Prospective students, or students that didn’t identify themselves as current students, were asking us, ‘Well, how do we get to SIU?’” Jung said.

The project was funded through a variety of federal, state and regional resources, through grant partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation. Initial research and planning for the project was completed through SIUC’s Center for Rural Health and Social Services, the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, the SIU School of Medicine and the president’s office.

Jung said initial work on the route started just more than one year ago,

with Rides looking to expand its services and legislators and educators in southern Illinois aiming to move things along as well.

John Haller, SIU’s vice president for academic affairs, oversaw the research of the project for the university. He said his involvement began when he and SIU President Glenn Poshard met with IDOT representatives in Springfield and pitched the idea.

When IDOT was receptive, Haller said he brought the idea to the Center for Rural Health and Social Services, who already had partners lined up for the project. After moving through the research phase, he said, the project came to light very quickly — and at the perfect time.

“It was more timely than any of us anticipated because of the energy crisis,” Haller said.

“What we discovered in the initial analysis was that transportation was identified by multiple groups as being a need, but it reminded me, when you look at the data, as a city with taxis owning a certain turf area and nobody crossing the lines.”

Because of this, there needed to be a push to find a common interest

to get all groups to cooperate instead of protecting their own turf, which culminated with the Rides option, Haller said.

It is especially important in southern Illinois, with a largely dispersed population, that education such as that provided at SIUC is accessible, Haller said.

“To me it’s a tragedy that we’ve sort of lost the public side of public higher education,” he said. “In one small but I think significant way, this is an avenue of getting that back.”

The price to ride could also help prospective students defer the rising cost of education, Haller said. A trip from Harrisburg to Carbondale is \$6 one-way, while 30-day monthly passes can be purchased for adults for \$50.

There were 20 subscribed riders for the routes as of Monday morning, Jung said, of the total 88 seats available.

Abell said the only drawback she has heard about the Rides program is the downfall of all public transportation programs — the inability to come and go as one pleases.

“A lot of times they’ll grumble because it might take them longer than they like to get home, but I don’t think that can be changed,” she said. “I think they do the best they can do with where they go.”

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— Bill Jung  
chief executive officer of Rides Mass Transit District

### AFFAIRS

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Waite said she was interested in the position because of the opportunity to work with Dietz.

“Dr. Dietz is a mentor to me and he actually gave me my first job in this field,” Waite said. “A chance to work along someone as respected in this field as Dr. Dietz and the type of staff he has here at SIU is too good to pass up.”

Schneider is set to make her presentation Tuesday. Schneider received her education at Illinois State and University of Illinois, where she earned a doctorate in education organization and leadership.

She has more than 22 years of experience in enrollment management and student affairs.

Green, who attended graduate school at SIUC, is set to present Friday. Green has also served as director of career planning at University of Michigan-Flint.

Gitau is scheduled to be the last candidate to present Aug. 5. Along with his responsibilities as dean, Gitau is also the founder and director of “Teach My Kenyan Children,” a program aimed towards promoting education in Africa.

Carla Coppi, associate director of International Students and Scholars, attended the first candidate’s presentation and said she would attend all

presentations because she thinks this is a crucial position.

“I think our Student Affairs unit is a very cohesive family,” Coppi said. “And I think this is a much-needed member because Dr. Dietz has been shouldering a lot of the responsibility where he could use some assistance and counsel.”

All presentations are scheduled from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Student Health Center. Dietz said he expects a final decision shortly after the start of the fall semester.

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# Straw-bale construction could bail out planet, pocketbook

Eco-friendly bed and breakfast to open in Makanda

**Justin Lange**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Makanda Inn, set to open in October, will feature a straw-bale building design, use recycled and natural materials and be as energy efficient as possible, said contractor Butch Dunn.

Dunn, a native of southern Illinois, started his alternative building company EcoLogic Construction five years ago. Dunn has been involved with construction since age 9 when he first went to work with his father. After attending a building seminar in Washington 12 years ago, Dunn decided to involve himself with eco-friendly construction.

"I feel that we're all going to have to (practice eco-friendly living) eventually," Dunn said. "We can only keep burning materials up the way we are for so long and then we'll have to make some changes. It just feels like the right thing to do."

Dunn said the building's main focus is its straw-bale construction and natural building materials.

Settlers in the Midwest first built straw-bale homes in the 1800s. While building methods have changed, straw-bale constructed dwellings remain inexpensive and eco-friendly alternatives to conventional homes, he said.

The process typically starts by pouring a concrete foundation and erecting a wood framework for the walls. Stacking and tying together straw bales, covering them with a wire mesh and coating them with an inch-and-a-half of concrete form the two-foot-thick walls, Dunn said.

The benefits of straw-bale construction are numerous, said Charlie Howe, a Green Party candidate for state representative of the 115th District. Howe said the building supplies cost roughly half those of a conventionally constructed dwelling, the insulation factor is twice as effective and the concrete coating makes the walls virtually fireproof.

Dunn also described several other eco-friendly building alternatives that will help the inn stay as energy efficient as possible. The basement alone will contain more than four innovations designed to save on utility costs, he said.

Specially designed floors made of paver stone set atop sand and Styrofoam insulated concrete forms will help collect heat let in by the massive bay windows. A masonry heater fireplace and a water heater without a tank will help to provide visitors comfort for relatively little money, Dunn said. The heater warms water as it runs through the pipes, rather than constantly heating a standing supply of water, he said.

The inn will also feature a natural swimming pool that uses natural plant-filtration and solar panels that could generate 6,000 kilowatts of electricity, he said.

Dunn said the improvement to insulation alone is enough to save some serious cash. Dunn currently



JENNIFER JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Butch Dunn, owner of EcoLogic Construction, is in charge** of the construction of the Makanda Inn. The inn is constructed with hay for insulation to be eco-friendly.

owns a straw-bale home similar to the inn and he said his average utility bill does not exceed \$90 per month.

Janelle Weber, future manager for the inn, said she is excited to offer a unique experience for visitors.

She said her stepfather, Greg Wellmann, decided to open the inn after he taught aviation classes at SIUC. His love for the area and

eco-friendly buildings led him to purchase the 18-acre piece of land adjacent to Giant City State Park.

Weber said she hopes the inn will be the first of several built.

One resident said he is excited to see the unique inn go up in his village.

Neighbor and furniture maker Kyle Kinser has been a resident of Makanda since 1974. He said as times change and energy costs continue to rise, people should rethink their everyday habits.

Kinser said he commends the owners for trying a new style of construction and for promoting eco-friendly solutions to save resources.

"We have to start thinking about a whole new paradigm for housing," Kinser said. "I think everything they're doing down there is just a great idea."

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## Makanda Inn's eco-friendly innovations

Visitors are offered a chance to 'go green' by staying in the energy efficient inn built with recycled and natural building materials.

- Styrofoam insulated concrete forms
- Solar panels
- Paver stone flooring to absorb heat
- Isolated heating and cooling units
- Masonry heater fireplace
- Straw-bale walls, two-foot thick
- Natural wood and stone building materials
- Polyurethane-based foam insulation
- Fire-resistant concrete coating for straw-bale walls
- Shingled roof made from recycled plastic
- Natural pool with plant filtration system
- Natural gas water heater with no storage tank

Sources: Contractor Butch Dunn, Manager Janelle Weber  
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# VP for Academic Affairs announces retirement

Replacement search under way

**Allison Petty**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When the university ushers in the promise of a new year, one of its top administrators will say goodbye.

Vice President for Academic Affairs John S. Haller plans to retire Dec. 31 after 18 years in the position.

"I've spent 40 years now in higher education and I think it's time to turn it over to some younger people to carry on. It's been a wonderful job I've had here," he said.

Haller, 68, said he plans to work for the university on a voluntary basis and teach Honors courses.

SIU President Glenn Poshard described Haller as a workaholic and one of the finest men with whom he had ever worked.

Haller and Poshard typically meet about 10 times a day.

"I'm either walking down to his office or he's walking over to mine," Poshard said.

He said it would be difficult to find someone who could quickly learn Haller's many duties, including technical grant writing and dealing with academics across SIUC, SIUE and SIU School of Medicine campuses.

Duane Stucky, vice president for financial and administrative affairs, said he is in charge of the internal search to replace Haller.

## How the internal search works



**Duane Stucky**, vice president of financial and administrative affairs, shared a tentative outline Monday of the search to replace Vice President of Academic Affairs **John S. Haller**.

### July 1

Key administrators receive an e-mail notifying them of Haller's Dec. 31 departure and the internal search. Administrators are encouraged to pass the information along to all full professors. An ad runs in the SIUC, SIUE and SIU School of Medicine newspapers.

If there are a large number of applicants, administrators form a screening committee to shorten the list.

The short list of candidates interviews with the president and Board of Trustees as well as the chancellors and provosts of SIUC, SIUE and SIU School of Medicine.

The president makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

### Goal Date:

#### Oct. 1

The board approves the recommendation.

The goal is to find a replacement by Oct. 1, Stucky said, to give the new person time to work with Haller before his departure.

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## System-Wide Internal Search

### VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

President Poshard is initiating a search internal to the Southern Illinois University system for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs to succeed Dr. John Haller, who retires December 31. The Vice President for Academic Affairs reports directly to the President, the chief executive officer for the University.

The Vice President functions as the chief academic officer of the University, providing leadership to the campus academic Vice Chancellors, consultation to campus Chancellors, and support to the President on all academic matters. He or she is the University's spokesperson and representative in discussing academic programs with the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). The Vice President also staffs the Academic Matters Committee of the SIU Board of Trustees. For a more detailed job announcement, please visit this web site: <http://www.siu.edu/~affact>.

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# Female suicide attackers kill 57 in Iraq

Kim Gamel

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Suicide bombers, including at least three women, struck Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad and Kurdish protesters in the northern city of Kirkuk on Monday, killing at least 57 people — a brutal reminder that mass gatherings remain vulnerable despite vast improvements in security.

The attacks came even though the U.S. has stepped up efforts to recruit and train women for Iraq's police force and enlist them to join Sunnis fighting al-Qaida. Insurgents increasingly use female bombers because their billowing, black robes easily hide explosives and they are less likely to be searched.

U.S. military figures show at least 27 female suicide bombings this year, compared with eight in 2007.

Monday's attacks tapped into two different sets of fears.

The three nearly simultaneous bombings in Baghdad undermined public confidence in recent security gains that have tamped down sectarian bloodshed. The attack in Kirkuk, 180 miles to the north, showed that ethnic rivalries can turn into mass slaughter in a city that is home to Kurds, Turkomen, Arabs and other minorities.

The U.S. military blamed al-Qaida

in Iraq for the Baghdad bombings. It was still investigating the Kirkuk attack, underscoring the more complicated nature of the tensions there. But city police spokesman Brig. Gen. Sarhat Qadir said the terror network was behind that attack as well.

The Baghdad bombings left piles of rubble and shattered glass on the streets alongside crumpled cars and sandals from panicked pilgrims, many of whom had slept at rest areas before rising at dawn to begin their annual march to the golden domed shrine of Imam Moussa al-Kadhim.

Hospital emergency rooms were overwhelmed with bloodied victims, including a young boy with a bandaged head who sucked on a pacifier as he was held by a man.

"I heard women and children crying and shouting and I saw burned women as dead bodies lied in pools of blood on the street," Mustapha Abdullah, a 32-year-old man who was injured in the stomach and legs, said from his hospital bed.

At least 32 people were killed and more than 100 were wounded, Iraqi police and hospital officials said. It was the deadliest attack in the capital since June 17, when a truck bombing killed 63 people in Hurriyah.

In a throwback to more violent times, the Iraqi government announced a 24-hour curfew in Baghdad, banning all vehicle movement starting 5 a.m. Tuesday.

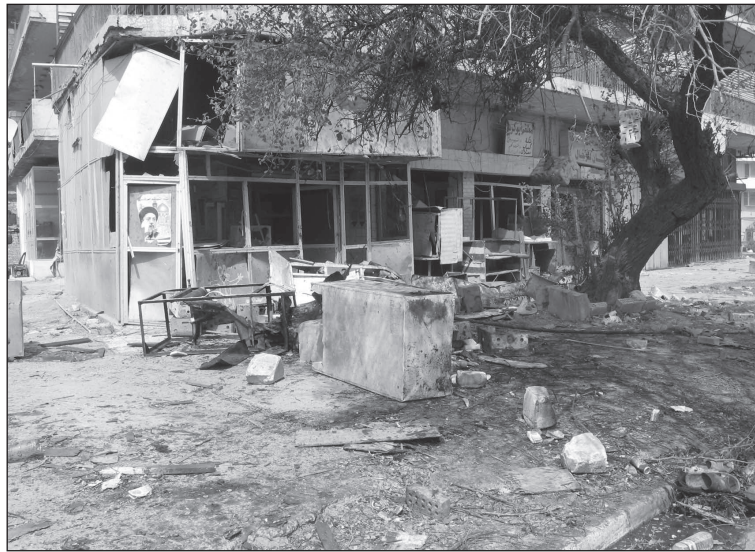
The attacks in the capital began about 7:15 a.m., when three of the women detonated their explosives belts in quick succession less than half a mile apart.

The bombers were walking among pilgrims streaming toward the golden domed shrine of the eight-century imam. The shrine, the focus of a major Shiite festival this week, gives its name to the northern neighborhood of Kazimiyah which surrounds it.

Iraqi security forces had deployed about 200 women this week to search female pilgrims in Kazimiyah, but the attacks took place along the procession some six miles southeast of the shrine. There were too few women guards to search people in the procession itself.

The blasts started with an explosion near the National Theater in the central Shiite neighborhood of Karradah, followed by a bombing near a refreshment tent set up for the pilgrims and another between two traffic checkpoints.

Shiites en route to Kazimiyah have been attacked in past years by gunmen in Sunni areas south of Baghdad. No major bombings have struck the pilgrimage, although at least 1,000 pilgrims were killed in a Baghdad bridge stampede caused by rumors of a suicide bomber in 2005.



HUSSEIN KHADIM ~ MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

**A female bomber attacked pilgrims walking through the Karrada neighborhood of Baghdad on their way to the Kadhamiya shrine Monday, killing at least 20 people.**

Since the 2003 ouster of Saddam Hussein, who was a Sunni, Shiite political parties have encouraged huge turnouts at religious festivals to display the majority sect's power in Iraq. Sunni religious extremists have often targeted the gatherings to foment sectarian war, but that has not stopped the Shiites.

Even so, Iraqi authorities had been hopeful they could maintain calm this year as the overall levels of attacks have dropped to their lowest point in more than four years.

At least 478 Iraqi civilians have been killed in violence so far this month, representing a 76 percent

decline when compared with July 2007, when the death toll was 2,021, according to an Associated Press count.

Lt. Col. Steve Stover, a spokesman for U.S. forces in Baghdad, blamed al-Qaida in Iraq for the attacks in the capital and confirmed the bombers were all women, including a teenager.

"As we have previously stated, AQI is not defeated. They are evil and responsible for the most heinous attacks against unarmed, non-combatant civilians," he said.

The attack in Kirkuk killed at least 25 people and wounded 185, the police spokesman said.

## Israeli premier doubts peace in 2008

Matti Friedman

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israel's prime minister backed away Monday from a target date — announced with great fanfare at a U.S.-hosted Mideast peace conference last November — for reaching a deal with the Palestinians by year's end.

Ehud Olmert said the sides will need more time to bridge differences over Jerusalem, long the toughest sticking point in Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking.

"There is no practical chance of reaching a comprehensive understanding on Jerusalem" during 2008, Olmert told a closed-door meeting of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, according to an official present at the gathering.

At the same time, Olmert said Arab neighborhoods in east Jerusalem pose a danger to Israelis, hinting that Israel might want to cede control of those areas.

In recent weeks, Israeli and Palestinian leaders have scaled back their ambitious goal of signing a deal before President Bush leaves office in January, saying the best that could be hoped for was the outline of an agreement.

But Olmert's comment Monday was the clearest indication yet that the Israeli leadership sees that target as unattainable.

Differences on key issues other than Jerusalem, such as the final borders of the Jewish and Palestinian states, and the future of Palestinian refugees, were not "dra-

matic," Olmert said, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the committee does not formally release details of its meetings.

When Olmert spoke, he did so with the knowledge that highlights of the panel's proceedings are routinely disclosed to the press.

Since the U.S.-hosted conference at Annapolis, Md., last November, Olmert has been meeting regularly with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, and a number of working teams have been set up to discuss the details of an eventual agreement. By all accounts, progress in the talks has been slow.

Nabil Abu Rdeneh, an aide to Abbas, accused Israel of renegeing on a promise.

"This is a clear violation of the Annapolis agreement," he said. "We still have six months, and that means Israel isn't serious about reaching an agreement according to Annapolis and Bush's vision."

In Washington, White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said Bush's goal was the get as much accomplished as possible. "I think we've always said that we wouldn't be able to get a final peace deal in terms of everything being resolved, but we would have this way forward that would outline all the steps that they would have to take to move forward," Perino said.

Mark Regev, a spokesman for Olmert, said the lack of agreement on Jerusalem did not need to derail the entire process. Jerusalem's fate would continue to be discussed

after the other issues are agreed upon, he said.

Israel captured the eastern part of Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war and annexed it. Palestinians claim the eastern sector as capital of their future state, and the fate of the disputed city — home to sites holy to Islam, Judaism and Christianity — has tormented talks for years.

Palestinians account for about one-third of Jerusalem's 750,000 residents, for the most part living separate from Jews. Most are not Israeli citizens, but all have access to Israeli social benefits and can move throughout Israel, unlike the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza.

Jerusalem's Arab residents lag behind the city's Jews in terms of education and employment, and their neighborhoods are typically neglected and underdeveloped. Many Arabs cross into the Jewish parts of Jerusalem to work, holding many of the city's blue collar jobs.

That freedom of movement has allowed for a string of recent attacks in the city. In two cases — the latest last week — Palestinian construction workers rammed earth-moving vehicles into cars and buses before being shot dead. One of those attacks killed three people.

A third east Jerusalem assailant burst into a religious seminary library, killing eight young students. Two border policemen were killed in separate shootings.

## Bombings linked to Kurds

Christopher Torchia

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISTANBUL — Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan served as a pallbearer at a funeral Monday for some of the 17 people killed by bombs in Turkey's biggest city, an attack the government blamed on Kurdish rebels who have targeted civilians in the past.

The rebel Kurdistan Worker's Party immediately denied responsibility and attributed Sunday's attack to "dark forces" — hard-line Turkish nationalists who allegedly seek to foment chaos to strengthen the political influence of the military.

No one has claimed responsibility for the bombings, and Turkey is home to a variety of violent groups besides the PKK, including Islamic extremists and alleged coup plotters with ties to the secular establishment.

At the funeral, thousands of mourners surged around 10 coffins draped in the red and white Turkish flag at the foot of a mosque in Gungoren, a mostly residential neighborhood near Istanbul's international airport that houses many poor migrants.

Erdogan said the bombings — the deadliest against civilians in five years — appeared to be a reprisal for air raids on PKK positions in northern Iraq, as well as a cross-border ground offensive by the Turkish military in February.

"Unfortunately, the costs of this are heavy," Erdogan said. "The incident last night is one of them."

Some analysts agreed.

"The PKK seems to be the most likely instigator if you look at the type of explosives and the bomb mechanism used," Sedat Laciner of the Ankara-based International Strategic Research Organization told NTV television.

"The terrorist organization has been trying to stage attacks that would shock people at times of high tension, especially recently."

One analyst did not rule out PKK involvement, but said the use of coordinated bombs in a place of no obvious relevance or symbolism to the rebels' fight against the Turkish state did not resemble tactics previously used by them.

"It's not the sort of thing they normally do," said Aliza Marcus, author of "Blood and Belief: the PKK and the Kurdish Fight for Independence."

In the past, Kurdish militants have bombed more high-profile targets such as tourist resorts.

Marcus said the relative sophistication of the twin bombing was more reminiscent of attacks by al-Qaida-linked militants, but cautioned: "There's never any shortage of suspects in Turkey who want to cause some sort of disarray."

The twin blasts happened on the eve of a Turkish court's deliberations on whether to ban the Islamic-oriented ruling party for allegedly trying to undermine secularism, and the timing raised questions about whether there was a link.

### WASHINGTON

#### Promises made to improve the economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama on Monday blamed "irresponsible decisions" by the Bush administration and Wall Street for the country's economic woes as government officials said the budget deficit would soar to record heights next year.

### CALIFORNIA

#### McCain has spot removed

BAKERSFIELD (AP) — Republican Sen. John McCain said Monday he had had a small patch of skin removed from his face and biopsied as part of a regular checkup with his dermatologist. "She said that I was doing fine," McCain, a three-time melanoma survivor.

### WASHINGTON

#### Bush hails reliable partner for help

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Monday praised Pakistan's new leader as a reliable partner in confronting terrorism, a show of confidence meant to signal that the United States and Pakistan are working well together despite tensions between them.

### TENNESSEE

#### Suspect targeted church for liberal views

KNOXVILLE (AP) — An out-of-work truck driver accused of opening fire at a Unitarian church, killing two people, left behind a note suggesting that he targeted the congregation out of hatred for its liberal policies, including its acceptance of gays, authorities said Monday.

### WASHINGTON

#### Treasure hidden for decades

WASHINGTON (AP) — The businessman arrived at the Treasury Department carrying a suitcase stuffed with about \$5.2 million. The bills were decomposing, nearly unrecognizable, and he asked to swap them for a cashier's check. He said the money came from Mexico.

## THE DUKE REPORT

# Field trip: Washington D.C.

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In North Korea, when Dear Leader gives you lemons, you hail the glory and benevolence of Dear Leader. In America, when greedy self-serving politicians deliver us fiscal and energy crises, we come up with words like "Staycation."

This year I was fortunate enough to go on a summer trip, so this week my column is via correspondence from the belly of the beast—Washington D.C.

My mother, her fiancé, his son and I spent the last week in our nation's capitol. At high noon, you could fry an egg on Justice Scalia's head.

The first stop in our trip was a tour of Capitol Hill. Last summer I interned for Sen. Dick Durbin at his Chicago office. Although the job did not pay, it did come with a couple perks. The first was finding out I want nothing to do with electoral politics. The other is VIP tours in D.C.

We started our tour by taking a small 20-person open-seated train through underground tunnels from his Senate office to the capitol. The train kind of epitomized the madness of politics in this country and began to make the experience feel like Disneyland with less fun people.

The tour itself was fairly amazing. The entire building is unbelievably ornate. The history, artwork and statues helped create this bigger than life mystique, sort of like the Emerald City in the Wizard of Oz.

Some things were inspiring, like the un-sculpted bust on a statue of famous female pioneers reserved for the first woman president. There were the things of a more depressing sort, such as a mural depicting Sept. 11 that has a twin mural to be painted at the end of the War on Terror (you know, the day we finally vanquish evil from the world). There was also a painting at the very top of our capitol dome that depicts George Washington as God (seriously) with his 13 angels. That manages to violate both the separation of Church and State and one of the Ten Commandments.

The tour of the monuments and memorials followed this range. I was moved by the Jefferson Memorial and Bill of Rights (now void where prohibited). I was offended by the blatant racial etchings in the White House. I was bemused by the Supreme Court being under construction. I was shocked that they let me into the White House

while the President was home.

I met our Illinois representation. Our own Paul Simon started a weekly coffee with constituents while Congress was in session years ago and Senator Durbin continues this tradition today. And as luck would have it, our local Congressman Jerry Costello was there with him that morning.

They took questions and talked about everything from energy policy to their frustration with the Illinois State government's impotence in allocating highway and infrastructure money. They even assured me personally that Amtrak service would continue to Carbondale.

The entire trip was honestly a great time. The food was great, the local scene was not bad and we actually only dealt with one act of God (a monsoon in Georgetown). But as this is a column, and not a series of updates on twitter, I guess I need some reflection.

I realized that I love my country like I love my family. I love my country not because it is, was or ever will be perfect. I love my country because it consists people trying to do their best. You have to love people for their flaws just as much as their strengths.

Our short, sometimes brutal history is being made every day. The great thing about history is it is infinite. Walking through the corridors of power was like pulling back the veil and seeing the man behind the curtain, only this is not one man — but many men and women working toward their own ends and doing the best they can.

Like with our families, we see great potential that would be hard not to live up to. And like with our families, we realize that we are not perfect; but some things are perfect for us.

I will leave you with a quote that left me speechless. On the wall at the Jefferson Memorial it reads, "Laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors."

I love this town.

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## TWO MINUTES OF TRUTH

# Guide them from day one

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The hardest decisions in life always come at a cost. The most important things in your life ultimately come as a result of your choices. Taking responsibility for those choices gives you power over your life. This gives you the control to steer your life in whatever direction you see fit. The only problem is deciding what move to make at what time.

We are all faced with interesting moments in our lives when we sit back and think, "What should I do?" It happens in every area — school, work and relationships.

Most freshmen come to college fresh out of high school with a glorified idea of what college is. Thanks to many of the movies and television shows that depict college life as a big party scene, many people come here with that attitude. That attitude alters their decision-making processes when the time comes to choose between going out to a party or staying in and studying. Sadly, many students choose the former. The results of these choices compounded over time are populations of students who would much rather enjoy evenings and weekends of dollar disposing and sense stimulation as opposed to mental manufacturing and value creation, where real fun can be found.

Solution? Let us give high school (and some college) students the proper mentoring that they need to come into college with the right attitude. This will carry over throughout their college years and result in truly having the best years of their lives.

Once the degree is done, thousands of students are faced with the ultimate decision, where do they want to spend their most valuable years? Where do they want to do their time? For those who do not know what time I am referring to, it is the 40-40-40. You work 40 hours per week, for 40 years of your life, to retire on about 40 percent of what you were making, which was not enough to live on in the first place. This is the choice that worries many.

Solution? Give students the real information on the corporate world, private sectors and other industries that they plan on entering after receiving those expensive receipts called diplomas. Start guiding them from day one with inspiration for creativity and independence, instead of putting them into the same assembly line of classes that spits out the carbon-copied, drone-like, programming-readied mind that is so abruptly placed into their prospective positions. Positions pumped up with glamorous titles and "competitive salaries" that fool

you into believing that the usually low numerical value is what you are truly worth.

We are all faced with interesting moments in our lives when we sit back and think, "What should I do?"

As for the relationships, choose wisely. Some may stay with you for a lifetime; others may come into your life, turn it upside down and leave you hung out to dry. Relationships are a tricky topic. At times they seem as if they are exactly

what you may want or need in your life, other times they can take your heartfelt honesty and turn it into ammunition. Others with listen to you with an open ear and are the shoulder you need to lean on in those tough times in your life. Whatever relationship you end up in, love it, learn from it and if you must leave it, make sure to leave it better than it was when you went into it.

Life is full of choices. Many of them are tough ones that can affect you for the rest of your life. Others may not be so difficult but you may regret them in the long run.

Here is a parting thought. Remember, the degree to which you take responsibility for your choices and actions in life is the degree to which that very life will be complete.

Think about it.

*Flowers is a senior studying biological sciences.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Early childhood education deserves more funding

DEAR EDITOR:

SIUC has one of the best Early Childhood Education programs in the country. The most important part of this program is the Child Development Laboratories also known as CDL. Students, such as I, enrolled in the program must do a number of practicums in order to be trained to be excellent teachers. CDL serves children between the ages of six weeks to six years.

It is a play-based program in which the children learn from a variety of hands-on activities. Because CDL is a lab school, the children see many different teachers each day. Just when they start to get used to one set of teachers, a new set arrives.

CDL has been trying desperately to get more funding in order to improve the program. They want to hire more teachers that would be in the classrooms consistently.

Imagine how difficult it would be to have a class where every few weeks there is a new teacher. The new teacher does everything differently than the previous teacher. Just when you begin to adjust to the new teachers ways, another completely new teacher takes over the class. This is exactly what the children are going throughout each semester!

Children thrive on routine and consistency. They get very little consistency due to all the teachers who are in and out on a daily basis. All CDL is asking for is a bit more funding from SIUC to improve the program. SIUC just received major funding so CDL surely deserves some!

Sincerely,

**Stephanie Cox**

Senior studying early childhood education

## MISSION STATEMENT

The DAILY EGYPTIAN, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I reminded her that she was not God."

**Michele Elyzabeth.**  
Heather Mills' former public relations agent on why she quit

# Bill could help parents defer autism costs

Children perform daily routines to help them through their autism in a classroom located in Wham. SIU is one of 27 agencies in the Autism Program Service Network in Illinois.

JENNIFER JOHNSON  
DAILY EGYPTIAN



Jenn Lofton  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's power to rewrite legislation could give hope to thousands of Illinois parents who deal with expensive diagnoses and treatment for children with autism.

The governor proposed July 13 to tack on an insurance break for parents of children with autism to another bill after the proposal was originally shot down in January. If the bill passes, insurance companies would be required to provide patients with autism or their parents a \$36,000 maximum yearly coverage plan for treatment until age 21.

The proposal is now coupled with a bill that requires employees' health plans to cover preventative physical therapy treatments for multiple sclerosis.

State Rep. Robert Pritchard, R-Sycamore, has been an avid supporter

of the bill. Although Blagojevich is trying to use his amendatory veto power to transfer the autism proposal to the existing bill, Pritchard said, there still needs to be more effort from everyone to make it happen.

Pritchard said the government does not realize how serious autism is and the amount of children it affects every day.

"Children across the country suffer from this disorder. Without the proper treatment, they might never be able to function," Pritchard said.

One in every 150 children in the United States suffers from autism, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Autism is a brain disorder that impairs social, emotional and communication skills.

Usually this behavior begins before age 3 and could last throughout the person's life. However, with early treatment and therapy, the child could develop the affected skills later.

Anthony Cuvo, director of the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at SIUC, said an autistic child's therapy is crucial to his or her future well being. It is also even more important that parents are able to afford to help their children, he said.

"The earlier we can provide intervention, the better they will be in the life," Cuvo said.

The on-campus center is one of 27 agencies in the Autism Program Service Network in Illinois. The state-funded network provides families with treatment, diagnosis, education and support services at a lower cost than other agencies in the state.

Cuvo said some places that treat children with autism require \$100 per hour, a service that insurance companies will not cover and parents struggle to afford. However, SIUC's center costs \$200 per semester and provides the same services.

Melanie Swann, whose son is

**Brain to behavior: Major areas affected by autism**

**Cerebral cortex:** general movement, perception & behavioral reactions  
**Amygdala:** emotional responses, including aggressive behavior  
**Cerebellum:** motor activity, body movement, coordination & speech

Pablo Tobon ~ Daily Egyptian

Source: National Institute of Mental Health

enrolled in SIUC's program, said she is fortunate the center is available at such low costs.

Swann said she would not be able to afford treatment anywhere else because the closest locations charge at least \$50 per hour.

Pritchard said he has spoken with families such as Swann's. Other parents, he said, are not as lucky and have to pay all of the high medical costs at other centers.

"There are some that have to mortgage their house, have their car repossessed and some even go bankrupt," he said.

Swann said she has expressed her concern and showed support by sending mass e-mails through the Autism Speaks network and staying informed about the latest updates.

As of now, the proposal to add autism coverage is still on the table and most likely will not be discussed until next year, Pritchard said.

"You have hope in this case," Swann said. "You just want to make sure the children are able to get the care they need."

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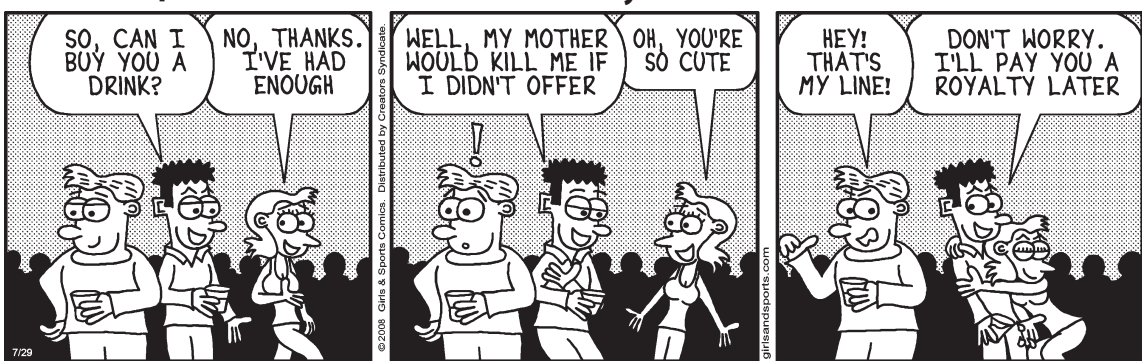
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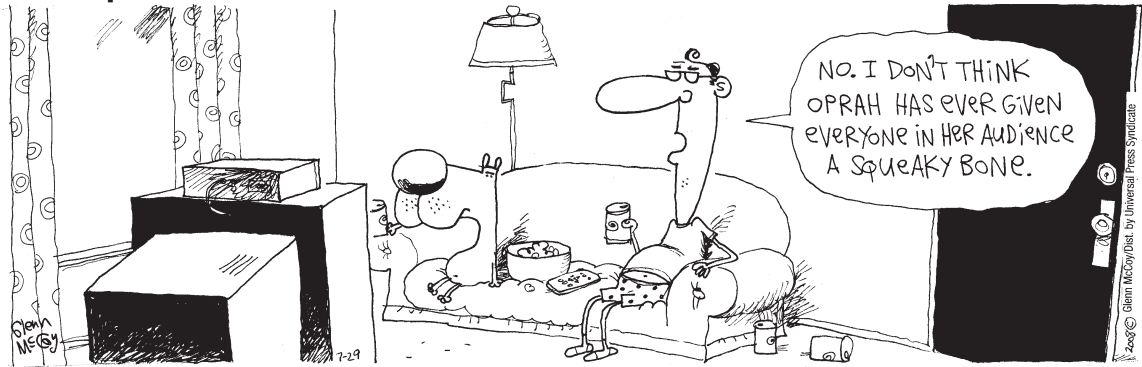
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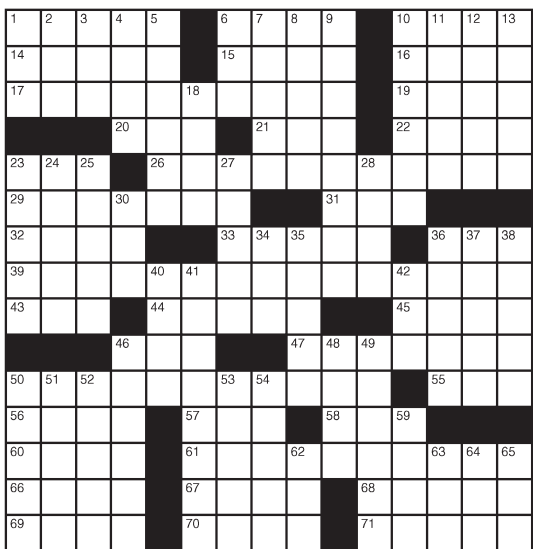
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Grasshopper sound
  - 6 Bid first
  - 10 Arabian sultanate
  - 14 Invisible emanations
  - 15 Opera star
  - 16 Skater Lipinski
  - 17 At all
  - 19 Get-up
  - 20 Neptune's realm
  - 21 "The Lord of the Rings" baddie
  - 22 Prima donna's number
  - 23 Notes of scales
  - 26 "Twelfth Night"
  - 29 Male graduate
  - 31 Refrain syllable
  - 32 Ripped apart
  - 33 Delhi attire
  - 36 Dell products
  - 39 Thingamabob
  - 43 That feels good!
  - 44 "Easy \_\_\_"
  - 45 Irish Republic
  - 46 Insane
  - 47 Part of EST
  - 50 Alfred E. Neuman line
  - 55 Ipanema locale
  - 56 Fabled dawdler
  - 57 Rhine tributary
  - 58 Period
  - 60 Act as a



By Edgar Fontaine  
Dighton, MA

7/29/08

- lookout, say
- 61 Streisand film
  - 66 Mark \_\_\_ Baker
  - 67 Top-rated
  - 68 Yamaha product
  - 69 Sundance's girlfriend
  - 70 Hindu discipline
  - 71 Wise ones

- DOWN**
- 1 Crow's cry
  - 2 "Whazzat?"
  - 3 Lyrical Gershwin
  - 4 Charlie Brown's exclamation
  - 5 Stitched anew
  - 6 Lyric poem
  - 7 Swivel
  - 8 Each and all

- 9 Soporific drug
- 10 Capital of Canada
- 11 New Zealand Polynesian
- 12 Potter's clay
- 13 Stuff-sounding
- 18 Diamond Head locale

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 23 Islamic ruling
- 24 Hi, on HI
- 25 Twilled silk fabric
- 27 Syrian leader
- 28 Major in astronomy?
- 30 NYC opera house
- 34 French soul
- 35 More scarce
- 36 One who works at a trade
- 37 Wispy clouds
- 38 Minutes taker, perhaps
- 40 Study hard
- 41 Retreat
- 42 Do-over service
- 46 Sicilian spouter
- 48 Bellicose deity
- 49 Sweet, sticky liquids
- 50 Marine mammal
- 51 Daily routine
- 52 \_\_\_ we pair?
- 53 Large mackerel
- 54 Borneo ape, briefly
- 59 Samoan port
- 62 Crumpet complement
- 63 Diplomat Hammarskjold
- 64 Hour past noon
- 65 Kind of lettuce

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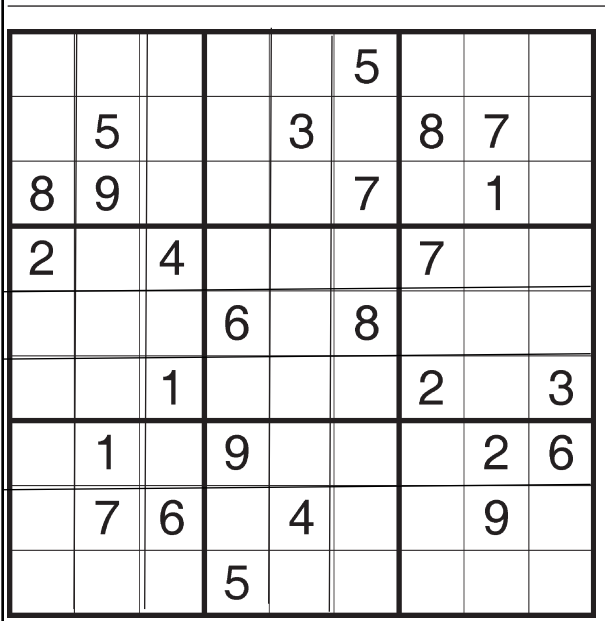
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Solution to Thursday's puzzle

5	2	7	9	8	1	6	3	4
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3	6	1	8	9	4	7	2	5
9	8	5	6	7	2	1	4	3
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**By Linda C. Black**

**Today's Birthday 07-29-08**  
Controversy erupts this year, in both your personal and public life. The one could interfere with the other if you're not careful. Keep things sorted out so you don't complicate matters any more than necessary. And follow through on a promise.  
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 an 8** — You've given people something to think about. Now, show your gentle side to a special guest at home. Gourmet food and sporting events are both highly favored.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6** — You're wise enough to realize there's nothing more valuable than a really good friend. You have one nearby, as you well know. Reaffirm that bond.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7** — This could be a good day for you, financially. Ask for what you want. You could be pleasantly surprised. The boss is in a generous mood.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6** — There's a shakeup going on concerning how you make your profits. You're doing fine; that's not the problem. Make a few changes and gain even more. Those pennies add up.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7** — You're weighted down with obligations and other bothersome stuff. A quick change of plans is required. Don't lose sight of your objective.

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**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7** — With the help of a friend, you come up with a marvelous idea. Well, the friend comes up with it, actually, but you're the motivator.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8** — Do the work and gain the respect of others. Raise your status considerably through your own efforts. Not a good time to goof off.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7** — Can you expand your business to a different area? Make it a little more interesting. Give yourself a deductible reason to travel. This is about making money, not spending it.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7** — Fixing up your place is always a good investment. Even if you're renting, it makes you feel successful. If you're a kid, clean your room. Same theory applies.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6** — Ask the difficult questions and you will get the answers. A person you thought was naive is more insightful than you realized. Listen carefully, and put the clues together.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7** — Work hard, but not because somebody else is telling you to. Do it because you want to. It's a long shot, but it could pay off big. Be a speculator.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7** — It's OK to discuss your work with somebody you love. He or she can help you understand something that's had you baffled. Then, set all that aside and concentrate on each other.

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(Answers tomorrow)

**Thursday's** Jumbles: DOUGH AGING MUSCLE INCOME  
Answer: To some, an interest in food can be — "CONSUMING"

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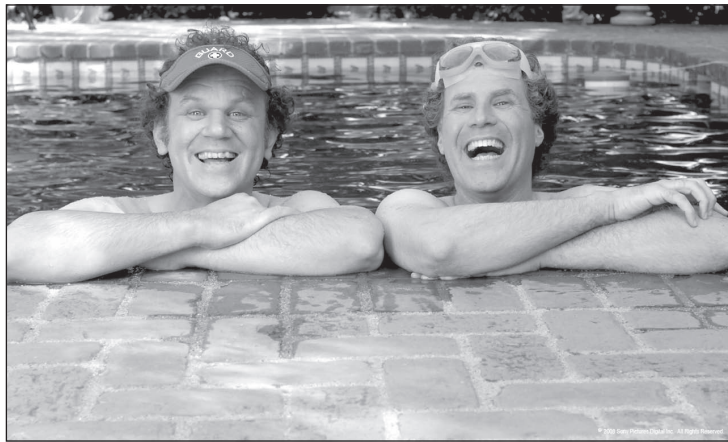
## Stupidity, irony mesh in 'Step Brothers'

**Sean McGahan**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

"Step Brothers"  
Rated: R

Starring: Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Mary Steenburgen

Directed by: Adam McKay  
Runtime: 95 minutes



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George W. Bush said it best when he eloquently stated, "Families is where our nation finds hope, where wings take dream."

This popular Bushism from 2000, besides leading millions of voters to question where their wings were taking them, pops on the screen to open "Step Brothers."

It is a bold move, as only a film deeply rooted in stupidity could even attempt to trump these words of wisdom in the ensuing hour and a half.

In this way, Will Ferrell's latest brainchild succeeds.

In many ways, "Step Brothers" is standard storytelling:

Old man meets girl.

Old man, in a fit of lust, admits he has a 40-year-old son (John C. Reilly) who still lives at home.

Girl admits she has a 39-year-old son (Will Ferrell) with all the ambition of a newborn bird.

Love, marriage and an epic battle between two hairy children ensue.

It is the latter that really makes this film worth anything. Whether it is a violent bike-versus-shovel fight the two undertake as enemies or the equally impetuous job interviews they take on as partners, it is a freak show of innocence-laden debauchery.

For Ferrell fans, think "Elf" with a penchant for perversion.

For "Boogie Nights" fans, imagine Reilly's Reed Rothchild after he hit his head at the bottom of the pool a few hundred times.



3 out of 5 stars

These two leads, as they did in "Talladega Nights," steal every scene they share with random improvisations that are seemingly designed to make the other one crack up and break character.

Because of this, most of the true comic gold probably ended up on the cutting room floor, so the patient viewer would be wise to wait for the DVD and all its blooper extras.

It is also safe to say a generous portion of what actually ends up on the screen should have probably stayed on the cutting room floor. Subplots involving Reilly's love affair with his step-sister-in-law and Ferrell's with a disapproving-yet-for-some-reason-titillated psychiatrist have been done before — and done better.

Too much time is also spent with the inconsistent and painstakingly unrealistic parents, played by the usually delightful Mary Steenburgen and Richard Jenkins.

The film contains a litter of cameos, most of which do not work. Two notable exceptions are Seth Rogen's deadpan job interviewer and Horatio Sanz as a fed-up Billy Joel cover band front man.

But amid the distractions, Ferrell and Reilly truly shine in their second big-screen pairing. They have a way of seamlessly alienating the audience with gross-out humor while simultaneously endearing viewers with a foolish charm.

It is basically that combination, coupled with some over-medicated Floridians, that got Bush elected in the first place.

And if the studio execs are paying attention, they would be wise to cast their vote for Ferrell and Reilly's next pairing immediately.

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## 'Shark Week' attacks

**Luke McCormick**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Da-dum.

Da-dum.

Da-dum-dum-dum-DUM-DUM...

The sharks are coming.

Sunday evening marked the beginning of the Discovery Channel's annual "Shark Week." Each night at eight or nine the channel will debut great new footage of these massive creatures.

Sunday night's premiere held a new episode of "Mythbusters," as the team of, well, mythbusters, looked into various shark legends and constructed an enormous 16-foot robotic shark. One revelation included the knowledge that when confronted by a shark, one should go for its eyes (good luck).

Nicholas Birky, a senior from Carbondale studying zoology, said going for the eyes might work but the gills are very sensitive on a shark's body.

"It'd be the equivalent of hitting a guy below the belt," Birky said.

Two other programs scheduled for the week also involve surviving shark attacks or how to avoid becoming a shark's next meal.

Sharks actually use sonar, which detects changes in electrostatic forces in the water. So, if you start to flail around and freak out, you will be much easier to find, Birky said.

James E. Garvey, associate professor of zoology, said most sharks would not eat humans unless they were very, very hungry. Sharks would mostly look for an item, that would be easy to handle and force down their mouth

quickly, he said.

"The real danger lies in mistaken identity," Garvey said. "In murky waters or when much debris (or lots of prey fish) are present, sharks may mistake an item on your swimsuit, a dive mask, a foot, etc... as an edible morsel."

One only has to look as far as Facebook to understand the popularity of the Discovery Channel's shark coverage. There are a multitude of groups devoted to "Shark Week," four of which boast more than 300 members.

While college-aged students such as Birky are certainly revved up for "Shark Week," some faculty members are as well. Garvey said that even though his profession might create a bit of bias, sharks just happen to simply be cool animals.

With a good deal of airtime devoted to the eating habits of sharks, the Discovery Channel also sneaks in a bit of conservation issues surrounding the oceanic monsters.

Many people assume that sharks are the kings of the ocean, but in reality they are greatly affected by the activities of humans (waste dumping, hunting), Garvey said.

"If we do not have major networks educating folks about these issues in an entertaining way, the 'Shark Week' of the future will be no different than shows about how cool the dinosaurs were," Garvey said.

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## PULSE CHATTERBOX

When television entertainment news show "Extra" returns for its 15th season, it will be without current host and former Sugar Ray front man Mark McGrath.

Mario Lopez will be the show's new host when it comes back on Sept. 15th. Besides "Slater," is there another former "Saved by the Bell" cast member you would rather see hosting?

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# Saluki Insider

Boston outfielder Manny Ramirez is open to accepting a trade, saying Sunday he and the team have become "tired" of their constant up and down relationship. The Red Sox could hold on to Ramirez until 2010 if they wanted, or they could get rid of him before Thursday's trade deadline. With the Yankees charging and the Rays holding steady, what course of action will help Boston win the AL East this year?



**BRANDON AUGSBURG**

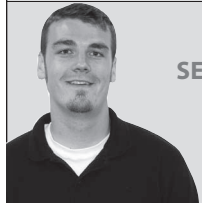
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While "Manny being Manny" has helped propel the BoSox back into the upper echelon of MLB in recent years, parting ways at this point is probably the best option. Ramirez is still a great hitter, but his defense is getting worse by the month and his antics have at times taken center stage ahead of the team. If he could be a DH he could still help the Sox, but David Ortiz has that spot locked up. I say trade him now while he still has some value on the market.

Hold on to him for this season and wait and see what happens. If I am GM Theo Epstein I am looking at this year's team and seeing a legitimate chance at winning two straight World Series. Manny will play for Boston and produce even if he is unhappy. You cannot trade away your best hitter in the middle of a heated pennant race. Wait until the end of the season and then trade him.

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Unloading Man-Ram's Green Monster-sized contract now will save the Red Sox some future embarrassment, but it won't help them win now — unless they get a great deal from a playoff-bubble AL team desperate for a DH (none come to mind). It would also be a crime for any other team to take Ramirez and his child-sized bladder because it is not nearly as funny if he comes out of a door in any other outfield after taking a mid-game leak.

# Beijing subject to security threats

**Charles Hutzler**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — Just more than a week before the Beijing Olympics, a militant Islamic group's claims of responsibility for bombings in China have fueled unease about security.

The government has assured its people and the Olympic community that heavy security will ensure a secure games. But its clampdown has smothered a broad array of groups, many with grievances against the government but without a history of violence.

Among the potential troublemakers Chinese security specialists have identified are Tibetan separatists, who staged occasionally violent protests last spring; members of the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement and unemployed workers.

Stirring the latest concerns were videotaped threats purporting to be from an Islamic militant group. They surfaced last week in the name of the Turkistan Islamic Party — a group Chinese and Western terrorism experts say is an offshoot of a secessionist group from China's Central Asian frontier with ties to al-Qaida.

## HONOR ROLL

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"The four to five years they will participate in college athletics gives them great ability to find what they love to do, then we encourage them to follow that passion," Eikenberg said. "Our recruits know we pay attention and they also realize the likelihood of going pro in our sport. Discipline in the classroom usually follows suit on the floor."

Once her players get to the university, Eikenberg said each student-athlete has to attend required study sessions each week until they achieve a certain GPA. If they earn the required grades they can get out of the program, but most continue to use help throughout college, Eikenberg said.

Five members of the team made the Dean's List for the spring 2008 semester and 11 players maintain a GPA higher than 3.00, according to Saluki Media Services.

Assistant athletic director for academics Kristina Therriault said the staff at the Trout-Whittmann Academic Center requires all freshmen and transfer athletes to attend four hours of study sessions per week during their first semester on campus. If the student-athletes earn a GPA of 2.5 or better they can opt out of the study help, but some coaches require a higher GPA, she said.

Eikenberg requires her players to

have a GPA better than 3.00 before they can go it alone. Therriault said other coaches, such as football coach Dale Lennon and baseball coach Dan Callahan, hold their players to a higher academic standard too.

Therriault said the fact that many Saluki coaches stress academics so much has helped the athletic department as a whole garner many academic honors through the years. She said the whole department, players and coaches included, have a real commitment to maintaining good grades at SIU.

Perhaps the most difficult time of the year to maintain grades is during the season, but Eikenberg said she and her fellow coaches adjust schedules to help the players. She said the team is divided among the staff and the players and coaches have monthly meetings to check up on academic matters.

By meeting frequently the players and coaches can stay aware of academic issues and adjust so that schoolwork and basketball work are balanced.

"We constantly communicate to them the importance of staying ahead and being organized," she said. "During heavy academic times, we try to cut back on the length of practice."

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	Sacramento	15	12	3.0	
	Houston	14	12	3.5	
	Minnesota	13	13	4.5	
Phoenix	12	15	6.0		

## FANTASY

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**American League, Evan Longoria, 3B, Tampa**

He is going to be one of the best hot corner men in the game for years. He has already proven he can do it all.

### Playoff predictions

National League:  
NL West: Arizona  
NL Central: Cubs  
NL East: Philadelphia  
Wild Card: Milwaukee  
American League:  
AL West: L.A. Angles  
AL Central: White Sox  
AL East: Boston  
Wild Card: Tampa Bay

In the National League, the Cubs will head into the playoffs with the best record and have a rematch with Arizona. Milwaukee will take on Philadelphia, behind the great pitching of Ben Sheets and C.C. Sabathia. Cubs will win in six, losing only when Webb pitches. The Brewers will sweep the Phillies, setting up an NL Central NLCS. The series will go to seven but the Cubs exercise their demons in one of the best-pitched series of all time and go to the World Series.

In the American League, L.A. goes in with the best record but is upset in seven by the White Sox who enter the playoffs on a hot streak. Boston and Tampa will battle heavily for seven games, but the Red Sox prevail. In the battle of the Sox it is the White Sox taking down the defending champs in six to set up a historic World Series.

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# Shaw signs with Spain



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Former SIU basketball forward Matt Shaw signed a one-year, \$40,000 contract Friday to play for La Palma of the Spanish LEB league. Shaw said the financial compensation was not as important as just playing basketball again.

"I didn't care how much they were going to pay me," he said. "I'm just getting a chance to continue to play basketball and get paid for

it now."

La Palma is on Isla De Gran Canaria, a part of the Canary Islands located southwest of the Iberian Peninsula.

Shaw is from Centralia. Despite Shaw's move to paradise, he will have a great deal of work to do in helping La Palma win games. Last season La Palma finished 17th of 18 teams in the Gold Division, ending with a 12-22 record.

The LEB league is the second highest league in Spanish basketball behind the ACB league.



## Final piece, final predictions

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This will be my final column for the DAILY EGYPTIAN. So for today's final topic, let's talk about my final baseball predictions. This is one of the more difficult predictions I have had to ever make because it is still July. For today I am going to give you whom I feel will be this year's Fantasy MVPs and CY Young's. I will also throw in my playoff predictions up until the World Series (but I will not say the winner).

### Fantasy MVP's

**National League, Lance Berkman, 1B, Houston**

He is playing out of his mind this season. He got off to a torrid start this year, but has cooled off a bit. His stats are no longer among the league leaders but look at his line for fantasy numbers; .344 avg, 22 homeruns, 76 RBIs and 15 steals. He is even stealing bags. Bottom line, he is the biggest points producer in fantasy baseball whose owners should be very happy campers the rest of the year.

**American League, Carlos Quentin, OF, White Sox**

I will be honest this is a toss up. Josh Hamilton has just as much argument for this as Quentin does. It is hard to look past Hamilton's 100 RBIs at the end of July, plus his average is 30 points higher than Quentin's. This is still July and a lot can change in two months. Quentin has more experience playing full seasons in the majors. His swing is also the Jessica Alba of swings — beautiful.

### CY Young's

**National League, Rich Harden, SP, Cubs**

Logic would dictate that Brandon Webb should be here, but only because Harden missed a month due to injury. Had Harden not been on the shelf, he would have had the best numbers of any pitcher in baseball by now. I boldly predict Harden will stay healthy and continue to be the best pitcher in the National League for the remainder of the season.

**American League, Cliff Lee, SP, Cleveland**

At first I thought this guy's hot start was just a typical early season fluke you see from average players every year. Usually those players are back on Earth by now, but not Lee. He is the best pitcher in baseball and, barring an injury, he could make a run at 25 wins.

### Top Rookie

**National League, Geovanni Soto, C, Cubs**

No surprise here. He is also the best catcher in baseball right now.

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# Women's basketball earns second straight academic honor

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The Saluki women's basketball team has plenty of brains and the Women's Basketball Coaches' Association has noticed.

The women's team earned an overall GPA of 3.371 during the 2007-2008 school year and was ranked No. 12 in the WBCA's Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll for Division I teams.

The Salukis joined four other MVC teams on the list — Indiana State ranked third with a GPA of 3.591, Northern Iowa was sixth with a GPA of 3.535 and Wichita State was 23rd with a GPA of 3.289. This is the fourth time in the past five years that the women's team has been selected to the honor roll, according to Saluki Media Services.

Women's coach Dana Eikenberg said in an e-mail that her players' academic success is just as important to her as their success on the court. She said

academic diligence is the first thing she stresses on the recruiting trail. It gives her players a leg

up on the court and in the classroom, she said.

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WBCA Academic top honor roll teams for NCAA Division I		
1.	South Dakota State University	3.669
2.	Kansas State University	3.652
3.	Indiana State University	3.591
4.	Eastern Washington University	3.584
5.	Western Carolina University	3.543
6.	University of Northern Iowa	3.535
7.	Eastern Illinois University	3.475
8.	Manhattan College	3.430
9.	Utah Valley State College	3.419
10.	University of Northern Colorado	3.414
11.	Montana State University - Bozeman	3.392
12.	Southern Illinois University Carbondale	3.371

Source: <http://www.siusalukis.com>

**Our recruits know we pay attention and they also realize the likelihood of going pro in our sport. Discipline in the classroom usually follows suit on the floor.**

—Dana Eikenberg  
head women's coach