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# 'Mayor of Valley Road' remembered

Former community activist, international program director commemorated

**Barton Lorimor**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Four months after his death, a former SIUC faculty member and community activist was honored on campus by those who knew and admired him.

Linz Brown died suddenly on Nov. 30 at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale at age 71. Brown was a director of SIUC's International Student Services and activist in the community within his own neighborhood and throughout the city.

"He was a very vibrant, active individual, so he was never really old," said Dan Becque, president of the Rotary Breakfast Club in Carbondale, of which Brown was an active member.

Becque led a breakfast for the club Tuesday, which included the dedication and planting of a Dogwood tree along a sidewalk on the northeastern side of the Student Center. Brown's widow Rosie and daughter Vicki Leny were invited by the club, which awarded Linz Brown the Distinguished Service Award in 1996.

Rosie Brown said the couple of 52 years moved to Carbondale in 1979 from Michigan, where Linz Brown earned his doctorate in higher education at the University of Michigan. The Browns came to southern Illinois after Linz accepted his first position at SIUC with International Student Services. The job sometimes meant foreign students stayed at the well-known Brown residence on Valley Road.

"He always made international students feel at home," Leny said.

In the community, Linz Brown was a volunteer administrator with the Carbondale Park District, and frequently addressed the City Council at its regular meetings. His last debate was against Mayor Brad Cole's proposal to increase the sales tax by 0.5 percent, which included a donation of \$20 million during a 20-year period to SIUC's Saluki Way project. Before the City Council voted in favor of the proposal, Linz Brown presented his argument in the format of Dave Letterman's nightly "Top Ten list" on the Late Show.

"He was an outstanding citizen," said former Councilwoman and mayoral candidate Sheila Simon. "That's probably a term that gets tossed around a lot, but Linz took his citizenship seriously."

Simon said Brown would make sure he understood the city's budget, and read public records to bring information to the people, even if he did not take a stance.

Phyllis Goin, a 76-year-old neighbor of the Browns, said she remembers Linz Brown being courteous as he knocked on the door to deliver updates of his effort to organize a neighborhood alliance similar to the Arbor District.

"He kept everything in shape and in order," she said.

After his death, the City Council had a moment of silence at its Dec. 5 meeting. For his work in the community, and especially his neighborhood, Linz Brown will be remembered as the "Mayor of Valley Road," Cole said at the meeting.

Despite his objection to the city's Saluki Way donation, Linz Brown made education a priority for students he interacted with at SIUC, and within his own family, Leny said. A substitute teacher herself, Leny said Brown's granddaughter, Carolyn Leny, also continued the family tradition and is a first grade teacher in Kissimmee, Fla.

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Rotary Club Breakfast members watch as Rosie Brown, widow of Linz Brown, is assisted by Dan Becque, club president, in planting a Dogwood tree in her husband's honor Tuesday morning outside of Neckers Building. Linz Brown was the former director of the International Student Services and a noted community activist in Carbondale.

# University considers out-of-state tuition move

In-state tuition could be offered to some students in neighboring states

**Madeleine Leroux**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

University officials are carefully considering the possibility of offering in-state tuition to students from bordering counties of Illinois to be sure the idea would actually make the university money.

Terry Clark, chair of the marketing department, said the Faculty Senate's budget committee has been looking at costs of offering in-state prices to students in bordering counties in neighboring states, but a decision is far from being made.

It's a complicated process, said

Clark, chair of the budget committee. The number of students coming to SIUC from neighboring states would have to be increased enough to offset losing the out-of-state tuition money the university already receives, he said.

Clark said SIUC is also the only university in Illinois considering the idea, which makes it more difficult to gain support from the state government.

"If we had natural allies at other universities for whom out-of-state students meant as much, we could maybe go on the road to Springfield and begin to

lobby," Clark said, "but I don't see that we do."

SIUC President Glenn Poshard said the issue is individual to SIUC because the university is competing with three other states for the same students. Plus, Poshard said, universities such as Murray State University and the University of Southern Indiana offer in-state tuition to Illinois students, which can cost less than Illinois tuition costs.

"There's more competition now from these other states surrounding us," Poshard said.

Both Murray State University and the University of Southern Indiana offer reciprocity to students in neighboring states, meaning out-of-state students are originally charged the out-of-state tuition costs, but later

receive a tuition discount to bring the costs down to the amount of in-state tuition.

Clark said another problem is that SIUC-Edwardsville will most likely be against the offer as they are located so close to Missouri and receive a large number of students who drive over state lines for class.

"If we offered in-state tuition, then they would lose that without necessarily having a compensating increase in out of state kids paying in-state rates," Clark said.

Interim Provost Don Rice has said the university is also interested in defining the eligibility for students out of state receiving the in-state tuition rates to recruit students with better academic records.

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Indian residents:	\$6,147
Non-Indiana residents:	\$13,081.50*
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Missouri resident:	\$5,304
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# College of Science recruits high school students

**Lindsey Smith**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The university's recent enrollment problems have forced the College of Science to find new ways to keep its student numbers up, and one of those methods was in practice Tuesday.

The college hosted a computer science day on campus as a way to attract high school students to the university. The event is one of a number of techniques, including advertising through departmental Web sites and a billboard on Interstate 57, the college has employed to maintain its enrollment.

The computer science day offers students a web page development competition as well as several workshops if students did not want to participate in the competition.

Approximately 150 high school sophomores, juniors, seniors and teachers attended Tuesday's workshop. Teachers and students from Belleville East, Carterville, Pinckneyville, Salem, Centralia and East Prairie high schools were present.

However, the workshop was not solely aimed at high school students.

"We're starting some new initiatives here trying to network with science teachers, to bring them to campus for various kinds of learning activities and then, we hope, by extension, they'll direct their students here," Means said.

Patricia Meyer, the technology coordinator at Belleville East, said the competition benefited both students and teachers.

"They get a chance to explore their capabilities, their knowledge, or lack of ... it gives us an opportunity to interface with other teachers, see other students and compare programs," Meyer said.

Jordan Kellerman, a senior from



**Brianna Kelly, an undecided sophomore from DuQuoin, is assisted by Srinivas Omkas, a computer science graduate student, during a Computer Science Day Fair activity in Faner Hall Tuesday. Participants used programming techniques to create and manipulate computerized characters in a storyline.**

**JAMES DURBIN**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

**“This is a great idea, to get kids to do hands-on stuff, show them what fields of study they have and what they can do with a certain major.”**

— Jordan Kellerman  
senior from Pickneyville High School

Pinckneyville High School intending to major in computer science, said he thought Tuesday's event was beneficial for students.

"This is a great idea, to get kids to do hands-on stuff, show them what fields of study they have and what

they can do with a certain major," said Kellerman.

However, the timing seemed to be off. By the end of March many high school seniors have already decided on a college.

Kellerman is set on Southeast

Missouri State University, while friend Collin Smith, a senior from Pinckneyville High School, plans to major in architectural engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology. Both said this event would not convince them to switch universities.

Kellerman suggested moving the computer science day to the fall semester.

"I think maybe right after schools starts, or in November," Kellerman said. "Give kids a chance to look around, then give them something like this."

Kellerman said he didn't get much out of the workshops, but wasn't disappointed.

"I'll just be able to go home and brag that I got to go to SIU and have a robot follow me around," Kellerman said.

Meyer said she hoped the annual event would continue, for everyone's sake.

"It's a good (public relations) thing for the university and it's a good opportunity for these kids to explore a potential college. It's a win-win," Meyer said.

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WASHINGTON

## Trustees project serious financial challenges for Social Security and Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trustees for the government's two biggest benefit programs warned that Social Security and Medicare are facing "enormous challenges" with the threat to Medicare's solvency far more severe.

The trustees, issuing their once-a-year analysis, said the resources in the Social Security trust fund will be depleted by 2041. The reserves in the Medicare trust fund that pays hospital benefits were projected to be wiped out by 2019.

Both those dates were the same as in last year's report. But the trustees warned that financial pressures will begin much sooner when the programs begin paying out more in benefits each year than they collect in payroll taxes. For Medicare, that threshold is projected to be reached this year and for Social Security it is projected to occur in 2017.

Both programs are expected to come under increasing pressure as 78 million baby boomers start retiring and drawing benefits.

"The financial difficulties facing Social Security and Medicare pose enormous challenges," the trustees said in their report. "The sooner these challenges are addressed, the more varied and less disruptive their solutions can be."

PENNSYLVANIA

## Clinton says she would have left church that Obama attends

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday she would have left the church that Barack Obama attends if her minister had talked about America the way Obama's pastor has.

Clinton's comments to reporters marked a clear shift in her handling of the Obama church controversy, which she had generally avoided until now. Some Democrats see Obama's refusal to dissociate himself from the Chicago church and its recently retired minister, Jeremiah Wright, as his stickiest campaign challenge so far.

"I think that given all we have heard and seen, he would not have been my pastor," Clinton said at a news conference in Greensburg, Pa., after being asked if Obama should have left the church. She declined to say what Obama should have done, or whether the subject is now a legitimate topic for her appeals to Democratic superdelegates, the party leaders who will decide whether she or Obama will be the presidential nominee.

Over the years, Wright has preached fiery sermons to his predominantly black congregation in which he shouted "God damn America" for its treatment of minorities. He has said the U.S. government invented AIDS to destroy "people of color." He also suggested that U.S. policies in the Middle East and elsewhere were partly responsible for the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

Videos of the remarks have circulated widely on the Internet and news programs.

MASSACHUSETTS

## Obama related to Brad Pitt, Hillary Clinton to Angelina Jolie

BOSTON (AP) — This could make for one odd family reunion: Barack Obama is a distant cousin of actor Brad Pitt, and Hillary Rodham Clinton is related to Pitt's girlfriend, Angelina Jolie.

Researchers at the New England Historic Genealogical Society found some remarkable family connections for the three presidential candidates — Democratic rivals Obama and Clinton, and Republican John McCain.

Clinton, who is of French-Canadian descent on her mother's side, is also a distant cousin of singers Madonna, Celine Dion and Alanis Morissette. Obama, the son of a white woman from Kansas and a black man from Kenya, can call six U.S. presidents, including George W. Bush, his cousins. McCain is a sixth cousin of first lady Laura Bush.

"You'd think with all that singing talent in the family she'd be able to carry a tune," Clinton's senior adviser Philippe Reines said. "But now it makes much more sense how she snagged a Grammy."

Clinton won for best spoken word Grammy in 1997 for "It Takes a Village." Obama also won a Grammy in that category this year for the audio version of his book, "The Audacity Of Hope: Thoughts On Reclaiming The American Dream."

## U.S. and Iraqi troops battle Shiite militia

Robert H. Reid  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraq's leaders faced their gravest challenge in months Tuesday as Shiite militiamen loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr battled for control of the southern oil capital, fought U.S. and Iraqi troops in Baghdad and unleashed rockets on the Green Zone.

Armed Mahdi Army militiamen appeared on some Baghdad streets for the first time in more than six months, as al-Sadr's followers announced a nationwide campaign of strikes and demonstrations to protest a government crackdown on their movement.

Merchants shuttered their shops in commercial districts in several Baghdad neighborhoods.

U.S. and Iraqi troops backed by helicopters fought Shiite militiamen in Baghdad's Sadr City district after the local office of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Dawa Party came under attack, the U.S. said. Residents of the area reported intermittent explosions and gunfire in the area late Tuesday.

An American soldier was killed in fighting Tuesday afternoon in Baghdad, the U.S. military said. No further details were released, and it was unclear whether Shiite militiamen were responsible.

Although all sides appeared reluctant to trigger a conflagration, Brig.

Gen. Ed Cardon, assistant commander of the U.S. task force operating south of Baghdad, said the situation in the south was "very complicated" and "the potential for miscalculation is high."

The burgeoning crisis — part of an intense power struggle among Shiite political factions — has major implications for the United States. An escalation could unravel the cease-fire which al-Sadr proclaimed last August. A resumption of fighting by his militia could kill more U.S. soldiers and threaten — at least in the short run — the security gains Washington has hailed as a sign that Iraq is on the road to recovery.

The confrontation will also test

the skill and resolve of Iraq's Shiit-led government in dealing with Shiite militias, with whom the national leadership had maintained close ties.

Underscoring the serious stakes at play, al-Maliki, a Shiite, remained in the southern city of Basra to command the security operation. Sweeps were launched at dawn to rid the city of militias and criminal gangs that ruled the streets even before the British handed over control to the Iraqis in December.

U.S. and Iraqi officials believe some factions of al-Sadr's movement maintain close ties with Iran, which provides them with weapons, money and training. Iran denies the allegation.



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Sheik Lefta Abbs Salam al Jurani talks with Capt. Paul Godson and other U.S. troops in Laytha, Iraq, on March 3, 2008. Godson's job is more diplomacy than warfare. He goes from village to village connecting with local sheiks and mukhtars, or mayors. His days can fill with long discussions and negotiations done through a translator.

## Pentagon: Ballistic missile parts mistakenly shipped to Taiwan

Lolita C. Baldor  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military's shipment to Taiwan of electrical fuses for an intercontinental ballistic missile raised concerns Tuesday over U.S.-China relations and triggered a broad investigation into the security of Pentagon weapons.

China vehemently opposes U.S. arms sales to Taiwan. Four of the cone-shaped fuses were shipped to Taiwanese officials in fall 2006 instead of the helicopter batteries they had ordered.

Despite quarterly checks of the inventory, defense officials said they never knew the fuses were gone. Only after months of discussions with Taiwan over the missing batteries did the Pentagon finally realize — late last week — the gravity of what had happened.

Once the error was discovered, the military quickly recovered the four fuses. How it happened, and whether the incident constitutes a

violation of any treaty or agreement governing international sales of missile technology, were lingering questions. The shipment did not involve any nuclear material.

At a hastily called news conference Tuesday, Ryan Henry, the No. 2 policy official in Defense Secretary Robert Gates' office, said President Bush as well as Chinese leaders were informed of the mistake — an error Henry called intolerable.

"I can not emphasize forcefully enough how strong the secretary feels about this matter and how disconcerting it is to him," Henry told reporters. He added that in an organization the size of the Defense Department there will be mistakes, but that "they cannot be tolerated in the arena in strategic systems, whether they are nuclear or only associated equipment, as was in this case."

In a comment directed at the Chinese concerns, Henry said the error does not suggest that U.S. policies on arms sales to Taiwan have changed.

## U.S.-contracted ship kills one with warning shots, officials claim

Nasser Nasser  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUEZ, Egypt — Dozens of angry mourners buried an Egyptian man Tuesday who they said was killed by shots fired from an American cargo ship contracted to the U.S. Navy as it passed through the Suez Canal.

U.S. officials said American military guards aboard the ship only fired warning shots toward approaching motorboats Monday night and said they had received no report of anyone being killed.

The incident occurred when the merchant ship Global Patriot entered the canal from the Red Sea and was approached by small motorboats that ply the waterway selling goods to passing ships, according to both Egyptian and U.S. accounts of the incident.

The Navy has been leery of small boats getting near its warships since al-Qaida suicide attackers rammed an explosives-packed motorboat into the USS Cole off Yemen, killing 17 sailors in 2000.

Cmdr. Lydia Robertson, spokeswoman for the Bahrain-based U.S. 5th Fleet, said cargo ships sailing under contract to the Navy follow the same rules of engagement as American warships

in dealing with approaching boats.

"The boats were hailed and warned by a native Arabic speaker using a bullhorn to warn them to turn away. A warning flare was then fired," the U.S. Embassy in Cairo said in a statement. "One small boat continued to approach the ship and received two sets of warning shots 20-30 yards in front of the bow. All shots were accounted for as they entered the water."

A U.S. Navy security team aboard the ship fired the shots, said Lt. Nathan Christensen, the 5th Fleet's deputy spokesman.

The Navy said in a statement that it was investigating, but that initial reports from the ship indicated there were no casualties.

An Egyptian security official at the canal, however, said one man was fatally shot in the small boat and the three other men with him were wounded. The official agreed to discuss the incident only if he was not identified, because he was not authorized to talk to journalists.

The Egyptian state news agency MENA also reported one man was killed. There was no immediate comment from Egypt's government.

# Funds needed for equipment breakdown

Classroom initiative budget lost after Wendler

**Madeleine Leroux**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Some of the high-tech classroom equipment the university installed in recent years is beginning to break down, but the money to fix it has disappeared.

In 2003, the university began renovations to classrooms in buildings such as Lawson Hall, installing new equipment, including liquid crystal display projectors and

digital document cameras. The upgrades were part of a campus-wide classroom initiative program started by former SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler.

Jim Foerster, audio-visual services manager, said Wendler allocated \$1 million per year to upgrade and maintain high-tech classrooms as part of a promise he made to students when tuition was increased. Foerster said when Wendler lost his position as chancellor, the classroom initiative budget was frozen and no new budget has been created to cover the cost of maintenance.

"Basically, the funds were cut completely," Foerster said. "Now, (the equipment) is getting to be

about four, going on five, years old and starting to break down a bit."

David Carlson, dean of library affairs, said the library is responsible for maintaining the audio/visual technology and has been speaking with interim Provost Don Rice about the situation for four to six months. Carlson said a budget request to maintain and occasionally replace equipment was submitted to Rice in December, but the problem has not yet been resolved.

"With one-time money having disappeared the more ongoing maintenance money disappeared with it, and that's the nature of the problem," Carlson said.

Carlson said one example of

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— David Carlson  
dean of library affairs

equipment costs is projector bulbs, which have a limited lifespan when used frequently. Bulbs for more expensive projectors can cost about \$400 to \$500 a piece, he said. When the bulbs start to burn out it adds up to a significant amount of money.

Carlson said as equipment breaks down he has alerted Rice, who has made funds available on

a case-by-case basis to keep things running until an official budget is approved. "This is not how it should be done," Carlson said. "But for now, until we get more general permission for an established ongoing continuing budget, it's how we're getting by."

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# Crane accident at construction site kills two, hurts five

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — A section of construction crane plummeted 30 floors at the site of a high-rise condominium Tuesday, killing two workers and smashing into a home that the contractor used for storage, police said.

Five other workers were injured, one critically, at the site of the 40-plus-story luxury condo tower on Biscayne Bay just days after a similar accident in New York killed seven people.

The part that fell was a 20-foot section workers had been raising to extend the equipment's reach, Miami fire spokesman Ignatius Carroll said. The crane's main vertical section was intact.

The section smashed through the Spanish-tiled roof of the two-story home, which police spokesman Delrish Moss said had been used in the 1998 comedy film "There's Something About Mary."

Emergency workers and dogs found no evidence of trapped victims, but fire officials said rescue efforts were hampered because the crane section remained unstable. Rescue workers were trying to secure a severely damaged wall before re-entering the house to check for anyone inside.

David Martinez, 31, a pipe fitter, was on the fourth floor of the condo tower eating lunch when the crash occurred.

"It was like a small earthquake," he said. "We looked outside, and we couldn't even see." It took sev-

eral minutes for the dust to clear, Martinez said.

One of those killed died in the house, and the other died at a hospital, Moss said.

Mary Costello, a senior vice president for Bovis Lend Lease Holdings Inc., which was managing the construction, said the accident occurred when a subcontractor tried to raise the crane section and it came loose.

The company is cooperating with investigators, she said.

"Our hearts are heavy at this moment for the two deceased individuals, including one of our own employees and the additional injured workers," she said in a statement.

The subcontractor, Morrow Equipment Co., and the

tower developer, Royal Palms Communities, did not return phone messages seeking comment.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration had two investigators at the site.

Darlene Fossum, an area director for the agency, said Bovis Lend Lease had partnered with OSHA in the past and was considered a company that went "above and beyond" in terms of safety and health.

Fossum added that OSHA issued five violations against Morrow in a December 1999 incident in Florida, but those mostly involved problems with digging and not cranes. The Salem, Ore.-based company has faced 15 inspections nationwide.

The state of Florida does not

license or regulate tower cranes or crane operators, but bills moving through both houses of the Legislature would change that.

In 2006, a fatal crane accident in Miami-Dade County prompted local officials to work with industry leaders on an ordinance that would beef up inspections and safety measures for lifting cranes. The law is to go into effect Friday.

Tuesday's accident came 10 days after a 20-story crane toppled at a New York construction site, killing seven people. The crane demolished a four-story town house and damaged several other buildings.

New York City officials said Tuesday they have told contractors they can't raise or lower large cranes at construction sites unless a buildings inspector is there.



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WHAT THE HEALTH IS GOING ON?

# Read this: The 411 on alcohol poisoning

THE WELLNESS CENTER

The word “intoxication” is used in reference to excessive alcohol use for a reason.

The root of that word, “toxic,” means poison. Some recent research has indicated that limited use of alcohol can have beneficial physical effects, such as lessening risk of heart disease among certain populations.

However, patterns of binge drinking among students on college campuses do not provide a positive health benefit. In addition to the negative effect alcohol use can have on academics, legal problems, future employers viewing Facebook party photos, relationship problems or injury, alcohol can poison the body.

According to the National Institute for Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse, binge drinking, or episodic heavy drinking, can be defined as five or more drinks for men and four or more drinks for women within a two-hour period. These binge sessions account for a majority of reported alcohol poisoning episodes.

Drinking games; event-oriented alcohol use, such as sporting events; “special” days, such as St. Patrick’s Day and spring break;

and “pre-gaming” (drinking prior to going to the bars) are types of binge behavior and can lead to serious unwanted consequences.

Most people who have participated in this episodic heavy drinking have experienced at least some symptoms of alcohol poisoning. These symptoms include nausea, vomiting, mental confusion, passing out, difficulty awakening, irregular breathing, loss of pain sensation, absent reflexes, seizures, hypothermia and even coma. Hypothermia is a lowering of the body’s temperature and is visible by a bluish tint to the skin or paleness. Seizures can occur due to dehydration or hypoglycemia, which is a deficiency in blood sugar.

Consequences of these symptoms can be deadly. Passing out may be considered normal by some who participate in episodic heavy drinking, but this is a dangerous

time for a person. Alcohol, as a central nervous system depressant, can produce toxic consequences that lead to disrupting the mechanisms that control involuntary actions, such as breathing and the gag reflex.

Vomiting while passed out can result in asphyxiation, and without a gag reflex, a person can literally drown in his own vomit.

Nausea, vomiting and passing out are early signs of alcohol poisoning. The body lets the individual know that the toxicity caused by alcohol is overwhelming the system. It warns first through nausea, purges itself through vomiting and attempts to prevent further intake of alcohol through uncon-

sciousness.

A real danger of alcohol poisoning associated with passing out occurs because alcohol is still being processed by the system. The level of alcohol in the blood-

stream continues to rise, possibly up to 90 minutes following the last drink. This can lead to a lethal dose of alcohol.

If you suspect someone has alcohol poisoning, knowing these signs may be important. Don’t wait for all symptoms to be present. Be aware that someone who passed out may die or cause damage to multiple body organs, including the brain. “Sleeping it off” is dangerous and is not recommended. Place a person who is passed out or unable to be roused on his side to prevent possible asphyxiation. Call 911 emergency services as soon as possible to limit possible damage to the body or the brain.

Medically treating someone with alcohol poisoning is possible if the person gets to help in time. However, the most important action does not occur in the emergency room.

It occurs through the choice to limit use and protect ourselves, friends and those we care for.

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*For confidential help with alcohol or other drug issues, contact the Wellness Center at 536-4441.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Letter fostered stereotypes

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing this letter in response to the letter you published in Friday’s paper titled “Obama unfairly spun,” written by Bomani Spell.

I found a few of Spell’s remarks offensive, particularly the remark that stated that blacks pay 30 percent more for their cars. I can’t comment on federal housing assistance criteria

because I know very little of this subject. However, the only time a black or any other person has paid a higher interest rate was because he had a poor credit rating and delinquent payment history.

After working in automotive sales for more than 15 years, at two of the most established dealerships in this area and San Antonio, I can honestly say that we have never sold a vehicle at a higher price due to a customer’s skin color. Never.

This remark undermines the honest, hard work that

many of us do in the auto business. We work long hours and constantly strive to overcome stereotypical assumptions and biased remarks just like this.

Furthermore, being educated in an “inferior” school system is only an excuse to be resentful. I came from a very small school that had very little money. We didn’t have computers or advanced mathematics taught. Nevertheless, a classmate was accepted to the Air Force Academy.

**Andrew Corderman**  
Carbondale resident

### A transfer student’s perspective

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to the article titled “Death of a Ceiling Tile” from Monday’s paper, I would like to submit my (humble) resounding confirmation of the idea Mr. Wenger was conveying.

I have interest in sporting events on campus just like I’m sure many Salukis have; It’s a matter of school pride in a sense. However, when I see obvious negligence of basic maintenance in school buildings, I naturally ask

myself, “How are our tuition costs being ‘managed?’”

I’m a transfer student, so I would say I am in a somewhat unique position of getting an unbiased view (first impression) of many of the places I go on campus. Last week during the rains, I fortunately did not get to personally witness the umbilical cords at the bottom of tarps in buildings. I did get to witness the bottom of one of the Engineering Buildings flood.

Does anyone else see the irony here?

The battle for dry ground was being fought by six separate Shop-Vac’s left to sit mindlessly waiting for the rain to stop brought the image to my head of the

school’s money-managing technique; Maybe once the problem temporarily goes away, the symptoms will fix themselves.

If SIUC’s leaders are so worried about getting new students on campus, why not try to put some money into simple things like being good stewards of what is already on campus? Honestly, what new students are going to be excited to go to a school that’s buildings are flooding?

Why am I paying for a new sports venue that is just going to eventually be neglected in its maintenance too?

**Adam Stear**  
senior studying technical resource management

Gus Bode says make sure you check out [www.siuDE.com/podcasts](http://www.siuDE.com/podcasts) for a background look at this week’s editorials. We chat it up with Jordan about the ‘green’ fee, Treviño’s woes and the overall state of the university.



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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If I wanted to be loved, I ought to be a TV correspondent, not a politician.”

**Dick Cheney**  
U.S. vice president  
cracking a joke on a television broadcast in Turkey

# INSIGHT



## A world upside down

Photo column by  
Jason Johnson ~ Daily Egyptian

“If you turn the environment upside down, it doesn’t work as well,” said Keith Kinkade.

Kinkade and his wife Judy McGee founded the National Tiger Sanctuary in Bloomsdale, Mo. The sanctuary is an educational institution that informs people on the importance of preservation and our effect on the world.

The tigers are ambassadors for the environment. The sanctuary provides insight to the people who visit them.

When speaking about human impact, Keith asked, “What other animal destroys its habitat for greed?”

Sometimes we don’t stop to realize how much of an effect each of us has on our environment, our habitat.

The couple literally opens their home to people on the weekends. They provide not only the opportunity to be within three feet

of a tiger, but a chance to learn about how organisms depend on each other to survive.

Kinkade and McGee volunteered nursing sick cubs back to health for some time before starting the sanctuary.

When speaking about human impact, Keith asked, ‘What other animal destroys its habitat for greed?’

The sanctuary originally began after DePaul University decided to fund an educational program based around the five tigers the couple rescued from their mother. She was confiscated from a dealer in Chicago, and was showing signs that she may kill them. Eventually DePaul pulled funding; Kinkade and McGee then began the National Tiger Sanctuary on

their own.

The couple has raised the tigers since they were three weeks old and weighed only 8 pounds. The five tigers, four brothers and a sister, are like children to Kinkade and McGee.

“We call ‘em kids because how they behave,” Kinkade said.

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# Graduate students discuss 'green' fee

Allison Petty  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Though the organization did not have enough members to vote, Graduate and Professional Student Council spent almost two hours in discussion and debate Tuesday night.

Most of that time allowed the organization to consider a proposed "green" fee, which could cost students \$10 per semester. The fee is scheduled to appear as a referendum on the ballot during student elections next month.

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

Shelly McGrath was one of the most vocal in favor of the measure.

"I'm a firm believer that our almighty dollar is not more important than our environment," said McGrath, a doctoral student from Lansing studying sociology. "Well, the funny thing is that by the time the earth is

destroyed, money's not going to mean anything."

Others questioned plans for implementation of the fee, which Project Eco-Dawgs co-coordinators Megan Pulliam and John Dyer detailed in a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation.

Pulliam, the SIUC student representative on the Board of Trustees, said the funds would accommodate an environmental sustainability council to make the university more energy efficient and, consequently, more cost-efficient. Six students, a faculty representative, a facilities representative and a sustainability coordinator would make up the council.

Pulliam said the student fee would not be used to pay the coordinator's salary. Instead, the money would come from university funds.

But some said they thought the arrangement left the council with too little accountability to students as well as a lack of guidance from faculty and staff.

Gargi Bhattacharya, a doctoral student from Indiana studying psychology, said she favored the idea of a



Jon Dyer and Megan Pulliam, co-coordinators for the Eco-Dawgs, huddle with supporters Robin Morrow and Trevor Hinckley after the departure of GPSC members Tuesday night to gauge the mixed reactions and comments received during their presentation. 'I was expecting tough questions from these guys' Morrow said, 'but I think it was a really productive meeting.'

JAMES DURBIN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

sustainability council and recycled frequently. But she said having students as two-thirds of the council could hinder its goals since student members would likely change each year.

John Koropchak, vice chancellor for research and graduate dean, said he thought the Project Eco-Dawgs members had put a lot of work into the plan.

"Something that comes from the students is something that administrators and faculty are certainly going to

be interested in hearing," Koropchak said. "I see a lot of proposals that are put forward that have a lot less merit on them."

GPSC President Steven Middleton said he liked the idea of environmental sustainability, but thought current plans for the council were too idealistic. He said he had not made up his mind about how to vote on the fee.

Pulliam said Project Eco-Dawgs members would not pursue the fee if a majority of students voted

against it in April.

GPSC was scheduled to voice its opinion on several student fees as well as hear a proposal to allocate event funding. The organization could not do business, however, because more than half of its 31 members were not present. This was the second consecutive meeting at which the organization did not meet quorum.

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# Students debate hip-hop's portrayal of women



DuVale Riley ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Patrick Smith, a sophomore from Chicago studying speech communication, was selected from the audience to give his opinion of women in hip-hop videos during a panel discussion asking, 'Does rap respect women?' Tuesday night in the Student Center.

DeMarcus Hamilton  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With the constant exposure of women on television and the degrading lyrics of women streaming from the lips of today's rappers, some debate hip-hop has lost its respect and value for women.

About 100 students turned out to analyze the question at a panel discussion titled "Does hip-hop hate women?" in the Student Center ballrooms Tuesday. The event, sponsored by the Wellness Center and The Women's Center, was designed to bring thought-provoking conversation about how today's women are viewed in the industry.

The familiar question about whether rappers intentionally degrade women has been raised in recent months by the hip-hop community in

BET's "Hip-Hop vs. America." With idolized club bangers such as Nelly's "Tipdrill" and music videos bringing half-naked women into the living room, it has been a common concern among parents and listeners alike.

The event featured a question-and-answer panel consisting of four students and a moderator who presented questions critical to the sexism that some say dominates the hip-hop subculture.

Derrick Williams, a graduate assistant working in the Wellness Center, asked the audience where this view of women began.

"I don't know where it all started," said panelist Sharda Lott, a senior from Maywood studying microbiology. "But music videos are showing women with their clothes off and music influences the way we dress."

A slight commotion stirred when

a member of the audience voiced his opinion, saying that the current view of women is not all the artists' fault. Artists simply produce the music and it is the consumers who choose to purchase or reject the artists' messages.

Kate Kallberg, a senior from Chicago studying speech communication, said she thought women sometimes created the negative stereotypes by appearing on television shows such as "The Bachelor" or "Flavor of Love." Competitions in which women fight over and seduce men they barely know contribute to the perception that women are "bringing it upon themselves," Kallberg said.

The event, which lasted nearly two hours, was part of Women's History Month, which lasts until March 31.

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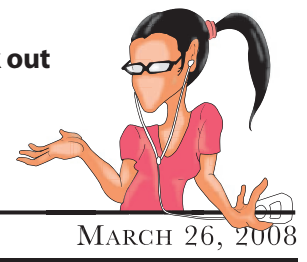
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## Pretty self-explanatory

### Panic at the Disco is growing up

**Audra Ord**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Panic at the Disco**  
**'Pretty. Odd.'**  
Release date: March 25, 2008  
Record label: Fueled by Ramen  
<http://www.panicatthedisco.com>



It seems that the emo-pop boys of Panic at the Disco are finally growing up. They ditched the exclamation point and reached a depth in their new album that demonstrates the musical maturity they've gained since "A Fever you Can't Sweat Out."

"Pretty. Odd." is pretty self-descriptive. Panic's new album is a musical menagerie of ballads, Beatle-esque pop tunes, orchestral arrangements, trumpet fanfares and a folk song aptly named "Folkin' Around."

Panic introduced the new album with a disclaimer in "We're so Starving." "Oh how it's been so long, we're so sorry we've been gone. We were busy writing songs for you. You don't have

to worry, because we're still the same band ..."

"Nine in the Afternoon," the single released from the album, is a bright pop tune with some crossover from "A Fever you Can't Sweat Out."

Hidden in the song is what seems to be a metaphor for Panic's musical career: "Back to the street down to our feet, losing the feeling of feeling unique." It seems that the group is aware of its need to achieve again its "the-one-and-only" status.

What can listeners expect? It's almost better to have no expectations. This album is like no other, though it draws from several sources of inspiration. Some songs, such as "Behind the Sea" and "She had the World" are incredibly similar to "Sgt. Pepper"-era Beatles hits. "Northern Downpour" is a mellow, pretty song, and "Folkin' Around" will leave listeners wondering if someone changed the CD to a bluegrass album without their knowledge.

Singer Brendon Urie makes the most of guitarist Ryan Ross' lyrics, demonstrating the advances he has made in vocal quality



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since the band's last album. Urie shows improvement in both vocal range and tonal quality, making for a pleasurable listen.

Listeners looking for a sequel to "A Fever you Can't Sweat Out" will be disappointed, as "Pretty. Odd." is a big step in a new direction for the young band.

Upon first play-through, the album seems to be entirely different than its predecessor, and Panic fans may be put off by the new sound. Once the initial shock is over, though, "Pretty. Odd." shows itself to be a fun, easy listen and a brave new direction for Panic at the Disco.

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## Green finding his way post- 'Juno'

**Devin Vaughn**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Adam Green**  
**'Sixes & Sevens'**  
Release Date: March 18  
Label: Rough Trade  
<http://adamgreen.net>

It would seem Adam Green, one of the quirky wordsmiths of the Moldy Peaches, is due for a renaissance after "Juno" became everybody's favorite pregnancy-related dramedy, with the Peaches' song "Anyone Else but You" spearheading the soundtrack.

So now, here he is with good timing — and a lot of money spent in the studio.

Marked with lavish arrangements of strings, horns, organs, pianos, back-up singers and even jaw harps, Green's fifth solo album, "Sixes & Sevens," is an opulent tour de force of lush orchestrations and big studio production that often finds itself reaching in too many directions.

Despite its professionalism, "Sixes & Sevens" often misses the point.

On one hand, its proclivities for big productions can be dissatisfying. Green's low crooning voice is his strong suit, and the baroque layering of instruments at times distracts the listener from that, making the recordings a bit overworked.

"Tropical Island" and "Twee Dee Dee," corny homages to Vegas lounge acts like Wayne Newton and Tom Jones, are perfect examples of his rich voice getting confused with the equally rich and painfully swanky instrumentation.

On the other hand, with certain tracks it is apparent Green has not yet moved beyond the Moldy Peaches. "Drowning Head First," a duet sung with a female vocalist, seems conspicuously similar to "Anyone Else but You," and "That Sounds Like a Pony" is a near-carbon copy of "D.2. Boyfriend."

But Green's confusion in direction on this album does not make it bad by any means. The extra money spent in the studio does pay off with such songs as "It's a Fine" and "Homelife." The album is layered instrumentation does not distract from Green's resonant vocals, instead complimenting them.

And "Sticky Ricki," which sounds a bit like something George and Ira Gershwin would have written while on an absinthe binge in a German cabaret, showcases Green's tendencies for the odd and carnivalesque — "Ricki. Why so sticky? Why affixed to every silly dancing man? I can see you by the window playing. But for some reason, it's really not that way at all for us."

But mainly, in "Sixes & Sevens," Green seems to be caught between where he has been and, perhaps, where he is going. The simplicity and idiosyncrasies of his past work are still stuck in his musical psyche, and the more lush, produced elements that are so salient in "Sixes & Sevens" are yet to compromise themselves with this. The results are good enough but do not exactly work as a whole.

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**Julie Engler**

I see the point, as the store needs to keep up with competition like iTunes. But if Wal-Mart is already selling the most albums, it is just using its advantage to rip off the labels and the artists at this point, which is just plain wrong.

**Devin Vaughn**

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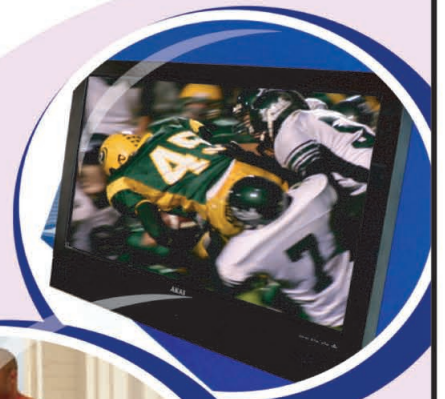
**Audra Ord**

While I agree that CDs are often over-priced, I don't think Wal-Mart should be able to name its own price. We have to make sure those poor, starving artists get their cut of the proceeds, don't we?

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- 608 W. Cherry
- 408 W. Chestnut
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- 809 W. College
- 305 Crestview
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- 603 S. Forest
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# Women's Center receives \$11,000 grant

## Avon Foundation grant supports utilities

**Barton Lorimor**  
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Months before one of its busiest times of the year, Carbondale's Women's Center has received an \$11,000 grant from the Avon Foundation for assisting victims of domestic violence.

Women's Center director Camille Dorris said the grant is a new addition to this year's \$800,000 budget, which has become tighter as operation costs continue to rise along with the number of victims

receiving treatment. More victims of abusive relationships arrive at the center's shelter after the winter holidays and the end of the regular school year, she said.

"Often times if there are children involved, mothers will wait until their children are out of school before they take the safe step and move into the shelter," Dorris said.

The shelter was serving 13 victims Monday.

Susan Heaney, a spokeswoman for Avon, said the grant is issued to less than 35 institutions nationwide

serving domestic violence victims. Unlike most grants, Heaney said this financial aid can be used for operating expenses, such as utilities and office supplies for volunteers and paid staff.

But Dorris said the grant gives her center the opportunity to purchase computers victims in the shelter can use to create résumés — the first step to starting a new life.

"What we try to do is not only deal with the immediate crisis and safety issues, but also help them with longer term goals," she said.

Dorris said people are known to return to abusive relationships because of the financial security they

may provide.

Dorris said April is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but groups and events advocating the end of abusive relationship have already occurred on campus this school year. During the fall semester, a group identified as the Clothesline Project hung T-shirts made by domestic violence victims along the outside corridor of Faner Hall. The Vagina Monologues was also presented to SIUC students and faculty March 2.

Heaney said the Avon Foundation launched its campaign, Avon Speak Out Against Domestic Violence, in 2004, which made the grant

received by the Women's Center possible. She said the foundation, which is funded through the sale of corporate-made make-up and other products, has established hotlines and handouts for men and women considering walking out on an abusive relationship.

"We're just delighted that the Women's Center in Carbondale delivers excellent services to people in the community, and are doing the sort of work we want them to do," Heaney said.

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# Kaki King's perfect album

**Julie Engler**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Kaki King**  
'Dreaming of Revenge'  
Release date: March 11  
Record label: Velour Recordings  
<http://www.kakiking.com>

For some time, Kaki King has been a well-kept secret in the world of mind-blowing acoustic guitarists.

She's not over-publicized or extremely well-known, yet those who have heard her should be entranced by her unique style of playing. Her ability to take a guitar, slap the wood and pick around the strings, while throwing in harmonics with seeming ease, and transform one instrument into a full

band isn't common practice.

Her fourth album is equal to the amazing musical quality of her previous releases. Though other instruments join her, they never steal her spotlight and add a full wall of sound to complete the songs. It's obvious, however, when she takes the lead all on her own that she doesn't need their help at all.

"Dreaming of Revenge" has all of Kaki King's greatness with a little more vocalization than previous albums. Producer Malcolm Burn had visions to make the album catchy, and did it in a way that doesn't take away from Kaki King's

genius guitar playing.

"Bone Chaos in the Castle" has a little hint of The Sea and Cake's eminent pop trance thrown in. Yet the opening track is purely instrumental — an immediate indicator that she hasn't released an album full of methodic pop songs.

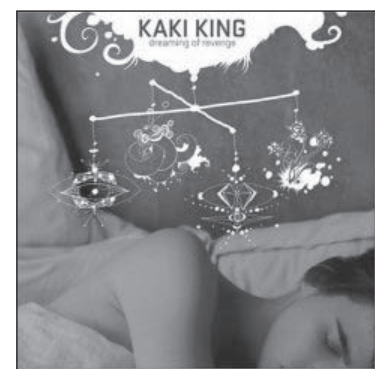
When Kaki King does open her mouth, right away on the second track, "Life Being What it Is," listeners get a look into the world of a shy, soft-spoken woman. Kaki King is mesmerizing, whether she's singing in her childlike, sweet voice or just simply playing along.

On "So Much for so Little," a

non-vocal track, Kaki King produces an almost wind-chime effect with her guitar; she knows every part of her instrument and what it can do, and displays it well on "Dreaming of Revenge."

Each song produces a different landscape and vibe. "Montreal," with its steady, electric dissonance and loud drumbeat, is a drive through the city on a rainy night, with tall skyscrapers and the traffic lights becoming a blur through the windows. "Open Mouth" is lonely and introspective, flowing with strings over five minutes.

"Pull me out Alive" is a little different, albeit wonderful, with its bare chords and a muted, electric strum lending it a harder rock vibe



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5 out of 5 stars

than her other tracks. She layers the verse vocals, producing an almost indecipherable whisper, and bursts into a strong, resonant chorus.

Kaki King shows no flaws on "Dreaming of Revenge." The album is one dreamy journey worth traveling — a countless number of times.

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## Don't get 'Awkward'

**Julie Engler**  
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**Be Your Own Pet**  
'Get Awkward'  
Release date: March 18, 2008  
Record label: Universal Records  
<http://www.beyourownpet.net/site>



2.5 out of 5 stars

On "Get Awkward," Be Your Own Pet remains true to the garage punk and short songs that made it famous.

Surprisingly, they lose a little of the playfulness that made the first album so much fun in their second full-length release. Riding a "Bicycle" is replaced by cruising around in cars ("Black Hole"), and partying and sleeping around ("The Kelly Affair").

The band is still young and the album is proof its mentality remains in high school, no matter how much playfulness is lost.

However, the album being sold stateside is missing three tracks available on overseas versions because Universal decided they were too violent and chopped them.

The songs, "Becky," "Black Hole" and "Blow Your Mind," have lyrics that mention killing — nothing new from the band's self-titled debut, and (hopefully) as far from being serious as the rest of the band's song catalog.

"Becky" is a brutal song about killing a classmate after school without remorse, though "Black Hole" has only one line about killing someone because there's nothing else to do. (The two songs are streaming on the band's Web site, and the band says it plans to release the songs on a later EP).

Singer Jemina Pearl is one woman you don't want to mess with, and she's just as defiant, independent and

mean as on her debut, though inherently more brutal and vicious in her songwriting. On "Twisted Nerve," she describes obsessive relationships and consequences, singing, "Rip out my hair. Wish that it's yours. Cut my own skin. Pretend that it's yours."

She isn't always so mean, though. Songs such as "You're a Waste" and "Creepy Crawl" are testaments to her ability to leave the screaming for some rough singing, showing something close to a soft side listeners don't get to see a lot of.

Musically, the band has added more lead guitar riffs to their anger-fueled, power-chord punk songs, without changing the rough, crunchy and distorted trademark on its debut. The bass remains rhythmic and simple, while the drums pound on song after song with accuracy and speed that feed the fire.

As serious as some songs are, they're broken up by the immature mentality of the band. The messy "Food Fight" and equally grotesque "Zombie Graveyard Party" are nothing like the hatred Pearl has for the stereotypical pretty girl with tight jeans in "Bitches Leave," or the adolescent jealousy-love-thing in "Heart Throb."

Just like the first album, "Get Awkward" has one "slower," oddball serious song, called "You're a Waste." With more melodic guitars and no screaming lyrics, the track is about a break-up, but Pearl isn't the one crying, which is easy enough to believe.

It's hard to say a bunch of 20-year-olds have "matured," but musically and lyrically, the band has obviously grown up a bit. Be Your Own Pet is better sillier than violent, and if the band's obvious target is high school, the childishness of its debut was better.

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JAMES DURBIN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior outfielder Dean Cademartori leads off of second base during Friday's 7-2 win over Indiana State. The Salukis beat Eastern Illinois 3-1 Tuesday.

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Kehrer kept Eastern Illinois in the game while allowing one run over five innings before handing the game over to senior reliever Tyler Brandon. Brandon (2-2) picked up the loss, allowing a pair of runs to score in the ninth.

"[Brandon] pitched great, but I guess he ran out of gas; we thought he was doing well," Panthers coach Jim Schmitz said in a written statement.

Sophomore designated hitter Alex Gee drove in the lone run for the Panthers in the fourth inning.

Senior utility man Adam Hills tied the game up in the fifth inning with an RBI single that scored

freshman outfielder Chris Murphy.

Saluki senior shortstop Tyler Lairson was finally shutdown at the plate. Lairson went 9-for-11 in last weekend's series with Indiana State but went 0-for-4 on Tuesday.

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STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Junior tight end Jabril Lewis catches a pass Tuesday during practice at McAndrew Stadium. SIU will open the 2008-09 football season Sept. 9 when it hosts Hampton.

**LENNON**

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Lennon said he has been impressed with the athleticism and focus the team has shown and is glad there are no major injuries heading into the season. After the team completed everything he expected from them during off-season conditioning, he said he thinks they will be able to complete all the goals during spring ball.

"This is a pretty intelligent football team," Lennon said. "With their football savvy, I don't see them having any problems picking up the new system during practice."

April 19 is a date Lennon said

he is looking forward to as the Salukis will compete in their annual spring game. By the time the game comes, Lennon said he would like to see all players comfortable with the system and ready to compete in their respective roles.

For a coach with a 90-24 record and a team that went to the national semifinals, Lennon said he expects to keep the winning tradition alive.

"Winning doesn't come easy," Lennon said. "But the expectations are high and these players have had a taste and are very motivated and ready to win."

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**WILSON**

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"That half a step can cost you stealing a base or not," Wilson said.

Even though she hit well last season, Wilson said she worked on shortening her stance at the plate with the help of assistant coach Christy Connoyer.

She was named MVC Player of the Week Feb. 18 after a strong opening weekend for the Salukis where she hit .700 on two doubles, a triple and five RBIs.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said Wilson provides key RBIs for the Salukis.

"She's just hitting the ball hard right now," Blaylock said. "She's hitting to all fields and she's just really relaxed right now."

Sophomore second baseman Alicia Garza said she sees more confidence in Wilson as a player this season even after both had strong rookie seasons.

Wilson and Garza, along with sophomore utility player Allie Hanson and junior third baseman Katie Wagner, share an apartment, which Garza said helps not only build a friendship but a confidence with each other on the field.

"It's fun (living together); we play Wii baseball in our living room," Garza said with a laugh.

Wilson and the Salukis will travel to Eastern Illinois Thursday for a non-conference doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.

Megan Krampfer can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 256 or megkramp@siu.edu.

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The San Francisco 49ers were forced to forfeit their fifth round pick and swap third round picks with the Chicago Bears in the NFL draft after commissioner Roger Goodell said the 49ers tampered with Bears linebacker Lance Briggs. Was this a fair punishment?

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"The word tampering is unusual to me. What could the 49ers possibly have done to warrant the word 'tampering'? I guess they could have come out to Chicago and try to sabotage Briggs' equipment, maybe try to frame him at the scene of a car accident. That's tampering. The punishment was fair as well."

"The 49ers are bad enough as it is. I think Goodell should have given the Bears an opportunity to switch picks but to take one away is a bit extreme. Briggs stayed with Chicago in the end anyway."

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"In today's NFL, I'd say this was a fair punishment. If Commissioner Goodell is going to punish everyone who makes the league look bad, whether it's a team spying, an out-of-control player or tampering with a free agent, I won't have an issue with his decisions."

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**SALUKI TRACKER**  
Nick Hill



Former Saluki quarterback Nick Hill was one of three prospects to visit with the Chicago Bears at Halas Hall last week, according to the Chicago Sun Times. Hill, who graduated in December after leading SIUC to the national semifinals, is projected to be either a late-round pick in next month's NFL Draft or a free-agent signee.

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TENNIS

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mariano Restrepo's return to the lineup helped SIU return to the win column Tuesday afternoon.

Restrepo returned after missing the match against Memphis with a broken hand and was victorious in both singles and doubles action as the SIU men's tennis team ended its three-match losing streak with a 6-1 victory against Saint Louis, moving the Salukis' record to 6-6.

Coach Dann Nelson said it was nice to see Restrepo and the Salukis get back to their winning ways.

"It looks like the injury isn't slowing him down anymore, and that's good to see," Nelson said. "When you drop your last three, it feels good to get a win."

**When you drop your last three, it feels good to get a win.**  
— Dann Nelson  
head coach

The Salukis started the match strong, capturing the doubles point by sweeping the matches, 8-2, 8-5, 8-4.

Despite the Billikens' struggles, they were able to stay close to the Salukis in the No. 1 and No. 3 singles matches before Lucas Waked and Restrepo were able to pull away.

Waked won his second consecutive singles match, 7-6, 6-4, against Saint Louis' No. 1 player, Felipe Acosta. Restrepo followed by posting a 6-1, 5-7, 6-3 win against Sean McManus.

The Billikens' only match point came in No. 6 singles action. After losing the first set, 2-6, senior Paul



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**SIU tennis player Hugo Vidal returns a backhand during tennis practice** Monday afternoon at Sports Blast. Vidal was victorious in singles and double matches in SIU's 6-1 victory against St. Louis.

Feder rebounded to defeat Chase Miller in the next two sets, 6-3, 10-6.

Saint Louis coach Jonathan Zych said SIU's execution in singles and doubles matches were the difference.

"This match was very intense and was closer than the final score indicates," Zych said. "We need to continue trying to win the doubles

point and get off to a good start in every match."

SIU returns to the courts today looking to win two in a row for the first time since March 2 and March 3, as it hosts SIU-Edwardsville at 3:00 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

# Lennon rules the football field

New coach excited to get to work

**Jeff Engelhardt**  
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The days of long, luscious locks and big, bushy beards for Saluki football players officially ended when spring practice started.

Monday marked the beginning of the Dale Lennon era for SIU football, and senior running back Larry Warner said the new coach has brought new team rules with him.

Warner said the hardest one to adjust to was the haircuts above the collar and the neat, tight facial hair Lennon expects from all his players.

"He's got a lot of strict rules," said Warner as he cracked a smile. "But we got to do what he wants because he is a winner, and we want to follow a guy like that."

Even with the new grooming rules, Warner said Lennon has already been great for the players and seems excited to mold them into champions.

Lennon had his first look at a squad that went to the national semi-finals last season and said he was not disappointed. While some key players graduated from last season, Lennon said he is more concerned with getting the team comfortable with a new system instead of replacing vacant spots right away.

"It's just a matter of getting to know the new terminology and being comfortable with it," Lennon said.

The majority of the new terminology will be in Lennon's 3-4 defense, which will feature last season's standout linebackers Chauncey Mixon and Brandin Jordan. On the offensive side, Lennon said he wants to diversify off last season and add more passing attacks.



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SIU's new head football coach Dale Lennon, right, talks with sophomore punter and kicker Scott Ravanese, center, and freshman kicker and punter Kyle Dougherty. The Salukis opened spring practice Monday.

The Saluki offense has already received extra attention as both Phil Longo and Randy Hedberg will assist in implementing a new game plan. All-Conference offensive lineman Aaron Lockwood said he likes the new ideas the coaches brought.

"(Longo) is a great guy," Lockwood said. "He has this no-huddle idea and it's a lot faster of an offense than you're used to. It's a lot of fun."

Lockwood said the coaches have done a good job of making the practices intense and fun at the same

time, which makes it easier to adjust to the new techniques and play calls the team needs to learn.

The team has already started with the new drills and Lennon has been involved in nearly all aspects from pre-practice stretching to special

teams. Lennon was anxious enough to get practice started with the special teams that he started almost an hour before the rest of the team started their practice.

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SOFTBALL

## Hard hitter starts second campaign

Home run leader looks to build off experience

**Megan Kramper**  
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Katie Wilson didn't want to be a power hitter.

Coming off a powerful freshman season in which she tied the single season record for home runs with 14, appeared in 56 games and tied the single game home run record three times, Wilson is making a case to be one of the most proficient in SIU softball history as she strives to give the Salukis their first Missouri Valley Conference title since 2005.

It is a role the sophomore right fielder was reluctant to accept.

"When I was little I wanted to be a slap hitter, but my dad said, 'No, you're going to be a power hitter,'" Wilson said. "But I don't really know where it comes from."

Wilson, who is also in ninth place on the Illinois High School Association all-time career home run records list with 28, leads the Salukis with a .373 batting average, is second



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Sophomore outfielder Katie Wilson pauses before breaking up into groups during practice Tuesday evening. Wilson started 56 games last year during her freshman season.

on the team with 19 RBIs and is 10-for-10 in stolen bases this season.

Though coming off a successful season has put more weight on the clean-up hitter's shoulders, Wilson said she isn't worried.

"It's just coming out and staying focused," Wilson said. "People say your freshman year is tough and if you make it through that you'll

be OK."

Wilson said she worked on timing her jump off the base, which has helped her complete all of her stolen base attempts. She uses the time when her teammates practice bunting to work on a successful steal.

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BASEBALL

## Salukis break tie, win pitching duel

**Matt Hartwig**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

It took nearly the entire game, but the SIU baseball team finally broke a 1-1 tie in the top of the ninth inning.

In a game dominated by pitching, it was fitting that the Salukis (11-8) got the go-ahead run on a bases-loaded walk to sneak past Eastern Illinois 3-1 Tuesday at Coaches Stadium.

With the bases loaded in the top of the ninth inning, junior outfielder Bret Maugeri drew a walk with the bases loaded to score sophomore third baseman Lou Johanns.

Sophomore outfielder Aaron Roberts added an insurance run with an RBI single to left

to give junior reliever Daniel Wells (2-0) the win.

Wells tossed a pair of scoreless innings to finish what freshman pitcher Nick Rice started. Rice dominated the Panthers (8-10) throughout the game, allowing three hits and one run over seven innings.

"Nick pitched a great game for us," coach Dan Callahan said in a written statement. "His command was good and he did an excellent job locating his pitches."

Rice and his counterpart, sophomore Tyler Kehrer, weren't about to yield to each other but Kehrer's four walks finally caught up to him and forced him out after the fifth inning.

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