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Dusty Smith, David Mallow, Katie Smith, Jason Rutherford, Emily Lind, Dylan Bloodworth, Katy Culbreath and Sean Lilly, all of Herrin Elementary, donated supplies to the Magic Schoolhouse project this week to send to children in Afghanistan thanks to Pat Benton and the Zimmer Radio Group. Supplies can be dropped off in Wham Education Building or at the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom and will be collected from those locations April 25.

Archer not satisfied with defeat

Ford must prove eligibility

Jane Huh
 Daily Egyptian

Bill Archer, student trustee candidate, has not accepted his defeat even after the 23 votes from Springfield sealed in Ed Ford's win of the student trustee spot 485-424.

Archer submitted a grievance raising Ford's eligibility requirements to Andrew Jackson, student trustee election commission chair more than a week before the election. According to election laws, candidates must at least be enrolled as a part-time student during the semester the election was held, candidates must be in good academic standing and the candidate must have completed one full semester prior to the semester in which the election was held.

Jackson acknowledged that Ford has not yet provided these specific eligibility requirements. Ford requested a formal copy of the complaints lodged against him Thursday.

"Any candidate has a right to question and get more information," he said. "I ran and the results of the election seemed to be there. People voted and made a choice."

The commission will determine Ford's eligibility at 5 p.m., the deadline for Ford to present evidence of his status.

If it is found that Ford does not meet either of the eligibility requirements, he can be disqualified, Jackson said. In that event, Archer could be the student trustee without having another election.

Archer said he filed at least six grievances about two weeks before the election took place. However, Jackson said only two, regarding Ford's GPA and student status, of them will be considered.

One of these dismissed grievances raised doubt on the validity of Ford's petition signatures. Some petition signatures were incomplete or illegible, Archer said.

Nonetheless, Jackson said those disputes were dealt with when the commission stood by its decision to put Ford on the ballot. They verified that Ford had the minimum required valid 200 signatures to run.

Archer said he is disappointed with how the commission conducted its role.

"They can throw out stuff, but in all reality, they didn't do their job," he said.

A closed meeting sometime today will discuss Archer's appeal process, Jackson said. Larry Dietz, vice chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the Student Judiciary Board will decide on Archer's appeal.

"I hope somebody just follows the rule for once," Archer said.

Reporter Kristina Dailing contributed to this story.

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Like Magic, Afghan children to receive educational supplies

Radio personality asks southern Illinoisans for help with donations

Kristina Hermdobler
 Daily Egyptian

Emily Lind is only 9 years old, but she is well aware of what makes her different from children the same age in Afghanistan.

Besides years of war and suffering, Afghan schoolchildren don't have the luxuries of crayons and scissors like Emily and her classmates at Herrin Elementary School.

With that in mind, Emily was quick to encourage her mother, Rebecca Griffith, to collect school supplies for children in Afghanistan when she heard Pat Benton talking about doing just that.

Benton's son, Kelley, 28, is a member of the National Guard and is currently serving in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. When Kelley contacted Benton last week, he had a favor to ask of his dad, who is the morning show host at Magic 95.1.

It is almost time for school to start again in Afghanistan, Kelley said, and the children do not have any school supplies. Kelley asked

Benton if he could ask his listeners to help Kelley's Unit assist the children in their quest to get back to school.

Benton went on the air with the idea, "The Magic School House," on Monday, asking listeners to donate school supplies at various locations throughout southern Illinois.

On Friday, April 25, the supplies will be picked up by Illinois Army National Guard volunteers who will arrive in Humvees or by Benton in the Magic School Van. The supplies will be airlifted to Afghanistan, where Kelley and his unit will personally deliver the supplies to needy children.

"They are so excited that they can help these kids," said Benton of Kelley's unit. "And it's just something you've got to do. [Their situation] just breaks your heart."

Benton said he is proud of Kelley for reaching out to the Afghan children. Benton remembers his time serving in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He, too, helped the poverty-stricken children there recover from their harsh conditions.

Benton has continued to help needy children at home and abroad. In fact, last December Benton and Magic 95.1 sponsored "Pat's Kids," which collected \$50,000 — \$47,000 more than Benton hoped for — to help the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children.

Supplies to send

- Pencils
- Crayons
- Coloring books
- Paints
- Dry erase boards, markers and erasers
- Calculators
- Paper
- Blunt scissors
- Glue
- Back packs



So when Kelley requested school supplies, Benton did not hesitate to ask his listeners for help.

"We are asking area teachers, parents and above all children for assistance in a two-week campaign of love," Benton said. "With God's help we will provide school supplies to every child who needs them. Anything a child in this country needs, they need in Afghanistan."

Hearing Benton's request and with a little influence from Emily, Griffith, a library aide at Herrin Elementary, asked the school's principal, Marie Campanella, for permission to set up

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No replacement planned for Poshard; duties to be shared



Ben Botkin
 Daily Egyptian

SIUC officials won't be taking out any help-wanted ads when Glenn Poshard retires July 31.

As part of an effort to trim spending from the University's budget, Poshard's duties will be spread out to others who will absorb his workload, Chancellor Walter Wendler said.

The decision is expected to save

\$300,000 from the administration's budget through restructuring the department, Poshard said.

Poshard, who receives an annual salary of \$162,928, said other changes include the elimination of an executive assistant, who retired last year and is working part-time in his office.

Poshard's duties include overseeing various campus sectors such as public safety, Shryock Auditorium, the SIU Arena, information technology, labor

and employee relations, plant and service operations, human resources and Touch of Nature.

The details are still being worked out, but the plan will lead to other people in Poshard's department reporting to the chancellor, Wendler said.

"When Glenn retires, what I'm going to try to do is rearrange the activities that are in the division of administration and have a few people who used to report to Glenn report to

me," Wendler said.

Changes include possible title changes, but any salary increases will be minor, Wendler said.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has asked public universities statewide to make cuts for the remaining months of this fiscal year that will slash 2.7 percent, or \$6.4 million, from the SIU system's budget.

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WAR UPDATE

Current as of 7 p.m. Thursday, CDT

• U.S. special forces Thursday captured a half brother of Saddam Hussein who, according to one American commander, has "extensive knowledge" of the toppled regime's inner workings. Meanwhile, signaling a further de-escalation of military activities, a second U.S. Navy aircraft carrier departed the Persian Gulf. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, in a briefing at U.S. Central Command, said Barzan Ibrahim al-Tikriti, a top adviser to Saddam, was captured alone in Baghdad. No casualties were sustained by the special forces or the U.S. Marines who provided support. (usatoday.com)

the northern city of Mosul. (msnbc.com)

• Despite Syria's insistence that it has not allowed senior Iraqi officials to cross its borders, the Bush administration has reason to believe several key figures in Saddam Hussein's regime may have already found refuge there, U.S. officials announced Wednesday that Farouk Hijazi, Iraq's ambassador to Tunisia and once the No. 3 man in the Mukhabarat, Saddam's intelligence service, had surfaced in Syria. Officials told Fox News they believe Hijazi arrived in Damascus from Tunisia the previous day. (foxnews.com)



Attack on Iraq 3/31

• Sporadic gunbattles, looting and ethnic feuding are complicating U.S. reconstruction efforts in Iraq. On Thursday, the newly arrived 4th Infantry Division fought a brief battle outside Baghdad and captured more than 100 Iraqi fighters while clashes also were reported in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit and in

• These are testing times for Syria's young president, with the Bush administration and the British Government breathing down his neck. Bashar al-Assad's strength and weakness derive from the fact that, when taking power in June 2000, he had to step straight into the shoes of his father, Hafez - one of the most skillful Arab leaders of his generation. (bbc.com)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Powell doesn't see speedy resolution to N. Korea crisis

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell welcomes North Korea's agreement to join the United States and China in three-way talks but sees little hope that the discussions will lead to a speedy resolution of U.S. concerns about Pyongyang's nuclear weapons programs. Powell, in an interview Wednesday with Associated Press Television News, also said he intends to go to Syria for talks with President Bashar Assad, whose country was a wartime ally of neighboring Iraq. Insisting anew that Syria expel officials of the fallen Iraqi government who crossed the border, Powell said, "Syria does not want to be a

safe haven in the aftermath of Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Burundi fighting escalates

BURUNDI — A new escalation in the African nation Burundi's war is taking place between the government and armed Hutu rebel groups. The army this morning has been fighting back after rebel shelling of the outskirts of the capital, Bujumbura. Rebels have also shelled Burundi's second largest city, Gitega, leaving it without power and water and damaging the town's main brewery. The fighting is a setback to hopes that an agreed ceasefire with rebels may stick, ahead of the deployment of an African Union peacekeeping force at the end of the month.

Today

High 71
 Low 58



Partly cloudy throughout the day. Highs in the lower 70s with winds at 9 mph.

Five-day Forecast

Saturday	Thunderstorms	71/59
Sunday	Thunderstorms	69/48
Monday	Partly Cloudy	60/45
Tuesday	Partly Cloudy	65/42
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	65/45

Almanac

Average high: 64
 Average low: 41
 Thursday's precip: 0.5"
 Thursday's hi/low: 71/58

CORRECTIONS

Readers who spot an error should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

CALENDAR

Today

French Table
 Cafe Melange
 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Japanese Table
 communication game
 Student Center McDonald's
 6 p.m.

Saturday

Platinum Photography workshop
 Communications Building, Room 16
 noon to 4 p.m.

POLICE REPORTS

University

• Annette Klopotoski, 19, Palatine and Lindsay C. Stec, 19, Wauconda, were arrested and charged with flight by agreement at 2:20 a.m. Wednesday at Neely Hall.

• Stanley W. Matthews, 26, Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and disobeying a traffic control device at 2:05 a.m. Thursday at the intersection of South Washington and East Grand avenues.

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Girl's letters encourage U.S. soldiers abroad

15-year-old has sent 3,127 notes filled with support

Kristina Herrndobler
Daily Egyptian

Fifteen-year-old Emily Wece has collected memorabilia from around the world without leaving Murphysboro.

For the past four years, Wece has sent 3,127 letters to U.S. soldiers supporting them in their efforts abroad. Hundreds of recipients have sent letters of appreciation back. And many of the letters came with pictures and keepsakes from foreign lands.

And some of the soldiers ask Emily to send them some American treasures like chocolate, which is scarce in many of the countries where U.S. troops are stationed.

Although Emily said she receives many little presents and a few requests for them, every letter comes with many thanks from the soldiers.

Last week, Emily received a letter from Darrell who is in the 82nd Airborne Division. His letter briefly described his situation in Kuwait and his division's plans to move into Baghdad.

"We have had four SCUD missiles launched toward our location, but all four have been taken down by patriot missiles," Darrell wrote. "It is hard to sit here and wait. We all know we have a job to do and we just want to go and get it over with. It is hard on our nerves just sitting here."

During down time, Darrell, 22, told Emily that he watches DVDs, plays card games and makes up for all the sleep he will miss once his unit moves into Iraq. And that could be anytime, he wrote, considering he is in a Rapid Deployment Unit, meaning he must be prepared to jump into combat, anywhere in the world, within 18 hours.

"We are trained to jump, fight, win," he wrote.

Because of his airborne status, Darrell is trained with standard tougher than most soldiers in the Army, but that did not prepare him for the emotional hardships ahead.

"The worst part about this deployment is being away from my wife," he wrote. "I was married to my beautiful wife, Alisha, two months before I received our orders to deploy. Tough. Not only do I miss her as my wife, she is my best friend in the world. I feel so empty without her."

Darrell said Alisha's letters keep



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

him going. She writes him every day — 40 and counting, he said. He admits even though he is an "awful letter writer," he writes her several letters a week.

In his letter, Darrell said he wasn't thrilled — at first — with the thought of writing Emily back. In fact, he almost didn't even read her letter.

Darrell found Emily's letter on the top of a stack of papers for his unit. Although he said he felt badly to take Emily's letter when others don't get letters everyday like he does, he felt compelled to open it.

"Reading your letter was an encouragement to me," he wrote. "I know the Lord led me to find that letter."

Darrell closed the letter with words so moving, Emily's mother, Rosie, teared-up when she read them.

"Do me a favor. When you get this letter, pray for me and my unit. And I tell you what, when this is over, I am going to try to write you again to let you know how it went."

Emily has been writing soldiers long before it was so highly encouraged and she said she is glad so many have jumped on the bandwagon because everyone needs to know they

are supported, she said. And even though she sends thousands of letters, she knows not every soldier will receive one of her letters.

Although Emily spends many hours writing letters through the 4-H club, she still finds time to eat dinner at the dinner table with her family.

"She is a very organized child," Rosie said. "She even color coordinates her closet."

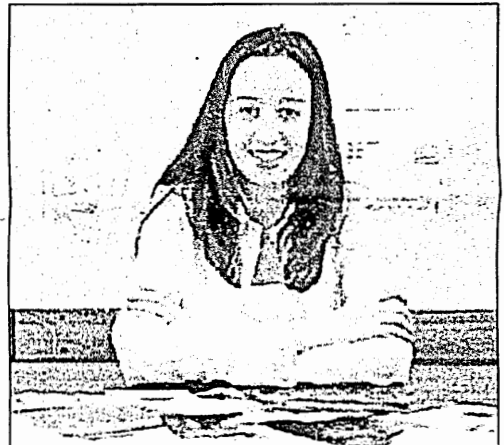
And it is a good thing she is organized, Rosie said, because her day is filled with extracurricular activities including band, key club, 4-H Club president, among others. And she still manages high honors at school.

And these days, Emily is even busier with numerous TV appearances, including one on Nickelodeon for her role in the 4-H Club Community Garden, where she grows vegetables to donate to the local food pantry.

Despite Emily's love for writing letters to U.S. soldiers, she said that is the closest she ever wants to be to the Army. Instead, she dreams of being an accountant — although she does not want to close any doors.

Emily co-authored the "National 4-H Council Community Service Youth in Action Grant," funded by MetLife, which she and her 4-H Club won.

"Maybe I should work for them," she said.



STEVE JANHKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

For the past four years, Emily Wece, a freshman at Murphysboro High School, has been sending U.S. soldiers support letters for their work both in the United States and overseas through her 4-H club. Wece has received numerous replies from those to whom she has sent letters. Wece has sent more than 3,000 letters.

And despite Rosie's apprehension toward international travel, especially if Emily goes alone, Emily is inspired to visit the places soldiers have told her about.

"Maybe not Iraq," she said.

"But some of the places are really beautiful."

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Man's death caused by alcohol poisoning, jury says

Autopsy conducted for man found dead in Piles Fork Creek

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

A Jackson County jury ruled Thursday afternoon the early February death of a Carbondale man was caused by acute alcohol poisoning, with severe cold exposure as a contributing factor.

Eric T. Perry's body was found at about 10:45 a.m. February 1 on its back with only the head and part of the chest out of the water in Piles Fork Creek, along a bicycle path in the 600 block of East College Street. According to police testimony, a person passing by sat at a table next to the location and saw his shoes in the water below. He was found about one-half block from the

Carbondale Police Department.

Jackson County Coroner, Dr. Thomas Kupferer, said Perry was found to have a "markedly lethal" blood-alcohol level of .420. A person is considered legally intoxicated at .08 in Illinois.

Detective Mark Goddard, of the Carbondale Police, testified that an investigation revealed Perry left a residence in Lake Heights to buy liquor and never returned home. He said Perry was last seen by an employee on his way to work at Pick's liquors, where Perry had just bought a bottle of gin.

Goddard testified there were no additional footprints on the creek banks and there were no signs of a struggle.

Witnesses at the scene said it was unusual for Perry to be found without his bicycle because of problems with his leg. One of Perry's neighbors, Brian Giffin, said he believed a reflector found at the scene was from that bicycle. The bicycle was never recovered and Kupferer suggested a person it could have been stolen by a person, who did not see Perry in the creek below.

Perry had an attempt on his life when he was shot in the hip in March 1998. Olivia D. Young, 68, was sentenced to 36 months probation for a conviction of aggravated discharge of a firearm for firing several shots at Perry, one of which entered his right hip and exited through his abdomen. Charges of attempted murder and aggravated battery with a firearm were dismissed.

Young has since been found guilty of aggravated domestic battery in August 2001 and was sentenced to 24 months probation. She was also sentenced to one year of court supervision in January 1989 for a charge of battery.

Perry was found in almost the same location as another 44-year-old man who was found at the water's edge near the same table in April 2001. Thomas Cameron was found dead at the scene and the death was ruled to be accidental. Officers said it looked as if he had just fallen over.

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NEWS BRIEFS

CAMPUS

Free Saturday afternoon programs available in the University Museum

Participants in the free Saturday afternoon programs can see museum exhibits and take part in creative activities. Programs are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. and finish at 3:30 p.m. Saturdays. The limit for each program is 15, ages 7 and older. To register, call the University Museum at 453-5388. "Young Architects" is scheduled for Saturday.

Student Center to serve Easter buffet

SIUC will hold its first Easter buffet Sunday in the Student Center Ballrooms. Carved pit ham, Waldorf salad, carved turkey and spring broccoli are just a few of the almost 20 items available on the buffet that will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$10.50 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$6 for children younger than 10. Add \$1 to the advance-ticket prices for tickets purchased at the door. Tickets are available at the Student Center central ticket office on the second floor. For more information, call 536-6633.

Trial delayed after almost 18 months

Suspect charged in stabbing death continues testing

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

The trial of a Carbondale man charged with the October 2001 murder of his father outside Applebee's Bar and Grill is still delayed, as he continues psychiatric evaluation.

Gregory Lowell Shumake, 34, was arrested after allegedly stabbing his 61-year-old father, Fred, multiple times in the parking lot of the restaurant. He is charged with three counts of first-degree murder, and Shumake's public defender, Patricia Gross, filed notices in court almost one year ago indicating Shumake intends to assert a defense of insanity.

Shumake is presently undergoing his second mental evaluation because of the insanity defense. The first evaluation, by Michael E. Althoff, was finished about one year after the stabbing and indicated he was fit to stand trial. State's Attorney Michael Wepsiec filed for a second evaluation because of disagreement with the judgment that Shumake had a mental illness that could substantially interfere with his ability to appreciate the criminality of his behavior.

State law requires that a person using an insanity defense must, upon a motion by the prosecution, submit to an examination by at least one clinical psychologist or psychiatrist named by the prosecuting

attorney. Forensic psychiatrist Alan Felthous is conducting the second examination.

Court documents allege Shumake had a history of physically abusing his father and allegedly said to his parents at his Carbondale apartment days before the stabbing he should get a knife and "end all of his evil." He was previously convicted of aggravated battery of his father in 1996.

Shumake's mother, Carol, reportedly told police that on the day before the stabbing, Shumake called his parents and said he wanted to talk and "resolve issues." Police said the woman told them that Fred was afraid, and they agreed to pick him up and go to Applebee's for a meal, instead of meeting at the man's apartment.

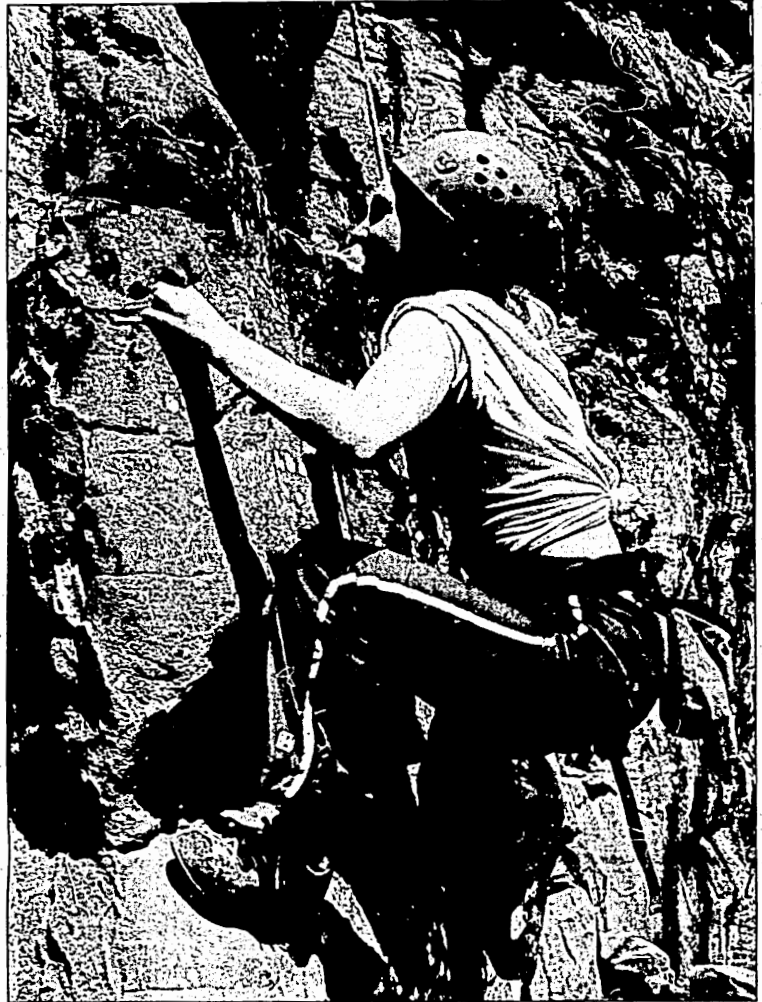
There were reportedly no arguments during the ride to the restaurant, but Shumake allegedly stabbed Fred on arrival. Court documents indicate the knife, found in Fred's back, had been bought recently. Shumake was found with a matching, empty black nylon sheath on him upon his arrest.

Shumake's brother, Mark, reportedly told police the night of the stabbing his brother told him he had sent Mark an e-mail. The message, which had the subject "God," reportedly said, "birds of a feather flock together. Cut off the head and the body will die."

Police said Mark said the message matched his brother's writing style and demeanor.

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Climb higher



SIU sophomore Lindsey Taylor challenges herself on one of the more difficult climbs at Shelter One during the all women's rock climbing excursion Sunday. Six women participated in the climb at Giant City State Park.

AMBER ARNOLD - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Fire extinguishers could cause electrocution

Thompson Point residence halls equipped with water-based fire extinguishers

Lindsey J. Mastis
Daily Egyptian

Despite the warning label on fire extinguishers, and the increased use of electricity, SIUC Thompson Point residence halls are equipped with extinguishers approved only for small paper or wood fires.

Other peer institutions use all-purpose extinguishers in their residences halls as a safety precaution.

If water was used on an electrical fire, officials said, the person holding the device could be shocked and the electrocution could be fatal.

There are three types of extinguishers that are

to be used specifically for paper and wood fires, flammable liquid fires or electrical fires. They are classified as A, B and C classes, respectively, and a class ABC can be used on all types of fires.

Troy Carey, safety specialist at Iowa State University, said his university changed from

water to all-purpose extinguishers because electrocution is less of a concern.

"For the type of electrical equipment that you're going to have in your dorm rooms, it probably won't be that much of a concern," he said. "It depends on what type of electrical fire it is. If you're pouring the water directly onto exposed wiring ... or if water got into the outlet, you could have a problem if that outlet is not protected with a ground fault circuit interrupter."

Although SIUC's electrical system in the residence halls does cause a trigger to turn the power off during a fire, there is still a possibility of harm.

Carbondale has a city ordinance that requires public businesses to have all-purpose extinguishers, however, the city has no jurisdiction over SIUC because the University is controlled by the state of Illinois.

Tom Manis, Carbondale fire inspector, noticed during a routine fire drill that the University was still using water in their extinguishers

and recommended that they change to all-purpose.

"With the fire drills, I've questioned it before," he said. "They said [water extinguishers] is what they've always done."

The Illinois standards for fire codes on campuses include what is outlined in the

National Fire Protection Association's report, Glenn Stein, SIUC's housing associate director of facilities, said.

The fire equipment used in the halls is supposed to help put out or warn student to get out if a fire occurs, he said.

"We have such state-of-the-art fire alarm equipment in there that the fire alarm system is going to go off before you could go down the hallway and even pick up a fire extinguisher," Stein said.

"They are so sensitive that as soon as any smoke comes out, the system is set off and once it's set off you evacuate the building."

He said all the alarms have been installed within the last three years.

But other peer institutions are not willing to take the risk.

There are many different safety concerns that can occur in a dorm room, said Jennifer Kilroy-Tobin, area coordinator department of housing and residential life at Texas Tech University.

"We used to have many years ago water-based but of course they're not safe in the case of a small electrical fire which could easily be put out with an ABC if acted quickly upon," she said.

"Putting water on an electrical fire and holding a metal container places whoever is holding that extinguisher at risk of electrocution."

The types of fires that occur in SIUC's residence halls are typically water and wood-based fires, Jim Kohl spokesman from Widico

Fire Protection Company said.

"The fire extinguishers that are in those areas are appropriate for the hazard conditions," he said. "Are we meeting the requirements? Yes."

No matter the requirements, fire safety is top priority, said Rodney Hartsfield, fire inspector of Auburn University in Alabama.

"The only thing a water fire extinguisher will put out is a class A fire which is a fire in the trash basket or something like that," he said.

"If there is an electrical fire, anything of that nature, a water fire extinguisher is not going to extinguish it. I'm not saying it will always happen, but it can climb up through that water stream and can climb up through that water stream and shock the person holding the fire extinguisher."

Hartsfield said it would be in SIUC's "benefit" to change to all-purpose extinguishers.

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Gus Bode



Gus says:
Hey baby, light my fire.

Akapollo just one of many events sponsored by sorority

From Easter egg hunts to gospel Alpha Kappa Alpha has much to offer

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

Most events encourage attendants to respond to performers with only mild applause and keep negative reactions to themselves. However, Paul Hardes, host of Akapollo show that took place Wednesday, made several reminders to students throughout the show to cheer loudly for the acts they enjoyed and not be afraid to loudly boo those they do not.

The largely interactive event, was just one of several events sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority during a week of events celebrating the history of the sorority. Akapollo was inspired by the Apollo, a popular showcase of talent that has appeared on television for several years. The show relies on audience participation not only to decide the winner, but also in order to decide who gets to continue performing.

Enough extensive and loud 'booing' from the crowd prompted the appearance of the Sandman, an oddly dressed individual who ventured to the stage to escort and often sweep away contestants the audience was not enjoying. Originally, the large

crowd seemed timid about showing disapproval for the acts, but quickly caught on, boeing several of the contestants who displayed their talents.

The event, which took place for the second year, consisted of four rounds of four contestants. The audience, who used applause to show support for their favorite contestant, selected the best from each round. The show consisted entirely of performances from students who displayed their vocal, rap and poetic skills. From intense poetry performed by the winner, Alexis Maston, to fast-paced rap performances, the acts greatly varied their intensity, but were all seemed to equally entertain the capacity crowd.

"I'm not in school this semester so I'm kind of out of touch," said Joanna Scott, a graduate student in English from Ypsilanti, Mich.

"I came to the event because I think it's great to learn about different minorities. It definitely brings an understanding and I'm glad to see other minorities here. It's kind of disappointing that there are so few though."

On Tuesday, the organization took the time to celebrate an impor-

tant figure in their lives, as well as the lives of many SIUC students. With the help of guest speaker Pastor James A. Turner Jr., praise dancers, one choir and music group, the organization held the Alpha Kappa Alpha Gospel Celebration Tuesday evening in the Student Center Auditorium.

"It was a joint idea that the sorority had last semester and wanted to do last spring," said Vernessa Streater, a senior in health care management from East St. Louis. "We wanted to do something that would be a social event as well as spiritual to incorporate the values our sorority was founded on."

"I want to commend the AKAs for their insight and for providing such a tremendous opportunity for students," said Turner, a pastor at the Ninth Street Tabernacle in Paducah, Ky. "It gives us a chance to reach out and embrace students who don't normally attend church services."

The organization sponsored several events throughout the week, including a gospel celebration, a group discussion and Easter egg hunt, displaying to students at SIUC that the sorority is certainly a group worth commending.

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Alexis Maston, the winner of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Akapollo Talent Show, excited the crowd with poetry Wednesday night. The crowd gave Alexis a standing ovation after her powerful performance. The Akapollo contest is modeled after the famous Apollo showcase.

Maverick cell-phone carriers try novel pitches to attract new consumers

Jon Fortt
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT)—It's so cruel, but so clever. Virgin Mobile USA's "rescue ring" lets subscribers program their cell phones to ring during a bad date, providing a convenient escape.

A new breed of wireless carrier is relying on ideas such as the rescue ring and American Idol-related polls (does Ryan wear boxers, briefs or nothing at all?) to attract young cell phone users.

As mainstream cell phone service providers struggle to attract customers and increase sales in the grim economy, two maverick companies are changing the rules of the wireless game. Virgin Mobile and rival Boost Mobile are targeting the high school and college-age crowd with simple pre-paid wireless plans, and features based on fun and convenience rather than just pricing.

Unlike mainstream plans that do credit checks and lock customers into annual contracts, Virgin Mobile and Boost — both part-owned by major cellular carriers — let customers buy minutes through calling cards sold at music and electronics stores — so even pre-teens could buy and manage their own wireless minutes. And unlike existing prepaid plans, Virgin Mobile and Boost offer cutting-edge services and a hip image.

But what makes these pre-paid newcomers even more intriguing to the industry is their ability to control costs through simplic-

ity. Virgin Mobile said its service plan is so straightforward, 87 percent of subscribers added minutes to their account in January without speaking to customer service and 50 percent activated their phones online.

Those numbers have the wireless industry salivating because, aside from marketing, calls to customer service are one of the biggest costs in the business.

Andrew Cole, wireless industry analyst at consulting firm Adventist, said Virgin Mobile's results show how pre-paid companies can make money.

"No carrier in the U.S. would have in their wildest dreams come up with the rescue ring. It's a good example of how these companies are important and relevant," Cole said. "If it's done well, it can actually make the market more efficient."

Though it might seem like a gimmick, the rescue ring is just one example of how Virgin Mobile is trying to create a community and a culture among its users. Here's how it works:

To use the rescue ring, a cell phone user preprograms the phone to ring at a time when the user might need an escape. There's even a choice of several MTV personalities to voice the rescue. When the phone rings, the user can choose to ignore or answer, depending on the circumstances. Virgin Mobile also has features such as a "balance button" that shows how much talk time the user has left, and message groups where users can share opinions through text messages.

So far, the strategy appears to be working. Virgin Mobile USA has amassed about 450,000 new customers since it went live last August, said CEO Dan Schulman. And he's on track to reach a half million by this month.

"The rock in our slingshot in this battle of David versus many Goliaths is focus," Schulman said. "We built this from the ground up to focus on the youth market."

Virgin Mobile and Boost have been around for less than a year, and several young people in Silicon Valley said they are still skeptical of the pre-paid newcomers. "It's like, hmmm, too good to be true," said Hava Brchich, 16.

But competitors in the wireless market are taking notice. Analysts are whispering that other companies, spurred by Virgin Mobile's early success, are thinking about launching similar ventures focusing on teens and young adults.

Particularly, some in the wireless industry now think that some of these potential young customers — contrarian teens who listen to rap-metal, for instance — would never buy a phone from the same wireless carrier their parents use. It will take a different brand name and a different marketing message to reach them.

It makes sense, then, that mainstream wireless carrier Sprint PCS owns half of Virgin Mobile USA — the other half is owned by Virgin Group, the British travel and entertainment company. Nextel Wireless, the business-centric carrier, owns 66 percent

of Boost Mobile.

While they are both targeting the youth market, Virgin Mobile and Boost are going about it in different ways.

Virgin Mobile has a partnership with MTV that allows its subscribers to use phones for video voting, audio postcards and wake-up calls from reality-show celebrities; also, Virgin Mobile has attracted a national customer base that is 55 percent female, which is highly unusual in the wireless business. Boost has ties-in with surfing, biking and other extreme sports events; its customers are in California and Nevada only, and they are about 60 percent male.

Virgin Mobile's rebel reputation is more than just marketing; the company really is riling the other wireless carriers. That's because Virgin Mobile operates unconventionally. Rather than own the information delivery system — in Virgin Mobile's case, the cellular towers and transmission equipment — it leases them from another wireless carrier, adds its own features and brand image, and resells service to customers.

These days Virgin Mobile can boast a statistic that makes it the envy of the wireless industry: It says 53 percent of its subscribers use their phones to send text messages to each other, compared with about 20 percent for the rest of the industry. Analysts expect services like text messaging to drive the use of data services on phones, especially among young people.

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THEIR WORD

Is Syria next on the list?

AMHERST, Mass. (U-WIRE) — With nearly all of Iraq under the military control of the United States armed forces, the U.S. is stepping up pressure on nearby Syria, threatening sanctions on the country while accusing it of supporting terror groups, offering safety to Iraqi leaders and developing chemical weapons.

"We will examine possible measures of a diplomatic, economic or other nature as we move forward," Secretary of State Colin Powell told CNN. "We are in touch with Syrian authorities."

Powell and President George W. Bush have both said that Syria needs to seriously review their actions and relationships with other nations. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that there is evidence that Syria is allowing its citizens to cross over the border into Iraq armed with weapons and carrying leaflets that say they will be rewarded for killing Americans and other members of the coalition. Other intelligence suggests that Iraqi people are fleeing over the border to live in Syria. A CIA report released last year also says that Syria already has nerve gas and is trying to develop more deadly chemical weapons.

All of these things are definitely important for the United States to keep in mind, but our nation also needs to take care to not come across, once again, as the bully.

The United States is walking a fine line in the Middle East between seeking out terrorist threats and boldly making aggressive moves that will further enflame the Middle Eastern world into anti-American sentiments and more terrorist strikes. Now, as Syria practices air raid drills in anticipation of a potential American air strike, those feelings continue to stir.

As the only global superpower, the United States has been cast as equal parts victim and aggressor — especially since the dawn of the post 9-11 world. And where increased activity seeking out intelligence on terrorist threats has become a necessity in America today, active military action in numerous countries still seems out of line.

America needs to think clearly about what any kind of military action in Syria would mean to the United States, Russia and the European Union have already come out against the United States using military force in Syria. Many others will.

While Bush, Rumsfeld and Powell have all said that no military action is planned on Syria, the threats that have been made to leadership in Damascus are of the nature that was once only reserved for Baghdad. It is easy to question, how long discussions will last before the United States pulls out of talks with Syria and launches a strike on them.

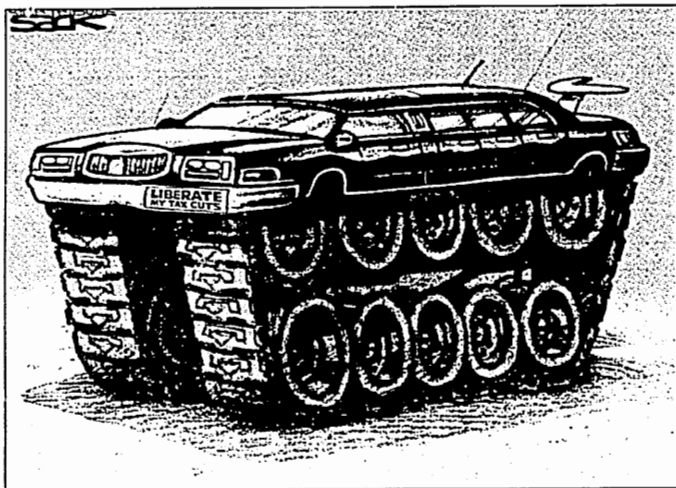
The United States can take a stand and launch a successful military strike on Syria. But when will it end? How many more nations could fall into disfavor with leaders in Washington?

The tension with Syria raises questions with how many conflicts the United States can negotiate at the same time.

Iraq has all the makings of being a successful campaign. But how thin can the United States military and leadership spread itself successfully.

The more fronts that the United States opens, the more perilous their position gets. It would be in the best interest of all involved for the United States and Syria to resolve their differences peacefully.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Politics must and will continue

Andy Barnes
Daily Athenaeum (West Virginia U.)

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (U-WIRE) — As Saddam's statue fell to cheering crowds of Iraqis, the crowing and self-congratulation began in Washington. Neoconservatives such as Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld all hailed the moment as vindication to all critics of anything and everything that they were right about everything all along. Cheney and Rumsfeld dismissed the former generals on the cable news channels as embedded in the TV station, and made general insults to their integrity as analysts.

For an administration that has continually clashed with the military brass, the condescending remarks are not surprising. Of course, the problem wasn't that the generals were insulting the war plan, it was all the hype the administration gave the war. The war was hyped as "shock and awe," a phrase the administration will probably never use again, because in the end, war is war and not as awe-inspiring as our civilian leaders made it out to be (humm ... wonder why?).

The moment of Iraqis finally seeing the end of Saddam's regime has been considered by many a moment of vindication for the White House. It may relieve many Americans that the Ba'ath party's regime has finally ended. However, this will in no way vindicate Bush's actions as a world leader. Polarizing alliances, undermining the United Nations and poor diplomacy will be the first story of Iraq. The second story will be the administration's use of Iraq politically in the Middle East (it is already pressuring Syria), and it's handling of the rebuilding of Iraq (will W. overcome his commitment problem to nation-building? See: Afghanistan).

Overall, Iraq's liberation will not vindicate the problems our administration has caused for the international system. America has historically been a multi-lateral actor in foreign affairs (hence the creation of the United Nations), and the unilateralist bent shocks and alarms the world.

Ideally, Bush would have learned that he made

some large gaffes in diplomacy the past few months, and reach out to Europe and the United Nations and let them do what they do best: Europe paying for everything and the United Nations bringing together a government to administer the peace. The Arab world would be less distrustful of America and we won't be blamed for all the problems that might occur in Iraq in rebuilding. Alas, W. will not do that. In fact, he will enjoy his superpower military status in the region. The neoconservative plan is to bring change to the Middle East with the threat of force by the U.S. For the many Americans who thought the end of Saddam was the end of our involvement in Iraq, I'm sorry, you are mistaken. It is the break-it-you-buy-it workings of war and peace. The falling of Saddam's statue was a great moment for the Iraqis, and made for great TV. But once the TV cameras turned off the Iraqis turned to looting everything in sight. This is not to blame on the United States, but it does indicate how much work remains in Iraq before Bush can be vindicated.

Finally, the debate of war and peace runs in circles here at home. Many argue that Americans should support President Bush in a time of war because that is the patriotic thing to do, some even claim that opposing our President is dangerous to America because it may offer "comfort" to the enemy, then proceed to throw labels at the opposition that serve no purpose (this happens on both sides). Believe it or not, patriotic Americans are supporting our troops and may or may not support President Bush. W. is not King Louis XIV who said, "L'etat c'est moi" (I am the state).

Americans can and should oppose him if they feel he is doing a bad job as commander-in-chief and in representing America internationally. He must be held accountable like any president. Even Abraham Lincoln went through a re-election during the Civil War. You cannot end debate when we will be in a perpetual state of war politics must and will continue.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough.”

Marin Andretti

WORDS OVERHEARD

“I'd like to speak from the heart. Tonight we salute a mayor, we salute a councilperson, but most importantly a friend of southern Illinois.”

Dick Dietz
Mayor of McLeansboro saluting Neil Dillard's 16 years as Carbondale's mayor

GUEST COLUMNIST

COLUMNIST

Ghetto isn't fun and games

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What exactly is Ghetto and what makes someone ghetto? Is it the way you dress, or maybe the way you keep your home? Maybe it's the food you eat or what beverage you drink. Or could it be the way you wear your clothes or the way you talk and walk.

Better yet, it's the neighborhood you come from.

Well, whatever it is, I know that I, nor my sister or friends are what you would call ghetto.

I bring this up because I was recently handed a flier in front of the Student Center for an event being sponsored by Kwiet Storm—a dance team—called the Ghetto Olympics.

I read the flier, then handed it back asking the guy was this for real. He said "yea, why, you not ghetto?" I said no, and with sarcasm in his tone he replied, "Oh, you one of those classy types huh?"

Why did you take it upon yourself to put the notion out that this is what 'black people' enjoy?

I just shook my head and walked away. At first I was not going to say anything, but after seeing the fliers posted around campus I could only think of stereotypes being perpetuated.

The so-called Olympics include chicken wing eating, kool-aid drinkin, jean starchin, pencil poppin, kool-aid makin, basketball dribblin and other events for people to compete in.

I know I am not the only person who finds something wrong with this. My question to the sponsor of this event is simply why?

Why would you want to put yourself out on the frontline over something so stupid? Why did you think this was an event that everyone would want and would enjoy? Why did you take it upon yourself to put the notion out that this is what we "black people" enjoy doing in our spare time?

I was told I was bogus and wrong for writing this and putting my people "out

there." Well, sorry to inform you, but I did not do it. The organization and the people who participated in the event put themselves out there.

This is more than just something for fun. This is an attack on the black family and those who live in the ghetto. This is an event that will not showcase our talents, but rather play on the talents that we are supposed to have.

Laughing and joking about someone eating chicken and being able to make kool-aid or starch their jeans is just playing into stereotypes about black people that have been going on for years.

I was talking with some people about the event and one of them asked if there was going to be a watermelon-eating contest because that is the biggest stereotype of black people. Then it was added that there should be a fried chicken eating contest because that is another good stereotype. This was said before I mentioned what the events were.

This is not like taking a negative and turning it into a positive. For example, people call each other nigga as a way of "claiming" the term. But this is not like that at all. How can telling your people that these are the things that make-up who they are, is a good thing.

Entering a hot dog eating contest is not the same as a chicken wing contest because it does not have the negative connotations attached to it.

But since we're at it, I think I will hold my own ghetto Olympics. How does some of these games sound? The longest weave contest, who can stay on welfare the longest, how many kids can we fit in one bed, how many roaches can you kill in one minute and who can pick the most cotton. And to the winner goes the coveted "Golden Jheri Curl Cap Award."

I call out to the white organizations on campus to sponsor the next ghetto Olympics. Let's see how many black people find it fun and amusing then.

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It's my party and I'll cry if I want to



Feckless Pondering

BY ABIGAIL WHEETLEY
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My friend Amy and I went to a party this weekend. Parties always sound like fun in theory. Maybe it's from the sense of nostalgia I feel when I hear the word "party." Nostalgia for parties of my childhood — pink icing, pin the tail on the donkey and small bags of party favors, usually Chinese yo-yos. The truth is I hated having those parties, and loved going to them. To have a party always filled me with anxiety, all those children, my classmates, coming to my house and expecting to have fun. To go to one meant that I had been included, thought of and desired. It also meant that someone else had to think and worry about everything and I could just show up and participate. I am greedy for the parties that I see on fifties sitcoms. The kind where teen-agers dance, and drink punch and have a good time in spite of the obvious mundane atmosphere. I want to be able to throw the type of party that has an obvious and unmistakable format that everyone expects and that creates no disappointments.

As soon as I realized I had an option I stopped having parties of any kind, until I got married. A wedding is a party, there's no two ways about it. I wanted to flow freely through the day and be a princess and indulge in romance. But the old fears came back with a vengeance. We had an out door wedding and of course it rained. No one danced and my father fell asleep in front of the bandstand. I still remember being very aware that people weren't having fun and that they must be disappointed. I think I am a bad party thrower.

The party I went to this weekend was for my friend Natalie. Her house is cool and all her friends, most of them strangers to me, were certainly not lepers but I just couldn't talk to them. I floated from group to group, starting and failing at making small talk. I wasn't looking to make any long-lasting ties, I just wanted a conversation that flowed. It just didn't happen. I drank faster to try to catch up with the

others, and found that I just became dull and tired. I ended up going home early.

The next day I bemoaned my time to my husband. "Why can't I socialize like a normal person?" I asked. I really wanted to know. What is wrong with me that I can't show up where there are people and talk to them and have them talk back to me? I obsessed for a few days about and have come to the conclusion that I need to calm down. Why is it that at my parties I think that I have created a dull time, and at other people's parties I think that I am a dull person? Do I need to assign blame to the lack of excitement that I feel in social situations? I don't think so. I am a smart and interesting person who has a better time in small groups, that's all. The idea of a party suggests that if there are enough people in a small place that a good time will be had. I wish that were true, and with small children it usually is. Forced together people will talk, and laugh, and get along, but it isn't something that I am going to require of myself any longer.

I will still go, even if it's called a "party," but the excitement I feel when I hear that word, that excitement left over from childhood, will have to be ignored until I begin to have fun.

Feckless Pondering appears every other Friday. Abigail is a sophomore in English. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Thanks for support during USG elections

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the USG Election Commission and the Student Trustee Election Commission, I would like to thank everyone who lent a hand with this year's student government Election. In particular, the Saluki Volunteer Corps, Delta Chi fraternity, Delta Zeta sorority, and the Faculty Association all played an important part in staffing polling booths. Without the help of these organizations, the elections would have been a sorry mess indeed. I would also like to thank individuals who helped make the elections physically possible: Assistant Director of the Student Center Jeff Duke, Associate Director of Programs & Services Doug Daggett, and especially Roberta Reeves of Instructional Support Services in Morris Library. Finally, I would like to thank the members of both election commissions for the many stressful hours they put in before and during the elections: Bryan Johnson, Jeremy Sonenschein, Angie Sellitto, and Dave Hooper. Simply put, their efforts made the elections possible.

Andrew S. Jackson
USG Election Commissioner / Student Trustee Election Commission Chair
senior in computer science and classics

Soldiers send wishes of support from protesters

DEAR EDITOR:

For all the free people that still protest You're welcome. We protect you and you are protected by the best. Your voice is strong and loud, but who will fight for you? No one standing in your crowd. We are your fathers, brothers and sons, wearing the boots and carrying guns. We are the ones that leave all we own, to make sure your future is carved in stone. We are the ones who fight and die; we might not be able to save the world, well, at least we try. We walked the paths to where we are at and we want no choice other than that. So when you rally your group to complain, take a look in the back of your brain.

In order for that flag you love to fly wars must be fought and young men must die. We came here to fight for the ones we hold dear. If that's not respected, we would rather stay here. So please stop yelling, put down your signs, and pray for those behind enemy lines. When the conflict is over and all is well, be thankful that we chose to go through hell.

Corp. Joshua Miles
and all the boys from 3rd Battalion
2nd Marines, Kuwait

Shame on France

DEAR EDITOR:

As a veteran of both Vietnam and the first Gulf War it saddens me to read of the news that our forces and the coalition forces have found caches of Iraqi weapons manufactured by and purchased from France. It appears to this reader the French are motivated by the sale of their war arms rather than keeping world peace. And that

is the French's second problem, their first problems is their lack of memory! Seems they have forgotten the tens of thousands of American GIs who gave their lives insuring France's freedom. Shame on you, France!

Steve Carkeek
Folsom, Calif

Cheers for axing wine tax

DEAR EDITOR:

Three dry cheers to Gov. Blagojevich and his proposal to ax the subsidy for the Illinois Grape and Wine Resources Council. This money is collected from every taxpayer in the state, not just alcohol drinkers. The notion that Illinois citizens who choose not to drink the swill must support its production and marketing is unacceptable. The council's website lists something called the Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Association. It has about 100 members. Maybe they can come up with \$5,000 each. This would allow taxpayers to support health care, education and public protection; priorities clearly beneficial to ALL the states inhabitants.

Gregory L. Brown
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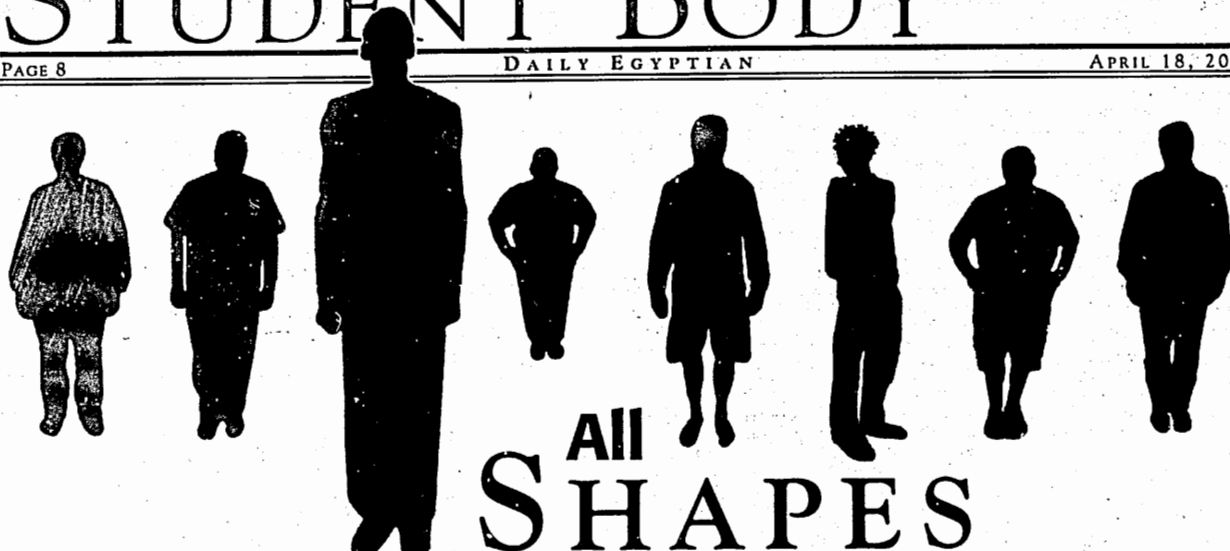
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ALL SHAPES & SIZES

Women aren't the only ones to suffer from image perception problems, which remain issues for men both big and small

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

When out shopping, men are not usually the ones standing in front of the mirror asking friends if their butt looks big in a pair of pants, or if they stomach looks fat in a shirt.

Normally, when weight issues are discussed, women are the ones discussed as having a problem, but in fact, 16 percent of all cases of eating disorders occur in men.

Research performed by the organization shows that an estimated 1 million men in America suffer from an eating disorder, according to Christopher Athas, vice president of the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD).

All men who are concerned about their weight do not necessarily suffer from eating disorders, but they make sure to keep to strict diets to help maintain the appearance they want.

"Mike" a junior in the college of liberal arts from Reynolds used to be an athlete in high school. He said he was really into advancing to the college level in football, and got wrapped up in the hype of being big in muscle and not fat.

"I was not the star of the team, but I was good," Mike said. "I was told I was too small and that I needed to beef up."

He said he never thought he was too big so he constantly worked out so he could stay at what he called a reasonable weight.

He believed the workouts were not

doing anything so he soon began using diet pills, which eventually lead to not participating in sports.

The three main disorders are anorexia nervosa, binge eating disorder and bulimia nervosa.

Anorexia nervosa is a severe, life-threatening disorder in which the individual refuses to maintain a minimally normal body weight, is intensely afraid of gaining weight, and exhibits a significant distortion in the perception of the shape or size of his body, as well as dissatisfaction with his body shape and size.

Anorexia can often be more dangerous in men than in women because males weigh more on average than women. This means a male can weigh more than a female but be at greater risk of health problems.

Binge-eating disorder is defined as recurrent episodes of compulsive overeating or binge eating. In binge eating disorder, the purging, which is an attempt to prevent weight gain, is absent.

Bulimia nervosa is a disorder characterized by recurrent episodes of binge eating followed by self-induced vomiting or other methods such as laxatives, diuretics, excessive exercise, fasting, in an attempt to avoid weight gain.

Binge-eating disorder is arguably the most common form of eating disorder in men. According to the ANAD website, this is possibly because society accepts overweight men more than it accepts overweight women, putting greater demands on women to be skinny.

The symptoms are the same for both men and women. The person may have a preoccupation with food, binge eating, vomiting, compulsive exercise and they may abuse laxatives or diet pills.

When it comes to acknowledging the problem and seeking help, many men are less open because it is mainly thought to be a female problem.

"One reason men don't talk about it is because we don't value them the same way we do women and their appearance," Athas said. "We see and hear about women all the time, but reality is there are a lot of men who suffer from this and it needs to be addressed as well."

Mike began taking the diet pills and was happy with his appearance. He said he would look in the mirror and see that he was gradually getting where he wanted to be, but others around him kept telling him he was too small.

"My mom and coach kept insisting that I was too small, but I wouldn't listen," Mike said. "Eventually, I was kicked off the team, but that still did

"I thought this was a woman thing, but now I know."

— Mike
Junior, College of Liberal Arts

not wake me up."

What did wake him up was his little brother who found his diet pills and told his mother. She then began watching him and making him eat in front of her.

"She would not take no for an answer," Mike said. "I told her nothing was wrong, but I did not know she knew about the pills."

People suffer from disorders typically because they have a negative self-image and want to look a certain way and are not realizing they don't actually look the way they perceive themselves.

Athas said there are several reasons why people suffer from disorders, one reason being they feel they have failed at something and cannot handle it.

"It might be because he can't cope with a problem in life or there is a lack of self esteem," Athas said. "They may turn to eating disorders for comfort the way they might turn to alcohol or drugs."

Some of the physical effects of having an eating disorder include dehydration, tooth/gum erosion, ruptured stomach or liver, heart or kidney infections. Psychological repercussions include depression, low self-esteem, shame and guilt mood swings or withdrawal.

Mike said he finally realized his mother was right and that he needed help so he agreed to get help.

He said in the end he would never be able to play ball again because he had taken so many diet pills, he ruined his stomach lining and is now on a strict eating plan and under supervision of a doctor.

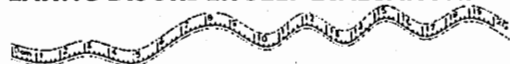
"I learned my lesson of not thinking realistically for any goal I want to achieve," Mike said. "I thought this was a woman thing, but now I know."

ANAD is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to alleviating the problems of eating disorders. It brings attention to the problem of men and eating disorders and how it affects their lives and how to stop the numbers from increasing.

"This can kill people," Athas said. "But the good news is, they can get well."

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6. Are you cold?
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9. Are you experience physical problems or are people concerned because of your excessive exercise?
10. Is your weight repeatedly fluctuating?

•If you answered yes to any of the questions, you might have an eating disorder.

•If you answered yes to more than 5, you need to see a professional for a more extensive evaluation.

POSHARD

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The governor's budget proposal for the next fiscal year includes 8.2 percent cuts in state funding for public universities, and Blagojevich has stressed that the reductions should be targeted toward administrative costs and not lead to harming the quality of education.

Wendler said it's crucial for the

University community to realize that the administration isn't overlooking its own resources when looking for ways to trim SIUC's budget.

"These things are important. It's very popular at times to be critical toward administrative structure and say it's a waste," Wendler said. "That's not true. We're doing our best to be efficient."

Poshard became vice chancellor in 1999, but he became familiar with the campus as a student in

the 1960s, earning three degrees. Besides serving as a senator in the General Assembly and a representative for five terms in the U.S. House, Poshard also ran on the Democrat ticket for Illinois governor in 1998 and lost to George Ryan.

"I would say that nobody on this campus has what Glenn Poshard has to offer," Wendler said.

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SUPPLIES

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a donation box in the school's library.

Permission was quickly granted and Griffith began making notes to explain "The Magic School House" to the teachers. Since the school was going on spring break and would only be open for two days of the allotted donation time, they had to get started right away.

By Thursday afternoon, the box was overflowing with gifts from teachers and students. When the last bell rang on Thursday, Griffith filled her trunk with all the supplies and

took them to another donation site.

Emily said she hopes the supplies she and her classmates donate will help the children in Afghanistan learn and she said she thinks they will learn more easily with the supplies.

Although Emily already donated to "The Magic School House," Benton said he might be asking her and the rest of his listeners for more help in the future.

"I don't think this is the last time we will call for help," Benton said. "This is a relatively small group of soldiers trying to help a large group of kids. They really want me to try and find shoes for some of them before winter."

Benton said he hopes they: gifts from southern Illinoisans will help

spread peace in the Middle East. In fact, he said he would like to do the same for the children of Iraq.

"We all know education is the key to freedom," Benton said. "That door is locked at this time but we hold the key."

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TRIAL

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More than 80 witnesses have been identified by the State's Attorney's Office, and two separate evaluations are being made. Court documents indicate the prosecution will seek an extended sentence because of "exceptionally brutal or heinous behavior indicative of wanton cruelty," but the death penalty will not be sought.

Shumake was treated at three hospitals for psychiatric problems in 1996 and 1997, and has been diagnosed with multiple disorders, including paranoid schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, paranoid delusions with grandiose thinking, antisocial personality disorder and poly-substance dependence since his first evaluation. During that

period, he allegedly attempted suicide after becoming intoxicated and falling into a campfire. On a separate occasion he reportedly overdosed on alcohol and sleeping pills.

Court documents indicate Shumake is stable when medicated, but he talks of feelings that "the Lord" has called him for a specific purpose and people worldwide know of him and some are involved in a conspiracy to destroy his life. He allegedly told examiners he believes he has paranoid schizophrenia and said that when his "disease" is active, he feels like the world can read his mind and is influenced by it and his actions.

He also allegedly said the importance of his life outweighs any wrongdoings and said he communicates with voices in his head and is "fighting the spirit world."

Althoff's report says Shumake has been arrested numerous times as an adult, including seven times for driving under the influence of alcohol, two times for aggravated battery, once for burglary and once for theft over \$300. It also states he was separated from the general population because of two fights, caused after he reportedly believed satanic forces were attacking him.

Althoff's report indicated Shumake was stable as long as he is medicated, understood the charges against him and their implications, understood the courtroom setting and people involved and, if properly medicated, should have no problem being a competent trial participant.

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Development takes precedence over classes

Kim McCoy
Knight Ridder Newspapers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (KRT) — Carlos Green had his future mapped out.

He was going to graduate from Florida State University on May 2 and begin graduate school this summer.

But in March, just weeks from graduation, Green was forced to change his plans. A sergeant in the Florida National Guard, he was deployed to Fort Stewart, Ga.

"There were rumors circulating that there was the possibility we were going to get called up," Green, 27, said during a phone interview from Fort Stewart. "I wanted to graduate. I knew I was part of the organization that was the military. The call of duty means the call of duty."

He and other members of the 144th Transportation Company are in Fort Stewart receiving training and waiting to learn when and where they'll go next. Like other soldiers, students have mounds of issues to quickly take care of when they find out they're being deployed. Not only do they have to worry about ending leases and taking leaves of absence from their jobs, many have to withdraw from classes, delaying graduation and the start of their careers.

Students who are called to duty don't face academic or financial penalties.

Green, who was majoring in both criminology and sociology, had his professors give him "incompletes" in his courses, which will allow him to

make up the work for the remainder of the semester when he returns.

"The teachers agreed and offered support," he said.

Green and other students in the 144th Transportation Company said they weren't surprised about being called up and that they'd been mentally preparing themselves for it.

"I was concerned a little," said Spc. Jon Flowers, a sophomore at FAMU. "My classes are more complex, but at the same time I was watching the news. I knew the unit would be called. I was kind of expecting it."

Flowers, 22, who also is in Fort Stewart, is a civil engineering major. He withdrew from his classes and said he would be reimbursed for tuition.

But since they have been deployed, school isn't necessarily at the forefront of their minds. Their objective is to fulfill their duty as soldiers.

"It's a slight inconvenience in trying to accomplish my goal to get my college education, although I don't frown upon it," said Spc. Rory Kamenicky, 22, a freshman at Tallahassee Community College. He said he joined the Guard and previously did active service so that he would have an opportunity to serve his country.

They're all wondering whether the war is in their future. Kamenicky said they got word that there was a possibility they'd head to Kuwait.

"Everything is unexpected now," Green said. "Some of the soldiers are getting captured. Some are getting killed. Everything is unknown."

Green has a 2-year-old daughter, Makayla, who lives with her mother

in Tallahassee. She recognizes her father's voice when he calls her on the phone. He said it's going to be difficult to be away from his young daughter, who's becoming attached to people now.

Kamenicky got married Feb. 19 at a friend's house in Tallahassee. His wife, Rachel, is in the Army and stationed in Hawaii. They've had a long distance relationship since Kamenicky decided to come to Tallahassee for college.

"We try to make it a point to talk once a day even it's just to say, 'I love you' and to see how each other's day went," he said.

Flowers, on the other hand, was fortunate enough to bring people he cares about with him. His girlfriend and two Tallahassee roommates also are part of the 144th Transportation Company. His parents live in Ocala.

Although these soldiers are concerned about their loved ones and don't know what will unfold in the near future, they see benefits in being part of the National Guard. For one, it pays tuition.

"With any situation, there are pros and cons," Flowers said. "I could be put in danger, but at the same time, you can save a lot of money. I won't have to work when I get back if I don't want to. I can concentrate on classes."


Flowers also had a part-time job to pay help pay for his rent.

Completing their education is something "I came here for school," said Green, who is from Savannah, Ga. "(FSU) got a good criminology program. It's ranked among the top in the nation."

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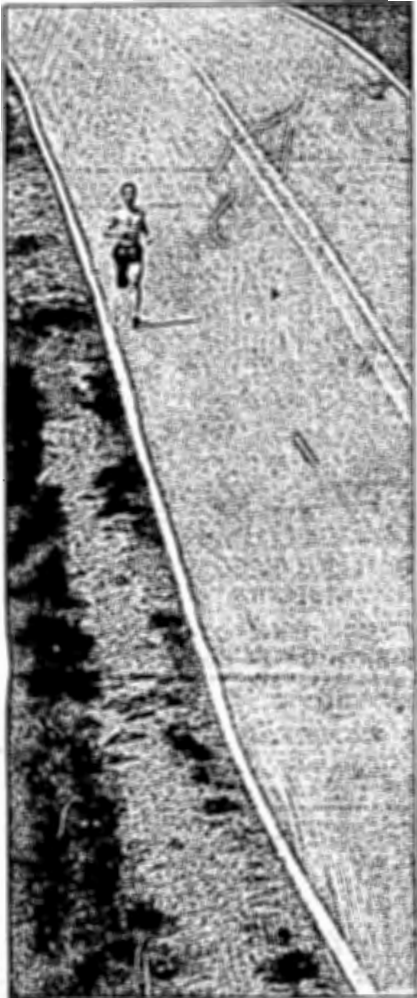
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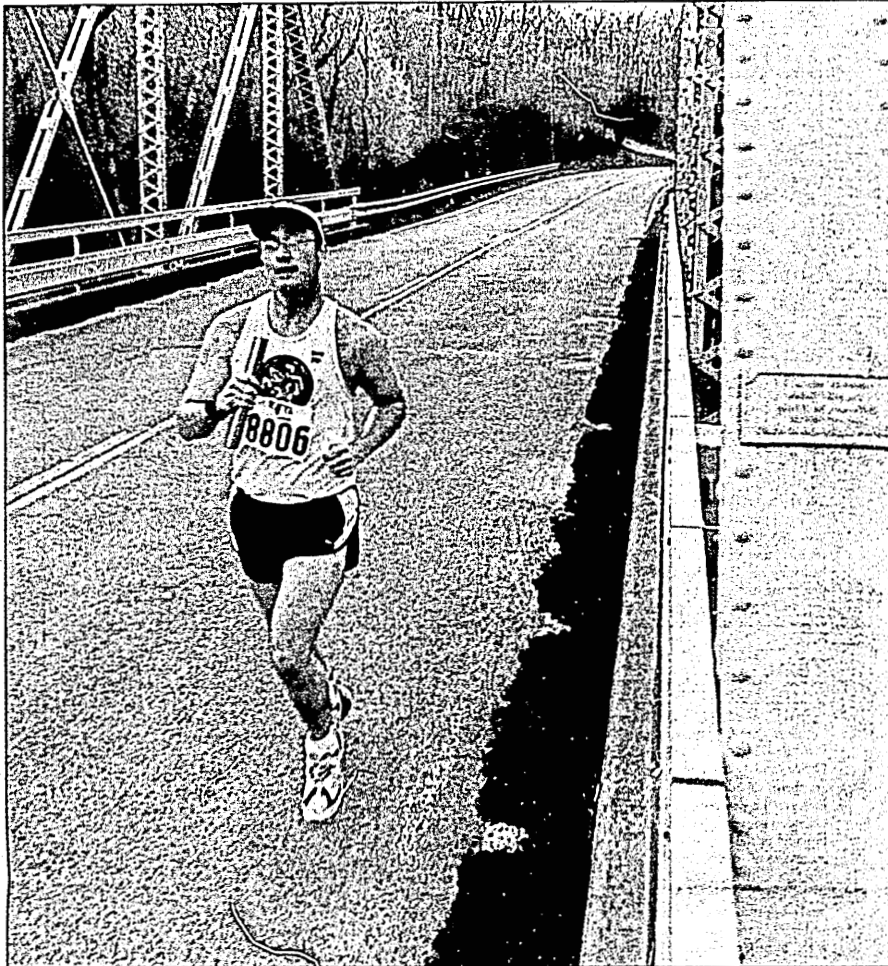
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Tom Turner crosses the last bridge on the 100 mile course of the River to River Relay Saturday. Turner is part of the team of Forest. Turner's team finished the race in 11 hours, seven minutes and 51 seconds, finishing 33rd in the handicap division.

80 miles OF SHEER HELL

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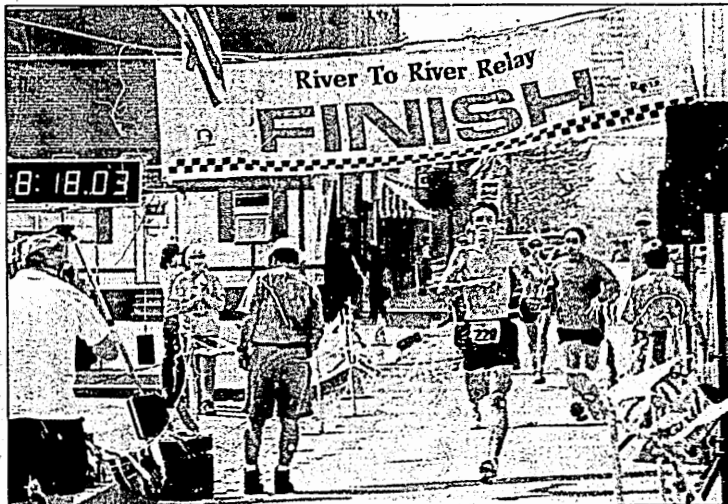
Matt Baker was hot, tired and sweaty when he finished the last leg of the River to River Relay on Saturday. Baker ran for Team Sterling out of Dixon. The team finished 5th in the mixed division and 22nd overall with a time of eight hours, 50 minutes and 32 seconds.



Dick Parker checks his watch after he took the baton from a fellow team member. Parker, whose team finished 7th in the handicapped division, is part of the Starved Rock River Runners team from Morris. The Illinois State Police command center looms in the background. Police agencies of Golconda, Pope County, Union County and Johnson County play a major role in the safety and security during the River to River Relay.



Deveron Tackett, 5, and Barbara Slyder of Golconda ring the bell as part of the tradition of the River to River Relay that finishes in Golconda by the Ohio River. The church bell is located at the final corner where the runners turn for the final stretch to the finish line. Each time a runner reaches this point the bell is rung letting the crowds know that a runner is finishing the race.



Tyler Small of St. Louis, the first person to cross the finish line, was running with Murphy's Moonlight Milers out of Chicago. The team finished first in the mixed division and 9th place overall.

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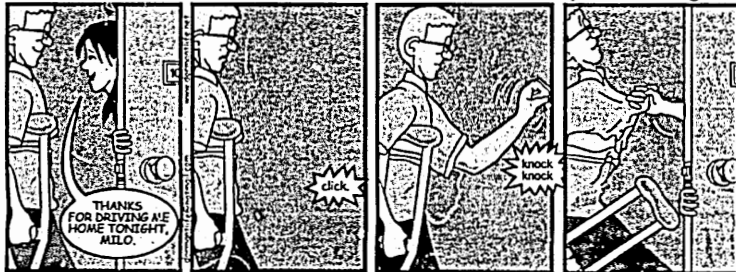


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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black
 Today's Birthday (April 18). Making money this year could involve spending. Don't invest more than you can back in one lifetime, however. You'd be wise to work up a plan. Crunch the numbers before you start running up debt.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
 Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - The direct approach won't work as well as a more subtle advance. So if at first you don't succeed, come around the back way.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Share your vision for the future with a sensitive, supportive person. It may be too hard to accomplish alone, but with faith and a good friend, anything is possible.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Push hard to get a tough job done. It might have been easier if you'd finished it sooner, but there's no use worrying about that now.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - Money may be a little tight, but it's out there. You can use your own creativity to make more. Accept a loved one's encouragement and inspiration.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Finish whatever you need to do in order to strengthen your infrastructure. You'll be much more creative, and have much more time, after this basic stuff is done.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're one of the few who can get a message across, when others aren't speaking. Help out a couple of people you know who can't see eye to eye.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - By putting more work into your own place, your investment goes up in value. It's another way to make money and build self-esteem.

scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You learn pretty well through books, but you learn best through hands-on experience. Maybe that's why you'll be able to do something that somebody else can't.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - People think you're lucky, and maybe you are. Luck isn't all you have going for you, however. It also helps to have good timing.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - A person who's a good strategist could help you with the perfect scheme. Find a way to do your work faster so that you have more time to play.

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Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Compassion can travel great distances and touch hearts so far from your own. When a door slams shut, look for the one that opens.



"Whoa! Those last 24 drinks went straight to my head!"

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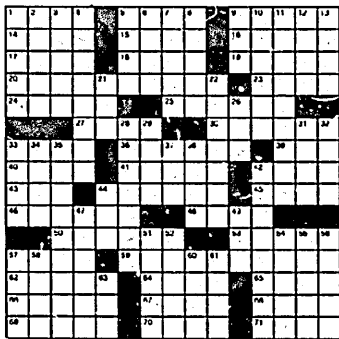
"OFTEN FOLLOWS A MAIN COURSE AT A POLITICAL DINNER."

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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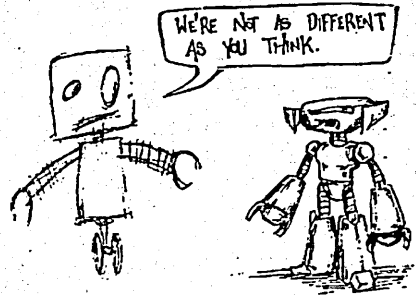
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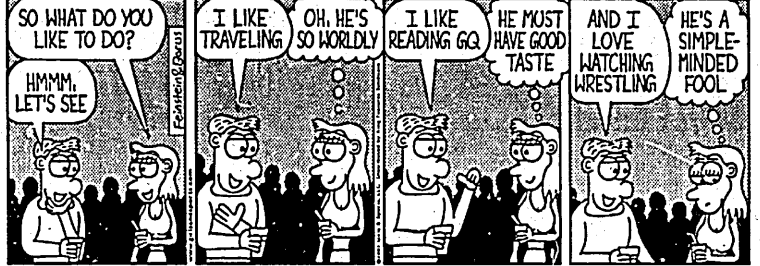
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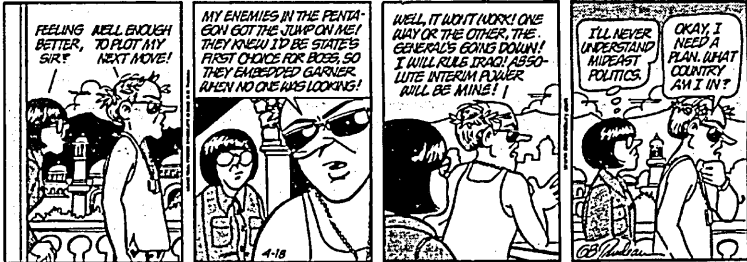


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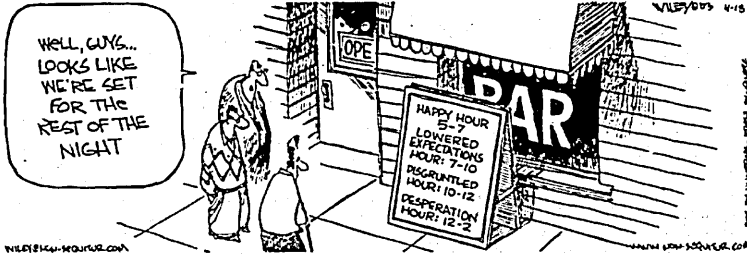
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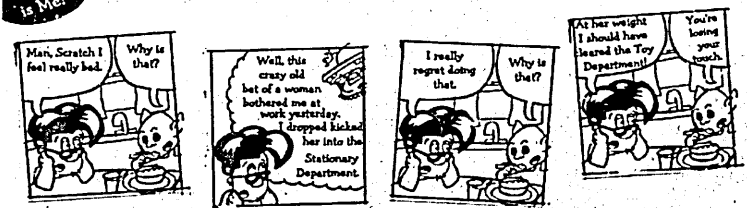
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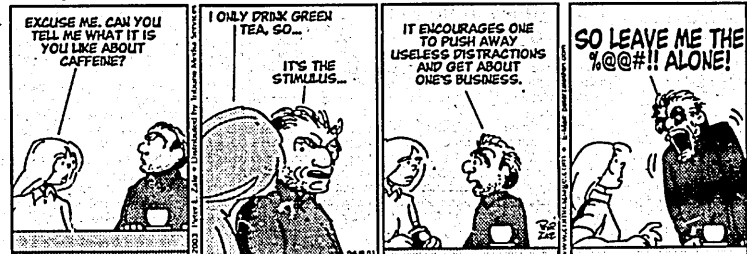
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Baseball's annual fish fry tonight

Good food, amazing memorabilia waiting to be purchased

Christopher Morrill
Daily Egyptian

Jim Thome came through. The SIU baseball team had been waiting to hear from the Philadelphia Phillies All-Star first baseman when the call finally came Thursday at the Richard C. "Irch" Jones Clubhouse.

Thome, the Philadelphia slugger and friend of SIU head coach Dan Callahan, called and informed SIU hitting coach Ken Henderson that he would overnight a baseball bat to be sold at this year's memorabilia auction.

"He helps us every year with the fish fry and memorabilia stuff," Henderson said. "He gives us some stuff every year of his and collects some other stuff for us."

The SIU baseball team will host its Seventh Annual Saluki Baseball Fish Fry and Sports Memorabilia Auction tonight at the Carbondale Civic Center with all proceeds benefiting Saluki baseball.

The fish fry began seven years ago as a way for the SIU baseball team to supplement its budget. Now, thousands of meals later, the annual tradition continues.

For a small entry fee, patrons will be able to enjoy an all-you-can-eat dinner including fish, potato salad, cole slaw, bread, drink and homemade desserts. Carryout plates will also be available. Food will be served from 5-8 p.m. before the memorabilia auction begins at 8 p.m.

Sports items such as autographed balls from George Brett, Chipper Jones, Yogi Berra and Scott Rolen will be auctioned off as well as numerous other items from MLB, NFL, NBA, NHL, NCAA and NASCAR.

Thome isn't the only connection the Salukis have to the big leagues. Because a former SIU pitching coach once threw batting practice to Chipper Jones in college, Jones' agent sends memorabilia to the Salukis every year.

"There are things auctioned you wouldn't have the opportunity to buy in southern Illinois," Henderson said. "If you took most of those items and went to Chicago or St. Louis, we certainly could make a lot more money."

"But that's not the point. The point is to let the people who support us, the people in southern Illinois, have the opportunity to buy them."

Last year, the fish fry served more than 700 plates of food and SIU head coach Dan Callahan hopes to see as many people there this year, if not more. Tickets to the event will be available at the door and are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

"It's just a great family event," Henderson said. "I think that's one of the things why it's so popular. There are a lot of fund-raisers, but there are very few where the whole family can go and you can see people you haven't seen in a while. It's just a big festive party and atmosphere."

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Examples of memorabilia available at auction

- Ozzie Smith rookie card
- Cubs and Cardinals game tickets
- Autographed Ron Santo baseball
- Autographed Yogi Berra baseball
- Autographed Stan Musial baseball card
- Autographed Bob Griese football
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Saluki freshman Tiffany Fritsche lines up a shot to the green at the Saluki Invitational in March. The Salukis head off to the MVC championships, hosted by Northern Iowa, Sunday through Tuesday at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

End of the line

Women's golf prepares for MVC championships

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

The Saluki women's golf team has been practicing between classes and staying at the course until sundown this week in preparation for the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, which begins Sunday at Northern Iowa.

After being the favorite each of the last two seasons, this year's team will take a different role.

"I used to make motivational things for them," head coach Diane Daugherty said. "We'd talk about getting the ring. Maybe we built it up too much because the last two years we've been the favorites and we haven't won the conference and we haven't played very well at all."

Last season, the Salukis fell victim to a Bradley squad that played far better than it had all season, something that the Salukis are hoping to do Sunday through Tuesday at Beaver Hills Country Club. The winner earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

And when they do tee off, it won't be the same old Salukis. Four of the six competitors will be playing in their first ever conference championship.

This includes redshirt freshman Tiffany Fritsche, who has shown flashes of greatness.

"We're just acting like it's a regular tournament," Fritsche said. "We've practiced hard this week, and I think it's gonna pay off."

"I want to be in the top three, and I think that if we play to our potential, we can even win even, though on paper we don't look like we can," Daugherty said.

To pull off the upset, one thing SIU will have to work on is the short game, something that troubled the Salukis in a ninth-place finish in its final tournament of the regular-season. In their three tournaments prior to that event, the Salukis had finished no worse than sixth.

The team is not discouraged, though.

"I think it's going to motivate us more because we know that we're better than that," Fritsche said.

"We just want to prove ourselves and it's a good time to prove it since it's our conference."

Despite not having been the underdog all season, SIU is relishing the opportunity.

"It's kind of fun to be the underdog and not have all the pressure, if you want to know the truth," Daugherty said. "They're having more fun this week. They don't look like they have the weight of the world on their shoulders. If they can keep that attitude in Iowa, we'll see."

"I'm optimistic. I have all the faith in the world in them."

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Florida QB Dosh intends to transfer

David Fox and Jeremy Fowler
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GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) — As Patrick Dosh spent the last month competing for a Florida starting quarterback job, he'll have a new agenda for the next month. He'll find somewhere else to compete.

The redshirt freshman, who has been overshadowed by Ingle Martin and Gavin Dickey in the quarterback race, told coach Ron Zook on Wednesday he intends to transfer.

Zook was surprised with the decision during the 20-minute conversation, Dosh said, telling the quarterback he didn't want him to leave.

Regardless of how much the UF coach liked him around, Dosh most likely was not going to be in UF's huddle as the starting quarterback next season. That was enough for Dosh to make up his mind weeks before spring practice concluded.

"I have got to play next year," said the Glen Allen, Va., native, whose decision had nothing to do with the coming arrival of freshmen Chris Leak and Justin Midgett. "Even with Rex in there last season, I was just dying."

While awaiting his release form Wednesday afternoon, Dosh plotted his next move toward becoming a primary quarterback in the near future.

"I've got to get on that in the next couple of weeks," Dosh said. "I'll make a decision by the time school gets out. I like East Carolina and Coach [John] Thompson. I definitely want to give him a call."

Last season, Thompson was Zook's defensive coordinator. Thompson took the head coaching job at ECU.

Dosh has had Division II schools calling his parents' home the past day and a half, but whichever school he chooses, he probably won't see a quarterback controversy like the one at UF.

After a 5-for-18, 30-yard performance that included two interceptions in the Orange and Blue Game on Saturday, Dosh may have

dropped even further down the depth chart entering the fall. With Leak and Midgett in the mix, he could have been a fifth-string quarterback.

Zook told Dosh he had a grasp of the offense and played well Saturday.

"It has been a pleasure coaching Patrick, and he has always done everything we've asked -- both on and off the field," Zook said in a statement.

"He is a quality person who comes from a great family, and we wish him the best of luck in the future."

Dosh could have a lot of luck in college after throwing a state-record 8,648 yards in his high school career. He said he felt confident during spring drills against Martin and Dickey.

"I could watch and see how everyone was doing, and sometimes I'd think, 'Wow, this was an interesting decision for Coach,'" Dosh said. "Zook kept the competition going. But me and Gavin, we didn't show our ability at the spring game."

Rene, Dosh's mother, said she knows it was a difficult spring for her son.

"Anytime you go to a big school, there is a tremendous amount of competition," she said.

SPORTS FLASH

Women's tennis falls to Indiana State, prepares to wrap-up regular season at home Friday, Saturday

The SIU women's tennis team lost 3-4 to Indiana State Thursday, dropping its record to 4-3 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Tana Tropani shined in her return to the court, winning 6-0, 6-3 in No. 6 singles.

SIU will face Bradley (3 p.m. Friday) and Illinois State (10 p.m. Saturday) to complete the homestand before moving on to the MVC conference tournament next weekend.

All matches will be at University Courts next to the SIU Arena.

Men's tennis finishes regular season on the road

The SIU men's tennis team will wrap up its regular season with a three-match road trip this weekend against a trio of Missouri Valley

Conference foes. The Salukis face Bradley Friday at 6 p.m., Illinois State Saturday at 11 a.m. and Indiana State Sunday at 10 a.m. SIU currently has a 1-4 Missouri Valley Conference record.

With three victories, senior Alon Savidor would move into a tie for 17th all-time at SIU in singles victories.

Locke announces two signees of national letters of intent

SIU head volleyball coach Sonya Locke announced the signing of two high school players to national letters of intent during the late signing period Thursday.

Claire Antoine, a 5-foot-11 outside hitter from Scarborough, Ontario-Canada, is currently a senior at Sir Wilfrid Laurier High School. She plays for the Scarborough Solars club volleyball team.

SIU also signed Monica Laird, a 5-foot-7 setter from Minneapolis, Minn.-The South-High School player is also a member of the Northern Lights club team.

Locke said Antoine is very athletic and will add some depth in the right side hitter position, and Laird will add some depth in the setting position.

Two tennis Salukis named as MVC Scholar-Athlete Honorable Mentions

Senior Alon Savidor and sophomore Lukasz Soswa of the men's tennis team both received Honorable Mention recognition on the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete Tennis Team Thursday.

This is Savidor's second consecutive placement on the scholar-athlete team, after being named to the first team last year. He has a cumulative 3.49 grade point average and majors in Microbiology. Soswa, a Pre-Med major, earns the honor for the first time in his career with a 2.91 GPA.

Both players may be large factors in this final weekend of regular season conference action. Savidor has played mainly at the No. 2 spot, while Soswa handles the duties of the no. 3 position.



Senior tailback Muhammad Abdulqadir runs around a Saluki teammate during the spring scrimmage Thursday evening at McAndrew Stadium. Abdulqadir, who was named Newcomer of the Year in the Gateway Conference, rushed for 1,331 yards and 21 touchdowns in 2002 before having his season ended by a broken thumb.

THE spring offensive

The SIU football team wrapped up spring practice Thursday night with a scrimmage under the lights at McAndrew Stadium

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Although they never graced the field at the same time Thursday night, Muhammad Abdulqadir and Tom Koutsos provided the Saluki faithful a glimpse of things to come when they finally line up in the same backfield this fall.

The two senior record setters split the carries as the SIU football team closed out its spring season at McAndrew Stadium with an open practice under the lights, but things may be a little different when the team plays host to Quincy in its season opener Aug. 28.

"Coach hasn't really put all the formations in yet for the season, but trust me there will be times when we share the field," Koutsos said.

Koutsos, who needs only 485

yards this season to become the Gateway Conference all-time leading rusher, and Abdulqadir, who rushed for 1,331 yards last year, each broke off several long runs in Thursday's scrimmage.

Koutsos, the school's all-time leading rusher who suffered a broken wrist two plays into the third game last season, said he felt relatively pain free in Thursday's scrimmage.

The scrimmage was not full contact, but Koutsos said it still felt good to get back in the action.

"Oh it's a little sore right now, but I try to put it out of my mind when I step on the field," Koutsos said. "It just felt really good to finally be back out there."

The opposition may have its

work cut out for it this fall, with the offense returning Koutsos, Gateway Newcomer of the Year Abdulqadir, and the reigning Gateway Freshman of the Year, quarterback Joel Sambursky.

Faced with the task of directing a backfield loaded with options, Sambursky said he should not have any trouble finding an able set of hands to deliver the ball.

"I'm just really excited about the possibilities of our team this upcoming year," Sambursky said.

Amid speculation there might a lack of carries to go around, Sambursky said neither star running back was concerned about personal achievement.

"You know, Tommy and Mo, in addition to being great guys and two of the best athletes I've had the opportunity to be around are both very unselfish guys," Sambursky said.

Although the team donned full pads for the scrimmage, the contact was limited to helmet and shoulder pads only. Not that it was anything new for Sambursky.

"I haven't gotten hit all spring," Sambursky said. "I think sometimes it's harder not getting hit than actually getting hit."

While the Salukis' offense looked relatively sharp for most of the practice, the players seemed to stress that defense was their biggest focus. Koutsos said the defense made great strides during the spring season and he expected by things from the unit this fall.

in which things clicked tonight, of course there's always things we can improve on," Koutsos said.

Sambursky said the team seemed to be coming out of spring practice several steps ahead of the last year's squad, which seemed to be a good omen for the upcoming year.

"Our passing game is coming along and our defense is looking good. I think it's just really going to be an exciting year," Sambursky said.

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Sophomore quarterback Joel Sambursky tosses the ball back to his snapper during warm-ups for the spring scrimmage. Sambursky, who was named 2002 Freshman of the Year in the Gateway Conference, is expected to lead the Salukis, who had the highest scoring offense in the nation last season.

"I'd say there are a lot of areas

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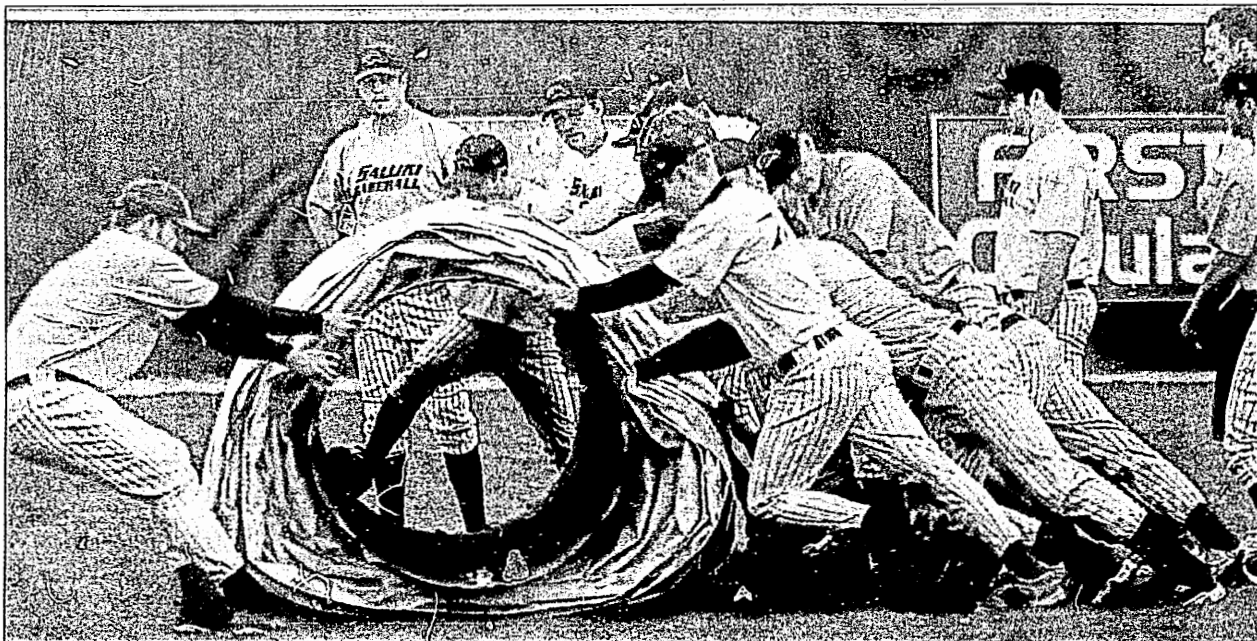
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Members of the Saluki baseball team roll up the tarp that covers the infield at the end of practice Thursday afternoon at Abe Martin Field. Although rain has disturbed the Saluki practices in the latter part of this week, the team hopes it won't disturb its weekend series with Southwest Missouri State. The series with the Bears could determine who sits in second or possibly even first place in the Missouri Valley Conference.

SIU baseball looks to reverse trend vs. SMS

Salukis battle for second place in four-game series

Christopher Morrical
Daily Egyptian

It's been a year of firsts at SIU. The volleyball beat Illinois State for the first time since 1990, the basketball team won 16 conference games for the first time in school history and the football team beat Western Illinois for the first time since 1983.

Now the SIU baseball team wants

to continue that tradition.

Beginning today, the SIU baseball team will take on conference foe Southwest Missouri State, a team that has had the Salukis' number since the late '80s, in a four-game series to determine second place — and possibly first — in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Since the two schools started playing each other in 1988, the Salukis have been all but dominated by the Bears with a 16-36 series record. The Diamond Dawgs have not won a season series against the Bears since 1990 and have not earned better than a split since then.

In the eight years under head coach Dan Callahan, the Dawgs

have managed only an 8-21 record against the SMS foes.

"Last year we had to scrape and battle just to win a game," Callahan said.

The Bears, who come to town with plenty of momentum after beating No. 23 Missouri Tuesday and were picked to win the Missouri Valley Conference in a preseason coaches poll, are hot on the Salukis' heels in the MVC standings.

The Dawgs (20-14, 11-4 MVC) sit a game and a half over SMS (20-14, 9-5 MVC) and a mere half game behind league leading Wichita State (27-12, 10-2 MVC).

Not only do the Dawgs have a problem beating the Bears, they

cannot seem to win the third game of any series this year. The Salukis have not won the third game of a series since a four-game sweep of Northern Iowa in late March.

All three losses went to Saluki starter Andrew Weber (1-3), who has been pulled from the starting rotation for former reliever Josh Joiner.

Joiner (4-2) said he was just glad to get back into the starting rotation after getting off to a bad start to the season. His situation was like that of Weber's, but has come on so strongly as of late he has earned the spot as a starter.

Joiner knows the Dawgs' history with the Bears and their dilemma

with the third game, but is looking for a good series despite past numbers.

"We haven't played that well against them in the past," Joiner said. "We haven't won that many games, but we also haven't had as good of a team as we have this year."

The Salukis have been good this year. The pitching staff has accumulated a 4.66 ERA and the offense is swinging at a .292 clip.

In their last series, a four-gamer at Bradley, the SIU offense exploded for 50 hits and more than 30 runs — something Callahan hopes will continue into this weekend.

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Louis slugs her way into Saluki softball record books

Freshman infielder leads SIU into weekend series with the long ball

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Entering the season, the name of former Saluki softball star Marta Viethaus was atop several of the school's home run records.

Her eight dingers in 1998 was a freshman record.

The 10 shots she hit in 1999 was the top single-season mark in SIU history.

Now she has become an afterthought thanks to Katie Louis.

Just a freshman, Louis is now tied with Viethaus for the single-season, home run mark of 10 with at least 11 games remaining for the 29-7 Salukis. Last weekend against Southwest Missouri State Louis tied the freshman mark, which she broke with two homers against Evansville during a doubleheader Wednesday.

Louis next gets a chance to set a new single-season mark this weekend when the Salukis travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa, for a three game series against Northern Iowa. The series starts

with a 3 p.m. doubleheader on Friday and concludes with a noon game Saturday against the 23-15 Panthers.

The two home runs by Louis on Wednesday gave the Salukis 36 round trippers on the season, just one shy of the SIU single-season record.

Louis' second home run against Evansville, which gave the Salukis a 2-1 lead they did not relinquish, was simply a moon shot.

SIU sophomore outfielder Katie Jordan, who is second on the Salukis with nine home runs, put the blast in simple terms.

"It was a monstrous home run," Jordan said.

The Evansville softball and baseball fields are adjacent to one another and Louis' blast went all the way to first base on the baseball diamond.

The father of junior shortstop Jenny Doehring measured the hit and said it came out more than 300 feet.

To put that into perspective, the right and left field walls at Charlotte West Stadium-Rochman Field stand just 190 feet away from home plate.

Louis said she has never hit a ball that far and she is still in a state of disbelief about how far it actually went.

"I had no idea it was that far," Louis said. "All I knew was that it was over and that we took the lead, but after they told me I was just in awe."

"I couldn't believe it and I still don't actually

"I wanted to come in and contribute and I knew I could, but I think with my mental focus, I've matured in that respect and that has helped me become a better hitter."

— Katie Louis, freshman, SIU softball

right now."

Evansville starting pitcher Katie Markle, the sister of SIU baseball player Josh Markle, gave up both of Louis' home runs.

Markle was otherwise sensational, pitching all 14 innings in the doubleheader and striking out 13 Saluki hitters.

But she did make two mistakes and Louis made her pay on both of them, especially on the one she sent into orbit.

"She just left one up there and I went for it," Louis said.

The monstrous home run is not the lone thing that has been surprising about Louis.

Louis currently leads the Salukis in home runs and slugging percentage (.657), is second in RBI (28) and doubles (six), third in hits (29) and runs (17), and fourth in batting average

(.293). The O'Fallon native has started all 36 games for SIU.

Coming into the season Louis said she knew she could contribute as a freshman, but she didn't think she would contribute as much as she has.

"I don't think I expected [my first season] to be this good," Louis said. "I wanted to come in and contribute and I knew I could, but I think with my mental focus, I've matured in that respect and that has helped me become a better hitter."

Not only has Louis become a better hitter since arriving in Carbondale, she has become one of the top hitters in the Missouri Valley Conference.

With three years of eligibility remaining, Louis knows big things remain for her and she is not going to be satisfied with her early success.

"I just hope that I can continue that kind of streak all four years and not let my freshman year be a fluke," Louis said. "As long as I can be consistent my four years I'll be happy."

If she is consistent, the SIU career-record of 24 home runs will be left in the dust.

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