Election results under dispute

Allison Petty
Daily Egyptian

Tense silence turned to screams, hugs and cries of “Oh my God!” as Election Commissioner John Teresi declared Wednesday that Undergraduate Student Government presidential candidates ChiQuita Watts and Dave Lofts tied with 473 votes each.

Roughly 50 candidates and supporters waited in the Student Center until 9:30 p.m. to hear the election results, which Teresi read while standing on a coffee table in the USG office.

“Is this some kind of late April Fools’ joke?” asked Vincent Hardy, who was Watts’ vice presidential candidate.

“I wish it was,” responded Teresi, who has to organize another election sometime in the next few weeks according to USG constitutional rules.

But moments later, the friction reappeared.

Watts and Lofts said they believed the election was run poorly and the votes should be hand-counted by Teresi and the rest of the election commission.

Other results were clearer.

USG president Demetrous White won student trustee, beating Vincent Hardy, a senator for another election. Teresi declared Monday that he might keep the job through next year, said SIU spokesman Dave Lofts.

As a result of the tie, the university to begin searching for a permanent chancellor, and there is no timeline for the undertaking that ended Treviño’s tenure has no effect on his appointment. Joe Crawford can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 214 or jcrawford@sidne.com.

Temporary chancellor may stay into next year

Officials say Goldman could lead university through accreditation process

Joe Crawford
Daily Egyptian

There is no timeline for the university to begin searching for a permanent chancellor, and officials said the administrator who temporarily holds the campus’ top post could be there a while.

Interim Chancellor Sam Goldman has the full confidence of the Board of Trustees, so much that he might keep the job through the university’s accreditation process next year, said SIU spokesman Dave Cross. Officials from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools are expected to visit campus as part of the process in 2009.

“The sense with (SIU President Glenn Poshard) and the board is that they are very comfortable going through that process with Dr. Goldman at the helm,” Gross said.

Goldman stepped down from his position on the board Friday to take the chancellor job. Goldman said he did not take part in the discussions that led to his appointment.

Gross said Poshard wanted to revitalize the university’s last search process, the undertaking that ended in Poshard selecting former Chancellor Fernando TiéFio from a pool of four finalists.

Poshard put Treviño on paid leave March 12 and it was announced Friday Treviño would be reassigned as a tenured professor in the School of Medicine.

The strengths and weaknesses of the last search will be considered when designing a new one, Gross said.

TieFio held the chancellor position for nine months before he was put on leave. John Dunn, the last person to hold the post as a temporary job, was in place a little more than six months before TiéFio’s appointment.

Board chairman Roger Tedrick said Goldman might be easier to work with than other chancellors because he has been a member of SIU’s governing body.

“TieFio is a member of the board, a member of the USG office, he’s a member of the faculty,” Gross said.

Tedrick said Goldman might be easier to work with than other chancellors because he has been a member of SIU’s governing body.

“He knows both sides of the campus,” Tedrick said.

SIUC needs stability, Tedrick said, and the board believes Goldman can provide that.

Goldman said the projected length of his tenure has no effect on the way he does his job.

He said he has not discussed a timeline with Poshard, but Goldman said he would take on long-term and short-term initiatives regardless of when a new chancellor might take over.

“TieFio is a career move for me,” said Goldman. “I’m ready to go in 10 minutes or I’m ready to stay 10 minutes longer.”

Goldman, 73, has said he has no interest in pursuing the permanent chancellor position. The former professor and dean retired from the College of Educational Administration and Higher Education in 2003.

“This is not a career move for me,” he said. “I’m not going anywhere. I don’t have any mountains to climb.”

When Dylan Burns walked in, the assembled senators stared as Burns walked through the aisles ahead of them and received no response.

“You got business?” he said, before taking a seat next to Undergraduate Student Government President Demetrous White to whom he publicly accused of favoritism two days earlier.

Burns accused White of favoritism toward Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., citing a nearly 600 percent increase in the fraternity’s funding since White has been president of USG. White has said Burns’ allegations had no merit.

Stephan Albert, chairman of the finance committee, is a member of the fraternity but said he steps out of the meetings when funding is allocated for Alpha Phi Alpha. Albert addressed Burns during the public comments portion of the meeting.

“You used my name — to get your election,” Albert said. “That’s cheap. That’s not something a man would do.”

After Albert spoke, about half of the mourners appeared before Vincent Hardy, a senator for another election.
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Senate committee approves smoking exemption for casinos**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The Senate is moving ahead with a plan to allow smoking again in riverboat casinos, but its fate remains unclear.

A Senate committee voted 7-4 Wednesday to exempt the nine casinos from the statewide smoking ban in public places that took effect in January.

Casinos say the ban has crippled their revenues and threatens to cost the state as much as $100 million in lost taxes this year.

Smoking ban advocates argue the ban has helped provide a healthier environment for casino patrons and workers and the lost revenue is more of a tough economics.

The measure now heads to the full Senate.

**Museum of Science and Industry launches fundraising campaign**

CHICAGO (AP) — The Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago is launching a $205 million fundraising effort.

The campaign is the museum’s largest fundraising effort since it opened 75 years ago.

The museum says the money will be used to inspire children to achieve their potential in the areas of science, medicine, technology and engineering.

By 2011, nearly 90 percent of the museum’s exhibit space will be new or renovated.

One planned exhibit will feature a 40-foot vortex of illuminated vapor that visitors can step inside. It’s meant to demonstrate the power of a tornado.

The museum says more than $128 million has already been committed to the campaign.

**Chicago gets cash for Lake Shore Drive potholes**

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago’s pothole-plagued Lake Shore Drive will soon get a $4.5 million facelift.

Earlier this month, Chicago officials said the north end of the scenic route along Lake Michigan was so bad that the speed limit couldn’t be raised from 40 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour, as is normally in the summer.

But Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Milton Sorensen now says the state is releasing the $4.5 million in funding so the road can be resurfaced.

Chicago Department of Transportation spokesman Brian Steele says his agency has been working with state officials for about a year to get the money for the repair project.

The area to be resurfaced extends from Irving Park Road to Foster Avenue.

**Virginia Tech survivor takes part in ‘lie-in’ tribute**

CHICAGO (AP) — An Illinois man who survived the Virginia Tech massacre paid silent tribute on the anniversary of the shootings by lying down on the pavement in Chicago with about 30 other volunteers.

Thirty-one-year-old Garrett Evans says he’s completely recovered from being shot in the leg. The Chicagoan says he took part in Wednesday’s “lie-in” in the plaza at the Thompson Center because he’s “tired of people dying of senseless violence.”

The event was one of dozens across the country marking the date.

The Chicago event paid tribute to the 32 people killed at Virginia Tech, the five students killed at Northern Illinois University on Valentine’s Day and the more than 20 Chicago Public School students who’ve died in shootings this school year.

**CORRECTIONS**

In Tuesday’s edition of the Daily Egyptian, the story “Tatum makes stylish return” should have said the Lady Gators’ 82-73 win over Florida in the second round of the NCAA Tournament was Tatum’s 100th career victory.

The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.

If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 253.
Mike Lawrence, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, talks on the phone in his office with a representative of Sen. Barack Obama’s, D-Ill., office Jan. 30, 2007. Lawrence announced Wednesday he will retire this fall, but remain active in Illinois politics.

Mike Lawrence led a respected career in journalism and politics before a former U.S. senator asked him to help create the institute in 1998. On Wednesday, Lawrence said he would retire as director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute effective Nov. 1.

The 65-year-old said he plans to remain in Carbondale with his wife Marianne, and resume writing a political column he had prior to working at the institute.

“I have had the greatest fulfillment of my life by interacting with SIUC students,” he said. “SIUC has been fortunate to have people to work in Illinois politics. We expect to still see him on the scene.”

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Feds to collect DNA from every arrest

Mark Sherman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — U.S. executions are all but certain to resume soon after a nationwide halt, cleared Wednesday by a splintered Supreme Court that approved the most widely used method of lethal injection.

Virginia immediately lifted its moratorium, Oklahoma and Mississippi said they would seek execution dates for convicted murderers, and other states were ready to follow after nearly seven months without an execution in the United States.

Voting 7-2, the conservative court led by Chief Justice John Roberts upheld the latest assault on capital punishment, this time by foes focusing on methods rather than on the legality of the death penalty itself.

Justice John Paul Stevens voted with the majority on the general lethal injection issue but said for the first time that he now believes the death penalty is constitutional.

The court turned back a challenge to the procedures in place in Kentucky that employ three drugs to sedate, paralyze and kill inmates. Similar methods are used by roughly three dozen states.

Deaths penalty opponents said challenges to lethal injections would continue in states where problems arise when administering the drugs are well documented.

The case decided Wednesday was not about the constitutionality of the death penalty generally or even lethal injection. Instead, two Kentucky death row inmates contended that their executions could be carried out more humanely, with less risk of pain.

The inmates “have not carried their burden of showing that the risk of pain from the three-drug protocol of a concededly humane lethal injection protocol, and the failure to adopt unscreened and untreated alternatives, constitute cruel and unusual punishment,” Chief Justice John Roberts said in an opinion that garnered only four other votes.

Fortsy-two people were executed last year out of more than 3,300 people on death rows across the country. Wednesday’s decision was announced with Pope Benedict XVI, a prominent death penalty critic, in Washington and the court’s five Catholic justices — Roberts, Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas — headlined the White House for a dinner in his honor. All five supported the lethal injection procedures.

The court separately heard arguments Wednesday on the constitutionality of the death penalty for convicts of raping children. A decision in that case is expected by late June.

A majority in the case against the three-drug protocol is that if the initial anesthetic does not take hold, the other two drugs can cause excruciating pain. One of those drugs, a paralytic, would render the prisoner unable to express or communicate pain.

The Kentucky inmates wanted the court to order a switch to a single drug, a barbiturate, that causes no pain and can be given in a large enough dose to cause death.

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Nevada

Man at center of Las Vegas ricin case arrested, charged

LAS VEGAS (AP) — An unemployed graphic designer who authorities believe was nearly ready to make ricin-caused a courtroom disturbance Wednesday on federal charges that he possessed the deadly toxin as part of an “existential” plot never carried out to poison his enemies.

Roger D. Bierdendorf, who authorities allege began making ricin a decade ago, was arrested upon his release from the hospital where he had been treated since Feb. 16.

He is charged with possession of a biological toxin and two weapons offenses stemming from materials authorities said were found Feb. 26 and March 28 in his room at an extended-stay motel several blocks from the Las Vegas Strip.

“He was released from the hospital and his in custody,” FBI special agent Joseph Dickey, a spokesman for the bureau’s Las Vegas office.

The charges carry a possible penalty of 30 years in federal prison and a $250,000 fine. Bierdendorf, 37, was scheduled to appear Wednesday afternoon before a federal judge in U.S. District Court in Las Vegas.

Washington

Murtha says McCain too old to be president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Rep. John Murtha Wednesday that Republican Sen. John McCain is too old to be president.

Murtha, 75, four years older than McCain, said he sees them as nearly the same age, and the 80-year-old veteran has said the country is too much for gophers their age.

“We’ve served with seven presidents,” Murtha told a union audience. “When they come in, they all make the same point — that they are all older.”

“This one guy running is about as old as me,” he said, drawing laughter and applause. “Let me tell you something. It’s not my 78-year-old job.”

If elected, McCain would be the oldest man to become president at age 72. Ronald Reagan became president at age 59 but he served as president for eight years and was just a few weeks shy of his 70th birthday when he left office.

Celebrated in White House visit, pope addresses bishops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI moved Wednesday from a jubilant White House where he defended religious in the public square to a more conflicted audience at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where a handful of U.S. prelates during a vespers service.

It was the end of a whirlwind day for Benedict, who drew an enthralled crowd of 13,000 people to the outdoor mass and anential ceremony at the White House earlier in the day. The event turned into an 81st birthday party for the pontiff, complete with singing a cake prepared by the White House pastry chef.

Texas

Nearly 300 arrested in immigration raids at poultry plants

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Nearly 300 people were arrested Wednesday in immigration raids at poultry plants in five states.

More than 100 people were arrested in one of the raids at a plant in Chattanooga, Tenn., and more than 40 were arrested in Nashville, Tenn., on charges of false use of Social Security numbers.

More than 25 people face administratively charges of illegal presence in Live Oak, Fla. They also face identity theft for attempting file false documents.

More than 20 were arrested in Bateville, Ark., and Idaho police arrested four men on charges of false documents or identity theft.

“We know in advance and cooperat” with some of the plant owners for the Pittsburgh, Texas, company, said Philip Keiding, a spokesman.

The raids were part of a long-term investigation, he said.

Plants were roused in Mount Pleasant, Texas, Bateville, Ark., Live Oak, Fla., Chattanooga, Tenn, and Minesfield, W.Va., authorities said.

**WIRE REPORTS**

Eileen Sullivan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The government plans to begin collecting DNA samples from anyone arrested by a federal law enforcement agency — a move intended to prevent violent crime but which raises concerns about the privacy of innocent people.

Using authority granted by Congress, the government also plans to collect DNA samples from foreign- ers who are detained, whether it makes about 140,000 arrests each year.

Expanding the DNA database, known as CODIS, raises civil liber- ties questions about the potential for misuse of such personal information, such as family ties and genetic condi- tions.

Albin said the DNA collection would be subject to the same privacy laws opted to current DNA sam- pling. That means none of it would be used for identifying genetic traits, he noted.

Congress gave the Justice Department the authority to expand DNA collection in two different laws passed in 2005 and 2006.

There are dozens of federal law enforcement agencies, ranging from the FBI to the Library of Congress Police. The federal government es- timates it makes about 140,000 arrests each year.

Those who support the expanded collection believe that DNA samp- ling could get violent criminals off the streets and prevent them from committing more crimes.

A Chicago study in 2005 found that 53 murders and prison charges could have been prevented if a DNA sample had been collected upon arrest.

“Many innocent lives could have been saved had the government begun this kind of DNA sampling in the 1990s when the technology to do so first became available,” Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said at a press conference Wednesday.

Three states have similar laws: Alaska, Arizona, California, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The new regulation would mean that the federal government could store DNA samples of people who are not guilty of any crime, said Joseylyn McCurdy, legislative council for the American Civil Liberties Union.

“Now innocent people’s DNA will be put into this huge CODIS database, and it will be very difficult for them to get it out if they are not charged or convicted of a crime,” McCurdy said.

**WIRE REPORTS**

Thomas McGowan, center, celebrates his release on DNA evidence as he exits the Courierrooms courtroom in Dallas with his lawyers Barry Scheck, left, and Jason Kreag Wednesday. McGowan had served 33 years of a life sentence in prison for a rape he did not commit.

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Thomas McGowan, center, celebrates his release on DNA evidence as he exits the Courierrooms courtroom in Dallas with his lawyers Barry Scheck, left, and Jason Kreag Wednesday. McGowan had served 23 years of a life sentence in prison for a rape he did not commit.

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fell candidates Dylan Burns and Josh Garrison by a margin of more than 50 votes. White said he felt vindicated that students still believed in him and were not blinded by what he said were the “dirty politics” of Burns.

Students voted overwhelmingly in support of the proposed $10 “green” fee for environmental sustainability. Kate Thomas, a junior from Fort Collins, Colo., studying political science, said she planned to celebrate by doing the homework she had put off for the past three weeks in order to campaign for the fee.

Watts and Loftus were not alone in their concerns about the validity of the election results.

Thomas said she witnessed multiple candidates campaigning too close to the polling places and even escorting voters to pick up their ballots. Thomas said she would not impact anyone by name, but was most frustrated with how poorly the elections were run.

She said multiple students told her they voted two or three times in Lenz Hall while the computer system to scan student IDs did not work.

Tori said election workers in Lenz Hall recorded students’ ID numbers on paper, and no one was asked to vote more than once. Tori said is set to receive $800 for his role as election commissioner.

Josh Whalen, an undecided freshman from Oswego, worked at the Student Center polls Wednesday. Whalen said election commission member Ed Ford stood next to him at the polling place and suggested students should not vote for the “green” fee.

Thomas said Ford, a graduate student from Carbondale, told students windmills kill birds and the “green” fee would be hijacked by university administration. Ford declined comment.

Whalen said many students to whom he gave ballots were confused about how to vote.

“This page right here, they have no idea what to do with it,” Whalen said, indicating the area on which students voted for USG senators. Whalen then said he had not read that portion of the ballot himself.

Graduate student Jema Jones said she was not only allowed but encouraged to fill out the wrong ballot.

Jones, a first year graduate student from the Caribbean, studying economics, said she was given ballots for USG elections even though an election worker in the Student Center knew she was a graduate student.

She said she told the election worker she didn’t think she was allowed to vote for USG officers because of her graduate status, but was told to fill out the ballot anyway. Jones said she believed the system made her feel alone at the meeting and was unhappy Albert and Muhammad said she believed was a graduate student.

Jema Jones

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representing the College of Business, said the discord among senators reflected the problems of the university’s administration. He said USG needed to change so students could feel confident in its leadership.

“Right now it’s like a dog fight,” Hardy said. “If this continues, USG will be good.”

Brandon Allen, a senator representing Brush Towers, stood and chastised the senate members for acting like small children. He then turned his comments to Burns.

“I don’t care what you do to win an election, but don’t air out our partially dirty laundry to the DE and make our senate and our government look so terrible,” Allen said.

Senators also applauded after Allen spoke.

One non-senator said she was concerned about tension she believed was race-related and personal. Jacqueline Muhammad, a John A. Logan student from Chicago, acted as a proxy for senator Erica Jackson. Muhammad said she was surprised and disturbed by what she had witnessed at the meeting.

“The state of USG right now is really bad and it looks really bad to everybody else,” Muhammad said. “Just from sitting in this meeting, it’s amazing that this is supposed to be the students getting things done for the school.”

Several of the senators said they were ashamed to be part of USG, but most expressed hope the organization would recover its dignity.

White did not address Burns or the controversy, other than to say the senate shared responsibility for reviewing the funding bills.

Burns did not respond to Albert or Allen during the meeting.

Afterward, however, he said he felt alone at the meeting and was unhappy Albert and White took the allegations personally. He defended his actions, saying he stood up for what he believed was right.

“I think the students needed to know and I stood up and said, ‘This is wrong,’” Burns said. “I don’t see how that could be anything but manly.”

Burns said he took partial responsibility for allowing the allegedly disproportionate funding to slip through the senate. But he said he hoped USG would take greater care in the future.

“When you fulfill the role of a whistleblower or you do what is right, you sometimes don’t have people marching behind you in a parade,” Burns said.

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Sometimes people deserve tickets. Neighbors have the right to complain if someone has a blowout that dangles in the road. If you’ve seen a group of redneck trash all over your front lawn, they deserve a ticket. But this is a college town, and ordinance violations are just a systemic way for the city to gouge students.

You can be ticketed for a broad range of things, but my personal favorite is a couches on front porches. We had a very nice loveseat that was on our covered porch. It didn’t get affected by the elements, and it really brought the porch together. The city decided it was an ordinance violation, and ticketed us.

This city has a 19-year-old bar entry age, yet does yearly raids wherein they ticket underage drinkers under for — you guessed it — an ordinance violation. My new personal favorite is the loud stereo ordinance. Don’t get me wrong, bass-quakes at 3 a.m. annoy me as much as the next guy, but c’mon, doesn’t anyone see the racial component here? It should be called the “urban music ordinance.”

Ordinances are here to legally set up a system wherein the city can rob students, legally.

No. 3: Credit cards and predatory loans.

“Sign up for this credit card and get a free sandwich.”

That is just low. You know we’re hungry, and we’re poor, so you use that against us in this symbiotic evil that is student promotion. I wonder what percentage of those free-sandwich credit cards has put college kids in debt. But I guess that’s the plan.

Worse are the predatory student loans. Listen to me: You do not have a rich uncle. These loans are at terrible interest rates and are designed to prey on broke college kids with no idea of what they are signing. Worse, they essentially give these out to anybody, and I’m sure that these predatory, up to 30 percent interest loans are going to get paid back in full, just like the subprime mortgages did. There is no such thing as free food or money in this country, and anyone who is selling you such lies is in actuality, robbing you, legally.

No. 2: Overdraft fees.

If someone overdrafts, it is his or her fault. It makes sense that there should be a penalty. But anyone who has gone through the overdraft ordeal with a college bank knows how ridiculous those fees are.

Depending on your bank, there is the initial overdraft fee (anywhere from $20 to $30) mixed with all types of late penalties and daily fees.

An overdraft of $1 can spiral into a negative balance of more than $200 in little more than a week.

Some banks are better at working with students on these fees. Your best bet is to talk in person with a bank manager to try and get some of the fees waived. But regardless, it seems odd to me that these banks allow college students to open up accounts whereas they can very easily overdraft, then change you out the wazoo for doing so. Overdraft fees are your fault.

No. 1: College textbooks.

College textbooks are more profitable than heroin. Seriously. I worked at Northwestern’s college bookstore in high school. There I learned the insides of this trade. The profits made by bookstores are enormous, and used books are their crack cocaine.

Some stores are better, but all stores are in that business to generate a profit. They sell students books at much higher markups than what they will ever pay back for. Stores and especially book publishers love issuing new editions (with very minor corrections) annually, forcing you to buy the new edition because the old edition won’t be bought back.

It seems ludicrous to me that this is how educational materials are distributed. The entire system amounts to a backdoor education tax wherein greedy private bookstores find every way possible to take students’ cash. But the university doesn’t care; they make money off the private store that routinely snips off kids in the Student Center.

College textbooks is the No. 1 way to rob a college student.

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director of the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders

Aidan Ohse tries to catch bubbles blown by intern Julie Acke outside the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders in the Wham Education Building.
Girls and Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

By Linda C. Black

Today’s Birthday — Figure out, this year, how best to apply your energy. Get the highest return on your labor investment. There will be plenty of work, but don’t all pay the same. To get the advantage, check the day’s rating. 10 is the easiest day. 9 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — It’s good to be neat at what you do, of course. But it’s also nice to make lots of money doing it. That’s your next assignment.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — It’s getting easier to see the path you want to take. Sketch out a rough map while you’re in the mood. It’ll come in handy later. Lists are helpful, too.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Doing a domestic job saves you a good chunk of change. Building a business from home can also be profitable, too. Can you make anything you can sell?

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Make sure the people who work for you know what you want them to do. They’re providing the services but you have to provide the direction.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Abundance is yours, through your own efforts. Nobody gave you a thing you didn’t earn, including a lot of respect. You’ve got it, take care of it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Love is the most powerful energy on earth. It’s also the most valuable resource you can have. Count your blessings and thank those who are making your way. A little exercise.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You want a new home office, or maybe a studio? There should be a way to rearrange your stuff to make this possible. Sell some of it, too, and get new equipment.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — An older friend knows a couple of tricks you can put to good use. Don’t be shy about asking for advice. It’s valuable and, in this case, it’s free.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — More work is required for the next few weeks. The pay should be good, and the jobs not too hard. You’re the right person for the task.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — For the next few weeks, you have a geographical way with words. Use this opportunity to get all your messages across.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Turns out you have more than you thought. Did you know? Keep inventing your supplies and other resources. You’re actually doing quite well.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — A trip to the mall with your very best friend is a way to improve your mood. You’re getting better at avoiding impulsive spending, so it should be OK.

Sudoku

Sudoku by The Mepham Group

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

Solution to Wednesday’s puzzle:

Yesterday’s Jumble: GRAVE

Answer: OBSESE

(Answers tomorrow)

News Delivered To You...

News in a New Way
Dear Hollywood: Dr. Phil lacks discretion

The horrifying images of a teenage girl in the fetal position on the couch protecting her head from blow after blow administered by another teen, while onlookers ready to take part in the beating screamed, are no doubt difficult for those who saw it to get out of their mind.

Taped by her attackers, this awful recording of Florida 16-year-old Victoria Lindsay being beaten by six other girls to the point that she suffered damage to her hearing and sight was made for the sole purpose of putting it on the networking Web sites YouTube and Myspace.

Prompting the attack were comments about the girl allegedly made by Lindsay on her Myspace page.

The six female attackers and their male counterparts who guarded the door so Lindsay couldn't leave the situation, all age 16 and under, were arrested and will be tried as adults.

And, Hollywood, it seemed like the judicial system was going to take over and give these teens the due process they deserved — until one of the girls stepped up.

The "Dr. Phil Show" paid a $30,000 bond for one of the accused attackers, Mercedes Nichols, to garner an interview with her for a planned show.

Real Dr. Phil, Really?

Trent Corigliana, a spokeswoman for Dr. Phil, told the Associated Press through an e-mail, "We have helped guests and potential guests in the past when they need financial assistance to come on the show — assisting with clothing allowance, lost wages, accommodations, travel and necessities," Corigliana wrote. "In this case, certain staff members went beyond our guidelines (in regard to the bail being paid)."

Even if a certain staff member went beyond the guidelines, this act is abhorrent. There are no ethics involved in this action, just a hope for higher ratings.

And, the "Dr. Phil Show" is a second-rate examination of mostly common problems that's really only good to watch when absolutely nothing is on, or the remote has sunk so far into the couch that your lazy bones can't reach it with an easy stretch.

Any show they probably could have done with Nichols would have consisted of a triteful story from her, a talking-to from Dr. Phil and interjected applause from a stupid audience.

The thought that somehow Dr. Phil would have been able to do anything with that interview besides reiterate what everyone already knows from following the story in the news is ridiculous. By paying Nichols' bond, the show is really just saying, "There are no consequences if your action is severe enough that your story will boost our ratings a few points."

This thought is disturbing at best. Come on, Dr. Phil. You, the preachant of the daytime preachers, should know better. You tell people how to behave for a living. Maybe you should take your own advice.

Let these kids go through the justice system. Whether they're proven guilty or not guilty or plead out, let them have that fair process and see that their actions have consequences. Then have your show.

Maybe fewer people will care by then, but at least you'll look vaguely ethical.

Or maybe you don't care either.

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Cave Fest set to rock this weekend

Hundredsof people fill the cave, dancing along to thumping live music and being mesmerized by a psychedelic light show. A large group of tents is nearby; this “tent city” is home for the weekend for many of the dancing audience members.

Cave Fest 2008 Earthday Gathering is this weekend, Friday through Sunday, at the Shawnee Cave Amphitheater. Tickets for the event are $20 in advance and $30 at the gate.

Cave Fest combines music, vendors and light shows in a weekend event at a unique natural outdoor venue — a large cave near the Shawner National Forest.

There is really nothing else like it. You get to enjoy the beauty of southern Illinois and watch concerts under a huge cave," said Maureen Geraghty, a senior from St. Louis studying photography.

Geraghty, who has been to two Cave Fests, said there are two areas where attendees can listen to music during the weekend: a techno tent, where DJ's play music all day and all night, and a stage in the cave where live bands play.

John Clark, a freshman from Carbondale studying cinematography, said he has never been to Cave Fest but plans on attending the event this weekend. He said he has friends who have gone, and he thinks it sounds like something he would enjoy.

"I've heard it's a lot of fun," Clark said. "It's just a lot of people who want to party and have a good time.

Clark said he has been hesitant to attend Cave Fest in the past because of the negative party associations with it and the presence of drugs at the event.

Some other students haven't attended Cave Fest for reasons similar to Clark's. Michelle Arwas, a senior from O'Dell studying elementary education, said she heard Cave Fest would be "a really wild party" and she's afraid to go because she wants to avoid "hippie drugs."

She said she's not into drugs but she would like to attend a Cave Fest before she graduates, just to observe and see what it's like.

"I've heard stories (about Cave Fest) but I don't think I should share them," Stacy said.

Geraghty encouraged others to attend Cave Fest to hear several bands and meet new people.

"It's a lot of fun to camp out and jam out to the different types of music," Geraghty said. "I've had some of the best times there exploring and listening to music, and everyone is really friendly."

The Shawnee Cave Amphitheater, home to Cave Fest, is seven miles south of Murphysboro.

For more information about the event and a list of bands playing, visit the event Web site at http://cavefest.fws1.com.

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Forbes magazine recently announced the New York Yankees (valued at more than $1.3 billion) are the most valuable team in baseball. If you had the money, which professional team would you buy?

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“I would buy the Chandigarh Lions, one of the original six of the Indian Cricket League. Chris Cairns is the captain of the team and apparently one of the world’s finest players. They finished in second last year, I would buy them and get them to first place.”

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“I think I would want to buy the Kansas City Royals. They are in a big enough market that if you pump enough money into the team, people would start showing up and filling up the place. They’ve got a lot of young and up-and-coming talent.”

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“I would buy the Cubs because if I ended the 100-year drought, I’d be a deity in Chicago. I would sit in the right field bleachers with the people who care about the team the most, spend money like Steinbrenner and scout like Oakland GM Billy Beane.”

Senior sprinter Andrea Norris was named Missouri Valley Conference Women’s Track Athlete of the Week Wednesday. Norris ran the 100-meter dash in 11.82 seconds and picked up a second-place finish at the Ole Miss Invitational.

Saluki men’s tennis falls to Eastern Illinois Wednesday, 4-3

A break from the conference season was not kind to the SIU men’s tennis team. The Salukis (8-12) were defeated by Eastern Illinois, 4-3, Wednesday in Charleston. The out-of-conference match was a final tune-up for the Panthers before participating in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. EIU (13-8) earned the doubles point by winning two of three matches. The No. 1 doubles team of Lucas Waked and Anton Leonenko accounted for SIU’s lone doubles victory, defeating Robert Stedman and Chris Thomas.

Victories in singles action by Waked, Hugo Vidal and Sebastian Rubiano helped the Salukis keep pace with the Panthers. But EIU’s Felipe Gama won a retired match against Chase Miller to win the final singles match and victory for the team.

SIU returns home to close out its regular season. The Salukis host Bradley Saturday and Illinois State Sunday for Senior Day.

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Salukis looks to shine at Vanderbilt invite

Salukis hope to continue momentum

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The SIU track and field team is looking for a better placing this time around at the Vanderbilt Invitational. The Salukis will attempt to take the positive momentum built in their three previous outdoor meets into Friday and Saturday’s Vanderbilt Invitational in Nashville, Tenn. SIU has continued to perform well since both teams posted second place finishes at the Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championships.

SIU began the outdoor season March 28, winning 12 meet titles and posting top-three finishes at the Gill Spring Classic where the women finished in first place and the men in second. In the teams’ first three meets of the outdoor season, the Salukis have combined to win 22 meet titles.

Coach Connie Price-Smith said she was pleased with her team’s performance to date, but expects to see more.

“I want to keep seeing improvements,” Price-Smith said. “We’re six weeks out now, and things are starting to freshen up and everyone’s competing better and getting better marks. In addition to team momentum, SIU has a pair of conference award winners.

One week after freshman sprinter Brandon Deloney won the Missouri Valley Conference Meet’s Track and Field Athlete of the Week, senior sprinter Andrea Norris won the award on the women’s side. At the Ole Miss Invitational, Norris ran the 100-meter dash in 11.82 seconds, which was good enough for a second-place finish.

At the 2007 Vanderbilt Invitational, the men placed eighth and the women placed ninth out of 20 schools. Middle Tennessee State won both the men’s and women’s title.

This year’s field also includes Austin Peay State University and Southeast Missouri State University. Tennessee’s men’s team and women’s teams rank No. 4 and No. 11 in the country, respectively.

Senior thrower Brittany Riley and sophomore distance runner Jeff Schamier were the only SIU athletes to capture individual titles at last year’s meet. Riley, who also posted a second place finish in the discus at the event, picked up the women’s-only victory with a hammer throw that measured more than 216 feet. Schamier’s victory came in the 3,000-meter run, where he ran a time of 8:34.64.

Price-Smith said she expects everyone to perform well at this year’s event, especially the sprinters and long distance runners.

“This will be one of the biggest meets for our distance group,” she said. “They’ll go down there and they’ll have a good race because they always run really well there.”

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SOFTBALL

Salukis snap streak, split doubleheader

Dismore, Wamsley bring offensive spark

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An unexpected winter break in Iowa last weekend cooled off the SIU softball team’s hot streak but didn’t fully ice it.

The Salukis split their first games since April 9 Wednesday at Charlotte West Stadium as visiting Evansville escaped with a 5-0 victory before falling 5-3 to the doubleheader.

It didn’t take long for the Purple Aces (19-16, 5-9) to snap the Salukis’ 20-straight scoreless inning streak as they put a run across in the top of the first inning. After Nikki Waters surrendered a leadoff walk, Evansville first baseman Brittany Herald ripped a line drive to right field where Katie Wilson had an errant throw to home plate, allowing the first run to score.

Herald made her presence felt again in the sixth inning when she hit a solo home run to give Evansville the 2-0 lead. The Purple Aces didn’t let up in the sixth and eventually chased Waters out of the game when third baseman Elisabeth Feithman hit a three-run homer to give them the 5-0 victory.

Saluki junior Katie McMannur tapped a liner to home plate and threw it away, causing runners to advance to third with no outs. Price and Kristen Shirk chipped in one RBI each to retake the lead for Evansville.

The game was slipping away in the bottom of the sixth until Garza came to bat with two on and two out. Garza proceeded to hit a two-RBI double, which was followed by an RBI single from the returning Tiffanie Dismore to give SIU the 5-3 lead and win.

Dismore took her first at-bats since suffering a broken jaw six weeks ago and finished the contest with an RBI and two runs. Price and Kristen Shirk chipped in one RBI each to retake the lead for Evansville.

Dismore said she was just happy to get back out in the field and contribute to a win.

“It’s good to get back in the box. I felt right,” Dismore said. “I just wanted to help the team out, especially after sitting out for six weeks. I just didn’t want to think too much.”

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INSIDER, page 15: If money were no object, which team would you own?