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### SIU trustee nominated for U.S. attorney

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# Council approves FY11 budget

NICK JOHNSON  
Daily Egyptian

The City Council voted 6-1 to approve the fiscal year 2011 budget Tuesday, eliminating six city positions and

enacting more than \$500,000 in funding cuts to community organizations.

Councilman Joel Fritzer cast the lone vote against the budget.

Since September, citizens have protested City Manager Allen Gill's budget,

citing the elimination of the community relations officer position and director of development services position as well as severe funding cuts for community organizations such as Attack Community Services and I Can Read

of Southern Illinois.

The cutbacks are in response to a projected deficit of more than \$6 million over the next two fiscal years, according to Gill's FY11 budget.

"Nobody is happy with this bud-

get," Councilman Chris Wissmann said. "It was an extraordinarily difficult puzzle to put together."

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## Salukis to sell alcohol in fall

### Only available in club area and to suite holders

RYAN VOYLES  
Daily Egyptian

Fans and adult beverages will unite from the stands for the first time at a Saluki sporting event this fall.

Athletic Director Mario Moccia said fans would be able to purchase beer and wine during football and basketball games. However, he said the sales would only be available to ticket holders in the suites and club areas.

Moccia said before the new policy was enacted, only certain donors could get alcohol in a hospitality room and could not drink the beverage while watching the game.

"The suites are new, but that's something that's similar to what's going on currently," he said. "For weekend games, we utilize the Trout-Wittmann Center, and donors at X amount of level can come in and have access to beer and wine. We have turned the Trout-Wittmann Center into a little reception area where beer and wine are available."

Moccia said it is common for people to think that SIUC cannot sell alcohol at sporting events.

"It's a common misperception that it's an NCAA rule that you're not allowed to. It's not true," Moccia said. "When we played in Nevada, people had beer and wine in the stands. Obviously, if you're in a civic arena versus an on-campus arena, that probably makes a difference, but yeah, it just depends on where you are. It's the institution's decision."

Chartwells, the same company that manages employees at the Student Center, will manage the purchase of alcohol through specific vendors.

Moccia said many other universities in the country sell alcohol in its suites and club areas. However, Moccia said he did not believe the sale of alcohol would stretch beyond the suites anytime soon.

"I seriously doubt it. If you talk about wanting to cure some revenue issues, that would do it," he said. "But I don't see that happening in the near future."

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— Mario Moccia  
Athletic Director

## ART YOU CAN EAT



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Chef Ray L. Duey carves art out of fruit as a part of Asian American Heritage Month Tuesday in the Student Center. According to Duey, fruit carving originated in the Far East more than 700 years ago. "It is known as

kae-sa-luk," Duey said. "It's an unleashing of the inner artist; it's in every human being and getting it out of them is fun." Duey said he has been carving fruit for 24 years.

## Online registry allows loan payments as gifts

JACOB MAYER  
Daily Egyptian

For family and friends who may not know how to help the college student in their life, finding a meaningful gift could get easier.

Similar to an online gift registry, Lily's List is a website that allows anyone with a student loan to sign up and create a profile page where friends, family and even businesses can donate money toward an outstanding loan, said Beverly Gibson, marketing director for Lily's List.

The idea for the website came from a conversation Jennifer Taylor, president and founder of Lily's List, had with her daughter, Lily.

"We discussed the cost of college, and we told her it could turn out to be a large number," Jennifer Taylor said. "She was slightly horrified by that number."

When they discussed options of how to keep costs down while still being able to go to the school Lily wanted to attend, there was no sure alternative. That is when they came up with the idea of creating the website.

"I asked her if she thought she would

It's very overwhelming for many young people. We want to help students realize they're not alone.

— Beverly Gibson  
marketing director for Lily's List

have the discipline to save money that people gave her as gifts, and she said, "No, I know I won't," Taylor said. "It's kind of a forced savings program."

After launching in March, Gibson said the site is still in the beginning stages, but has 20 members signed up.

"Right now we're just taking baby steps," she said. "We hope to be running in a year."

As the site grows, Gibson said she hopes more businesses will advertise and donate to the students on the site. Each week there is a "Student of the Week," where an advertiser will make a donation toward a student's loan, Gibson said.

There is a \$15 fee to sign up, but the first 100 members will have \$10 of that fee returned their loan account, Gibson said.

Gibson said students need to provide a copy of their monthly loan statement to verify the loan. If parents have the student's

paperwork, they can also sign the student up on the site.

Lili Chiquito, a graduate of Lewis University and mother of two, said she went straight to the website to sign up after reading about how it could help.

"I think the website is a phenomenal idea," she said. "I'm amazed no one has thought of it before."

While Chiquito said she only has the \$10 from the registration fee deposited in her account, others have already received donations.

Brad Boiven, a student at Argosy University who is set to graduate in 2012, said he has received a few anonymous donations after he posted something about the site on Facebook.

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The state is behind on the city's pension payouts, which have grown by about \$1 million over the past five years, according to data from Gill's office. Gill said Gov. Pat Quinn's proposed budget was directly responsible for the elimination of the director of development services position, which oversees zoning and housing inspection among other duties, because it includes slashing the share of income tax revenue for municipalities and counties statewide by about \$300 million.

Fritzer disagreed with the elimination of the development services position, saying the assistant city manager has enough on his plate.



STEVE BERCYNSKI | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale Mayor Erad Cole addresses questions from the public regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011, Tuesday at City Hall. The City Council voted 6-1 to approve the budget, which includes the elimination of six city positions and reduced funding for community organizations.

*"In these difficult times we have to make tough decisions, and that's a very tough decision to make."*

— Corene McDaniel councilwoman

Fritzer made a motion to reallocate \$102,090 from the \$317,500 in approved FY11 funding for the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau to restore the development services position, currently held by Mike Pierceall.

Pierceall announced his retirement earlier this year.

she agrees McCoy is capable of handling the extra duties and supports the position's elimination.

The motion was pushed to a vote, but failed 6-1 with Fritzer as the only supporter.

Residents such as the Rev. Sidney Logwood, head of the Carbondale branch of the NAACP, have called for the preservation of the community relations position, currently held by Marilyn James. The position oversees and enforces the city's affirmative action and equal employment opportunity plans.

"In these difficult times we have to make tough decisions, and that's a very tough decision to make," McDaniel said.

Those duties, along with the 43 other duties assigned to that position, will be consolidated with those of Administrative Service Director Deborah McCoy.

Councilman Steven Haynes filed two motions to amend the budget before its approval: one to restore James' position, and one to restore funding to I Can Read of Southern Illinois, an after-school academic program run out of the Eurma C. Hayes Center.

Gill and Cole have repeatedly stressed McCoy's past experience as community relations officer and other qualifications as justification for the merger.

Both motions died because they weren't seconded by a council member.

Councilwoman Corene McDaniel said before the meeting

"The city has made a commitment since the 1970s to support the African-American community, Haynes said.

"The city got millions and millions of dollars based on population, and a lot of that population base was from the northeast community. When it came time to make that repayment (Tuesday), we failed," Haynes said.

James, a Carbondale native, said she learned a lot from her experience as community relations officer, accomplished many things and will continue to help her community in any way she can.

"I'm at peace about it," James said. "I'm moving forward."

After the budget's approval, Councilman Lance Jack encouraged citizens to donate any amount possible to their community organization of choice, saying a community effort is needed to fund worthy programs the city couldn't.

"\$2 from each citizen could add up to the \$12,500 requested by I Can Read, he said.

Jack said he plans to choose one day to donate 10 percent of profits from Fat Patties, his restaurant on the Strip, to the program.

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# Chartwells negotiations to start soon

## Contract talks begin April 28

RYAN VOYLES  
Daily Egyptian

John Hickey said until workers employed by Chartwells at the Student Center earn pay equal to their peers, the protests will continue.

Hickey, an organizer for the Student Employees International Union, said he has met with several administrators, including Brent

Patton, SIUC's director of labor and employee relations, about what steps to take about the contract negotiations.

He said Chartwells is managed under the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Larry Dietz, the vice chancellor for student affairs, did not return messages left at his office Monday and Tuesday. Patton did

not return two messages left at his office Monday.

Contract negotiations between the university and Chartwells would begin April 28, said Lori Stettler, director of the Student Center.

Hickey has led SIUC faculty, students and other employees in several protests over the past few weeks to bring awareness to the lower wages of employees contracted by the Chartwells corporation. Hickey said.

Chartwells is the group contracted by SIUC for hiring and managing some employees around campus — including most of the workers at the Student Center.

Chartwells did not return a call or e-mail left with its office Tuesday.

Stettler said the university does not employ the employees at the Student Center, so it has no control over the worker's pay.

"The employees who work at the Student Center are Chartwells

employees, not ours," Stettler said. "We have no control over the workers in the sense of what their wages are."

The university entered into a contract with Chartwells to manage the retail dining parts on campus; Chartwells then manages, trains and staffs the employees there, Stettler said.

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# Simmons Cancer Institute set to open in Springfield

## Equipment beginning to arrive, patients in July

JEFF ENGELHARDT  
Daily Egyptian

It's been an eight-year process, but the SIU Simmons Cancer Institute is preparing to open its doors.

Kevin Dorsey, dean of the SIU School of Medicine, said furniture and medical equipment has started arriving at the Springfield Institute and patients should be able to come in early July. Construction finished on the building in September 2008, but the lack of state funds kept it vacant.

Dorsey said it is exciting to see a dream that started in 2001, when the General Assembly first allocated money to the project, finally become a reality.

"I've been the dean for eight and a half years and this has been our No. 1 priority the entire

time," Dorsey said. "To finally get into the building is great, because eight and a half years starts feeling like a pretty long time."

The July opening is possible because of Gov. Pat Quinn's decision to use \$600,000 in discretionary funds for the institute. The money will be enough to keep the building operating through June 2011, said Thomas Robbins, director for the institute.

Robbins said the staff for the institute has been working in leased space at area hospitals and the center will make their jobs more enjoyable and productive. The staff was assembled in 2008 after the completion of the building.

"It's a strange feeling because we have been looking at that building and imagining what it would be like," Robbins said.

"Now it's really starting to hit home, and it's a really good feeling and very energizing."

He said the staff is excited to come together to offer comprehensive treatment for cancer patients. The center will include learning resource centers, clinical trial offices, support groups and multiple physicians with different specialties to give patients a one-stop shop for their needs.

Dorsey said one of the best features of the institute would be the staff's ability to consider multiple options without having to send patients out to get multiple opinions. He said with all the specialists on the staff, a simple staff meeting could result in the best option for each patient.

"It can get strung out and confusing for patients when they

need to seek out multiple opinions," Dorsey said. "Here, they can come in, be seen by the appropriate person, who in turn can get together with other appropriate people and determine what is best for the patient, all while the patient is there."

The institute will also serve as valuable training for medical school students, Robbins said. He said students would rotate with the roughly 30 physicians on staff while observing and aiding in the patients' treatment.

Students will also play a key role in the research and clinical trials at the institute.

"Besides providing patient care, our mission is to educate and to do research," Robbins said. "Students are the reason we have the medical school, so they will be involved in many aspects of cancer care throughout this building."

While the building will have

enough money to operate through June 2011, both Dorsey and Robbins said they were unsure of future funding.


SIU President Glenn Poshard may have negated those concerns as he said he has already reached an agreement with Quinn to annualize the institute's budget at \$850,000 per year, starting in fiscal year 2011. Poshard said he would like to see more money go to the center, eventually, but the agreement is a good start that should ensure the institute's success for the foreseeable future.

"It's going to be a major research proponent of our overall mission," Poshard said. "But we're mostly proud of it for the lives it is going to save for years and years to come."

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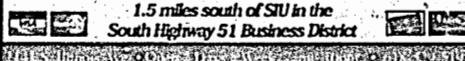


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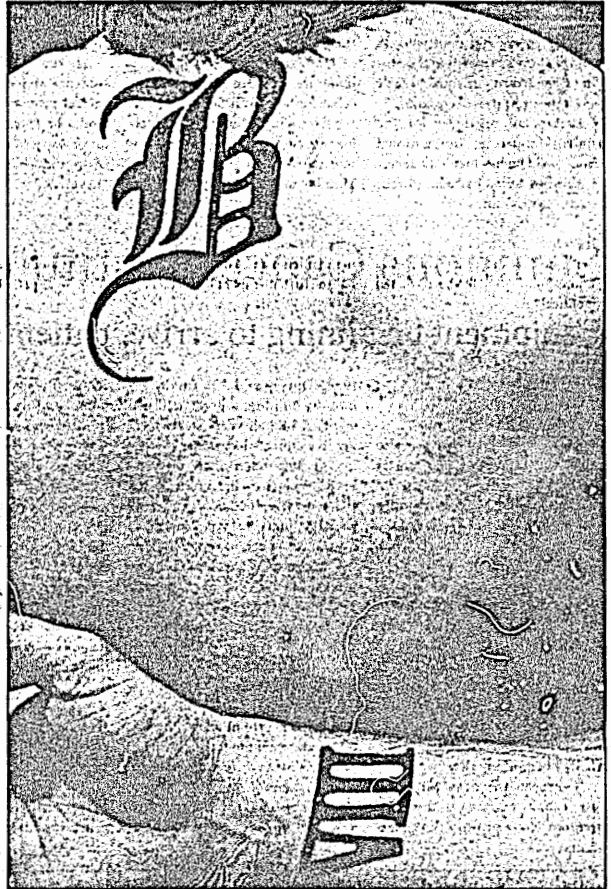
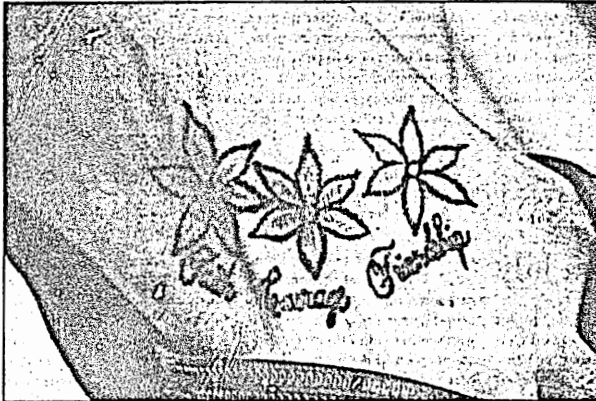
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## -INSIGHT-



(Right) Jordan Beckwith, a freshman from Sandwich studying radio-television, displays his two tattoos Tuesday behind Kellogg Hall. The Old English B is a tattoo he got with his father, and the roman numerals represent his grandfather and his football jersey numbers. Beckwith has three more tattoos planned. (Top left) Angela Meads, a junior from Taylorville studying biological sciences, shows her tattoo on her foot Tuesday outside Morris Library. Meads got the tattoo with her two sisters a year ago and said the tattoo is to keep the girls close, even though

they are a six-hour drive apart. Meads plans on getting more tattoos, but is unsure of when or how many. (Bottom left) Bill Connors, the chef for University Housing, shows his memorial tattoo of his sister and father on his left arm Tuesday in the Lentz Dining Hall kitchen. The tattoo was designed to pay tribute to his sister, who died from domestic violence, and his father, who died during recovery from open-heart surgery. Connors plans to finish the sleeve on his right arm in the near future.

# Today's tattoos: Expression or obsession?

COLUMN AND PHOTOS BY PAT SUTPHIN

It all starts with the humming of a small motor, followed by the light buzzing of the needle as it punctures the flesh and fills it with ink. This is the last part of getting a tattoo.

People get tattoos for a variety of reasons, including rebellion, expression and even a way to remember lost loved ones.

A survey in a 1936 edition of Life magazine estimated that approximately 10 million Americans had one or more tattoos. In 2003, Harris Poll, a national polling firm, found approximately 40 million Americans have at least one tattoo.

Obvious changes in fashion trends and lifestyles have altered the way society perceives tattoos. They are becoming more socially acceptable by today's standards, but other variables could affect the

drastic increase in body ink.

When asking 20 random students on campus, 19 agreed that getting tattoos is addictive.

Roger Zeigler, a tattoo artist at Tuff Luck Tattoos for six years, said that getting a tattoo is a psychological process.

"The reason why tattooing is so interesting is (that) they're going to something they didn't expect. When they overcome that fear factor, they see what they've done and fall in love with it," Zeigler said.

On average, Tuff Luck Tattoos usually sees about 120 people every week, with customer ages ranging from 18 to 75, he said.

Some people, like Vanessa Mosley, a junior from Richton Park studying accounting and finance, found tattoos as a way to rebel against her parents.

"I always wanted one and they told me I couldn't get one, so when I turned 18 it became a way of defiance," Mosley said.

Mosley, like many other students, said tattoos were addictive. After their first tattoo, many people start planning what they will get next.

"Once you start, it feels like an incomplete canvas," Mosley said.

People such as Angela Meads, a junior from Taylorville studying biological sciences, use tattoos as a way to connect with siblings. She said she got a tattoo last year with her two older sisters.

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"Sometimes when you get a tattoo it becomes a part of you," Meads said. "My tattoo helps me find who I am."

Meads explained how this could be the cause for the addictiveness of tattoos: "It gives you a sense of stability to know who you are, and once you get a taste of that, you want more," she said. Tattoos are not only for the young. Bill Connors, the chef for University Housing, is still planning his next tattoo at the age of 44. Connors has a full-arm, sleeve

— Vanessa Mosley  
Junior from Richton Park  
studying accounting and finance

tattoo depicting two warrior angels, a cross and a graveyard to symbolize the loss of his sister and father. Around his left wrist, it reads, "Stop Domestic Violence," which was the cause of his sister's death.

"After I went through the whole thing with my sister, I felt like I had to do something for her memory," Connors said.

Connors plans on filling his other arm sometime in the near future.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Was Quinn's decision for lieutenant governor rational?

DEAR EDITOR:

Media coverage of the selection of Sheila Simon for lieutenant governor has speculated on the rationality of Gov. Pat Quinn's decision making.

Cited as a major reason why Simon became Quinn's running mate is her last name — if Simon had taken her husband's name, the governor would have selected someone else. Simon's nomination has been termed a political "gimmick."

Such commentary tells more

about the orthodox thinking of mainstream media. It also disregards the history of Illinois politics, where women have been dramatically underrepresented.

Jeanne Hurley Simon, Sheila's mother, was a pioneering politician. She was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1957, under her maiden name, Hurley.

The first attempt at the lieutenant governor's office was made by Grace Mary Stern in 1982, when Adlai Ste-

venson selected Stern for his running mate. Stern was the first Illinois woman to run in the general election for a statewide post. Did her last name or Stevenson's matter, or was it her "spirit, guts, wit and charm" as she was often described?

Illinois elected its first female lieutenant governor in 1999; Corinne Woods (R).

Let's be honest: white males continue to dominate the political landscape — especially as candidates for the Illinois statewide general election.

In the November 2010 election,

68 percent of candidates for U.S. Senate, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer and comptroller are white males. Fifteen percent are black, reflecting the African-American population in our state, but only 11 percent (just five out of 45 candidates) are women.

Should we discount the possibility that Quinn had good reason to prioritize women candidates?

As a prosecutor, law professor and working mother, Simon knows the challenges families confront. The

choice of Simon as a running mate is less of a gimmick than pragmatism — shoring up support of women, selecting someone of high qualifications and choosing a name synonymous with integrity and public service.

In the context of Women's History Month in March, Quinn deserves credit for selecting — among a pool of competent women — Simon as his running mate.

Andrea A. Ralla  
Chicago resident

### Fabian is to blame for USG election fiasco

DEAR EDITOR:

It is with great despair but also great urgency that we join forces today. While we are prepared for the following days of aggressive campaigning on Election Day, we come together on this day to voice our concerns regarding the way in which Undergraduate Student Government President Prisciliano Fabian has handled his duties to construct a fair and efficient election process for USG offices.

With little regard to fairness and great attention to favoritism, President Fabian selected an inexperienced election commissioner and in doing so, compromised the integrity of the election process. This came after Fabian spent months dragging his feet, prompting the Graduate and Professional Student Council to move on without him.

The student body is only effective when it can act as one, and Fabian's incompetence has only served to sow the

seeds of division amongst the student body, weakening the student voice.

Since the process began, it has been anything but transparent. Until last week, no indication had been given to when Election Day would be or when the official campaign period would begin. Once campaigning did begin, it took word of mouth and Fabian's Facebook page to learn it had begun.

Never was there any word from the election commissioner or Fabian himself to indicate that campaigning had begun. This has not only left

us with only a week to meet and talk with voters, which only serves to enhance the power of Fabian's incumbency, but is detrimental to the political process at SIUC.

These actions culminated at Tuesday's USG meeting when an unknown polling location was added to the list of locations to be voted on by the senate. Fortunately, the bill was rejected, but this put the election in a state of flux, which undermines our attempts to bring new ideas to the table.

As a result of the aforementioned grievances, we join together today to

call on Fabian to take accountability for the process and use what little time remains to ensure this election is fair and transparent. However, all these grievances do nothing to diminish the awesome power of democracy.

We urge every SIUC student to participate in this process and vote. We thank the entire student body for its time and hope to hear from everyone soon.

Bill Ryan  
Marcus King  
USG president candidates

### Vote Ryan, Easley for USG

DEAR EDITOR:

Today marks the final chance for SIUC undergraduates to cast their vote for USG president and vice president. For all those with a vote left to spare, I urge you to support Bill Ryan and Jamal Easley, two individuals I am proud and excited to endorse for USG president and vice president.

As president of the Graduate and Professional Student Council, it is imperative that the GPSC and USG maintain a close working relation-

ship. A united front allows the student government to tackle the issues that face SIUC during these turbulent times.

I believe Bill is the individual best suited to help develop a positive bond between GPSC and USG. Already, Bill has reached out to try and develop a strong working relationship with GPSC. If Bill becomes president, this relationship will provide all students at SIUC a strong, united voice to represent them and their concerns in student government.

I support Bill because his platform

is an extension of his values, which have been developed in the mold of a dedicated public servant who is truly concerned with the well-being of his fellow citizens. Bill served his country for four years in the United States Navy and has worked with AmeriCorp and Habitat for Humanity, serving his community. These experiences provide Bill with more than enough knowledge and ability to make him an effective chief executive.

Bill will ensure that student fee money is used fairly to invest in the student body. Bill will shine a spot-

light on USG's inner workings by posting the budget and student fee allocations online, so students can ensure USG is working for them.

Transparency in the use of the more than \$500,000 USG has control of will make Bill a true steward of student's fee dollars. Finally, Bill and Jamal will work to improve USG recruitment. The more students that become actively involved in their university, the stronger and more influential the student body will be as a whole.

USG and GPSC are only as strong

as the voice of the students they serve. Bill will work to unite the SIUC student body so that student government can act as a true source of leverage for solving the issues facing everyday students.

All of this is why I humbly request that you cast your vote for Bill Ryan and Jamal Easley for USG president and vice president. Given all that has happened and all we are certain to face, the choice is clear.

Steve Middleton  
GPSC president

### Vote Vansaghi for student trustee

DEAR EDITOR:

Today, SIUC students have their last opportunity to vote for student trustee. This position is one of the most significant positions on the ballot. The individual elected to this position is responsible for being the student voice and the student vote on the Board of Trustees.

The board was created by the Illinois General Assembly for the purpose

of operating, managing, controlling and maintaining SIUC. It is imperative that SIUC students select a responsible, articulate, compassionate and reasonable candidate to represent their needs and beliefs to the Board.

As a student in the department of agriculture, a member of the undergraduate research community and president of two RSOs, I understand

how the unprecedented Illinois budget crisis has affected, and continues to affect, the services, programs and opportunities at SIUC. Alex Vansaghi understands these needs too.

I had the opportunity yesterday to speak with Alex about why he is running as a write-in candidate. He explained his concern was simply that students would not be represented as a result of no student filing for their name to appear on the ballot. It is clear to me Alex under-

stands the importance of this position, the needs of the student body and the effect he can have as a dedicated, responsible advocate for the SIUC student body.

As an undergraduate, Vansaghi worked with an inner-city youth literacy program through AmeriCorps. On campus, Alex put his skills to work for the Graduate and Professional Student Council, the Student Bar Association and other RSOs promoting student needs, interests and ideas.

I urge everyone to write in Student Trustee Alex Vansaghi to ensure the SIUC student body continues to remain represented by a mature, professional and responsible individual. By voting Alex into this important position, SIUC can be sure that student needs will be represented during these challenging times for the university.

Justin Dewey  
senior studying forestry

### Fabian has done great things for SIUC

DEAR EDITOR:

I've been on the senate representing Thompson Point for the past semester under the Fabian administration. I want students to realize that President Prisciliano Fabian has done great things this year, not just for USG, but also for students across the campus.

Fabian helped Jay Glogovsky and made it a mission to bring Orgsync onto our campus so RSOs can man-

age themselves more efficiently. Fabian also organized the MAP Grant rally that drew more than 500 of our own students to Springfield. He also helped to select our new Chancellor Rita Cheng and Associate Chancellor Linda McCabe-Smith.

One other thing was that under the Fabian administration, we put back in a GPA requirement for executives to have to hold office, which is a 2.5. There's so much more that

he has done, especially with fighting for students on tuition increases and student fee proposals that he has actually gotten SIUC President Glenn Poshard to propose a 0 percent tuition increase and question the fee increases.

I know from speaking with Fabian he has some goals in mind for next year. One of his major goals is to try to combine USG and Graduate and Professional Student Council so undergraduate and graduate students can be represented by one student

government — where both undergraduate and graduate students can work together.

I also know that he would like to set aside a certain amount of money for RSOs to travel to enhance their organizations. He also wants to try to set aside another amount for students who may need financial assistance to do their extensive research projects as well as if they need to travel to present their research.

I know that he and Kyrstin McDermott would be a great team and

continue the work that Ashley Epps and he did this past year. Fabian has my support and I hope yours as well. So go out and vote today at Lentz Hall, Trueblood Hall or the south end of the Student Center. I just ask that you make it a mission and go vote for someone who has the experience and knowledge of USG and SIUC and that would be Fabian/McDermott.

Tyler Chance  
Thompson Point senator

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"I'm telling everyone about it," he said. "I don't expect my entire loan to get paid off by Lily's List, but I do think, as the site grows, there is potential for it to have a greater impact."

Taylor said it will take a lot of students to make the program work, but as people find out about the program it may be an avenue for alumni from a university to give back to students attending the school.

However, SIUC Financial Aid Director Linda Clemons said she tells

students to be cautious about the information they have to give to join.

"The first thing you need to worry about is giving out all of your personal data," she said. "We strongly encourage our students to work with financial aid sites that are free because \$15 won't kill you, but \$15 times 10,000 people is a lot of money to somebody."

Clemons also said the same type of donations can be made through the U.S. Department of Education or the financial aid office, depending on the type of loan.

Taylor said she understands trust can be an issue for people, but if there

are no complaints, people will see the site is not a scam.

"We are honest people who aren't interested in scamming anyone, and we don't have the means to do so," she said.

Gibson said she hopes the site will help students as the cost of attending college continues to rise.

"It's very overwhelming for many young people," Gibson said. "We want to help students realize they're not alone."

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# SIU trustee nominated as U.S. attorney

MADELINE LEROUX  
Daily Egyptian

SIU Board of Trustees member Stephen Wigginton could be the next U.S. attorney for southern Illinois.



Pres. Barack Obama nominated Wigginton April 14, nearly one year after Sen. Dick Durbin, D-ILL, made his initial recommendation to the White House. According to a press release, Wigginton was chosen after three bipartisan committee screenings done last year.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said Wigginton would face a tough process as his nomination now goes to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"It's never a simple process," Poshard said. "(It is) so comprehensive ... Every nook and cranny of a person's life is examined to the nth degree."

Poshard said if appointed, Wigginton would most likely leave his position as an SIU trustee member to fulfill the duties of U.S. attorney.

"If his service on the board is any measure of the job he will do as U.S. attorney, I don't think he'll have a problem getting through the confirmation hearings," Poshard said.

Sheila Simon, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor and law professor, was chair of the Southern District Screening Panel, which recommended Wigginton to Durbin as a nominee. Simon said Wigginton stood out in the screening process because of his background as a prosecutor and his comfort with the law.

"He showed me that he was very much interested in learning the law, knowing the law, working with the law," Simon said. "Steve Wigginton seemed to stand out in just about every area as an accomplished guy, the kind of guy that you would be

able to trust as U.S. attorney."

Wigginton, who has served on the Board of Trustees since 2005, has been a partner at the Wellmuenster & Wigginton law firm in Belleville, Ill., since 2000. He has also served as a part-time felony prosecutor for the Madison County State's Attorney's Office since 1999.

"With over 20 years of civil and criminal legal experience, Stephen Wigginton has been a leader in the southern Illinois community," Durbin said.

Wigginton could not be reached for comment.

The Senate Judiciary Committee will review the nomination, and, if approved, it will then go to the full Senate for a vote. If approved, he will replace A. Courtney Cox, who has served as U.S. attorney since 2007.

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# 'Splinter Cell' flourishes after a four-year wait

**DEREK ROBBINS**  
Daily Egyptian

**Splinter Cell: Conviction**  
Developer: Ubisoft Montreal  
Publisher: Ubisoft  
Platform: Xbox 360  
Genre: Stealth  
ESRB Rating: M (17+)  
★★★★☆

Sam Fisher has spent a long time on the shelf.

It has been four years since the last installment of "Splinter Cell," where Fisher, the main character, only completes secret missions for the government, so as a result every mission the agent does tends to be of the stealth variety. With its main competitor in the stealth genre, "Metal Gear Solid 4," being released almost two years before it, "Splinter Cell" has had time to tweak itself to compete with its rival. Was the amount of time enough to give "Splinter Cell" an edge?

Not exactly, but that does not mean it's a bad game. "Splinter Cell: Conviction" is a good step forward for the franchise but has a few issues that prevent it from being the king of stealth games.

The game, once again, puts the player in control of Fisher, a member of a secret sub-branch of the National Security Agency called "The Third Echelon." "Splinter Cell: Conviction" takes place three years after the conclusion of the last game in the franchise, "Splinter Cell: Double Agent." "Conviction" starts off with former Navy SEAL Victor Coste being held in an interrogation room as he recalls certain events. This scenario is used to tell the story, which gives away that Coste is going to be captured.

The gameplay starts with Fisher finding the man responsible for the death of his daughter. Fisher interrogates him and eventually finds out that his daughter is not really dead, and a fairly intricate story with multiple plot twists unfolds.

The story is well told and interesting. It has a more coherent message than "Metal Gear Solid" at the very least. The only real problem with the narrative is a problem with the game itself: It is just too short. On average, it can be completed in about seven hours. Given how long a wait this game had, that is just too short.



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New elements were also added to the game, such as the ability to target specific enemies as they enter rooms, fire on them right away and trick enemy guards by displaying what they think the player's last location is, which makes flanking possible. Fisher can also interrogate enemies in real time and may even take objects from around the room to force the person under interrogation to speak.

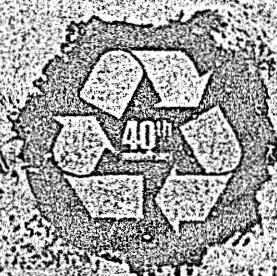
These new features were integrated into the multiplayer. While the multiplayer is fun and incorporates elements such as a cooperative mode, it does not quite stack up to other multiplayer shooters. It still adds gameplay onto the retail/short package.

"Splinter Cell: Conviction" is a good game, but given the wait, it could have been more. With even a couple more hours to the game, it could have potentially scored a five. With that said, fans of the series would be doing themselves a favor by picking up this title.

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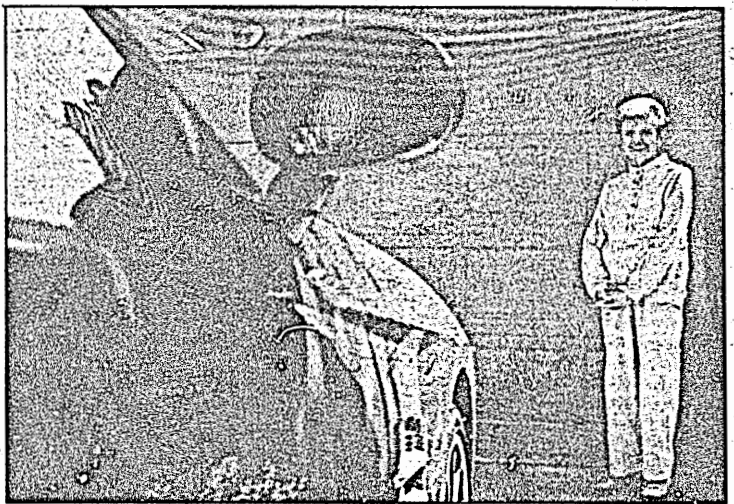
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Bonita J. Morse stands next to her Chrysler Crossfire, which she named "Scarlet," Tuesday at her home off of Murphysboro Road. Morse is a retired car collector and auto show judge, as well as a current member of the Egyptian Antique Automobile Club.

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## Still cruising along after 80 years

Love of antique cars connects, unites locals

**"A part of it is love of vehicles, but I think a part of it, too, is maintaining something from the past. I think it's just keeping something from the past alive."**

— Deborah Appleton  
Egyptian Antique Automobile Club

TRAVIS BEAN  
Daily Egyptian

Bonita Morse wears a gold necklace with a Ford Thunderbird, her dream car, around her neck every day. "My '57 T-Bird, that was my honey," said Morse, an SIUC graduate. Morse, 80, has loved antique cars for more than 50 years, a passion she shared with her husband until he died 11 years ago. As Morse was a secretary for 30 years and her husband, a teacher, they could never afford a factory-restored antique car, she said, which is necessary for entering into car shows. Instead, she said her husband had another suggestion. "He said, 'I'll tell you what we'll do. We'll start judging, and we can go to all the shows,'" Morse said. To become a judge, Morse said she and her husband had to take classes. It started small, but eventually they were judging at car shows all over the United States. Throughout her judging career, Morse went through several cars and joined the Antique Automobile Club of America. She even got the chance to drive her car around the Charlotte Motor Speedway in Charlotte, N.C.

Morse is also a member of the Egyptian Antique Automobile Club, a group of antique car lovers in southern Illinois. Deborah Appleton, member of the club, said there is only one requirement to join. "You just have to love old cars," Appleton said. The group meets once a month to travel to car shows, auctions and go on tours throughout Illinois. Appleton said mostly couples join the club and members range from 20 to 80 years old. Appleton and her husband, Roger, own a 1956 Ford Thunderbird. She said members own a variety of cars, including Datsun Roadsters, Ford Mustangs and cars from the 1930s. She said the group shares a personal attraction to antique cars and how they represent the past. "A part of it is love of vehicles, but I think a part of it, too, is maintaining something from the past," Deborah Appleton said. "I think it's just keeping something from the past alive." Roger Appleton said members of the club are car crazy, along with the people they meet at car shows. He said at auctions, cars can be sold for anywhere between \$10,000 and

\$1 million. In Jackson, (Mo.), this past year, there was a Thunderbolt that was made back in the '40s and it sold for \$3.5 million," he said. Appleton said he has known Morse and her husband for almost 30 years, since they joined the club. He said Morse is a vibrant woman whose love of antique cars has never died. While Morse loved her Thunderbird, she sold it after her husband died. Now she cruises in a 2006 Chrysler Crossfire, a two-seater sports car she named "Scarlet." She said driving her car causes some heads to turn. "I don't know how fast it goes, but when it wants to go, it takes off," Morse said. "I love it." Morse said she and her husband loved judging competitions, but were disappointed they could never enter their cars into car shows and win a trophy. "So he bought me this trophy instead, which says, 'Wife of the Year,'" Morse said. "And he said, 'There's your trophy.'"

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# Police: Hospital shooter mentally ill, had grudge

BETH RUCKER  
The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A mentally ill convenience store operator took a revolver with him to look for the doctor he believed implanted a tracking device in his body during an appendectomy in 2001. Told the doctor wasn't at the hospital, he went to a nearby parking lot and opened fire on three hospital workers he apparently didn't know, killing one of them.

Gunman Abdo Ibssa (AB-doh IHB-sah) entered a medical tower near Parkway Medical Center before Monday's attack and asked for the doctor who performed the ap-

pendectomy, Knoxville Police Chief Sterling Owen IV said. Unable to find the doctor, Ibssa went to another area where patients are discharged and opened fire on the women as they walked out of the building.

Ibssa, who police believe had been skipping doses of medication for psychotic behavior, killed himself to end the shooting, which occurred a day before his 39th birthday.

"There was less than 3 seconds from the time of the first shot until the last shot," Owen said at a news conference Tuesday.

Investigators found a note at Ibssa's Knoxville apartment in which the gunman said the doctor had im-

planted a chip that was being used to track his movements, Owen said.

Ibssa had a successful appendectomy at Premier Surgical Associates in November 2001 and suffered no complications, according to a statement from CEO Kevin Burris. Police and Burris declined to identify the doctor who treated him, but Burris confirmed that Ibssa was at the medical office Monday looking for the surgeon.

Haloperidol, an antipsychotic medication used to treat schizophrenia and Tourette syndrome, was also found at Ibssa's apartment, but investigators believe he hadn't been using it, Owen said.

Owen said relatives of the naturalized citizen from Ethiopia had him committed for mental treatment in February.

Also found during the search were a second handgun, a bag of marijuana and a copy of the book "The Official CIA Manual of Trickery and Deception" — a reproduction of a Cold War-era CIA handbook on the use of illusion and deception for acts of espionage.

The gun used in the shooting had been reported stolen in March, while other one had an altered serial number but wasn't reported stolen. Police were not sure how Ibssa obtained either gun and said he did not

have a handgun permit.

Police said Ibssa operated a convenience store near downtown Knoxville, which was closed Tuesday.

On Monday, a cab driver picked Ibssa up outside his apartment building, and the gunman told him to take him to the western side of Knoxville, eventually specifying the medical center.

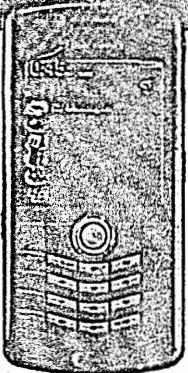
Cab driver Freddy Sakhleh said Ibssa said he seemed angry and depressed and said little about himself.

Ibssa directed the cab driver to the medical center tower and told to wait for him to come back. Inside, the gunman was told the doctor he sought wasn't there.

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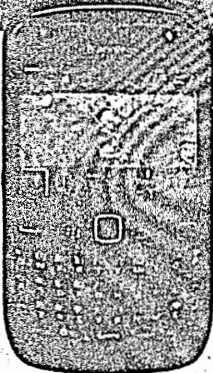
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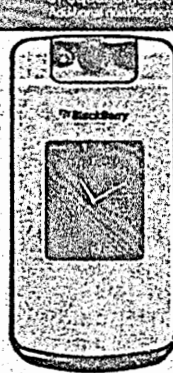
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- 506 S. Ash
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- 509 S. Beveridge 1, 2, 4
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- 407 W. College 1, 3, 4
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- 501 W. College 1, 3\*
- 503 W. College 1
- 507 W. College 3
- 509 W. College 1, 2
- 807 W. College
- 809 W. College
- 810 W. College
- 104 S. Forest
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- 208 W. Hospital 2
- 401 S. James
- 815 N. James
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- 409 E. Mill
- 411 E. Mill
- 417 W. Monroe
- 400 W. Oak 1&2
- 402 W. Oak E, W
- 501 W. Oak
- 505 N. Oakland
- 511 N. Oakland
- 202 N. Poplar 1
- 506 S. Poplar 4, 7
- 509 S. Rawlings 2, 3, 6
- 519 S. Rawlings 2-5
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- 503 S. Beveridge
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- 809 W. College
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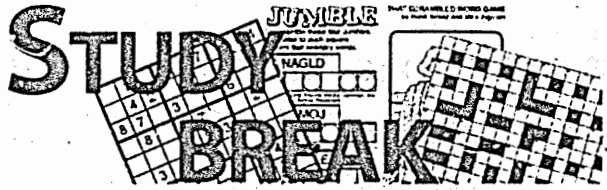
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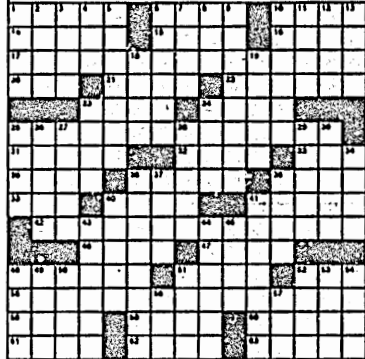


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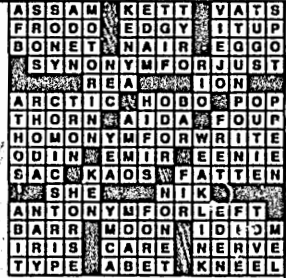
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- 1 Herpichord relative
  - 6 Doorframe part
  - 10 One of Hammett's Charles
  - 14 Aggressive poker bet
  - 15 Spooily-sounding lake
  - 16 Lucian Capoten
  - 17 Consequence of the subprime mortgage fiasco
  - 20 Start of something?
  - 21 Accident investigation agency
  - 22 Lumpy assistant
  - 23 Swindle
  - 24 Move quickly, as clouds
  - 25 Exit spectacularly
  - 31 Get out of bed
  - 32 Human parts
  - 33 Consume
  - 35 Cellular stock
  - 36 Film, in Bios
  - 38 Chip's buddy
  - 39 Frat party staple

- 40 Mindless repetition
- 41 Championship
- 42 Punished severely, with 'ory
- 46 Guns
- 47 Word after open or seven
- 48 Take big steps
- 51 Hit o' miss?
- 52 Special ... military force
- 55 Complaint from one trying to concentrate, perhaps—and this puzzle's title
- 58 Aqueduct feature
- 59 Lob
- 60 Narrow canyon
- 61 Cook in the microwave
- 62 Fencer's weapon
- 63 Tic, e.g.
- Down
- 1 Peel
- 2 Martinique et Réunion
- 3 " ... poor Yorick"; Hamlet
- 4 Zach
- 5 Alkalis monotonous
- 6 Zippy watercraft
- 7 Like about 20% of Israel citizens today
- 8 Link near Harvard
- 9 Stud muffin photos
- 10 Chilean poet Pablo
- 11 Algerian seaport
- 12 Game played on a world map
- 13 Sore
- 18 Store in a hold
- 19 Cover-shaped suit
- 23 Artful stratagem
- 24 Engage in retail therapy?
- 25 Stare in wonder
- 26 Bay window
- 27 New Wave hand ... Boingo
- 28 Tammany Hall name
- 29 "Frischy Seem"
- 30 Carlo Rossi winemaker
- 34 Be rife (with)

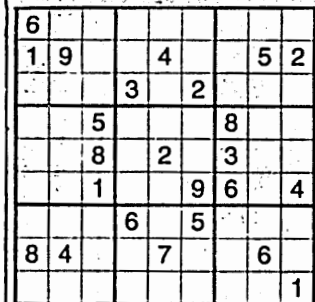
- 36 Sports car named for a small warship
- 37 Into an AIA Triptiks
- 38 That's mine!
- 40 Saxes and oboes
- 41 They usually have strings attached
- 43 Twist in pain
- 44 Scary African fly
- 45 Frau's spouse
- 48 Ugly duckling, actually
- 49 Drive ... window
- 50 Pinon partner
- 51 Get the subject
- 52 Gumbo pod
- 53 Things for hanging things
- 54 Siam's opposite
- 56 Emulate Kangas
- 57 Radar gun aimer



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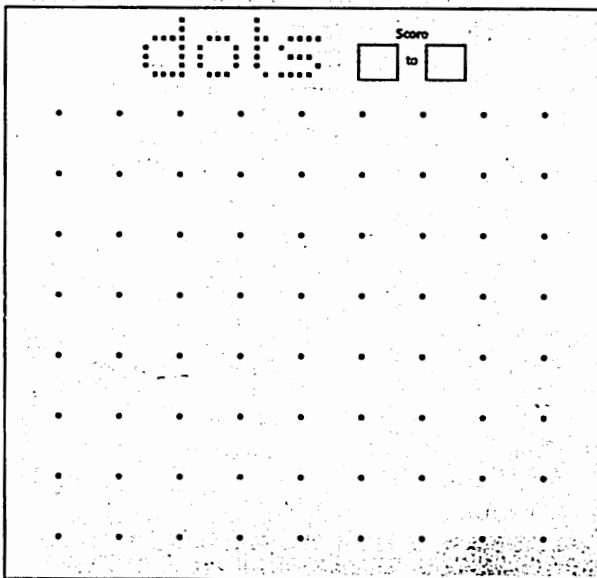
THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (or bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com).



Tuesday's answers

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



# Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

**Today's birthday** — Steer your craft through agitated emotional waters this year by focusing on the practical details. Release emotions in private when possible. Cool down before making decisions. Host difficult relationships with compassion for all (especially yourself).

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is an 8 — As carefully as you have defined each responsibility, you discover that some people didn't take notes. Review details privately to support the whole team.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 6 — You almost have all the personal details figured out. There's one last thing: You have to let everyone in on the plans.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 6 — To wrap your mind around a problem, let your thoughts wander where they may. Take notes. Then formulate a solution.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 6 — If you keep your eye on the prize and adjust your demands to suit the group progress will be made without additional stress.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Just about anything you do today will work out nicely. Consider balancing public appearances with a private financial conversation.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 5 — Someone stresses out over faulty communication equipment. Resort to old-fashioned telephones. They may be old, but they still work.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Talk over any major decisions with co-workers. Devise a plan that reduces stress while accomplishing the desired changes.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 5 — The beauty of having good luck today is that others find you especially devoted. They don't realize you're just winging it. Keep them in the dark.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is an 8 — Responsibilities take you into a public forum, where you analyze conflicting situations and make recommendations based on experience.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 6 — Everything remains on an even keel. You've scoped out the details in advance and know exactly what needs to happen. Let it go!

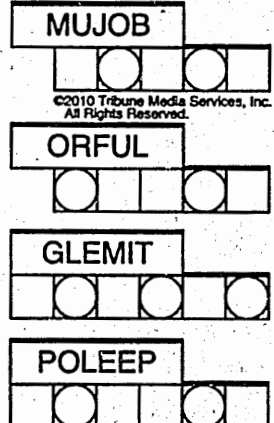
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — Don't get agitated if some things don't go your way. View issues as opportunities to gain ground or grow a new skill.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 6 — You wish you could have it your way, and you're tempted to ignore an older person's instructions. It would be much easier to adjust your desires to suit others today.

# JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mika Argirion and Jeff Knurok

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# SOFTBALL Dawgs ready to tackle No. 18 Illini

## Team looks to improve RPI

STILE T. SMITH  
Daily Egyptian

In the midst of a close-knit race for the Missouri Valley Conference Championship, the SIU softball team will take a quick break when it travels to Champaign to take on the No. 18-ranked University of Illinois.

Head coach Kerri Blaylock said a win against the Fighting Illini would be big for the Salukis' (28-15) RPI, which helps determine which teams make it to the NCAA Tournament.

"It's just a good game, and if you're lucky enough to win, it's a good resumé builder," Blaylock said.

The Salukis, sitting at 13-3 in the MVC, are half a game ahead of Illinois State for the conference lead.

The Illini (31-5) have won their last four games and eight of their last nine games.

Sophomore first baseman Alicia Junker said Illinois is a team Southern is always excited to play against.

"They're kind of a rival, and they've always been really strong competition for us," Junker said. "We're looking forward to it. It's just another challenge on the road."

Three members of the Illinois softball team have a batting average above .400, led by senior outfielder Hope Howell at .413.

The Illini have been tough on the mound, as well, as they have four pitchers with an ERA of less than 2.50, and three with an ERA under 2.00.

Sophomore outfielder Mallory Duran said playing against teams such as Missouri and Illinois State last week has helped prepare the team for the Illini.

"It's huge for us," Duran said. "Knowing that we can not only compete at that level, but even beat teams at that level is good for our



JESS VERMEULEN | DAILY EGYPTIAN  
Senior second baseman Alicia Garza fields a ground ball Sunday during a game against Illinois State at Charlotte West Stadium. The Salukis will travel to Champaign today to compete against the University of Illinois.

"Knowing that we can not only compete at that level, but even beat teams at that level is good for our confidence. I think we'll go into this game knowing we can win."

— Mallory Duran  
sophomore outfielder

Blaylock said pitching would likely be the biggest factor in the team's upset bid.

"I just feel like if we can go up and give a great effort in the circle, we have a shot," Blaylock said.

The Salukis will hit the field at 5 p.m. today at Eichelberger Field in Champaign.

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# Saluki Insider

Cincinnati Reds pitcher Edinson Volquez was suspended for 50 games Tuesday for his use of performance enhancing drugs. What impact do you think this will have on the Red's organization?



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The Reds are irrelevant with or without Volquez, so this won't do too much harm to the team. I don't buy his excuse of it being a fertility drug, either. He's just like so many other professional ballplayers, trying to increase his production to make more money. He was just dumb enough to get caught.

He was an all-star in 2008 and put up 17 wins and only 6 losses. With that said, the Red's have some big shoes to fill if they want to have even a fighting chance in the National League Central Division.



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Only two words are needed to explain why this is utterly meaningless: Aroldis Chapman.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

# Salukis finish seventh in MVC Championships

RYAN SIMONIN  
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's golf team's season ended Tuesday in a similar fashion as much of the season, with a "rough time."

The Salukis finished seventh out of 10 teams at the 2010 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Championships hosted by Evansville University.

Junior Alex Anderson said the course was difficult, and the Salukis did not adjust well to it.

"The rough was ungodly thick," Anderson said. "We weren't playing very accurate, and when we didn't hit the fairway it was very hard to shoot a low score."

Freshman Shaina Rennegarbe led the scoring for the Salukis as she tied for 13th overall and carded a three-round total of 235 (79-80-76). Sophomore Meg Gilley also finished in the top 20 as she tied for 18th and scored 238 (80-81-77).

Freshman Jenna Dombroski finished 24th as she shot 240 (81-81-78). Rounding out the lineup for the Salukis was Anderson, who tied for 28th with a score of 242 (80-83-79), while sophomore Allaha Matthews tied for 40th and posted a 249 (85-82-82).

Head coach Diane Daugherty said the team is very young, inexperienced and made some mistakes, but it has potential. She said she is very hopeful for the team next season.

"It was a rebuilding year for us,



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Freshmen golfer Jenna Dombroski, middle, tees off during practice Friday at Crab Orchard Golf Course. The Salukis competed Sunday through Tuesday in the Missouri Valley Conference where they placed 7 of 10 teams.

and next year we will have a couple more good recruits and we will be much deeper," Daugherty said. "We will also be older and more experienced, which will hopefully produce lower scores."

The Salukis did show improvement on the final day as they moved up a spot on the leaderboard from eighth to seventh place.

"Even though we didn't play the way we had hoped for, we all kept each other going and we fought for every shot and we finished seventh," Anderson said.

Rennegarbe said the team's per-

formance was disappointing, but at the same time the team is motivated for next year.

"We are not happy about the way we played, but we now know what we need to do for next season," Rennegarbe said. "We all know just how hard we have to work for that one tournament, and we are going to work even harder for that championship."

Anderson said the team has work to do over the summer to prepare for the fall season.

"Tomorrow starts the beginning of a new season, and we all have to put in a lot of work," Anderson said.

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SOFTBALL

## Dawgs set to take on Illini

WOMEN'S GOLF

## Salukis struggle in MVC Championships

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BASEBALL

# SEMO slugs Salukis

RAY MCGILLIS  
Daily Egyptian

Head coach Dan Callahan said Tuesday's 13-1 loss to Southeast Missouri State (22-14) at Abe Martin Field was one of the worst defeats he has ever been a part of.

"SEMO was not only better than we, but they came out and did things they were supposed to do," Callahan said. "We did things to embarrass ourselves. I was literally embarrassed over the course of that game."

Three Saluki errors led to six unearned runs. The team has now committed 19 errors in its last eight games.

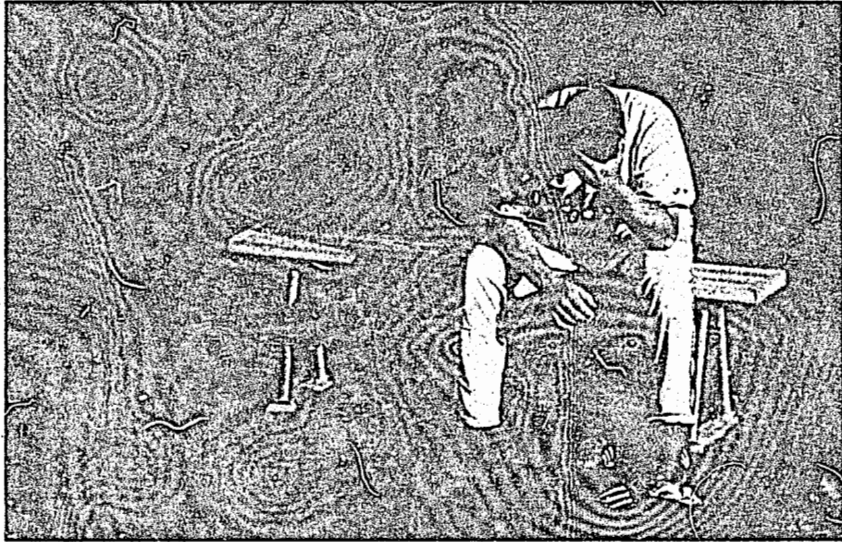
If it were not for an eighth-inning, bases-loaded walk to senior right fielder Aaron Roberts, the team would have been shut out for the first time in 43 games.

The Salukis (16-21) finished with six hits, compared to the Redhawk's 18, with only three coming after the second inning.

Senior shortstop Michael Stalter, who was the only Saluki to record more than one hit, said the team simply wasn't in a rhythm at the plate Tuesday.

"We just weren't swinging it well today," Stalter said. "We kept hoping to string together a couple hits and build off each other, but that just never really came."

The Salukis are fresh off a week of offensive struggles where they hit .265 as a team in four games last week, and the team has gone 14-69



Freshman third baseman Wes Neece hangs his head after the Salukis committed three errors en route to a 13-1 defeat Tuesday at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis have fallen to 16-21 after dropping seven of their last eight games. DAH DWYER / DAILY EGYPTIAN

at the plate thus far this week after two contests.

SEMO's best pitcher, right-handed starter Nick Thomas (5-0), made the start for the Redhawks and picked up the win after pitching six innings of scoreless, four-hit baseball.

Junior right-hander Andrew Bever (1-2), who was credited with Tuesday's loss after allowing two earned runs through three innings as the Saluki starter, said the team needs to get out of its slump.

"Funny thing about baseball is that when you win it's a team sport, and when you lose it's a team sport," Bever said. "There very rarely is one guy that you can say, 'He made the difference.' As a team, we need to get better right now."

The team was riding a six game win streak 15 days ago after defeating SEMO 16-11 in Cape Girardeau, Mo., but in a time span slightly longer than two weeks, Southern's winning ways have been reversed

— losing its last five in a row and seven of its last eight games.

"The team needs to find a way to re-instill the confidence it had during its most recent winning streak," Bever said.

"One of the major positives with baseball is that we have a chance to fix it tomorrow," Bever said. "Everything that we're doing wrong right now is fixable, and we have a chance to fix it tomorrow."

SIU hosts Murray State at 3 p.m.

today at Abe Martin Field. The Racers beat the Salukis, 8-3, March 17 in Murray, Ky.

"We need to come out here tomorrow and either pound somebody or get a close win," Callahan said. "However you look at it, we need a win. Maybe more so than we've needed one all year long."

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# Cubs lead league in more than ticket prices



To the best of my knowledge, there has yet to be a formal study conducted to measure the demographic of professional baseball fans on campus.

(Yet there seems to be studies for just about anything else conceivable—I'm not pointing any fingers, psychology department.)

But it's safe to say that it is a relatively even split between Cubs and Cardinals fans at SIUC (I didn't forget you White Sox fans, it's just that nobody cares).

Growing up on the north side of Chicago, such diversity in allegiance was a mere fraction of what I have encountered through these last two

semesters in Carbondale.

If these past few months have taught me one thing, it is that Cubs fans are far better debaters than those of our N.L. Central rivals (who ironically have our state's bird as their mascot).

My previous statement appears to be a rash generalization and could be completely unfounded in certain situations. But when your team has experienced such an epic championship drought, basing an argument on a foundation of regular season records is rarely a self-defense mechanism.

A team partaking in a century-old World Series boycott (also can't generally flaunt the league's best player.

Let me sum up the standard-issued Cardinals' argument: Albert Pujols.

ESPN releases their "Power Rankings" every week, and in its latest edition, the Pittsburgh Pirates can be found three spots above the Cubs.

Needless to say, we're not exactly playing curse-breaking baseball at the moment. The good news is that we

have a few more games to get back on track; last I looked, only 13/162 of the season has been accounted for.

Being true to my Cubbie-blue colors, and master debater skills, let me answer the question I have yet to address.

How can a Cubs fan still find a way to argue on behalf of league supremacy? Simple.

No other organization can rival the Cubs' past and current broadcasters, be it television or radio.

Legendary names such as Jack Brickhouse and Harry Caray cemented their legacies on the north side of Chicago — on the nationwide cable superstation that is WGN.

Though he now announces for the White Sox, Steve Stone will always have a place in the hearts of Cubs fans. The world might never be graced with another duo as entertaining as Caray and Stone.

While our present-day announcers might not be as legendary as those to have come before them, Len Kasper

and Bob Brenly can at least keep you awake during a ballgame.

My argument is well supported when speaking about TV broadcasters, but the Cubs established their superior announcing over the airwaves.

WGN radio, AM 720, can also be enjoyed across the entire United States and, just like its television affiliate, there is no shortage of memorable names.

Vince Lloyd and Lou Boudreau pre-empt me by a few decades, but all I hear is of their legendary work. (Boudreau actually managed the Cubs in the 1960 season, making him all the more credible in his broadcasting career.)

Now on to my personal favorites: Pat Hughes and Ron Santo.

Despite the fact Santo has been broadcasting for WGN (literally) my entire life, a Cubs game listened to on WGN radio goes without a comparable metaphor. It's simply that good.

Hughes is everything a baseball fan

asks of his or her radio play-by-play; he's intelligent, witty and calls it like he sees it.

But when your team hasn't added a championship ring since wireless radio broadcasting was patented (May 12, 1908), a fan needs to know the voices on the other end feel their pain, and that's where Santo comes into the conversation.

Battling diabetes and losing both legs during the fight, Santo truly personifies what it means to be a Cubs fan. Daily rigors of life, which would bring down so many others, only strengthen our passion for our lovable losers.

To all my Cubs fans out there, interpret this as just another reason why we're simply a better breed of baseball all around. Championship rings are for those who need materialistic luxuries to support their loyalties.

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