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Memorial services to be held for Ph.D. student, crash victim

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

The university will hold memorial services in the coming days for two students who died earlier this month, said Peter Gitau, associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students.

Emmanuel Oyathelemi, a Ph.D. student in workforce education from

Nigeria, died at age 41 April 12 at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, and Marcus Campbell, an undeclared freshman from Chicago, died in a car crash April 10.

Gitau said the cause of Oyathelemi's death remains confidential and release of the information was restricted to his next of kin. Campbell was on his way back to Carbondale on Interstate 57 with

four other students when the driver of the vehicle suddenly lost control near Mattoon. Campbell and another student were ejected when the vehicle rolled over onto the median.

Oyathelemi called 911 the morning of his death and emergency personnel took him to the hospital, Gitau said.

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Learning all the right moves



Andy Greer, of Carbondale, leads a group of tae kwon do students Tuesday at Black's Martial Arts Academy in Carbondale. Western culture has adapted traditional Korean martial arts through mixed martial arts, a fighting style that has gained popularity in recent years. The academy focuses on Korean tradition, unlike mixed martial arts, Greer said. "The heritage is already built in (tae kwon do)," he said. "We focus on the meaning of each move and where they originated." LAUREN LEONE DAILY EGYPTIAN

Council approves budget, District 95 money

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KAYLA KEARNS
Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale City Council approved a city budget Tuesday that includes money for School Board District 95 and the Can Read program.

In its final meeting before Mayor Brad Cole and council members Steven Haynes, Mary Pohlmann and Michael Neill vacate their seats, the council approved the budget for fiscal year 2012. Pohlmann and council member Joel Fritzer were the only

members to vote against the budget.

Don Monty, council member-elect and former assistant city manager, said he still has problems with the proposed money for the district.

The proposal gives the district \$150,000 for five consecutive years to provide a summer reading and math program to approximately 200 students.

Members from the community, including Monty, expressed concerns about the city's decision to include money for District 95 in the budget during the March 29 council meeting.

Monty said at the March meeting the proposal was hidden from the general budget so no questions would be asked. The proposal was not originally listed in the city manager's budget summary but was available on the Mayor's Corner page of the city website. Cole had said because the legislation was listed on the website, the city didn't need to include additional information about it in the budget proposal.

An addition to the original proposal says 120 days after the summer program ends, the City Council has

a choice to cut the program for the following year, Monty said. If the city doesn't discuss the benefits of the program by December, he said the \$150,000 is locked in for the program.

Monty said the time limit seems OK at first glance, but the money would be contracted again before the city manager and his staff have time to prepare the proposal for other programs to possibly cut from the next year's budget.

His main concern with the proposal stems from Mayor Brad Cole's letter to state Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, concerning state money not being sent to Carbondale, Monty said.

"So if that's what's going on in the city, that's why we're tying up \$150,000 that we may need to pay off police officers or firefighters in our own budget," Monty said.

Pohlmann, Fritzer and Haynes

said they opposed the proposal because the district has its own ability to tax the community, and such a program was the district's responsibility, not the city's.

Council member Corene McDaniel said the district has a history of low reading and math scores, mostly with minority children. The city has been generous to other service organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club and should treat the proposed program the same, she said.

Contrary to rumors, District 95 school board president Roger Pfister said the district did not ask the city to pay for the program. However, he said District 95 is doing everything it can to improve children's education, and the only missing piece to the puzzle was city involvement.

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Business owners: new police station could make for safer Strip

KAYLA KEARNS
Daily Egyptian

James Cato said the Carbondale Police Department's new location will help keep his business safer.

The new building's roof was partially damaged late Tuesday when a storm with strong winds tore through southern Illinois.

Cato, assistant manager of Carbondale Jimmy John's, said the department's new home at 501 S. Washington St. will be able to respond quicker to late-night issues such as fights in his and other establishments on the Strip.

"Drunk people coming in from bars and people breaking into my drivers' cars out back, that kind of stuff

happens here," Cato said.

The department's administrative staff and officers moved into the new building, which has a price tag of more than \$7 million, Monday. The center was built by Edwardsville-based Contegra Construction Company, LLC.

Other business managers in the downtown area say they also

expect faster police response times, while others say they likely won't be much change.

Alan Chambliss, manager of Old Towne Liquor, said having the station closer to downtown will help all businesses with a quicker response.

Sang Dice, owner of Chicago Hot Dog, said he doesn't think there will be a change in the safety level at his

restaurant because he closes early to avoid the bar crowd.

"I have a lot of trouble if I'm open too late, after the bars close, but right now I don't stay open very late," Dice said. "Friday and Saturday I'm only open until midnight because I couldn't take care of the drunken customers."

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State's troubled finances affect universities

SARAH CECHOWSKI
Daily Egyptian

Bill Holland said a university cannot fix its budget problem through closure days, salary reductions or pay freezes.

Holland, the auditor general of Illinois, spoke Tuesday at the Student Center about the state's financial troubles and what they mean for SIUC. The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute hosted his appearance.

Holland said improper predictions of state revenues and expenditures and mismanagement by former governors have led to the state's \$15 billion budget deficit. Holland's office evaluates how the state uses its money by examining its management practices and its compliance with state and federal laws, he said.

Because of cuts made by the state to higher education, universities are forced to find other solutions that ultimately will not fix the long-term problem, he said.

"The state can't pay its bill on time. It doesn't have the revenue," said David Yepsen, director of the institute. "So you wind up with fewer MAP grants, furlough days, positions that go unfilled on campus (and) deferred payment. You just have to look around and see all kind of examples where the state's financial

problems cause real life problems here on campus that affects all of us."

Yepsen said the institute is trying to highlight issues of debt and spending because the university and its students can already see the effects in the form of deferred maintenance and tuition increases.

Holland said the state will have to cut programs instead of just cutting funding for programs to close the deficit.

State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said the state needs to follow policies similar to those of former Gov. George Ryan regarding higher education. Such policies gave two-thirds of the education budget to elementary and secondary education and one-third to higher education. He said the policy stabilized tuition and ensured practical decision making about higher education spending.

"We need to encourage research universities like SIU and University of Illinois to try to generate those dollars as well, but we have to do something over the long term to bring ourselves back on line with higher education to make it affordable," Bost said. "We (will) have a higher increase in enrollment, and the cost per credit hour will be reduced."

Bost said house representatives are using strategies similar to ones they used in 1995 when the state

faced financial problems. He said legislators are analyzing the budget by "each line item and making recommendations that will help reduce expenses, he said.

Holland said people can begin to be optimistic about a budget resolution because legislators in Springfield are trying to compromise on strategies to reduce the debt and overpending.

"I think there is a change in attitude (because) there's a recognition that the problem needs to be addressed, and I think that's across the board," he said.

Bost said Illinois began overpending by creating new programs and expanding existing ones, which leads to borrowing based on projected revenue.

"Legislators refuse to say no for existing programs, and rather than trying to pay for things as we go, they borrowed against the future of our children and grandchildren, and it was a very poor thing to do," he said.

Yepsen said Holland holds a reliable viewpoint on the state's budget crisis because he has the respect of both Democrats and Republicans.

"Bill Holland represents what's good about public service in Illinois," Yepsen said.

2011 State spending & deficit in billions:

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Health care: \$18.3
Education: \$7.9
Welfare: \$10.3
Protection: \$2.4
Transport: \$5.8
Debt: \$57

2011 Local spending & deficit in billions:

Total spending: \$65.7
Pension: \$4.4
Health care: \$2.6
Education: \$26
Welfare: \$3
Protection: \$8.3
Transport: \$8.5
Debt: \$65.7

Source: Sunshine Review

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Before his speech, Holland received the Ralph A. Dunn Public Service Award from the institute for his continued dedication to the public in the last four decades as well as the moral and ethical principles he upholds. The award

was created by Paul Simon, the Illinois congressman who served 22 years in the U.S. Congress

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USG fails quorum, rescheduled to later date

TERRANCE PEACOCK
Daily Egyptian

Low attendance forced Tuesday's Undergraduate Student Government meeting to be rescheduled until further notice, and voting on money for 14 Registered Student Organizations was postponed.

USG President Marcus King said he does not have the ability to make the senators attend the required meetings.

"Even though this is student government, this is still government," King said. "Your job

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— Marcus King
USG president

is to serve, and with your job being to serve, why can't you be here?"

King said the USG meetings are only twice a month, and if the senators are not a part of any other committee, there is no excuse to be absent.

Student senators lobbied for higher education and budget issues concerning the university Thursday at Lobby Day in Springfield. Of the 51

Senators from SIUC who signed up to go on the trip, only 18 showed up.

Senator Nick Murray, a senior from East St. Louis studying aviation management, said it's sad to see the senators not attend meetings and events they have signed up for.

Murray said money for a charter bus and food purchased for lunch and

dinner for the senators was wasted.

He said the senator's lack of participation hurts their credibility.

Senator Ashley Jordan, a senior from Blue Island studying psychology, said she was disappointed the meeting cancelled because deserving organizations are not receiving money.

"As the finance chair, there is a lot of

responsibility put into creating senate bills, so organizations can get advocated funds for their events," Jordan said.

She said all semester USG has had problems with senators not coming to meetings, and even though this is the first meeting postponed, this isn't the first meeting with this issue.

Jordan said she has not seen certain senators at the meetings all year and instead of quitting, the senators should be impeached.

"According to our constitution, if a senator has two unexcused absences, they are up for impeachment, and this is what should be the next step," Jordan said.

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"Out of the whole city budget, the only thing that needs taken out is the money for these children," Pfister said. "Really?"

Council members Chris Wissman, Pohlmann and Fritzier voted against having the District 95 program as part of the budget. Haynes paused for a few seconds before announcing he was voting yes. Before the vote he said he

was unsure what he would do and would wait to hear the council's comments before making a final decision.

Jane Adams, council member-elect, said she thinks Monty clearly laid out possible financial consequences for the contract with the district.

Adams said she thinks the people who initiated the contract had a serious concern about students who have fallen behind, and she commended them for

their efforts. Seymour Bryson, former SIUC associate chancellor for diversity, said the proposal is Carbon Dale's opportunity to address race and class boundaries in the city.

In other business, Chancellor Rita Cheng commended Cole for his effort in working with the university and encouraging dialog.

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POLICE CONTINUED FROM 1

Chambiss said he doesn't think nightlife was the primary reason for the department's new location.

"I think it was a central location for them to build," Chambiss said. "It's right by campus, right by the downtown area. I think it was just a convenience factor for them."

He said his business doesn't have a lot of trouble with crime, but sometimes people try to steal bottles of alcohol.

"It's not like it happens every day," Chambiss said. "As long as you're paying attention and deterring them from drinking they can come in, then you don't have a problem."

Cato said the location is a practical choice. He said he doesn't see why the city would have built in another place.

Dee said he hopes the new center will be more community-friendly and keep the areas around the base safer.

"The problem is the bars. They are dangerous places," Dee said. "It's a positive step that the police station is there, but it's still a very dangerous place."

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MEMORIAL CONTINUED FROM 1

Katherine Sermerstein, associate dean of students and director of Saluki Cares, said she, Director of Africana Studies Joseph Brown, and the Rev. Robert Gray from Our Savior Lutheran Church will meet at 2 p.m. today on campus to discuss memorial services to honor both Oyathelemi and Campbell.

Emmanuel's brother Paul

Oyathelemi said he would wait until after funeral services to discuss the cause of his brother's death.

Emmanuel Oyathelemi is survived by his 13-year-old daughter and 1-year-old son. His funeral will be at noon today at Oakland Cemetery on North Oakland Avenue.

Paul Oyathelemi said he and his brother grew up poor, which taught them to value their time.

He said the Roman Catholic

Christian morals and values he and his brother learned shaped their character as they matured. They also shared a desire to continually educate themselves and remain at the top of their classes, he said.

The university will announce the dates of memorial services soon, Gitau said.

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Blackboard system to receive significant upgrade

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

Heidi Jung said many instructors come to the Office of Instructional Support Services to get help navigating Blackboard because their students are pushing them to. Jung, instructional designer for library affairs, said instructors are not required to use the learning management system, but the office encourages them to.

Blackboard is a learning system where professors post grades, homework assignments and additional resources outside of the classroom. The current system, Blackboard Learning System Campus Edition 8, will be upgraded and changed to the next version by next semester, she

said. Before that happens, Jung and a group of six other faculty members will consider options for an alternate learning management system.

The group used the Illinois Public Higher Education Procurement Bulletin, a free online resource, to post a notice for vendors of other learning systems to post bids, Jung said. The group then invited the vendors that posted bids, Desire2Learn and Blackboard, to provide demonstrations of their systems for campus. Desire2Learn, a similar learning system, presented on Monday, and Blackboard will present April 27.

"We really want this process to be as transparent as possible, so we thought it would be useful

to open this up to the entire campus community," Jung said. "Right now, the committee is just reviewing the platforms in technology and functionality. We are hoping to gather input from others informally so we can make an educated choice from each of the vendors based on functionality."

Rose Berryhill, a senior from Stockton studying photography, said Blackboard is useful to her, but she wishes more teachers would use it.

"I am on my computer all the time," she said. "(Blackboard) is useful, and I wish more people would use it because if you lose our information for an assignment or the syllabus or something, you can go there and get it if they put that

kind of useful information up." James Ferraro, a professor in physiology, said he would like the committee to think ahead so it buys something that is sure to be here in the future.

"Today people are raised with technology in their hands, so for some of us older people, getting used to different software is a big deal," he said. "I want them to pick a good system, so we can stick with it, so those of us who learn technology a little bit slowly can stick with that program."

Berryhill said she has had teachers use Blackboard who don't really know how to navigate it, which can be difficult for students.

"Some instructors are not very computer savvy, and

that is how we learn, through technology," she said.

Jung said no matter which system is chosen, there will be major changes in how instructors and students use it. She said 2,414 instructors use Blackboard, and her office, Instructional Support Services, will make sure they have the resources to learn how to use the system regardless of the changes they will face.

"There will be significant training as well as one-on-one assistance," Jung said. "Our department does as much hand-holding as an instructor wants to make sure nobody is alone in this experience and trying to navigate it by themselves."

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Obama: Failure to reduce debt will hurt economy

MARK S. SMITH
Associated Press

President Barack Obama on Tuesday promoted his plan to scale back spending without slashing aid to education, energy and science, acknowledging to a town hall crowd that mounting deficits could inflict "serious damage" on the country.

In an appearance at Northern Virginia Community College in suburban Annandale, Va., Obama

blasted Republican alternatives to deal with federal budget problems, while at the same time predicting the two deeply divided parties would ultimately find a compromise on spending priorities.

"I'm optimistic. I'm hopeful," Obama said in his campaign-style outing. "Both sides have come together before. I believe we can do it again."

Obama's pitch came as his reelection bid is now under way in earnest. He is traveling across the country this week with a message that the

government must reduce its staggering debt by cutting defense spending and health care costs, increasing taxes on the wealthy and protecting priorities he deems untouchable.

The president and House Republicans are vying for control of a suddenly surging national debt debate. Obama says his plan spreads the burden more fairly than a rival House Republican plan that would cut roughly the same amount of spending through budget cuts and

an overhaul of the Medicare and Medicaid health care programs.

Speaking in a gym packed with college students, Obama made a direct appeal for the youthful support that helped propel him to the White House. He shaped the debt discussion in terms his audience would care about — college loans, gas prices, tight budgets — and asked the young adults to rally behind him.

"I'm going to need your help. I can't afford to have all of you as bystanders


in this debate," Obama said.

"I want you to hold me accountable," he said. "I want you to hold all of Washington accountable. There's a way to solve this deficit problem in an intelligent way that is fair and share sacrifice so that we can share opportunity all across America. But I can't do that if your voices are not heard."

The president whittled the debt debate to a matter of basic philosophy. He said he wants shared sacrifice and Republicans do not.

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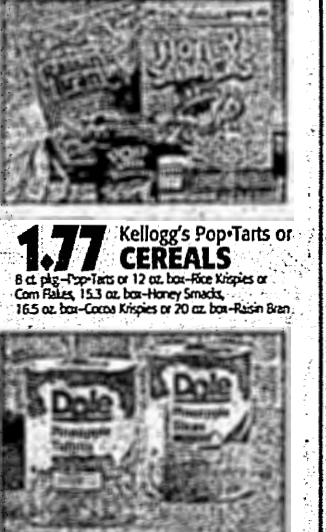
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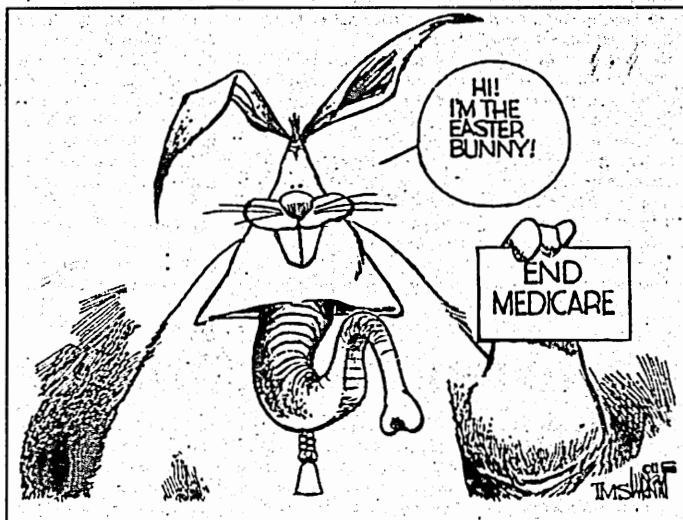
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GUEST COLUMN

Is the search for a new provost really effective?

Laura Dreuth Zeman
professor of social work and women's studies

I served on the Provost Screening Committee as a representative of the Faculty Association, my second provost search this year, and I have concerns about the process.

I believe that the provost is vital to the university. The provost oversees academic affairs and student services. I invite you to go to the SIUC website to see the list of offices that report to the provost. Given the significance and scope of the duties assigned to this position, I believe the search for the provost should not be undertaken lightly or swiftly.

The provost needs expertise in managing diverse colleges. The administrators of SIUC's eight colleges, the law school and the library report to the provost. Deans manage budgets, planning, hiring and advancement, accreditation, enrollment and advisement. They oversee department chairs and advocate college interests. Perhaps a qualified provost candidate would have expertise in these areas along with balancing enrollment demands with departmental and professional standards. Since the provost is responsible for approving hires and deciding on the tenure and promotion of all faculty across campus, it follows that he or she would have experience in

assessing scholarship across disciplines.

Disputes travel across the provost's desk. Many include formal grievances related to alleged violations of collective bargaining agreements. In cases where the parties cannot reach a settlement, the case advances either to the Faculty Senate Judicial Review Board or to arbitration. It follows that a provost would understand of labor law, collective bargaining agreements, and have a record of accomplishment in settling disputes and testifying at hearings.

The provost is also accountable for enrollment. The last several chancellors, including the current one, have tried to

increase enrollment. All have failed. Nevertheless, the next provost is expected to reverse the trend, bring new students to campus and keep them here.

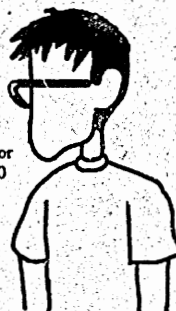
My concerns about the current search for a provost rest largely in the process, which, in my opinion, produced an inadequate pool of qualified candidates with the depth of experience suited for this position. For instance, this was an internal search where only six people applied. An evaluation of the candidates' performance in their current positions was not a criterion for determining whether they were qualified. The committee did not check references. The chancellor ordered the committee not to reduce the pool after conducting

interviews. The process did not include the elimination of candidates from the pool who did not have a proven record in the broad range of duties performed by the provost. As a result, the scope of accomplishment among the candidates was limited. In addition, there was no process for removing candidates based on management style and temperament.

Is this the best strategy to select the person responsible to lead SIUC's complicated academic and student affairs divisions? I am concerned that such a search may lead to the selection of a provost who could produce additional threats to productivity, enrollment and morale.

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Fishing team makes splash on campus

BRENDAN SMITH
Daily Egyptian

Nathan Bochniak said he and his fellow anglers are living their dream.

Bochniak, a senior from Galena studying horticulture, is a fourth year member and president of Saluki Bassers, SIUC's bass fishing team.

The organization, which formed in 2004 as a non-tournament group, became an official university sports club last fall.

The group placed fifth out of 27 teams at the Illinois Collegiate State Championship in Jacksonville, on Sunday and received the Big Bass award Saturday for single biggest catch of the day.

Bochniak said Bassers offers

members the chance to compete in an activity they enjoy and represent SIUC in a unique and positive way.

"A lot of us who played sports in high school couldn't play a sport like football and baseball on a college level," Bochniak said. "But we can fish, and you don't have to be a five-star athlete to do that and represent the school I love."

Clayton Black, a senior from Brownstown studying political science, said the group welcomes members regardless of their expertise.

Black, who joined the group in January 2010, said he knew little about the sport but joined after his friends persuaded him.

"(Saluki Bassers) is for anybody of any skill set," he said. "It's not like

a baseball team where you'd ride the bench if you weren't any good. We'll get you a boat and you'll go."

Along with its open membership policy, Bochniak said the group has a strong relationship with the community.

The group hosts an annual boat clean to raise money for the Special Olympics. The team also participated in the Veterans Tournament in March, where local veterans accompanied it on its fishing trip.

Bochniak said all of the team's practices are catch-and-release, a recent ecologically friendly movement in fishing carried out on a national scale.

Aaron Connor, a senior from Murphyboro studying exercise science, said people have to look at fishing

intellectually to be successful.

"Out here, if you want to be a good fisherman, you have to do your homework," Connor said. "You have to study the fish, their environment, how the weather affects them... it takes everything we learn in school and put it into play."

Connor said fishing is a strong recruitment tool in this region. He said the presence of Saluki Bassers was one of the determining factors in his decision to attend the university.

All the group members are working to improve recruitment and get visibility on campus by planning activities in conjunction with the university.

With help from the College of Science, Bochniak said the group is


making progress on those goals by introducing the Bassers Scholarship. The award would be given to a new student who is an active member of the organization.

Connor said he hopes the team will continue to be a stepping stone for students, and it can serve as a bridge between academics and athletics.

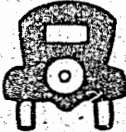
"I wouldn't mind having this as a career, but economically, I know I can't go from graduating to fishing on catch-for-cash circuit," Connor said. "But now, as a college angler, it provides me an opportunity to live that dream."

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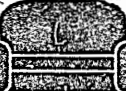
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Feds: Fake news sites link to acai berry diet

CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press

Consumers searching for unbiased journalism on the acai berry diet clicked their way into a scam, according to federal regulators who have filed lawsuits in six states in an attempt to shut down the alleged Internet tricksters.

The Federal Trade Commission announced Tuesday it has asked federal courts to stop a wave of fake news sites that entice consumers to buy the unproven weight-loss products.

The sites violate federal law by using the logos of major news outlets to mislead consumers into thinking they're reading real news reports, according to the court filings. In reality, the sites are advertisements.

Over the past seven days, the FTC filed complaints in federal courts in Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Georgia and Washington. The complaints named 10 website operators and asked the courts to freeze their assets.

The defendants paid more than \$10 million to advertise their fake news sites, the FTC said. It's not clear whether the defendants allegedly running the sites are connected, although content on the sites is similar or the same, said

FTC attorney Steven Wernikoff in Chicago.

"We're still trying to figure that out," Wernikoff told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "There was some copying of content going on. Regardless of the genesis of the content, the operators are still responsible for the deception on their sites."

Courts granted temporary restraining orders in some of the cases and many of the websites have been taken down.

One typical lawsuit alleges that Tanner Garrett Vaughn of Mill Creek, Wash., claimed on a website called BreakingNewsAt6.com that a reporter tested an acai berry product and lost 25 pounds in four weeks without dieting or exercise. The FTC claims no real reporter tested the products.

Vaughn is cooperating with the FTC and the website is no longer operating, said Vaughn's Washington, D.C.-based attorney James A. Kaminski.

"It's our position that the defendant has done no wrong," Kaminski said.

The Illinois attorney general's office filed a separate lawsuit against Ishmael Lopez Jr. of Sauk Village. The office alleges Lopez used a fake news site to promote acai weight-loss products. A

phone listing for Lopez could not be found.

According to court filings, the scam worked like this:

A consumer types "acai" into Google or another search engine. An ad pops up that says, "Health Reporter Discovers The Shocking Truth." Clicking on that link leads the consumer to a fake news site featuring a first-person story about a fake reporter's positive experience with the diet products. One more click and the consumer lands on an ad offering a "free trial" of an acai berry supplement.

The FTC received multiple complaints from consumers who paid from \$70 to \$100 for weight-loss products after having been duped by the fake news sites.

Acai, a popular beverage flavor, is a dark purple fruit from a palm found in Central and South America. Marketers sell a diet supplement purported to contain acai, often selling it with a separate "colon cleanser" product.

Last year, the FTC filed a separate lawsuit against a Phoenix-based company for using fake celebrity endorsements for acai berry products. In that case, still under way, Oprah Winfrey and Rachael Ray filed statements with the court denying they'd ever endorsed the products.



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A year after spill, Gulf Coast is healing, hurting

CAIN BURDEAU
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — It was the catastrophe that seemed to crush a way of life, an oil rig exploding in the darkness and plunging the Gulf Coast and its people into months of chaos.

One year after the nation's worst offshore oil spill began, solemn ceremonies will mark the disaster Wednesday and underscore the delicate healing that is only now taking shape. Oil still occasionally rolls up on beaches in the form of tar balls, and fishermen face an uncertain future.

But traffic jams on the narrow coastal roads of Alabama, crowded seafood restaurants in Florida and Louisiana vacationing along the Louisiana coast attest to the fact that familiar routines are returning, albeit slowly.

"We used to fuss about that," said Ike Williams, referring to the heavy traffic headed for the water in Gulf Shores, Ala., where he rents chairs and umbrellas to beachgoers. "But it was such a welcome sight."

Although life is getting back to normal, many questions linger: Will the fishing industry recover? Will the environment bounce back completely? Will an oil-hungry public ever accept more deep-water drilling?

"It seems like it is all gone," said Tyler Priest, an oil historian at the University of Houston. "People have turned their attention elsewhere. But it will play out like Exxon Valdez did. There will be 20 years of litigation."

On Tuesday, the federal government reopened the last of the waters that were closed last year after the massive spill, about 1,040 square miles near the sunken rig. And fresh revelations from a BP engineer's e-mail exchanges with his wife highlighted the mistakes made on the ill-fated rig before the explosion.

In the months since the April 20, 2010, blast aboard the Deepwater Horizon, an administrator has handed out \$3.8 billion from a \$20 billion cleanup fund set up by BP. The number of cleanup workers went from 48,000 at the height of the spill to 2,000 today.

Most scientists agree the effects "were not as severe as many had predicted," said Christopher D'Elia, dean at the School of the Coast and Environment at Louisiana State University. "People had said this was an ecological Armageddon, and that did not come to pass."

Still, biologists are concerned about the spill's long-term impact on marine life.

"There are these cascading effects," D'Elia said. "It could be accumulation of toxins in the food chain, or changes in the food web.

Some species might dominate."

Meanwhile, accumulated oil is believed to lie on the bottom of the Gulf, and it still shows up as a thick, gooey black crust along miles of Louisiana's marshy shoreline. Scientists have begun to notice that the land in many places is eroding.

For example, on Cat Island, a patch of land where pelicans and reddish egrets nest among the black mangroves, Associated Press photographs taken a year ago and compared to those taken recently show visible loss of land and a lack of vegetation.

"Last year, those mangroves were healthy, dark green. This year they're not," said Todd Baker, a biologist with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Land is eroding on sites where the oil has killed vegetation.

Confidence in Louisiana's seafood is eroding, too.

"Where I'm fishing it all looks pretty much the same," said Glen Swift, a 62-year-old fisherman in Buras. He's catching catfish and gar in the lower Mississippi River again. That's not the problem.

"I can't sell my fish," he said. "The market's no good."

But the BP spill has faded from the headlines, overtaken by the tsunami and nuclear disaster in Japan, unrest in the Middle East and political clashes in Washington.

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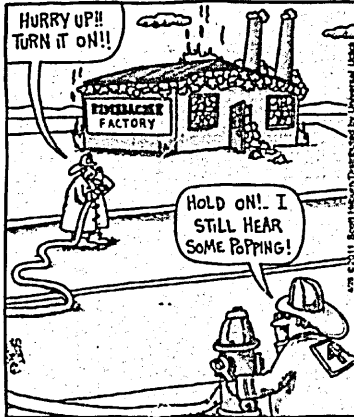
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TENNIS

Fabik takes talent across Atlantic to Carbondale

TREY BRAUNECKER
Daily Egyptian

SIU men's tennis coach Dann Nelson said he contacted freshman Adam Fabik through a recruiter from the Czech Republic in the spring of 2010, but SIU was just one of many schools he considered when he came to the United States in July.

"We offered scholarships, but it seemed like he was looking at some other colleges, and so we forgot about him, thinking he had chosen another school," Nelson said. "In the summer we were contacted and were told he was still looking for a school ... and we were looking for a player at the time, so he came to SIUC."

Fabik, of Svitavou, Czech Republic, said it's common for most European universities to focus solely on academics, which means students who have played sports most of their lives can't continue to play collegiately. Instead of letting his talents go to waste across the

Atlantic, Fabik said, he decided to accept a scholarship from SIU and become part of the Saluki family.

Fabik said he had plenty of offers to go to other schools in the U.S., but a low score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language prevented him from going to his top choices.

"After finding out I didn't have the requirements, I had to pick another college quickly," Fabik said. "Fabik was ranked 140th among junior players in the Czech Republic and is 12-3 in the spring season.

Assistant coach Hugo Vidal said some of the foreign students on the team have a difficult time adjusting to the new surroundings, but Fabik has adapted well to living on campus.

"It can be hard for someone to make a big move like that. You have to adapt to the language, the weather, new people and classrooms," Vidal said. "I think Adam did very well. I will admit he was a little shy when he first came,

but after some time here he really opened up and seems to enjoy the American college life."

Vidal said in Fabik's short time on campus, he's already become an example for his teammates by motivating them to play harder and perform at the same level he does. Vidal said Fabik was one of the top players in his country when he was young.

"He brings a talent to the team I haven't seen before," Vidal said. "He raises the team up to a new standard."

Fabik said even though tennis takes a backseat to football and basketball at SIU, he still enjoys playing for the team and is lucky to be able to play his sport and get an education at the same time.

Even though Fabik is a long way from home, he said he's comfortable getting his education in the U.S. because SIU is paying for most of his school.

"Being able to play tennis, get an education and get a scholarship



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Freshman Adam Fabik returns a serve Saturday in a singles match against Drake at University Courts. Fabik, from Svitavou, Czech Republic, came to SIU because he couldn't play tennis and study in his home country. Fabik has a season record of 12-3, the second-best on the team.

to play here was a large part of my final choice to play for the Salukis, and it's worked out well, so I'm happy I came."

Even though it's only his first year with the Salukis, Fabik said he thinks the experience and training he's received from his time in Carbondale will have lasting effects on his future.

Coupled with the academic options not offered by the Czech Republic, Nelson said the tennis opportunities at SIU helped Fabik make his final

decision to play for the Salukis.

"I think what drew him to Carbondale most was the chance to play the sport that he loves and study at the same time, which you can't do in college back in the Czech Republic," Nelson said. "It was just the opportunity for Adam to get on a good team and use good facilities that made the difference."

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SOFTBALL

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The Salukis picked up another three runs in the third inning when junior shortstop Haley Gorman hit an RBI single that scored junior left fielder Mallory Duran. Freshman first baseman Taylor Orsburn hit an RBI single that scored two.

Orsburn said it was nice to win this game because the team has been hitting the ball so well lately.

"It's a great feeling," she said. "We came out ready to play, and we were down in the first inning, but we

came back because we knew that we could score runs."

Freshman second baseman Jayna Spivey hit a grand slam in the fourth inning, which made the game 10-1 and put Spivey 10th on the list for most home runs in a season with nine.

Spivey said she had not realized she tied any records and was just happy to be able to produce runs for her team.

"I think I'll appreciate it even more when I'm not here anymore, but right now I'm just focused on conference and conference championships and

winning every day," Spivey said.

She said she compares herself to her teammates and tries to keep up with the impressive play she sees around her.

"I look at who's hot on the team, and I try to outdo them," Spivey said. "I mean, it's not anything against anybody on the team, it's just like (Mallory) is consistent, and I haven't always been consistent. I try to be like (Mallory). If Haley is hot, I try to keep up with her."

Before Spivey's grand slam, SIUC coach Sandy Montgomery was kicked out of the game for

arguing with the umpire about ball four to Trapani.

The game ended in the top of the fifth inning after Cougar pinch hitter Laurie Siebert popped up to Gorman.

SIUC coach Kerri Blaylock said the team has done a great job of staying in games and taking control late, as it did in the first game of the Indiana State series, where it won 16-14.

"They're not afraid to get down," Blaylock said. "It was like the other day, I looked over, and I've never had a team score 11 runs in the first inning, and I looked over at them,

and there was a calm about the kids, and they figured out a way to get it done. Hopefully I don't get in their way, and we just keep playing."

Spivey said beating the team's SIU rivals in five innings felt great, and she attributed the win to the Salukis' preparation.

"I think we were ready to play and they weren't and it showed, so it's always good to short game SIUC," Spivey said.

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Gus' Response

QUESTION OF THE DAY

After four blown saves in five opportunities, St. Louis Cardinals reliever Ryan Franklin has been moved from the closer role. While manager Tony La Russa mulls his options to replace Franklin, who do you think should be the new Cardinals closer?



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If they look internally, Boggs is going to be their best option. I've heard talk about them looking outside the organization to fill the role, but I'm not sure if they want to get out their checkbook.

Put Boggs where Franklin is and move Franklin to the closer role. It's perfect in the end and a familiar pitchers.



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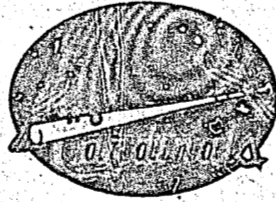
What can I say that the others haven't already? Boggs is looking like the man to take Franklin's place, and I'm not going to be the guy to say otherwise.

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There are probably plenty of position players who could've done a better job than Franklin has, but Boggs should be moved into that role now. He might be the long-term answer at the end of games.





SOFTBALL

Salukis crush Cougars in SIU showdown

AUSTIN FLYNN
Daily Egyptian

As one SIU softball team extended its winning streak, the other's came to an end when the Salukis beat SIU-Edwardsville 10-1 in a five-inning, mercy-rule game Tuesday at Charlotte West Stadium.

With another strong offensive effort, the Salukis (28-12, 10-2 Missouri Valley Conference) extended their winning streak to nine as they got nine hits to ruin the Cougars' (22-22) seven-game winning streak.

SIUE jumped out to a quick lead in the first inning when Cougars third baseman Kasey Schlatke hit an RBI single.

That would be the only run the Cougars scored as senior catcher Cristina Trapani hit a two-run home run that gave the Salukis a 2-1 lead.

Senior pitcher Danielle Glosson said she was happy with the hitters' performances and the progress they've made since the beginning of the year.

"I could just relax. I was just talking to them about that," Glosson said. "It's like a bomb shell. I'm just like, 'Okay, I'll just chill here and you all do your thing.' It just always takes a lot of stress off of a pitcher and makes me feel like it doesn't matter who we play."

Glosson only allowed one run and limited the Cougars to just two hits.

The Salukis' defense held strong after the first inning and their offense continued to produce runs like it did in its weekend series against the Sycamores.



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Sophomore right fielder Morgan Barchan bats Tuesday during the Salukis' 10-1 victory against SIU-Edwardsville. Barchan added an RBI in the top of the fifth inning. She carries a batting average

of .352 and an on-base percentage of .444 for the season. The Salukis will look to improve their 29-13 record when they travel Wednesday to Evansville, Ind., to play the Purple Aces.

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BASEBALL

Bever stumbles in loss to Tennessee-Martin

CORY DOWNER
Daily Egyptian

The SIU baseball team continued its struggles in Tuesday games this season and dropped its second consecutive game at Abe Martin Field.

The Salukis (13-23) allowed two runs in the final three innings of the game against Tennessee-Martin (11-25) on their way to a 5-3 loss.

The Salukis' bats continued to produce, but SIU was unable to control Tennessee-Martin's offense. The Skyhawks capitalized on the Salukis' starting pitching

and defensive mistakes.

From the start of the game, interim head coach Ken Henderson said he noticed a visible difference from the way they have played the past couple weeks. He said the team has had a tremendous work ethic this year, but he expects more from it than what he saw Tuesday.

"That is the result of not being ready to play," Henderson said. "Guys thinking they can just show up and win — I don't get that."

Senior starting pitcher Andrew Bever's record fell to 3-3 on the season. Bever pitched seven innings and allowed four runs, three earned,

on 10 hits with three strikeouts. In his previous two starts, Bever led the Salukis to two shutout victories and had not allowed a run in his last 14.1 innings on the mound.

Bever said he can't blame the weather, but the 30 mph wind gusts gave him trouble with his command, and he was forced to change his strategy against the Skyhawk hitters.

"Usually, I throw a two-seam fastball," Bever said. "I changed and went to a four-seam fastball to keep it a little straighter, but the problem was I didn't make that adjustment soon enough."

To add to their struggles on the mound, the Salukis had two errors in the seventh inning. The first error, committed by sophomore right fielder Nick Johnson, allowed Skyhawks left fielder Trey Karlen to reach base. The second error came from freshman shortstop Jake Welch, which allowed Karlen to score the game-winning run. The Skyhawks tacked on another run in the ninth inning and shut down SIU for the season-series sweep.

Welch led off the bottom of the ninth with a base hit over the second baseman's head, but the Salukis were unable to score.

Junior left fielder Jordan Sivertsen continued to be a powerful force for the team's production and went 2-4 with a double and a RBI.

With his hits against Tennessee-Martin, Sivertsen brought his team-leading RBI total to 40 and raised his slugging percentage to .650. Sivertsen's eight home runs on the year are second in the Missouri Valley Conference behind Creighton outfielder Trevor Adams' 10.

After two days of practice, the Salukis will take on Adams and the Creighton Bluejays on Friday in Omaha, Neb., in their third conference series of the year.