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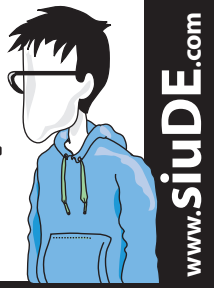
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Cheryl Sickinger, a junior from Millstadt studying advertising, said students should be notified of emergencies via text message. She said students, including herself, are much quicker to see a text message as opposed to an e-mail.

Committee works on communication system

Text message, Web alert systems in the works

Barton Lorimor
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Before a new text message system is installed and online services are improved, university officials want to make sure the telephones work properly.

Students such as Alycia Ellious, a sophomore studying nursing at Northern Illinois University, said they were unable to dial out on cell phones after a shooting was reported in a campus lecture hall. Ellious said she was one of several mobile phone users crowding the cell tower with calls assuring family and friends she was safe.

SIUC spokesman Rod Sievers said a committee comprised of Todd Sigler, chief of SIUC police,

and officials from University Communications and Telecommunications met on Monday afternoon to discuss communication tools to be enacted by the university if an emergency were to occur.

One of the tools looked at more closely was the possibility of information hotlines similar to those set up at NIU on Thursday. Soon after news of the NIU shooting was released, university officials in DeKalb set up five hotlines for students and parents to call for information regarding the incident. Sievers said the committee should find answers to questions about SIUC's ability to host such a system.

Currently, the Department of Public Safety sends automated messages to every e-mail account provided to students and staff by the university. The system was used to notify the campus of two chemical spills that locked down

“If people are expecting this to happen overnight, that just won't happen.”

— Rod Sievers
 SIUC spokesman

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Son of SIUC employee sentenced for her death

Benjamin Martin sentenced to 15 years for aggravated manslaughter

Madeleine Leroux
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The son of a slain university employee has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for killing her nearly two years ago, bringing a sense of closure to the coworkers that continue to grieve for their late colleague.

Benjamin Martin was sentenced Friday for the aggravated manslaughter of his mother Nancy Martin, a fundraiser for the SIUC College of Science from 2005 to her death in 2006. The late employee was strangled in March 2006 while on a business trip for the university in Pittman, N.J.

Jeff Lorber, associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement, was Nancy Martin's supervisor at the SIUC Foundation. Lorber said department workers who knew her continue to mourn the death of their late friend.

“I am heartened to learn that some resolution has been brought to this matter,” Lorber said. “She is truly missed.”

Nancy Martin was first reported missing on March 19, 2006, after she did not return to Carbondale. On March 29, 2006, Benjamin Martin led police to her body, located nine miles from the Pittman home.

He was immediately arrested and charged with first-degree murder. In November, he pleaded guilty to aggravated manslaughter.

Matthew Leschen, a brother of Benjamin Martin, also spoke at the hearing and said he hoped his brother would be rehabilitated.

In February 2004, the DAILY EGYPTIAN reported that family members said Benjamin Martin had undiagnosed psychologic problems, suffered from dyslexia and attention deficit disorder, and was frequently abused by his mother.

Benjamin Martin has been credited with the nearly two years he has spent in jail since his arrest in March 2006. Under New Jersey law, he will have to serve at least 85 percent of his sentence to be eligible for parole.

Nancy Martin graduated from SIUC in 1976 with degrees in radio-television and cinematography. She began working at the university in September 2005.

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Rob Chiarelli discusses with students in the Marion Kleinau Theater

why music cannot be free. Chiarelli is part of the 'Good Times, Bad Times For The Global Music Industry' forum that will kick off the Midwest Music Festival Feb. 16 and Feb. 19-23.

JASON JOHNSON
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



Industry veterans weigh in on piracy

Panel ponders changes to music business

Jenn Lofton
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Producers, engineers and songwriters alike banded together Monday to make aspiring music business students realize it is time to rekindle the music industry's flame.

The Global Media Research Center and Digital Dog records hosted “Good Times, Bad Times for the Global Music Industry,” at the Kleinau Theater in the Communications Building. Though many see the current path of the music business as doomed in an age of piracy, some panelists dis-

cussed the opportunity available in the ever-changing industry.

“The industry is changing, but spelling out greater opportunities for musicians in general,” said Todd Herreman, radio-television professor and adviser to Digital Dog records.

Before coming to SIUC, Herreman worked in Los Angeles for 20 years as a freelance engineer and producer. He said negative aspects of the industry, such as its flawed business model in an era of advancing technology, have been prominent in the past five years, but do not spell the end for today's artists and moguls.

The panel that spoke about the state of the business included industry veterans Dan Keen, Don Grierson and Rob Chiarelli.

Chiarelli, a longtime mixer, producer and engi-

neer for artists ranging from Madonna to Will Smith, said there are many things wrong with the industry today.

The record companies are at fault for perpetuating an ancient business model that has not adapted to modern trends, Chiarelli said, but the consumer is also to blame.

He said piracy has become a hot-button issue that has hurt those in many facets of the industry. People don't understand it not only affects the artists on the covers of the magazines, he said, but also those who work behind the scenes for much lower wages.

Chiarelli said what he and fellow producers put out is considered to be a piece of art.

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Do you think campus should have been closed Wednesday after the ice storm?

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Christian Apologetics Club
 • Noon Wednesday at the Student Center, Corinth Room
 • Discussion of Francis Schaeffer's book "Escape from Reason"
 • Free admission

Carbondale Community Learning Circle
 • 5:00-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Trueblood Dining Hall
 • SIUC and Carbondale police are available to answer questions and concerns of students

Black Male Round Table
 • 6 p.m. Thursday at Grinnell
 • Forum for young men to discuss an array of issues, ranging from civil rights to issues experienced at SIUC and its community

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

Submit calendar items to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Illinois' new law on guns too late, might not have stopped college gunman

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois lawmakers moved swiftly after last year's massacre at Virginia Tech to make it harder for anyone with a history of mental illness to buy guns, fortifying what already were some of the nation's toughest weapons laws.

But the new measure does not take effect until June. And whether it would have prevented last week's bloodbath at Northern Illinois University is far from clear.

Steven Kazmierczak, the 27-year-old grad student who bought an arsenal of guns in recent months and used them to kill five people and commit suicide, had been on medication and was said to have spent time in a psychiatric center as a teen in the late 1990s.

But state Sen. Dan Kotowski, a sponsor of the law that will require more detailed reporting to state officials about those who have received mental health treatment, said the sketchy information about Kazmierczak's medical history makes it impossible to know if he would have fallen under the law.

"This law is more comprehensive than most," the Democrat said Monday. "But everything needs to be evaluated and reviewed to address the problem so that something like this never happens again. This is the promise we have to make."

The measure, when it takes effect, will require health professionals to inform state authorities about patients who display violent, suicidal or threatening behavior. Right now, such information is reported to state officials only on people who have been institutionalized, not on those who receive only outpatient treatment.

Illinois adopted the law last June, and the governor signed it in August.

Last month, President George W. Bush signed new federal legislation requiring that states provide the mental-health information they do gather for use in a national background-check system.

University gunman called before shooting to say goodbye, his girlfriend says

WONDER LAKE (AP) — The girlfriend of the man who killed five people and himself at Northern Illinois University said Sunday that he called her early on Valentine's Day, the day of the shooting, to say goodbye.

Steven Kazmierczak "called me at midnight and told me not to forget about him," Jessica Baty, 28, told CNN from her home. She said she had no indication he was planning anything.

Investigators still haven't determined why Kazmierczak, 27, opened fire in a lecture hall at his and Baty's alma mater, and she shed no light on a motive Sunday.

"The person I knew was not the one who went into Cole Hall and did that," Baty told CNN. "He was anything but a monster. He was probably the ... nicest, (most) caring person ever."

The day of the shooting or the day after, Baty received a package from Kazmierczak containing two textbooks, a cell phone and what she characterized as a "goodbye note."

"You've done so much for me," the note said, according to Baty. "You will make an excellent psychologist and social worker someday."

Another package contained a gun holster and ammunition. She confirmed that he had stopped taking an antidepressant about three weeks ago because "it made him feel like a zombie," but she denied that his recent behavior was unusual.

"He wasn't erratic. He wasn't delusional. He was Steve; he was normal," said Baty, who had turned down Associated Press requests by phone and in person for an interview.

Authorities have speculated that the couple might have split up just before the shooting. CNN said that during the interview televised Sunday, Baty described an on-off relationship and said she and Kazmierczak most recently had been living together.

"I still love him," she told CNN.

POLICE REPORTS

Two cases of theft under \$300 from Wednesday at the Recreation Center and Quigley Hall remain open without any suspects.

officer Friday. Larkin has been transported to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro.

Maxwell Larkin, a 19-year-old SIUC student from Bourbonnais, was arrested at the Wall and Grand Apartments for aggravated assault and resisting a peace

Brian Hill, a 19-year-old SIUC student from Hanover Park, was transported to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro Friday for charges of delivering 30 grams of cannabis.

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Web administrators consider off-site server

Proposal could keep Web site up in event of power outages

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Though power outages longer than 30 minutes currently leave the SIUC Web site in the dark, University Communications Director Mike Ruiz said the department is working toward a solution.

The server that powers the site is housed in the Wham Education Building, Ruiz said, so it is subject to any power outages affecting the university. He said he and others at University Communications would investigate options to house the site at an off-campus location and obtain server maintenance from an outside company.

"We know exactly what we need," Ruiz said. "Now we just have to go out and find out how much it's going to cost to do it."

The university's Web site is designed and updated by a team of three people, said Janet Douglas, director of the Web services team. Those three people also currently hold the responsibility of performing server maintenance, which is



A bank of servers, including the main Web server, is maintained by the Information Technology department in the basement of Wham. The servers don't have a back-up power supply and go offline during power outages.
STEPHEN RICKERL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Most likely an old server becomes too slow to do the job that you want it to do.

— Frank Scobby
director of Administrative Information Systems

not the team's area of expertise, Douglas said.

Ruiz said the server is too old to support services many departments want on their Web sites, such as video capabilities and secure password protection. Flash video on the site is

currently hosted through an outside company, Ruiz said.

Frank Scobby, director of Administrative Information Systems, said the server currently operating the Web site is more than five years old.

"Most likely an old server becomes too slow to do the job that you want it to do," Scobby said.

Scobby said the Web server lies behind two secure doors in the basement of Wham. Only about 15 to 20 people are authorized to access

the many rows of servers housed in that building, Scobby said.

In the event of power outages, Scobby said the servers could operate on battery-operated universal power supplies. However, the power supplies could only provide support for about 15 to 30 minutes, he said.

Scobby added that he had initiated conversations inside the Information Technology department about purchasing a backup generator, but had only begun to scope out the possibilities.

Ruiz said the university had no budget set aside to deal with the server's problems, but would evaluate expenses based on the results of his department's search. He said it could be cheaper to outsource the server than to buy a new one.

Scobby said a ballpark price for a new server could run between \$8,000 and \$12,000.

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His most recent book, *The Holy Vote: The Politics of Faith in America*, "examines the way Americans worship, how organized religion and politics intersect in America and how this powerful collision is transforming the current and future American mind-set." Suarez will explore these issues and provide his analysis of the 2008 presidential race during his appearance at SIUC.

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WASHINGTON

Air Force says budgets are billions of dollars short

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air Force officials are warning that unless their budget is increased dramatically, and soon, the military's high-flying branch won't dominate the skies as it has for decades.

After more than seven years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Air Force's aging jet fighters, bombers, cargo aircraft and gunships are at the breaking point, they say, and expensive, ultramodern replacements are needed fast.

"What we've done is put the requirement on the table that says, 'If we're going to do the missions you're going to ask us to do, it will require this kind of investment,'" Maj. Gen. Paul Selva, the Air Force's director of strategic planning, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"Failing that, we take what is already a geriatric Air Force," Selva said, "and we drive it for another 20 years into an area of uncertainty."

PAKISTAN

Musharraf urges Pakistanis to work together as elections vote count begins

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's embattled president appealed for national unity Monday after parliamentary elections aimed at bolstering democracy and calming political strife. But fear and apathy kept millions at home, raising the prospect of no clear winner and a government too fragmented to rally the nation against Islamic extremists.

Private television stations reported strong showings by the two main opposition parties in early unofficial tallies, a trend conceded by the party of President Pervez Musharraf. Final official results were not expected before Wednesday.

Balloting proceeded without major attacks, although the opposition party of assassinated ex-prime minister Benazir Bhutto claimed that 15 of its members had been killed and hundreds injured in scattered violence "deliberately engineered to deter voters."

Officials confirmed 24 deaths in election-related violence over the previous 24 hours, mostly in the country's biggest province of Punjab, the key electoral battleground.

Musharraf was not on the ballot, but the election was widely seen as a referendum on his eight-year rule — including his alliance with the United States in the war against terrorist groups that many Pakistanis oppose.

TEXAS

JFK assassination documents revealed after decades

DALLAS (AP) — Long-hidden items and documents related to the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy were revealed for the first time Monday, after spending nearly two decades locked inside a courthouse safe.

Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins presented the articles at a Presidents' Day news conference while standing next to brown and white file boxes stacked in a pyramid.

The items include a purported transcript between Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and Oswald's killer, nightclub owner Jack Ruby; a leather gun holster that held the weapon Ruby used to shoot Oswald; brass knuckles found on Ruby when he was arrested; and a movie contract signed by then-Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade.

Watkins said investigators told him about the contents of the blue, two-door safe shortly after he took office in 2007.

NEW YORK

Safety chair warns toy industry must self-regulate

NEW YORK (AP) — The acting chair of the Consumer Product Safety Commission lashed out Monday at the toy industry for a lack of safety controls that led to a string of highly publicized recalls, and she warned that the industry has the obligation to regulate itself.

"I will not tolerate this industry ... not complying with our regulations," Nancy Nord said in an address at the annual American International Toy Fair expo, whose four-day run ends Wednesday.

Obama accused of plagiarism

Beth Fouhy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DE PERE, Wis. — Top advisers to Hillary Rodham Clinton accused Democratic rival Barack Obama of plagiarism Monday, the latest effort by her campaign to undermine the Illinois senator's credibility. Obama shrugged off the criticism and noted Clinton has used his slogans, too.

Clinton communications director Howard Wolfson pointed to a speech Obama delivered at a Democratic Party dinner in Wisconsin Saturday that lifted lines from an address by his friend, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick.

The Associated Press reported in January that Obama had borrowed ideas and speech points from Patrick, often without attribution. But with Obama now leading in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination — he won the last eight nomination contests — Clinton's campaign is trying to chip away at the premise of his candidacy. Wisconsin votes on Tuesday.

"Don't tell me words don't matter," Obama told the Wisconsin audience, attempting to rebut Clinton's oft-repeated charge that he is long on rhetoric and short on policy specifics. "I have a dream" — just words? "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal" — just words? "We have nothing to fear but fear itself" — just words? Just speeches?"

Patrick, faced with similar charges from his GOP opponent, used nearly identical language during his 2006 governor's race.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal" — just words? Just words?" Patrick said. "We have nothing to fear but fear itself" — just words? "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country. Just words? 'I have a dream' — just words?"

The accusations momentarily put Obama on the defensive and distracted from a tour in Ohio, where he hoped to focus on the economy.

"I really don't think this is too big of a deal," Obama said at a news conference. "When Senator Clinton says 'It's time to turn the page' in one of her stump speeches or says she's 'fired up and ready to go,' I don't think that anybody suggests that she's not focused on the issues that she's focused on."

He acknowledged trading ideas with Patrick and said they had borrowed language from each other on occasion. Obama said he probably should have given Patrick credit, but said the oversight didn't indicate a pattern of deception.

The charges came a day before Wisconsin's presidential primary, where polls indicate a tight race

between the two. The contest featured the first negative television ads of the campaign — from Clinton, criticizing Obama for refusing to debate her in the state before the primary.

Clinton's campaign posted video clips on YouTube to illustrate the similarities in Obama's and Patrick's speeches. Obama's campaign pointed reporters to video available on the same Web site of Clinton telling Iowa voters "we are fired up and we are ready to go."

Later Monday, Obama hit back harder during a rally in Youngstown,

Ohio, turning Clinton's criticism of his speeches into a biting critique of her past support for trade deals, including the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"She says speeches don't put food on the table. You know what? NAFTA didn't put food on the table, either," Obama said.

A day earlier, Clinton's spokesman criticized Obama for backing away from a pledge to accept public funding if he is the Democratic nominee, saying Obama had engaged in a pattern of walking away from promises.

"If you ask voters to judge you on the basis of promises and you break them, or on the basis of rhetoric and you lift it, there's not much else there," Wolfson said.

“She says speeches don't put food on the table. You know what? NAFTA didn't put food on the table, either.”

— Barack Obama
Democratic Presidential hopeful



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama greets fans after addressing the Democratic Party of Wisconsin's annual Founders Day Gala on Saturday at the Midwest Express Center in Milwaukee.

Biden: Marines should investigate delay in blast-resistant vehicles

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Two senators are urging the Pentagon to investigate a Marine Corps report that bureaucrats refused an urgent request from battlefield commanders in 2005 for blast-resistant vehicles.

"We need an official investigation to figure out why this happened and to make sure it never happens again," said Sen. Joseph Biden Jr., D-Del.

Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has been a longtime advocate of building and deploying more of the vehicles, called MRAPs.

Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., said the government shouldn't have to "explain to the families of American troops that a cost effective solution capable of

saving lives was not deployed because of bureaucratic delays or insufficient funds."

The Associated Press first reported Friday that hundreds of U.S. Marines have been killed or injured by roadside bombs in Iraq because Marine Corps officials refused the request of the commanders. Both senators issued their statements Sunday.

"This is a stark warning that the military brass back home is not acting on needs of our war fighters on the front lines," Biden said. "We must be as fast and flexible as the enemy. We need an official investigation to figure out

why this happened and to make sure it never happens again."

Bond said, "With our troops serving on the front lines in the war on terror, this gross mismanagement of our military's acquisition process is inexcusable. The military needs to take a hard look" at the report that details "the bureaucratic delays of lifesaving equipment to our troops in the field."

"The enemy will continue to search for ways to kill our troops and it is vital that our acquisition process be flexible enough and fast enough to respond quickly to emerging threats," Bond added.

“We must be as fast and flexible as the enemy.”

— Sen. Joseph Biden
chairman of the Senate
Foreign Relations
Committee

Global rift over Kosovo widens

Robert Wieldard
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The U.S. and the European Union's biggest powers quickly recognized Kosovo as an independent nation Monday, widening a split with Russia, China and some EU members strongly opposed to letting the territory break away from Serbia.

The rift was on view for a second day at the U.N. Security Council, which was holding an emergency session to discuss the declaration of independence issued Sunday by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority.

Ethnic Serbs rallying in northern Kosovo angrily denounced the United States and urged Russia to help Serbia hold on to the territory that Serbs consider the birthplace of their civilization. Protesters also marched in Serbia's capital, and that nation recalled its ambassador to the U.S. to protest American recognition for an independent Kosovo.

Despite clamoring of Serbs to retake Kosovo, Serbia's government has ruled out a military response.

But the dispute is likely to worsen already strained relations between the West and Russia, which is a traditional ally of Serbia and seeks to restore its influence in former Soviet bloc states. The Kremlin could become less likely to help in international efforts important to the U.S. and its allies, such as pressuring Iran to rein in its nuclear program.

Still, for Washington the declaration of independence by Kosovo vindicated years of dogged effort to help a land achieve its dream of self-determination after years of ethnic conflict and repression by Serbia.

Speaking in Tanzania, President Bush declared: "The Kosovars are now independent" — and Washington formally recognized Kosovo as an independent country soon afterward. Germany, Britain and France also gave their heavy-weight backing, saying they planned to issue formal recognitions.

But Russia, Serbia's key ally, and emerging global power China remained adamantly opposed to Kosovo's independence, warning of the danger of inspiring separatist movements around the world, including in their own sprawling territories.

As veto-wielding Security Council members, Russia and China both have the power to block any attempt by Kosovo to gain a seat on the international body.

Serbia vowed to fight to the end against any U.N. recognition.

"The so-called Kosovo state will never be a member of the United Nations. Serbia will use all diplomatic means at its disposal to block Kosovo's recognition," said Serbian Foreign Minister Vuk Jeremic.

The Kremlin was already working diplomatic levers to help Serbia achieve that aim.

Alexander Botsan-Kharchenko, Russia's special envoy to the Balkans, was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying Moscow expected U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to abide by a Security Council resolution that recognized Kosovo as part of Serbia.

Time not a problem on ethics test

No employees fail ethics training for finishing quickly

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

University employees may have been more patient this year when taking their state-mandated ethics training.

No employees failed this year's ethics training for moving through the information too quickly, said SIUC Ethics Training Administrator Brent Patton. Last year, 255 university employees, including 65 faculty members, failed the test for finishing in less than 10 minutes.

"I know that because the Inspector General's Office changed the format of the test, it was virtually impossible to go through the thing in less than 10 minutes," Patton said.

The only way any SIUC employees failed was by not taking the

training at all, he said.

Faculty Association President Marvin Zeman said he recently received a list of university employees deemed noncompliant and there were four faculty members on the list. Zeman said he thought the state had given up on enforcing a time restriction with the test after the uproar over the training last year.

"Apparently they've stopped going after people over time," he said.

Zeman is the only university employee who has still refused to sign a form admitting he was noncompliant after he finished the test in less than 10 minutes last year.

In February 2007, Zeman and mathematics professor Walter Wallis filed a lawsuit against the State Inspector General, claiming the state acted illegally when it threatened

to discipline faculty members who failed the test. Zeman said Monday the lawsuit was still unresolved and there was no date set for trial. Wallis is no longer a part of the suit.

Deputy Inspector General Gilbert Jimenez did not comment about whether a time limit was enforced on the test and deferred comment to the university's ethics officials.

Philosophy professor Randy Auxier said he was one of the four faculty members reported as noncompliant. Auxier said he is familiar with the subject of ethics — he teaches classes on the subject.

But Auxier said he was reported as failing to comply with the test because he failed to take it at all. He said he forgot to go through the training before he left town for a conference

and he returned a day after the online test expired. After that, he said he was told he had no choice but to be deemed noncompliant.

He said he was told disciplinary action would be taken for his failure to take the test, but he wasn't sure what that would be.

Auxier said he does not take state law lightly, but he doesn't believe the training is really about teaching state employees about ethics.

"This isn't ethics. It doesn't have anything to do with ethics," he said. "It's legal deniability on the part of the state so that if you do something that is legally forbidden they don't have to stand by you."

Jimenez said his office was only enforcing a law passed by the state legislature.

"We design the instructional material and we are only concerned with raising the level of ethical compliance," he said.

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— Randy Auxier
philosophy professor

Ethics training

November 2006

255 university employees, including 65 faculty members, are deemed noncompliant for taking test too fast

Dec. 21, 2006

Faculty Association files a grievance protesting the state's demand that fast test takers sign a noncompliance form

Jan. 29, 2007

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Feb. 6, 2007

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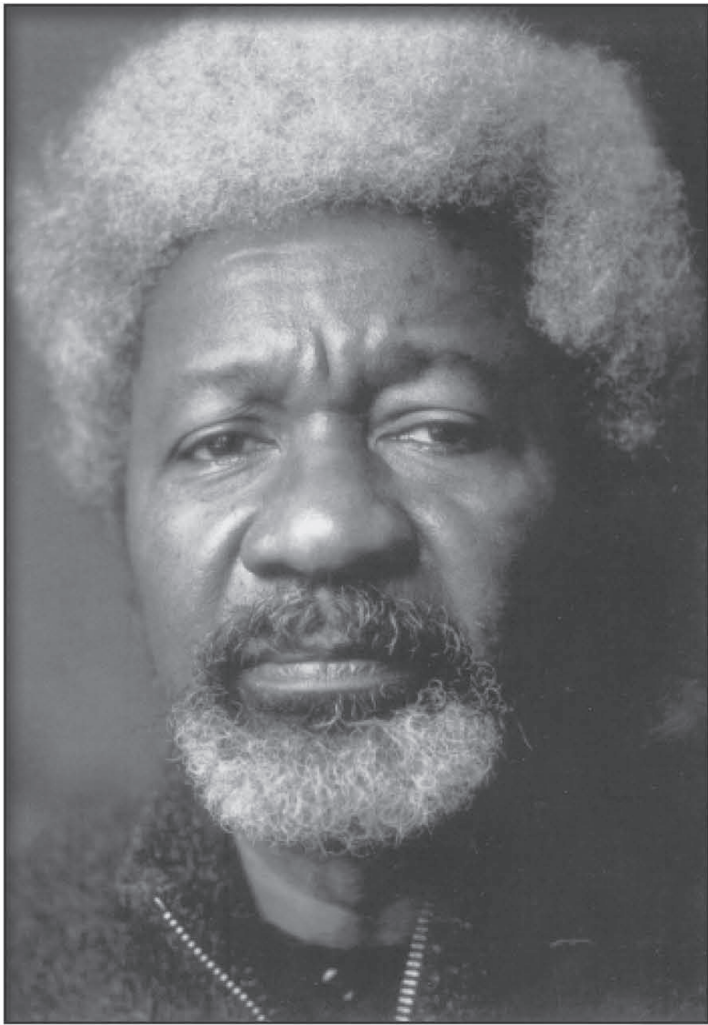
University takes new ethics training

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University receives list of those who did not comply with training this year

Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

A Nobel Prize Winning Political Prisoner Shares His Story



Wole Soyinka

1986 Nobel Prize Winner for Literature

Thursday, February 28 at 5 p.m.
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Accomplished playwright. Noted author. Beloved poet. Stirring dramatist. Political prisoner. Nobel laureate. These are but a few of the titles Wole Soyinka is known by.

A native of Nigeria, Soyinka has been a student and teacher at universities in Africa, Europe and the United States. While gaining recognition as a performer at the Royal Court Theatre in London in the late 1950s, he was penning his first plays. In 1967, Soyinka became a political prisoner in Nigeria for nearly two years for advocating a cease-fire to the country's civil war. After his release--and despite strife in his homeland, being charged with treason, and years spent in exile--he continued to make his mark in literature. Upon awarding him the 1986 Nobel Prize for literature, the Swedish Academy referred to his collective works as "the drama of existence."

His most recent book, "You Must Set Forth at Dawn: A Memoir," (2006) details his life's journey. Join us as Wole Soyinka shares his story.

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STUDENT COLUMN

Money demanded, gratitude not forthcoming

TODD A. KULHANEK

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This week finds President Bush in several nations on the African continent. His visit, ostensibly to reaffirm and to strengthen ties with those nations, is really just a visit from the world's favorite bagman.

Show up, drop off the dough and then beat it; that's what the world wants from us, and sadly we give it to them.

The leader of Tanzania, President Jakaya Kikwete, in mirroring President Bush's demand to Congress for swift passage of an AIDS relief program (a five-year, \$30 billion program), urged U.S. lawmakers for quick action due to the possible widespread orphaning of children in his country if the AIDS crisis was not quickly dealt with.

Kikwete showered praise

upon President Bush and his administration for their commitment to addressing disease and poverty in Tanzania and Africa. What Kikwete and nearly every beneficiary of American aid have overlooked is that Bush did not write a check from his personal account. That money belongs to the U.S. taxpayers, and if anyone should be thanked, it is those who, through actions of their leaders, have to sit back and once again watch as their money, which could be spent of our own disadvantaged citizens, is handed over to someone else.

This is a pattern we should all be familiar with. While there is little serious argument against the notion that to assist in world stability would be, in fact,

working for our own security and self interest, we should expect, and if not forthcoming, demand the gratitude that our sacrifice deserves.

Our money should at the least buy some sense of loyalty.

that help, you have the situation as it stands today. Our gifts are not seen as charitable giving, but rather as expected maintenance.

In light of the numerous

Americans worked hard for that money and deserve some thanks and acknowledgement from the numerous nations who hold their hand out when the bagman cometh. When acknowledgement of the price that Americans pay in helping those around the world is not required from those who receive

issues that we face in our own country, most of which require enormous amounts of cash to fix, this sentiment on the part of the beneficiaries of our charity should be considered shameful.

Another recipient of the shame award are the politicians who have allowed this disgusting mind-set to continue. America is well known throughout the world as the great bastion of capitalism. Yet we ignore a fundamental capitalistic tenant when we give money, and rather than see equal value in return, we receive diminished value instead.

One need only look to the current debacle facing NATO to see a perfect example. While the U.S. is the single largest financial contributor to the alliance, and our allies readily enjoy that which our funds provide, they dare to balk when we make a clear case for the need to reinforce our ground capabilities in Afghanistan.

While I do not suggest that in

light of the skewed contributions that our allies acquiesce to every demand we might make, there is something behind the notion that, save proof to the contrary of the necessity of the course of action we lay out, they need to get on board. Our money should, at the least, buy some sense of loyalty. If not, then they have no further need of our sacrifice. And it is this standard that America should insist upon with all recipients of financial aid that comes via the deprivation of our own people.

If our sacrifices mean so little, and our aid does not beget friends that will publicly stand up for us in a swirling sea of negativity, then we need to re-examine the benefit of depriving ourselves for the benefit of a community of greedy children who are prone to tantrums when they feel we are not giving them what they are owed.

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GUEST COLUMN

A day for every language

Md. Abu Naser
GUEST COLUMNIST

On Thursday, nearly 200 countries of the world will be celebrating International Mother Language Day, an event aimed at promoting linguistic diversity and multilingual education.

Many may not believe that about half of the 6,000 languages spoken in the world are in danger of extinction.

Let me remind you of a famous quote: "Everyone loses if one language is lost because then a nation and culture lose their memory, and so does the complex tapestry from which the world is woven and which makes the world an exciting place." This was said by former President of Iceland Vigdis Finnbogadottir, who served the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as its goodwill ambassador for languages.

As opposed to this imminent threat, a recent survey has indicated that nearly 55 percent of

all international communication, whether by e-mail or post, is carried out in English. More than 74 percent of all research papers are in English.

English is also the mother language of at least 450 million people, including citizens of the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the many islands of the Caribbean and the Pacific. It is also claimed by various surveys that nearly the same number of people speaks English in different countries all over the world.

Ensuring that the rest of the languages can continue in use alongside the dominant English language is a genuine challenge to countries worldwide.

Against this backdrop, International Mother Language Day was proclaimed by UNESCO's general conference in November 1999. The day has been observed every year since February 2000 to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.

This day is mostly the recognition of Language Movement Day in Bangladesh, which has been commemorated since 1952, when a number of Bangladeshi university students were killed by the then East Pakistan police and army in capital Dhaka.

On Feb. 21, 1952, the students were campaigning for the recognition of Bengali as one of the state languages. The then Governor General of Pakistan declared that Urdu would be the only state language for both West and East Pakistan. The people of East Pakistan (now Bangladesh, whose main language is Bengali) started to protest against this.

Two students of Dhaka University died on the spot. Two

others passed away late in the evening that same night. Another student and an employee of a printing press died in the operation theater. Ninety-six others received bullet injuries.

The core value that the day will represent transcends geographical boundaries.

The next day, further protests led to the death of an employee of the Dhaka High Court and a student of Dhaka University.

This was unique in a sense that this is for the first time (and probably the last time), people sacrificed their lives to protect the dignity of their mother tongue.

In Bangladesh, from 1953 until today, Feb. 21 has been observed as a martyrs' day. The memorial erected in their names has turned into a national meeting place. The

love and respect that these martyrs had aroused for the Bengali mother tongue and culture eventually laid the foundation of the war of liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan in 1971.

I feel that the International Mother Language Day is not only for Bangladesh; rather it is for all speakers of all languages all over the world. The core value that the day will represent transcends geographical boundaries. The International Mother Language Day is particularly significant in the sense that it has a cultural importance.

The spirit of the International Mother Language Day, I hope, will help develop in us a deep respect for not only our mother tongue, but for those of others as well — that it will help the expression of all kinds of majority and minority languages.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VOICES DESK

As some might already have gathered, technology has not been on our side lately. The Voices e-mail, voices@siude.com, has officially gone kaput.

We have not received any of the surely numerous letters, submissions and other messages for a few weeks. For this we apologize and bring you a NEW e-mail address that will hopefully never let us down again:

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I bought it because it's the best number.”

Saeed Khouri
member of the wealthy Abu Dhabi family,
spent \$14 million in a charity auction on a vanity license plate with only the number "1" on it.

GUEST COLUMN

Democrats still paying price for '60s reforms

Peter A. Brown
McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

The Democratic Party's politics of the late 1960s and early 1970s had handicapped its presidential candidates until Bill Clinton offered a more centrist message in 1992. Now, 40 years after the more liberal elements of the party seized control of its presidential selection process from the political bosses in smoked-filled rooms, the Democrats may again pay a big price for those reforms.

Their slavish commitment to representation for all led to rules, still in effect today, that have produced a seemingly unending fight for the presidential nomination. This battle between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama could leave the eventual winner at a disadvantage when it comes time to focus on the November election.

President Clinton's more centrist approach left an indelible imprint on Democratic policies by questioning the party orthodoxy, which led even liberals to repackage their rhetoric and proposals. But he did not tinker with the nominating process.

The result is that the Democrats are playing by rules enacted at a time when the party still dominated American politics. At that point, winning was often taken for granted. Now, Democrats have lived through three decades of GOP White House dominance and have 12 years of Republican control of Congress fresh in their minds.

But the rules enacted back then have the practical effect of lengthening the primary process, thereby slowing the Democrats' ability to settle on a presidential nominee.

The quicker a party can settle its internal battle and focus on the November electorate, the better its chances of winning. That's because once a candidate wins over party activists by catering to their ideological priorities, he or she can focus on the much larger and less ideological group of voters who decide the November election.

Those rules that govern selection of the party's presidential nominee are based on the bedrock principle that a candidate should get the same share of nominating delegates in a state that

he or she gets of the popular vote. Reformers who wrote them thought "fairness" was most important.

This concept of "proportional representation" can mean, because of rounding rules, that when one candidate gets 42 percent of the popular vote and the other, 58 percent, both candidates split the available delegates down the middle.

That makes it very difficult for a candidate in a close race to pull far enough ahead to convince the other that it's time to give up.

Moreover, the power given the Democratic National Committee to rule the delegate-selection process, also a product of the '60s and '70s reforms, with an iron fist has also backfired.

The Republican rules provide strong incentives for a quick nomination by allowing states to allocate their delegates on a winner-take-all basis or to follow the winner-take-all principle on a congressional district basis.

For instance, on Feb. 5, Missouri awarded all of its 58 Republican delegates to John McCain, even though his margin of victory was fewer than

6,000 votes out of almost 600,000 cast. But Obama, who received 10,000 more votes there than did Clinton, split the state's Democratic delegates evenly with her.

The Republican National Committee penalized Florida and Michigan for voting early and gave them half their normal amount of delegates at stake.

So while Clinton and Obama are in the midst of a fight that may well go all the way to the party's nomination convention in late August, McCain has effectively wrapped up the Republican nomination.

That will allow McCain to quickly consolidate the support of his own party's conservatives, who are innately suspicious of everything he does. Time will tell whether McCain can eventually win in an election year in which all sides agree the playing field tilts toward the Democrats. But the head start toward November produced by the difference between the Democratic and Republican rules can't hurt his chances.

Brown is the assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School shootings are a plague

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing to first express my deep condolences to all of the victims of the NIU school shooting, as well as their friends and families. I'm sure it is little solace, but I will take it upon myself to extend to all of you the sympathies of all of us here at SIU; we mourn your loss. Tragedy does this matter no justice.

It takes a deeply disturbed individual to carry out such a heinous act but, I must admit, I can find no corner

of my heart capable of empathizing with the perpetrator. There is absolutely no rational, logical or moral impetus capable of justifying the murder of innocents. And while I could expound upon my own disgust, confusion and sadness for some length, I wrote this letter for other purposes.

School shootings are a plague upon the houses of higher education in this country, and somebody has got to come up with solutions. I am certainly not the first to posit some of these options, but I do think that at least some of these avenues of deterrence are better than the malicious slaughter of young minds. Here are a few of the ideas I've heard:

- Arm teachers and faculty.
- Hire private, armed security guards to patrol school grounds.
- Require periodical psychiatric evaluations of all students.
- Employ more stringent age restrictions on the purchase of handguns.
- Outlaw the purchase of handguns by any full-time student.
- Have "school marshals" hidden and armed among the student body.

Of course, the metal detectors, locker searches, transparent book-bags, and random patdowns of students are already common practice at some schools. However, most of these measures are enacted via the Department

of Education at the high school level. Public and private universities are not beholden to the wishes of the DOE, but I think it's high time that administration and faculty in the higher-education field make a move against the troubled, belligerent invaders of our relative academic serenity.

In short, I've had it, and I think it's time we as adults move together, without trepidation, to eradicate the unmitigated violence that is fast-becoming a virus amongst our youth. The killing can only stop if someone works to stop it.

Charles M. McGuire
junior studying political science

Rename SIU Arena

DEAR EDITOR:

After reading the article titled "Equality in Maroon" in Friday's DAILY EGYPTIAN, it reminded me again of something that had been in the minds and hearts of former SIU athletes and SIU fans for many years, naming the SIU Arena after Donald Boydston.

Dr. Boydston, who was athletics director from 1957 to 1972, not only led an academic department, but was the driving force to bringing about a balanced and academically successful athletic program.

I can not do as well as explaining Dr. Boydston role for both athletics and the academic excellence of the athletic program, as did Free Huff in his great book "Saluki Sports History

... 100 Years of Facts and Highlights." I would encourage everyone to read Fred's book. Dr. Boydston was instrumental in getting the SIU Arena built.

I know that athletic programs around the country are "selling" naming rights for athletic facilities. I know that they are "selling" these rights for one reason — to make money. However, I believe it is more important to name a building on any campus after one who made a significant impact upon the lives of students and the community, or in the case of Donald Boydston, on athletics, students and the community.

The SIU Arena should be renamed the Donald N. Boydston Arena.

Dale O. Ritzel
emeritus professor of health education

Spokesman should learn tact

DEAR EDITOR:

I read Thursday's article about the icy conditions and was insulted by one of Rod Sievers' arrogant comments. He said, "This is a four-year university, a major research institution. It's not high school. It's not a community college. I think there's a higher level of commitment expected on the part of everyone who comes here."

As a retired community college instructor and former university instructor, I can personally tell you I saw no difference in the level of commitment between those institutions. In fact, the commitment I saw at the community college level was often higher than what I saw at the university level. What an insult to committed educators at any level! How

about those committed educators in inner city schools who are paid so little? Or those committed educators who work so diligently with special needs children for so little pay?

And Mr. Sievers is the university spokesman! Perhaps he should go back to school, say to a community college, and learn tact. The level of commitment he expects at the university should include hiring people with enough common sense and caring to make every effort to avoid putting employees and customers (that's the students, Rod), at risk for serious injury.

Such arrogance does little to help the university's already tarnished image. President Poshard should repudiate this statement made by his spokesman.

Linda Lowry
former Shawnee
CommunityCollege instructor

and commuters was not nearly enough to cancel the SIUC vs. Drake ballgame.

Keeping the alumni happy is much more important than the safety of paying (commuting) students.

Renee Torres
junior studying mortuary science

Basketball trumps safety

DEAR EDITOR:

To all those who agree with me that SIUC administrators were incompetent in the decision to not close campus on Wednesday, I say their decision was based on one thing — the safety of students

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Clinton: Students should help environment

Former president's initiative similar to grassroots at SIUC

Cristian Stelle
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Former President Bill Clinton has some of the same ideas as SIUC personnel when it comes to alleviating environmental problems.

"I'd like to see colleges brand their nongovernmental organizations the same way they brand their sports teams," Clinton said in a phone conference Wednesday.

Clinton started an organization called the Clinton Global Initiative in 2005 to take action against some of the world's most challenging problems, such as energy and climate change, poverty and global health. A subset of the program, the Clinton Global Initiative University, aims to help college students get involved in making a difference

around their campuses, according to the initiative's Web site.

Clinton said college students across the nation are in a unique position to connect with each other and make a difference for the generations to come.

Chris Klarer, coordinator of the SIUC Student Environmental Center, said he had never been introduced to Clinton's program, but he holds some of the same expectations as Clinton when it comes to solving environmental issues.

Klarer, a senior from Carbondale studying art, said the environment group at the university is trying to get policies set up to lower carbon use.

Clinton encouraged students to work to make their universities carbon neutral as a way to make an immediate impact.

He suggested that every college that has an environmental organization should start by dealing with one domestic and one international problem.

Klarer said the proposal for Project EcoDawgs, which would be released Monday, would account for a domestic step of action. Through Project EcoDawgs, the SIUC campus would use renewable energy and establish a council comprised of students, physical plant employees and faculty to find worthwhile projects.

Klarer said in the long-term, Project EcoDawgs could lower carbon dioxide emissions and help the university reduce its contribution to global warming.

"Students should think of (environmental work) as another part of their education or their development as citizens," Clinton said. "This ought to become a part of college life."

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"I'd like to see colleges brand their nongovernmental organizations the same way they brand their sports teams."

— Bill Clinton
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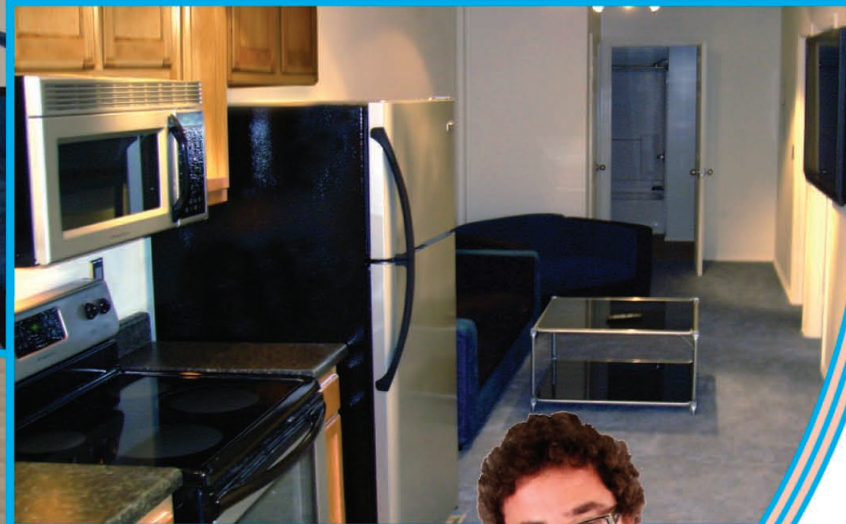
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Prospective students peruse SIUC

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Nervous faces of anticipation from prospective students filled the Recreation Center Monday morning as more than 500 high school students got their first taste of SIUC.

The students, along with their parents, participated in Monday's open house in order to get familiar with the campus, housing and environment of the university. The open house offered many different activities, including campus tours, admission counseling, financial aid advisement and an information fair.

“It gives a good taste of the university to lots of students at one time.”

— Katharin Suski
associate director
of admissions

“It gives a good taste of the university to lots of students at one time,” said Katharine Suski, associate director of admissions.

Putting on this year's open house took a lot of preparation.

Staff of the admissions office had to talk with coordinators at the Recreation Center in order to get the space for this event. They also gathered chairs and rented buses for campus tours, Suski said.

Instructors from 80 selected departments were also asked to attend the event and give visitors an idea of what that particular section would be like, Suski said.

Rachel Richey, one of 20 undergraduate admissions



STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rachel Crouch, a high school student from Mount Carmel, left, talks with Julia Spear, the director of the McNair program during Monday's open house at the Recreation Center. The open house was an opportunity for prospective students to better understand what SIU has to offer.

coordinators, graduated from SIUC in 2001 with a degree in business management. Richey emphasized the importance of going to an open house in order to “comparison shop” among various universities, and get as much information about

SIUC from people who know first hand.

Lindsey Crawford got an early start on her college search. The junior from Normal Community High School, accompanied by her father, traveled four

hours from Bloomington in order to get accompanied with SIU's atmosphere and consider it as a prospective university.

“I would feel comfortable sending [Lindsey] down here from what I've heard,” said Bob

Crawford.

Two more open houses are being offered on March 9 and July 18.

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- 703 S. Illinois #203
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- 311 W. Cherry #2
- 404 W. Cherry Court *
- 405 W. Cherry Court
- 406 W. Cherry Court
- 407 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Chestnut
- 310 W. College #1-4
- 401 W. College #5, 6, 7
- 501 W. College #4-6
- 503 W. College #4,6
- 507 W. College #5,6
- 509 W. College #4-6
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- 305 E. Crestview
- 506 S. Dixon
- 303 W. Elm
- 113 S. Forest

- 115 S. Forest
- 303 S. Forest
- 706 S. Forest
- 716 S. Forest
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- 500 W. Freeman #1,2,3,6
- 109 Glenview
- 520 S. Graham
- 505 S. Hays
- 507 S. Hays #2
- 514 S. Hays
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- 408 E. Hester
- 410 E. Hester
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- 208 W. Hospital #1
- 703 S. Illinois #202
- 703 S. Illinois #203
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- 705 N. James
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- 207 S. Maple
- 906 W. McDaniel
- 300 W. Mill #2-4
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- 409 E. Mill
- 411 E. Mill
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- 402 W. Oak #E,W
- 408 W. Oak
- 501 W. Oak
- 507 W. Oak
- 300 N. Oakland
- 505 N. Oakland
- 511 N. Oakland
- 514 N. Oakland
- 600 N. Oakland
- 602 N. Oakland
- 1305 E. Park
- 507 S. Poplar 1,3,4,5,6,7
- 301 N. Springer #1,2,4
- 913 W. Sycamore
- 919 W. Sycamore
- 404 S. University #S
- 404 1/2 S. University
- 408 S. University
- 402 1/2 W. Walnut
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Three Bedroom

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- 502 S. Beveridge #1
- 503 S. Beveridge
- 506 S. Beveridge
- 507 S. Beveridge #1,2,3,5
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Stars shine in Shryock

Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra Stars of Altgeld concert Tuesday

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Most people would balk at the idea of singing a solo in front of an audience of several hundred people. Not so for soprano Emily Fons, who finds confidence in her powerful voice and her outfit.

"I warm up my voice and my body, run through my music, get a drink of water and make sure I've got a great dress to wear," said Fons, a graduate student from Milwaukee studying opera and music theater, describing her pre-performance ritual.

Fons is one of three soloists who will be featured in this year's Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra Stars of Altgeld concert Tuesday in Shryock Auditorium. Of 15 music majors who auditioned in December, vocalist Fons, clarinetist Paul Vincent Petrucelly and trumpeter Jered Montgomery were chosen as the stars of Altgeld.

In addition to Tuesday evening's performance, the Southern Illinois

Symphony is performing a Music for Young Listeners concert at 10 a.m. Tuesday. This concert is for children from local elementary schools and includes instrument demonstrations by some of the musicians following the performance.

The first half of Tuesday's concert features the three soloists accompanied by the orchestra. After a brief intermission, the full orchestra will perform a symphony written by a 20th century composer.

Fons will sing an aria from Gioacchino Rossini's opera, "La Cenerentola," which is based on the Cinderella story.

Fons said she chose the piece because it exhibits many vocal and instrumental characteristics that appeal to audiences, and, because it is based on a familiar fairy tale, the audience can relate to the music.

"I think the biggest thrill (of performing) is being able to step out of the practice room to present to an audience all your hard work in the

form of a musical story," Fons said.

Petrucelly, a graduate student from Seattle studying clarinet performance, said his piece is a real crowd pleaser if performed correctly. He is playing a fantasy piece written by Italian composer Luigi Bassi that is based on themes from Verdi's opera, "Rigoletto."

"Since Bassi himself was a clarinet virtuoso who played in the opera houses in Italy, he wrote the piece to take advantage of his abilities on that instrument, at the same time utilizing the beautiful Verdi melodies," said Edward Benyas, music director of the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

Although Petrucelly has been performing for many years, he said he still gets butterflies in his stomach before he goes on stage.

"I'm usually nervous right before a performance, but during, knock on wood, I'm usually not," Petrucelly said.

Montgomery, a senior from Mulkeytown studying trumpet performance, will open the concert, playing the complete trumpet concerto by Franz Joseph Haydn.



STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Emily Fons, a graduate student from Milwaukee studying opera and music theater rehearses her solo Monday at Shryock Auditorium. The Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra will perform its Stars of Altgeld concert Tuesday night.

After intermission, the orchestra will perform Dmitri Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5 in D Minor.

Benyas said this particular symphony was chosen by many of the student orchestra members because it features great music for the brass section. A guest conductor from St. Petersburg, Russia, was asked to conduct the piece.

"I thought I would program this work for the benefit of the orchestra members who wanted to play it, and

let this Russian conductor direct it," Benyas said.

However, the Russian conductor was unable to get a visa in time and subsequently will not be conducting the symphony.

"In effect, I am stepping in as a replacement to conduct my own orchestra," Benyas said.

The Stars of Altgeld concert is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Shryock Auditorium. Tickets are \$19 for the general public and \$6 for students.

PULSE

CHATTERBOX

In a recent survey by 'Q' music magazine in Great Britain, Oasis edged out such iconic bands as The Beatles, Pink Floyd and The Clash for the top two spots on the list of the 50 "Best Ever British Albums." Is "(What's the Story) Morning Glory?" really superior to the likes of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," or have British popular tastes gone the way of their empire?

Alicia Wade

I do have to say "Wonderwall" is one of my personal singing faves when it comes to playing "Rock Band," but I digress. Oasis is good, but the best? Aren't they mostly known for heckling each other during concerts and in fighting?

Julie Engler

Oasis? The "Champaign Superno-ver" guys? Does anybody even know all the lyrics to any of their songs?

Devin Vaughn

I haven't been this down on the Brits since the War of 1812. It causes me to wonder if the "British Invasion" wasn't an escape attempt for The Beatles and The Rolling Stones.

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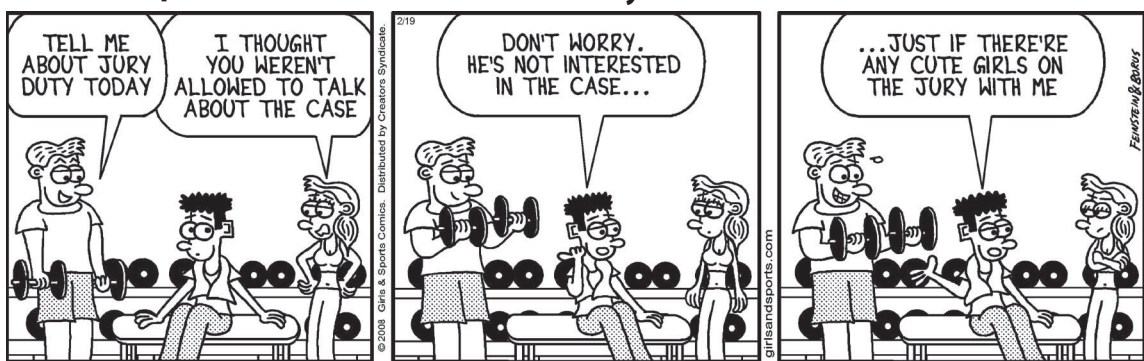
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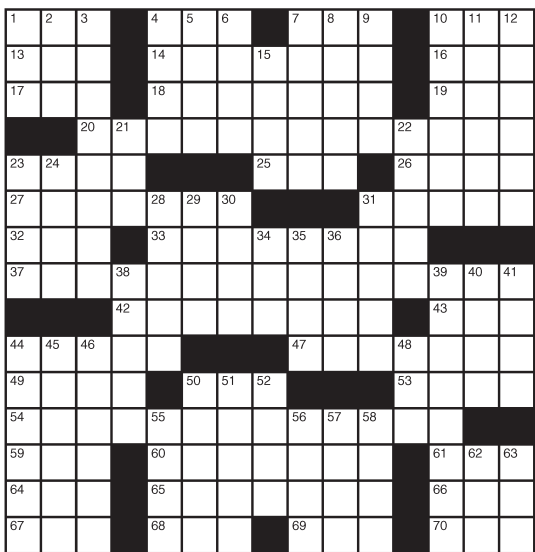
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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 Eccentric piece
 - 4 Objective
 - 7 ___ Paulo
 - 10 Fitting
 - 13 Before now
 - 14 Increase, as volume
 - 16 As well
 - 17 Quayle or Marino
 - 18 Travel allowance
 - 19 Poetic contraction
 - 20 More than a nickel feature?
 - 23 Feel concern
 - 25 Hanoi holiday
 - 26 Stout's Wolfe
 - 27 Not strictly accurate
 - 31 Arnold and Diaz
 - 32 Genetic letters
 - 33 Actor DiCaprio
 - 37 State of sugary film?
 - 42 Floppy
 - 43 Abnormal: pref.
 - 44 Ancient city on the Nile
 - 47 "Robinson Crusoe" inspiration
 - 49 German automaker



By Michael T. Williams

2/19/08

- DOWN**
- 50 Moray
 - 53 French summers
 - 54 Scratchy holiday picture?
 - 59 60-min. units
 - 60 Hit the books
 - 61 Assent, in Aix
 - 64 Agile deer
 - 65 Committed burglary
 - 66 Trojans of sports
 - 67 T or F, e.g.
 - 68 Time meas.
 - 69 Sounds of hesitation
 - 70 Perth's river
 - 7 Scoundrel
 - 8 ___ Khan IV
 - 9 City in Quebec
 - 11 Pinnacle
 - 5 Garden dandy
 - 6 Niger's neighbor

Monday's Puzzle Solved



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- 7 Flat fish
- 8 Anything whatever
- 9 Intl. oil cartel
- 10 Made amends
- 11 Longfellow's forte
- 12 Bodies
- 15 Following
- 21 Magic spell
- 22 Provide with income
- 23 Conic sect.
- 24 Actress Paquin
- 28 Caine film
- 29 Corporate bigwigs
- 30 Peter of "The Monkees"
- 31 Ford flop
- 34 Compass dir.
- 35 Small isles
- 36 Charge per unit
- 38 Gods' images
- 39 Deletes
- 40 Fictional Jane
- 41 Admonishing sounds
- 44 Movie monster
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- 50 Input, as data
- 51 Needle boxes
- 52 Young fellas
- 55 Drain

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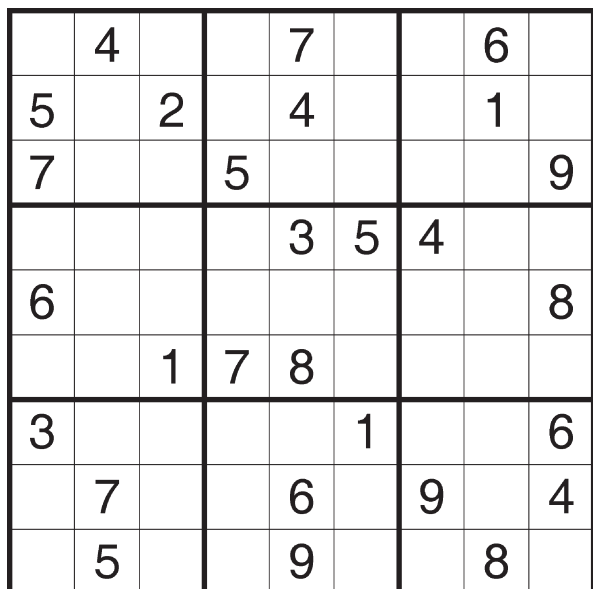
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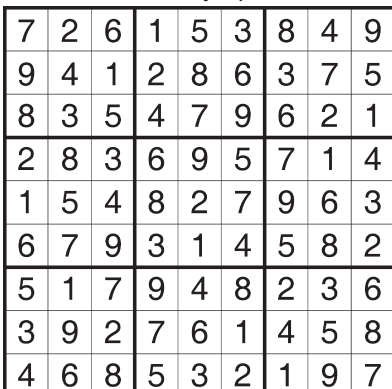
Sudoku By The Mephram Group



Level: **1** 2 3 4

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

Solution to Monday's puzzle



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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (02-19-08) Work on your house proceeds rapidly this year. It's easier to make decisions. Friends will help if asked, but they won't be underfoot. Get things the way you want.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — You're entering a pensive phase for the next four weeks. You'll want to do more thinking and reading about philosophy. Find the answers to your own private mysteries.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — For the next several weeks, you'll be more involved in group endeavors. Your social calendar will be full. Warn the family; they'll have to do without you for a while.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — For the next four weeks, you can advance your career by using your imagination. That's always been true, but now it's even more so. Think fast.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You're comfortable, but you don't want to get too set in your routine. Plan an outing to somewhere you've always wanted to see. Get the adrenalin flowing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You believe you can do anything, and so do most of your friends. The next four weeks are good for finding the money to achieve those dreams.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — What you hear in private must be kept confidential. Don't even tell a favorite co-worker yet. Get more verification.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Work demands more of your attention in the next four weeks. That's not really a problem, because it's so interesting.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Be polite to a strong authority figure, even if you feel otherwise. The tide is turning in your favor. You have nothing to worry about.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Ask all the questions before you start out on your adventure. The more dangers you avoid, the better. Take risks in virtual reality, not in real life.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — What do you really want to do? If you're not already doing it, what do you need to learn to achieve that life? Go one step at a time.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — For the next several weeks, there'll be more money coming in. This isn't a steady income, though. With a partner's help you can manage to come out ahead.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Focus on the job at hand, but also remember this is just one step toward a much bigger goal. That'll help keep you from getting behind.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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A: " [Circled letters: U, L, F, E, K, V, A, T, B, E, W, O, L, B, Y, R, S, U, T] "

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TENNIS

SIU drops two of three matches

Men split two matches, women lose to Belmont

Luis Medina
DAILY EGYPTIAN

While one SIU tennis squad inched its way up to even during weekend play, another fell one step closer to .500.

The SIU men's tennis team got back even with a 4-3 win over Eastern Kentucky after losing Friday to Southeastern Louisiana, 5-2, while the women's team dropped its second match of the season to Belmont, 4-2.

Coming into the weekend, the men's squad (2-2) had lost two consecutive matches to the Colonels. Head coach Dann Nelson said he looked forward to the challenge.

"This match was one of those matches you look forward to all year," Nelson said. "I am extremely

pleased with the poise our guys showed today."

Hugo Vidal, Mariano Restrepo, Anton Leonenko and Sebastian Rubiano picked up victories in singles matches, while SIU picked up its fourth win in the No. 1 doubles match when Leonenko and Lucas Waked defeated the Eastern Kentucky doubles team, 8-5.

The lone highlight for the Colonels was the performance of freshman Alex Das Izquierdo. Das Izquierdo picked up a straight-set singles victory and teamed up with Fred Goncalves to pick up a doubles victory against the SIU team of Restrepo and Vidal.

In its loss to Southeastern Louisiana, SIU tennis was victorious in two singles matches, with victories coming from Restrepo and Waked. However, the Salukis were swept in doubles matches.

As for the women's team, it fell to Belmont University 4-2, dropping its overall record to 3-2. In singles matches, sophomore Jessica

SIU tennis top performers

- Anton Leonenko**
Won singles, doubles match
- Mariano Restrepo**
Won two singles matches
- Jessica Flannery**
Won singles, doubles match

Flannery picked up the lone SIU victory, but the Salukis came back to sweep all three of the doubles matches. Despite the loss, women's coach Audra Nothwehr was happy with the way her doubles teams performed.

"It was a very disappointing loss because it was so close and such an intense match," Nothwehr said. "I'm very proud of our doubles teams, especially Martina (Vianna Ce) and Michela's (Cruise) comeback."

The men's and women's teams both return to action Saturday. The women compete in their first home match Feb. 23 against SIU-Edwardsville, while the men travel to Indianapolis to meet IUPUI.

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Bears release veteran receiver Muhammad

Andrew Seligman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears released former Pro Bowl wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad on Monday, cutting the veteran after three seasons.

Chicago also gave defensive end Alex Brown a two-year contract extension and declined a \$5.2 million option on defensive tackle Darwin Walker, making him a free agent.

"Anytime a guy of Moose's stature is released, it's a surprise," said agent Joel Segal, who represents both Muhammad and Brown. "It's good timing for Moose because it's on the cusp of free agency. It gives him time to sign with another team."

He called Brown's deal a "win-win for both sides."

Muhammad spent his first nine seasons with the Carolina Panthers and made two Pro Bowls, but was released in February 2005 after set-

ting career highs with 1,405 yards receiving and 16 touchdowns. He immediately signed a six-year contract with the Bears, but his numbers dropped dramatically in Chicago.

He caught 40 passes for 570 yards and three touchdowns as the Bears went 7-9 last season, and given his age — he turns 35 in May — the move wasn't shocking. The timing was a bit curious, though, given that leading receiver Bernard Berrian is considered one of the top free agents.

Segal said there has been no contact with other teams, but "I'm sure my phone will start ringing tonight."

Muhammad's best season with the Bears was in 2006, when had 863 yards and five touchdowns while helping the Bears reach the Super Bowl. That was an improvement over his first season in Chicago (750 yards and four touchdowns), but nothing like his final year with the Panthers. In 12 seasons, Muhammad has 742

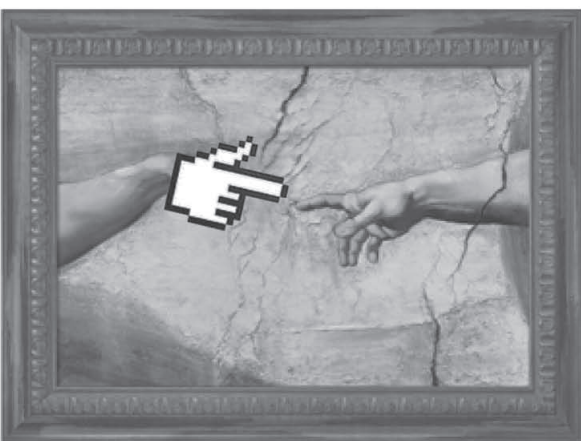
receptions for 9,934 yards and 56 touchdowns.

Brown, who had two years left on his contract, wasn't thrilled when the coaches handed Mark Anderson the starting job at right defensive end in training camp. Brown wound up with 58 tackles and 4½ sacks last season after 71 and seven in 2006. Anderson struggled against the run, and injuries and poor execution left a once-dominant defense vulnerable.

The Bears believed they landed a solid replacement for Tank Johnson when they acquired Walker from the Buffalo Bills. He signed a five-year, \$25-million contract two days after the trade, but knee and elbow problems limited him to 33 tackles and one sack in 11 games.

Agent Albert Irby said the injuries were "just nagging types of things" and his client is fine.

"It's the Bears' choice," he said. "It's the way the business goes. That's their decision."



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Former All-Star centers Patrick Ewing and Hakeem Olajuwon, along with coach Pat Riley and college basketball analyst Dick Vitale, are among the 15 finalists for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Who do you believe is most deserving?

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"Ewing without a doubt has to get the nod. Watching the Knicks try to dethrone the Bulls in the '90s was great basketball. Ewing always matched Jordan's desire to win and there were plenty of classics to choose from. Jordan wouldn't have the same iconic status without his rivals in Ewing and Reggie Miller."

STAT OF THE DAY

Josh Bone

Sophomore guard Josh Bone is shooting 42-of-131 from the 3-point line this season. 126 of Bone's 205 points, or 61.4 percent, have come from 3-point baskets.

33, 0.75, 85%, 73.2, 0.25, 96, 73%, 65, 3, 76,



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"You know I have to say my boy Vitale. He probably has one of the most recognizable faces in the game for the past 20 years. However, Ewing and Olajuwon did have outstanding careers and are equally as deserving to be placed in the Hall of Fame."

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"Ewing and Olajuwon were great, and Riley is one of the greatest coaches of all time, but Vitale deserves to be in the Hall. Sure, he was an average coach, but he's done so much for college basketball. He is the most visible face and changed the game of broadcasting, so he should be a shoo-in."

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ADAMS

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his repertoire but rather focused his efforts on improving his changeup and slider.

Senior left-hander Shawn Joy will move into Adams' Saturday spot in the rotation while newcomer David Kington will assume the No. 3 spot. Kington is a transfer from Feather River Community College.

Coach Dan Callahan said he has confidence in Kington to pick up the slack from the departed Powell.

"We definitely think he's capable and he's showed to be a upper 80's, low 90's guy with a good breaking ball," Callahan said. "His breaking ball is actually his out pitch so we think he's capable of doing some good things this year."

With senior setup man Ian Reinhart and sophomore closer Bryant George returning, the bullpen should provide a solid security blanket for the entire rotation.

George was named a National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Award candidate after sharing the national freshmen lead with 11 saves in 2007. The Stopper of the Year Award is handed out to the best closer in college baseball.

Reinhart, a submarine style pitcher from Holland, Ind., recorded a single-season record 36 appearances for SIU. He maintained a 2.90 ERA through 40.1 innings.

Junior relievers Daniel Wells and Adam Curynski will also be in the mix during the late innings.

Wells recorded a 4.54 ERA in 32 games in 2007 while striking out 36. Curynski is a transfer from Monroe Community College where he sported a 5-3 record with 38 strikeouts in 52.2 innings in 2007.

Note: Friday's 2 p.m. start for the Salukis is currently up in the air because of weather conditions. Western Michigan has the option of holding off on playing the four game series this weekend if the conditions of the field aren't up to standards.

The Broncos also have the option of playing SIU at a neutral site. Callahan tossed around the idea of playing in Memphis, Tenn., as well as playing at Rent One Park in Marion. Temperatures this weekend are supposed to be in the mid to upper 40s according to the Weather Channel.

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Loss

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should then we can compete against anybody," McNamara said.

The team faced Mississippi State for a second time in the final game of the tournament but couldn't prevail as they lost 4-3.

The Salukis led 3-2 at the top of the sixth, but couldn't stop the quickness of the Bulldogs' attack.

Blaylock said the two best games the team played were against the Bulldogs even though they were the team's two losses.

The Salukis will travel to Murfreesboro, Tenn., to take part in the Middle Tennessee Classic on Saturday and Sunday. They will

"I think if we throw games how we should then we can compete against anybody."

— Katie McNamara junior pitcher

open play against Belmont at 11 a.m Saturday followed by Tennessee-Martin at 3 p.m. and will close out the tournament against host Middle Tennessee State at 11 a.m. Sunday.

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TOURNAMENT

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The Salukis have never gone without either the regular season or tournament championship with Lowery as coach. But neither is essential for a ticket to the postseason.

In the 2005-06 season, Bradley finished the season at 18-9 with an 11-7 conference record and went on to lose in the MVC championship game, but still managed to secure a No. 13 seed.

The Braves then knocked off Kansas and Pittsburgh to finish the season as a Sweet Sixteen team.

Even if the Salukis win the rest of their regular season games and do well in the tournament, they will have to be selected over other "bubble" teams. Decisions among "bubble" teams are strongly based on Rating Percentage Index — a number based on the team's winning percentage as well as that of its opponents.

SIU's RPI is at 55, which is higher than schools such as Florida, Villanova and Kentucky. The Salukis' closest competitor for a tournament spot could be Oregon, which owns an RPI ranking of 52.

Oregon, which is a shade better than the Salukis at 15-10, is projected to earn a No. 12 seed by ESPN. The Salukis and Ducks mirror each other in quality wins with both clubs holding two victories each against teams



RYAN RENDLEMAN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU coach Chris Lowery shouts instructions to his team during the Salukis 63-52 victory over Wichita State Jan. 19. The Salukis have not gone without an MVC regular season or tournament championship with Lowery as coach.

currently ranked in the top-25.

SIU's solid play as of late has led them to seven victories in the last 10 games. The emergence

"It has been a ton of fun and playing here has been great and our fans and students do a great job."

— Matt Shaw senior forward

of Tyrone Green, Tony Boyle and Joshua Bone as consistent offensive options has helped open the scoring for the Saluki leaders.

Most of the damage has come from behind the arc as SIU has hit 20 3-pointers in the last two games. The threat of outside shooting has led to more room for Falker to work in the post.

If the Salukis can keep their hot streak going they will greatly improve their chances to make

the tournament as the selection committee has historically picked the team with a strong finish over a strong start, such as in the case of Oregon.

Senior forward Matt Shaw, who along with Falker has never ended the season without at least one game in the NCAA Tournament, said it has been great playing for SIU but he does not plan on it ending any time soon.

"Coming in here I don't think I had any expectations," Shaw said. "Looking back on it though, it has been a ton of fun and playing here has been great and our fans and students do a great job and it has just been a tremendous time playing at this arena."

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EDYTA BLASZCZYK ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Softball coach Kerri Blaylock talks to her team after a practice at Sports Blast on Feb. 6. The team went 3-2 during the weekend at the Bulldog Round-Robin in Starkville, Miss.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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SIU poised to make late run for NCAA Tournament

Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

One slipup by the Salukis could snap one of the most impressive streaks in college basketball.

The Salukis' streak of six consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances hangs in the balance with only four regular season games left and the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. SIU is in an elite group, joining 11 other teams to make appearances at the NCAA Tournament the last six seasons.

Senior forward Randal Falker, who has never ended a season without at least one game in the NCAA Tournament, said the Salukis have postseason aspirations in the back of their minds, but need to concentrate on the present if those goals are to come to fruition.

"We have to take this one play at a time—not one game, one play," Falker said. "And I believe if we take it one play at time we will be successful. But that's the key: Every play has to matter from now on."

SIU started the season nationally ranked and the unanimous choice to win the MVC, but early season struggles have put the Salukis in a win or go home situation.

The Salukis have compiled a record of 14-



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Joyous Saluki fans celebrate in front of a news camera after the Salukis' 65-62 victory against Drake Wednesday night. SIU is 9-6 in conference and fighting for a seventh consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament.

12 and 9-6 in conference, which has put them in third place. Coach Chris Lowery said while it's not where the team expected to be, there is still a chance for postseason play.

"We've been here in a little bit different situation but almost the same when Jamaal (Tatum)

and Tony (Young) were juniors," Lowery said. "We finished 12-6 in the league that year and if we can do that same thing we are going to finish second in the league again."

History proved it is possible for MVC teams to make the tournament without win-

ning the conference. SIU went 12-6 during the 2005-06 season and made the NCAA Tournament after winning the conference tournament.

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BASEBALL

Junior Mark Kelly moves into position to catch a pitch during practice Monday afternoon at Abe Martin field. Kelly is in charge of handling the Salukis' pitching staff in 2008.

JASON JOHNSON
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Adams to anchor rotation

Salukis begin season Friday against Western Michigan

Matt Hartwig
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

During the 2007 season, Cody Adams pitched like a No. 1 starter despite spending most of the season in the No. 2 spot.

Now that Jordan Powell has graduated and vacated the No. 1 spot, Adams is in charge of anchoring the 2008 SIU baseball team's pitching staff with poise and a fastball clocking in at 96 miles per hour.

Adams, a junior from Viola, said he is ready to meet the Salukis' heightened expectations when the season begins Friday against Western Michigan.

Baseball America tabbed SIU as the second-best team in the Missouri Valley Conference and projected Adams as the MVC Pitcher of the Year.

The accolades don't end there for Adams, however.

On top of being named one of Baseball America's Top 50 juniors, he was also added to

USA Baseball's preseason Golden Spikes Award Watch List.

The Golden Spikes Award is handed out to the best overall collegiate baseball player in the country. Major League Baseball sponsors the award and will likely have scouts watching Adams from day one.

The 6-foot-2-inch right-hander doesn't see the accolades and scouts as a distraction, however.

"I actually enjoy it. I actually throw better when I know people are watching me," Adams said. "I'm really excited for whoever wants to come out. I don't really let it get to me too much. I just try to enjoy it."

Adams is looking to capitalize on a stellar sophomore season that included seven straight wins to open the season and an MVC-best 11 wins.

He was one win shy of tying the Salukis' single-season record and his 3.01 ERA led the team. Adams hasn't added any pitches to

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SOFTBALL

Salukis dealt first losses

Schmidt, Waters and Garza named to all-tournament team

Megan Kramper
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

After starting out the season perfect in its first two tournaments, the SIU softball team got a dose of reality in Starkville, Miss., during the weekend.

The Salukis (8-2) took part in the Bulldog Round-Robin from Friday through Sunday where they compiled a 3-2 record over the three-day span. Both of their losses came at the hands of the host, No. 21 Mississippi State.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said she was pleased with the team's play, especially in the offense and young pitching.

Junior outfielder Katie Schmidt, freshman pitcher Nikki Waters and sophomore second baseman Alicia Garza also made an impression on teams as they were all selected to the all-tournament team.

The Salukis opened up tournament play Friday with a 12-8 win over Fordham.

It seemed as if the Salukis had the game secured at the bottom of the seventh with a 6-2 advantage, but the Rams climbed their way back to force extra-innings.

The Salukis rebuilt their lead in the top of the ninth on a RBI double by senior shortstop Becky Wegmann followed by two RBIs from Garza and one by sophomore outfielder Katie Wilson.

The Rams posted two more runs, but

Waters held on for the win.

Later that day, the Salukis faced their first ranked opponent this season as they hit the field with No. 21 Mississippi State.

The Salukis suffered their first loss on the season with a 7-3 defeat at the hands of the Bulldogs.

Down 7-0 in the final inning, the Salukis rallied but couldn't rebound from the Bulldogs' hot bats in the beginning of the game.

Wegmann said the team could take losing to a team like Mississippi State and make it positive in the long run.

"Anytime you take a loss it helps you out. It brings you back to reality," Wegmann said.

On Saturday, the Salukis faced Wright State in their first game of the day as Schmidt tied a career best with three hits, including a two-run homer. Junior catcher Jayme Wamsley added to the offense going 3-for-4 from the plate as the squad won 7-5.

In the second game, freshman pitcher Danielle Glosson and Waters combined for a three-hit shutout as the Salukis defeated Fordham 3-0.

The win was the first for Glosson on the season and Blaylock said young pitching helped the Salukis excel.

Junior pitcher Katie McNamara said she thought the pitching staff brought intensity to the games and credited her younger teammates for having good performances during the weekend.

"I think if we throw games how we

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“Anytime you take a loss it helps you out. It brings you back to reality.”

— Becky Wegmann
 senior shortstop