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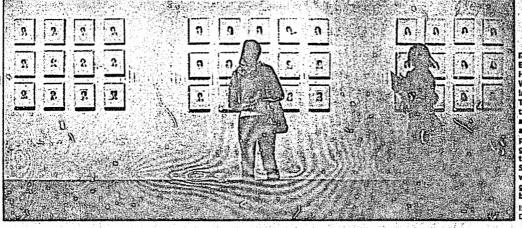
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Rebecta Korando, left, and Erin Schupe, of Elverado High School, study Andy Warhol photos Thursday in the University Museum. The students were visiting the museum with the assignment of studying and reworking one of the pieces they viewed in the gallery. Tim Linduska, art teacher at Elverado High School, said the experience was mads possible by grants the museum has been awarded.

ISAAC SMITH

Grants, exhibits keep coming to Museum

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Despite the financial state of the university, the University Museum continues to bring in grants for its exhibits, Dona Bachman says.

The museum has brought in more than \$1 million in grants since 1990, and it received a \$10,000 Learning in the Arts grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in 2010, and Bachman, director of the museum. The Learning in the Arts grant allowed the museum to bring its Pop Art Spectacular exhibit to its south hall, she said.

The grant is awarded to organizations that offer children the ability to celebrate and participate in the culture of today's generation, according to the NEAS web. **

Bob DeHoet, education program director for the museum, said the grant allows the museum to pay for busing students and faculty from high schools and community colleges in southern Illines: to view its print collections from the 1960s pop era. DeHoet also said the grant allows the exhibit's Pop Art prints to be framed.

"What we're doing is offering an opportunity for some people who are very involved in the technology and dealing with the mass media everyday an opportunity to look at the pop art, do a liable bit of reflection on the impact of technology and mass media ... and let those students come up with some social commentary of their own," he said.

The high school and community college students' exhibit will be displayed at the museum this summer. Defloet said

Bachman said the museum has been accredited since 1977, and the work of museum staff and student workers make it successful in finding grants to ensure reaccreditation.

Tits everything from how well you're

supported from the university, by the other staff that you have, by the care you take of your collections, by your outreach to the public by how well you serve your audience ... all those things are standard, she said.

Because of a 10 percent cut to the museum's operating budget last year, four faculty members and one secretary are employed at the museum, which limits the number of grants it can manage and apply for, the said.

The museum's budget for fiscal year 2011 is \$51,700, Bachman said, leaving \$34,914 after wages to pay for expenses such as collection care, stallation, educational programming, loans, insurance and membership in professional organizations.

She said there is not enough money to take care of the more than 79,000 artifacts the university owns or for the 19 exhibits scheduled for the 2011 school year, she said, but support from grants, university administration, the College of Liberal Arts, schools such as Art & Design and community Friends of the Museum makes maintaining the museum possible.

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Current state pension benefits safe for now

JULIE SWENSON Daily Egyptian

SIU spokesman Dave Gross says a proposal to reduce pension benefits of current state employees, such as those of administrators and faculty of Illinois universities, is possible — but unlikely.

Illinois lawmakers passed two-tier pension legislation last year, which reduced the benefits of any employee hired after Jan. 1, but benefits of currest employees remain untouched. The system allows the state to recuperate from its financial problems, leading some lawmakers to consider possible legislation to reduce current employers' benefits. Gross said.

"Over 25 or 30 years, that (two-tier pension) legislation is going to greatly reduce the liabilities to the pension system," he said. "There's a lot of dacussion to try to move to legislation that would now impact current employees."

The proposed legislation would

protect against future financial problems and budget issues, Gross said. If the legislation passes, an employee who has seven years of accrued pension benefits through the state would not have those benefits reduced, but benefits could be reduced from the eighth year on, he said.

However, the Illinois Constitution guarantees the preservation of pension benefits for current exployees, though interpretations of the constitution vary greatly, Gross stid.

SIU President Gleun Poshard said health care costs, increased operation costs, rising costs of higher education and pension all stress the state's financial situation. Those stresses shouldn't affect current pension benefits, but new hires have to receive less benefits to ensure financial security, he said.

If you're a new employee just starting I think for the benefit of the state being able to get its fiscal house in order, down the road we're going to have to have a different system for employees that are just now coming in," Poshard sald. "I don't see how we svoid that if the state wants to keep fiscally sound."

He said possibilities to reduce the financial strain on the state include employees having to pay more for health care and irrduced pension benefits for newly hired employees. Poshard said he doesn't think reducing the benefits of current employees is a good option.

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Candidates stocked with housing improvement ideas



KAYLA KEARNS Dally Egyptian

Carbondale's five mayoral candidates agree improving city housing

is one of the most important challenges they will face in the office — they just have different ideas to address it.

Joel Fritzler said he would punish landlords who violate city code. Breat Rizel said he would focus on sustainability and fixing houses. Seven Haynes said he would involve neighborhoods in reworking the current city code, and Sum Goldman said he would focus on keeping SIU students in town. George Maroney said if the school systems improve, more residents would stay in the city.

A primary election will be held Feh. 22 to reduce the five mayoral candidates to a field of four and the 16 City Council candidates to a field of 12. The contenders are running to replace Mayor Brad Cole and fill council seats held by Haynes, Mary Poblamann and recently appointed Michael Neill. The candidates who receive the most votes during the primary election will be placed on the ballot for the April 5 general election.

Council member Fritzler is a contender for the mayor's seat, and if elected, his council seat will also have

Fritzler said building and neighborhood inspectors have written tickets but have not enforced repairs in the past.

"We're going to continue to write tickets We'll put a lien on their property, we'll take it or sell it, maybe give it to Habitat for Humanity, and they can do whatever they want with it." Fritzler sald. "Our landlords have been getting away with murder for the last 23 years."

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In Tuesday's edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story Prof. examines practices of profit, cultural exploitation, should have said "the Global Heritage Fund is an organization creating propaganda to get donations and while the traditional Naxi culture was threatened by tourism in terms of farmers having fewer job options, options still exist." The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets In the Feb. 2 edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story, "Senate backs off statement regarding Minish," should have said "The Faculty Senate voted Feb. 8 to distance itself from statements released by its executive council in January denouncing Chancellor Rita Cheng's administrative style and a statement released by eight senators denouncing the statement by the executive council." The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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· Contact Meggie Mapes at 320-309-4461



Simon tours community colleges to push education goals

LEAH STOVER Daily Egyptian

John A. Logan College was the first of 48 stops for Sheila Sizion Thursday.

The Illinois lieutenant governor's statewide tour of all its community colleges is designed to help fine ways to increase college completion rates.

At each college, Simon will present the newly addressed college completion goal, which is to increase the proportion of working of adults with college degrees or certificates from 40 percent to 60 percent by 2025, she sald.

To be able to expand that much, it's going to take an institution that can respond to the community, respond to students, that can respond to the marketplace, and guess what, that's what a community college is,"

For students with limited means, Simon said community colleges are there to kick start their education and prepare them for a four-year university. Unlike four-year universities, community colleges give students the ability to attend core college courses while completing developmental classes as well. She said the courses community colleges offer prepare students for their academic futures and make up for what some high schools are lacking.

Bob Mees, president of JALC, said half of the students who come to the college have to take at least one developmental course before they are able to progress into their entry level

studies. He sald JALC has been one of seven colleges in the state to have the College and Career Readiness program since its inception in 2008 and has served about 1,000 students in the 11 high schools in the district.

Eighty percent of the students in the program are either taking a higher-level developmental class than previous years or are not taking developmental classes at all, Mees said

"What we would like is to see that program extended to all 48 colleges, and with that happening, students can get their degree much more quickly and go on to the university to get their bachelor's," Mees said.

Rama Saldou, president of the JALC student senate, said she chose the community college because she watched her sister, who is now a doctoral student, begin her success there. She said the idea of transitioning to a four-year university is overwiselming and the community college has been a great starting point.

Saidou said she spends a lot of time with students and the only complaint she has heard regarding the coilege is the budget cuts, which resulted in the elimination of Friday classes.

There have been a lot of pros and cons to it." Saldou said. "We've had students complaining about the fact that it's messed with their schedules and messed with their work."

JALC is owed \$7 million by the state, and if Gov. Pat Ouinn's reconstruction plan is approved, the community college is just one of the



Lt. Gov. Shella Simon, center, and her husband Perry Koop, left, meet with representatives from John A. Logan College Thursday at the college in Carterville. JALC was the first stop of Simon's

tour of all 48 community colleges in the state. She said the tour is to highlight the importance of community colleges as an option for students coming out of high school.

vendors that will receive the money they're owed, according to the capital budget for fiscal year 2012.

Simon said she's also working on a proposal with Quinn that would consolidate lower-level schools.

I think what we need to do is make sure that what we're focusing on being efficient with the states money while making sure that we're not attacking Illinoisan, I think that is something very significant to all of us."

Simon said if everything goes according to plan, Quinn will also be able to put additional money toward MAP grants.

In a press release issued by Simon Mees said community colleges will play a large role in reaching the new ege-completion goal, as they are

identities," Simon said. "As a southern the most accessible and affordable options for many students.

Simon said the goal is to transition from education availability to a much greater cause.

We're focusing on transitioning from access to success," she said.

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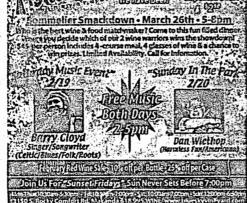


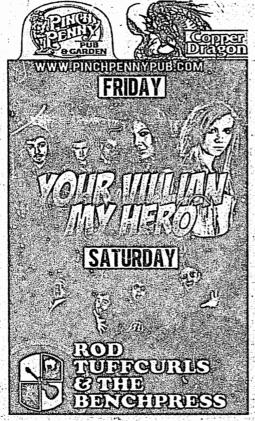
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Bachman said one of the biggest concerns the museum will face in 2015 or 2015 is a re-examination for accreditation by the American Association of Museums, which recognizes professional institutions that follow the best practices:

Accreditation is given based on deleption of authority, amount of resources set aside for the museum's mission, how much it provides for its visitors needs, availability of gryproprists storage, careful and responsible management of artwork
at the maseum, the safety of its staff, its
visitors, and borrowed maseum artifacts, according to the AAMS website.

Bachman said when the museum was last reaccredited in 2001, the AAM Accreditation Committee wascritical of the museum being understated and the collection center not meeting standards.

David Gugerty, a graduate student in public administration from Carbondale and exhibit designer, said the registrar position, which involves caretaking and documenting artifact location, is in

need of a full-time employee to oversee

He sald Laurie Huffman, museum curator, is doing the job of two staff members by filling in the roles of registrar and financial officer for the museum.

Bachman said the museum will continue to mange the resources it is given carefully, and with more than 135 years of support from the university, the southern Illinois community and the museum's patrons, the future of great exhibits at the museum is promising.

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Steve Brown, spokesman for House Speaker Michael Madigan, said Illinois is not unique in its financial problems. Raising the retirement age and capping the maximum pensionable salary were meant to take the burden off the taxpsyers and the state's budget after the beginning of the recession, Brown said.

"The passed legislation is designed to try to reduce the cost of public employee pensions both at the state level and at the local level," he said. "The disaster on Wall Street and the failure of the Bush administration to regulate Wall Street caused a huge drop in the value of the assets that the pension funds held and caused a huge drop in state tax revenues several years ago."

Brown said the issue focuses on

who believes employees are entitled to the benefits they are promised when hired and who thinks some adjustments can be made to them.

Gross said more than half of university revenue used to come from the state, whereas today about 50 percent is through the state and the other half comes from tuition. That situation shows the need to reduce pension benefits, he said

Chancellor Rita Cheng said the change in pension benefits would disrupt the lives of many SIUC faculty, staff and administrators, though she believes the state does need to make big changes.

"While I understand the state has huge financial issues that they need to address, I would hope that they would not seek to reduce the benefits of current long-term employees and instead focus on pension reform, Cheng sald.

She said the passed pension

reform can negatively affect lilinois universities ability to stay competitive when trying to attract new faculty members. New hires who make more than \$105,000 a year may be deterred because pensions are calculated based on salary and there is a salary cap of \$106,000, Cheng taild.

SIUC and other universities

SIUC and other universities need to carefully monitor whether potential new hires choose other universities ahead of Illinois universities, she said.

"At this time, the bill is so new that I think we need to watch this, but we should not be overly concerned," Cheng said.

She said the legislature will meet in the next few months to discuss proposed pension legislation.

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Housing

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Fritzler said Carbon rale has a few good landlords, but rucny don't care about the conditions of their properties.

They're collecting their rest, and they don't really put anything book into the building or the structure. Pritzler said.

Rizel said landsords in Carbondale face many legal limitations and built-in problems due to archaic housing laws.

"We have property owners who want their property to be renewed, but if they put down the money to improve their houses, they get put in a higher tax bracket," Rizzel said.

Haynes said while Carbondale has a solid core group of zoning laws and regulations that were established in 1976, they need to be taken out and redesigned.

We've added layers upon layers, so now is a good time to bring in a consulting firm that will give is new ideas and see what needs to by changed, taken out, reinforced or just entirely removed." Haynes said.

Rimi said the best way to improve housing it through weatherization, which he said affects unlig yout He said the city could apply for grants to support weatherization efforts. He said many creative ideas have been mentioned, like creating a sustainable green housing guide that highlights landlerds who make housing more sustainable.

Haynes said if residents have a safe, strong neighborhood, the city should see economic growth.

"We will have people who will not only be there just to live there. They will make strong neighborhoods because they'll get to know each other," Haynes said.

Maroney, former administrator for Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, said the city is missing the major factors to improve its housing industry.

"(Prospective home owners) are primarily interested in several things one, safety of the community, two taxes, three, the school system. Where this community is deficient right now, and some of the candidates fed its an issue that doesn't even need to be addressed, is the school system, he said.

Sam Goldman, former SIUC chancellor, said the quality of Carbondale's housing is the reason some people live excisite the city. Goldman said people come to Carbondale to get education and jobs and the city needs to team up with the university to keep them here.

"We have 60,000 to 70,000 people in (Carbondale) every day," Goldman said. "Over half of them go home at night."

Goldman said a mayor must do everything he can to make sure the city works with the university, and said he and Fritzler are the only candidates who have experience at the university level.

"The university has to help us dean up the housing on Poplar (Street) for students to come here, Goldman said.

That's a university issue, but we need to work together on it.

Fritzler said the rental inspection program has helped force landlords to make changes, but he said it's going to take enforcement of the city's laws to get the issue turned around.

Fritzler said SIU has lost student enrollment because of housing. He said he would like to see a program that informs students and parents about the long-term economic benefits of buying rather than renting a house. He said it would give students more incentive to stay enrolled rather than transferring or dropping out.

Haynes said he wants students to become more involved in housing concerns. He suggests students Join a Registered Student Organization to bring up conversations about housing and rooting regulations within the city government.

"(Students) are affected by those things. Each time they rent a place, they are affected by the number of individuals who are non-related that can live in a place and by the number of whickes that can be parked in a place, Haynes said.

Maroney said if Carbondale's school system improves, it would cause renters to switch their status to ownership.

"You can't be a mayor of this community and say, 'Well, we don't touch the schools; the schools have nothing to do with what happens in Carbondale," Memory said.



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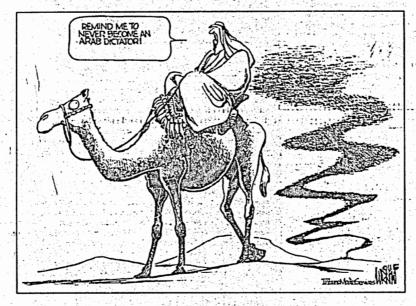
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GUEST COLUMN

Proud Greeks held to higher standard

INTER-GREEK COUNCIL

This latter is in response to the Feb. 15 column by Kyle Aken, "The Lambda Alpha Mecca Epidemic, a.k.a. L.A.M.E. As proud members of our fraternity and sorority community, we find Aken's opinion

SIU fraternity men are composed of SIU Presidential Scholarship recipients, intercollegiate Athletes, RSO Leaders, Resident Assistants. Orientation Staff, ROTC members. to name a few. We are made up of Caurasians, Latinos, African-Americans, heterosexuals, homosexuals, Christians, Jews, Muslims and Atheists who are respectful to women. Many members also choose not to drink. We pay our brothers and sisters with respect and love, not with

We are proud to have GPAs above the university men's average (SIU Institutional Research, 2011), have higher retention and graduation rates than non-fraternity men (SIU institutional Research, 2009), and continually serve our community and university at a higher rate than non-fraternity/sorority (Saluki Volunteer Corps, 2011).

As fraternity and sorority members, we are held to a higher standard; we take an oath for life to live up to our organization's values of scholarship, service, brother/ sisterhood, and character. Only fraternities and sororitles take this oath for life, not athletes or other RSOs. It is through our values of our organizations that we hold each other to a higher standard and hold each other accountable when members fall short. Frateralty and sorority leaders are challenged with fighting back the negative stereotypes and that will always continue.

Since 1923, the SIU fraternity/ sorority community has enhanced the student experience on campus by developing leaders, providing its membership and fellow students, serving the community and creating a sense of belonging, which has led to better-than-average retention and graduation rates.

Even after graduation, SIU fraternity and sorority members continue to support their alma mater by donating both money and time to the university.

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Digital Dog produces sounds in Carbondale

BRENDAN SMITH Daily Egyptlan

Everything Digital Dog Productions does is a direct result of what its members want to do, Brittany Buckner says.

Buckner, a junior from Gilman studying radio-television, serves as vice president for Digital Dog Productions, a student-run record label that's experiencing a major change in its sixth year as an RSO. Since the group has completely new members, it is going in a new direction, the said.

"We're really feeling it out as we go, and it's really good learning experience for us. We take on all the aspects of what it takes to run an independent record label, Buckner said."

Every Saturday, the group allots recording time for any student interested.

In addition to recording, the group hosts workshops used to reach out and get anyone whos interested to come in, Buckner said.

Digital Dog also brings in those working in the industry, she said. Two years ago, the group sponsored a lecture with Steve Albini, a producer who worked on albums such as Nirvanas "In Utero," PJ Harvey's "Rid of Me" and The Paxies" 'Death to the Pixies."

With more members, Buckner said the group would be able to provide more for students. She said Digital Dog has the space for artists to perform, but not enough members to accommodate them.

We have high hopes for Digital Dog" said Andrew Wilson, a jumior form Naperville studying radiotelevision the group's president. "We're always making it bigger and better and trying to get more people involved."

Depending on the number of members, Buckner said she would like to split the group into two sections. One would focus on the music business, and the other on music production.

Aside from its recording, the group is putting its focus on promoting local music, Buckner said. Digital Dog plays host to the annual Midwest Music Festival. The weeklong event is slated to start April 6 at a number of Carbondale bars.

Wilson said variety is at the forefront of this year's festival. He said he wants to expose all the sounds Carbondale has to offer, and among those is a rap battle at Tres Hombres.

Tres Hombres bartender Matt Longueville stid local acts Red Devil Ragueville stid local acts Red Devil will perform a benefit show March 4. Buckner said the purpose of the event is to raise money for this year's Midwest Music Festival, as well as to give the acts exposure.

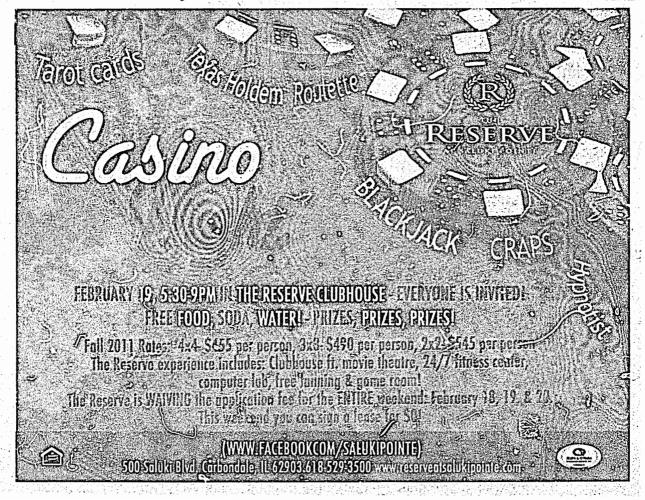
Wilson said the reason he got into music was the variety. To him, there are so many aspects to it, and all of those aspects are explored in Digital Dog Productions, he said.

"(Digital Dog) is hands on; it's not out of the book," said Buckner. "It's the perfect learning experience for anyone who wants to get in the field."



Brittany Buckner left a junior from Gilman studying radiotelevision and audio and vice president of Digital Dog **Productions** and Andrew Wilson, & Junior from Naperville studying radiotelevision and DDR president. sit Thursday in the 1016 recording studio at SiUC. DDR Is organizing the Midw Musical Festival scheduled for April 6-10. Bucker said music is the one thing that keeps her interested." tend to get bored with one thing after a while," she said. "(Music) has been really steady in my

LAUREN LEONE



Poor stacked in mass graves at Illinois cemetery

CARLA K. JOHNSON Associated Press

CHICAGO - Stillborn babies are buried by the dozens in the same wooden box and the bodies of indigent adults are stacked in mass graves at a Chicago-area cemetery that inters the county's poor and unknown dead, authorities said Thursday.

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart called for a review of the cemetery's contract at a news conference in which he criticized the operation for haphazard practices and restated his belief that the state needs legislation requiring DNA collection on all unidentified bodies.

Homewood Memorial Gardens President Tom Flynn told The Associated Press that the cemetery follows protocol and does the best it can for the \$239 it receives per body. He said the cemetery was being made a scapegoat and . suggested Dart was trying to drum up attention for the legislation.

a Feb. 1 burial of indigents at the cemetery shows workers unloading a rental truck packed to the ceiling with more than a dozen wood coffins. In the video, workers use a backhoe to stack the boxes into a single open hole in the ground.

One box is labeled with 10 names, which Dart said were the names of infants.

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Flynn said the cemetery is inspected yearly by the county medical examiner's office. He said the cemetery has an adequate system for tracking where specific bidies are buried and has no control over what's in the wooden coffins it receives from the medical examiner.

We don't control the number of babies that go in a box or what they put in a box. You have to talk to the county about why they do what

Cook County Medical Examiner Dr. Nancy L. Jones was not immediately returned.

Babies whose parents can't afford a decent burial sometimes are put in the same box with assorted bones and limbs, sometimes including animal remains, identified as "mixed tissues," Dart said. Bodies Layered eight high over the past two decades have created an elevated hill in a section of the private cemetery.

The sheriff said the contract requires bodies to be buried side by side, but Flynn disputed that, saying the contract allows caskets to be stacked once a row is filled.

Dart called for Cook County commissioners to hold a hearing before signing a new contract for indigent burials. He said he supports a bill introduced in the Legislature last week that would require DNA samples and metal 1D tags on unidentified bodies, limit how many bodies can be stacked

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in a grave and prohibit burying multiple people in one casket.

"The process is chaos at best," Dart said. "If you are attempting to try to bring closure of a case of a missing person right now in this county, good luck. Good luck finding that person. There is no DNA taken in many of the cases. and there's absolutely no rhyme or reason to how people are buried."

Dart estimated the Homewood cemetery, which has had the contract for 26 of the past 30 years, may have 8,000 bodies buried in its paupers section.

The sheriff witnessed the mass burial Feb. 1 when he visited the cemetery with Jason Moran, a sheriff's department detective who's

been investigating the practices since the department uncovered a scandal involving the desecration of bodies at the area's Burr Oak Cemetery in 2009.

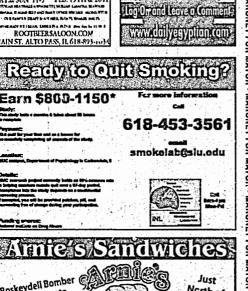
Moran said he uttered a prayer as he stood near the lip of the open mass grave watching the burial of the wooden coffins.

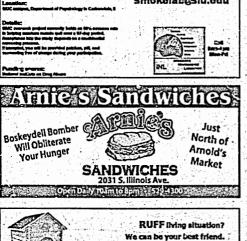
When I got there, I was thinking about work and looking at it from a law enforcement standpoint. But then I realized I was at a graveside funeral, really, and because I'm Catholic, I did the sign of the cross and a silent prayer," Moran said. "I mean, these were real people."

Associated Press writer Don Babwin contributed to this report.









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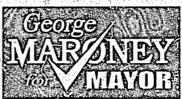


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# SIU stomped by Panthers, losing streak continues

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Coach Missy Tiber went with a lineup that included four freshman for much of Thursday's 68-41 loss against the Northern Iowa Panthers because the seniors didn't perform, she said.

I was very disappointed with the play of our upperclassmen tonight," Tiber said. "These young kids need someone to lead them every single game."

Freshman center CICI Shannon and freshman guard Jordyn Courier were two young players that stood out in the game and show some hope for SIU's future, Tiber said.

The Salukis (2-22, 0-13 Missouri Valley Conference) stayed neck-andneck with the Panthers (20-5, 13-1 MVC) midway through the first half and would continue to make Northern Iowa work hard on both ends of the court to maintain their slim lead.

The Salukis went into halftime down 37-24. The half included many ups and downs as the Salukis came within four points of the lead with about five minutes left in the first half.

Leading scorers in the half were Courier with nine points and Shannon, who had eight points and three

Courier was happy with her performance and said it helped her resolve some confidence issues she had all throughout the year ...

"It helps build my confidence because all throughout the year that has been one of my main issues ... so it really helps being able to score for our team." Courier said.

Shannon said she may be a freshman, but she knows she can compete at the same level as upperclassmen.

"It's confidence," Shannon said. Coming into each game knowing that I am good enough to compete."

Freshman point guard Brooke Le-Mar led the first half with five assists.

The Salukis ran into foul trouble early in the second half, resulting in a quick four points for Northern Iowa. The Panthers scored 10 points in

the first four minutes of the second half and extended their lead to 47-29. Shannon was taken out of the secood half early when she committed

back-to-back fouls, which put her at four fouls for the game. The Salukis were down 58-32 and had five fouls with 10 minutes left on

The Panthers would then tighten up their defense and put the press on the Salukis, which forced more turnovers



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Freshman guard Sidney Golns puts up a shot Thursday. Arena. The Saluids lost to Northern Iowa by a final in the Salukis' game against Northern lown at the STU 👙 score of 68-41. It was the team's 14th consecutive loss.

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Overall, the team had six less rebounds, two less assists, six more fouls and nine more turnovers than streak now stands at 14 games.

SIU's next game will be against the Bradley Braves et 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the SIU Arena.

Austin Flynn can be reached at aflynn@dailyegyptian.com or 536-3311 ext. 282.



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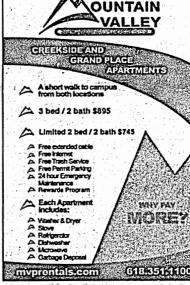


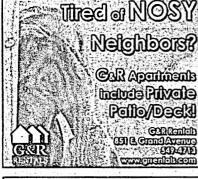


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## Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanic

Today's Birticalay — This could be a very romantic year. You have great opportunities to find balance between work, play, love exercise, community service and school, it seems like you may not even have time to be bored. Therefore, when boredom shows up, you'll appreciate it.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — The full moon looks especially romantic today. Don't forget to take some time off from your busy life to enjoy the night sky. Drink in all the abundance.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6
— Notice intie pleasures, and let them soak
in. You're especially creative today, Dorie
tel preconceptions block new ideas from
arising. Things may not be as they seem.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — The next four weeks are full of possibilities. Today is time to stay at home and take care of yourself and your loved ones. Share something delicious together.

ancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is 6 — As you encounter walls along our way, you may want to throw your at over them, You may lose your hat evertheless, the pursuit is worth the risk.

eo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 Possibilities for investment come your way. Be careful to distinguish between real opportunities and those that would lean on you more than necessary. Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — You feel revitalized, in the mood to lump fences and surpass obstacles. Today is your day, and others know it. Smile, and dive into the race. Go for the medal.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5
— You can look at all the limitations and clutter in the way, or you can focus on the opportunities with all of the open space around and in between, it's your choice.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — You have a vision, now put it in action. Don't try to take the easy way. There's no cheese down that tunnel, nothing to learn. You've been there.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a6 — If you feel somehow stifled, take the time today to explore your options and see what's next. Don't make sudden decisions (you may later regret). Just consider.

Capricom (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Your imagination could play tricks on you. A female has a question, Propose any changes gently. Postpone travel until tornorrow and research the data.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — The full moon could represent growth in your career or love life, and not without some extraordinary excitement. Where does your heart currently lie?

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — The full moon shines on your career path, opening new doors to productivity. Jump over whatever walls get in the way, and let others follow.

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BASEBALL

# Salukis start season amid changes

JUSTIN KABBES Daily Egyptian

The SIU baseball team has two new coaches and 19 underclassmen, but senior pitcher Andrew Bever said he doesn't expect the changes to be a problem for the team as it heads into its season opener today at the Louisiana Tech Tournament in Ruston, La.

The team will face three opponents this weekend, including Louisiana Tech, Grambling State and Nicholls State.

The Salukis' first opponent, Louislana Tech, was 27-30 last season, and interim SIU head coach Ken Henderson said it would be their toughest opponent of the weekend.

Both teams will throw out their No. 1, and we'll match up with them and have fun." Henderson said.

SIU will play its first game in 16 seasons tethout former coach Dan Callahan, who died of cancer in November.

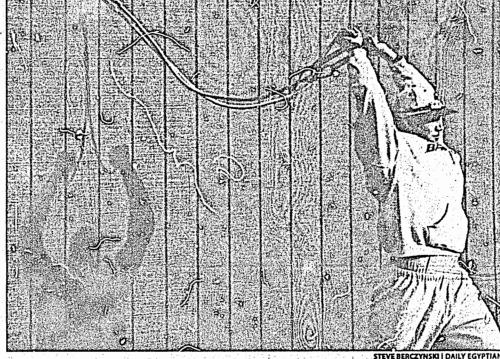
It's going to be a very emotional experience without Coach Cal," senior outfielder Chris Murphy said. "It will add a lot (of motivation)."

Junior first baseman Chris Serritella, a career 353 hitter, was recently selected to the Preseason All-Missouri Valley Conference team. He was a first-team All-MVC selection in 2010 and ranked in the top five in eight different offensive categories.

He's a guy that we need to count on heavily in our lineup," Henderson said. "We have a lot of new guys as well, and the (returning players) can show them what it will be like this season."

SIU will return its top five hitters from last season's team, which collectively hit .308, the highest team batting average since 1998. SIU hit 52 home runs last season.

"Any time you can bring back Chris Maldonado is SIU's likely



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Louislana Tech before playing Grambling State on Saturday and

Freshman pitcher Brian Monette stretches before practice Feb. 4 at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis will open their season today at

the bulk of your lineup, it's going to help you out no matter what, assistant coach Ryan Strain said.

The pitching rotation isn't as established, however. With sophomore plicher Lee Weld out for the season with a shoulder injury, a lot of questions are being raised about the season, Henderson sald. According to the Saluki athletics website, junior college transfer starting pitcher the weekend. Maldonado had an 8-4 record, 3.11 ERA and 37 strikeouts against just eight walks last season at Seward County Junior College.

"Hopefully, we'll get a few questions answered." Henderson said. "I don't think we'll get everything answered in one weekend."

Friday begins the first of an 11-game road trip. Sixteen of

the road, and they will play 27 road games and 20 home games. However, Murphy aid he doesn't think it will impact the team significantiy.

Nicholis State on Sunday.

"Personally, I love it," Murphy said. "It gives me a chance to get out of this environment, although the new guys might have some trouble with it."

S'U was picked to finish seventh. the Salukis' first 18 games are on out of eight teams in the MVC.

Last year the Salukis went 28-29 overall and 10-10 in the MVC to tie for third in the conference with Indiana State.

"They ranked us like that because our team is so young and unknown," Henderson said. "I tril my team we're tied for first right now."

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TENNIS

## Men's and women's teams head into fir + home matches

TREY BRAUNECKER Daily Egyptian

Though the women's team has thown it has the talent to compete this year, coach Audra Nothwehr said the team is going into both its Friday and Saturday matches shorthanded.

A swollen knee will keep junior Vishakha Sheoran out of matches against Eastern Illinois and Tennessee-Martin, which forces the team to sacrifice a point in each contest,

"It's going to be difficult," Nothwehr

said. We'll be without our No. 6 flight.

Both the men's and women's terms will be competing in Carbondale this weekend, with the men slated to play Saint Louis University on Sunday.

Even with the women's team handicapped, Nothwehr said there's a good chance the team could win both matches if the players stay focused.

If all of us pump each other up, encourage each other and play to the hardest of our abilities, we can compete without a problem." sophomore Jennifer Dien said.

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> - Jennifer Dien sophmore tennis player

While the women's team won its first game last weekend, the men's team had their first loss of the

After the men's loss to Austin Peay Feb. 11, reach Dann Nelson said the team isn't going to let the defeat affect its work ethic or its preparation for

the uncoming match.

There are plenty of positives to take out of our loss, Nelson said. We're working hard this week on some things we needed to improve on in our last game and getting

ready for Saint Louis University Freshman Car'es Do Val, who

was one of three treshmen to win his match Feb. 11, said he hopes to do better in his fur are matches.

The team is practicing very hard now and I want to lose some weight, so I'm doing something more to get fit and to get better," Do Val said.

The women's team will face EIU at 3 p.m. Friday and Tennessee-Martin at 1 p.m. Saturday in Carbondale. The men's team will face SLU at noon Sunday in Carbondale.

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