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Marine drowns in Iraq

SIUE student dies trying to secure water purification

Kristina Dailing
Daily Egyptian

An SIU-Edwardsville student reported missing in Iraq was found dead last Thursday after he apparently drowned swimming across a canal during a security mission.

Cpl. Eva James, 20, of La Harpe, was reported missing in Iraq Monday after two witnesses saw him and Sgt. Brad Kerhues, 29, of Davenport, Iowa, disappear while they were trying to cross the Saddam Canal in Southeastern Iraq. Both serve with the 6th Engineer Support Battalion.

Gunners Sgt. James Howard of the Naval and Marine Corps Combat Readiness Center in Norfolk where the two men were based said they found out about James’ disappearance Tuesday afternoon.

He said the deaths were probably due to drowning because there was no enemy or friendly fire.

He said that James and three other Marines were on a mission to establish an area for point for the unit in order for them to establish a water point to use their equipment to purify water.

The report said James and Kerhues’ bodies were half way across the canal when they both inexplicably disappeared under the water.

Police divers from the opposite side of the canal waded into the water to attempt to locate the two but were unsuccessful.

When the rescue attempt resumed Tuesday, James’ body was found.

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At the car wash

Senator accepts post in governor’s office

Andy Horonzy
Daily Egyptian

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WAR UPDATE

Current as of 5 p.m. CST, Thursday

- A coalition air strike on a shopping center in Baghdad Wednesday left 14 dead. (bbc.com)
- U.S. Brig. Gen. Brooks denied coalition responsibility for the killing, saying it was likely a stray Iraqi missile.
- Iraq says 36 civilians have been killed, 215 injured in Baghdad. (csburnews.com)
- Reuters reported U.S. plans to insert 100,000 more U.S. soldiers in Iraq by the end of April. (msnb.com)
- The Pentagon updated the official death toll from the war to 27, including 21 killed in combat. It said 20 U.S. soldiers were MIA, and seven were taken prisoner. (msnb.com)
- Intense fighting continued in and around Nasiriyah, where friendly fire injured 30 US. soldiers were MIA, more paratroopers are expected soon. This is the first major U.S. force in the north. Special forces teams were already on the ground, working with the Kurds. (abnews.com)

Today

High 75 Low 53

Thunderstorms throughout the day, but clearing off in the early evening. Highs in the 70s.

Five-day Forecast

Saturday Partial Cloudy
Sunday Partial Cloudy
Monday Partly Cloudy
Tuesday Partly Cloudy
Wednesday Partly Cloudy

Almanac

Average high: 58
Average low: 57
Thursday's precip: 0
Thursday's low/low: 70/57

Corrections

In Thursday's issue of the Daily Egyptian, the page 5 article, "Delivering through the night," Kyle Scorsone's name was misspelled.

The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 535-3311 ext. 253.

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Letters vital to American troops abroad

Local children, community members send letters to troops and receiving positive responses

Kristina Herrmdober Daily Egyptian

Though she has no ties to anyone in Kuwait or anywhere else in the Middle East, it is not uncommon for Cheryl Russell to get letters from American troops away from home.

The 7-year-old girl from Du Quoin, Ill., wrote:

"Dear Soldiers, I have an uncle named C.R. who is in the Marine Corps. He will be in Japan for a little while. I am proud of my uncle and all the other soldiers like you out there fighting for our country. I hope that you guys will keep fighting for your country. Your protection is the reason for our freedom. I love and appreciate you guys. Yours truly, Cheryl Russell from Carbondale, Ill."".

Russell is working with many others around southern Illinois to get letters to American troops away from home.

Molly, an 8-year-old girl from Du Quoin, wrote:

"Dear Soldiers, I have an uncle named Ayad who is in the Marine Corps. He will be in Japan for a little while. I am proud of my uncle and all the other soldiers like you out there fighting for our country. I hope that you guys will keep fighting for your country. Your protection is the reason for our freedom. I love and appreciate you guys. Yours truly, Molly from Carbondale, Ill.".

Since 1998, Jackson County 4-H has been writing letters to unknown American soldiers. When the program started four years ago, they sent almost 100 letters. In November of this year, more than 3,000 soldiers received letters, said Angie Kuehl, 4-H coordinator.

"Kuehl sent all the letters, most of which were written by children, from "Friends of Our Troops - To Mail.""

Friends of Our Troops, out of Pekin, Ill., sends the letters away where soldiers receive them. Last year, the Friends of Our Troops mailed more than 3,000 letters and 100 cards and letters to the troops.

"Kuehl said she and the children never knew who exactly the letters were going to the name of the soldier being addressed. The children out found when soldiers, such as Darrel from Mississippi who is in Kuwait, responded to the letters. "I think that you are doing is so great, for that, I salute each of you," he wrote."

Lawrence said the children who worked on the project were often excited to hear back from the soldiers and to find out where their letters actually ended up.

"A lot of times it makes the relation stronger to continue the project. We hope to get more letters to go to the soldiers. That is what is important," said Lawrence.

With a war in progress and thousands of Americans in the Middle East, the letter-writing campaign is more important than ever. Although souther Illinoisans are even more motivated to send letters, especially when they will eventually find their way to soldiers from southern Illinois.

Now, the Illinois National Guard Carbide is taking the lead to send letters and packages through the Carbide National Support Group. "Though the Quakers answer to the contact address of their soldiers, they are distributing any care packages they receive to the member from southern Illinois."

Since security is tight at the Carbide armory, any care packages or letters will not be accepted there without an appointment. Instead, donations of care packages, items for letters, and for monies for gifts can be taken to Kuehl at the University of Illinois Extension office at 402 Ava Road, Murphysboro, Ill. 62966, will distribute any donations to the orphans. Or those interested can contact Greta Slivka, 549-9192 for more information.

All letters and care packages may not be mailed. They will be searched for security purposes.

"Kuehl said that the troops know everyone who sends a letter. The letters are going to the right person."

"I am a Dead Democrat and was not in favor of the war," said Lawrence, "But I believe in the troops serving.

The letter-writing campaign is open to everyone. "We have received letters and letters from people who have no connection to a soldier, that's the beauty of it," Lawrence said.

Make every day count! Thank you again for your letter."

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Former U.S. secretary of defense to address SIUC on foreign policy

William J. Perry to share what he learned as a public official

Moustafa Ayad

William J. Perry has served under several presidents and wants to share his thoughts on the nation's foreign policy with the SIUC community.

Perry, former secretary of defense and decorated military official, will be reflecting from Stanford University on his insights with students and community defense strategics in the post-Cold War era. The award is typically given for "accomplishments in peacetime."

He previously served as the deputy secretary of defense under the Clinton administration and continued in the military planning of 8,500 co-authored a book, "Preventing Defense A remarkable achievement," Perry has received the Daily Egyptian.

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For his various duties as an esteemed member of the armed forces, Perry has received several honors from the United States and abroad. Several foreign governments have honored Perry with their most distinguished awards, including Germany, France, Korea, Albania, Poland and Hungary.

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On Campus

School of Art and Design to present awards Sunday

The School of Art and Design will present the bicentennial medals to students from arts and design. Each receiver will earn a certificate of recognition, $50 and a plaque.

Comedienne to perform at Student Center Thursday

Comedienne Malia DiGiorgio will perform at 9 p.m. Thursday in Student Center Ballroom D. DiGiorgio has performed at the Apollo, Improv, the Quaker Comedy Night and the Kenan Senior West Coast. She has been featured in the Daily News and the New York Post. For more information, contact UP. TV Comedy at 536-3533 or comedy@spc4un.com.

Regional

Local high school art to show at John A. Logan

The John A. Logan College is showing the 27th Annual District High School Art Exhibition until April 13. Art students from Bresnahan Preparatory School and Carbondale Community High School will compete.

Cash prizes and ribbons will be presented at a reception and awards ceremony from noon to 2 p.m. Friday in the College's conference center. Beginning at 3:15 p.m., a panel of professional artists will visit with students about art careers. Awards will be presented at 12:45 p.m. Friday in the College's Humanities wing at 11:15 a.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Dear Travis,

Thank you so very much for the card. I would like to extend my great thanks for your support. I am very honored to have received your card on this Veterans Day. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Kevin

Dear Emily,

Thank you for sending the photo. You are obviously very considerate and thoughtful person and I was happy to receive your letter. I recently lost four members of my unit in a helicopter accident. Our unit's loss is now 13 since joining the U.S. Army.

Thank you for sending the photo and the letters. Everything you do is great. I would like to show at John Logan High School Art Exhibition. For more information, contact us.

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University mowers hit the grounds

Warmer temperatures to bring back demand of air conditioning

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

The University could be turning on the air conditioning as day time temperatures climb, said Phil Gatton, director of the Physical Plant.

"If there's something going on in the Student Center, we'll get pressure to turn it on," he said. "Like this weekend there's something going on. It's not that there's going to be so much heat," so they'll want the air conditioning on, but we can't always do it.

Gatton said the Physical Plant usually switches from heating to air conditioning between April 1 and April 15, but he cannot switch to air conditioning until temperatures are expected to stay in the mid-to-upper 70s for at least a week. Below freezing temperatures mean a breakdown for the system because the cooling towers, which cool through the evaporation of water, cannot handle low ambient temperatures. Gatton said he has to be certain something is going on in the Student Center, for the system because the cooling towers, Warmer temperatures mid-to-upper 70s for at least a week. Below temperatures are expected to stay in the temperatures, said Phil Gatton, director of the Physical Plant.

Gatton said it is consistent laws in the upper 50s and low 60s, and we like to keep the night in the 70s." Gatton said it is important to supply the University with air conditioning. With recent number crunching caused by the budget cuts from the governor's office, Gatton said there's going to wait as long as possible to turn on the air.

But as another sign that spring is finally here, the John Deere riding lawn mowers were brought out of their winter hibernation a week early and began cutting grass Tuesday. Warmer temperatures combined with increased rainfall gave campus grass an extra boost in some spots, Gatton said.

Hastin Beckman, grounds foreman for the Physical Plant, said he has been running six mowers this week to combat the spottiness of grass across campus, but will utilize eight to 10 mowers next week.

"Once you start cutting, it grows fast," he said.

Gatton said the University has 260 acres that needs to be mowed throughout warm months, and he says about $26,000 every time all 13 mowers are used — about 10 times a year.

Gatton said the extra week of mowing would not normally hurt his budget since only six mowers are being used.

"Anything but a budget right now," he said.

Beckman said it takes 10 to 14 days to mow from one end of campus to the other, and the longer the grass is, the longer it takes. Beckman said he wanted to get a jump on things this year.

"The way things are looking, we don't know how long this grass has been sitting," he said. "I don't think we'll have to lay people off... but we have to do what we have to do.

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Wartime questions freedom of speech

SIUC ready for any possible protest

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

In his song "Motorpsycho Nitemare," Bob Dylan wrote: "9:30. Mr. Bob Dylan: 'Thank you. I am grateful,' as I am grateful. Without freedom of speech I might be in the swamp."

Michael Moore mpzipped and strolled his way through his acceptance speech Sunday night at the 75th Annual Academy Awards. Without his freedom of speech, the director could very well have been: forced: in the swamp.

Moore used his acceptance speech for winning the best documentary Oscar for his film "Bowling For Columbine" as an opportunity to speak out against the war in Iraq.

"Whether it's the fiction of duct tape or fiction of orange alerts, we are against this war, Mr. Bush," Moore said to the audience at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles and to millions of television viewers. "Shame on you, Mr. Bush. Shame on you."

His words were greeted with a smattering of applause and a round of boos. Across the nation, some applauded him for using his freedom of speech. Others wondered if Moore expressed his opinions in proper fashion during a time of war.

SIUC senior Joe Burris said that the Academy Awards ceremony was the wrong time for Moore to express his opinions on the war in Iraq.

"That was completely unjustified," Burris said. "It was the wrong place and the wrong time to do that. I will never watch one of his movies again."

Freshman Erik Gulbransen said that although he questions some of Moore's statements, he respects his courage for making an unpopular comment in stressful times.

"I think he was brave for going against what was expected from him," Gulbransen said. "I thought he could have chosen his words better, but I respect him for taking advantage of his right."

"Like it or not, taking advantage of freedom of speech has been a common practice lately. Protests have been staged across the world and in Carbondale.

But along with these expressions come a variety of questions. Some ask if people are using their freedom of speech in a correct and tasteful way. Others believe that the country needs to be united in a time of war and that protest does not belong in this situation.

"What we all need to do right now is stand behind our president," Burris said. "He knows information that we don't know. I live in a country in which we have freedom of speech. But during war, we need to be united."

Others believe that a time of war is a necessary moment to voice potentially controversial opinions.

"I think it's a perfect time to say what we feel," said freshman Lindsay Schula. "We're at war right now. War is more important than awards, and Michael Moore realized that. We all need to follow his lead and let people know how we feel, no matter the situation."

The Academy Awards have not been the only place that has felt the affects of freedom of speech during wartime. In February, the White House canceled a poetry convention in fear that poets would use the event to protest the situation in Iraq.

Also in February, a high school administration in Dearborn, Mich., ordered a 16-year-old student to take off a potentially offensive T-shirt or be sent home. The T-shirt read, "International Terrorists" and had a picture of Bush. The boy chose to go home.

According to SIUC spokeswoman Sue Davis, students at this campus do not need to worry about being ordered to remove an offensive piece of clothing.

"If a student wanted to, I don't think wearing a shirt alone would get you in trouble," Davis said. "This is a University. We expect students to think for themselves. If a student acts in a way that prevents someone from teaching a course, we look at that without guilt."

SIUC is prepared for any kind of protest, whether it be an individuals or group demonstration. The University is prepared for these actions, which can be found at www.siu.edu, clearly states the provisions for acceptable protest.

The policy says that SIUC is a community that not only tolerates dissent, it welcomes responsible dissent and discourse on the issues of our time.

The guidelines of responsible dissent follow the rights of the individual. The policy states, "that the policies of the individual, combined with the petition of the University will be properly dealt with.

Ways in which students can interfere with normal duties and expect to receive punishment include various offenses including; blocking entrances to University buildings, interfering with classes, blocking traffic on University roads, damaging or destroying University property, tampering with University utilities such as telephone lines, light equipment and water systems and entering University facilities without authorization.

The demonstration policy also states that a spectator who is present at an unlawful gathering is liable to the same penalties as an active participant.

Davis said this provision is not as bad as it sounds because University police give people a unlawful, protest the opportunity to leave WARTIME, page 10

Five local residences burglarized in two days

No indication incidents connected, police say

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

Five Carbondale residences were burglarized between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Tuesday, West First Street.

At the first burglary on the north side, a DVD player, six DVDs, a cell phone, a CD, a flashlight and a duffel bag were reported stolen between 8:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tuesday from a residence in the 800 block of West Main Street.

A Sony PlayStation with one game, a DVD, and a gym bag were reported stolen between 6:25 to 11:00 a.m. Wednesday from a residence in the 900 block of South Main Street.

Two residences in the 700 block of West Street were also reported burglarized Wednesday. Police said the first home was entered by kicking in a front door and the second one was entered without force while a resident was watching television in the next room. A Sega Dreamcast, a Sony PlayStation and seven DVDs were reported stolen between 11:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the first apartment and a cellu­

phone and a jewelry box containing costume jewelry was reported stolen from the second residence between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Sgt. Don Priddy of the Carbondale Police Department said it is possible that the burglaries were committed by the same individual or individuals. He did not rule out the possibility of a gang operation, but said the front door is a common entry point for burglaries and the items taken were probably easy to carry.

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Beauty and the Beast

Justin Gadberry

A junior in public relations coaches Alpha Gamma Delta members adjacent to the Army ROTC building. Gadberry is an Army ROTC cadet and is helping the sorority get ready for Powder Puff Football.
Hi-yah!

Saluki Kids Academy helps students raise test scores

Grade school, high school students struggle in math, science

The SIUC Saluki Kids Academy is teaming with area school officials and the Illinois State Board of Education to create a program to help raise standardized test scores in math and science.

"We had a good number of children in six school districts who had achievement gaps in math and science," said the executive director of the Education Services, said the executive director of the Education Services.

"We identified the specific needs of the students, then we look at what professional development opportunities we can create for the existing teachers to help them work better with the children," she said.

"We are seeking state, federal and foundation funding to support the project. So far, we are successful in getting $100,000 to support the program," she said.

The program will allow SIUC education students to participate in the program. The principal of the College of Education and Human Services, said the college offers students opportunities to work with schools and human service agencies to help address the learning environment of the students.

"We provide, in a sense, laboratories for our students who are going to be teachers, for students to work with and to get feedback from," she said. "Our goal is to get them 50 percent of the time from the district each year."
Give humanity to POWs

One week, two seemingly disparate events. Eighteen Afghan men are freed from the Guantanamo internment camp, cleared of charges in both the United States and Afghanistan. Meanwhile, disturbing footage of American prisoners of war is shown on the Qatar-based TV station Al-Jazeera.

The footage is a clear violation of the Geneva Convention, which prohibits captors from torturing POWs, while the International Red Cross was both sides to respect the human rights of prisoners of war.

Back to Guantanamo. From the very start, the more than 600 detainees have stood on shaky legal ground, the United States calling them "unlawful combatants," a term that has no legal protection, while much of the world referred to them as prisoners of war. The detainees were captured in Afghanistan during post Sept. 11 U.S.-led attacks on the country.

Under the Geneva Convention, the United States is permitted to hold prisoners without charge during the course of a war. At the cease of war, however, the United States would have to either prisoners for war crimes or repatriate them. The remaining detainees have yet to be charged with crimes. Because President Bush denies their status as POWs, however, the detainees are denied usual POW protections.

Earlier this month, a federal appeals courts ruled that U.S. courts have no jurisdiction over any claims of the detainees because the United States military base is on sovereign Cuban soil. The ruling came in response to a bid by Kuwaitis, Australians, and British citizens held at the camp to question the legality of their internment.

U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft called the decision a victory in the war on terrorism. The United Nations Human Rights Commission called it a possible far-reaching and dangerous precedent, one that could later be used to justify detention without trial simply on the basis of geography.

The 18 Afghan detainees released last week reported mixed conditions in the camp; some said they were treated well, while others agreed with the guards' complaint of beatings. Regardless of their treatment, their mere presence in the camp—more than a year after being detained—casts the United States in a negative light, causing international allegations of hypocrisy when President Bush asked that U.S. POWs in Iraq receive fair and humane treatment under the Geneva Convention.

The United States may have found a legal loophole that allows its prisoners to be kept indefinitely with no access to lawyers or families, but in doing so, it has flaunted international human rights conventions and treaties, setting itself up for disaster when the tables are turned.

A challenge to anti-Americanism

Matthew Wang

There are those who burn the American flag. There are those who protest the United States as the embodiment of all that is evil. There are those who would love nothing else than to split in America's face. This, deadly serious anti-American movement needs to be challenged.

I will show that, by and large, across the board anti-Americanism is unfounded. Many of the anti-American arguments are nothing more than sophistry and rhetorical speciousness. I will provide some general arguments. I've heard and then proceed to show why these arguments do not hold water.

The United States is engaging this war in pursuit of conquest.

The U.S. is not seeking to conquer Iraq, or control the nation for any period of time longer than what is necessary to establish a stable government. America is fighting for its regime, and after Humus is gone, the U.S. will help in rebuilding and upgrading Iraqi technology, communications, public buildings, schools, hospitals, etc. Ultimately, democracy is in the way to preserve her security. But also this war will lead to the liberation of Iraq from the hands of Saddam Hussein. The Iraqis can be characterized as a "freedom-ridden" people. When in all is said and done, the U.S. will not be a presence in Iraq, and Iraq will have previous sanctions lifted. This will allow the country to reach its full potential as a participant in the international community.

America seeks to crush foreign cultures and beliefs, and replace them with corporations and free markets.

First, if a country replaces its economic system with one of free markets, then it is because the free market system is planted over its older system. Many countries make a move toward open markets because it is in their interests. Consider the 145 countries that are members of the WTO. With that said, for U.S. corporations such as fast food, to open businesses in foreign countries, there already have to be open markets in those countries. What's more, for these corporations to succeed in these countries, then it is because they offer a better product that the native citizens are willing to invest in. Think of this way: Has the American culture suffered due to the presence of Japanese, Chinese, Mexican or Thai restaurants? Also consider the competition from foreign business. When Japanese auto manufacturers flooded the American markets, causing many American automakers to lose their jobs, we did not attack Japan or set up any market barriers. For those who think this war with Iraq is about spreading free trade and global markets, this is clearly not true... just try and name one instance when America has demanded trade at the point of a gun... Americans are far more than the world is starting. We spend billions on war while billions are saved for medicine.

The U.S. is one of the leading countries in terms of amount given as foreign aid. For decades, the U.S. was the leading country in net disbursments of economic aid. Also, the U.S. is the largest supporter of the United Nations. Bush has proposed a foreign aid package to combat the AIDS epidemic in Africa. House lawmakers have recently agreed on a $15 billion plan in support of Bush package.

America is the land of hate and democracy'sgrave. Please, perhaps the tone of such a remark makes a strong enough case. I challenge those who believe in this one line one country on Earth that allows for more discrimination than the United States. Our universities are filled with those who embrace anti-Americanism, and many of these universities are publicly funded. Imagine that. It is also important to distinguish that our country is not an absolute democracy. The Founders did this deliberately, leaving the dangers in holding policy solely on mass opinion. The U.S. is a representative democracy, meaning that citizens are represented in Congress by their representatives.

All of this is not to say that the United States is flawless. Every country has flaws, The anti-American movement, however, poses unfounded criticism toward the United States. Of course America should try and right its wrongs, but there is a difference between being genuinely critical and attacking and malusing. It can only be for every state or nation to be extremely critical of itself. But there are those who will be in the United States to further their perceived right or sought-out goal. This is the case with anti-Americanism.

In this time of war, I close with a quote from Colin Powell. When in England at a fairly large conference, Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of imperial building by George Bush.

He answered by saying, "That over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond the old and the new. The only amount of land we've ever asked for in return is enough to buy those that did not return."

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America's new responsibility

Post-war strengthening of UN is a must

Dear Editor:

Two pieces in the March 24 Daily Egyptian section A-2 about the United Nations reflect the fact that the UN has the power and means to effectively secure one's own safety, whether many other nations do or not.

And Ward does not like the suggestion that the UN is a "useless" or " feeble" institution. Does Ward think that prominent U.N. organizations with today's overwhelming burden of work are performing their tasks as well as possible?

Dear Editor,

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Letters

Liam Fittipal 
FV View & Florida Rambles (Florida State U)

TALALAHSE, PE (U-WIRE) – President Bush is big on having people "show their cards." So far, the beginning stages of this policy, just like every other Bush policy, shows their cards and emboldens ambassadors. Several Russian companies have been selling GIF weapons contracts, and Iran's regime, with the white -hand of a leader. While the joy of the gifted Iranis and the recovery of "all your weapons" to the world's leaders, they should choose the chance to forgive past grievances and thereby illustrate the power of magnanimity. This is something that the world would not be able to admire, the world power should welcome a new, multilateral coalition to rebuild Iraq and mend fences with old neighbors.

Despite its best efforts, America may always remain uncertain and targeted by the ignorant America's duty, however, is not to see the voluntarily uncertain. In duty is to remain true to one's own true to the values that it proclaims. The Iraq war is important for international security and humanitarian reasons, but it is more important because of the nature of the event and that it will cease. The United States truly has the opportunity to use its power and influence for good, and it has the opportunity to actively encourage democracy and liberty throughout the globe. Those few anti-imperialism detractors - who tend to act as if the new world order is the larger issue, and they seem irresponsible to the horrible conditions of the many humans they pretend to represent.

Ist. 11 illustrated the consequences of its stance, stamp foreign policy that dismissed humanitarianism and democracy in the Middle East and instead prospered upon exploiting America's prestige. Saddam Hussein is a product of this heinous policy, and the ongoing bloodshed in the desert war and pictures of two burning towns are the consequence.

Hopefully the United States is embarking upon a quest, not a crusade, to enforce its dominance. We must be able to show the world that we care, and the rights and privileges that Americans enjoy, should not remain idle acts of has no local solution, will not have the potential to change the international situation. Piracy must happen in the same context, and not only to those who happen to be more powerful. Americans should be able to show its power and influence for good, and it has the opportunity to actively encourage democracy and liberty throughout the globe. Those few anti-imperialism detractors - who tend to act as if the new world order is the larger issue, and they seem irresponsible to the horrible conditions of the many humans they pretend to represent.

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While troops in Iraq may be up against a chemical attack and the government is warning there may be an attack on American soil, many students at SIUC are not worried about a large-scale attack happening anywhere in the area.

Mike Pedraza, a sophomore in marketing from McHenry, said he would like to know what the people of other countries do when they are attacked with gas.

"I would like to know what, if any precautions are taken so they don't get sick," Pedraza said.

He said it is not something that is constantly on his mind; it is just another aspect of the war he has heard and discussed in passing. But for students who are concerned with a possible attack on the homeland, there are precautions being taken in Carbondale in the unlikely event of bioterrorism.

Attack safety

Since Sept. 11, 2001, and the anthrax scare immediately following, Americans have plenty to worry about. But, as time has passed and with no other large-scale attempts on American lives, people's anxiety about a possible attack has lowered.

That is until Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge made the announcement in March that the security level raised to orange — a high condition declared when there is a high risk of terrorist attacks. Ridge advised citizens to stock up on essentials such as duct tape, plastic, non-perishable foods and batteries. People residing in major cities rushed out to buy duct-tape and plastic and stocked up on essentials by the time they got home in case of a chemical attack.

During this period, it has been important for federal agencies in charge of the area to take special precautions and to make sure the public is not required to essential personnel only.

Mark Schneider, associate professor of sociology said while he understands there may be an attack, he does not think it will be on a large scale. He said it is concern for one's home or apartment with duct-tape it would not do much to save them.

"If something was flying by and gone in 20 minutes, then maybe they might be O.K.," Schneider said. "But to have it going on forever, each year an attack when events will be localized and few seem a little misleading and encourage a sense of threat that is not really there. It seems unlikely that a large number of people around the world will be safe by using duct tape and plastic." He said he worries the Department of Homeland Security did not do this for the public, but more so to give validity to the steps taken.

"I am skeptical that this is more realistic than practical and offers a false sense of pervasiveness than a threat," Schneider said. "Nothing has happened since 9/11 on a greater scale, nothing has been executed. The fact that nothing has happened indicates to me that we don't do all that much to worry about.

"Students are in agreement that the whole idea of using duct tape is ridiculous and they would rather hear what other countries have done when they are attacked with gas."

Readiness and response

In the case of an attack, no matter what precautions are taken, there are no mass vaccinations available to protect Americans against chemical agents.

- The DHS has said that there are pre-treatment medications that can enhance post-exposure treatment of nerve agent poisoning. But at the same time, note that such medications are "usually only provided to military or emergency service personnel who are at special risk of nerve agent exposure."

- It is important military personnel receive pre-exposure medications, but if Americans are attacked they will panic, and the first place they will go is the hospital.

The only problem is that many hospitals are not equipped to handle large numbers of people for treatment of a chemical attack.

- The nature of a hospital is to take care of large numbers of patients that is what we are equipped to deal with," George Maroney, Carbondale Memorial Hospital administration said. "But so much is dependent on what the problem is and bioterrorism is another issue."

Maroney said until recently, the hospital's capabilities dealing with major accidents have not been that bad but when getting into possible bioterrorism, its capabilities are fairly limited.

"We have prepared plans for decontamination and protection for employees," Maroney said. "But a scale to one in 10, we are about at a one or two on the readiness level for victims of bioterrorism."

Knowing the hospital gives itself a low rating is not surprising to some because of its location. Pedraza said it would be safe if it was a hospital in a major city, but the fact that the Memorial is not ready is not a shock.

Maroney said when there is an issue of a large number of people possibly being contaminated, the fire department is the best source to go to first for decontamination. Then the place to go is the hospital because it is better suited to treat the illness caused by the chemical, not of the chemical itself.

"The worst thing someone could do was go to the hospital," Maroney said. "They need to stay put, and let the proper authorities direct them on what to do, going to the hospital defeats the purpose."

Jeffrey Anderson, fire chief at the Carbondale Fire Department, said the exact plan for handling a situation cannot be disclosed, but assures the department has a standard operation plan in tact.

"Unlike major cities that have fully manned and ready-to-go units, we do have a number of fully trained and prepared individuals who would be ready in 3 1/2 minutes," Anderson said. "Depending on the severity of the situation, getting special equipment we need together and gathering the people who are trained on the scene can take about 1/2 an hour."

Who's at risk?

While the focus is on military personnel safety, everyone is at risk of being attacked. But while the biggest threat is on major cities, it cannot be ruled out that smaller areas could be targeted.

Schneider said everyone is threatened because there is a possibility that water can be contaminated or dirty bombs smuggled into the country and detonated.

"I seriously doubt it would happen in Carbondale, but it doesn't mean it won't happen," he said.

According to the DHS website, it will coordinate the lines of communication between the federal government and state and local public safety agencies as well as the general public to keep the nation alert via the Homeland Security Advisory System and a system of public alerts.

Maroney said while the military is prepared to deal with an attack with special protective gear, Carbondale is a community where people are not prepared, so if something was to happen there would be mass hysteria.

"I hope nobody ever be ready? You can plan, but until it actually happens, you cannot be ready."

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University of Michigan team builds defense on studies, precedent

Maryanne George
Knick Rider Newspapers

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (KRT) — Michigan
in his office, but his thoughts were far from the
lettuce and tomatoes when his mind was on

It was the spring of 1997 and Bollinger, who had been the
University of Minnesota law school dean for only a few months, asked
Walt Harrison what he thought about using the
first-person perspective.

"I remember him saying he felt strongly about the need for a diverse
court because that was a complex
area of the law, and we must think about
this," said Harrison, former
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In 1997, Harrison had helped
write the Michigan Mandate, a
strategic plan conceived by then-
U-M President James Duderstadt
to increase minority enrollment. By 1997, enrollment of
black and Hispanic students was at a low point, and
Bollinger wanted to increase minority enrollment.

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**MARINE**

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the bottom of the canal.

James family was also notified about
his death Tuesday and they were
surprised by the way he died
because he was very healthy in high
school and at SIUE. He ran tri-
athlons and was also a competitive
military service.

James was shipped out last month
and his sister-in-law Nikki James
told us he really wanted to
be going about it.

She said James said he would be
building camps and not be near any
of the actual fighting.

"He really just thought he would
go and come back," Nikki said.
"He was so strong. We thought he
would come home too.

Horrified and agreed with his family
that it was ironic the way he died
because he was so strong and ath-
lthetic.

He also said he remembers James
as a very quiet yet focused person
who was the shy and an
almost quiet Marine.

"He was very, very outstanding.
Marine to Marine, one of the fellow
Marines, especially the younger
ones," Howard said.

Nicki said James joined the military
as a way to pay for school.

He attended SIUE and wanted to
become a physical therapist so
he could eventually own a gym. He
worked at Our Health Club and Spa
in Glen Carbon.

Keith Nichols, director of pub-
ic affairs at SIUE, said there is a
memorial service being planned
at SIUE for Monday for students,
faculty and administrators to attend its honor of James.

**STUDY ABROAD**

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some other country," Keah said. "I'm
not against studying abroad, but
under the circumstances it doesn't
make sense to anybody.

Tommy Hardwick, a junior in
apiculture from Nokomis, said that
he thinks the university should see
the valid reason for future trips to be
cancelled.

"We'll not it as if any students are
going to be visiting Iraq or someplace
around it, so I don't wonder why they
shouldn't be allowed to go," Hardwick
said. "I really safety always has to
come first, but people still have to live
their lives."

SIUC is not the only University
to experience anxiety about sending
its students overseas to study. Several
other institutions around the country
have already cancelled trips, citing the
war and low enrollments as reasons.

Cancellations already announced
include Virginia Tech by the Sal
University, a 10-day trip by England by
Bloomfield, Va., College trip to northern Canada by
Iowa State University and a jaunt by
Spain and Italy by Austin College in
Enid, W.Va.

In addition to the cancellations,
we discuss how the war may
taking precautions and increasing
safety measures. According to USA
Today, University of Cincinnati fac-
ulty instructors who lead trips overseas
are now being required to complete
a comprehensive training pro-
gram, while Worcester Polytechnic
Institute in Massachusetts is offer-
ing cell phones to its students going
abroad.

Saville said he is confident the tuition
will take all available information
into account before making a final
decision.

"Thankfully we have still one to
two months before we're forced to
make a decision," Saville said.
"We just don't want to make a rash
decision, because that isn't something
easily undone."

**WARTIME**

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leaves before action is taken.

"If you're with or near a group
disrupting things, officers will first
announce that you have to disperse.
"Davis said. "If you don't follow
their warning, you pay the con-
cussions. We have very profes-
sional law enforcement on campuses
and they would warn people to
leave.

People in other areas across the
country have not been so lucky. Anti-
war protesters in New
York City were allegedly beaten by officers earlier
this week.

"This is not the way to treat
people," Whitley said. "This is not a policy to
handle people."

"I think the university could have
taken a more proactive role in
this situation," Whitley said.

"They should have warned the stu-
dents," Whitley said. "We can't
have any war on campus."

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Family says POW will get strength from daughter she left behind

Karen Brandon

Chicago Tribune

EL PASO, Texas (KRT) - When the order came, Shoshana Johnson gave no outward sign of anguish as she looked into a glass case containing her father's remains.

"She just took it as, 'This is my job, and this is what I have to do,' " said Maj. Mark Johnson, Shoshana's father, who is a retired Air Force officer.

"And it's not unlike any other job, being a service member, and being a milita..." 

Clinton urges all Americans to unite

Calvin Hennick

The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

IOWA CITY, Iowa (UPI) - Former President Clinton urged the public Wednesday to pull and pray for America's troops deployed in Iraq.

Clinton said he supports disarming Saddam Hussein and that he was in his first term in office. "I didn't vote for his first term in office," he said.

"It was a bad decision that threatened foreseeable regime change that Saddam failed to comply with, as well as the decision of the UN Security Council resolving authorizing President Bush to use force.

Saddam Hussein has never done anything, ever, if he didn't think he would be punished," Clinton said.

"[Hussein] is an irrational person," he said. "He is thinking about destroying the United States and assaulting our allies, the United Kingdom, France, Germany."
Saddam wants war to drag on as long as possible

Tim Johnson

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — The longer the war continues, the more political trouble at home and abroad for the Bush administration.

Saddam Hussein wants the war to drag on as long as possible, hoping that U.S. casualties will mount and Americans will lose their stomach for the war.

Neighboring Arab leaders, who are cooperating with the United States, fear that anger against America may soon turn on them.

The White House, for its part, is trying to dampen expectations of a quick war.

As the clock ticks, some national security experts say Saddam may be taking heart from the round-the-clock news reports beamed around the world and into U.S. living rooms.

"He is hearing Western journalists, particularly American journalists, describe skirmishes as 'massive battles' and describing 10 or a dozen killed in action as 'heavy casualties,'" said Kenneth M. Pollack, a former CIA analyst and proponent of the U.S.-led war.

"All of this has made him very hopeful that if he can just keep this going for a little bit longer, he will reach that casualty threshold, that crossover point, where we will be forced basically to throw in the towel," Pollack said.

Elsewhere in the Arab world, the prospect of a longer war distresses many rulers who have given quiet cooperation to Washington, while their angry citizens turn to the streets to protest the U.S.-led war on Iraq.

In Jordan and Egypt, vital U.S. allies in an unsettled region, massive protests have erupted, and Arabs throughout the Middle East overwhelmingly view the war as an unjust U.S. attack on a neighboring capital and a grab for Iraq's oil resources.

Jordanians held 55 demonstrations in the opening days of the war, and openly speak about their disgust with the Bush administration. Protesters have scheduled four demonstrations for today.

"America should stop this war, not for us, but for the American mothers whose sons are being killed," said Rowan Hajar, 18, a student at Jordan University in Amman.

Both Washington and London watch anti-war protests around the globe and unsettled moods at home. Just three days before the war's onset, Vice President Dick Cheney forecast that the Iraqi army would put up no struggle, and that elements of the elite Republican Guard would fold, allowing the Bush administration to claim a quick victory and a grab for Iraq's oil resources.

"Nobody should have expected that it would suddenly all be over on day one or day two," Secretary of State Colin Powell said this week. "Unfortunately, that kind of hype is created within the media."

But the Pentagon has been happy to show news reports of its overwhelming military might, and a planned bombing campaign of "shock and awe." Senior U.S. officials themselves have added to the impression that Saddam's army would fold.

Just three days before the war's onset, Vice President Dick Cheney forecast that the Iraqi army would put up no struggle, and that elements of the elite Republican Guard would "likely to step aside" from a "steamrolling" U.S. military.

Polls give President Bush strong support, and that support is likely to be resilient for several more weeks into the campaign. Still, the White House feels the pressure to act quickly.
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Today's Birthday (March 28): You'll be very good at solving puzzles this year, but don't let yourself get too reasonable. You'll also have flashes of inspiration that are impossible to explain by "scientific" methods. The time you save for meditation is the most valuable. 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 10 • You might think of yourself as a loner, but actually, your friends are very important to you. It'll mean the world to one of them if you mention that.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) • Today is 6 • Don't do paperwork to bring the money in. You should do it if you've been putting it off and even worrying about it. If you don't get it done, it'll interfere with your life.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) • Today is an a • A visit with a favorite older person would be perfect this weekend. A friend might cover for you if you want to leave early. But first, take care of one important thing concerning money.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) • Today is • Along-distance call will do you and your friend a world of good. But don't make it when you're supposed to be doing something else. That would cause mistakes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) • Today is 5 • If you've got a good partner or mate, you can let him or her take over. If you don't have one yet, keep an eye out for a cool, competent analyst.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) • Today is a 6 • Your partner could surprise you with an unexpected suggestion. If you don't have a partner you could surprise yourself by finding one.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) • Today is a 7 • It's a good day for planning and for visualizing perfection. It's the easiest part of the job, but very important. Concentrate on it. Before yourights, you'll have probably no idea that it's hard for you to find time. But you should know that tonight is perfect for imagining a romantic relationship.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) • Today is 4 • It's easy for you to be sensitive to a person's confusion. You can think and move quickly, but not everyone can. But don't let yourself get too reasonable. You'll also have flashes of inspiration that are impossible to explain by "scientific" methods.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) • Today is 6 • Count up all your pennies and see what you really have. It may not be enough for the item you have in mind, but you'll know how much you still need.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) • Today is 10 • Don't listen to any rumors; they're most likely wrong. But do check under your couch cushions. You might find a pleasant surprise.

Pieces (Feb. 19-March 20) • Today is a 7 • Don't bail out a friend in need. You won't be doing this friend a favor, instead, teach him to stretch a bit and utilize more of his talents.

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Salukis hit the road for MVC swing against Creighton, meeting with No. 6 Nebraska.

Jens Deja
Daily Egyptian

As she slugged balls in the outfield during practice Thursday, SIU softball senior Katie Kloos was wearing an ‘I HATE CROFTON’ T-shirt.

The shirt was designed for the rivalry between the SIU and Creighton meet-ups. Kloos thinks that this weekend it will be a perfect opportunity for softball with the Salukis traveling to Omaha, Neb., for a three-game series against the Bluejays.

The two teams will play two games on Saturday at noon and 2 p.m., and close out the series Sunday with a single game starting at noon.

SIU will then travel to Lincoln, Neb., for one game against No. 6 Nebraska Monday at 4 p.m.

The Salukis are off to an amazing start at 18-4 and 5-1 in the MVC, and Creighton is currently struggling at 4-12 and just 1-5 in conference play.

Junior Haley Vielfhaus said she was unaware of their record, but added that it does not matter to her because she simply remembers last year’s Bluejays’ squad, which “was one of the top in the MVC.”

Creighton’s always had pretty good teams,” Vielfhaus said. “They’ve taken care of us in a couple of years. Them and Illinois State kind of give us a little bit, so I think that we really need to step it up and take three from them.

“We don’t want to let any more games get us. We just want to take care of business.

SIU head coach Kerri Blaylock admits that approach and said that is the attitude the coaching staff has tried to impress upon the players.

Blaylock is another one who believes Creighton’s current record is misleading and said the Bluejays are known for starting slow.

“They notoriously start slow and then they pick it up and I don’t want to take them for granted and be the one that they decide to pick it up against,” Blaylock said. “They have a tendency to do this and when they get on a roll, they’re going to go.”

The Salukis are the ones currently on a roll having won five in a row and 10 of their last 11.

A big reason for their success has been a marked improvement from last season offensively.

Four players are either hitting over or just below .300 in Katie Jordan, Kelly Creek, Katie Louis and Jenny Doehring. These four have also combined for 18 home runs and 60 RBIs.

Jordan credited hard work in the off-season with the offensive improvement.

“I just think that we’re stronger and we’ve been working on a lot of drive-through drills,” Jordan said. “People are really concentrating on offense and all things they have and in that respect the balls go farther.”

The Salukis will need their hitting to be there on Monday when they face the 23-7 Cougars.

The two teams played earlier in the season with Nebraska winning 4-0 at the Tallahassee Invitational.

SIU feels it is playing better now, however, than the last time the two teams met and knows a victory over the sixth ranked team in the country would be huge for the program.

“The last time we played them we had been off for about three weeks and I think this week, our first game, no excuses, that’s just the way it went,” said sophomore pitcher Amy Harre. “We’ve been getting in a groove now so I hope that helps us.

If the Salukis play like they did Wednesday in sweeping a double-header against Southeast Missouri State, they should be just fine in the state of Nebraska.

Vielfhaus said the games against SEMO made the team realize how good they can play when everything is clicking and they want things to remain just like that.

“We need to know that we can bury teams and that’s what we should do — we should bury Creighton,” Vielfhaus said. “We have the ability, we have the power, we have the scouting reports, we’ve got the speed to do it and we need to actually do it.”

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SIU looks for another fast start

Track and field plans to warm up at Spring Classic

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

In competitive NCAA track and field, it seems only about 10 percent of the meets the team participates in are actually meaningful — said the Spring Classic Saturday hosted by the SIU men's and women's squad is not one of those events.

"This is basically just a run-through meet," senior Kurt Dunbar said. "We are basically working through this meet here. For me, I haven't been able to train much because I just got done with my indoor season.

Field events begin at 9 a.m. with the women's hammer throw, which is followed by the men at McAndrew Stadium/Lew Harrold Track. Running events are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. with the women's 3000m steeplechase. The other running events will be on a rolling schedule.

One of the top athletes on the event's squad agrees with Dunbar, who is the women's top hurdl er.

"This is just for preparation," Marvin Primo said. "Right now we are just working out a few things that need to be fixed."

But the meet does hold some significance because it serves as a home-coming for some opposing coaches.

"For us, it will be interesting competition," SIU women's head coach Connie Price-Smith said. "We have Illinois State, Central Michigan and Eastern Illinois coming here. Illinois State and Central Michigan, both of the coaches from there are alumni from SIU. So I think all of them bring a lot to the table and have entered a lot of competition for our girls."

Men's head coach Cameron Wright said he thinks the depth on Illinois State and Eastern will also provide the Dawgs some experience.

"What I am looking for is to see how everyone, not just our standouts, performs in the first outdoor meet."

After a basic indoor season, Wright is excited to see how everyone, not just his sprinters, performs in the outdoor season.

"For us, it will be interesting to see how everyone does," Wright said. "I am just as anxious to see how (sprinter) Willie Davis runs compared to (SIU top sprinter) Maurice Moss. It is a meet to see who everyone is starting at."

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Preparing for the Saluki Invitational, Tiffany Fritsche takes a practice swing at Stone Creek golf course Thursday afternoon with teammates Stefanie Pate in the back waiting for her turn. The Saluki Invitational, the team's lone home meet, will take place at Stone Creek Sunday and Monday.

Home sweet home ... sort of

The SIU women's golf team will play host to the annual Saluki Invitational on Sunday and Monday.

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

A youthful SIU women's golf team is optimistically preparing for its first and only home tournament of the year on a course with which it is not totally familiar. The squad won last year's Saluki Invitational, but are without their top two finishers from that team for the event, which takes place Sunday and Monday at Stone Creek Golf Club.

After finishing 13th in their first tournament of the spring season, the Salukis tallied fifth- and sixth-place finishes in their two most recent events earlier this month in Florida.

"We kind of play like a young team," said head coach Diane Daugherty. "One day we might not be so good, the next day we're terrific. They should be very confident and I'm very confident after their play in Florida because they shot a 305, which is a very good score, and really felt like they didn't play their best. So I think our best golf is yet to come."

In addition to their youth, SIU will also be competing on a somewhat unfamiliar golf course. Hickory Ridge has been SIU's home for several years, but due to problems with greens at that course, this tournament will be played at Stone Creek. Despite the change in plans, the Salukis still plan to have an edge.

"We'll definitely have an advantage because we'll know the little spots you don't want to be on certain greens, places to put it on the fairway and stuff like that," junior Megan Tarrolly said.

SIU has been practicing since spring break and has noticed one aspect of the course that is particularly challenging.

"The greens are tricky," Daugherty said; "The greens are going to be the maker or breaker. The more that we play them, every day we play them, we get better on them. They're very fast. It's pretty easy to three-putt, and you can ruin a good score with too many three-putts."

The course itself, nestled amongst the rolling hills near Makanda and Giant City State Park, won't be an easy one.

"This is a great layout," Daugherty said. "It's challenging. We've got water and out of bounds on every hole."

All of SIU's Missouri Valley Conference foes with the exception of Illinois State will compete this weekend. In-state rivals Eastern Illinois and Western Illinois will also participate, in addition to southerly neighbors Belmont and Arkansas State.

SIU will enter Tarrolly, Amy Rankin, Jennifer Shutt and Stefanie Pate. The final two spots will be determined by who wins a playoff. The three golfers who don't compete in the team event will play as individuals.

One of SIU's best, senior, T.L. 90, has hit poorly all fall, but Daugherty recently corrected a problem with Tarrolly's club-fac alignment, causing a marked improvement.

"I'm very happy with how things are going as of late. I've been hitting the ball a lot better," Tarrolly said. "It's amazing. One little thing like that made all the difference in the world. I'm very, very happy about it, and I'm happy to see that the team is starting to do a lot better overall."

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