Cole pulls campaign link from city Web site

Andrea Zimmermann
Daily Egyptian

Mayor Brad Cole removed a link on the city’s official Web site to his personal site Monday after questions arose about blurring the line between campaigning and governing.

The city’s site, which is considered a government resource, lists the names, phone numbers and e-mails of the mayor and City Council. Cole also included his Web site, teambrad.com, which accepts and encourages online donations to his campaign committee, Citizens for Cole. Cole asked for the link to be immediately removed after being questioned by a Daily Egyptian reporter.

Jay Stewart, executive director of the Better Government Association, said linking the site from the city’s official Web page is a clear violation of the state ethics act.

“Government resources are not to be used for campaigning,” said Stewart, whose organization acts as a government watchdog.

“If (Gov. Rod) Blagojevich did it, it would be a problem. It doesn’t change because you are talking about a mayor in downstate Illinois.”

Cole said he hadn’t thought about linking the site from the city’s official Web page. Cole’s personal site also includes archives of his speeches, newsletters and city proceedings.

See COLE, Page 8

Student government candidates announced

Ryan Rendleman
Daily Egyptian

Student petitions for Undergraduate Student Government positions are in.

Nine students are signed up to contend for USG president, vice president and trustee for next year, said Dustin Davis, director of elections.

Daniel Bachert and Andrea Arnieri form the REAL Party; Matt Picchietti and Shelton Bradford are running for president and vice president as the Fight Club Party; and Demetrous White and Candace Fletcher make up the Students United Party.

The students running for the student trustee position are incumbent Christine Guerra, Megan Pulliam and Kevin Winstead.

A candidate debate is set for 6:30 p.m. April 3 in the Student Center Auditorium. Davis said he is developing questions on issues such as working with the chancellor and other administrators.

“There will be a question and answer portion from the council and then we’ll open it up to audience members,” Davis said.

There are six candidates vying for five senate seats. The seats represent the College of Liberal Arts, Davis said.

See USG, Page 8

Student trustee candidates

Incumbent faces challengers

Joe Crawford
Daily Egyptian

Three students have announced their candidacy for SIUE’s student trustee position on the SIU Board of Trustees.

Incumbent student trustee Christine Guerra will run for a second term against Kevin Winstead, coordinator of the Black Affairs Council, and junior Megan Pulliam in the elections set for April 10 and 11. To be eligible for candidacy, the students were required to submit a petition with at least 200 signatures by 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Winstead, a senior from Chicago studying marketing, said he hopes to improve communication between students and the board if elected. He said he plans to make his contact information available to students so they can come to him with their concerns.

Campus safety and addressing problems with the Student Conduct Code are his top priorities, Winstead said.

He said October’s on-campus strike that shut down City Council. Cole banishment from campus brought attention to flaws in the code.

“The more light that is shined on a particular issue, the more that seems to get done,” he said.

Pulliam, a junior from Springfield studying Spanish and pre-medicine, said he believes the code needs to be reformed.

See STUDENT TRUSTEE, Page 8

Springfield — At 5:50 a.m. on Saturday, while the rest of the city was probably either fast asleep or on the tail end of another Friday night party, a charter bus crept to a stop across from the Lincoln Middle School basketball courts.

“It’s a groovy old bus,” bus driver Mark Robinson said. “I mean this is a freedom fighter’s bus. It probably saw some civil rights trips.”

See SPRINGFIELD, Page 8

High school students learn the ropes from politicians in statehouse

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Capitol affair

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See photos by Dan Celvi
CALENDAR

Interdisciplinary research and health-related fields at SIU announces two $1,350 scholarships

- The SIU Women’s Club Dorothy Morris Scholarship will be awarded to a female undergraduate of at least junior standing with minimum 3.0 GPA.
- The SIU Women’s Club Joyce Guynn Non-Traditional Scholarship will be awarded to a non-traditional female undergraduate of at least junior standing with minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Must be currently enrolled at SIU Women’s Association-related research health and/or medical expenses.
- Application must be postmarked by two days before event, or call 618-481-3699 for more information.

Submit calendar items to the Daily Egyptian, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call 536-1911, ext. 225.

EVENTS:

Visiting artist series: William Martin and Paloma Muñoz
- Thursday at Lawson Hall 121
- Presentation by the duo of photographers, sculptors, public artists, free admission
- Contact 612-461-3699 for more information

Caribbean Student Association meeting
- Announced until a later date

Police investigate shooting deaths
DANVILLE (AP) — Police continues to investigate the weekend shooting deaths of three people at a duplex next door to a Danville fire station, but said they had ruled out a homicide.

Vermilion County Coroner Peggy Johnson said autopsies were scheduled Monday morning for the two women found dead Friday morning inside the apartment and the man found just outside on East Main Street.

The women were 70 and 21 years old, and the man was 30.

A passer-by saw the man lying on the street just after 10 a.m. and rushed to the fire station to inform authorities, said Thomason and Lt. Nick Gibson, of the Danville Fire Department.

As firefighters tried to revive the man, police officers noticed a broken plate-glass window at the duplex that the man appeared to have jumped through, authorities said.

Officers found the women inside the house.

The three killings were the first in Danville this year, matching the city’s total for 2006.

Sunday’s shootings also were the only triple homicide in the city of 34,000 that police spokesman Larry Thomason — a 59-year-old Danville native and 36-year veteran of the local police — could recall.

The head of Ruth Harrell, 59, of Willowbrook was found Saturday afternoon inside a black Nissan Sentra on the eastbound shoulder of the highway, also known as I-290, near the Independence Boulevard exit ramp on Chicago’s West Side.

She died from strangulation and blunt head trauma, according to the Cook County medical examiner’s office, which ruled her death a homicide.

Neighbors at Harrell’s apartment building said she was a widow with one son and that she lived alone.

She had a professional nursing license and worked several jobs, including one at a nursing home, they said.

Smithsonian’s chief resigns amid criticism
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Smithsonian Institution announced Monday that its top collector, Secretary Lawrence M. Small resigned over the weekend, and the decision was unanimously accepted Sunday by the Smithsonian’s Board of Regents.

Gisela Lampert, director of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, has been appointed acting secretary while the Regents conduct a nationwide search for a permanent replacement.

An internal audit in January found that Small had made $940,000 in unauthorized expenses, including private jet travel and expensive gifts.

The audit also found that Small charged the Smithsonian more than $1.1 million for use ofChocolate Moonlight Taxi 549-5326

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Game Live Events returned to Carbondale on Friday for the first time in 2007. The Game U College Tour visits SIUC semi-annually to let students enjoy some of the best games Xbox 360 has to offer.

Players played the games on high definition TVs. The room was filled with games of multiple genres and music to keep the adrenaline pumping.

Some students tried to replay the SIU game against Kansas on the college basketball game March Madness 2007 to give the Salukis a more favorable outcome. Others competed in emotion-filled tournaments on games such as Madden 2007 and Halo 2. Some games were lucky enough to win Best Buy gift certificates by beating time limits on Project Gotham Racing. Others won Xbox 360 games when they proved they were the best in the room at action games such as Ghost Recon 2.

Gamers go all out in Student Center

story by Matt Dreuth • photos by Dan Celvi

Girls play Dance Dance Universe on Friday afternoon in the Student Center ballrooms during an event run by Microsoft.
Inspector sentenced for border corruption

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Arizona border inspector was sentenced Monday to nearly six years in prison for taking cash and other goods from smugglers, allowing them to shuttle illegal immigrants from Mexico into the United States.

Richard Ezika, a 10-year veteran of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, worked on the border crossing at the San Ysidro Port of Entry between Tijuana, Mexico, and San Diego. Investigators said he sent text messages directing smugglers to his inspection lane, then pocketed the money and goods.

In return, he received as much as $1,000 for aiding about 5,000 immigrants in cash starting in 2004.

Former Reagan aide charged with fraud

NEW YORK (AP) — David Stockman, the former budget director in the Reagan White House, was charged in a fraud case Monday.

Four other former company employees — including a former treasurer — have already pleaded guilty in the case, prosecutors said.

As Treasury Secretary Robert Gates last week approved the action, under which revenues would go for active duty, citing a shortage of volunteers to fill some positions

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He's the king of small claims

Derek Monroe, from Round Lake Beach, stands in the Lake County Courthouse on March 5 in Waukegan. Monroe holds a pair of eyeglasses that were the subject of one of his many small claims lawsuits. In 28 lawsuits, over what many would call trivial matters, he has won eight times.

Tip line helps police and awards money

Danny Wenger

A good tip could be worth $1,000. Crime Stoppers is an anonymous tip line used by both Carbondale and SIUC. People with information about crimes or suspects can report it to police and earn money.

The program began in 1993 and has awarded more than $26,000 in cash for information. Carbondale Police Officer Randy Mathis said, “What we do is we take the information from the crime stopper tip, forward that to the officers to work on, and if the tip actually leads to an arrest then the tipster would be eligible for a reward,” Mathis said.

The awards are based on a point system. The rewards range from $50 to the $1,000, and a board of volunteers determines how much is paid.

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“There’s a formula that we established years ago,” he said. “Depending on the nature of the crime and the severity of the crime (Mathis) has a method to determine how much the tip should pay.”

Still, he believes in what he’s doing.

The 38-year-old married father of two has been filing lawsuits in Lake County, Ill., since 2000. He does it for legal work and estimates he has spent about $300 hours overall on the suits and made less than $10,000.

As a self-employed consultant, Monroe said he helps U.S. companies enter the global market by showing them how to sell products in other countries. He knows corporations are not all bad. “I’m not some anti-corporate crusader,” Monroe said. “A lot of corporations are very ethical.”

In a recent case, Monroe sued America’s Best Contacts & Eyeglasses, claiming it sold him defective frames and refused to replace them. He won a judgment of $180 plus court costs against the company March 5. “We’re really sorry that the Monroes had the experience they did with America’s Best,” said Readie Fails, president of America’s Best parent company, National Vision Inc. “We’re working with the Monroes to ensure we’ve learned from this experience so it never happens again.”

Last month Monroe won $5 plus court costs against the Pep Boys auto parts store with a two-sentence, handwritten claim: “The Pep Boys do not apply discount coupon presented to the desk.”

Although Pep Boys and Monroe have very different accounts of what happened, both said the dispute stemmed from Monroe’s use of a $5 coupon and a refund he received on a product.

A spokesman for Pep Boys said the company followed its standard procedures and treated Monroe fairly during the transaction.

In 2006, Monroe sued Super 8 Motels Inc., saying it provided a “substandard” service and an unclean room.

Monroe was awarded $15.87 plus court costs. A Super 8 Motels spokesperson declined to discuss the specifics of the case.

Despite those successes, Monroe is far from unbeaten in the courtroom. In separate lawsuits against Discover Financial Services and TruGreen Chemlawn, Monroe claimed the companies continued to charge him after he asked them to stop.

The judge dismissed, and Monroe lost both cases. Each case cost Monroe $63 in court costs.

Monroe says his lawsuits are a last resort. First he tries to get an apology or his money back. If that doesn’t work, he goes to court.

Anyone can file a small claims case in Lake County Circuit Court for as little as $62. Awards can be as high as $10,000. Attorneys aren’t required for most cases, and Monroe doesn’t use one.

“The whole point is that it’s designed so it be complicated,” said David Brender, the court’s law librarian. “It’s aimed to really be a do-it-yourself way of handling things. It’s a way of making a system work, with the power to make changes.

Monroe might be doing the best he can, but he likely is fighting a losing battle, Ottley said.

“If he is going to make a difference in their (business) practices, I think the answer is no because he’s not hurting them,” Ottley said. “He’s not even getting their attention with those small claims.”

Ottley and Rheingold said Monroe might have more luck if he organized with other like-minded consumers or tried to appeal to local legislators.

In any case, Rheingold said companies’ customer service staffs, complaining to store managers and filing such small claims, Monroe is not reaching the people who have the power to make changes.

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Mathis said the first requirement for a reward is that a tip leads to an arrest.

After the arrest several other factors are used to calculate the reward.

“The actual offense has a certain amount of points valued to it,” Mathis said. “Any recoveries that we made based on the arrest; was there property, was there cash, were there stolen items, those things have a value to them.”

Mathis said eight tips led to arrests in 2006 and Crime Stoppers paid out $32,251. SIUC police also receive tips from the program. Officer Scott Miller said the program is an effective tool to help solve crimes.

“Honestly one of the things that makes it effective is that there is a chance for someone to call in anonymously and get a reward out of it,” Miller said.

At 5 p.m. Thursday, Crime Stoppers will host a spaghetti dinner at Carbondale Middle School to earn money to pay for tips.

There are expenses that Crime Stoppers has, Mathis said. “It’s a volunteer board so the members don’t get paid, but we do have expenses. As far as paying off the tips, that’s the No. 1 thing we do.”
Prior planning prevents poor performance

A

other would—be protest — this time, a “die
in” — fizzled Friday because of poor orga-
nization. Instead of 80 people, though, only
eight showed up this time.

Some of our readers have suggested this lack of
interest has nothing to do with apathy, but instead
focuses on a failure to get the word out.

Well, that’s still apathy, but displayed by organizers.

If the organizers don’t seem to care about putting
together an event, neither would the participants they
need to pull it off.

It could be the fault of the protesters or it could be
something entirely unrelated.

It is a phenomenon that echoes across cam-
pus in other student-organized activities, such as
Undergraduate Student Government.

A huge room is reserved for USG meetings, yet
empty chairs number many more than occupied ones.

But how often are the meetings publicized? Do
senators encourage students to attend?

It could be USG for unintentionally shooting itself in
the foot.

A lack of interest and a lack of student turnout at
the polls may come from strict campaign time limits
the organization set for itself.

Students seeking election this year may start
campaigning at 8 a.m. today. They may post fliers at
approved locations and campaign on and off campus.

A violation of these rules could lead to the student’s
campaigning at 8 a.m. today. They may post fliers at
the student’s outer from the ballot. This gives future senators,
trustees and presidents a meager two weeks to inspire
their constituents to vote.

I know I wouldn’t want to get caught in the
tunnel of death with one of these insurgent deer from SIU.

It could be the university for the scary ways they
can punish students who color outside the lines.

SIUC student Marc Torney was almost expelled
for staging a “die in” in front of the student center in
March 2004 because his protest did not conform to
university standards.

Fortunately, he was cleared, and his actions may
have changed the “free forum area” policy.

An additional free forum area was added. Students
were allowed to protest along a major artery of cam-
pus — in front of Morris Library — in addition to
the area near Anthony Hall.

It could be the lack of motivation and dispassionate
student body at fault, but other organizations manage
to put together very successful productions.

The Big Muddy Film Festival is a largely student-
produced event and is arguably one of the best events
Carbondale has to offer. The same can be said for the
award-winning Alt. News and River Region broad-
casts.

The CardBoard Boat Regatta, while not necessarily
student-organized, is another long-standing and pop-
ular event. There are plenty of other clubs and RSOs
that are equally as effective.

Those who want to put together a production
should use these organizations as a model for their
own.

They work.

There is no reason why any other idea can’t be
equally as successful.

WORDS OVERHEARD

“Don’t hit him in the head, because when you hit
the mascot’s head it comes back and hits me in the face,
and I’ve got a busted lip numerous times.”

Kristin Slechticky
Gray Dawg
Shouting useless without time machine

Dear Editor:

While I agree that America as a whole may have been duped into the war in Iraq under false information and in some cases downright lies, I also know that an immedi-
ate removal of the peacekeeping forces cur-
rently would lead them to the kind of anar-
chy and genocidal not seen since Rwanda in
’94. In ’94 the world looked away as 800,000
Rwandese were slaughtered, not wanting to
involve and risk UN troops because
of the losses in Somalia. I don’t want to see
our troops killed, but I certainly don’t want
the thousands of soldiers who have died in Iraq’exhausted and threaten-
ing the rise of a new dictator, even more hostile to
the United States.

I understand that had we not gone to war, there
is a chance, maybe even a good one, that
Iraq would be in better shape than it is
today. But more importantly, I understand
that showing that fact at the top of my lungs
will do absolutely no good, unless someone
with a time machine should happen to over-

I am sorry the protest didn’t get the
author of Voices a much-needed day off, like
the protest mentioned in the ’70s. Perhaps
that’s because they weren’t marching for
freedom and peace, but for imperialism and
genocide. We are just as much a part of this
war now as the Iraqis, so perhaps thinking
of a better solution than cutting and running
would be a better use of your time.

Please don’t call me and my classmates
apathetic because I don’t agree with your
cause and won’t be drawn from my classes to
participate in a shouting match with you and
your closest 79 friends.

— Sean Carr

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Apathy editorial

Protests not always so peaceful

Dear Editor:

In response to Kandace Villalp’s refer-
ce to SFUC’s past anti-war protests, it is
unfortunate that you did not live through the
social horrors of the late ’60s and early
’70s. Let me tell you a little story about
what it was like to live back then. I was
about 4 or 5 years old when my parents
took my sister and me on vacation. They
wished for us to visit Giant City Park for
the day. Unfortunately, our trip was cut
short do to the “Bloody Violence” that took
place that day.

People everywhere it seemed were cov-
ered in blood and crying over those who
had fallen that day. This day nearly 40
years later I can still see the blood stained
shirts and bodies of the protesters after
they clashed with police and other Pro-War
protesters.

What I am saying is this: It all started out peaceful, but in short order it turned
violent and people died, not in the war-
torn areas of Vietnam but right here in the
United States. I for one would rather e-mail
and write letters to my elected officials than
risk the possibility of having to face vio-

Robert Forristier

Student’s comments

Student’s comments malarkey

Dear Editor:

The Friday, DAILY EGYPTIAN dem-

strated two different ways to approach issues.
Kandace Villalp did a nice job, though
longer than your 300-word limit, expressing
how people can organize around a cause. Jim
Glover’s letter, on the other hand, was an
example of extreme, left-wing garbage.

I disagree with Ms. Villalp about the
protest in the late 1960s and early 1970s.
Yes, the students closed down the university, but the subsequent costs were very high to
the students and university. Old Main was
burned down. Police officers were shot.
Students left a closed university without
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marks over their academic careers. Parents
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seen as a hornet’s nest.

I believe the 1970 yearbook contains a
picture that should be a warning about
returning to those days. The picture was of
the campus fountain with the two figures
under the umbrella with the bullet remains
of Old Main behind it. The caption said, “The
Next 100 Years.” If you are going to
organize a protest, do it peacefully. Most
professional protests I saw in D.C. were
simply incorrect and, I believe, inappropriate
to imply (albeit strongly I might add) that
the only possible action for someone who is
not apathetic is to attend such a protest.

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belie...
"Who knows whose going to die or not be around for some reason for the next term? Or is our state, who knows whose going to get indicted?" he said, eliciting waves of laughter from the crowd.

Several young people representing Milos Challenge, an organization that gives Chicago youth an opportunity to get involved in politics, spoke on the importance of youth action and empowerment.

"It's often said that youth are the future, but we are the present. We are here now and we have to stand up for what we believe in. It can be hard but it is possible," said the speaker.

Carbondale Community High School student Whitney Groff, 18, said one of her concerns is the lack of diversity and crime in the city. She said the school has restricted students on multiple levels since moving to its new location in 2003, and she said:

"If we have more freedom, we're young adults," she said. "I might not let the freshman and sophomores leave campus, but juniors and seniors can go anywhere.

Jovan Williams, a recent CHS graduate, said issues such as drugs and criminal gang activity are important to him.

"You can't be a little bit pregnant," he said, as he checked the time. "You have to be all in or all out, and I think that's what we have to do."

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute provides this opportunity for young people in Illinois to go to the state's capital in order to learn some of the mechanics of politics and how they can get involved.

Institute Director Mike Lawrence said he hopes that the 18-year-olds on hand for the day will come back and volunteer for future events. He said:

"We don't need 30-year-olds. We need 18-year-olds. We need them to go out and get what they want."
Celebrity birthdays

1931: Nerd idol Leonard “Spock” Nimoy
1943: Oddball actor Christopher Walken
1945: Basketball legend and former Saluki Walt Frazier
1945: Singer/songwriter Eric Clapton
1948: Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler
1963: “Kill Bill” creator Quentin Tarantino
1971: “Trainspotting” actor Ewan McGregor

1964: The game show “Jeopardy!” makes its debut on television with Art Fleming as the host. It would be discovered in the 1980s that Alex Trebek’s mustache was what brought in the real ratings.

1971: A Los Angeles jury recommends the death penalty for Charles Manson and three female followers. Manson responded by recommending the Beach Boys’ “Pet Sounds” record as a great album for the jury to pick up.

1981: President Ronald Reagan is shot outside a hotel in Washington, D.C. While John Hinckley Jr. would be apprehended as the culprit, Dick Cheney was a runner-up in the list of suspects.

1997: Thirty-nine bodies are found in the Heaven’s Gate cult suicides. Also found in each member’s pocket was $5 in quarters for the vending machines and arcade games on the spaceship they were supposedly boarding through suicide. I honestly wish I could come up with something so funny.

1997: Rapper the Notorious B.I.G. releases his first posthumous album “Life After Death” 16 days after he is shot to death. Now that’s an ironic album title.

1999: A jury in Michigan finds Dr. Jack Kevorkian guilty of second-degree murder for administering a lethal injection to a terminally ill man. Come on Jack, he had the flu. That is not a terminally ill.

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Julius Frazier, Zoology
Kathleen Lask, Physics/Mathematics
Christopher Leffelman, Plant Biology
Bryan McConney, Biology/Pre-Medicine
Kara McConville, Rehabilitation Services
Russell McKeith, Animal Science
Amanda Rabideau, Physiology/Philosophy
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Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

Today's Birthday (03-26-07).

Home and family encourage your spiritual advancement this year. You'll make amazing discoveries in the privacy of your own head. You'll figure out answers to questions you didn't know you could ask. And, you'll do it all naturally, without psychedelic drugs. Be courageous.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 5 -

The key to your success is hidden somewhere in your own subconscious. If you can remember where you put it, you'll triumph over all. Try meditation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 -

The trouble is, what you're learning contradicts what you already knew. What's really true? Or does it depend on your point of view? Keep reading.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 -

It's still important for you to carefully think before you speak. You may not be in the habit, but it's a valuable one to acquire.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 -

You're liable to be frustrated. Your progress seems to be blocked. Don't worry, this little setback leads you to a brilliant new plan.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 -

Let others carry the ball today. Let somebody else take the heat. You're about to have a brilliant insight that will help you achieve victory.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 -

Let your friends know what you need. You'd do anything for them. Let them return the favors. Yes, there is something they can do for you, and if you ask, they will.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 -

Don't offer suggestions unless specifically asked. Be polite, charming and attractive. Let somebody else lead you to success.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 -

Use what you're learning to advance your career. You're having fun, but not for the fun of it. This is about doing business.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 -

Careful shopping will be required to achieve your latest goals. This is not your favorite pastime, but you can do it well, if you must. Do the homework.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 -

Let somebody else do the difficult stuff. You can supervise. That's your favorite job anyway, and you're really good at it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 -

Don't offer suggestions unless specifically asked. Be polite, charming and attractive. Let somebody else lead you to success.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 -

By about now, you will have had another blinding insight. Don't bother with trying to figure out how these things happen to you. Do believe in miracles, from first-hand experience.

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WOMEN’S GOLF
Salukis snag second
Team defeats seven others at invitational

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women’s golf team made a statement this week when they defeated seven Missouri Valley Conference teams on their way to a second place finish.

The Salukis second place finish at the Saluki Invitational held at Hickory Ridge Golf Course on Monday marked the third time this season the they finished in the top three.

The Salukis shot better than 12 other teams to finish with a score of 613.

SIU was in first place going into the final round of play on Monday but was unable to hold on for the victory as Eastern Michigan took first place with a score of 610. Stephanie Fleet led Eastern Michigan shooting rounds of 72 and 73 to finish first.

Saluki coach Diane Daugherty said she was disappointed with the late collapse and believed the team could have won.

“We didn’t finish very strong. We had double and triple bogies even a four over and we only lost by three shots,” Daugherty said. “It’s like playing good for three and a half quarters in football and giving it away at the last second.”

Senior Samantha Sutter was the lone bright spot in the midst of the Salukis’ collapse. She shot a final round of 74.

Sutter came into the final round tied for 13th after shooting a round of 78 but finished the tournament in fifth place.

Senior Josie Lowder finished eighth to help the Salukis in the second round by shooting a 78 to bring her tournament total to 154.

The Salukis shot a final round of 303 after SIU gaining first place by shooting a team score of 303 after first round.

The windy conditions on the 6,065 yard course caused minor problems the entire tournament. Junior Kelly Gerlach led the Salukis in the first day of the tournament shooting a score of 73 which was good enough for one-over-par and second place overall.

SIU had a total of five golfers in the top fifteen after the first round, including junior Kate Largeler who did well in her first round of competitive golf this season for the Salukis by shooting a 77.

SIU will be looking to rebound away at the last second. “I think the favorite in the Valley tournament has to be Missouri State,” Daugherty said. “So we can’t get overconfident or cocky about beating Illinois State and Bradley on our home golf course. We are going to have play very well to win.”

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KELLY
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Curry, a shortstop, doesn’t have to deal with the physical and mental strains of being a catcher.

But don’t think Kelly’s numbers are padded because he doesn’t play everyday.

He, along with Saluki third baseman Scott Elmdorff, have started all 25 games for the SIU this season. Kelly also is fourth in the MVC with 106 at-bats.

Although Saluki pitching coach Tim Dixon is in charge of calling pitches, Kelly is in charge of relaying the calls to the pitcher and the SIU pitching staff has responded well to having Kelly behind the plate with a 2.81 ERA.

Friday starter Jordan Powell has a 3-2 record with a 3.05 ERA while Saturday starter Cody Adams has posted a 7-0 record with a paltry 1.47 ERA, which is good for fourth best in the MVC.

Both pitchers are in the top-five for innings pitched.

Kelly said his pitching staff has done a good job of hitting their spots and placing the ball low in the zone.

“I just do what I have to do, whether it be on offense or defense,” Kelly said.

And while his wins haven’t come in bunches yet, Sunday starter Shawn Joy has a 2.25 ERA along with a 2-1 record.

Joy said Kelly made an impact on the teams 9-4 win against Illinois State Sunday.

“I felt like I got a good groove going and this guy (Kelly) helped me out a lot behind the plate,” Joy said.

Kelly has also made the transition from high school to college easier on the lone freshman starter on the Salukis’ staff.

Freshman first baseman Tyler Choute, who doubles as a starting pitcher on Wednesdays, has transferred his high school numbers over to the collegiate level.

Choute, who had a 9-0 record along with a 1.09 ERA at Carmi-White County High School, currently sports a 2-1 record with a 1.76 ERA this season.

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JOSIE LOWDER watches her shot after teeing off from hole 8 during the final day of the Saluki Invitational Sunday at Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale.

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Sports

**Baseball season is two weeks away and teams are starting to finalize their rosters. With all of the offseason moves that took place, who will improve the most this season?**

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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**SOFTBALL**

Scoggins makes it two in a row

SIU softball pitcher Cassidy Scoggins won the Missouri Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week for the second week in a row.

The senior pitcher won the award for the sixth time in her career after going 4-0 last week with a save. Scoggins had three shutouts and a no-hitter against Illinois State and Missouri State.

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NFC

NFL conduct policy still not set, expected in April

PHOENIX (AP) — One day after yet another NFL player was arrested, commissioner Roger Goodell said Monday a stronger player conduct policy will not be completed at this league meetings.

By next month, however, Goodell expects to have in place the stricter plan and hopes to make some disciplinary decisions before the April 26-29 draft.

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NFL Players Association executive director Gene Upshaw has expressed his support of a tougher disciplinary policy.

NCAA

Norah leads Gators to 85-77 victory and second NCAA Final Four appearance

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jaolyn Norah and his buddies are heading back to the Final Four, looking for a second straight national championship that was worth more to them than NBA millions.

Norah had 11 points and 14 rebounds, Upphendy had more than 70 points, and Kansas Green added 21 points to lead the Gators to an 85-77 victory over third-seeded Oregon in the Midwest Regional final Sunday. It was their 16th straight postseason victory, a streak that includes one national championship and two Southeastern Conference titles.

The Gators will play UCLA in the West Regional final Saturday night in the national semifinal in a rematch of last year's championship game.

The Bears held off top-seeded Kansas for a 66-55 victory in the West Regional final Saturday night.

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**SALUKI TRACKER**

**Jeannine Harrison**

The Cubs on paper have the most improvement because of Alfonso Soriano, but we are talking about the Cubs. I would say watch out for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, they added Josh/beautifull for their infield and Garrett Anderson is healthy. Even Santana and Jered Weaver are two great young pitchers for the Angels. Look for the Dodgers to do well too.

"Walk, obviously Josh and Jeff are Cubs fans, but they're a long season and anything can happen and usually does. I'm going with the Boston Red Sox and the Los Angeles Dodgers. Boston added Dice-K along with J.D. Drew, who would provide more protection to Manny Ramirez and Big Papi. The Dodgers have a good blend of old and young talent and the addition of Jason Schmidt should help the pitching staff reach its potential."

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**SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

- **March 31**  Creighton  12 p.m.
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- **April 1**  Creighton  12 p.m.
- **April 3**  SEMO  3 p.m.
- **April 3**  SEMO  5 p.m.
- **April 6**  Drake  6 p.m.
- **April 7**  Drake  12 p.m.
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- **April 10**  Evansville  4 p.m.
- **April 11**  Middle Tennessee  4 p.m.
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**BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

- **March 28**  Tennessee-Martin  2 p.m.
- **March 30**  Evansville  6 p.m.
- **March 31**  Evansville  3 p.m.
- **April 1**  Evansville  1 p.m.
- **April 3**  Missouri  6:30 p.m.
- **April 7**  Valparaiso  2 p.m.
- **April 8**  Valparaiso  1 p.m.
- **April 10**  Missouri State  3 p.m.
- **April 13**  Wichita State  3 p.m.
- **April 14**  Wichita State  2 p.m.

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BASEBALL

A one-man wrecking machine

Junior backstop is hitting at .481

Matt Hartwig

Mark Kelly’s hot streak hasn’t ended yet and if you watch him play you’re likely to see him on base twice during the game.

The junior catcher is hitting a Missouri Valley Conference best .483 with a .496 on base percentage and capped off a productive weekend at the plate going 9-for-13 with two doubles, seven RBI and one run scored in a three-game sweep of Illinois State.

Kelly is also tops in the MVC in hits with 51, RBI with 35 and total bases with 62.

Saluki coach Dan Callahan said he doesn’t expect Kelly’s monstrous numbers to be the norm, unfortunately.

“Regardless of what school you’re at or how talented you are, high .400’s are not the norm,” Callahan said. “We just want to enjoy it as long as we can and I’m happy for him. I’ve said this through the weeks that Mark Kelly is hard worker and he deserves this.”

Kelly’s league leading batting average is in front of Bradley’s Michael Curry by nine points.

But while Curry and Kelly are in a tight race for a MVC batting title, the comparisons stop there.

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He also brought along a stellar game of tennis.

The Santiago, Chile, native boasted a 27-0 record as a freshman at College of the Desert before joining the SIU men’s tennis team. He was ranked No. 3 in all of Chile in singles competition and No. 10 in doubles matches.

Villasenor said even though there are many differences between Chile and the U.S., the adjustment has been smooth.

“The people are different, the culture is very different,” Villasenor said. “I think I have adapted very well. When I first got here the language and everything was a little hard, but I think I’m doing pretty good.”

But Villasenor is not alone.

Seven of the eight members of the tennis team were born in countries outside the United States. Freshman Karl Nilsson hails from Orebro, Sweden, sophomore Hugo Vidal is from La Ciotat, France, and freshman Lucas Waked is from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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Waked said there are several different ways Villasenor has helped him improve as a tennis player.

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“We just had a bad week. But you don’t want it to be an excuse,” Nelson said.

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