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Meteorologists: Floods will not worsen

State and county agencies reach out to victims of last week's flooding

Barton Lorimor
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Thunderstorms expected for the rest of the week should slow the decent of floodwaters in the area, but not increase them, according to the National Weather Service in Paducah, Ky.

A line of thunderstorms moved into southern Illinois Wednesday evening, which is the first of a few showers expected during the rest of the week. Though much of western Jackson County surrounding the Big Muddy River remains underwater, meteorologists said the body of water that dumps into the Mississippi River will continue to make the move back to its banks.

Flood warnings remained in effect, but residents who voluntarily evacuated their homes last week have returned after Grand Tower Mayor Randy Ellet said the town's 40-year-old levee would hold.

Rumors circulating that a dam on Crab Orchard Lake would be unable to hold floodwaters are untrue, said Dan Frisk with the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Reserve. He said inspectors from Washington, D.C., approved the site's capability after thorough review, and high water levels are pouring into the spillway as they should.



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High water levels caused by recent torrential rainstorms have caused extensive flooding throughout the southern Illinois area, limiting access to many roads including this public boat ramp in Grand Tower. The boat ramp is located on top of the Grand Tower levee, a 40-year-old structure that is beginning to show its age as it continues to hold back the swollen banks of the Mississippi River.

Frisk said the forecasted rain should not have a dramatic impact on the dam's abilities since the lake is no longer cresting.

"We will be watching the [water] levels," he said. "Our folks are online to monitor our gauges."

State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias is offering low-interest loans to flood damage victims who reside in the 19 counties Gov. Rod Blagojevich declared disaster areas last week.

Sara Wojcicki, a spokeswoman

for Giannoulias, said victims unable to wait for money from insurance claims can apply for a loan provided by the Opportunity Illinois Disaster Recovery Loan program. The loans have interest rates around 4.5 percent, she said.

According to a release from Giannoulias' office, victims may take out loans until June 14 — 90 days after the governor declared the region a disaster area.

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University looks to close gender gap

Allison Petty
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a five-part series on enrollment. Previous installments focused on the effect of the university's enrollment crisis, possible causes of the problem and the drop in international students. The final installment will appear Thursday.

Rachel Reynolds said she's made more male friends since coming to SIUC.

This may not be surprising, since there are thousands more men on campus than women.

About 55 percent of students in fall 2007 were men, according to university records. The lower number of women is one facet of the enrollment crisis facing the university, SIU President Glenn Poshard said.

"We have a goal, of course, of increasing our percentage of females on campus because we're one of the few universities who have it the other way," Poshard said.

About one-third of women ages

25 to 29 have a bachelor's degree, compared to 26 percent of males, according to 2007 data released by the U.S. Census Bureau. Some of the university's peer institutions reflect this trend.

"As a matter of fact, (Eastern Illinois University) was the place my brother and his friends went to try to meet girls," said Reynolds, a junior from Champaign studying zoology. In fall 2007, women represented nearly 60 percent of EIU's undergraduate population.

An SIUC committee to increase undergraduate women enrollment released a report detailing possible reasons for the shortage in 2006. Safety concerns as well as concerns about the university's "party school" image played a part in the problem, the report said, as well as cost and limited knowledge of services for women.

Brittney Corrigan, a senior from Springfield studying zoology, said she thought the university focused its marketing too heavily on male-dominated sports. Reynolds agreed, saying she noticed a

concentration on athletics as soon as she transferred to the university from Parkland College.

Brandon Ancona, a junior from Rockford studying architecture, said the university's focus on sports and reputation as a party school could influence women's decisions to attend.

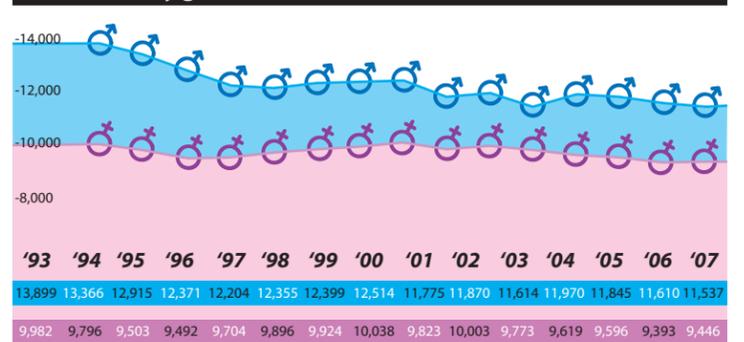
"(And) we're really big on engineering, business and architecture," Ancona said. "I guess that could have something to do with it, stereotypically."

Ancona's speculation might hold some weight. The Colleges of Engineering, Applied Sciences and Arts, and Business and Administration have the greatest disparities of men over women. Engineering, in particular, had 113 female undergraduate students to 1,121 men in fall 2007.

The College of Education and Human Services, with about 500 more women than men, is the only female-dominated college.

The 2006 report suggested that any strategic recruitment plans include a specific plan for recruiting women. The report suggested using successful

Enrollment by gender at SIU



Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

alumni in a "Come Party With Us" campaign, which would be modeled after the "Got Milk?" national campaign for the dairy industry.

Victoria Valle, vice chancellor for enrollment management, said her office would work to understand the problem through institutional data.

"One of the things that we have to figure out (is) the difference in what women tell

us about why they leave versus what men tell us about why they leave," said Valle, adding that retention is a crucial piece of the enrollment puzzle.

Reynolds and the administrators agree on one sentiment.

"We would have a bonfire and it would be two girls versus like five guys," Reynolds said. "It was like, 'OK, we need to get some more girls here.'"

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 Effort to rid Greek Row of mold.
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Student elections may move online

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students may be able to vote for Undergraduate Student Government president from home this year, said Election Commissioner John Teresi.

Teresi announced at a pre-election meeting for student representative candidates Wednesday that a polling company called Student Voices would handle the elections, scheduled for April 15 and 16. The ballot includes two candidates for USG president and a referendum for the proposed \$10

“green” fee.

But some candidates disagreed with the idea.

USG President Demetrous White, who is running unopposed for Student Trustee, said the organization had set aside \$90,000 to buy computerized voting systems. He said the paper system used in previous years was outdated, but he wasn't sure about a system that eliminated organized polling places.

“When you have elections, the polling places are where people vote,”

White said “If you're extending it to where people can vote anywhere, that means that computer in my room is a voting place.”

According to the USG Constitution, the senate must approve new polling places with a two-thirds vote. Candidates also have the right to a poll watcher present at all polling places, and no one is allowed to campaign within 100 feet of a polling place.

But with a system that leaves students able to vote from any location, the rules become murky.

Some of the candidates said they would rather keep the current system or designate some computer labs on campus as polling places.

One of the vice-presidential candidates, Jennifer Arteaga, asked if the restrictions about campaigning near a polling place would apply to areas with computers off campus.

“Let's say I go to Aspen Court and knock on the door,” Arteaga said.

Teresi replied that the election council, which consists of himself and four other members, would not be able to monitor off-campus activities.

“Is there any way we can vote this down? I don't know if I like this,” Arteaga responded. Several other candidates murmured their agreement.

“You know, frankly, this discussion is not up for debate in this room right now,” Teresi said. “If you guys have anything to say, I suggest you go to the USG meeting and stand up during the public comments.”

Teresi added that he would be happy to set up mock elections so the



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Election Commissioner John Teresi draws names out of an umbrella to decide the order that the president and vice presidential candidates' names will appear on the April 15 and 16 ballot. The Wednesday meeting introduced the candidates to a new voting system and approved the start of campaigning.

candidates could see the effectiveness of the new system. He said another benefit of the system is that it would not cost any money because the polling company is already under contract to the university.

“Obviously, this does open some issues and we're certainly prepared to

discuss this and figure out the best way to resolve it,” Teresi said.

The next USG meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. April 2 in the Student Health Center Auditorium.

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USG presidential/vice presidential candidates

P — Dave Loftus

Loftus is a sophomore from Princeton studying political science. He is a senator representing the West Side of Carbondale and serves on the USG Internal Affairs Committee and Student Judicial Board.

Top three issues

1. Safety
2. Cost of education
3. Deferred maintenance and housing concerns

Biggest goal for presidency: To achieve better representation of students.

VP — Jennifer Arteaga

Arteaga is a junior from Chicago studying automotive technology. She is a senator representing the College of Applied Sciences and Arts and member of Sigma Kappa sorority. She also serves on the USG Internal Affairs Committee.

Top three issues

1. Scholarships
2. Protection against identity theft
3. Getting students involved with USG and university

Biggest goal for vice-presidency: To get more funding for student scholarships.

P — Chiquita Watts

Watts is a junior from Chicago studying finance. She is a senator representing the College of Business, executive director of the Student Programming Council and president of the Black Women's Task Force.

Top three issues

1. Cost of education
2. Safety
3. Students' relationship with university administration

Biggest goal for presidency: To get a cap on student fees at the university level.

VP — Vincent Hardy

Hardy is a sophomore from Chicago studying business. He is a senator representing the College of Business and Administration and member of the USG Finance Committee.

Top three issues

1. Student retention rates
2. Cost of education
3. Safety

Biggest goal for vice-presidency: To work on a concrete program to help new students acclimate to university life.

WATER

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Aside from the financial impact of a flood, the Jackson County Health Department is reminding everyone to protect themselves from diseases that may be in floodwaters. A release from the health department advised people to avoid coming in contact with the water since floods may contain fecal material from overflowing sewers and chemicals used by farmers.

The department is also recommending rural residents to have

their well water tested before normal usage.

Traffic in Carbondale and Murphysboro is no longer affected by high waters, but roads surrounding Sandridge and Grand Tower remain closed as county officials fear cars could bottom out. Roads around Murphysboro's water treatment facility remain roped off to the public, though floodwaters from the Big Muddy River are receding.

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Endeavour returns with night landing

Marcia Dunn
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour and its crew of seven returned to Earth on Wednesday, making a rare nighttime touchdown to wrap up “a two-week adventure” at the international space station.

The shuttle swooped through the darkness and landed on NASA's

illuminated runway at 8:39 p.m., an hour after sunset.

“Welcome home, Endeavour,” Mission Control radioed. “Congrats to the entire crew.”

Replied Endeavour's commander, Dominic Gorie: “It was a super-rewarding mission, exciting from the start to the ending.”

The shuttle's homecoming was a bit delayed.

Endeavour was supposed to land

before sunset, but at virtually the last minute, clouds moved in. As the astronauts took an extra swing around the planet, the sky cleared enough to satisfy flight controllers and — after asking Gorie for his opinion — they gave him the green light to head home.

It was only the 22nd space shuttle landing in darkness. Less than one-fifth of all missions have ended at nighttime; the last one was in 2006.

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WIRE REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

McCain renews calls for U.S. to collaborate as world leader

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Republican John McCain on Wednesday called anew for the United States to work more collegially with democratic allies and live up to its duties as a world leader, drawing a sharp contrast to the past eight years under President Bush.

"Our great power does not mean we can do whatever we want whenever we want, nor should we assume we have all the wisdom and knowledge necessary to succeed," the likely presidential nominee said in a speech to the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. "We need to listen to the views and respect the collective will of our democratic allies," McCain added.

Coming days after his trip to the Middle East and Europe, McCain's speech was intended to signal to leaders abroad — and voters at home — that he would end an era of what critics have called Bush's cowboy diplomacy. McCain never mentioned Bush's name, though he evoked former Democratic Presidents Truman and Kennedy.

It was, in effect, a fresh acknowledgment from the Arizona senator that the United States' standing on the world stage has been tarnished and that the country has an image problem under Bush.

WASHINGTON

Discovery of parachute stirs buzz over legend

AMBOY, Wash. (AP) — A tattered, half-buried parachute unearthed by kids had D.B. Cooper country chattering Wednesday over the fate of the skyjacker, who leaped from a plane 36 years ago and into the lore of the Pacific Northwest.

The parachute is about all most people in this neck of the southwestern Washington woods ever expected would be found as evidence of Cooper's daredevil escape attempt.

"Hunters are all through here," Idy Gilbert said Wednesday as she served drinks at Nick's Bar and Grill. "They find lots of bodies up here all the time, people who are missing. They would have found some bones. All they found was a chute."

In November 1971, a man identifying himself as Dan Cooper, later mistakenly identified as D.B. Cooper, hijacked a Northwest Orient flight, claiming he had a bomb. He demanded and got \$200,000, then jumped out the back of the plane somewhere near the Oregon line.

He may have landed around Amboy, not 30 miles from Portland, Ore. That's the same area where children playing outside their home recently found fabric sticking up from the ground where their father had been grading a road, FBI agent Larry Carr said Tuesday.

NEW YORK

Fat belly in middle age raises risk for dementia decades later

NEW YORK (AP) — Having a big belly in your 40s can boost your risk of getting Alzheimer's disease or other dementia decades later, a new study suggests.

It's not just about your weight. While previous research has found evidence that obesity in middle age raises the chances of developing dementia later, the new work found a separate risk from storing a lot of fat in the abdomen. Even people who weren't overweight were susceptible.

That abdominal fat, sometimes described as making people apple-shaped rather than pear-shaped, has already been linked to higher risk of developing diabetes, stroke and heart disease.

BRAZIL

Scientists claim discovery of new prehistoric crocodile

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Pointy-nosed crocodiles may have joined sharks as the dominant predators in the world's oceans some 62 million years ago, according to Brazilian scientists who on Wednesday unveiled one of the most complete skeletons found yet of the prehistoric animals.

Scientists called it a new species, "Guarinisuchus munizi," and said it sheds new light on the evolutionary history of modern crocodiles.

The fossil includes a skull, jaw bone and vertebrae, making it one of the most complete examples of marine crocodylomorphs collected so far in South America, said Alexander Kellner of the National Museum of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. He and other scientists unveiled fossils and a model of the 10-foot-long crocodile at the museum.

Bush hears military's worries on Iraq war strains



KUNI TAKAHASHI ~ McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Staff Sgt. Stephen Yacapin, top, and Cpl. Eric Chenevare of the 3rd Platoon Bonecrusher Troop, 3-7 Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division, search the bedroom for weapons and other evidences during early morning raid in Baghdad, Iraq, Sept. 7.

Robert Burns

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Behind the Pentagon's closed doors, U.S. military leaders told President Bush Wednesday they are worried about the Iraq war's mounting strain on troops and their families. But they indicated they'd go along with a brief halt in pulling out troops this summer.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff did say senior commanders in Iraq should make more frequent assessments of security conditions, an idea that appeared aimed at increasing pressure for more rapid troop reductions.

The chiefs' concern is that U.S. forces are being worn thin, compromising the Pentagon's ability to handle crises elsewhere in the world.

In the war zone itself, two more American soldiers were killed Wednesday in separate attacks in Baghdad, raising the U.S. death toll to at least 4,003, according

to an Associated Press count. Volleys of rockets also slammed into Baghdad's Green Zone for the third day this week, and the U.S. Embassy said three Americans were seriously wounded. At least eight Iraqis were killed elsewhere in the capital by rounds that apparently fell short.

Wednesday's 90-minute Pentagon session, held in a secure conference room known as "the Tank," was arranged by Defense Secretary Robert Gates to provide Bush an additional set of military views as he prepares to decide how to proceed in Iraq once his troop buildup, which began in 2007, runs its

course by July. "Armed with all that, the president must now decide the way ahead in Iraq," said Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell. The discussion covered not only Iraq but Afghanistan, where violence has spiked, and broader military mat-

ters, said Morrell, who briefed reporters without giving details of the discussion. Some specifics were provided by defense officials, commenting on condition of anonymity in order to speak more freely.

The Joint Chiefs are particularly concerned about Afghanistan and an increasingly active Taliban insurgency.

The United States has about 31,000 troops in Afghanistan and 156,000 in Iraq.

U.S. forces in Iraq peaked at 20 brigades last year and are to be cut to 15 brigades, with a total of about 140,000 combat and support troops, by the end of July. A key question facing Bush is whether security conditions will have improved sufficiently by then to justify more reductions.

One of the leading advocates of Bush's troop buildup last year, military historian Frederick Kagan of the American Enterprise Institute, said in an interview Wednesday that security conditions in Iraq, while better, are not good enough to justify any commitment to troop reductions beyond July.

The president must now decide the way ahead in Iraq.

—Geoff Morrell
Pentagon press secretary

Prosecutors: U.S. prewar trip to Iraq financed by Saddam

Matt Apuzzo

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Saddam Hussein's intelligence agency secretly financed a trip to Iraq for three U.S. lawmakers during the run-up to the U.S.-led invasion, federal prosecutors said Wednesday.

An indictment unsealed in Detroit accuses Muthanna Al-Hanooti, a member of a Michigan nonprofit group, of arranging for three members of Congress to travel to Iraq in October 2002 at the behest of Saddam's regime. Prosecutors say Iraqi intelligence officials paid for the trip through an intermediary.

At the time, the Bush administration was trying to persuade Congress to authorize military action against Iraq.

The lawmakers are not named in the indictment but the dates correspond to a trip by Democratic Reps. Jim McDermott of Washington, David Bonior of Michigan and

Mike Thompson of California. None was charged and Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd said investigators "have no information whatsoever" any of them knew the trip was underwritten by Saddam.

"Obviously we didn't know it at the time," McDermott spokesman Michael DeCesare said Wednesday. "The trip was to see the plight of the Iraqi children. That's the only reason we went."

During the trip, the lawmakers expressed skepticism about the Bush administration's claims that Saddam was stockpiling weapons of mass destruction.

"War is not the answer," Bonior, who is no longer in Congress, said at a news conference while on the trip. "There is a way to resolve this."

Though weapons of mass destruction ultimately were never found, the lawmakers drew criticism for their trip at the time.

Oklahoma Sen. Don Nickles, the second-ranking Senate Republican at the time, said the Democrats "soundsomewhat like spokespersons for the Iraqi government."

Al-Hanooti was arrested Tuesday night while returning to the U.S. from the Middle

East, where he was looking for a job, his attorney, James Thomas, said. Al-Hanooti pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges of conspiracy to act as an unregistered agent of a foreign government, illegally purchasing Iraqi oil and lying to authorities. He was being held on \$100,000 bail.

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—Michael DeCesare
McDermott spokesman

Bush confronts Chinese leader

Terence Hunt

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush sharply confronted China's President Hu Jintao on Wednesday about Beijing's harsh crackdown in Tibet, joining an international chorus of alarm just months before the U.S. and the rest of the world parade to China for the Olympics.

In a telephone call with Hu, Bush "pushed very hard" about violence in Tibet, a necessity for restraint and a need for China to consult with representatives of the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibet, the White House said.

After days of silence by Bush as other world leaders raised their voices, it marked a rare, direct protest from one president to another. As if to underscore how pointed Bush was, the White House said he used the call to "speak very clearly and frankly."

At the same time, Bush was forced to address an embarrassing blunder by the United States — the shipment of nuclear missile fuses to Taiwan and the failure to discover the error for more than 18 months. "It came up very briefly," National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley told reporters. "Basically, the president indicated that a mistake had been made. There was very little discussion about it."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice had previously registered concern about China's actions in Tibet, but Bush's call raised the protest to the highest level of the U.S. government. On the world stage, French President Nicolas Sarkozy notably has suggested a boycott of the Olympics opening ceremony in Beijing in August.

The United States and Britain have ruled out a boycott, and Bush has said he will attend. He has taken the position that the Olympics are about athletic competition, not politics.

China has defended its use of force against anti-Chinese protesters in Tibet, describing demonstrations that broke out in the capital city of Lhasa on March 14 as riots and violent crimes.

"No responsible government would sit by and watch when faced with this kind of violent crime, which gravely violated human rights, seriously disrupted social order and seriously endangered the safety of public life and property," Hu told Bush, according to an account by the official Chinese news agency Xinhua.

China's crackdown in response to the most sustained uprising against Chinese rule in almost two decades has put Beijing's human rights record in the international spotlight, embarrassing and frustrating a Communist leadership that had hoped for a smooth run-up to the Olympic Games.

China on Wednesday showed some signs of relenting, allowing the first group of foreign journalists to visit Lhasa since the violence began. The reporters were taken to Potala Square, below the Potala Palace, the traditional seat of Tibetan rulers, which reopened Wednesday for the first time since March 14. Then reporters were taken a few blocks away where many shops had been burned out during the violence.

Hadley said Bush pressed for a resumption of now-suspended consultations between China and representatives of the Dalai Lama, and that there was an encouraging response from Hu.

University takes steps to improve Greek Row

Problems in houses worsen after power outage

Luke McCormick
DAILY EGYPTIAN

There have been some unwelcome guests on Greek Row as of late, most notably some unsightly mold.

The mold has been joined by a broken ceiling, a failing roof and flooding of carpets and basements. While the power was out for more than 38 consecutive hours last week throughout Greek Row, residents in Crawford Hall, the Sigma Kappa sorority's house, lost almost all of their food, nearly \$2,000 worth of damage.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Larry Dietz said the problems that occurred in the houses last week would not have been prevented with new housing. The power outage and not the state of housing caused the problems, he said.

Jennifer Arteaga, a resident of Crawford Hall and an Undergraduate Student Government senator, said poor communication between residents and the university has caused the housing problems to come to a head.

Arteaga, a junior from Chicago studying automotive technology, said during last week's power outage the lines of communication were cut, and she had difficulty reporting the severe flooding in her house. With no power, the house phones were out and cell phones and computers could not be charged, she said.

Dietz said communication between the school and the students on Greek Row must improve and students should not just internalize the housing problems.



Jennifer Arteaga, a junior from Chicago studying automotive technology and USG senator, examines the water line on a chair in the basement of Crawford Hall.
JASON JOHNSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

"It is a communication thing that needs to be enhanced in both directions," Dietz said.

Arteaga and Demetrous White, president of the USG, attended a meeting Tuesday with Housing Director Julie Payne Kirchmeier and Dietz to discuss the problems on Greek Row.

Both White and Arteaga said they came out of the meeting believing the housing problems were going to be addressed. Some complaints had already been addressed Tuesday night as Arteaga reported Crawford Hall's roof had been fixed. But the students

They've come to the perspective that they need to get on top of these things and improve communication lines.

— Jennifer Arteaga
USG senator

said they would wait and see until the next time the house experienced a heavy rainfall.

"After these meetings, they've come to the perspective that they need to get on top of these things and improve communication lines," Arteaga said.

Improvements are beginning to be made, but there is still work to do to

correct the problems in the houses.

White said it is now important to go back and look at the complaints filed in the recent past and see if any have been put on the back burner. If so, students would need to document their complaints again.

Kirchmeier said University Housing staff will go back to the

beginning of this school year and look at the maintenance complaints they have received, she said. They will check each complaint to determine how long it took to remedy the situation and if there had been any delay in their responses.

"If the students are feeling that they aren't getting good service, we are going to look into it," Kirchmeier said.

Allison Petty contributed to this report.

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TODAY
University Housing/Residence Hall Dining
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OUR WORD

A tax for us

Everybody always talks about the long run. If they haven't caught up with you already, car payments and mortgages loom on the horizon for many of us. And you know you won't throw those 20 packets of Ramen your mom sent you that are oh-so-unappetizing but seem to have the ultimate shelf life away. We save our money and we save our noodles because we know, in the long run, we are going to need them.

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to simply consider a \$10 fee each semester to help pay for renewable technologies, such as wind power and solar energy.

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Efficiency curbs your losses. What better way for the university to do so than invest in a long-lasting solution?

If our campus was green-ified, the university would ultimately save money. Cornell University, one of the first education institutions to aggressively seek sustainable energy resources, realized \$7 million in savings between 1980 and 2000. Much of it was experimental, and that technology has since been further fine-tuned.

But it's up to students to show the Board of Trustees it's important for this fee to see fruition.

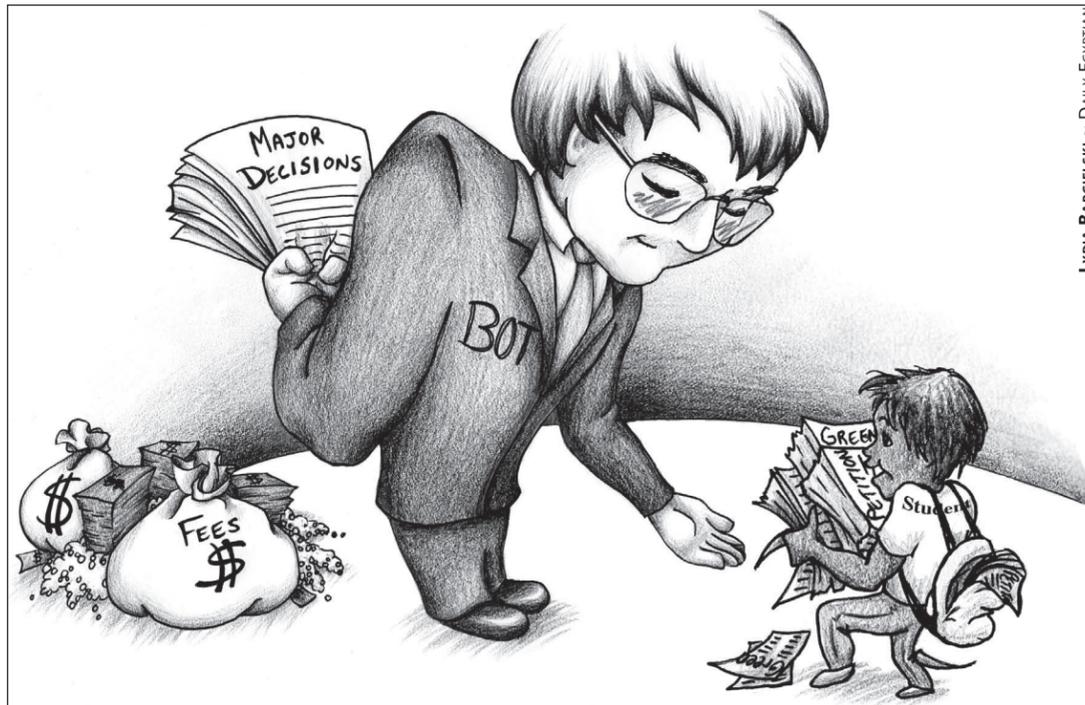
In the executive summary of the proposal, it's stated

Project Eco-Dawgs, a group of staff and students, is taking steps to further sustainability and efficiency research at SIUC because — guess what?

We're going to need it in the long run since we are living off the same tired technology we've been using. The roots of today's coal plants have been around since Thomas Edison discovered coal's usefulness in 1882.

Nuclear power plants have been around since the 1950s.

This group is asking people



LYDIA BARGIELSKI ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

that the sustainability council would "address global warming and sustainability." In other words, it would help reduce SIUC's contributions to global warming. While some remain skeptical, a majority of this board believes global warming to be our generation's issue.

There may still be war, health care may still be politicized and some of us might have a face full of wrinkles before our student loans are paid, but none of that will matter if we do not have a sus-

tainable planet to live on.

Shelly McGrath, a doctoral student from Lansing, simplified the matter at the Graduate and Professional Student Council meeting Tuesday.

"Well, the funny thing is that by the time the earth is destroyed, money's not going to mean anything," she said.

Students are asking for a fee this time, not the other way around. With a university that has increased its price by hundreds of dollars in fees in the

last two years to pay for a new football stadium, \$10 shouldn't be too much to ask for. If the referendum passes, we hope the BOT recognizes this.

A \$300,000 check a year does prompt for some blue-prints though, and we hope the group has the specifics for its projects.

Based on the efforts behind the 2,600 petitions collected within just a few weeks (and during spring break), we have a feeling they've already thought of that.

GUEST COLUMN

Shame on them, and shame on us

Joseph L. Galloway
McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

This week, the Iraq war claimed its 4,000th American killed in action, but that sad and tragic milestone came as the war seems to have slipped off the evening news, off the front pages and from the minds of the American people.

I suppose this benign neglect of so important and damaging an event is combat fatigue on the part of the public. No doubt the White House is happy to see Iraq shoved to a back burner, just as all three presidential candidates are relieved to talk about something else, anything else, but their half-baked ideas about the war.

Shame on them, and shame on us, for such callous indifference to the service, sacrifice and suffering of the families of the dead, wounded and injured troops who've given so much for so little in return.

Vice President Dick Cheney again stuck both feet in his mouth by saying and then repeating that we should remember that our military is composed entirely of volunteers; that our troops all volunteered for this duty, this burden, this sacrifice.

What's your point, Mr. Vice President? That because they volunteered to serve our country in uniform it's OK to squander their lives in a war of choice, your choice and your president's, and that it somehow matters less than if they'd been dragooned into service by press gangs or a draft like the one you dodged with five deferments during the Vietnam War because, you said, you had "better things to do?"

The 58,249 Americans who were killed in the war of your youth had better things to do than rest under their white marble, government-issue tombstones. I'm certain, too, that the 4,000 Americans who've died in the war that you and President George W. Bush launched five years ago for no good reason and several that weren't true had better things to do than die under your command.

No sooner did you and your boss begin celebrating "victory" in the surge in Iraq than new problems erupted in one of the most critical parts of the country, the southern Shiite Muslim city of Basra and nearby oilfields and ports.

Iraq government soldiers are fighting it out with the Mahdi Army of radical

Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr for control of Basra, and the truce that's helped keep a fragile peace in Baghdad's toughest neighborhoods began to unravel. Sadr's militiamen rained mortars and rockets on the Green Zone — the headquarters of the Iraqi government and American diplomats and military commanders — as a pointed reminder of who still holds some good cards in this game.

Sadr turned off his murderous militia for reasons of his own last August, and casualty figures for American forces began falling sharply because Shiite militias were responsible for as much as 65 percent of U.S. casualties. If Sadr now turns his war back on, our casualty figures could rise as swiftly as they fell.

We'll get a good idea from the fighting in Basra about how strong the American-trained Iraqi Army really is as it goes up against Sadr's militiamen. The Iraqi police — American-trained but heavily infiltrated by another militia, the Iranian-backed Badr Organization — ran for their lives early in the fighting.

By the time the U.S. commander in Iraq, Army Gen. David Petraeus, arrives

in Washington during the second week of April to report to the president and the Congress on the achievements of the surge, he may have less good news to report.

But none of this makes a damn bit of difference if most Americans don't care and don't want to know anything, good or bad, about Iraq, the war and our troops. That's the sort of apathy and know-nothingness that elected and then re-elected Bush and Cheney. They're what happen when fewer than half the eligible voters in this great experiment in democracy and freedom even care enough to vote on Election Day.

Meantime, our volunteer troops — who comprise about 0.5 percent of our population of 300 million — soldier on, bearing the burden and making all the sacrifices on behalf of all the rest of us.

The war that Americans don't want to know about drags on because its authors don't care what you think or even if you think. In fact, they'd prefer that you didn't think or ask any pesky questions that they can't answer without lying.

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"I made a mistake, it happens. Proves I'm human. To some people that is a revelation."

Hillary Clinton
presidential candidate

admitting she and her daughter were not under fire during a 1996 trip to Bosnia

THE DUKE REPORT

'I'm not a racist, but ...'

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If I had a dollar for every time I heard a statement start with the words, "I'm not racist, but ..." I would be a very rich man.

No matter what massively bigoted statement follows, they seem more preoccupied with trying to convince others (and/or themselves) that they are not racist.

The question must be asked: If ignorance remains as it does, and people are more frightened of being perceived as ignorant than of being ignorant, are we making any progress?

Race relations are complex and difficult, yet it seems in the many years since the civil rights movement, image has outweighed substance. People have ceased being real with themselves and others.

Usually the "I'm not racist, but ..." is followed by some statement like, "black people are loud" or, "Mexicans don't have insurance." These statements are laced with emotions and are derived from our stereotypes. Stereotypes, however, are not the fundamental problem.

We need stereotypes. They are necessary for our brain to process information. At any given second, your senses are being bombarded with all types of datasets, which

are simultaneously being processed. To make any sort of sense of this monstrous stream of information, your brain groups things into categories. Racial stereotypes are no different; everyone has internalized racial stereotypes.

Stereotypes do contribute negatively to race relations. If you perceive another group as untrustworthy or dangerous, chances are you will not want to associate with them. Barack Obama's recent speech on race addressed the stereotype problem. He mentioned his white grandmother, "Who once confessed her fear of black men who passed by her on the street, and who on more than one occasion has uttered racial or ethnic stereotypes that made me cringe."

He went further to try to address the anger and resentment that built through time in both the white and black communities. He went on to ask America to have a real dialogue, one that looks at the root causes of problems rather than choose demagogues. Conservative talk radio of course chooses the demagogue route.

Rush Limbaugh is the perfect case study of the modern angry white male. He rails all day about the ills of our "liberal welfare state," and what he sees as ethnic favoritism toward minorities. The problem, of course, is that Limbaugh is wrong and a liar. According to his housekeeper Wilma Cline, he was often on

"hillbilly heroin" at the same time he proclaimed that the drug dealers should get the death penalty.

But the reason he is wrong isn't because of his ignorant and uninformed stances, or the fact he gets higher than Amy Winehouse. Limbaugh is wrong because he contradicts his core principles constantly.

According to a column he wrote, Limbaugh believes in working toward a "color-blind society." Essentially, he wants no special treatment for anyone whatsoever. Of course, he doesn't take into account the very unequal playing field that already exists in America. Of course, he perpetuates the vilest of racial stereotypes (just listen to the song, "Barack the Magic Negro," he aired on his radio show).

But Limbaugh isn't racist; he is just working toward a post-racial America, just like Clarence Thomas and Alan Keyes.

Limbaugh and his ilk fuel this idea of white oppression, but they didn't invent it. Rush became popular because he voiced the ignorance that was just under the surface. Political correctness, no matter how well intentioned, produced a backlash because the "silent white majority" felt that its freedoms were under assault.

Race relations are complex and difficult. But progress isn't made without open and honest dialogue. We are kidding ourselves if we expect to have discussions on issues such as

race without understanding they will be uncomfortable.

Ignorance is uncomfortable, but it is here to stay.

I actually agree with Limbaugh that we should move toward a post-racial society, and that speech should never be censored. In order to accomplish this, however, a balanced open and honest dialogue should begin.

The Daily Show did a segment after Obama's speech where Jon Stewart and his "black correspondent" Larry Willmore had a hilarious and uncomfortable frank race discussion. Stewart asked questions like, "Why do your car stereos have to be so loud?" and Willmore asked, "Why do you ruin music?"

The jokes that are funniest are the ones that show us truths about ourselves.

So rather than worry about being perceived as ignorant, just be ignorant. That does not mean use racial slurs or derogatory comments, it means say what you really feel without trying to qualify it. The more open and honest you are with your feelings, the easier it is to examine why it is you feel that way.

That is how we will learn and move forward as a country. Progress is a slow process, but when the ball starts rolling in the right direction, nothing can stop it.

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IN THE LIGHT

I'll get by with a little help from my friends

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When I first came to campus, I didn't see any problem with the provisions for people with disabilities. We have special bathroom stalls, at least one door per building with a wheelchair button and elevators. But, lately, I have come to rethink my first impressions.

I must preface my arguments by admitting I am not a person with disabilities, but I know a problem when I see one.

1. Bathroom doors

One problem with these bathrooms is even though the stalls are accessible, I don't know how you are supposed to get into the bathrooms. There are no easy buttons to get in or out.

So, if the door handle is on the inside and you manage to push your way in, you can't get out. On the flipside, if the handle is on the outside, you can't get in.

Sometimes the doors are left propped open. My big problem with that is with many bathrooms you can see into the stalls from the hall.

I have privacy issues and refuse to go into a bathroom when the door is open for the entire population to see. So, simply propping the doors open won't work.

2. Building doors

There are some doors that have wheelchair buttons on them. But, some is the key word.

At least one building on campus has only one wheelchair accessible door. This means if you want to come into the building, no matter which side is the closest, you have to go in through one door on one side.

Another problem with the wheelchair accessible doors is the buttons are often hard to use. You have to push at a certain angle, applying pressure at a particular spot to open the door. It is almost like saying a secret password to get in a building.

Many of the doors that are not wheelchair accessible have stairs leading to or from them. I would like to know what would happen if a building was on fire. Would we always have to make sure to have strong guys at every exit during a fire so all those who needed help down the stairs got out?

3. Elevators

During one entire semester, the only elevator in Parkinson Laboratory was shut down for repair.

As I remember, the elevator was closed from nearly the first week of class until after finals. When I came back the next semester, it was a shock to see that it was actually working again. During the time of the breakdown, classes still met upstairs.

So, my guess is the maintenance people just knew there were no people with disabilities taking classes above the first floor. No people with wheelchairs, crutches, breathing problems or any other conditions that prohibited them from using stairs.

I was not an insider on the decisions of the elevator crew, but I do know that having the only elevator in a building closed down for a whole semester is unacceptable.

4. Emergency doors

During a fire alarm, one of the many that happen in the Communications Building, the great double-doors in all the halls began their slow close. As that happened I realized that if there was a person who was in a wheelchair on the inside of those doors without

someone to help push the doors open again, he could (worst-case scenario) be stuck there.

5. Classroom doors

Many classroom doors are not propped open. So, after the professor closes the door to keep out noise, how can you get in?

Also, the journalism labs in the Communications Building are not wheelchair accessible. I witnessed one student sit in her wheelchair outside of the door to the journalism lab until someone came in or out who she could persuade to hold the door open for her. She had to do the same thing to get back out.

I realize SIUC is probably meeting its requirements for handicap accessibility. But sometimes going above and beyond is necessary.

The above are but a few of the many problems I know go undetected across campus. I would hope these problems come to a swift resolution. But often it seems tuition money is not enough to ensure that people with disabilities get equal treatment. They have to get in and out of places with the aid of their fellow students.

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Sean Boyle, left, talks with fellow mountain biker Cay Gerlock while standing on top of a bluff on the Cove Hollow trail during a trail day Saturday. Boyle has been president of the Shawnee Mountain Bike Association since 2001.



From left, Blake Gerlock, Ken Gardner and Erik Kressner remove a rock from the Cove Hollow trail Saturday morning. The Shawnee Mountain Bike Association is working to reroute the Cove Hollow trail so that it no longer follows a fall line — the natural path water takes downhill.



ABOVE: Ken Gardner, a senior from Charleston studying anthropology, removes a rock from the Cove Hollow trail Saturday. Gardner has been a member of the Shawnee Mountain Bike Association since 2005.

RIGHT: Boyle removes limbs from a fallen tree on the Cedar Lake trail Saturday afternoon. Boyle said he removed 40 to 50 trees on the trail after February's wind and ice storms.



Trail days

Story and photos by Jake Lockard

Even when Sean Boyle isn't able to ride his bike in Shawnee National Forest, he finds a way to get out on the trails.

Boyle first rode trails in Shawnee when he came to SIUC in 1991. His love for biking in the area shapes his life today.

"I was in heaven riding these trails out here," Boyle said. "It's just you and nature."

Boyle, president of the Shawnee Mountain Bike Association, now dedicates much of his time to repairing and rerouting the trails of the forest that sparked his passion for mountain biking.

Boyle organizes trail days, in which he and other members of the Shawnee Mountain Bike Association take time to repair, reroute and improve the trails they use.

Boyle said mountain bikers spend so much time in the forest that they feel obligated to maintain the trails they ride. Boyle said he bikes between 500 and 600 miles each year.

"I enjoy building trails as much as I do riding them," Boyle said.

Ken Gardner, a senior from Charleston studying anthropology, shares Boyle's passion for fixing the trails. Gardner is one of 232 registered members of the association, and one of 40 to 50 active members who frequently participate in trail days.

Gardner said the passion for trail repair is unique to bikers.

"You don't see the hikers or the equestrians out there working on the trails. All you see are the mountain bikers," Gardner said. "I think that says a lot about what we do."

Spring is one of the busiest times for the bike association because the forest's growth is down and the trails are too soft to ride, Boyle said.

During trail days, the group follows guidelines set by the International Mountain Bike Association. One rule the group must follow when it reroutes a trail is the grade of that trail should never exceed 15 percent, or a 15-foot rise over 100 feet.

Boyle said this rule is especially important to follow because the soil in southern Illinois is composed of more dirt than rock, and therefore has a tendency to wash out over time.

Currently the group is rerouting the Cove Hollow trail, which is located 15 minutes west of Carbondale. Boyle said the trail has a lot of rocks and narrow sections that are tough to ride, but the beauty is unmatched.

"The Cove Hollow trail has 60-foot bluffs on about 40 percent of the trail," Boyle said. "It's a very technical trail."

The Cove Hollow trail needs work because a large portion of it follows a fall line — the path water naturally takes downhill, Boyle said. The group has worked to reroute the trail so water rolls off it instead of following the trail and washing it out.

Another trail the group has cleaned up is the Cedar Lake trail. The trail, located west of Carbondale, was hit hard by February's wind and ice storms, causing many trees to fall.

Boyle said the group only removes trees that have fallen across the trail. After cutting away the portion of the downed tree that is blocking the trail, the remaining debris is then cleared from the trail.

"We cut out around 40 to 50 trees on Cedar Lake," Boyle said.

Boyle said one of the advantages of having a mountain bike club is having a voice to speak to the forest service.



Boyle uses a clinometer to measure the grade of a section of the Cove Hollow trail. According to the International Mountain Bike Association, the grade of a trail should never exceed 15 percent, meaning a 15-foot rise over 100 feet. Keeping the grade below 15 percent helps keep water from following the trail and washing it out.

He said the next step for the group is to work closely with the forest service to get as many trails as possible in the Shawnee designated for mountain bike use.

By forming a relationship with the forest service and convincing them that mountain bikes aren't contributing to the damage of the forest, Boyle said he hopes to open more trails to mountain bikers.

Boyle said the group can use the trails on the west side of the Shawnee, such as Cove Hollow and Cedar Lake, as a case study of how the trails have been maintained.

Boyle said he encourages club members to help out on trail days instead of paying dues to the club. About 15 to 20 of the members currently pay dues, which help cover the cost of food for trail days.

"If they can put 10 feet of trail in, that's worth more than \$10 to me," Boyle said.

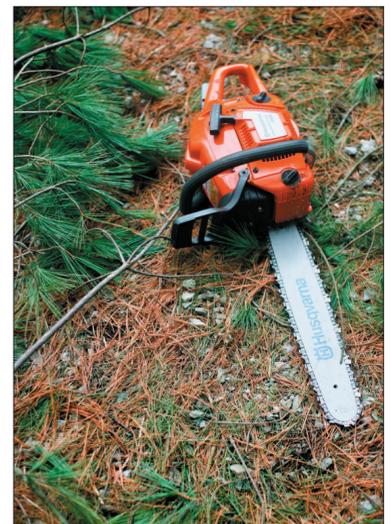
Of the 232 members of the group, about half are students. Boyle said the older the group gets, the more outreach it has.

"We have members all over the country now," Boyle said. "Just about anywhere you go you can mooch a bike off of someone and ride their trails."

Boyle said those interested in joining the club can apply at <http://www.smbatrails.com/> but warned that Shawnee can be difficult for first-time riders.

"Shawnee has no beginner trails," Boyle said.

He suggests mountain bikers new to the trails hike before they bike, and always wear a helmet when biking.



Boyle's chainsaw sits on the ground while Boyle removes the debris from the Cedar Lake trail Saturday.

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TOP C'DALE LOCATIONS, 1 & 2 bdrm apts, reasonable rents, free water & trash, no pets, address lists in yard at 408 S. Poplar or go to www.suide.com/dawhouse and click on Paper Rentals, call 684-4145 or 684-6862.

C'DALE AREA (7 minutes from SIUC), 1 bdrm apts under \$300/mo, 2 bdrm apts under \$400/mo, free water & trash, no pets, call 684-4145 or 684-6862.

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STUDIOS, CLEAN, QUIET, close to campus, water & trash incl, furn or unfurn, parking, no pets, avail May or Aug, pref senior or grads, \$295-\$330/mo, 529-3815.

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CARBONDALE FURNISHED APARTMENTS, one block from campus, at 410 W. Freeman, one bdrm \$400 per month, two bdrm \$500 per month, three bdrm \$600 per month, no pets, call 967-9202 or 687-4577.

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3 BDRM 2 BATH, close to campus, W/D, C/A, unfurn, free cable, no pets, avail now, \$265-\$315 per room, 618-203-4211.

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NICE NEWER 1 OR 2 bdrm, 516 S. Poplar, carpet, a/c, 529-1820 or 529-3581.

NOW LEASING FOR summer/fall-Brookside Apts, spacious 1, 2 & 3 bdrms, c/a, on site laundry, low security deposit, on-site management, pet friendly under 30 lbs, 549-3600.

LG 1&2 BDRM, 1/2 block from campus, at 604 S. University, avail Aug 15, call 529-1233.

AVAILABLE FALL, 1 BDRM, ACROSS from SIU, hi speed DSL internet, satellite TV, parking, water & trash, no pets, 529-4763.

C'DALE NICE LARGE 2 bdrm, avail now, May or Aug, 400 N. Westridge, upscale neighborhood, laundry, \$480-550, 529-3581 or 549-1028, no pets.

NEW RENTAL LIST out of apts & houses come by 508 W Oak to pick up list, in box on front porch, or call 529-3581 or 529-1820, Bryant.

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Lists of Addresses in front yard of 408 S. Poplar, Carbondale.

APARTMENTS (include water & trash)

1 BEDROOM	1 BEDROOM	1 BEDROOM	2 BEDROOM
806 N. Bridge St. (Duplex) #1,#2	905 W. Sycamore #1,#2	w/Office	210 S. Springer #3
806 1/2 N. Bridge St. (Triplex) #3,#4,#5	423 W. Monroe #1 (w/d on site)	805 W. Main St.#2,#4	
805 W. Main St. #6	210 S. Springer #1,#2,#4 (w/d on site)	423 W. Monroe #2,#5 & #6 (w/d on site)	

HOUSES All with W/D & FREE MOW

2 BEDROOM	2 OR 3 BEDROOM	4 BEDROOM
804 N. Bridge St.	422 W. Sycamore*	315 S. Oakland*
804 1/2 N. Bridge St.	309*,400, 402*,403, 404*,405*,406*,407*	424 W. Sycamore*
502 N. Davis *	& 409*S. James	109 S. Dixon*
505 N. Davis *	513 N. Davis (w/deck & garage)*	401 S. Forest
100 S. Dixon*		906 W. Cherry (2 baths w/garage)*
311 S. Oakland		910 W. Mill (2 Bath)*
317 S. Oakland		
401 S. Oakland* (with garage)		
806 W. Schwartz		
909A W. Sycamore (Behind 911)		
911 W. Sycamore		

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408 S. Poplar #1,2 (near campus) (w/d on site)

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1 Bedroom Apts. under \$300 • 2 Bedroom Apts. under \$400/mo
2 Bedroom Houses (W/D, carports, & patios) • 3 Bedroom Houses (W/D, most with C/A, 1 plus baths, huge decks, & carports)

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NO PETS

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306 W. College, 3 bdrms, August lease, c/a, w/d, 549-4808 (9-5pm) no pets, rental list at 324 W. Walnut

ALPHA'S 2 BDRM, 747 E. Park, 1.5 bath, w/d, d/w, breakfast bar, private fenced patio, ceiling fans, cats considered, \$750. Same floorplan avail, 2421 S. IL \$710, 304 N Springer \$720, 1000 Brehm \$760, 457-8194 www.alpharentals.net

ALPHA'S NEWEST FLOORPLAN, 425 Robinson Circle, 1.5 bath, eat-in kitchen, w/d, d/w, private fenced patio, ceiling fans, cats considered, \$770. 457-8194. www.alpharentals.net

WEDGEWOOD HILLS, NEW 2 bdm, 2 1/2 bath, w/d, deck, shed, leasing now & aug, \$900/mo 549-5596.

WEDGEWOOD HILLS, 2 bdrm, 1.5 baths, fireplace, w/d, pool, hot tub, prof or grads, \$900/mo, 549-5596.

ALLEMAN PROPERTIES 549-6355, 2 BDRM TOWN-HOUSES: \$750 month, New Construction, 2 blocks away from Campus, FREE- Big Screen TV, FREE Internet, washer/ dryer included, walk-in closets, balconies, patios, dishwasher, Clean and safe.

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600 E CAMPUS Dr (Meadow Ridge) 4 bdrm, 3 level townhouse, Aug lease (12 month), 2.5 bath, stove, d/w, frig, w/d, c/a, balcony, walk out basement & parking, 5 mins from campus/rec center, \$1000/mo, 773-919-2746.

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NEW ONE BDRM with study and fireplace on lake, one car garage, fully loaded, (no Ameren), quiet mature environment, avail now and Aug, no pets 549-8000, www.universityheightsrentals.com

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NICE, 2 BDRM, 2.5 bath, no pets, d/w, w/d, a/c, parking, \$800/mo, 615 East Park, 713-5557 or 559-5245.

C'DALE, NEWER 2 bdrm, Cedar Lake Area, renting for summer and fall, quiet, d/w, w/d, patio, \$550-\$600, 618-201-2726 or 893-2726 or www.jandrentals.com

3 BDRM, 2 FULL BATHS, 2 car garage, master suite, has whirlpool tub and rolled in shower, upgraded appl, dining area, sun room, great room, custom laundry, pets considered, \$1400, family zoning, available Spring 2008, 457-8194, 529-2013 www.alpharentals.net

Murphysboro 2 BDRM, very spacious, economical, garage 1 1/2 bath, 1yr lease, no pets, 521-5014.

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TOP M'BORO LOCATION (56 Crescent Dr), luxury 3 bdrm house, w/d, c/a, 1.5 baths, patio, garage, no pets, call 684-4145 or 684-6862.

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C'DALE AREA (7 minutes from SIUC), 2 or 3 bdrm houses, no zoning, w/d, carport, patio or huge deck, free mow & trash, no pets, call 684-4145 or 684-6862.

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2 LRG 3-4 BDRM houses, behind Rec, hrdwd/flrs, lg bdrm, jacuzzi tub, reasonable price, 549-4935.

3 OR 4 BDRM, near SIU, very nice, remodeled, cathedral ceilings, avail June 1, hrdwd/flrs, d/w, 1 1/2 baths, w/d, no pets, call (618) 549-3973.

1, 2, 3 & 4 BDRM, apts & houses, rental list at 324 West Walnut, walk to SIU, 549-4808, 9 am-4 pm.

.....HOUSES FOR SALE.....in the low 20s.....hurry few avail.....549-3850

3 BDRM, 2 bath, wood floors, 2 car garage, no pets, low utilities, all appl, a/c, \$1095/mo, 618-559-5245.

RENTING May/Aug 2008-2009

6 bdrm-313, 610 W Cherry

5bdrm-303 3 Hester

4 bdrm-503, 505, 511 S Ash, 321,324,406,802 W Walnut 501 S. Hays

3 bdrm-310, 313, 610 W Cherry 405 S Ash, 106, 408 S Forest, 306 W College, 321 W Walnut

2 bdrm-305 W College, 406, 324, 319 W Walnut

549-4808 (10am-5pm) No Pets Rental List at 324 W Walnut

3 BDRM NICE & clean, \$575/Mo, 106 S. Ash Desoto, photos at carbondalearearentals.net 618-528-9302

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C'DALE 2BDRM quiet area, c/a, w/d, no dogs quiet people only avail May call 549-0081.

C'DALE LOVELY 2 bdrm, sunporch, hook-ups, yard, \$650/mo 618-529-1210 or 319-0788.

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HOUSES FOR RENT 606, 1000 & 1002 West Mill, 700 & 704 South Forest, 1401 West Chautauqua, some with fireplaces, please call Clyde Swanson at 618-549-7292, 8 am to 1 pm.

NICE 3 BDRM, 2 blocks North of Memorial Hospital at 310 W. Pecan, \$200 per person, please call Clyde Swanson 549-7292, 8am-1pm.

ALPHA'S 2 BDRM, 2 car garage, w/d, d/w, whirlpool bath, cats considered, \$770, 457-8194, www.alpharentals.net

3 BDRM, 2 BATH house, carpet, yard, garage, c/a, Carterville, Tri' C. schools, call 924-1965.

6 BDRM, 2 BATH, porch, c/a, w/d, great house, good location, trash/mowing paid, avail Aug. 15th, please call 618-559-6354.

M'BORO, 3 BDRM, avail 6/08, w/d hook-up, c/a, basement, garage, 15 min from SIU, \$750/mo, 687-1774.

2 BDRM, C/A, w/d, close to campus, 801 West Walnut, avail Aug, 521-6800.

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COUNTRY SETTING, 1 mo FREE, 2 bdrm, carpet, gas appl, c/a, pets ok, \$375 & \$550, call after 5pm, 684-5214, or 521-0258.

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4 BDRM HOUSE, 1bath, pet friendly, w/d, Aug lease avail, walking distance to SIU, call John for info, 314-374-1828, price neg.

2 bdrm home, country setting, new kitchen & bath, walk-in closets, newly remodeled, d/w, c/a, close to Hickory Ridge Golf Course, \$650/mo, deck/pond, no pets, ref. required, 529-4808 or 303-4808.

NEW RENTAL LIST out of apts & houses come by 508 W Oak to pick up list, in box on front porch, or call 529-3581 or 529-1820, Bryant.

3 BDRM, c/a, w/d, next to campus, 1004 W. Mill, avail Aug., call 521-6800.

2 BDRM HOUSE, near SIU, nice yard, washer and dryer in utility room, 457-4422.

2-3 BDRM, c/a, w/d, very close to campus, 1112 W. Walkup, avail Aug, call 521-6800.

2 & 5 bdrm homes, c/a, w/d hookup, avail Aug 6, pets ok, 684-2711 or 559-1522.

3 BDRM, 2 BATH, w/d, d/w, c/a, next to campus, 912 W. Mill, avail Aug, call 521-6800.

Mobile Homes

NICE 1 & 2 bdrm, \$190-\$300, lawn & trash incl, mgmt & maint on site, avail now, 549-8000, now & Aug., no dogs. www.universityheightsrentals.com

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NEWER, 1200 sq foot, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, w/d, d/w, a/c, energy effic. 924-0535 or 549-4471, comptonrentals.net

1 & 2 BDRM HOMES, \$245-350/mo, no pets, 924-0535 or 549-4471, www.comptonrentals.net

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MATH TUTOR, 8th grade algebra, 4 times weekly, call 687-4609 or 559-3699.

PT/FT SERVERS, COOKS, busers & Dishwashers, must be flexible apply in person at Midland Inn corner of Old Rt 13 & Country Club Rd.

FEMALE BARTENDER, no experience needed, minimum wage & tips, apply at 803 N. 14th St., Da-Nite Tavern, Murphysboro.

PT, HEAVY YARD WORK, \$8/hr, 2-3 half days/wk, truck helpful, KTRFRITH@gmail.com.

SEWING HELP NEEDED, assembling quilt panels, 30-40 minutes each, \$5 per panel, contact kcurry@siu.edu or 618-201-8903.

GIANT CITY LODGE Looking To Hire BARTENDER, exp & ref req, apply in person, for info call 457-4921.

LIFEGUARDS, CITY OF CARBON-DALE, temporary, part-time positions at the City's beach on Cedar Lake beginning May 23 through Labor Day, must be certified by the American Red Cross, the National Pool and Water Park Lifeguard Training Program, the YMCA or another lifeguard certifying organization with an equivalent lifeguard certification program, must be in good physical condition, salary: \$9.08 per hour/overtime eligible/no benefits, apply at City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, by 5 pm, Friday, April 11, 2008, the City of Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Kleinau show hits close to home

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The curtains open, revealing a dark, foggy stage and a lone man with a pickax. The man begins working, picking up his ax slowly and bringing it down with a heavy thud.

His clothes are dirty and his work deliberate; it's obvious he's given his life to the mine.

"Blood From a Stone: Mining Elemental Genealogies" is an original production compiled and directed by Shauna MacDonald, a doctoral student from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, studying performance studies. The show runs in the Kleinau Theater today through Saturday.

"Blood" chronicles the impact of coal mining on MacDonald's hometown. She said coal mining was the main industry of Cape Breton until the mines closed in 2001, and the show is an exploration of that culture.

"Everyone has a connection ... everything revolved around the mines," the characters say in unison during one of the first scenes.

The characters are based on real people, MacDonald said. The script came from interviews and research she did in Cape Breton last summer. The characters speak like true Cape Bretoners, down to adopting the distinct, slightly Scottish accent of the region.

Though "Blood" is set in Cape Breton, MacDonald said it relates to southern Illinois because of the region's ties to coal mining.

"Coal mining is a very big part of the culture here, as well. The show is definitely about Cape Breton ... but people will definitely see the same sorts of stories and cultural ways of being in the world," MacDonald said.

Music, including both prerecorded and live songs, is used frequently in the production to tie themes together. The music is a collection of songs from the Cape Breton region and ballads about the coal mining industry.



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Cast members of 'Blood From a Stone: Mining Elemental Genealogies' perform during a dress rehearsal Tuesday night in the Kleinau Theater. The performance, which opens tonight, mixes songs, videos and photographs to tell the story of miners in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

An original song in the production was written by one of the performers, Susannah Bunny LeBaron, specifically for "Blood." LeBaron, a doctoral student in speech communication from Los Angeles, performs a majority of the music in the production.

"The music really carries a lot of the culture and the history, and the sort of soft information that goes along with the technicalities of this life. All the emotions and the family connections and the pride are really embedded in the music," LeBaron said.

LeBaron described her character as a place spirit, a mythical and ethereal being who serves a connective function through song, translated on stage by a flowing costume and being cast in a soft, blue light.

The performance focuses on the impact of coal mining on a society and gives an important look into the working-class. Brian Healy, a graduate student in performance studies from Dixon who portrays "Angus" and a coal miner in the production, said it's easy to see the connection

between the stories from Cape Breton and the mining culture of southern Illinois.

"I think it allows for a voice from a truly foreign land that is very similar to our own, and it echoes the same story that has happened in the area with places like Herrin and the coal mines in the South," Healy said.

Seven years after the mines of Cape Breton closed, the island is at a crossroads where mining might make a comeback, MacDonald said.

"We're not trying to imitate Cape Bretoners, and I'm not saying that this is necessarily a complete picture of what Cape Breton is, but I hope people get a sense of the culture from the show," MacDonald said.

"Blood From a Stone" runs in the Kleinau Theater tonight, Friday and Saturday. All shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for a student and \$7 for general admission and can be purchased by calling 453-5618.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
Tyler Choate

Jose Canseco claims in his new book, "Vindicated: Big Names, Big Liars and the Battle to Save Baseball," that he introduced Alex Rodriguez to a steroid dealer. Do you think Canseco's claims are true and will it distract A-Rod?

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"I am under the assumption that nearly all MLB players may have tried it at some point. True or not, everyone needs a fresh start and a second shot at this whole baseball thing because the MLB is a mess with drugs and outrageous salaries. A-Rod will still play like an MVP and Canseco will continue to annoy."

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"It won't distract A-Rod. He probably won't think much of it but obviously Canseco has a lot of time on his hands. I don't think A-Rod took steroids and hopefully he won't get caught up in another MLB drug scandal."

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"Between these allegations, a possible pennant race and the possibility to inch closer to toppling Barry Bonds as the eventual home run king, A-Rod has enough distractions. I take these allegations with a grain of salt, seeing that coincidentally the book is being released on April Fool's Day."

QUOTE OF THE DAY
Tyler Choate

"I just tried to focus one pitch at a time, so I just tried to execute on every pitch and everything else took care of itself. Our bullpen is in a mode right now where we are going uphill and getting better and that's all you can ask for."

- Relief pitcher Tyler Choate on helping the bullpen and team with his three scoreless innings against Tennessee-Martin Wednesday.

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play. Saint Louis was able to win in No. 1 and No. 3 doubles behind the teams of Haillee Elmore and Joe Becker and Caitlin McKenna and Caitlin Bokulic.

Because of time constraints at the Sunset Tennis Center, the Salukis and Billikens played non-traditional singles matches that consisted of one set, played to eight points. Cruise, Sabine Tsala Mvilongo and Jessica Flannery picked up victories in singles action.

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and Skyhawk second baseman Scott Gladstone made an error that led to a run scored from Murphy.

Lairson later scored on a fielder's choice to extend the lead to 6-3. Even with the 6-3 win, the seven men left on base by SIU was a problem Callahan said needs to be fixed.

"I wasn't totally impressed with our offense today," Callahan said. "We got a little greedy and stubborn at times. When you have a soft throwing lefty you have to take what is given to you."

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"I should have won last year. It was frustrating to finish in second."

For indoor success to translate into the outdoor season, the Salukis will have to make several adjustments, including training for different events and being prepared to perform in the elements.

"They're out here trying to get adjusted to the outdoors again," jumps coach Andre Scott said.

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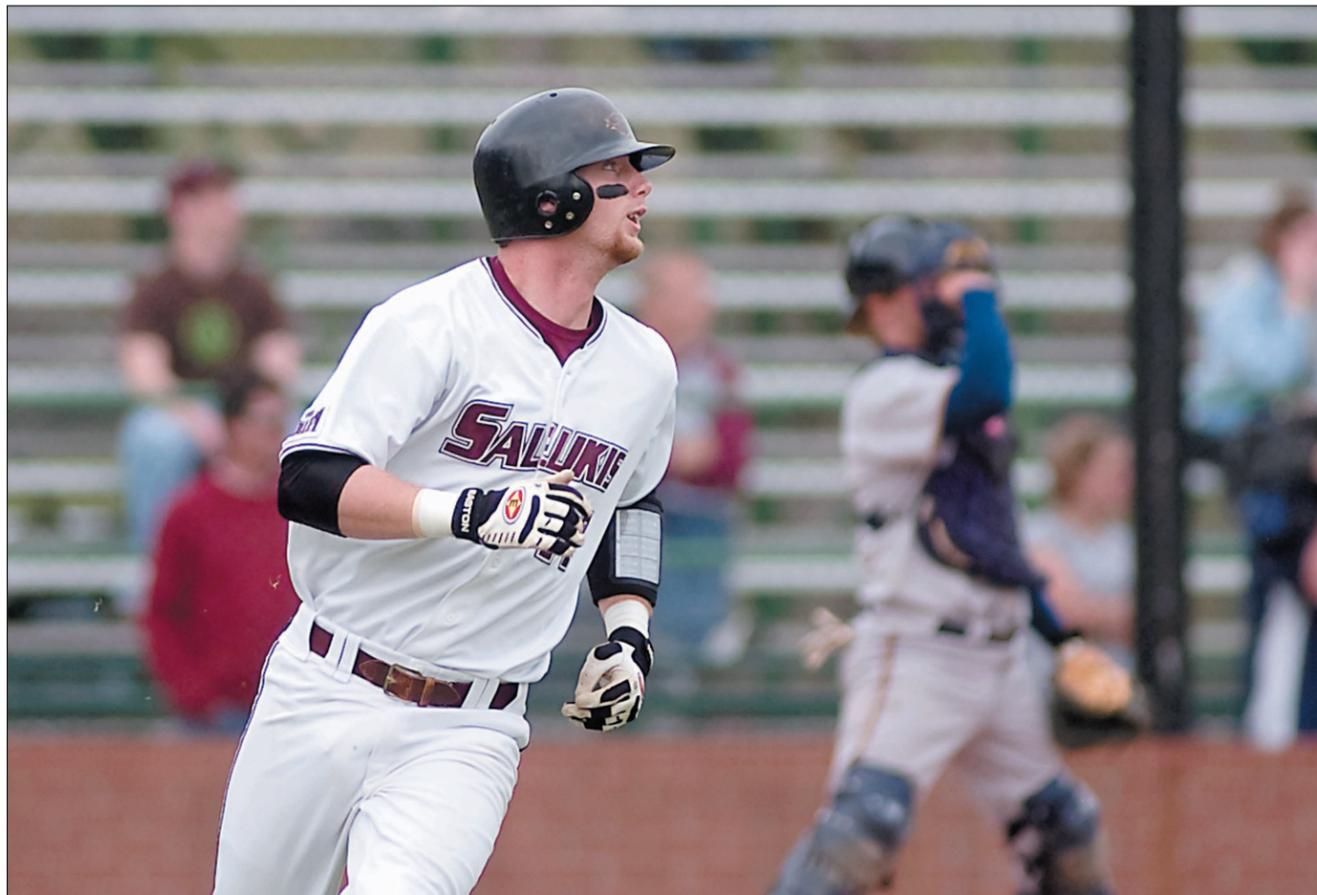
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BASEBALL

Bullpen helps Salukis beat Skyhawks



Junior catcher Mark Kelly runs the bases during his first inning RBI triple. Kelly went 1-for-3 with two RBIs in SIU's 6-3 win against Tennessee-Martin.
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Choate throws three scoreless innings

Jeff Engelhardt
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The Salukis' 3-1 lead was slipping away in the sixth inning and the bullpen was on the brink of blowing another game — until No. 10 took the mound.

Tyler Choate threw three scoreless innings to help SIU secure a 6-3 win over Tennessee-Martin on Wednesday at Abe Martin Field. Choate was awarded his first victory of the year in his third appearance.

Coach Dan Callahan said Choate

did a great job of dictating the tempo of the game and bringing the momentum back to SIU.

"Choate did a great job of finding the zone and making things happen," Callahan said. "His pace was outstanding. We were struggling a little out there until he came out and kept their offense down."

David Kington got the start, but Callahan limited him to 50 pitches since he said he wants him for Sunday's finale against Missouri State. Kington threw the first four innings and struck out three while giving up just one run

on a long ball from Skyhawk right fielder Bryce Carden.

The Salukis' clutch runs came from junior catcher Mark Kelly. Kelly gave SIU (12-8) its first lead in the first inning on an RBI triple that went to deep left-center field. Kelly also broke the 3-3 tie in the seventh when he hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Scott Elmendorf.

Kelly said he was happy the team had the perseverance to pull out a late win, but it should not have come down to the final innings.

"We've got to start burying teams right away," Kelly said. "We have fallen asleep sometimes this year and let teams back into it and we can't

continue to do that."

The Skyhawks (1-18) tied the game in the sixth inning after drawing a pair of walks from reliever Jimmy Cornell and an error from third baseman Michael Finigan.

After Kelly restored the Saluki lead in the seventh, a pair of SIU reserves put the game out of reach in the eighth.

Freshman Chris Murphy checked in at center field and led off the eighth inning with a base hit. After a sacrifice bunt moved him to second base and Tyler Lairson drew an intentional walk, Lou Johanns put the ball in play

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TENNIS

SIU gets above water

First home win puts Salukis above .500

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Overcast skies and rainstorms forced the SIU men's tennis team to get its first home win in an unfamiliar location Thursday.

After rain and lightning suspended play at University Courts, the Salukis took to the road and defeated Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, 6-1, at Sports Blast to pick up its first home victory. The win moves the Salukis above the .500 mark for the first time since March 11.

For the second time in many days, the Salukis started the match with a sweep of the Cougars in doubles action.

The Salukis' top two teams dispatched their opponents rather easily to start the afternoon. Lucas Waked teamed with Anton Leonenko to shut out the Cougars' Paulo Gonzalez and Robert Young, 8-0, in No. 1 doubles. Waked and Leonenko have won their last three doubles matches.

Mariano Restrepo and Sebastian Rubiano followed suit, downing the team of Sanchez and Faulkenberg, 8-1.

In the closest doubles match, the team of Hugo Vidal and Chase Miller defeated Garrison and Sanchez, 8-6.

Assistant coach Tomas Gonzalez said the Salukis' success came because they were able to continue their energetic style of play from doubles to singles.

"I was pleased with how the guys played aggressive according to the way we've been in practice," Gonzalez said.

The Salukis continued their aggressive play in singles competition as well, picking up victories in five of six singles matches.

In the top singles match, Waked defeated Gonzalez, 7-5, 6-2. Waked, who has won three consecutive singles matches and four of his last six, said he felt good about how he was playing in both singles and doubles matches.

"I think I'm playing doubles a little bit better, but it's very good when you can play both," Waked said. "It's nice to see your teammates trust you because it makes you feel good."

While the men found success at home, the women's team didn't duplicate that effort on the road.

Saint Louis defeated the SIU women, 4-3, moving the Salukis' record to 7-7 on the year.

The Billikens captured the doubles point by winning two of three matches in doubles

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TRACK & FIELD

Athletes take their marks outside

Outdoor season kicks off with Spring Classic

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After getting a taste of success during the indoor season, Brittany Riley and the SIU track and field team have unfinished business when it comes to the great outdoors.

The Salukis finished the indoor season ranked No. 17 in the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association poll and look to improve that ranking as they head into the outdoor season. SIU hosts the Spring Classic, which begins Friday and will feature teams such as SIU-Edwardsville, Bradley, Northern Iowa and Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Head coach Connie Price-Smith said she was excited about the ranking.

"It is always nice to have your

achievements recognized by your peers," Price-Smith said. "It is a great way to wrap up the indoor season and enter the outdoor season."

In 2007, the men's team finished fourth, while the women finished fifth at the Missouri Valley Conference Track and Field Outdoor Championships. Riley, Brenton Siemons, Jeff Schirmer and Bianca Stuart each earned individual conference titles at the outdoor championships and look to do the same in 2008.

Almost four weeks after winning her second National Championship in indoor competition, Riley looks to capture her first outdoor title as a Saluki. But for most of the Salukis, the Classic will be their first action since posting second place finishes March 2 at the Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championships in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"I'm looking forward to throwing the hammer," Riley said.

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Senior thrower Brittany Riley recently defended her weight throw title at the 2008 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. The SIU track and field team opens up its outdoor season this Friday at the Spring Classic in Carbondale.
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