Meteorologists: Floods will not worsen

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

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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 than sloshed 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 towns 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.

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

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

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.

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

Sara Wojcik, a spokeswoman for Giannoulas, 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.

University looks to close gender gap

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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 enrollment.

“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. “As a matter of fact, 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.”

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“Indeed, the problem is not just within the women studying engineering, but the university’s focus on athletics as soon as she transferred to the university from Parkland College.”

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

The report suggested using successful 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 (a) 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 bumper 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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POLICE REPORTS

Ronald Castel, an 18-year-old student from Indian Head Park, was arrested Monday for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Castel was issued a Carbondale City pay-by-mail citation.

Michael DeNaples, a 19-year-old student from Tinley Park, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia Monday. DeNaples was issued a Carbondale City pay-by-mail citation.

Crime reports to a vehicle was reported at the Recreation Center Tuesday. There are no suspects at this time.

In the Wednesday edition of the Daily Egyptian, the graphics for the page 1 story “University considers out-of-state tuition move” should have said Illinois residents are charged $6,147. The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.

If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3371, ext. 263.

In wake of NIU shooting, WIU boosts security after note about on-campus attack

Chicago (AP) — A handwritten note framing a Wednesday shooting at Western Illinois University prompted increased police presence on campus, while students were given the option of skipping classes without penalty, officials said.

The threat left at an apartment near the 11,000-student campus in Macomb triggered a university alert system and came slightly more than a month after a gunman killed five students and himself in a crowded lecture hall at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, just about 150 miles northeast of Western.

“Certainly, the letter said there would be a shooting on campus today,” Robert Fitzgerald, the head of WIU’s office of public safety, said at a news conference. He declined to provide details about the note, including its exact contents.

No suspect was in custody, Macomb police said.

WIU officials told students they could choose not to attend Wednesday classes but stopped short of canceling them or imposing a full lockdown, because they concluded “the threat was not posted enough,” Barker said.

WIU said residence halls were locked and only accessible by residents with keys.

“While this is an anonymous off-campus threat, it is imperative that we take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of our students, staff and faculty,” WIU President Al Goldfarb, said in a statement.

University of Illinois raises tuition and fees for next year

URBANA (AP) — Students starting classes next fall at the University of Illinois’ Urbana-Champaign campus will pay just over $20,000 next year in tuition, housing costs and fees.

That will be the first time a year of study at the university’s flagship campus will pay more than $20,000.

University of Illinois trustees approved tuition and fee increases for all three campuses Wednesday after raising housing costs earlier this year.

Students starting at the Chicago campus will pay $19,760 in tuition, housing costs and fees next year. Springfield-campus students will pay $17,920 a year.

State begins assessing flood damage in 19 counties

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — The Illinois Emergency Management Agency is assessing flood damage in 19 southern Illinois counties to see if the area could be eligible for federal disaster assistance.

The agency wants to gauge the extent of damage to homes, businesses and public property in areas affected by last week’s widespread flooding caused by heavy rains.

Some parts of southern Illinois got as much as a foot of rain.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has declared 19 of the counties state disaster areas.

To get federal aid, the state must show that recovery is beyond the capability of local and state governments.

Such federal assistance could include cash grants for individuals and households, low-interest loans through the Small Business Administration, and help to affected local and state governments.

Kraft Foods CEO Rosenfeld earns $11.6 million in 2007 compensation

CHICAGO (AP) — Kraft Foods Inc. Chief Executive Irene Rosenfeld received total compensation valued at $11.6 million, a nearly 38 percent decrease from last year when she received a hefty bonus, according to an analysis of a regulatory filing Wednesday.

Rosenfeld, who is also Kraft’s chairman, earned a salary of $1.18 million and non-equity incentives of $2.83 million in 2007 — a year that saw the Northfield-based food company’s profit fall 15 percent.

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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 representatives candidates Wednesday that a polling company called Student Votes 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 elimi- nated 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 Trustee, the system must approve new polling places with a two-thirds vote. Candidates also have the right to be 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 stu- dents 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 as campus 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 computer labs.

"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 can- didates mulled 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 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 poll- ing 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 sched- uled for 6 p.m. April 2 in the Student Health Center Auditorium.

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**Endeavour returns with night landing**

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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. EST, an hour after sunset.

"Welcome home, Endeavour, Mission Control radioed. "Congratulations to the entire crew."

Replied Endeavour’s commander, Dominic Gross: “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 mowed in. As the astronauts took an extra swing around the planet, the sky cleared enough to satisfy flight controllers and — after asking Gross 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.
Bush hears military's worries on Iraq war strains

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

Bush confronts Chinese leader

Terence Hunt

Washington — President Bush sharply confronting China's President Hu Jintao on Wednesday about Beijing's harsh crackdown in Tibet, joining an international chorus of alarm justified by new U.S. and the rest of the world's pande to China for the Olympics.

In a meeting at the White House, Hu "pushed very hard" about violence in Tibet, a necessity for restraining a need for China to consult with rep- resentatives of the Dalai Lama, the spokesman for Tibet, the White House said.

After days of silence by Bush as other world leaders reacted, it marked a rare, direct protest from one president to another. As if to underscore the severity of the situation, the White House said the call to Hu was the second in four days.

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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.

"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 Faye 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 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.

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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.

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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-unappealing but seem to have the ultimate shelf life away. We save our money and we save our noses because we know, in the long run, we are going to need them.

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

The Daily Egyptian supports any efforts toward an efficient future. It only makes sense to live a more sustainable lifestyle and cut back on what’s not working as well. 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-tied, 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 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 still may 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 sustainable planet to live on.

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

“Will, 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 blueprints 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.

Shame on them, and shame on us

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, even care enough to vote on Election Day.

What’s your point, Mr. Vice President? That because they volunteered to serve our country in uniform it’s OK to spurn these lives in a war of choice, your choice and your president’s, and that it somehow matters less than if they’d been dragged 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.

Iraqi 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 militia men 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.

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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 militia. 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.

Meanwhile, 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 of 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 prefer that you didn’t think or ask any pesky questions that they can’t answer without lying.

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

There are some doors that have wheelchair accessible doors. This means that you have 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 stairs open even if they are in use? If 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.

Classroom doors

During one entire semester, the only elevator in Parkinson Laboratory was shut down for repair. As I remember, the elevator was closed from early from the first week of class until after finals. When I came back the next semester, it was a shock to see how much the elevator was working again. During the time of the breakdowns, classes still met uninterrupted.

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.

Emergency doors

During a fire alert, one of the many that happen in the Communications Building, the great double-doors in all the halls open automatically. As that happened I realized that if there was a person who was in a wheelchair on the inside of those doors while 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 more open and honest dialogue that speech should never be censored. In order to accomplish this, however, a balanced open and honest dialogue should be held. The Daily Show did a segment after Obama's speech where Jon Stewart and his "black correspondent" Lewis Black tried to balance and uncomfortable frank race discussion. Stewart asked questions like, "Why do your car stereo have to be so loud?" and Willmore asked, "Why do you rummuck?" 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 will not mean use racial slurs or derogatory comments, it means say what you really feel but don’t try 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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En route Sean Boyle is able to ride his bike in Shawnee National Forest; he finds a way to get over the trail.

Boyle first rode trails in Shawnee when he came to SIUC in 1991. His love for biking is a now shaping his life today.

“I was always riding these made-out here, Boyle said. “It’s just me and nature.”

Boyle, president of the Shawnee Mountain Bike Association, now dedicates much of his time to repairing and removing the trail that shaped his passion for mountain biking.

Boyle organized trail days, where he and other members of the Shawnee Mountain Bike Association take time to repair and remove the trail for use. Boyle said mountain bikers spend so much time in the area, they should be active members who frequently participate in trail days.

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

“You both see the forest on the maintenance out there working on the trail. All to see are the mountain bikers,” Gardner said. “I think they are so dedicated we do.”

“Spring is one of the busiest times for the bike association because the forest grows a lot and the trail is 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 maintains a trail is the grade of the 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.

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 is to work closely with the forest service to get as many trails as possible in the Shawnee designated for mountain bikes.

By forming a relationship with the forest service and convincing them that mountain bikes assist in the drainage of the forest, Boyle said he hopes the group can open more trails to mountain bikers.

Boyle said the group can use the trail 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 joining the club. About 10 to 15 percent of the members currently pay dues, which help cover the cost of food for trail days.

Currently the group is rerouting Cove Hollow trail, which is located 25 minutes west of Carbondale. Boyle said it has a lot of rocks and uneven sections that are tough to negotiate with the layout it is surrounded.

The Cove Hollow trail has forested hills on about 40 percent of the trail, Boyle said. “It’s very technical trail.”

Another trail has a drop-off and a rock up out of the trail, Boyle said. “I really enjoy trail riders who do that. It’s a rock that is worth more than $30 to me,” Boyle said.

Of the 232 members of the group, about half are active members who frequently participate in trail days. Boyle said if the group gets too big, the group needs to split it up.

“We have members all over the county now,” Boyle said. “Just about anywhere you go you can mooch a bike off someone and ride one.”

He suggests mountain bikers new to the trail like they do, and always wear a helmet when biking.

Boyle uses a chainsaw to remove the debris 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.
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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 an 8 — Follow a person who has a strong, positive vision for the future. You and your team can overcome whatever's in your way. You're hot, and getting hotter.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Mistakes and misunderstandings are easy to make, so watch when you're giving. Take care of your own business and let others take care of theirs.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — With the help of a powerful dream, a dream can now come true. Get the right person for the job. It's a great day to interview.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 4 — There doesn't seem to be a replacement for good, hard work. The tricksters and phonies will be revealed. Be honest and practical, and you do just fine.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — You confront many obstacles in this endeavor. Don't be intimidated or discouraged for a moment. Stay on course, watch where you're going, and success is assured.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Great imagination and teamwork are required, for a while. Luckily, you're surrounded by people quite capable and adept. Unlike their talents.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — You compelled to succeed, but don't let that make you nervous. You can dance like nobody's watching, you'll pop for a better performance.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — It's best to avoid a controversial subject for a little while. Think about your position longer before trying to settle.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Not everybody agrees with your conclusions, but that's OK. They have a right to their opinions. Just make sure you don't have to pay for their mistakes.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — The more you learn, the more you realize you didn't know. That's the downside of continuing your education. The benefits come next.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You may feel like being generous, but that's not a great idea. Exercise self-discipline or you spend more than you can afford. The latter could happen quickly.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — The pressure's really on. How will you perform? Well, actually, it looks like you do quite well. Conditions turn in your favor right at the very end.

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The Cape Bretoners, and live songs, came from interviews and main industry of Cape Breton until dent from Cape Breton, coal mining on MacDonald's town. She said coal life to the mine. It’s a comeback, MacDonald said. The script was written by MacDonald, who portrayed “Angus” and a coal miner in the production, and he echoes the same story that has happened in the area with places like Herrin and the coal mines in the South," Healy said.

Seventeen 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 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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“I don’t think A-Rod is a名声 dealer. He probably wouldn’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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Bullpen helps Salukis beat Skyhawks

**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, Brenston Simmons, Jeff Schmier 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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**Baseball**

**Chotoe throws three scoreless innings**

*Jeff Engelhardt DAILY EGYPTIAN*

The Saluki’s 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 Chotoe threw three scoreless innings to help SIU secure a 4-3 win over Tennessee-Martin on Wednesday at Abe Martin Field. Chotoe was awarded his first victory of the year in his third appearance.

Coach Dan Callahan said Chotoe did a great job of dictating the tempo of the game and bringing the momentum back to SIU.

“Chotoe 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 Kingston got the start, but Callahan limited him to 50 pitches since he said he wanted him for Sunday’s finale against Missouri State. Kingston 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. Kelly also broke the 3-3 tie in the seventh when he hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Scott Elmesdorf.

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 bunting 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 (3-18) tied the game in the sixth inning after drawing a pair of walks from relievers Jimmy Cornell and an error from third baseman Michael Fingan.

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

Freshman Chris Murphy caught 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 Lassoon 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

*Luis C. Medina DAILY EGYPTIAN*

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

After playing 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 Lezhenko to shut down Cougars’ Carlos Padilla and Robert Young, 6-0, in No. 1 doubles. Waked and Lezhenko have won their last three doubles matches.

Mariano Restrepo and Sebastian Rubiano followed suit, downing the team of Sanchez and Faulkenberg, 6-1.

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

Head 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 Bollikens captured the doubles point by winning two of three matches in doubles.

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