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## Other options possible for unions

It seems like there are a lot of solutions available other than disrupting people's lives by cutting their pay.

—Michael Smith  
president of non-tenure-track  
faculty association.

JACOB MAYER  
Daily Egyptian

Employees represented by bargaining units that do not have a contract agreement with the university by Wednesday will not take that day off, Chancellor Rita Cheng said Tuesday after the town hall meeting. "They will work that day," she said.

SIUC spokesman Rod Sievers said the university currently has agreements with 10 bargaining units, but it does not have agreements with seven units, including the tenure/tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty associations; the Association of Civil Service Employees; Local 878, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31; and three units under the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council. Sievers said Graduate Assistants United would not be affected by the closure days.

Sievers said about 1,900 people are represented by the units that do not have an agreement, while about 2,000 people are either represented by the units that do have an agreement to take closure days or have no representation and will have to take the closure days.

Cheng sent an e-mail to all members of the campus Nov. 3, in which she said there would be four unpaid closure days implemented this school year. The days listed are likely to be Nov. 24, Dec. 23, Jan. 3 and March 15, days on which classes do not take place.

She said the money saved by four closure days is equal to 1.5 percent of each person's salary.

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EDYTA BŁASZCZYK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jordan Sparks, a 2010 SIU alumna in advertising, hands a paper lantern to Abbie Short, a 2010 Murray State graduate in public relations, to hang off the ceiling Wednesday while

decorating their store LilyWhite on West Main Street. Short and Sparks sew their own products and will be opening their store Monday. For full story, please see page 6.

## Video games can be boon or bane for busy students

LEAH STOVER  
Daily Egyptian

Winter sports are taken to an entirely new level this season after the release of "Call of Duty: Black Ops."

The game, released Nov. 9, is the seventh game in the "Call of Duty" series, which lets ordinary people play as characters serving in several wars. The amount of time players spend on the game has caused some players, especially students, to lose focus of their responsibilities,

says Jacob Malmgren.

Malmgren, a junior from Wheaton studying sociology, said when "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" was introduced to the public last year, he played it at least 20 hours a week.

"It was like having another class," he said.

Like many college students, Malmgren said he started playing the game because his friends played it, and they played against each other. He said he believes this has narrowed his social circle because he found himself only

befriending other gamers.

Kristi Brownfield, a graduate student in sociology from Urbana, said her interest in gaming started when she was a child and role-playing games became popular. With advances in technology and the introduction of virtual games, her interest expanded, Brownfield said.

However, she said the idea of video games posing a barrier to verbal communication is inaccurate. Brownfield said social benefits to video games exist. For example, she

said, Xbox Live allows players to chat with other users around the world and compete with them during their gaming sessions.

"It opens doors, not only in terms of social interaction with people who you may not meet without the Internet, but there's also the exploration aspect," she said. "Games give you the chance to be something outside of yourself."

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## Route 8 redirected, ridership numbers skyrocket quickly

LAUREN LEONE  
Daily Egyptian

A slight change in Route 8 of the Saluki Express mass transit system has paid off, says Dave Loftus, Undergraduate Student Government senator for West Side housing and a member of Internal Affairs.

"It's important to see students' concerns being addressed, and then seeing those improvements actually benefiting the community,

Route 8 had a lot of potential. Students wanted a safe way to go out at night, and this was the ideal option to fit that need.

he said.

Before the route was redirected south of campus to The Reserve at Saluki Pointe apartments, Loftus said students stuck at the bars late at night had three

options: walk home, pay cab fare or drive while intoxicated. The route, which runs Friday and Saturday from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., passes many bars and businesses in Carbondale and is a

safer alternative, he said.

Since the change, ridership numbers increased 371 percent from 126 passengers in September 2009 to 594 passengers in September 2010 to 855 in October. From August 2009 to April 2009, 1,205 people used Route 8, but in the first three months after the change, the newly redirected route had 1,573 passengers, Loftus said.

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**FIGHTING AGAINST THE FLU** Jodi Robertson, an administrative nurse at the Student Health Center, right, gives a flu shot Wednesday to Alex Fenton, a freshman from Mundelein studying business, at Lentz Hall. This was the first flu shot he has ever had. He said he got it to ensure he would not get sick during Christmas vacation. Robertson said the center has not yet had a confirmed case of influenza this year, though it is still important for people to be vaccinated. "It can be a serious illness that can cause hospitalization," she said.

**Upcoming Calendar Events**

**Jackson County Christian Home Educators support group meeting**  
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In the Wednesday edition of THE DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story "Coach Callahan remembered as selfless, caring" should have been credited to Brandon LaChance and Nick Johnson. THE DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

In the Wednesday edition of THE DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story "Faculty and staff pleased with 'candid' discussion" should have said Phillip Garcia, a graduate student in social work from Chicago. THE DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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# Chicago Tribune reporter talks politics

CHRISTINA SPAKOUSKY  
Daily Egyptian

If Illinoisans are waiting for change from Springfield, veteran political reporter with the Chicago Tribune says they will most likely continue to wait.

"Springfield used to be a functional place, and increasingly has gotten to look more and more like Washington," Rick Pearson said.

Pearson, who has been a political reporter at the Chicago Tribune since 1997, spoke to a group of students and political activists Wednesday at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute about where he thought the country and state was heading since the midterm election.

Pearson said the election caused Republican domination in Washington, which hasn't ended the Democratic agenda, but has only made it harder for lawmakers to make changes or pass bills.

"Because of this Republican wave, and that Republicans view Obama to be very vulnerable, I'm not sure that the motivation is going to be there from either side to really get the country moving in any great direction. The same is true in Springfield," Pearson said.

David Yepsen, director of the institute, said the 1 percentage point tax increase proposed by Gov. Pat Quinn during his campaign wouldn't likely have a chance to pass until January. He said the Democrats don't have enough votes right now, but after Jan. 1, there would be a nine-day window where the old Democratic majority could pass the increase.

"In addition to that window, the



Rick Pearson, a political reporter for the Chicago Tribune, answers a question from John Jackson, a visiting professor at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Wednesday at the Institute. DAN DWYER DAILY EGYPTIAN

Democrats know they've got the trifecta. They can control redistricting the House, the Senate and the governor," Yepsen said.

Pearson agreed with Yepsen and said the stage is set for the tax increase. However, he said he thinks House Speaker Mike Madigan controls a great deal of the votes.

"Speaker Madigan has made it clear he will not move forward with the tax increase unless the Republicans move

forward," Pearson said. John Jackson, visiting professor at the institute, said all Madigan is saying is he wants Republican votes on the bill because they have a responsibility to help lead the state.

"I don't entirely buy that Madigan is the whole enchilada here, but the fact is all of these characters got elected to go to Springfield and do the job," Jackson said.

Yepsen said studies show southern

Illinois gets more money from the state than the average citizen in Chicago does, which means more money is sent here than is sent to Springfield.

"We get more than we send to Springfield. We're winners," Yepsen said.

Still, lawmakers in Springfield are working other ways to expand revenue, pay debts and curb spending.

Pearson said bills to increase gambling and apply sales tax to services

such as haircuts as a way to boost revenue has been talked about in Springfield. However, the gambling bills often crash beneath their own weight.

"It's the Christmas tree. Everybody keeps hanging something on it, and by the time all the ornaments are on it, the tree falls down," Pearson said.

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Tim O'Laughlin, a junior from Decatur studying film production, reacts to a loss at the game "Call of Duty: Black Ops" on Wednesday in his apartment. The game is the most recent addition to the popular franchise that has grossed millions worldwide. "It has definitely hindered my productivity but it's how I relax," O'Laughlin said.

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### GAMES

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**66** People can get so taken away, but most gamers can separate fantasy from reality. When you find someone who can't, that is what ends up in the media and it's blown up out of proportion.

— Kristi Brownfield  
graduate student in sociology

For many gamers, Brownfield said the opportunity to create an avatar that is a different gender, race, age and body type can lead to a clearer understanding of others. She said one of the characters she developed didn't physically resemble her at all, which allowed her not only to see how others reacted, but also to put herself in the shoes of a person she could never be.

Brownfield said women gamers get attention in the gaming world by receiving virtual trophies and gifts. If a man were to create a female avatar, she said they might understand how women feel when they are given attention based on their gender.

Courtney Anderson, a sophomore from Decatur studying paralegal studies, said her boyfriend spends several hours a week playing "Call of Duty." She said despite his enjoying the game, she has no interest in trying it and doesn't know any woman who would.

The first week Malmgren bought the game, he said the only breaks he took from playing were to eat, sleep and check his e-mail.

"I skipped an entire week of school playing," he said.

As a result of his excessive gaming, Malmgren said his GPA

suffered. He said depending on the player, he could see the game being beneficial, though it was a distraction for him.

Because of media attention, Brownfield said people might get the wrong idea about gaming addictions. She said it really depends on the gamer, especially when it comes to being a distraction from real responsibilities.

One concern is players can become too involved with their games, causing them to confuse their virtual world with reality. Although this is a possibility, Brownfield said it's rare.

"People can get so taken away, but most gamers can separate fantasy from reality," she said. "When you find someone who can't, that is what ends up in the media and it's blown up out of proportion."

As for her boyfriend's gaming, Anderson said she doesn't consider it much of an issue in their relationship. She said she thinks video

games are overrated, especially for college men.

"He got out of bed one morning, and the first thing he did was leave to play video games," Anderson said. "I was like, 'Are you serious?' But it doesn't really bother me."

Anderson said the only positive shift in gaming is a focus on educational games for children, but games that are violent don't seem to be beneficial.

As for Black Ops, Malmgren said not having Internet access in his apartment forced him to take a break from the world in gaming. He said he thinks of it in a positive way, and is looking forward to having a higher GPA.

"It's good at wasting time, it's fun if your friends are doing it and it can build up your ego if you're good at it, but in my opinion, that's all you're going to get out of it," he said.

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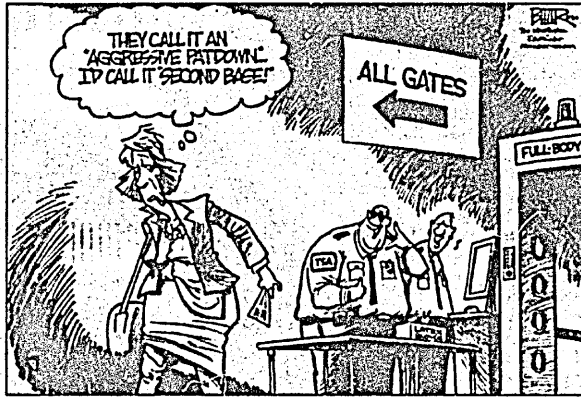
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GUEST COLUMN

## Southern Illinois keeps us healthy

Tara Kulash  
sophomore studying journalism

After learning about the benefits of rural living, I suddenly found myself proud of my arguably southern roots.

I've always considered myself a northerner, but since moving to Carbondale, many students have argued my St. Louis roots make me southern. I fought this. I'm a city girl; how dare somebody put me under the category of slow-talking country folk?

But the longer I'm in Carbondale, the more I seem to pick up on all of the benefits of southern living, and I've got to say, I actually kind of like it.

Seeing scenery alone always makes my day better, but what impresses me the most about living in a rural area are the health benefits. Sanjay Gupta, chief medical correspondent for the health, medical and wellness unit with CNN, wrote about recent findings from the Environmental Protection Agency in his article, "Air Pollution: Silent Killer in the City."

"For starters, an Environmental Protection Agency report found the air in many cities is simply too dirty to breathe," he said. "Think about that: as things stand now, toxic pollution has become a particular disease of the world's urbanites, affecting more than a billion of its citizens."

I enjoy my walks on campus

because I get to watch the leaves change, and while the campus lake may be filled with too many contaminants to trust, I still always appreciated the view from Kellogg Hall last year.

Gupta said within four days of breathing in the urban air, your airways become more inflamed and restricted. On peak pollution days, experts recommend people stay indoors. We don't have that problem down here, at least not as bad as bigger cities, such as St. Louis or Chicago.

According to Associated Press writer Sue Manning's "Report: 6 in 10 Breathing Polluted Air" article, Los Angeles has the nation's worst ozone pollution.

"The California Air Resources Board has tripled its estimates of premature deaths in California from particle pollution to 18,000 a year," she said.

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Gupta wrote another article, "Does Living in the City Age Your Brain?" He said living in a city could cause a shortening of the attention span as the result of distractions.

The University of Michigan reported city dwellers could even suffer memory loss. Researchers gave undergraduate students attention tests after half spent the day in the city and the other half spent the day in a rural

area. Results found those who spent their day in the city had lower scores and were in a worse mood.

Gupta said it's easy to release the stress, though. It's as simple as spending some time in a green area every day.

Well, I think we have that down. Trees and gardens surround our campus, so we each get a moment of green on a regular basis. We have so many great outdoor places to go on adventures such as Giant City State Park, Shawnee National Forest and Little Grand Canyon.

Southern life really is the way to go. I know we like to call ourselves So. Ill., but I like to think down here in southern Illinois we're pretty damn healthy.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Furlough brainwashing offers no honest solutions

DEAR EDITOR:

In a Nov. 9 DAILY EGYPTIAN article, some members of the Faculty Senate said not all faculty are willing to challenge the administration about the need for furloughs, and affirmed their willingness to take unpaid closure days.

These colleagues, evidently, believe the administration's changing budget numbers are all true, and that the predicted budget shortfall is not an estimate but, rather, an immutable fact. They must also be convinced our administrative leaders are spending SIUC's money in the most rational manner possible. They must believe spending more on support services than on the central task of instruction, as SIUC does, is the right move for a university, even if few other universities share these spending priori-

ties. And, they must believe imposing on our students a fee to pay for Sakul Way is the best use of the money we charge them to attend SIUC.

There are, probably, other colleagues who agree that furloughs are the only solution to budget problems. They may be concerned that waiting for the Faculty Association to bargain furloughs in good faith will just take too long.

Here is an alternative for these colleagues:

They can contribute to the solution they agree to right now by donating the equivalent of their furlough days to the SIUC Foundation. Those who believe four furlough days are not such a big deal can donate six, eight or as many days as they wish.

Donating to the SIUC Foundation is tax-deductible and, unlike furloughs, does not affect the donor's retirement.

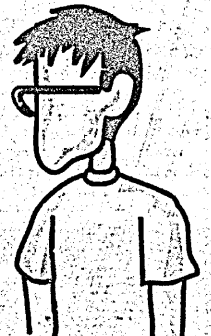
This alternative allows members of the School of Medicine to make a contribution. Right now they are prevented from doing so because the chancellor's plan excludes them from unpaid closure days.

The above approach offers a way to allow those who believe furloughs should be implemented right now — and those who want to wait for the outcome of negotiations in which other alternatives are considered — can contribute their fair share in the manner that they think is the best.

Aldo D. Migone  
professor of physics

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## Fashion line offers creative Christian approach

KAYLA KEARNS  
Daily Egyptian

Abbie Short and Jordan Sparks combined their two-of-a-kind passions to create one-of-a-kind products.

"When someone buys, say, a bag from us, they aren't getting a bag that was made in an assembly line with 12,000 others identical to it. Instead, they are getting a bag that has received a lot of thought and time, has been sewn on a simple sewing machine by our own hands, and there will never be another bag in the world like it," Short said.

Short, of Norris City, and Sparks, of Eldorado and 2010 SIUC alumna, will open the doors Monday to LilyWhite, a personalized fashion line inspired by their Christian faith, at 211 West Main St. in Carbondale. LilyWhite existed as an online store for the past four years while Sparks and Short attended SIUC.

"Honestly, it has always been our dream and goal to have a store — a real customers coming in, trying on clothes, getting to meet our clients type of store," Sparks said.

Short said the clothing company developed from the two women's passion for Jesus and crafts. Their products are made from thrift store fabrics,

granda dresses, old jeans and other found materials.

Dena Penryhouse, of Harrisburg, said she was impressed with the business when she ordered a purse for her sister-in-law and requested that something about being a light in the darkness be put on it. She said her favorite aspect of the business is its Christian backing.

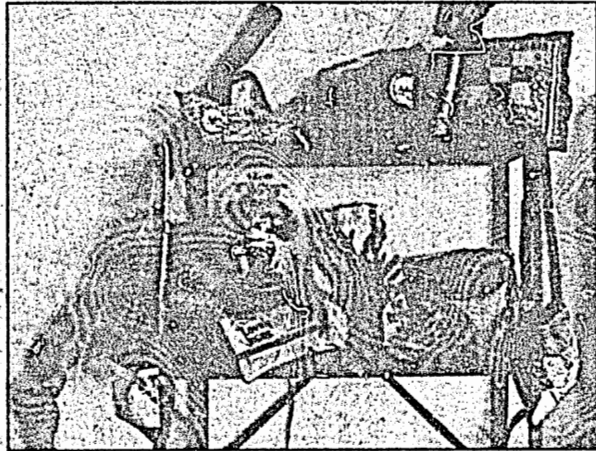
"It's great to see them showing the world that true Christian women are strong, creative and they glorify God with the gifts he has given them," Penryhouse said.

The clothing and accessory line has received encouragement from people from all different types of backgrounds, Short said. She said its regular customers range anywhere from 12-year-old girls to 30-year-old hippies with dreadlocks.

Kaleb Cook, a junior from Eldorado studying cinema and photography and model for LilyWhite, said it's not just a clothing company; LilyWhite is a place where customers can go and be loved the way Christians are supposed to love.

"It's a company geared toward the love of every individual, and they want to help those who come to them," Cook said.

Establishing the business was not



Purses are displayed on a shelving unit Tuesday at the LilyWhite store. Jordan Sparks and Abbie Short sew products that carry a Christian message and sold their first products at a music festival in New Zealand. EDYTA BLASZCZYK DAILY EGYPTIAN

met without trial and hardship, Sparks said.

"Most of our obstacles have included time management. For the past four years we have both been attending college. At times it was hard to juggle running a business and also trying to get school work done, and attempting to have any social life on top of that," she said.

Sparks said she and Short hope to expand the business to other types of clothing that appeal to a wider variety of clientele.

"We are currently developing a formal wear line. I got married over the summer and made my dress and the bridesmaid dresses, and loved doing it. So we would like to build out our wedding and formal wear line," Sparks said.

Short and Sparks said they look forward meeting new people and spreading their message of love with clothing and accessories to as many people as possible.

"We're happy just getting to have a meaningful conversation with a customer, making a dress that a girl feels really cute in, or encouraging someone to pursue a dream," Short said.

## Carbondale's comedy circuit brings in big laughs

BRENDAN SMITH  
Daily Egyptian

The words college and humor have been longtime allies.

Now, stand-up comedy and Community Floss, a student-run improv group, are pairing up to help their fellow Salskis shake off college life stress with comic relief, says Kevin Hill.

Hill, a senior from Arlington Heights studying radio-television, said since October's "Roast of Winston," featuring Carbondale's favorite bagel vendor, stand-up venues have become increasingly popular.

"I was so nervous I thought I was going to be sick," Hill said. "But once you get your first laugh, you calm down."

Hill, who performed stand-up for three months, said he first stepped into the spotlight after a friend's dare.

After a night of bashing on each

other and Winston himself, the tables were turned when Winston was able to poke fun at the comics, Hill said. Most of Winston's jokes were centered on the popular misadventures of his brother, which the audience received well.

Because of websites like CollegeHumor.com and FunnyOrDie.com, Hill said SIU students are looking locally for their funny fix.

Kyle Scanlan, a senior from Newton studying radio-television, serves as founding member of the Carbondale's stand-up circuit and as the head of Community Floss.

For Scanlan, he said each show with Community Floss is an entirely new experience for him.

"It's a new product each time you see us," he said.

Founded in 1998, Community Floss has continued to grow as an intricate part of Carbondale's artistic

community, Scanlan said. He said the 12-person comedy troupe is the oldest still-running improv team in Carbondale and one of the most unique shows students can experience.

"The first time you get up there, you feel like a complete idiot," Scanlan said. "The big thing is letting go of that. The more fun you have, the more fun the audience (has)."

He said Station 13 hosts an open mic night Wednesdays where any budding young comic has a platform to test out their material, and Gatsby's also puts on a monthly show displaying the best comics Carbondale has to offer.

Stand-up comics offer a fun, inexpensive alternative to clubs, bars and concerts, Hill said.

"When you leak it down, you pay one dollar to see 15 comics delivering a punchline every three minutes for a two-hour show," he said. "That's .0056 cents

per joke. You definitely get your money back, threefold."

Amy Myers, a sophomore from Athens studying cinema, said she is in her first year with Community Floss. Initially, she said she was intimidated by working with such a distinguished group of comics. However, after working with the troupe, Myers said she feels more comfortable and is really excited about learning the art of improv.

Scanlan said Community Floss incorporates a combination of long-form improv, a theatrical approach to improv, along with short-form improv, which is based more on predetermined games and audience participation. Improv isn't something that's easily explained, he said; it's funny, it's something totally different and an art that has to be experienced.

Each spring, Scanlan said he and his team help put on the So Ill Improv

Festival. He said the event, now in its fifth year, sold out in the spring. Scanlan said he credits the festival for giving Carbondale its first glimpse at stand-up comedy and birthing the city's current stand-up scene.

"There's always new comics coming out," Scanlan said. "And it's always a very diverse group. There's black comics, white comics, straight, gay, there's something for everyone at the shows."

He said he believes it's important people support the comics. Due to Carbondale's size, Scanlan said comics don't have many platforms to express their material. The comic is perfectly content putting his or her work out there, getting support from the audience, and making people laugh, he said.

"I hope that people come out to the shows," Hill said. "They're truly the Keystone of entertainment — really cheap and really fun."





CLOSURE

CONTINUED FROM 1

Cheng said the university has presented those units that do not have an agreement with the amount of money they must save, and if they don't take Wednesday as a closure day, they will have to come up with an alternative plan to make up that money.

"It's either that they take an alternative closure day at a later time or they take all their closure days at one time or they choose layoff of their unit," Cheng said. "They know what dollar amount they have to deal with. The bargaining teams are talking. I'm sure they'll

come to some resolution."

Michael Smith, president of the non-tenure-track faculty association, said university told the unit's bargaining team it needs to find a way to save \$275,000.

He said the number is small, and he does not see how that number is relevant and why his unit has to satisfy that number.

"It's not that big," he said. "It seems like there are a lot of solutions available other than disrupting people's lives by cutting their pay. I think there is an imbalance between the bottom line of the number and the social impact of the effects of closure days."

He said he thinks the university

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— Rita Cheng  
SIUC Chancellor

could handle the amount the unit needs to save through methods other than closure days for employees represented by the non-tenure-track faculty association.

Randy Hughes, president of the tenure/tenure-track faculty, declined to disclose the amount of money his unit has been asked to save because it is a bargaining matter.

"The number they gave to the

unit has no particular basis in the whole picture; it's just a number," he said. "They just gave a number, but they haven't given sufficient justification for why that number."

Hughes said his unit is still waiting for the university to provide all of the information it needs to determine which options it should use.

He said Cheng provides parts of

the budget information in public meetings, but it is not enough to provide a complete explanation of the budget problem.

"She is stating a position about bargaining about matters that have to be bargained," Hughes said. "So she is bargaining in the press about something that has to be discussed at the bargaining table."

Cheng said she welcomes discussion about different ways to meet the financial savings goal.

"If there are alternatives, I'm up for alternatives," she said.

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ROUTE

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"Route 8 had a lot of potential," he said. "Students wanted a safe way to go out at night, and this was the ideal option to fit that need. ... There was a community effort to let mass transit officials know (students) wanted this route changed. Mass transit officials listened, and the numbers are up."

The change eliminated the route's university stops because of low ridership numbers, he said.

Ridership numbers are calculated when a student swipes their student ID to board the bus, and Loftus said the driver must record all non-SIUC students who board the bus as well.

Loftus said he's pleased to see a movement driven mainly by students be addressed by the university and be successful.

"Not only was this a student-driven campaign, it's nice to see people are actually using the service," he said.

Loftus said the service also provides students with a free alternative to paying cab fares, which increase once the cab heads south of Pleasant Hill Road, he said.

Lori Stettler, director for the Student Center, said Route 8 was extended to The Reserve, which opened in August 2008, to cater to an off-campus area largely populated with students.

"Students were walking or driving home after leaving the bars at night because they didn't have the transportation they needed," she said.

Although changing Route 8 was discussed internally, Stettler said it succeeded as a student-driven campaign because of USG and Loftus' efforts to reach out to students.

66 *It's important to see students' concerns being addressed, and then seeing those improvements actually benefiting the community.*

— Dave Loftus  
Undergraduate Student Government senator

"He really cares about what the students have to say," she said. "With the help of USG, and just out of common sense, we wanted to redirect the route."

James Karayiannis, Pinch Penny Pub's general manager, said students opt to drink and drive because they need their cars the next day. People can use Route 8 as transportation to and from the bar since it begins running in the evening and stops late at night, allowing students to leave their cars at home, he said.

"A lot of people need to have their car the following morning,

whether it's to get to work or to get to class," he said. "That's the main thing people get hung up on."

Although Pinch Penny Pub allows patrons to leave their cars in the parking lot until noon the following day, Karayiannis said it's comforting to know students have Route 8 as an option.

"I think it's a great thing that could do nothing but help our business," he said. "Any opportunity to get a patron to and from an alcohol establishment safely is a plus."

Lt. Heather Reno, administration commander for the Carbon-

dale Police Department, said patrolling the parking lots near bars at night is necessary.

"You have potentially impaired drivers trying to negotiate around crowds of other impaired people, which is never a good mix," she said. "Every night the bars close, there's the potential for a very serious accident."

Loftus said he hopes the improvements made on Route 8 reduce the number of drunk drivers and those who walk down Route 51, but it's too soon to tell if the changes will be long-term.

"I'm sure as this goes on, we'll be able to look at the statistics and perhaps see this is a component in reducing those numbers," he said.

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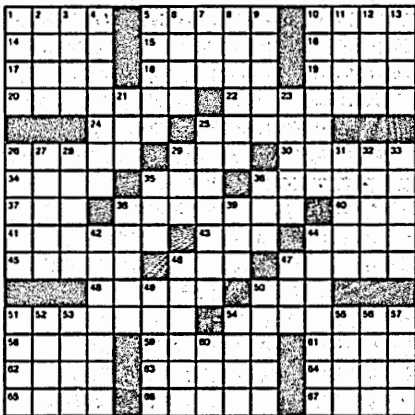
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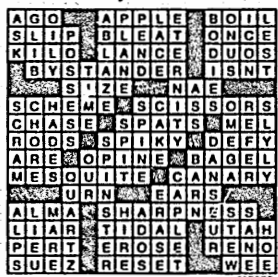
**ACROSS**

- 1 Diplomacy
- 5 Ankle
- 10 Charity
- 14 Smell
- 15 Happening
- 16 Money offered by a bondsman
- 17 Stare openmouthed
- 18 Portion
- 19 Trigonometric function
- 20 Corrected
- 22 Toiled
- 24 Foot digit
- 25 Grief; sorrow
- 26 Make obscure
- 29 Lower limb
- 30 Minds
- 34 Harness strap
- 35 Drink like Fido
- 36 Attack violently
- 37 Sphere
- 38 Ignore
- 40 Metro or Prizm
- 41 Brother's daughters
- 43 Calif.'s neighbor
- 44 Lend a hand
- 45 Copy machine maker
- 46 Hockey's Bobby
- 47 \_\_\_ off; deflects
- 48 Money; profit
- 50 Unruly crowd
- 51 \_\_\_ to; against
- 54 This evening
- 58 Insult
- 59 Burr or Spelling
- 61 Rip
- 62 Knowledge of traditions
- 63 Lay \_\_\_ to; come at from all sides
- 64 Prefix for trust or septic
- 65 Was in the red
- 66 Ambassador
- 67 Be plentiful



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 3 Put up with difficulties
- 4 Capital of New Jersey
- 5 Cone-shaped dwelling
- 6 Enthusiastic
- 7 Actress Remick
- 8 Fix a drain
- 9 Take illegally
- 10 Soaks up
- 11 Lion's den
- 12 Work in caves
- 13 Toboggan
- 21 Spaniel or pug
- 23 Raise; push up
- 25 Consider awful
- 26 New York City borough
- 27 Spine-chilling
- 28 \_\_\_ optics; big part of modern technology
- 29 Fail to keep up
- 31 Raring to go
- 32 Highway sign
- 33 Feeds the pigs
- 35 "\_\_\_ Misérables"
- 36 Hole in one

- 38 Connection
- 39 Make a blunder
- 42 Used crayons
- 44 Natural environment
- 46 Consecrate to be a priest
- 47 Was victorious
- 49 Stop
- 50 Cash
- 51 City in Norway
- 52 Turn the soil
- 53 Unspotted
- 54 African nation
- 55 Trait transmitter
- 56 Detest
- 57 Quick haircut
- 60 Gun the engine

## Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

**Today's birthday** — This year you develop refined creative processes at work. Cultivate visual and symbolic design, and study artistic or verbal techniques to gain skill. By doing so your imagination expands and your logic improves. This will be useful.

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)** — Today is a 6 — Yesterday's efforts pay off now in the form of curious opportunities to work with others. Check into the details carefully, before moving forward.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** — Today is a 6 — Take time for meditation early on. This aligns your thinking with coworkers. What seemed an obstacle yesterday becomes today's glorious opportunity.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** — Today is a 5 — You have a sense of your own creative potential, and want to get into action. Associates with demands present a challenge. Buy them off with chocolates.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** — Today is a 7 — Focus on food today. How delicious! Use all your talents and imagination for a menu to please all. It doesn't need to take all day to taste good.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Possibilities and difficulties appear, as you plan travel with associates. Take advantage of the opportunities as they arise, yet maintain a flexible schedule.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Your energy shifts toward scheduling a social event. It's possible that some won't be able to attend, regardless of when. Plan something for them later.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Share an "Aha!" moment with a trusted companion. You really understand now about beauty and harmony. You both carry that feeling throughout the day.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** — Today is a 7 — Someone you know falls in love head over heels. This has been a long time coming. Keep an appropriate distance as you congratulate them both.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** — Today is a 6 — Someone's wearing rose-colored glasses. Allow them to enjoy the moment, knowing you can come back to reality later. Who knows what may come of this?

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** — Today is a 6 — Keep one eye on your work, and another on a social plan that comes together now. Accommodate the needs of special guests. The conversations prove valuable.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** — Today is a 6 — Take action early to gather essential data. Test each resource with logic. Verify facts through accepted sources. Everyone appreciates the extra effort.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** — Today is a 7 — Take time out to balance your checkbook. Good news or bad, at least you know where you stand. Then you can create a workable plan for budgeting wisely.

## JUMBLE

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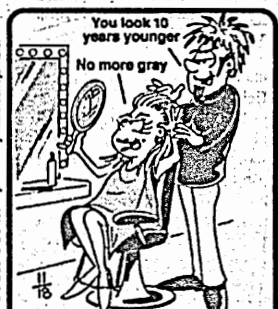
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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argiron and Jeff Knurek



WHEN THE AGING MODEL DYED HER HAIR, SHE GOT TO THE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon...

A: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] OF THE [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

(Answers tomorrow)  
Wednesday's Jumbles: GAMEO QUEST SLUCE EXCISE  
Answers: Answer: What the friends drank to at the birthday party — EXCESS

The Duplex



# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

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# D.E. Daily Bark

Senior Safuki running back Lucden Walker said former SIU star Deji Karim, now on the Jacksonville Jaguars, could become an NFL superstar. Do you agree with Walker's assessment?

100 percent. Karim has dedication, electrifying talent and something most other NFL players lack — a brain. If I were a betting man, I'd be all in.



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Yes, but if he doesn't beat out the human wrecking-ball, Maurice Jones-Drew, for the starting position in Jacksonville he may have to become a star elsewhere similar to Cleveland Browns running back Peyton Hillis after the Denver Broncos traded him.



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The sky is the limit for Karim. If he's already getting touches on a team with Jones-Drew, a top-5 running back in the league, and Rashad Jennings, who averages five yards every time he touches the ball.



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## BASKETBALL

# Wheelchair sport's return bodes well for students

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Though its program was disbanded in 2001, SIUC has quite a history with wheelchair basketball, says Kathryn Hollister, associate director of recreational sports and recreational services.

She said SIUC was one of the founding members of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association in 1949 and won the first National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in 1977.

"SIU had a team that was not part of the (Missouri Valley) conference," Hollister said.

SIUC's wheelchair basketball program, known as the Safukis Rollers, was disbanded because of decreased participation by paraplegic athletes and a lack of money, Hollister said.

"That's why we don't have a program right now," Hollister said. "We've chosen to make it more of an educational opportunity for able-bodied folks to learn about the sport."

Michael Frogley, men's wheelchair basketball coach at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, said he recalled playing against SIU in the 1990s.

"I met eight years ago with (SIU's) director of disabled student services," Frogley said. "She came up here to talk to me about starting a wheelchair basketball team back up."

Frogley said after he spoke with Kathleen Plesko, director of disability support services, he had not heard

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senior studying plant and soil science

whether a wheelchair basketball team would start at SIUC again.

"You have a history of wheelchair basketball on that campus at SIU, a significant history, that has basically almost vanished over the past years," Frogley said.

Hollister said she became an administrator in the wheelchair sports programs in 1987.

"I was asked to bring back the program," Hollister said. "We were an open team, (meaning) you played teams from the community."

SIU became part of the Central Collegiate Conference with teams such as the University of Illinois, Hollister said.

Frogley said each school began wheelchair sports for returning World War II veterans. Basketball became the core sport because it was the most well-known. The University of Illinois, which plays in the Central Collegiate Conference Wheelchair Basketball Conference, is the only Big Ten school that competes in competitive adaptive sports, he said.

It's difficult for students with disabilities to find access to adaptive sports programs at their schools, Frogley said.

Though the NCAA did not recognize wheelchair basketball

as a sport, the Central Collegiate Conference followed its rules and conditions, Hollister said.

"That's when we started to host more tournaments and nationals for the junior team and the collegiate nationals," Hollister said.

SIU hosted sectional and regional tournament games for the National Wheelchair Basketball Association as well, Hollister said.

Hollister said wheelchair sports are now part of the adaptive and inclusive sports programs which are used to generate awareness about wheelchair basketball, football and rugby to the able-bodied population. The sports also provide an opportunity for people to participate in those activities whether they are restricted to a wheelchair, she said.

The SIUC Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation Program held an Intramural Wheelchair Division Basketball Tournament on Nov. 8 and 9 with four teams to raise awareness about the sport to students, Hollister said.

Jarrett Crump, a senior from Brookfield, Wis., studying plant and soil science, said he discussed disabled athletics with his kinesiology classmates and they came across the wheelchair basketball tournament

during a class day at the Recreation Center.

"We came out here for class and played wheelchair basketball and wheelchair football," Crump said. "I have friends that are in chairs and always wondered what it'd be like to be in their shoes."

Fifteen of Crump's classmates came together to form two teams, Kinesiology Teams A and B, for the tournament.

"It gives them a chance to see what it's like being in a wheelchair and playing sports," Crump said.

Crump said he and his classmates practiced wheelchair basketball during the days that led up to the tournament. Wheelchair basketball is a tough upper-body workout, but he had some idea of how to move around in a wheelchair due to a childhood accident that put him in a chair temporarily, he said.

"That definitely made it a little easier, but playing sports is a whole different thing (compared) to just wheeling around," Crump said.

Senior Carl Schwarz, an architecture major from O'Fallon, said wheelchair basketball is difficult for able-bodied people because it applies new rules and a different set of physics that requires

mainly arm strength and versatility. "It's tiring on the shoulders and arms," Schwarz said.

The majority of wheelchairs used in the tournament were not regulation-approved style and did not have a kiddie wheel to prevent a player from falling backward, he said.

"If you shoot the ball or lean back at all you fall over," Schwarz said.

Schwarz said he hopes to take what he learned during the tournament and apply it to his architectural designs.

The Kinesiology Team A lost the tournament to Army ROTC in the championship game Nov. 9.

Hollister said she'd like to get more students with disabilities involved in the Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation Program, but it has been a difficult task because an increasing number of students use custom motorized chairs to get around instead of traditional hand-powered chairs.

Recreational services plans to start intramural wheelchair basketball Jan. 27, Hollister said.

Hollister said SIU was also chosen as the host site for the United States Quad Rugby Association sectional playoffs by league officials in St. Louis. The tournament will feature four to eight teams and should take place March 18 through 20 during spring break in the Recreation Center, she said.

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Walker said he and Karim exchange texts before each SIU game.

"He's just told me to do work, and that's basically what it is. (He) just told me to go out and play my best," Walker said.

After Sunday's win over division rival Houston, the Jaguars are 5-4 on the season and remain in the hunt for the AFC South Division title.

The Safukis, who cannot reach the FCS playoffs this season but can tie for second place in the MVFC, will end their season at

home Saturday against Indiana State (6-4, 4-3 MVFC).

Karim said he may plan a homecoming for the football team's annual banquet, which doesn't have a set date yet but is usually held in February.

If he comes back, there's little doubt the well-liked Karim will be welcomed warmly by Walker, Wilson and the rest of his former teammates.

"That guy's a character," Walker said, chuckling. "That's my boy, though."

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I appreciated his support and enjoyed every opportunity to speak with him. During the summer, we talked almost weekly about SIU baseball. Funny things he had heard or said and caught up with each other's lives. Our interviews were special not only because of the conversation, but because of smaller things, such as how his office phone always made a weird sound in the recorder, which made him laugh and tell me to stop being cheap.

During each interview he would say, "Hey big guy, how is school and how is your family?" even though

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he never met my family. The next interview, he would ask about a situation we discussed the time before, calling each member of my family by name because he cared to remember.

Although I neglected my job with SIU baseball my freshman year, he never neglected me.

In return, I'll never neglect his kind words and his honesty about issues we'd discussed.

It's sad I can't expect to smile anymore when the phone at the

clubhouse is answered, because it will have a different voice on the other end, not his, which automatically makes the jokes less funny and the baseball talk less real.

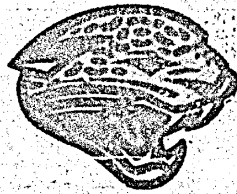
My thoughts and prayers go out to the family that has lost a truly remarkable man and to the baseball team that has lost its fearless leader.

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BANTER

## Will Deji Karim be a star in the NFL?

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### STAFF COLUMN

## 'Cal' was more than coach



As a SIUC student-employee and eventually a journalist, I had the chance to get to know SIUC baseball coach Dan Callahan, who passed away Monday.

During my freshman year in 2004, Coach Cal was my boss for the cushy job of washing baseball uniforms, which I acquired to support my drinking habit, which eventually forced me to quit the job. Cal yelled when he found his then-uniform washer passed out in the clubhouse game day morning with most of the clothes not washed, but then laughed and said, "See you tomorrow."

A week later, he found a new guy, because this one wanted to spend his time being a college freshman, not being a part of SIUC baseball.

As I was drinking myself into a coma — not literally — Cal attempted to point my life in a better direction. Like any other hard-headed college student, my eyes and ears were closed.

In the fall of 2007, the beginning of my senior year, I dropped out of school because my brother passed away and I didn't want to be away from my family anymore. Instead of transferring to Northern Illinois University, which was the original plan, I sat on a stool next to the pool table in a Mendota bar.

In 2009, some sort of focus reappeared to push me in the direction of SIU\* to finish my bachelor's degree in journalism, which was already three-fourths of the way done.

Cal was one of the first people to tell me I had made a smart decision when we talked after I covered a baseball game for WSIU Radio.

"I knew you were a smart kid and would get things figured out. You're a good writer and I enjoy you covering my team," Cal said.



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Kaitlyn Hankey and Sarah Stack attempt to steal the ball from Matt Burton on Nov. 9 during the Intramural Sports Wheelchair Division Basketball tournament at the Recreation Center. SIUC was one of the founding members of the National Wheelchair Basketball

Association in 1949, and won the National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball tournament in 1977. A spring wheelchair basketball division will begin Jan. 27. PLEASE SEE PAGE 11 FOR THE FULL STORY.

### FOOTBALL

## Karim gets more reps with Jaguars

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With the score tied and no time left on the clock in Sunday's game against the Houston Texans, rookie Jacksonville Jaguars running back Deji Karim said he watched from the sideline as Jaguars quarterback David Garrard heaved a desperate pass into the end zone.

"I'm not going to lie, I had a couple thoughts going through my head ... I had thoughts of 'Alright, David's about to throw the ball. It will probably get knocked down or something, we'll go into overtime, hopefully we get the ball, they'll kick off to me and I can give us a big return,'" said Karim, the former Saluki running back who rushed for 1,742 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2009.

But Karim didn't get his chance. The ball deflected off a Houston player in the end zone and into the hands of Jaguars receiver Mike Thomas, who stepped into the end zone and gave Jacksonville a stunning 31-24 win in front of his home crowd.

After the play, the Jaguars bench erupted and the players ran onto the field, but Karim stayed behind, frozen.

"When the play happened, I didn't even run on the field. I was just stunned. I grabbed Rashad

*"When the play happened, I didn't even run on the field. I was just stunned. I grabbed Rashad (Jennings) and was like, 'Did we just win the game?'"*

— Deji Karim  
Jacksonville Jaguars running back

(Jennings) and was like, "Did we just win the game?" Karim said.

Like most NFL rookies before their first game, Karim said he had butterflies in his gut as he lined up to field his first kickoff Oct. 10 in Buffalo, N.Y., but they left once the ball dropped into his hands.

"When it landed in my hands, I was like, 'It's time to roll,'" Karim said of his first NFL action, which was delayed because of a thumb injury that required surgery and forced him to miss the first part of the season.

Karim was a sixth-round pick by Jacksonville in April's NFL Draft. He signed a four-year, \$19 million contract July 23 with the Jaguars.

Karim was active on kick return duty in the preseason before the thumb injury, and said he has been 100 percent since his debut against Buffalo. He's steadily becoming more involved in the Jaguars' game plan; in addition to leading the team in kickoff returns (23) and yardage (579), he's rushed 27 times for 105 yards and caught three passes for 10 yards since the Buffalo game.

Karim has also moved his way up the depth chart at running back, passing Jennings, and is now No. 2 behind established star Maurice Jones-Drew.

"I really don't look at it as being second string, to be honest with you. We look at it as we all have roles on the team," Karim said. "When we're being called upon, we need to be ready."

Jones-Drew, Jennings and the running back coaches have all done their part to help Karim's progression, he said.

"It's great to have a back like (Jones-Drew) in front of you because you know, him being there, he's willing to help me as well because we all have one goal in mind," Karim said.

Senior SIUC running back Lucien Walker, a former teammate of Karim's, said he's not at all surprised Karim is finding more work in the Jaguars' offense and that the former Saluki could even become a Jones-Drew-type star.

"He's a workaholic ... (and) he's very determined," Walker said. "Just

my opinion, just because how he works. Just like when I was talking to him during preseason and they were in camp and stuff like that, I was asking him how it is and what's the speed of the game like, and he was just saying, 'I can play with these dudes, it's just faster.'"

Richard Wilson, senior offensive lineman for the Salukis and another former teammate of Karim's, said he wasn't surprised at Karim's involvement as a rookie, either.

"I thought he'd be able to make an immediate impact, everybody saw his talent level last year. It was only a matter of time before ... he'd be a contributor like he is now," Wilson said.

Karim's former teammates at SIU (4-6, 3-4 Missouri Valley Football Conference) haven't had the same success in 2010 as they had with Karim there, but the former Saluki still keeps in touch with the players and tells them to keep their chins up, Wilson said.

Wilson said Karim's main message to the Salukis this season has been to stick through the adversity and keep focusing on success, just as Karim did when he suffered a potentially career-ending knee injury in 2008 that forced him to miss the entire season.

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