Storm troubles campus, Carbondale police station

JULIE SWENSON Daily Egyptian

It will take some time before all the damage from Tuesday's storm is found, Phil Gatton said.

"Some things are immediately obvious, and some things it takes a little while for us to discover where damage occurred," said Gatton, director of SUC's Plant and Service Operations. "There is a lot of square footage to cover."

A strong line of thunderstorms with winds in excess of 60 mph hit the Carbondale area around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, causing structural damage to homes and buildings, including the city's new police department, several homes near the police department, at the intersection of North Washington and East College streets, were either destroyed or sustained severe structural damage.

Gatton said he has been assessing damage on campus and isn't sure how much damage the repairs will cost. The total won't be known for several weeks though Gatton estimated it would be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Power lines were downed on the west side of campus. The Campus Beach House, the baseball and intramural fields, and the Glove Factory lost electricity late Tuesday because of the storm; the Glove Factory lost electricity throughout the night to check with Insurance companies, said an employee. The factory was damaged by pieces of trees fell around his house and on the west side of campus. The roof was also damaged. The factory's roof that were ripped off by the wind, he said. The instructional School Auditorium's roof was also damaged.

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Money to repair the storm damage will likely come from University Risk Management, as SUC is self-insured, Gatton said, although he isn't sure if the damages will be fully covered.

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Fatalities in vehicle crashes decrease with seat belt use

BRANCON COLEMAN Daily Egyptian

Marvin Campbell's death occurred after a friend driving a sports utility vehicle lost control and rolled over the median of southbound I-57 east of Mattoon. Campbell's death was one of three to occur in Coles County so far this year.

Campbell and Edward Jackson, another passenger in the SUV, died in the two-car accident near Carbondale. The coins were ripped off by the wind, he said. The instructional School Auditorium's roof was also damaged.

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Hindu temple helps add to Carbondale's religious diversity

KAYLA KEARNS Daily Egyptian

Approximately 200 Hindus, in southern Illinois will soon have a place of worship to call their own.

Without a temple, those who practice Hinduism in Carbondale have no choice but to hold services in private homes. But it is hard for homeowners to accommodate seating for the crowds, which typically range between 40 to 60 people. Homeowners have had to limit services to the third Sunday of every month instead of weekly.

Hindu prayer services, known as Pooja, are ceremonies in which Hindus show reverence to a god, spirit or aspect of the divine with invocations, prayers, songs and rituals. It is considered essential for devoted Hindus to make a spiritual connection with the divine.

Members of The Hindu Temple and Cultural Society of Southern Illinois, friends, and family gathered Sunday for a groundbreaking ceremony for the planned Hindu Temple and Community Center. The ceremony was performed by Shri Vardhanya Sharma, a priest at the Hindu Temple of St. Louis.

HTSCI is a non-profit organization designed to establish Hindu temple and cultural centers in the United States. The building will be located at 1305 E. Walnut St. on three acres of land donated by Reddy, founder of PCB Industries, Inc., and霁red for more photos. PAT SUTPHIN DAILY EGYPTIAN

If someone doesn't wear a seat belt while riding in a car, they may become involved in a rollover accident even at low speeds around inside of the car be ejected from it. Enery said. People in a rollover accident could be partially ejected from a car, and the driver roll on top of them before they are fully ejected, he said.

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Amen workers observe cleanup, clean up after day of a house on East College Street. The home is purchased Tuesday night when a storm system passing through the area placed pieces of the Carbondale Public Safety Center's roof into the building. According to the National Weather Service, the storm system created heavy, straight-line winds in excess of 60 mph. See page 5 and DailyEgyptian.com for more photos.

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Dietz weighs his options

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

After the elimination of the Division of Student Affairs in the fall, Larry Dietz said he is looking into his career options and preparing to teach in the College of Education and Human Services.

Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, is also one of three finalists for the position of vice president of student affairs at Illinois State University. He spoke at an open forum Wednesday at ISU, where he was evaluated for the position. He said he was nominated by a colleague and the search committee pursued him.

Chancellor Rita Cheng implemented the university college model in December by restructuring the Division of Student Affairs. The model has been described by the chancellor as an effort to ensure SIUC's supplemental instruction, Living Learning Communities, tutoring and mentoring programs, and the Student Success Center work together as a team.

Dietz has been vice chancellor of student affairs since 2000 and will hold the position until Dec. 2. Under the terms of his contract, he will continue to be paid his regular salary of $15,472.34 per month until then. He said because Supplemental Instruction, Pre-College Education and Human Services, and Student Support Services are continuing to work with faculty to ensure SIUC’s professional development.

In a letter from Cheng to Dietz in December regarding his reassignment, Cheng said she approved his request for an administrative leave in the spring and summer terms to allow time to prepare for his new role on a full-time basis.

Dietz said he has taken this time to work on special projects related to his return to the classroom.

"Cheng's letter says I am a finalist for the position of president of the University of Central Missouri," Dietz said. "I am also one of two finalists for the position of the University of Central Missouri. I am also one of two finalists for the position of president of the University of Central Missouri."

Correction

In the Tuesday edition of the DAILY EAGLE, the story titled "Provost finalists released" should have said "John Nicklow will speak from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. April 26 at the Student Center Auditorium." The DAILY EAGLE regrets the error.

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Bike, bus riders increase with gas prices

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Students have parked their cars and begun to ride their bikes as gas prices continue to rise. Ron Dunkel said, "Even in February, people were riding their bicycles," said Dunkel, coordinator of Saluki Spokes. "They can't afford gas. They can't afford anything. People are broke." The average price per gallon of regular-grade gas was $3.95 Wednesday in Carbondale. The average national price has risen to $3.84 from $2.86 a year ago. During that time, students have increased their use of alternative transportation. Almost 3,500 more riders rode the Saluki Express Grand Avenue Route in February than in November 2010, according to documents provided by Lori Stettler, assistant vice chancellor for auxiliary services and director of the Student Center.

Stettler said high gas prices coupled with a rough winter led to the increase in ridership. She said the buses are reaching capacity, and some students are left without rides. She said this year's ridership numbers will likely exceed last year's.

"I know how much it costs me to get back and forth from work every day," Stettler said. "Students pay fees to use the bus. It's great they're taking advantage of it." Mike Wright, vice president of the American Automobile Association in the Mid-America Region, said gas prices are on the rise because of the turmoil in the Middle East and an increased demand from China and India. Although most of the countries experiencing political unrest aren't major oil-producing countries, they can still adversely affect oil prices, said Wright.

"Countries that control waterways, such as Egypt, could affect the distribution of oil," he said. The Egyptian protests, which sparked protests in many other Middle Eastern and north African countries, started Jan. 25. However, according to AAA's fuel gauge report, national gas prices have risen significantly since October. Illinois has the highest state excise tax on fuel in the nation, according to data from the American Petroleum Institute. Randall Stateler, an employee at the Bike Surgeon, said business has picked up since gas prices have increased. Stateler, a senior from St. Louis studying business management, said although he owns a bike, he also walks because everything is close to his house. "It seems like it's in style now," Stateler said.

Kevin Batty, assistant city manager for economic development, said Carbondale is considering several cost-effective options to increase the number of bike paths. He said the sustainability commission is considering using grant money, expanding existing bike routes, and converting old railways to bike paths. The commission also wants to create a bike path that will go from East Grand Avenue to the town square near Tres Hombres.

"It's unpredictable what gas prices will be this summer," however, the rising costs will have a noticeable affect and a significant burden on families, especially those who commute, he said. "In an April 12 press release, the U.S. Energy Information Administration said it predicts average national regular-grade gas prices to peak at around $3.91 this summer." Dunkel said cars suck money from students in more ways than high gas prices. He said maintenance, parking stickers and fines are just the tip of the iceberg. The Student Center Craft Shop and Saluki Spokes will host a free bike repair workshop Friday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. People can learn how to oil their bike chains, make adjustment and fix flat tires. "I have a student who has a flat," Dunkel said. "Recently, her brake lines got cut. Then it was just one expense after another that were just pulling her down. She decided 'I have to know I'm going back to my bicycle'."
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"What we often find in crashes where one person walks away and another did not, often the person that walked away was buckled up," Emery said. Illinois’ seat belt law was introduced in 2003. Of 1,454 total traffic fatalities in 2003, 517 were caused by not wearing a seat belt, two did not wear a seat belt properly, 375 wore a seatbelt, and it could not be determined if a seat belt was used by 188 of them.

According to the Illinois Crash Facts and Statistics 2008 annual publication, of 1,043 total traffic fatalities in 2008, 350 did not wear seat belts, three improperly used seat belts, 315 did wear them, and the cause of 60 deaths could not be determined.

Fatality crash data for 2010 shows that 925 people died, 271 from not or improperly wearing a seat belt. Two-hundred and ninety of those who died wore a seat belt.

One fatal crash accident has occurred in Jackson County this year. There were five deaths each year in 2009 and 2010.

"It's against state law for passengers not to wear seat belts while in the front seats of a vehicle, and the state enforces this law with a $25 to $50 fine for people who don't buckle up, Emery said. However, it is not illegal to not wear a seat belt while riding in the back seat of a car, he said.

Sherrie Phipps, a freshman from Chicago studying journalism, said she doesn’t wear a seat belt if she is driving alone. "It is a personal choice. I have the freedom to not wear a seat belt on a motorcycle and the seat belt area is uncomfortable," she said. Phipps said she reconsidered wearing a seat belt when she read about Campbell’s death last week.

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Dave Tippy, assistant grounds superintendent at the Physical Plant, said almost every tree on campus lost some branches, and some were uprooted.

Groundskeepers cleared the majority of the debris Tuesday and Wednesday, he said. There are still broken branches hanging or stuck in trees that could be dangerous and need to be removed, Tippy said.

"Though it was similar, and the damage was still substantial, the damage this storm caused wasn't as bad as the storm on May 8, 2009," he said.

"Within four or five days, we ought to have just about everything cleaned up associated with this storm," Tippy said. "We hope we don't see any more of this. We have had enough of it already."

Reddy said construction is expected to begin as soon as blueprints are drawn up and approved by the city and will be funded through donations from members of the Hindu community. Once the construction is underway it should take roughly six months to finish building, Patel said. The committee decided to work with local contractors to construct the temple.

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Severe storm sweeps southern

Robert Daniels, a senior studying mining engineering, looks through the remnants of his apartment while Dave Edginton, bottom, a doctoral student in education from Chicago, helps Alex Hostick search through his apartment Wednesday on East College Street. Both Hostick and Daniels were in the house at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday when a strong line of thunderstorms with damaging winds hit the region. The winds blew debris from the roof of the city’s new police station into their living rooms. "I was worried because my phone, ID and wallet were in the living room, but now that I’ve found it, all I want to do is move into my new apartment," Daniels said. PHOTO BY PAT SUTPHIN

Debris fills the living room of the home of Robert Daniels, a senior studying mining engineering, Wednesday after a line of storms passed through southern Illinois late Tuesday. PHOTO BY PAT SUTPHIN

Alex Hostick, center, is assisted by friends Dave Edginton and Landon Withrow as he evacuates his apartment on East College Street following the severe storm late Tuesday. Hostick, a senior studying engineering technology, spent the storm in his bedroom at the rear of his house while pieces of the new Carbondale police station’s roof burst through his living room wall. PHOTO PROVIDED BY BROOKE GRACE

TOP) Lightning travels across the sky above South Poplar Street in Carbondale on Tuesday. A strong line of thunderstorms tore through southern Illinois, setting the region under a tornado warning, according to the National Weather Service. Powerful winds knocked out power and damaged buildings in Carbondale, including the new police station. PHOTO BY JAMES DURBIN (BOTTOM) Smile Escue, of Makanda, cuts down tree limbs Wednesday at Cedar Lane Trailer Park in Carbondale, where two mobile homes were split in half by uprooted trees. Escue said Tuesday night’s strong winds combined with the wet ground caused the trees to fall over. He said it is a miracle the two mobile homes were abandoned. “This would have killed the person sitting in the living room,” he said. “It’s lucky that no one was in there.” PHOTO BY LAUREN LEONE

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Does Trump want presidency or publicity?

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Donald Trump says he's seriously considering running for president — again. He supposedly planned to run in 2008, but that was pretty much a publicity stunt. I'm wondering if he's actually serious this time. Bernie Goldberg, author of "A Shocker Like Affluence?" seems to think so.

Appearing "On the Reilly Factor" in early April, Goldberg said, "Donald Trump has made up his mind. ... He will run for the Republican nomination for President of the United States. That's as of today, and that's barring any unforeseen circumstances." But in January Trump told Forbes that he wouldn't be making a decision until June, "after the end of his eleventh season of "The Apprentice." In fact, he said he might even use the season finale as a forum, which tells me he's just trying to raise viewership ratings. But if we entertain the idea that he actually is running in the 2012 election, I think Trump would be a pretty interesting candidate, to say the least.

One reason Goldberg believes Trump has a chance is because "millions of Americans who live between Manhattan and Malibu think that Donald Trump's greatest asset is that he is not a politician. He doesn't talk like a politician or think like a politician."

I'll admit that I'm just as sick of politicians as other Americans, but that doesn't mean someone with little to no political experience should run our country. But his business expertise could prove a big help in the nation's debt problem.

While he plans to run for the Republican Party, Trump has a history of liberal views. He said he was pro-choice but suddenly anti-abortion. He used to praise Obama, but now he's accusing the president of not being a natural born citizen. He used to encourage a Canadian-like health policy, but now he vows to take down Obama's health care plan. His sudden changes of opinion tell me he's not being honest about something — quite like a politician. Needless to say, if Donald Trump, Sarah Palin and Michele Bachmann are in the race, this election will turn into a circus. Then the rest of the world can continue to see us as the joke we're becoming.

They're Word
Credit agency sends serious warning to Washington

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Tuesday, April 12:

For the first time in history, Standard & Poor's has revised its outlook on the nation's debt from "stable" to "negative." That sends a blunt message that Washington had better get its fiscal house in order, ASAP.

Monday's warning from the credit-rating agency blends into official Washington's theme of the month. Last week, President Barack Obama laid out a plan to cut deficit spending by $4 trillion over 12 years. The week before that, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., proposed a more ambitious, $6 trillion cut over 10 years. A group of six senators, meanwhile, is working on a bipartisan deficit-cutting blueprint.

S&P didn't wait for the hot air to finish blowing before raising the prospect that at some point, the U.S. government may not be able to keep paying interest on its bonds. The agency's threat to downgrade the sovereign debt of the world's biggest economy is a dauntingly big deal. A rating cut out almost certainly would push interest rates higher, undermining the Federal Reserve's efforts to pump up the economy by printing money. It could — nudge — sound the opening bell for a debt crisis akin to those in Greece and other European countries that have lived way beyond their means for years.

If that day ever comes, all of us still wish we had listened back in 2011 to the thrashing alerts about our government's spending and borrowing. In the Republican budget plan, Ryan gives a chilling account of how a crisis would unfold. It likely would start with a sudden spike in interest rates. Then foreign investors who own roughly half of U.S. debt would lose confidence and start selling. As investors dump their government securities, interest rates would rise even more, and inflation would erode the value of the dollar. Unable to borrow on reasonable terms, America would have no choice but to win back the market's confidence by jacking up taxes and slashing programs. That would result in much harsher austerity than either Obama or Ryan has in mind.

S&P's statement didn't come as a complete surprise, and neither did the knee-jack White House response. It boiled down to: 'Nothing to see here, Americans, just keep moving along. Why the fuss? Non-chalant! The president is trying to reignite the initiative from Republicans in the budget debate, and he doesn't want a bunch of credit-wreckers telling him to hurry up and reduce federal spending. Thus the University of Chicago's Austan Goolsbee, a key Obama economic adviser, on Monday criticized S&P for making a "political judgment.""

Well,umbs.

This is politics on a trillion-dollar scale. The overspending under fire isn't in the private sector, after all. It's the federal government that can't stop borrowing on reasonable terms, the United Kingdom among them. So far, the U.S. hasn't, and the credit-rating agency is voicing doubt that Democrats and Republicans can bridge their differences in a way that isn't too much pain.

True, the U.S. is a lot bigger than Britain, and our economy more flexible. It's also much more diversified and adaptable than the smaller European countries now in severe distress. But even the world's most powerful nation can't buy time forever when it's running up a tab it hasn't got the money to pay.

Goolsbee does make one good point: A debt crisis can be avoided. For now, the market doesn't speak with one mind. Some savvy traders may have bet on S&P's downgrade already. Others believe the problems will be corrected without too much pain. Even the major credit-rating agencies don't agree among themselves. Goolsbee pointed to S&P rival Moody's, which called recent developments inside the Beltway "credit positive."

On that, we agree. Having the president embrace deficit reduction last week is positive. Now comes the hard part: redtucing deficits.
Requests for removal fell on deaf ears, as did repeated efforts to clean the apartment and to get Harris to leave. 

"I do it all the time," she said. "I am not a hoarder." She has been treated for gross filth and has paid thousands of dollars for her apartment to keep it clean. She said health authorities told her to stay in a hotel during the month of July. 

The lawsuit was filed in August 2008, according to court records, which said the unit declined into a state of filth a year later. 

Harris, who has lived at the condo for 35 years, denies being a hoarder. She said she is hoping to appeal the case to the state Supreme Court. 

"I will fight," she said. "This is my home, this is not a apartment." She said the homeowners association is seeking a judgment that would force her to move out. 

The condo manager, according to court records, helped Harris' neighbor buy a refrigerator for her, because she had no money. She said her neighbor has been treated for gross filth and has paid thousands of dollars for her apartment to keep it clean. She said health authorities told her to stay in a hotel during the month of July. 

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**The Fall**

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One label that does not fit Damon Albarn is conventional. The Blur frontman has become known stateside for his animated electronic side project, Gorillaz. While his side group performed on its first tour of the U.S. last year, Albarn continued to record new material. These songs, recorded on Albarn's iPad, have now become available for online download—not the most conventional way to record and release an album. And just like most of the work released under the Gorillaz's name, it can be quite harrowing for those unfamiliar with the group.

The entire work feels as thoughtfully put together. The bleps and electronic atmosphere feel rougher than most of the group's previous releases. Tracks such as "The Snake in Dallas" and "Hillbilly Man" seem like instrumental rough drafts just waiting for one of Gorillaz's patented guest stars to rap or sing over, but none of these guests ever show up. It is just Albarn's strained voice on most of the tracks with vocals, and his philosophical, sad tone dripped a dreaded mood over the entire album. There are no ready-made hits like "Feel Good Inc." or "Clint Eastwood," but there are some rough diamonds in the mix. The thrilling, BABB influenced "Bobby in Phoenix" features the crooning of soul legend Bobby Womack. It is pure musical ecstasy. The entire concept of "The Fall" seems illogical, but those familiar with Albarn should not be surprised. While rumors swirl about the U.S. tour being a last-hurrah for Gorillaz, Albarn seems to have ended the legacy of one of the more popular acts of the 21st century not with a bang, but with a whisper. After all, a conventional ending just wouldn't fit Albarn.

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Yo Mama's Big Fat booty Band describes shows, life on road

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Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band has pumped out funky groove-driven tunes for nearly a decade. The Asheville, N.C., natives have made a name for themselves on the festival circuit and spent the greater part of 2010 In a bus. The group's front man and guitarist JP Miller talked with the Daily Egyptian before the band's performance Saturday at Tres Hombres.

DE: How's the music been going? How did you come up with it?
JP: All the band members took a survey on this computer program. It's highly experimental, and after everyone answered the questionaire the computer generated a little piece of paper with Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band based off all the information all the members put in individually.

DE: I know that the band formed in 2002, but your first album, "You Know," came out in 2007. What's the story on the group's early years?
JP: We all started off jamming in North Carolina. People were all there in various locations. Basically, the gap between us starting up and us having our first studio album was our trying to record in a multitude of different studios and not being completely satisfied with the results. We recorded most of our songs in a studio in Asheville, and they were brand new. They just got started, and we were actually the first studio album to come out of there. We were happy with the results. Then, we went through some member changes. Our front man split to do some more mellow acoustic stuff, and we kind of changed directions from there. Basically, as of now, for the last year and a half we've had a solid lineup that we're really happy with. We just recorded a new album down in Atlanta that should be coming out in a couple months called "Doing It Hard!"

DE: Is this album a lot different than the first record?
JP: Yeah. Each record that we put out is different. After the first, we put out a live album that was a compilation of recordings that we did up and down the East Coast from New Orleans to New York. We had our old guitar player and drummer, and it was a completely different feel. Each album has a different feel to it. This time we added a female vocalist who always plays keys. Our new drummer is our monster; the two of them were actually in a band together called Eyram. They were an electronic sounding band. They're given our funk a harder edge.

DE: The sound of the band is really eclectic. What are your influences?
JP: Everybody and all sorts of different music. It's amazing the variety I hear when we're traveling around. We're definitely influenced by George Clinton, Parliament Funkadelic, Red Hot Chili Peppers, early hip-hop, electronics, everything. We're all record junkies, so whenever we get to a city, we all head out to the records store to see what we can find on vinyl. We're on this constant search for old and new music.

DE: What's your life like for you guys?
JP: We're pretty much continuously on tour. Last year, we did four national tours around the country. We're pretty much on the road all the time. We had a bus that made it from the Florida Keys to New York to San Diego to Seattle, where we flew out to Alaska, which was really cool.

DE: How would you describe the live shows?
JP: Our live shows are always super high energy. We like to slow it down to give the song a nice groove to it, but aside from that it's pumping, and we're dancing the whole time. We're not afraid to cut up and tell some jokes and goof off with the crowd.

DE: What is it like performing in Carbondale?
JP: We've only played at Tres Hombres, but every time we do it, it's a blast. Everyone gets down. It's pretty amazing to see a Mexican restaurant transform into a dance floor music mania.

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NEW YORK
Ben Stiller behind NYC art auction for Haiti

NEW YORK — Ben Stiller is getting some of the biggest names in contemporary art to create a piece of art for the last year's earthquake in Haiti.

The actor and comedian announced Wednesday that he is partnering with New York art dealer David Zwirner on a New York City benefit art auction that will take place April 6. The auction house, which Stiller organized, will feature works by Chuck Close, Paul McCarthy, Jasper Johns, Dan Flavin, Jeff Koons, and Mark Bradford.

"Over a year after the massacres happened, there is a huge need to rebuild and help the country," Stiller said. "We feel that it's important to help raise funds for the children of Haiti to have an opportunity to make the knowledge that they need to lead a better life and be the potential that's very important and valuable in the world."

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Cardinals’ early struggles could be fixed with new closer

**MAYER’S INDIANAPOLIS**

The St. Louis Cardinals sit at the respectable, if not surprising, .500 mark two and a half weeks into the season, but they could be well above that mark if they fix their seemingly eternal bullpen problems.

Ryan Franklin was moved from the closer role after he gave up a gut-wrenching, walk-off homer to Los Angeles Dodgers right fielder Matt Kemp on Sunday. The blown save was Franklin’s fourth in his first five opportunities this season.

The person who is most justified to want Franklin off the mound is Cardinals starter Chris Carpenter. The Cardinals ace is still winless this season but would have two bad Franklin blown save opportunities on Opening Day and Sunday.

Now the Cardinals are faced with the worst of all pitching staff questions: Who is going to be the closer?

Manager Tony La Russa hasn’t confirmed yet who it will be, but all signs point to Mitchell Boggs. Boggs has been with the Cardinals since 2008 and came up as a long reliever and spot starter. He has since solidified himself as one of the most dependable right-handers in the Cardinals bullpen and has given up just two earned runs this season.

Boggs is in the best position to take over the closer role, the Cardinals also don’t have many other options at this point. The team tried to make Jason Motte the closer of the future in 2009, but that experiment ended quickly after he had a Franklin-like start to the season that included a blown save on Opening Day against the Pittsburgh Pirates. A couple weeks of similar performances eventually led the Cardinals to turn to Franklin.

This is not to say Franklin has been terrible in his time as closer. In fact, he played pretty well. He saved 38 games with an earned-run average of 1.92 when he was named to the all-star team in 2009. Not surprisingly, the Cardinals also made the playoffs that season.

However, as was the case with former closer Jason Isringhausen, Franklin lost nearly all of his effectiveness this season, and it was time for a change.

Overall, this could be a good change for the Cardinals in the long run. Boggs is still young, and his fastball can reach upward of 95 mph.

Boggs has several characteristics of now-injured ace Adam Wainwright, who was the closer the last time the Cardinals were a playoff game. Both pitchers could be a starter if necessary, throw hard, and have a sharp-breaking ball that works best when it’s only needed for one inning.

Things turned out pretty well for St. Louis with Wainwright closing — the Cardinals won the 2006 World Series — and while it’s still a stretch the team could make another World Series run with a dependable reliever at the end of the game will go a long way toward turning the franchise back in the right direction.

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Aces end Saluki winning streak in doubleheader

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The SIU softball team extended its winning streak to 10 with a 13-3 win in the first game of its doubleheader Wednesday against Evansville, but the streak ended when the Purple Aces turned the second game into a 3-0 shutout in Evansville, Ind.

Coach Kent Boyack credited the winning streak to the teams discipline at the plate and consistency, but the team lost the second game because it lacked patience.

"We were a bit lucky, and we went away from all the good things that we were doing, and that's what contributed to us losing that second game," Boyack said.

Just as SIU made it to 10 wins in a row, freshman second baseman Jayna Spivey hit her 10th home run of the season in the second inning, which tied the school record for most home runs in one season. But Spivey said the prep to another home run.

"Other teams know what we've done in the past, and they know that no lead is safe with us, and that's what makes them better," Spivey said.

The first game was a strong offensive effort by the Salukis. They had 13 hits, four of which went for extra bases.

Senior catcher Allie Vadeboncouer, senior pitcher Alex Peters and freshman second baseman Jayna Spivey cover the field at Charlotte West Stadium on Tuesday after their mercy-rule victory led the team offensively as she went 3-for-4 and hit two of the Salukis four home runs.\n
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Held said she pitched herself in the first game, but she did not have quite as good a showing in the second.

She said it was nice to have the winning streak, but she thought it ended too soon.

"It shouldn't have been ended," Held said. "We just didn't make an adjustment, so it's a good winning streak because it showed us where we can be, but we still have a lot to improve on."

Other players who hit well included freshman first baseman Taylor Ordman, who went 3-for-4 and had two RBIs; junior left fielder Malley Duran, who went 2-for-3 and had 3 RBIs; and sophomore right fielder Morgan Barholm, who went 2-for-3.

Both teams had fewer hits in the second game, with five from the Salukis and two from the Purple Aces.

Alex left fielder Jen Stahlhut began the fourth inning by reaching second on an error by senior third baseman Natalie Winninger. The next Evansville batter, Katie Sears, got to first when she bunted and advanced Stahlhut to third.

With runners on first and third, an error by freshman catcher Kelsa Ashton brought in an unearned run and moved a runner to second. The next two runs were scored after a fielder's choice and an RBI double by Evansville first baseman Allison Aguila.

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Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today’s Birthday — The year may provide great love opportunities. Be on alert for signs of a new relationship. For those already in relationships, focus on partnering and getting to know your partner better. Be patient and understanding.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — Try to avoid too many disaster-type plans. If work gets too much for you, seek a balance in your life. Make time for some fun and relaxation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — You may have some trouble getting your message across. Keep your tone of voice calm and neutral. You may want to express your view more diplomatically.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 9 — It’s a good day to ask for money, whether it be the sale of a donation or help for a fundraiser. Use some of what you personally can contribute.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 9 — You’re entering a highly creative, artistic phase, which advances your career over the next month. Work out a plan for the future you want and share it with loved ones.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Stick to the old ways. Good manners gets you far. Self-discipline is the key, and don’t let quit get out of hand. Send support to someone on the leading edge.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — A vehicle somehow breaks down. Work out a plan for repairs. You’ll need to act fast. If you’re flexible, you’ll be fine.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — Romance is on the table. Help them understand you. Find a way to say yes and no. Let a wall down and give thanks for what you’ve got.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Romance is afoot. However, there is more to be said and written about love and love’s losses. Find a way to say yes and no. Let a wall down and give thanks for what you’ve got.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Art and creativity take over. Work out a plan for happiness and get yourself into arms of sweet romance. Be patient, and don’t let life get in the way. Let a wall down and give thanks for what you’ve got.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — The need to protect yourself brings you to the center of the circle. Be patient, and don’t let life get in the way. Let a wall down and give thanks for what you’ve got.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — The following week promises a period of blanketing joy and love. Be patient, and don’t let life get in the way. Let a wall down and give thanks for what you’ve got.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 3 — Your words have great power now. Accept well-warranted opinions. Study and set up with a partner. Business is good, and travel is better. Try a new perspective.

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ROCK CLIMBING

Climbers get grip on southern Illinois

CORY DOWNER
Daily Egyptian

With chalk on his hands and his crash pad beneath him, David Quinney held himself parallel to the ground as he worked on his form and technique.

Quinney, the president of the SIUC Climbing Sports Club, said it is not a coincidence he goes to a school in a geographical hotbed for climbers.

He said he chose SIUC because of the abundance of rock-climbing routes in southern Illinois. He said Trilium, a climbing route about 20 miles south of Carbondale, stands as one of his most challenging climbs in his four years in the sport.

"I like it because it's not necessarily against other people, just myself," Quinney said. "Trilium took me about a year and probably a few hundred tries before I got it."

Since Carbondale sits just north of the Shawnee National Forest and the several state parks that cover much of southern Illinois, climbers have a medley of climbing options. While many across the country have limited access to climbing sites, residents of southern Illinois are within a couple hours, if not minutes, of some of the best climbing in the Midwest, Quinney said.

Great City, the closest of the recreational climbing areas, is only 17 minutes south of Carbondale, and climbers can travel about an hour to get to Jackson Falls in the Shawnee National Forest. Kentucky also offers several popular climbing areas that range from a two- to six-hour drive from Carbondale.

When it is sport climbing with a rope and harness, or bouldering, a closer-to-the-ground freestyle climb, rock climbing is an increasingly popular sport that challenges a person and creates a satisfaction they might not find in other sports, said Julie Ellison, associate editor and gear coordinator for Climbing magazine.

"It's the personal satisfaction to do something that is mentally and physically challenging, then completing that as you reach your goal," Ellison said. "It's the sort of thing where you wouldn't want to do it if it was something that was easy to do."

Ellison said climbing has also grown in popularity because it has become more accessible to people regardless of their location. She said people living in an area without many climbing areas now have the option to go to their local climbing gym to learn and get involved with the sport.

Eric Prusczak, a boulderer from Carbondale, said climbing is different from a sport such as basketball because it requires a higher level of commitment. He said it is a time-consuming lifestyle and creates a special network of friends.

Since climbers intentionally put themselves in a position where they might be seriously injured, Prusczak said it takes a certain kind of person to get involved in the sport.

"Anyone you meet at a climbing spot, you're going to have a serious bond with them," Prusczak said. "There are other people doing the same thing that doesn't make any sense at all."

Quinney said it is important for SIUC to have a climbing club because it gives students the opportunity to take advantage of an existing network and meet other climbers who are at or above their experience level.

"It's about trying to get more people involved, but at the same time have people who want to do it," Quinney said.

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SWIMMING & DIVING

Team looks for new way to find swimmers

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Rachel Barry, a walk-on freshman for the 2010-11 SIU swimming and diving team, said she is not sure whether she would even be at the collegiate level in April of her senior year at school.

But with the encouragement of her personal coach, her e-mailed SIU swimming and diving coach Rick Walker, who invited her to join the team, "They both saw potential in me that I didn't know I had," Barry said.

Walker said Barry has developed as a swimmer, and she now swims at times that could potentially help her qualify for nationals. Because she was somewhat overlooked in high school, she may have never gotten the chance to prove her capability, he said. Walker and staff worked closely with Barry on her technique throughout the season, and she was a finalist at the Missouri Valley Conference meet by the end of it.

Other swimmers could have a similar opportunity when the women's swimming and diving team hosts tryouts starting at 2:15 p.m. Monday.

Walker said now is a good time as any to have an open tryout.

"We want to provide an opportunity to girls who may have thought about it but weren't sure if they were good enough or would be able to handle it," Walker said.

Walker said he has always wanted to host tryouts but has never had the chance because of other obligations.

Senior associate athletic director Kathy Jones said the tryouts could attract swimmers who may not be ready to leave the sport.

"Coach Walker is going students who think they were not competing the chance to see if they are ready to walk away," Jones said.

He has chosen to host the tryout during the offseason to take some pressure off potential members and allow them time to develop.

"I know we have talent," Walker said.

"There are girls walking around who aren't sure if they want to be a part of the team, they can come work with us and see if they're a good fit," Walker said.

Walker said he is looking for swimmers who have room for growth, are willing to work hard and are academically sound.

"Being a part of the team is tough," Walker said. "The girls average a 3.2 GPA, and we are looking for someone who will be able to balance everything." Those interested will go through practice with other team members, and Walker will assess their technique, skill level and times.

While the coaching staff and team will help new swimmers adjust, Jones and members of the athletic department are responsible for making sure new members will meet NCAA eligibility standards when the season begins.

"There are a lot of benefits for anyone who joins healthwise, the community wise,- but most importantly, this gives you the chance to be a part of an awesome group of girls," Walker said.

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Southern Illinois wine trails give patrons plenty of options

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Wine enthusiasts in southern Illinois face a problem of too many choices, though few will complain.

As the weather warms up, many of the nearly 30 wineries in the region will open their doors to the public, each one promoting a different aspect of their business. What most of the wineries share is renowned wine. As many representatives spoke of the awards their establishment have won over the years. But sometimes it is about more than just the taste of the wine.

While many wineries get their fruits from the region, Blue Sky does as much as possible to support southern Illinois growers. Said Jim Ewers, general manager at Blue Sky Vineyard and Winery in Makanda.

"At this point every drop of wine is made at our facility that we sell here," he said. "Which I mean, believe it or not, is not always the case around here. There are only two wines where the fruits are not from a 40-mile radius of our winery. We try to be as close to Illinois-born and grown as we can be."

A friendly staff helps customers become more aware of the wine-making process at the Shawnee Winery in Vienna, manager Sonya Carlton said.

"We def lung tours whenever they ask," she said. "And if they say they have never been to a winery before, we’ll take them in the back and slow them the process. It seems to make the experience a whole lot better."

Along with its bed and breakfast, Kiie Hill Vineyards is known for its two frozen wine drinks, which are sold by the glass and the craft. owner Barbara Bush said. The drinks are especially popular in the summer, she said.

"If it is a typical summer day in southern Illinois, it is hot, and our frozen wine drinks help," she said.

Walker’s Bluff Winery in Carterville is still seven years away from selling its own wine, but most of the wine it sells is from local distributors, director of marketing Austin Goins-McCree said.

McCree said what makes Walker’s Bluff stand out from the competition is its focus on live entertainment for patrons. Walker’s Bluff shows movies that appeal to all ages on Fridays and brings in bands to play on Saturdays and Sundays.

"On Sunday afternoon we have acts who are a little more relaxed," she said. "We just have that entertainment factor here every weekend that other wineries may not be able to offer."

Carlton said Shawnee also likes to focus on entertainment, and it brings in local acts as well as ones from as far as Nashville, Tenn., on weekends.

She said while most wineries share similarities, there are some differences that make each one stand out.

"Each winery thinks they are unique in their own way," Carlton said. "We’re not well structured, but we are very effective in how we do things."

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Visit state champion trees at the Cache River Wetlands

M. JAYN BIGLER

Taxodium distichum has stood for a millennium surrounded by the emergent land and waters of the Cache River watershed, the northernmost cypress-tupelo swamp in the United States. The world changed around it, but this state champion bald cypress tree continues to grow and thrive in the river's watershed.

If only trees could talk, the stories they could tell.

Visitors to the Cache River Wetlands in Southern Illinois can come up to the base of the state champion to get an up-close look at the giant tree and learn about the river, the ecosystem and its flora and fauna.

The state champion bald cypress was last measured by the state forester in 1992. At that time, the tree had a circumference of 34 feet, three inches, stood 72 feet high and had a crown spread of 35 feet. It's had 19 years to continue growing.

The cypress is one of 11 state champion trees that grow in the Cache River watershed. Other state champs are the Drummond red maple, American buckbean, water hickory, green hawthorne, swamp privet pumpkin ash, water locust, water tupelo, water elm and cherrybark oak.

The water locust is easily accessible - the Cherrybark Oak, which is estimated to be about 450 years old. It is located on the Herron Pond trail about three-fourths of a mile from the parking lot or a quarter mile past the Herron Pond boardwalk.

One of the other state champions is the water tupelo. There is another giant cypress within the Cache watershed that is worth a look, but it's not a state champion. If you put a tape measure at its widest part of the buttress, it is 43 feet in circumference. But it's only two and a half feet up from the ground level," Wayculis said.

He explained that "to determine the state champion tree you have to take the circumference in inches of the tree four and a half feet up. You get a point for every inch of circumference. Then you take the height measurement and you get a point for every foot of height. And you get a point for every foot of the crown spread. Then you add all of those points up. The highest point value is designated the state champion tree."

The other big cypress can be seen about 300 feet from the parking lot at the Big Cypress Access near Karnak.

"There are probably a hundred trees in there that are over 850 years old," Wayculis said. He also said that one of his favorite trees is there, too. "I call it the 'Winnie the Pooh' tree because you can actually crawl inside." It's about 60 yards from the cypress.

So much history - and yet so much fun!"

The Cache River Wetlands Center is a unique visitor center located just off of State Route 37 south of Cypress at Whitehall. The building is surrounded by wetlands and contains numerous exhibits on the history, the trees and the wildlife found throughout the Cache River Watershed.

On Saturday, April 30, an event to promote the wetlands, the Cache River Nature Fest, will be based out of the Wetlands Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will include canoe and hiking tours, live animal shows and exhibits, plus much more. The festival is open to the public and completely free. Cache River Nature Fest is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to learn more about the Cache River and its champions.

— Jim Wayculis

site superintendent, Cache River State Natural Area
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"Most of them are in the Section 8 Woods, south of the Cache Wetlands Center," said Jim Waycullis, the site superintendent of the Cache River State Natural Area. "You almost need a map and a compass and the coordinates to find them because a lot of them are smaller trees or shrubs, like the water hickory and American hornbeam."

One of the other more famous state champions is the water tupelo. It is located only 500 feet from the highway at the end of a boardwalk that led out to the tree for the public to view. The boardwalk was severely damaged in 2008 during the record flooding that spring and has been closed since that time. Fund-raising efforts by the Friends of the Cache River Watershed are underway to restore it so that the public can once again view the champ.

The state champion trees were first identified in the early 1980s by John "Jack" White, a student at Southern Illinois University who was doing his master's thesis on trees of the Cache River. They were remeasured again in the early 1990s by the state forester.

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So much history - and yet so much future.

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Basic equipment all that’s needed to fish

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If you want to do fishing, you should equip yourself with the right kind of equipment so that you may catch the fish easily. These fishing equipments are an important part of fishing and should be used in appropriate way. You can easily find all the fishing equipments at your local fishing stores. Following are the various equipments which you would need while going for fishing:

* Nets - Fishing nets are available in various sizes depending on the requirement. These nets can be used only in the seas. Nets allow fishers to catch many fishes at a time. This can be thrown at a fishing spot to catch a big quantity of fishes. After throwing the net in water, it has to be taken out after sometime. You can catch any size of fishes with this equipment. This equipment can be reused for several times.
* Fly fishing rods and feathers - Fly fishing rods are used to catch medium size fishes. These rods can be used only while catching fishes in rivers. These fly fishing rods are used with feathers so that the fishes get attracted to it. You can use them for fishing salmon and trout fishes. Stripy feathers are also available which can be used for fishing Rainbow fish. Both these materials are available in the fishing stores.
* Fishing rods and bait - Fishing rods are easily available in any fishing store. This rod is also used to catch medium size of fishes. Rods can be used in river as well as in seas. You may also find bait in the local fishing stores. If you want to choose fishing with rods, you have to use bait to catch fishes. Bait helps in attracting the fishes toward rod and when a fish touches the bait, it gets stuck in it. You have to tie one piece of bait to catch each fish.
* Harpoons - Harpoons are used to catch medium and high level of fishes. This equipment is only used in seas. Two kinds of harpoons are available in the stores which are- regular type harpoon and the barb tail type harpoon. Most of the fishers use barb-till type of harpoon as it can be manipulated and stored easily. Both of these harpoons are good for catching any kind of fish.
* Lobster cages - Lobster cages are used for catching lobster in the seas. This equipment can be placed in the sea at the lobster spotting point for fishing lobster.

How solar energy will impact your home

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Even though most of us know the positive of energy from the sun, only few of us devote few minutes to understand why it has such a broad influence on our environment. Your may be interested in understanding the positives and negatives of solar power equipment. Here are some of them.

One of the main positives is the long term personal savings. Even though a solar system initially costs more for establishment, after this cost is recovered - all the energy you get is practically free. Most offices and households with massive energy consumption needs will start to see their investment paid off in a relatively short period of time. There are also rebates and other incentives offered by Governments to encourage people to use solar electricity equipment. A related benefit is, since solar energy is not affected by supply and demand of fossil fuel, you can ensure very low payments for electricity in the long run. If we overlook the financial benefits, these equipment also have a great helpful impact on the environment. We can say that solar electricity is a long term sustainable energy source. Chemicals or other gases are not released to the atmosphere by solar energy equipment. By not using fuel for energy generation solar power helps to keep the costs of transportation at a low level.

As with any good source, solar energy equipment also have few disadvantages. The initial costs associated can refrain some people from going for a solar power system. Generally, solar equipment are highly priced and they require personnel with certain knowledge for installation. Because a large open area is required for establishment, solar panels is not an option for people living in rural apartments. The amount of sunshine the panels receive could be a restrictive factor as well. In some countries the final output maybe affected during various seasons, and therefore the time it takes to see a beneficial return on investment can be longer.

As with any energy system, solar power has its own pros and cons. Because of that, when you’re on the lookout for a solar energy generation system, do some research to find the right product to suit your needs.
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