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Railroad takeover threatens Amtrak services with Chicago

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Canadian National Railroad is awaiting the Surface Transportation Board’s approval of its plan to buy the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway. If approved, the freight train operator would abandon 11 miles of the St. Charles Air Line Route, which is used by Amtrak Illinois to travel in and out of Union Station in Chicago, ultimately eliminating six daily passenger trains.

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Campus power plant project canceled

Plans to build a coal gasification power plant on campus have been put on hold, university officials said Thursday.

For the project to be feasible, the plant would have to be too big and too expensive to be constructed on campus, said Physical Plant Director Phil Gatton. The announcement came as the university released a “factual flaws” study that was performed to determine whether the university should further pursue the project.

Initial plans were for the plant to produce between 150 and 200 megawatts of power. But an economically sound project would involve building an industrial-sized plant producing at least 300 megawatts of electricity, Gatton said.

“When we started to look at an industrial plant, it didn’t make as much sense for it to be located here on the university,” he said.

Gatton said three potential sites west of the main campus near McAfferty Annex, the Southern Hills area and near the Coal Research Center on the SIUC’s Carterville campus — were considered during the study.

The plant would have cost about $1.5 billion to build, he said. When SIU President Glenn Poshard first proposed the project, he estimated the project’s price would be between $200 million and $250 million.

Poshard has said the structure would supply power for SIUC as well as other state universities and local communities. The project was estimated to produce 2,000 construction jobs and 100 to 150 permanent positions.

The proposed plant would have employed coal gasification technology aimed at virtually eliminating the amount of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, released into the atmosphere as the fuel is burned.

Instead, the carbon dioxide would be captured and stored underground.

Coal Research Center Director John Mead said there was also a question of where to store the sequestered carbon dioxide. It is possible some of the captured greenhouse gas could be utilized in industry, he said.

“These are concepts that are very likely to be best managed at sites away from the ones that we looked at,” Mead said.

Gatton said the university would continue to look for a long-term solution to address its ever-increasing utility costs. The plant had been touted as a way to supply the university with electricity at a low cost.

“The university doesn’t have the capability to react in the short term to significant increases in utility costs,” he said.

Poshard said there is a possibility the project could still come to fruition as the result of collaboration with private companies, adding the difficulty of a university being solely responsible for $1.5 billion in construction costs.

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**CATALOOGUE**

**MARCH 28, 2008**

**EAU CLAIRE —** Skeletal remains found in a cistern have been tentatively identified as those of a pregnant teenager and her 4-year-old cousin missing for more than two years, Brown County Police said Thursday.

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Students perform at Carnegie Hall

SIUC Wind Ensemble plays New York City

Luke McCormick
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIUC Wind Ensemble has a new high mark on their résumés after taking a large musical bite out of the Big Apple.

Conductor Christopher Morehouse, assistant professor of music, led the ensemble to a performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Wednesday night. The group was one of only two showcase ensembles chosen to perform at the end of the 2008 New York Band and Orchestra Festival.

“It was everything I thought it would be and more,” said Jessica Drake, a junior from Charleston studying music education who plays the horn. They performed in the Isaac Stern Auditorium/Ronald O. Perelman Stage, which is the biggest stage within Carnegie Hall, used mostly for classical performances.

Drake said Morehouse told her the performance at Carnegie Hall was the best he had heard the ensemble play in his three years leading them.

Josh Livesay, a senior from Christopher studying music education who plays the horn, echoed that statement, saying it seemed like the ensemble came together as one and raised the standard for future performances.

“Now that the bar is raised, we know what that sounds like and it has to happen more often,” Livesay said.

The ensemble rehearsed five hours a week in the months leading up to the Carnegie Hall performance. They also got a chance to rehearse in Carnegie before taking the stage Wednesday night.

Despite the pressure of a Carnegie Hall performance, Ryan Ham said he wasn’t nervous at all. Ham, a junior from Salem studying music performance, has been playing the trombone for 11 years. He described the experience as both emotional and overwhelming.

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Amy M. Haddad, Ph.D.
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Residual Problems, Lingering Questions:
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End-of-life decisions would seem to be settled once a patient has entered hospice, yet ethical issues carry over from the acute care setting, blurring the bright line between these two dramatically different environments.

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IRAQ

Prime minister vows to fight militias to the end

Thousands want his resignation

Robert H. Reid
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki pledged “no retreat” Thursday in the fight against Shiite militias in the southern city of Basra, as thousands of protesters demanded he resign over the crackdown and extremists fired rockets into the U.S.-protected Green Zone.

Shiite militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr called Thursday for a political solution to the burgeoning crisis and an end to the “shelving of Iraqi blood.”

But the statement, released by a close aide, stopped short of ordering his Mahdi Army militia to halt attacks on the Green Zone or stop fighting in Basra, Iraq’s second-largest city.

In a sign of the deteriorating security, gunmen in Baghdad seized a high-profile government official from his home in a Shiite neighborhood, killing three of his bodyguards and teaching his house. In a bid to quell protests, Iraq’s military directed vehicles and pedestrians off the streets of the capital until Sunday morning.

As Americans and Iraqis scrambled to avoid violence, the State Department ordered all personnel at the U.S. Embassy not to leave the mission because of continued incoming rocket or mortar fire from suspected Shiite extremists angry over the crackdown.

The campaign to rid Basra of lawless gangs and Shiite militias

U.S. soldiers arrive for a meeting with Iraqis in lythia, Iraq, an area that until recently was considered under al-Qaida control.

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Bush would later pardon Libby.

Fitzgerald said corruption remains a problem in Illinois, but private citizens play the largest role in uncovering corruption and need to confront it head-on.

"Solution comes from citizens," he said. "Hope isn’t solely with law enforcement, but people coming forward is critical. And people are tired of corruption."

Matt Baughman, assistant director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, who sponsored the event, said Fitzgerald has done an excellent job rooting out corruption, including playing a key role in bringing down the Gambino family in New York.

"Corruption in politics should not be tolerated," Baughman said. "We have an obligation to prevent it from happening."

Fitzgerald said a prosecutor’s job is not necessarily to send people to jail, but to do the right thing each and every day. He said it is one of the few jobs in the world a person can have and wake up in the morning knowing they will do the right thing.

"The 93 U.S. attorney offices are like ships in a navy," he said. "Each ship needs to do its job and do what it thinks is right."

Some students in attendance were unaware of who exactly Fitzgerald was and had different reasons for attending.

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Grinnell gets a ‘full house’

Lindsey Smith

Everyone who walked into the casino came out a winner.

University Housing presented a casino-themed Health and nutrition fair Thursday, luring hundreds of students and community members to the lower level of Grinnell Hall for free massages, pens, cups, granola bars, T-shirts, fruit, water bottles and valuable information. The event, titled "Cash in Your Chips: Take a Gamble on Good Nutrition," was the seventh annual for University Housing, said Michelle Ostien, nutrition counselor for residence hall dining.

Ostien said the event cost less than its $1,000 budget. This chunk of change came in flush of students and community members, many of whom were impressed with what the event provided.

"It’s a lot more themed, a lot more fun than it was last year. The decorations and T-shirts are a lot better," said Tasha Harris, a junior from Bettalo studying interior design.

"It’s great because the tables are not only interactive, but they also get information to take home with them," Ostien said. "Anybody can go online to look up the information, but to get the experience, I think you really need to come here and check it out."

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Blaine Harvey, a junior from Champaign studying education, asked coworkers to answer questions regarding calorie content of McDonald’s meals from Ashley Hercy, Will Beachum and Sarah Sheffer. Correct answers by participants were rewarded with fresh fruits and bottles of water.

"A lot of people aren’t aware of how many calories certain foods are. People are really surprised. When it comes to McDonald’s foods, they guess like 1,000. They have no idea," Beachum said.

It’s one thing to get people to come, but getting them to remember what they learned is a challenge, said Tarah Joiner, a senior from Orland Park studying nutrition and dietetics. She was stationed at one of the five tables occupied by the Nutrition 410 class.

"Everyone knows that when they go to a table that they’re not only going to be walking away with prizes but also lots of information," Joiner said.

All aspects of health and nutrition were covered. There were tables for alcohol, drugs, stress manage- ment, religion, sexual health, diet- nary and general safety.

Does the students from Project Eco-Dawgs be present. Some construction regulations have envi- ronmental considerations that also relate to one’s well being, said Chris Beuchum, a senior from Carbondale studying art and design.

"One of the things that they rule is echo air quality, so that has a direct effect on our health," said Klarer.

U.S. attorney speaks at Shryock

Tim McGovern

The many man have called a corrupt politician’s worst night- mare came to campus Thursday.

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Their Word

Protests can push China to keep Olympic promises

McClatchy Tribune

Sen. Dianne Feinstein needs to learn what every Olympics coach knows: Sports don’t build character as much as reveal it.

The Beijing Olympics, still four months away, are already bringing out the worst in China’s leaders. Beijing is cracking down on protests in Tiananmen Square during the games. China is ignoring the atrocities in Darfur, where China could and blocking foreign news access to journalists trying to report on the violence and blocking foreign news Web sites. It may close Tiananmen Square during the games. It persists in ignoring the atrocities in Darfur, where China could apply pressure for change.

So, it’s no surprise that human rights groups are protesting at the lighting of the flame Monday in Carbondale, Illinois. This is a student-initiated project, which will ultimately save energy costs for the university, which will ultimately save money for students in the future.

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Most importantly, it is empowering to see the student community coming together to create real change on our campus.

Feinstein should tell China’s leaders that unless their policies change, television sponsors in the United States and Europe could withdraw their support of the games. Steven Spielberg’s resignation as an adviser of the world should demand it, and peaceful protests are one small way to do that.

This editorial appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on Wednesday.
The difference is in the council

I think an often overlooked aspect at SIUC is our Inter-Greek Council. At many other schools, sub-councils are their own entity, which means the heads of the councils aren’t necessarily always on the same page. While I’m sure it works just fine, I think having an IGC creates more diversity and encourages more interaction than other Greek systems might.

We have all kinds of fraternities and sororities at SIU. We have traditionally agricultural Greeks, multi-cultural Greeks and even some organizations that allow the members to eat and drink together.

We have fraternities and sororities that have been established nationally for more than 100 years, and we have fraternities and sororities that have only been around for 10 to 15 years.

We have fraternities and sororities that have more than 60 members, and we have fraternities and sororities that have fewer than five members.

And at the heart of this diversity is the governing body, the Inter-Greek Council. While there is still plenty of room for improvement in some areas, IGC provides a good base for us as Greeks to grow together.

In the past, the white traditional fraternities and sororities (Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council) have been able to collaborate with the traditionally black fraternities and sororities (National Pan-Hellenic Council) and multi-cultural fraternities and sororities (Multicultural Greek Council), but it has been on a very limited basis. The most well-known of those may well have been the Ebony and Ivory step show, probably the most diverse event we have done as a Greek council.

I think IFC and IPA is learning a lot from NPHC and MGC, who put on events for the entire university. Two examples would be the Kappa Karnival and subsequent Player’s Ball, which may be the two most popular events held by Greeks at this campus.

As the school year comes to an end, I am seeing a lot of positive improvement in our council relations and activities.

This year will mark the National Pan-Hellenic Council’s (the traditional black fraternities) and the Multicultural Greek Council’s first participation in Greek Week activities.

Many of them are also participating in the step category for Theta Xi Variety Show, a show that has spanned more than 50 years and consisted of only IFC and IPA members. While these are small steps, I think there is little to no doubt they probably would not have taken place if there had not been a common council to look out for Greeks of every chapter.

I hope IGC keeps participation growing over the coming years, because there is one thing that any institution could use more of — it is diversity in both people and experiences.

Sophie is a junior studying radio-television and journalism.

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301 N. Springer #1, 4, 6
414 W. Sycamore #8
404 1/2 S. University
406 S. University #2, 3, 4
606 1/2 S. University
334 W. Walnut #2
703 W. Walnut #2

Two Bedroom
607 N. Allyn
609 N. Allyn
408 S. Ash
304 S. Ash #1, 3
514 S. Ash #1, 2
407 S. Beveridge
512 S. Beveridge #2-7
614 S. Beveridge #1, 5, 7
508 N. Carico
510 N. Carico
306 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #2
404 W. Cherry Court
405 W. Cherry Court
306 W. Cherry Court
307 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Chestnut
310 W. College #1, 4
401 W. College #7
401 W. College #4, 6
503 W. College #4, 6
507 W. College #6
509 W. College #6
710 W. College #6
305 E. Crestview
313 W. Elm
716 S. Forest
500 W. Freeman #1, 3, 6
109 Glenview
520 S. Graham
505 S. Hays
507 S. Hays #2
408 1/2 E. Hester
408 E. Hester
410 E. Hester
703 W. High #E

Three Bedroom
607 N. Allyn
699 N. Allyn
408 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #3
508 S. Ash #1
514 S. Ash #1, 3
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beveridge
506 S. Beveridge
509 S. Beveridge #4
513 S. Beveridge #3-5
515 S. Beveridge #5
510 N. Carico
309 W. Cherry
405 W. Cherry
407 W. Cherry
404 W. Cherry Court
405 W. Cherry Court
306 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Chestnut
606 W. Cherry
(available June)
303 W. College
400 W. College #3, 5
407 W. College #1, 2, 5
409 W. College #1, 3
507 W. College #2
509 W. College #1
809 W. College
807 W. College
305 E. Crestview
104 S. Forest
120 S. Forest
603 S. Forest
716 S. Forest
605 W. Freeman #1
109 Glenview
503 S. Hays
505 S. Hays
507 S. Hays
408 E. Hester

Four Bedroom
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beveridge
506 S. Beveridge
309 W. Cherry
405 W. Cherry
407 W. Cherry
608 W. Cherry
408 W. Chestnut
312 W. College #2
807 W. College
809 W. College
305 Crestview
104 S. Forest
120 S. Forest
603 S. Forest
503 S. Hays
505 S. Hays
509 S. Hays
212 W. Hospital #1
208 W. Hospital #1
610 S. Logan
614 S. Logan
515 S. Logan
411 E. Mill
431 W. Monroe
417 W. Monroe
400 W. Oak #1, 2
402 W. Oak
401 W. Oak
501 W. Oak
505 N. Oakland
511 N. Oakland
514 N. Oakland
602 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park Lane
506 S. Poplar #2-6
193 W. Sycamore
404 W. Walnut
820 W. Walnut #1
406 W. Willow

Five Bedroom
312 W. College #2
305 Crestview
208 W. Hospital #2
413 W. Monroe
402 W. Oak
412 W. Oak

Six Bedroom
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Durbin visits local middle school

Barton Lorimer  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As his colleague campaigned for the Democratic nomination for presi-
dent, Illinois U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin visited with the people of Car-bondale, even those not old enough to vote.

Durbin, a Democrat from Springfield, announced questions from a group of stu-
dents at Carbondale Middle School Thursday afternoon after hosting a dinner at the DuBois-Richmond Center later in the evening to benefit the 11-
year incumbent’s re-election campaign.

While waiting for Durbin’s arrival, Principal Chuck Goefken offered to the audience of students that the senator’s visit would be something they remember for a long time.

“[Durbin] is somebody you see not only on the local news, but national news too,” he said. “If he didn’t think from his feet, he wouldn’t be where he is.”

Questions asked by the six-student panel—two pupils from each grade level—included alternative energy sources, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the No Child Left Behind Act. The students, such as 13-year-old Diana Shepherd, have been learning about presidential elections in their gifted class, said Karen Devanier, director of the program for gifted and talented students at the school.

Shepherd, who sported a campaign button for presidential hopeful Barack Obama, shares her interest in politics and spot on the panel with Marita Repp, a 13-year-old eighth grader, and 12-year-old Joseph Stenbock.

“I just want to know what the college is all about,” Repp said.

Devanier said students could attend the special assembly by submitting at least two questions for a panel of gifted students to ask Durbin. The questions had to be from students at Durbin’s Web site, which made them less pressing, she said.

Larry Lerring, an eighth-grade social studies teacher, said Durbin’s visit comes nearly one year after Mayor Brad Cole and Carbondale teachers Sheila Simon were invited to debate with one another dur-

ing last year’s mayoral race.

“My students had been following Durbin used the two-week legislative spring break to campaign before November’s gen-
eral election. Durbin said the legislative break is a time he enjoys going to schools and hearing what students have to say.

Durbin is campaigning for re-

election this year against Republican Steve Sauerberg, a Carbondale activist from Willowbrook. Durbin serves as the majority whip in the U.S. Senate, but said his job has not gotten harder as Obama, Durbin’s fellow Illinois’ senator, continues bidding for the presidency.

“We work closely with Obama’s staff, and I talk to him regularly when issues come up so we can work together,” Durbin said.

The chancellor was put on paid leave March 13, after which Poshard said “serious concerns” had been presented relating to Treviño’s assigned duties. At a Faculty Senate meeting last week, Poshard said he began hearing about problems with the chancellor as early as August, the month Treviño was hired.

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AMTRAK

CHANCELLOR

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As an undecided news con-
ference Thursday morning, Poshard said Treviño could choose whether the meeting would take place.

“The university has due process laws, which are being implemented,” Poshard said.

“Chancellor will be meet-
ing with me if that’s what he chooses to do,” Poshard said.

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Marc Maguiri, a spokesman for Amtrak, said negotia-
tions with Canadian National to keep the route open until an alternative, abandoned track can be rebuilt are unfolding.

He said the route, known as the Grand Crossing Line, was ripped up, but bridges and track beds are still in place.

“It would actually be an improvement to what’s in place now,” Maguiri said.

The route would save pas-
sengers a few minutes of trav-
elling time, he said, but financial concerns are what prevented Amtrak from moving for-
ward with the project in the past. Maguiri said he still holds out hope that a deal would be reached to rebuild the track if the line was maintained.

According to a fact sheet provided by Ray Lang, direct-
or Amtrak’s government relations, nearly 97,000 peo-
ple use the route, known as Amtrak Southwest Chief, which connects Carbondale and Chicago, between Oct. 1, 2007 and Sept. 30, 2008.

Not having Amtrak ser-

vice in Carbondale would have a dramatic impact on students commuting from upstate, SIU President Glenn Poshard said, and may even affect the university’s enroll-

ment without the convenient mode of transportation.

“I have seen Amtrak threatened, but I have never seen it stoped,” said City Manager Jeff Doherty, who worked with the city’s Railroad Relocation Unit during the 1970s.

“I can’t see how Amtrak and not having Amtrak would have an impact on the city’s economy since people from upstate Illinois ride the train to Carbondale during the school year, or to visit students at SIUC. Amtrak said Canadian National Railroad’s executive officer was not ready to nego-
tiate the alternatives during meetings in Washington, D.C.

“We have to understand that Amtrak does not own the railroad tracks,” Durbin said.

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday—The first part of your year will be the most confron-
tational. Several of your theories will be challenged, and some will be aban-
donned. After that, you'll see things def-
definitely and achieve success. Take it one
step at a time.

To get the advantage, check the 
day's rating. 10 is the easiest day. 9 the
most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today
is an 8 — Do the preparation to re-
mix your own worries. You don't have
time to let them fester up your thinking.
Having a good team helps. Let them
know you appreciate their efforts.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today
is a 5 — You can do the careful calcula-
tions when you must. Sequester your-
self and go over the numbers again,
just to make sure you're right.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today
is an 8 — It may be difficult to express
exactly what you want, but it is impor-
tant. Do so as many times as it takes
to get the message across. Ask questions
to make sure you have.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today
is a 6 — In this situation, it's your efforts
which will be rewarded. Nobody's
going to hand you this prize. You'll have
to go get it. Take care, you will be
rewarded. Nobody's

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an
8 — A stunning victory is followed
by a lot more work. Nobody said it was
going to be easy. You can make it
happen. Anticipate setbacks and plan for
them.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today
is a 7 — Now you can make those long-
awaited improvements to your home
and workplace. The perfect things are
available and affordable. Happy shop-
ing.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 21) — Today
is an 8 — The path to achieving your
objectives is fraught with peril. If you
read up on these dangers ahead of
time, you'll be a lot safer.

Scorpio (Oct. 22-Nov. 21) — Today
is a 6 — After what seems like endless
confusion, a workable plan is devel-
oped. Not everybody is overjoyed, but
you stay within budget.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) —
Today is an 8 — There's no point in argu-
ing with a person who isn't list-
tening. There's no use in listening to a
person who is not making sense. Save
the conversation for another time. Take a
hike.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) —
Today is a 5 — Be careful going down
that path. There's something of great
value mixed up in all that stuff. Well,
maybe not great value, but it can be
sold.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) —
Today is an 8 — Everything turns out well
in the end. You are proven to be
right. Your friends respect and admire
you. It was worth all the trouble.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today
is a 5 — You may be getting tired, but
you're making a good impression. Don't
be intimidated, even by a stern critic. Be
confident in your ability.

JUMBLE
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square,
to form four ordinary words.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argo and Jeff Kurek
Dear Hollywood:
Dr. Pepper's sense of humor

Alicia Wade

Tin a pepper, he's a pepper, she's a pepper...

Guns N' Roses is a pepper?

In possibly the most hilarious challenge to pomposity rock star
dom, Dr. Pepper has promised if the Guns N' Roses album "Chinese
Democracy," which was supposed to have been released sometime
in the past 10 years, is released any time during 2008 it will give
ev ery American a free can of Dr. Pepper.

Former band members Slash and Bikerhead are excused from
the free challenge.

Front man and the only remain-
ing original member of Guns N' Roses Axl Rose responded on the
website, "We are surprised and very happy to have the support of Dr.
Pepper with our album "Chinese Democracy," as for us, this came totally out of the blue...

As one of Bikerhead's per-
formances are on our album, I'll share
my Dr. Pepper with him."

A hit at a 2009 release from the
band that has tantalized fans with a new
album for a decade like walking a McDonald's Happy Meal the news a
playground at lunch time would tantalize 7-year-old.

Get it?

Oh, Dr. Pepper, thank you for issuing this side-splitting challenge and highlighting the ridiculous
Hollywood nature of Guns N' Roses. We all know there's a slim to none chance
this once rock royalty group is ever going to release another album.

But why? Knows what
album from GNR might sound like
with Rose and none of the other
original members who produced this
group to stardom?

The release of "Chinese
Democracy" is about as mythical as
a griffin eating a unicorn in a field
filled with fairies and fauns. At this
point, expectations for this album are
so high, the only way any fan could
be satisfied is if at the first cut of "Chinese Democracy" the speaker system on the stereo blew up and
Guns N' Roses themselves stepped out to perform in the living room

...while a fan sips on a free Dr.
Pepper.

Let's face it, Guns N' Roses, you're about as Hollywood as they
come anymore. You tout a release "of Chinese Democracy" every few
months to make sure you're still in the limelight and reasonably relevant
without having to actually release the album.

There's an inkling of hope in every rock fan's heart that sometime
this year he or she will be bunkered down next to a stereo with a shiny
new copy of "Chinese Democracy" and a chilled can of free Dr. Pepper.

But at this point, GNR fans don't
mind dusting off the old CDs and enjoying the group for what they
are — hard core fans with even hard-
ter attitudes, not suckers for publicity.

So thanks, Dr. Pepper, for calling
out Guns N' Roses on the "Chinese
Democracy" debacle. And even if
we don't get free cans of your delici-
sous soda, you've ensured that no
matter how many times we walk by
Dr. Pepper stands, we can't help but
laugh.

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SALUKIS CITY-BOUND

Salukis take winning streak on the road to Chicago

Luis C. Medina

Men take winning streak on the road to Chicago

Sunday's tennis match against Illinois-Chicago will feature a pair
of star sophomore combinations.

SIU's Lucas Wade and Illinois-
Chicago's Sebastian Lystad might not
face each other, but each has been
leading his respective team
individually winning streaks.

Waked enters the weekend matches with a three-match win-
ning streak in both singles and doubles action. Lystad, who earned
the Horizon League's Men's Tennis Athlete of the Week March 13, has
won three of his last four singles matches.

As a team, SIU looks to build
from the momentum built off its
first home win of the season.

The Salukis, who picked up their
first home victory Thursday against SIU-Edwardsville, will attempt to
extend their winning streak this weekend on the road against in-
state rivals Northern Illinois and Illinois-Chicago.

Assistant coach Tomas Gonzalez
said he was happy with how his
team started the match against the
Cougars and the confidence the team
has after a convincing win.

"I think the guys did a really good
job because they came out aggressive and
that was a key point in winning first sets, the doubles point and the
match against SIU-Edwardsville victory," Gonzalez said.

The Huskies post the first chal-
lenge for SIU Saturday in DeKalb.
SIU is coming off a 5-2 loss against
DePaul that snapped its season-best
four-match winning streak. Coach
Portnoy said on the NIU ath-
etic Web site that the team was
presented with opportunities to win,
but was not able to capitalize.

"The momentum swung our way
a few times in the match and we
didn't take advantage of it and it swung back DePaul's way," Hurt
said.

The Salukis will attempt to duplic-
ate their 2007 success against the
Huskies when they defeated NIU in
Carbondale, 6-1.

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Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered? E-mail: editor@siude.com

As the 2008 Major League Baseball season begins next week, who are the early favorites to make the World Series?

“I’m sure the World Series will involve the usual suspects of big payroll teams, but I will try to be different. I think Arizona can get hot and make it all the way and face off against Seattle. It probably won’t happen, but Diamondbacks against Mar-

Missouri State is 8-2 at home this season while the Salukis are 2-1 on opponent’s home fields. Saturday’s 5 p.m. start will feature a pair of left-handers with SIU senior Shawn Joy taking on fresh-
Bad inning costs Salukis

The softball team gathers for a minute before breaking into groups during practice Tuesday. The Salukis lost their first game in the double header Thursday and the second was rained out.

Megan Kramper

Heavy bats and steady rain forced the SIU softball team to drop its fourth game in a row Thursday.

The Salukis (15-15, 3-3) were downed 9-1 against Eastern Illinois in Charleston before rain ended the second game of the day in the top of the third inning.

A two-run bottom of the sixth sealed the Salukis’ fate in game one, as freshman pitcher Niki Waters took the loss to record her eighth loss of the season.

Down 3-1 in the bottom of the sixth, Waters allowed six runs, which allowed the Panthers (9-13, 4-3) to seal the victory via the eight-run rule.

Coach Ken Blaylock said making one mistake has proven costly for the Salukis in not only the loss against the Panthers, but in many other games this season.

"I just feel that right now we can make one mistake. We make one mistake pitch and it gets hit for a home run," Blaylock said. "And then we don't come back offensively. We are a little scale-bit right now and have to find our way out of it."

Blaylock said the team is still feeling effects from early season injuries but have to find a way to spark their offense.

The Salukis struck early in the game as senior center fielder Kristal Stein scored from second on a single by senior first baseman Lauren Hans. Stein ran was the only score allowed by Eastern Illinois senior pitcher Karri Mackie.

Stein said the team didn’t capitalize on RBI opportunities and lacked an offensive spark.

"We need to come up and hit and we just weren't there," Stein said. "We have stuff we need to work on and I think we recognize that.

The Panthers collected three runs in the bottom of the third inning as junior second baseman Sarah Copper launched a three-run home run to put them up 3-0.

A six-run bottom of the sixth inning, including four singles and two doubles, ended the game an inning early.

Blaylock said the Salukis need to find a level of consistency so they can turn their season around.

"If we didn’t have the talent that would be one thing," Blaylock said. "I told the kids that, but I told them that and it’s become a little bit of a mental game. We’ve got to figure out how to let everything go and get back to playing a good brand of ball."

The Salukis will return home to start an eight-game homestand as they face Illinois State at noon Saturday.

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SIU's offense can be dangerous as well with a trio of hitters scattered throughout their lineup leading the way.

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