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**Long-awaited awards**



LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

William E. Westgate, 83, Veteran of the United States Navy was awarded the WWII Victory Medal and the American Campaign Medal by U.S. Senator Richard Durbin at the Marion VA Medical Center Tuesday. Westgate is currently under the care of the Center and with the efforts of former Congressman David Phelps and Senator Durbin Westgate finally received the awards he was due for action during the war. Westgate's son William Westgate Jr. (left) drove up from Paducah, Ky., with family and friends for his father's award ceremony.

**Former SIUC student faces trial on charges of armed robbery, murder**

Allegedly connected to attempted drug rip-off

Greg Cima  
 Daily Egyptian

The trial began Tuesday for a former SIUC student charged in connection with an attempted drug theft in Sept. 2001 that led to her brother's death.

Taffia Cunningham, 25, is charged with murder, armed violence and home invasion while armed with a firearm. A person can be tried for murder in Illinois if they are found to be responsible for a person's death during commission of a forcible felony.

Cunningham's brother, Tyree, was shot and killed when he allegedly attempted to steal drugs and money from Prentice Washington's Murphysboro home. Cunningham is presently on trial for aiding him the night of the robbery attempt.

Donald Druid, Karen Smith and Jahneria Singletary also were allegedly involved in the robbery. Druid was sentenced to six years in prison in late January 2002 for home invasion with a firearm in exchange for his testimony. Smith and Singletary, both former SIUC students, are charged armed violence and home invasion while armed with a firearm. Singletary also is charged with murder. Smith's trial begins Thursday.

Washington, 21, testified Tuesday that he shot and killed Tyree after he came into Washington's house armed with a shotgun. He admitted to being a crack cocaine dealer and said he had crack cocaine and about \$5,000 at his home.

Candace Johnson, 23, testified she was romantically involved with Washington and arrived at his home in the early morning hours before the shooting. She said a man with a shotgun approached her as she exited her vehicle and made her lie down beside a tree across from the apartment with him and a woman. Johnson said the man put the gun to her

head and made her go to Washington's door. She said she pushed through the door and onto the floor as soon as it was opened and said she crawled into the kitchen and heard gunshots.

Tolulope Adegboro, 22, who said he was Washington's roommate as well as a distributor of crack cocaine for him, testified that he and Stanley L. McCullum arrived home at about 4 a.m., shortly after the shooting. He said McCullum, 21, exited the vehicle while he was still looking for a CD.

Adegboro said Washington and Johnson came out of the apartment, and Washington was sweating, bug-eyed and still holding the .38-caliber revolver used to shoot Tyree. He said Washington tried to explain what happened, but Adegboro was intoxicated and did not understand.

He said he discovered Tyree's body on the living room floor, he saw the shotgun and duffel bag next to the body and heard a voice on the man's walkie-talkie. He said that was the point

**No more layoffs this year**

Tough financial times still ahead

Katie Davis  
 Daily Egyptian

There will be no more University layoffs because of budget constraints at least until the end of the fiscal year in June, Chancellor Walter Wendler said Tuesday.

An unknown number of employees, most likely one or two, have lost their jobs as a result of the recent financial pinch, Wendler said, adding that there are not going to be any more layoffs this year.

Last month, University officials mailed eight letters notifying employees that their positions were terminated. However, three were positions whose money had run out, a few retired and a few bumped into open positions.

University spokeswoman Sue Davis said it could be months before someone is actually laid off. She said only a few eliminations could result in layoffs, but positions frequently change.

"There are a lot of retirements for people and changes of staff at the end of the semester," she said. "It changes everyday."

University officials had expected as many as 100 layoffs in anticipation of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's April 9 budget address and an 8 percent cut for the current fiscal year. However, that percentage was scaled back to 2.7 percent, meaning the SIUC system will have to give back \$6.4 million.

"When it was reduced, it gave us a lot of options," Wendler said. "The last thing we wanted to do was lay anyone off — that was never our desire."

Davis said that money could go back to the state for its use, but no information has been released as to its intended use.

Wendler said he is glad the layoff numbers remained low, but was still upset that they were necessary at all.

"I'm pleased the impact was not more severe than was anticipated, but that was not to take away from severity of losing a job," he said. "The University has 5,000 employees, and when one

**Gus Bode**



Gus says: Does this mean we can get someone to mow the grass now?

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**Former governor's aide files lawsuit against Blagojevich**

Ford was fired for allegedly locking friends into positions

Moustafa Ayad  
 Daily Egyptian

A staffer hired by former Gov. George Ryan filed a lawsuit Monday against Gov. Rod Blagojevich, saying the current governor fired her and two staff members based on false

accusations that her role in securing Ryan's eleventh-hour staff additions was illegal.

Diane Ford, former Illinois Industrial Commission staffer, was fired from her post April 14 for her alleged role in last year's plot to lock friends of the former governor into long-term state positions, according to a press release.

In the lawsuit, Ford claims that Blagojevich violated the U.S. Constitution by stripping Ford of her due-process rights, according to a

report in The State Journal-Register. There is a hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday.

The governor fired Ford from her position on the Industrial Commission, and urged the Civil Service Commission to request resignations from Robert Powers, the commission's executive director, and Sarjane Wright, Power's assistant to the commission.

Ford's \$101,790 position on the Industrial Commission was a gubernatorial appointment and Blagojevich has the authority to remove her from

the post. She was named to the commission by Ryan toward the end of his administration's reign.

Powers and Wright are employed by Civil Service Commission, which is not under the governor's control, so the commission must determine whether to release them. Powers, who was appointed as the commission's executive director on Oct. 1, 2002, is paid \$100,680 and Wright, who began her job Dec. 16, 2002, makes \$53,592.

All three served in Ryan's legal office. Ford was the general counsel,

Powers was deputy general counsel and Wright worked as an administrative assistant. When working under Ryan, they allegedly conspired improperly to assist 40 state employees by attempting to "lock" their terms of employment to 2006. Ford, along with Wright and Powers, were set to resign early in Blagojevich's term.


The 40 employees who Blagojevich says benefited and participated in the scheme also face disciplinary action

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**4:30 - 6 PM Thursday, April 24**  
 Workshop: It's All in the Attitude  
 Pulliam, Room 208  
 Learn strategies on how to maintain a positive attitude when going through difficult times.

**6:30 PM Tuesday, April 29**  
 Speak-out/Poetry Reading/Art Happening  
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## NATIONAL NEWS

### U.S. court suit filed in R.I. club fire

PROVIDENCE — The state of Rhode Island and the state fire marshal are among defendants listed in the first federal lawsuit filed in connection with a nightclub fire that killed 99 people and injured nearly 200 others. Attorney Ronald Resmini filed a lawsuit Tuesday in U.S. District Court on behalf of two fire survivors and the wife of a man who died in the Feb. 20 blaze at The Station in West Warwick.

The lawsuit, believed to be the first to use a law that allows such litigation to be filed in federal court, names as defendants club owners Jeffrey and Michael Derdean, members of the band Great White, the town of West Warwick, beer company Anheuser-Busch Inc., and American Foam Corp., which sold the foam used as soundproofing in the club.

It also names the state and state Fire Marshal Irving J. Owens, saying they failed to properly prepare local fire inspectors for their duties. Denis Larocque, West Warwick's chief fire inspector, was also named as a defendant.

Officials said sparks from Great White's pyrotechnics display ignited the foam, which burned rapidly, engulfing the club in flames within minutes.

The foam, described by investigators as highly flammable, was not mentioned in inspection reports, according to town documents. State law bars such highly flammable material from being used as soundproofing in clubs and bars.

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit are Tammy Passa, 24, and Walter Castle Jr., 29, who were at the club when the fire started, and Cheryl Harris-Rossi, whose husband, Joseph, died in the blaze.

### Woman sought for al-Qaeda ties arrested in Pakistan

WASHINGTON — A former Boston woman sought by the FBI for questioning about possible ties to the al-Qaeda terror network is in custody in Pakistan, U.S. law enforcement officials said Tuesday.

Two officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Aafia Siddiqui, 31, was detained by Pakistani authorities in the past few days and was being interrogated at an undisclosed location.

The FBI in March put out a global alert for Siddiqui, who has a biology degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### More than 110 bodies recovered from Bangladesh ferry disasters

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Rescue workers have recovered more than 110 bodies after two ferry boats capsized during tropical storms on different Bangladeshi rivers, and hundreds of people were missing, authorities said Tuesday.

Some 108 bodies, including those of women and children, were recovered after a double-deck ferry, MV Mitai, went down Monday in the Buriganga River near the capital Dhaka, the Shipping Ministry said.

Rescue workers using huge cranes managed to partially lift the sunken boat from the river bed and tow it

closer to shore. Authorities have ordered another salvage ship to try and completely lift the boat, where many bodies are believed to be trapped inside.

More than 200 people were still missing from that ferry.

Survivors said dark clouds enveloped the river when the storm hit.

Bangladesh media reports said the ferry was carrying up to 400 passengers, but some managed to swim ashore.

Earlier Monday, the ML Majlisapur ferry, carrying about 90 members of a wedding party, capsized in the Meghna River, 50 miles northeast of Dhaka.

Authorities said about 30 passengers swam ashore, but the others, including the bride, were missing and feared dead.

### Today

High 71  
 Low 42



Mostly sunny throughout the day, staying in the low 70s into the early evening.

### Five-day Forecast

Thursday	Rain Showers	59/51
Friday	Thunderstorms	65/50
Saturday	Rain Showers	71/49
Sunday	Mostly Sunny	75/56
Monday	Mostly Sunny	82/59

### Almanac

Average high: 65
Average low: 42
Tuesday's precip: 0"
Tuesday's hi/low: 64/38

## CORRECTIONS

Readers who spot an error should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

## CALENDAR

### Today

American Marketing Association meeting  
 Dar Salaam Restaurant  
 7 p.m.

SIUC Lobby Day informational meeting  
 University Museum Auditorium  
 5 p.m.

Festival: "Expressions of Asia"  
 music, henna tattoos, art, giveaways for Asian American Awareness Month  
 Free Forum Area, north of McAndrew Stadium  
 11 a.m.

## POLICE REPORTS

### University

• Christopher Ramon Gadsdon, 21, Orange Park, was arrested at for failure to appear in court on an original charge of obstructing a police officer at 12:42 a.m. Tuesday. He was unable to post bond and was transported to the Jackson County Jail.

• Armar Manachem Adams, 24, Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence after making a improper turn on West Grand Avenue and South Illinois Avenue at 2:24 a.m. Sunday. Adams posted his driver's license plus a \$100 cash bond.

• Kevin Michael Dudley, 26, Murphysboro, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis in Thompson Point at 4:54 p.m. Sunday. Dudley posted a \$100 cash bond.

### Carbondale

• A wallet containing \$300 cash, a checkbook and a debit card was reported stolen between 12:30 and 3 p.m. Wednesday at Aldi, 2200 Ramada Lane. The loss is estimated at \$340.

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# Residence hall raises money for good causes

Samantha Robinson  
Daily Egyptian

The perception that students are not connected to the community is one with which the Baldwin Hall Council does not want to be dubbed.

In an effort to change that and do something positive in the process, members decided to do something for the community.

Residents in Baldwin Hall are raising money for two different causes — the Relay for Life and the Red Cross.

Corban Sanchez, a graduate student in college student personnel from Japan and head resident of Baldwin Hall said they called area military personnel to find out what they can do to support the troops.

"After calling around, it was suggested we raise money to send to Red Cross so it can send care packages to them," Sanchez said.

"We were told that if we tried to send cards and gifts it would tie up the process of the troops getting things from their families."

Because it is so close to the end of the semester, the target goal is between \$100 and \$200. So far, nearly \$60 has been raised via student donations.

Baldwin Hall treasurer, Allison Lux, a freshman in radio-television from Beardstown, said this is important because she knows a lot of people who were shipped out from her hometown and thought it would be a good idea to do something to help.

"The response from students has been great, people have been giving what little they can, and it really helps," Lux said.

Sanchez said after seeing all of the things people across the world are doing of every age she felt it was time students here did something as well.

"There are a lot of people our age in Iraq making a difference and we need to show them that students their age care about them," Sanchez said.

Along with raising money to support troops, the women of Baldwin Hall put together a team to participate in Relay for Life, an event designed to raise money for cancer patients.

Team captain Amanda Emmerich, a senior



LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

David Calhoun, freshman in Business Management from Champaign gave a donation to support the Relay for Life, which is collecting money to help prevent cancer. Corban Sanchez, (left) hall council advisor for Baldwin, and Allison Lux, hall council treasurer, nudged people in the right direction at Lentz Hall Tuesday for donations. Keilu Sanchez, 5 months, just smiled and watched. The Baldwin Council will be at Lentz Hall both Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. accepting donations.

in speech communications/public relations from Newton, said the hall's involvement is a way for students to give back to their community, because everyone knows someone who has either died or is living with cancer so this is a way to show they care about what happens in their lives.

"Our goal for this project is \$500," Emmerich said. "No one expects college students to come up with \$20 a piece to support our team, so we decided to sell paper balloons

like the ones at McDonalds."

The balloons are being sold for 50 cents and hung in Lentz Hall showing written messages from those who buy them.

So far \$300 has been raised for the team, which is calling itself the Baldwin Babes.

"The amount we have raised is pretty impressive because nearly half of the money has come from collecting small change from people who have given as little as 75 cents," Emmerich said.

Once Relay for Life is over, the women will

put more focus on supporting the troops and try to raise more money and get it to the Red Cross as soon as possible.

"It's important that residence halls be a part of the community and do things to show that students care about other people and not just themselves," Sanchez said.

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# Work of budget task force continues at University

## State budget cuts still threaten Southern Illinois University

Ben Botkin  
Daily Egyptian

Although the possibility of layoffs has ended, that doesn't mean SIUC's financial planning for budget cuts has come to a halt.

Members of the Budget Task Force are still meeting and reviewing ideas on a regular basis. Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn said in Tuesday's Faculty

Senate meeting.

The 21-member task force was charged with the job of looking for ways to cut short-term spending by 5 percent and prepare for reductions next year that could be as high as 10 percent. The group has been meeting every week.

"The committee of 21 people is working very hard," Dunn said.

The suggestions are scheduled to be sent to Chancellor Walter

Wendler's office in May.

The planning comes as SIUC, along with other Illinois universities, is faced with the prospect of cuts. SIUC's state funding for the current year was reduced by \$4.4 million, the equivalent of a 2.7 percent cut.

For next year, Gov. Rod Blagojevich has proposed that higher education funding be cut by 8.2 percent, which would slash \$19.3 million from the SIU system.

Dunn said unknown factors still exist for the future, such as proposed legislation that would cap

tuition rates for students.

Sen. David Luechetefteld, R-Okawville, did not attend the meeting, but said he wants to meet with members of the University community to discuss the impact of budget cuts. A meeting date is not scheduled yet.

But budget planning isn't all that's going on, and Dunn said he plans to interview several candidates for interim dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences in the near future. He did not name the candidates. Dean David Shup will step down July 1 to return to full-time teaching.

In other business, new officers were elected to the Faculty Senate for the upcoming academic year. Kimberly Espy, of the SIU School of Medicine, was elected the new president, replacing Donna Post. Post said she enjoyed working with the Faculty Senate members and administrators from universities throughout the state.

Robert Benford, of the College of Liberal Arts, was elected vice-president.

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# Earth Day educates about environment

## Community comes together to celebrate 33rd annual Earth Day

**Kristina Dailing**  
Daily Egyptian

People danced to music about blowing up TVs, throwing out newspapers and building homes in the country at the Earth Day celebration Tuesday.

About 70 people gathered at the Carbondale Town Square Pavilion to listen to music, learn about the environment and celebrate the earth as part of a day-long celebration for the 33rd annual Earth Day.

Tables from different organizations were set up for people to get information on natural resources that are around the area, the SIUC cleanup campaign, energy efficiency and even how to make recycled fiber art.

A woman who wished to be identified as "Earthdancer" lives in Dancing Bear Hollow, an off-grid organic farm in Harden County. She attended the celebration last year and said it was such a good time that she wanted to come back.

She and several people who live on her farm served Chai tea for donations as well as organic cookies.

"I can't stand to live in town but I like to come for outreach programs," Earthdancer said. "And I love the earth, and celebrating it is a positive thing."

Participants also got to see several animals from the Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation center and the Jackson County Human Society.

Bev Shaoftall, director of Free Again, brought a 5-year-old turkey vulture that was found in the mailbox of a Benton man several years ago. The vulture cannot be released back into nature because of psychological damage that comes from being raised by humans. She said if it was let out into the wilderness it could not find food by itself.

"Earth Day is not just about the physical earth it is also about the wildlife," Shaoftall said. "The

well-being of the wildlife is a strong indicator of how the earth is doing."

She said that while some animals were adapting to conditions created by people destroying the habitat, if the animals continued to lose their habitat they will die out.

Representatives from Shawnee Audubon Society, war Bluff Valley Sanctuary, The Permaculture Project, SIUC Recycled Materials Project and Keep Carbondale Beautiful also stood behind tables passing out fliers and teaching people about taking care of the Earth.

Bill Bowman, a representative of the Sierra Club, sat at a table answering questions about several areas in the Shawnee Forest, including Camp Hutchins, Burke Branch and Ripple Hollow. He also had several maps of hiking trails in southern Illinois so people could enjoy the resources and wilderness of the area.

He said that he was disappointed that more people from the community didn't come to celebrate and learn about the Earth.

"People take this for granted and it's disappearing," Boman said. "I've heard people say, 'I'll live for 60 years and it will still be here,' but what about generations after that?"

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JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

A young lady who goes by the name of Earthdancer (lower left) celebrates Earth Day at the Carbondale Town Square Pavilion Tuesday. Earthdancer spent the day with friends and informing people about the earth.



JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bev Shaoftall, the director of the Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation center, shows off her turkey vulture at the Earth Day celebration at the Carbondale Town Square Pavilion Tuesday.

## USG to discuss set tuition

**Allocates spring funds**  
**Valerie N. Donnals**  
Daily Egyptian

The results of the election for the student member of the Board of Trustees last week could be overturned by the administration, but the Undergraduate Student Government is planning to go ahead and ratify the winner.

Bill Archer, a trustee candidate, filed several grievances to the election commission, asking for the results to be overturned. The commission reviewed the papers and voted to uphold the results, which showed that students elected Ed Ford as the student trustee.

Archer has filed new complaints to the administration against the Election Commission claiming they violated Student Trustee Election laws. The administration has created a Student Conduct Advisory Committee to review the complaints.

According to the Student Trustee Election laws, the committee will have the option to invalidate the election results if they find the commission in violation. It will make the final decision, and in the case of invalidation, a special election to determine the new trustee.

USG will consider a resolution asking the administration not to get involved in the election results.

President-elect Neal Young said state law dictates student constituency elections are strictly a student matter.

Senators at USG's last meeting today will also discuss related to the ratification of elected USG

candidates, Gov. Rod Blagojevich's tuition plan and funding Registered Student Organizations.

The candidates who won in the elections last week will be ratified by USG, completing the required steps before they will be able to take office in May.

Young, currently USG vice president, said they hope to get the positions ratified despite controversy over the election of the student trustee.

Erik Wiatt, senator for the College of Liberal Arts, will introduce a bill in support of Illinois House Bill 0257, House Bill 1118 and Senate Bill 0010 which could limit tuition increases for Illinois residents attending public universities.

House Bills 1118 and 0010 may set tuition for incoming freshmen, prohibiting increases exceeding the amount they pay when they first enroll at a university. Members of the House and Senate passed the bills to ensure that parents and students would be able to financially plan for the costs of higher education.

Wiatt said unless HB 257 is passed as well, HB 1118 and HB 0010 will not be beneficial to students. HB 257 prohibits excessive tuition increases at public universities.

The bill, currently inactive in the House Rules Committee, could prohibit a 5-percent rate increase from the preceding year or the product of the tuition rate for the preceding academic year multiplied by the rate of inflation.

A revised set of funding guidelines for RSOs to follow to receive allocations from the Student Organizational Activity Fee will also be voted on at the meeting.

## USG MEETING PREVIEW



The issue	What it means to you
<b>Ratification of USG and Student Trustee elections.</b>	These resolutions would officially approve the winners from last week's elections. It is the final step before they take office at the end of spring semester.
<b>RSO funding: spring allocations</b>	The Senate will decide on the amount of funding all RSOs will receive for their annual events, operational budgets, and events held before October for next year.
<b>Administrative influence in student elections</b>	This is a response to grievances filed to the administration by Bill Archer to reverse the results of last week's Student Trustee Election. It opposes administrative involvement, saying it is a student issue.
<b>Governor Rod Blagojevich's 5% and four-year tuition plans</b>	The resolution supports Illinois House Bill 1118 and Senate Bill 0010, which would set a fixed tuition rate for incoming freshmen from the time that they first enroll until their graduation. It also supports House Bill 0257, which would prohibit tuition increases at public universities greater than 5% from the previous year's tuition.

USG meets at 6 p.m. tonight at the Student Center, Renaissance Room

USG will also be voting on annual spring allocations for RSOs. Every spring, USG reviews proposals to fund annual events, operational budgets and all events that will be held before October of the following year.

RSOs have been submitting their requests throughout the semester and will learn the final amount they will receive this summer to host their events.

Young said funds are currently being rearranged to accommodate the Black Affairs Council, which was previously denied funding because of an alleged misuse of funds.

They are currently in the process of repaying the misused funds to the SOAF account, and Young said they

are planning on funding them for next year.

USG will also request Student Development to transfer all student-fee money remaining in RSO accounts June 30 back to the SOAF account by Aug. 18. This only pertains to the portion allocated by USG and not funds raised by the RSO.

The meeting is open to the public, and they will be allowed to address USG during Public Comments and Questions at the beginning of the meeting. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Renaissance Room of the Student Center.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### ON CAMPUS

#### Fashion design program shows reflections Thursday

The Reflections 2003 Fashion Design and Merchandising Program will be Thursday in the Student Center, Ballroom D. Student Exhibits start at 6:15 p.m. and the Runway Fashion Shows start at 7 p.m. There will be a retail fashion show with fashions from the Buckle, the Gap, and Wet Seal and original collections as well. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Fashion Design and Merchandising Program, Quigley Hall, room 311 at 453-1987.

#### Half-hour version of Rodney King Trial to play Tuesday

A half-hour version of "The Front Page: Ground Zero Los Angeles" is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday on WSIU Radio, 91.9 FM. This documentary was conceived and produced by Patrick Jones and students in the Radio-Television Department. WSIU Radio observed the 10th anniversary of the rioting in Los Angeles that followed the announcement of the verdict in the Rodney King beating trial on April 29, 1992 last year with the full documentary.

It is based on recordings of the Peabody Award-winning front Page program supplemented with celebrities who appeared on the broadcasts and interviews with former KTLB news director and current host Carl Nelson and former host Rico Reed. For more information, contact Phyllis Johnson in the Radio-Television department at 536-7555 or Pat Jones, WSIU at 453-6196.



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## Emotion & pride



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(Above) Family and friends gathered at the Marion VA Medical Center Tuesday to honor William E. Westgate. A number of family and friends made the trip from Paducah, KY to see Senator Richard Durbin award Westgate two medals for his service in the United States Navy during WWII. Robert Morrel, Director of the VAMC, was also on hand for the event. Many of the veterans staying at the center turned out to honor Westgate.

(Left) World War II veteran William E. Westgate breaks down with emotion during a ceremony in which he was awarded two medals at the Marion VA Medical Center Tuesday. Former Congressman David Phelps sang God Bless America, which was followed by the playing of Anchors Away, causing Westgate to get very emotional. Westgate served in the United States Navy from 1941-1945.

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### OUR WORD

## Beauty is only Earth deep

Sloppy roommates need not apply.

In a world full of war, construction zones, drilling sites and starvation, beauty may be a hard thing to find.

In southern Illinois and at SIUC, we're lucky because we see that beauty on a daily basis in the green grass and trees, blooming flowers, Campus Lake, local vineyards and sites such as Little Grand Canyon.

SIUC and the rest of the nation observed Earth Day Tuesday. Since its inception in 1970, observation of Earth Day as a holiday has decreased emissions for the six principal air pollutants by 25 percent. And that's just one positive benefit.

We want to send a shout out to all those who helped with Earth Day Tuesday. But we also want to thank those who help with Earth Day everyday. Just like keeping your house clean to make it easier to live in, we all need to remember that everyone lives on Earth.

So thanks to all those who finish their fast food in the car and keep the garbage with them until they find a trash can.

In one year, we generate enough hazardous waste to fill the New Orleans Superdome 1,500 times over

Thanks to the smokers who finish their cigarettes near an outdoor ashtray, depositing the garbage in the proper place.

Cigarettes take 750 years to biodegrade.

Thanks to those who drive economic cars and keep them tuned up.

A well-tuned car uses up to 9 percent less gasoline than a poorly tuned car.

Thanks to SIUC's recycling program for taking care of the thousands of papers, pop cans and plastic and glass containers that we produce. Thanks for putting those blue bins

in our newsroom, and putting the three-canned trash receptacles on campus.

Recycled glass uses only two-thirds the energy needed to manufacture glass from scratch. That means for every soft drink bottle you recycle, you save enough energy to run a television set for an hour and a half.

Thanks to the Physical Plant employees who mow our lawns and plant trees. Thanks to those who spruced up the parking lot and stairs area near Morris Library with bushes and flowers. Thanks to the people hiking and picnicking in Giant City State Park who pick up their plastic wrappers.

Our world is beautified by all these people.

The next time you throw your trash on the ground, ask yourself why you did it. Chances are, the answer has the word "lazy" in it. Think about what our planet would look like if everyone did that.

The Earth is a beautiful place. But the true beauty lies in those who work to keep it that way.

Don't be an annoying roommate.



### GUEST COLUMNIST

## Lesson learned about Chicanos

Steve Campbell  
Arizona Daily Wildcat

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — I once heard somebody say, "What's a Chicano? Doesn't the word have the same meaning as Mexican-American?" I thought about it for a moment before realizing that I didn't know the difference either. Not wanting to be ignorant on the topic, I set out to find the answer. Here's what I found:

Onesimo Montes de Aca is the store manager at the McDonald's located in the Student Union Memorial Center. He came to the United States in 1986 and immediately began working at McDonald's as a crew person. He spent time in Oxnard, Calif.; Chicago; Phoenix; and he has spent the past eight months here in Tucson, Ariz. Though he can speak English, he still has a bit of trouble with the language and prefers to speak Spanish.

He states that he will never be Chicano since he was born in Mexico. "But my children are!" he proudly exclaims. Montes de Aca has three children who were born in the United States.

Most parents want their children to have a better life than they had. This is especially true for Montes de Aca.

"I want my kids to go to college so that when they graduate, they'll be able to get whatever job they want." He feels that his kids have a greater chance of achieving success than he had. "I cannot get a better job than this like Chicanos can because they were born here and they have a better understanding of the culture," he said.

To Montes de Aca, being Chicano means more opportunities to succeed.

Ana Perches is a professor at the University of Arizona. For the past 12 years, she has taught classes on Chicano heritage. Though she was born in Mexico, she doesn't feel that precludes her from being Chicano.

Perches teaches her students about the many stereotypes that are associated with the term Chicano. She explains how, in the eyes of many, Chicanos are from neither the United States nor Mexico. They forget where they come from and deny who they are. It's also assumed that they are less educated than other Americans and that they can't speak either English or Spanish correctly.

Perches obviously disagrees.

"Every Chicano is different. Don't accept assumptions handed to Chicanos by non-Chicanos." To her, the term Chicano, which originated in the 1960s, should

be associated with the pride that one feels after learning about and understanding the history of their culture. "To them, it means cultural affirmation. They don't want to hide their heritage. They're proud of it," she said.

If she has one piece of advice for those who believe the negative stereotypes placed on Chicanos, it is this: "Get to know them. Get to know their history and get to know the struggles that they went through."

When you do that, then you will know how Perches defines the term Chicano.

Kristina Gonzales is a senior majoring in Spanish here at the University of Arizona. In one of her classes, she is taking part in a play that highlights one of the Chicano struggles during the 1960s. She plays the role of a Mexican mother whose Chicano son goes off to fight in the Vietnam War.

While the play, which opposes the Vietnam War, represents the overwhelming anti-war sentiment felt by the Chicanos in the '60s, Gonzales does not share that view.

While she is Chicano, Gonzales admits that she doesn't always fit in with some of her Chicano friends.

"I'm not as outspoken as they are," she said. "They're more active, going out and protesting against sweatshops or places like Taco Bell. I may agree with them. I just don't outwardly express it as they do."

Gonzales states that while many Chicanos maintain an activist role after graduating from college, she has other plans.

"I want to contribute to society in other ways. I'd like to represent my culture while working for the government," she said.

Gonzales explains that, while many Chicanos may feel oppressed by the U.S. government, she sees it differently.

"There is so much opportunity out there. That's what makes this country so great," she said. "I get so mad when I see people demonstrating against the government. They don't realize what they have. I'm not the typical Chicano. I have pride in my heritage. I just show it in a different way." To Gonzales, being Chicano means being able to live a life that many people in other countries only dream about.

So, although I was never able to find a single definition for the term Chicano, I don't feel quite so ignorant on the topic as I used to.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Take everything you like seriously, except yourself.”

Donald R. Gannon

### WORDS OVERHEARD

“Even if it's just for one day, it can still have an impact.”

Kris Schachel  
research assistant for Southern Sustainability  
on the results of Earth Day observation

COLUMNISTS

# Universal truth: toss me a cold one Saddam

As I watch the responses to our Middle Eastern conflict on television, I've been a little confused by a phrase that has begun to surface more and more frequently. Commentators keep referring to our nation's attempts to preserve "universal truths" overseas. I assume that in this case these words are implying ideals like justice or freedom from tyranny, but honestly, I'm not really sure what they mean.

I did an online search to figure this phrase out, but all I could find were homepages for different religious sects. It doesn't really feel like a jihad we're in, and even among the spiritual websites listed under this title, phrases ranged from "white brotherhood" to "psychic." So what truth is driving all of this?

Take America, to begin with. There are things I hold sacred that are likewise shared by most other Americans. Mowing my own lawn. John Cougar Mellencamp. Pizza and beer. This is the stuff of which American lives are made. Maybe other cultures embrace it too — I don't know. Does Iraq even have grass? Has Saddam ever found himself subconsciously humming a little ditty about Jack and Diane? Do hops, barley, and mozzarella cheese even taste as good on the other side of the world? Do they even crave this? It's a scary thought, but one we've got to face.

So we've got our own perspective as the United States. We have little rules over here that probably don't make any sense to foreigners. In America, \$6 is reasonable for a tall latte, but any gallon of gas costing over a buck-fifty is highway robbery. In Illinois, smokers are required by law to sit in designated sections, where magically that same law keeps all airborne smoke on that side of the room without the need for walls. And in Carbondale, pasting Japanese stickers



## Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY  
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to the windshield of an automobile can inversely increase its horsepower without disturbing the engine.

Of course, then there are even concepts that hold true to me that perhaps none of my peers acknowledge. Never date a man who wears Drakkar Noir or owns his own pool cue. "Office Space" is possibly the purest, greatest movie of all time. Pete Rose and Tony Larussa are actually the same person.

Doesn't anyone else realize these things? Or are they only truths in my world? And if that's the case, what makes those other ideas more, well, universal? Maybe I don't even want to know. I can't imagine it would change my life much anyway.

So live for these universal truths, America, but not to press them on the rest of the world. Enjoy your ideas because you may be the only person who does. Here's to you, and everyone else in this great nation sitting in front of their TVs with pizza and beer. Let the rest of the world eat cake. If there's something more real than this, I don't want to know about it.

*Not Just Another Priddy Face appears Wednesdays. Grace is a senior in architecture. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.*

# Increase minimum wage

Recently, a local news program featured a story regarding the effect of the impending raise in the minimum wage on small businesses. A small businessman discussed the fact that he would be impacted negatively and he would have to figure out how to maintain his business without raising prices or laying off workers. While the feature discussed the plight of the businessman and his reaction to the minimum wage, I thought about the plight of millions of American workers who live off these paltry wages. The ordeal that the businessman had to undergo in making decisions about his business is important but the working poor have an ordeal themselves.

The problems that families who are paid minimum wage have to deal with every two weeks is tough. They have to decide which bill is not going to be paid. They have to decide how to pay for needed medication, food, utilities, and clothing and if they have children, the problem is even more difficult. Since, it is becoming increasingly harder to receive government programs to help the working poor they struggle in unbelievable ways. The very poor receive medical assistance. Yet, many working poor are not eligible for medical assistance.

President George W Bush states now that the invasion of Iraq is over he is going to focus on the economy. I certainly hope that he focuses on the working poor of America. There are millions who are a minimum wage paycheck away from a homeless shelter or a utility shut off. Many are currently facing eviction because of inadequate income. Obviously, raising the national minimum wage to a living wage would go a long way in creating a healthy income and giving people real buying power. However, the working poor are often left on an island of poverty without a rescue boat. I strongly commend Governor Blagojevich for his decision to sign the bill raising the minimum wage in Illinois. Unfortunately, there is always the same group who is opposed to the raise in wages because they claim that it will cause job loss and it hurts small business. Furthermore, many argue that it is mostly teenagers who are paid minimum wage.

Additionally, the opponents of minimum wage hikes contend that one has to analyze the cost of living in a given area. I have heard that argument and it always rings hollow because even in an area



## HAVING MY SAY

BY LENIE ADOLPHSON  
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with a lower cost of living 5.15 an hour is still very low to live on in 2003. The cost of living would have to decrease significantly to compensate for the low wages. There are teenagers who receive minimum wage. Notwithstanding.

Additionally, there is little consideration by the employers who pay these low wages as to how these individuals can survive on their salaries. I realize that some small business cannot afford to pay high wages. However, there are major companies and temporary agencies which are highly profitable and these businesses pay low wages too. Basically, their unspoken rationale appears to be: "We pay people low wages because we can". This is obviously true since there are areas of the country that even pay high wages for fast food workers because in those areas people will NOT work for sub-standard wages. Essentially, some companies make huge profits and horde them. Obviously, this is where labor unions need to be more prevalent in regions that traditionally pay their workers minimum wage.

Obviously, raising the minimum wage is not the total solution to systematic poverty. Poverty has to be attacked like other major societal problems. We have to deal with the roots of poverty, and how to end this plague. Former President Lyndon Johnson in his Great Society had a noble goal to end poverty in America. It seems as if these goals have been forgotten.

Unfortunately, it doesn't seem that we as a country are willing to deal with poverty. If we do not address the subject it will not end but it will as Langston Hughes said "fester and rot and then explode."

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## GUEST COLUMNIST

# World running on empty in 2020

Alex Turnbull  
The Harvard Crimson (Harvard U)

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (U-WIRE) — The rhetoric of the anti-war movement has been replete with epic references to blood and oil, dashes of civilization. Debates concerning the war in Iraq have been deeply concerned with issues of morals — as they well should — but few have questioned the pragmatic premise that in terms of energy security, we are getting a sure boon in this war. And yet this presumption is flawed and will do nothing to secure the United States' energy security in the long term. Meanwhile, the energy sector is now developing an equivalent to the perverse subsidies in the agricultural sector that funnels tax dollars away from the general public and into the pockets of corporations that need serious restructuring far more than short-term handouts.

U.S. foreign policy and security expenditures in the Middle East are not exclusively due to a desire for a continuous stream of oil, as some leftists would like to believe. But it would be extremely difficult to rationalize that it has no effect. There are other dictators around the

world who are as callous as Saddam Hussein, and by whose demise an American president would gain more. Fidel Castro, for instance, has one of the most extensive hate clubs of any person in the United States — particularly among the easily swayed voters of South Florida, a crucial state in presidential elections. Steam rolling his regime would be altogether too easy, and under new rulers his country could become as economically integrated with the United States as Puerto Rico. However, Comrade Castro lacks oil — and so he has not been a major focus for any U.S. government since the '60s. It is no coincidence that the repressive regime the United States chose to topple happened to have vast oil reserves.

But the fundamental problem is that efforts to expand the supply of oil are not going to be sustainable. Oil demand is going to start outrunning supply sometime between 2015 and 2025, according to a range of estimates from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the U.S. Department of Transportation, meaning that prices are likely to skyrocket as third world development puts demand pressure on production capacity. The likelihood of finding more oil is extremely low at this point.

We now know there is little left, and any improvement in mining technology is going to be swamped by demand from the rest of the world. It is all too likely that an economy like America's, which is structured around cheap energy — and, more specifically, cheap oil — will react with a major reduction in economic growth as the real cost of producing almost anything increases. The only escape would be a complete reengineering of the U.S. economy, which would take decades. Dire predictions: A recession brought on by "stagflation" — increasing interest rates and prices — would be similar though probably much worse than the recession of the '70s when the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries started to seriously restrict supply.

There are alternatives to having an extremely oil-dependent economy. Hydrogen looks promising, and wind power is now price-competitive with coal. With aggressive policy measures, including investment subsidies for renewable energy and stronger standards for vehicle efficiency, the U.S. could be independent of foreign oil by 2015 — and not a moment too soon. However, there is no indication that the federal government is taking these alternatives seriously. The Federal Budget for 2004 allocates

a meager \$1 billion towards hydrogen fuel cell research, yet vehicle fuel efficiency standards have hardly moved — from 20.7 miles per gallon for an average sedan to 22 miles per gallon.

Changing the driving and car purchasing patterns would be critical in reducing our dependency on foreign oil. Having a fuel efficiency tax or subsidy scheme would be desirable, as well as making efficiency standards increase annually, rather than letting them stay contingent on the wills and wiles of Congress. Most importantly, the United States would have to ensure that older, less efficient cars get off the road sooner.

We can be sure that there will be serious upward pressure on oil prices. This is much less an "issue" and more an economic fact. If the United States is to ensure its energy supply and make the transition to a more mixed portfolio of energy sources, then it must act now and invest where it can expect a return — in serious, aggressive measures to change the outdated paradigm ruling our energy use — and stop subsidizing Big Oil. America has no time to waste and a lot to lose.

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# Financial aid becomes popular on campuses

Will Buss  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

**BELLEVILLE, (KRT)** — More students are seeking financial aid to pay for college, and fewer have defaulted on their college loans.

The national default range is about 5 percent — down from 20 percent 10 years ago.

In 2000, loans made up 54 percent of financial aid to U.S. college students — up from 45 percent in 1990.

Bob Clement, Southwestern Illinois College director of financial aid and student employment, shared this information with staff, students and parents in seminars held on campus last week.

Despite the promising signs, he said the amount of money students borrow may affect their finances later in life.

"The thing that students don't realize is loan repayments are going to affect their lifestyle," Clement said. "You might not be able to buy the car you want or a house right away."

He also said one of six borrowers changes career goals — not because of an interest in the new career — but because of a need for extra money to pay the loans.

Clement said the average amount borrowed for an undergraduate education, depending on the school, is between \$14,000 and \$16,000.

Students need more than \$27,000 to afford both a bachelor's and master's degree.

In the 2001-2002 school year, U.S. college students borrowed \$90 billion.

About 70 percent of college seniors received loans in 2000, but only 46 percent borrowed a decade ago, Clement said.

He also said credit cards also are a problem because students tend not to be savvy when it comes to finances.

"We just see more and more students getting into problems because they don't know how to use credit cards," he said. "There's nothing wrong with credit cards, it's the misuse of the credit cards."

At Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, students borrowed about \$28 million in the 2001-2002 school year. Acting Financial Aid Director Sharon Berry said she hasn't seen credit cards as a major problem but said federal and state grants are not keeping up with increasing college costs.

*"We just see more and more students getting into problems because they don't know how to use credit cards. There's nothing wrong with credit cards, it's the misuse of the credit cards."*

— Bob Clement  
director, financial aid  
Southwestern Illinois College

"I am concerned about it because any debt a student incurs in college is going to be detrimental when they also have student loans to pay," Berry said.

McKendree College senior financial aid adviser Cindy Keifer also said she has noticed students

borrowing more.

She said when students seek financial aid, they need to know how much they can afford according to the pay range in their selected profession.

"If you're in a low-paying degree program, you can't take on (a lot of) debt," Keifer said.

Clement said more employers are reviewing applicants' credit reports. He said a poor credit history can keep someone from getting hired.

He said a good credit rating is as important as good college transcript.

Berry said current default rates reflects those who were in school two to eight years ago when there wasn't as much effort and education to control it.


She said consolidated loans and low interest rates have helped students in repaying their loans.

She said current payment plans are more flexible and offer more repayment options.

Plus, there is more education and awareness through counseling provided at the schools.

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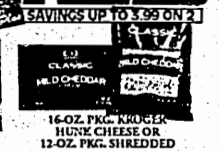
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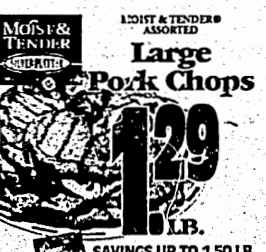


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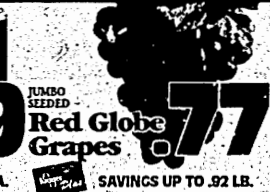
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### LAYOFFS

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loses a job because of financial difficulties, I'm going to feel bad."

Though the University dodged a sticky situation this year, no one is clear whether layoffs will be necessitated next year.

With the deadline was quickly approaching, the end of layoffs did not surprise Jim Clark, the Illinois Education Association representative

for the Association of Civil Service Employees. ACSE represents clerical and administrative SIUC employees.

However, Clark said he is wary of the next budget, which has not yet been approved by the General Assembly.

"This is good news for the hourly employees on campus, but the budget won't be balanced on their backs," he said. "But we'll still have to fight for next year. There are still lots of budget problems ahead."

Wendler said he does not know if layoffs will be needed next year, only

that the University will once again feel a budget crunch.

Earlier this month, Blagojevich proposed an 8.2 percent cut, or \$19.3 million, for the SIU system, the bulk of which would be taken from the University.

"I'm waiting to find out about next fiscal year," he said. "It will be a difficult year, but as soon as I know, I'll talk about it."

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### FORD

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for allegedly signing false statements. According to the governor's April 14 press release, after the Blagojevich administration confronted the employees, seven resigned, 14 were terminated and 19 admitted their participation.

Tom Schaefer, Blagojevich's press secretary, said the lawsuit in conjunction with the firing does not alarm the governor or his staff. He said Ford was quite vocal and adamant after she was released, reportedly saying she would

follow-up the governor's actions with a court injunction.

"She was very pointed in her comments," Schaefer said. "It was no surprise. And the governor welcomes the airing of the allegations in court."

Schaefer said Ford threatened agency employees to comply with her plans as well as forged signatures of officers to legitimize prolonged appointments.

"As the governor's chief legal counsel, it was definitely not in her job description to be doing it," he said.

Employees who admitted involvement had their new terms ruled invalid and were suspended for two weeks and

allowed to return to their former positions to complete their original terms. Two have applied and were re-hired to new four-year appointments. Nine have terms that will expire in 2003, five have terms that end in 2004, and three have terms that will be finished in 2005.

All of the employees, who were allegedly involved in the conspiring to keep their terms for longer than their appointments, averaged a salary of \$80,000.

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### TRIAL

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it became clear the man had been invading his home, and he kicked the body multiple times in the face.

McCullum said he heard a voice that sounded like a girl's or a little boy's saying, "They got him. They got him. Go in for the kill." He said he later became positive it was Cunningham's.

Christenson asked McCullum how he could say positively the voice on the walkie-talkie was Cunningham's after two years. McCullum said he identified the voice after he was given information from authorities before the trial this month and said it made sense that it was her voice. He also acknowledged he did agree to testify against Cunningham in exchange

for leniency.

Adegboro said he and Washington agreed to dispose of the body, and it was placed in Adegboro's trunk. He said he found a wooded area on Reed Station Road near Crab Orchard Lake at about 4:30 a.m. and dug the body out until it cleared the trunk.

McCullum testified that he picked up Johnson, who was walking from the apartment, and rented a room at the Ramada Inn to stay for the night. He said he did not trust her walking alone after hearing the voice on the walkie-talkie.

McCullum and Adegboro testified they later carried the body further into the woods after leaving Johnson tied with cords at the hotel. McCullum said they also made her take her clothes off because they were suspicious of her and did not want her leaving.

Adegboro said that in the sum-

mer of 2001 Cunningham asked if Washington would get her cocaine to sell. Adegboro said he wouldn't and afterward the once close relationship between Washington and Cunningham deteriorated.

Adegboro has been convicted of concealment of a homicidal death and obstruction of justice in connection with Tyree's death and was given 30 days in jail and 30 months probation in exchange for his testimony.

McCullum, also an SIUC student and dealer for Washington, led investigators to the body and plead guilty to concealment of a homicidal death and was given 2-1/2 years probation and 100 hours of community service in exchange for his testimony.


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Born in Minnesota, Laingen served as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant before joining the Foreign Service where his tours of service included assignments to Germany, Iran, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Since then, his experiences have included serving as the Vice President of the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. and as the Executive Director of the National Commission on Public Service. Laingen currently holds the position of President of the American Academy of Diplomacy, which aids in fostering the highest standards in the conduct of diplomacy.

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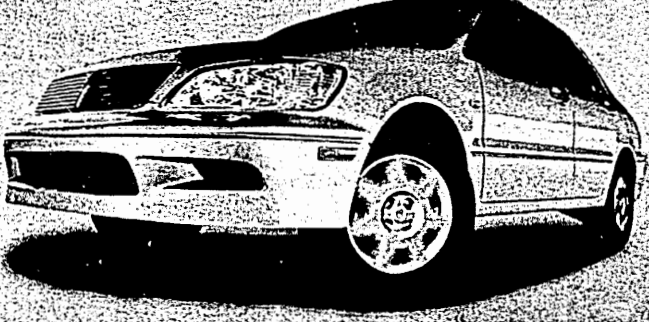
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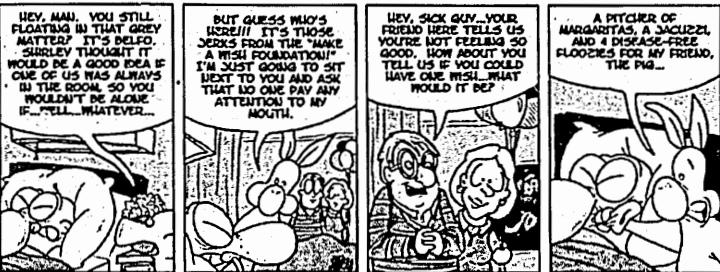
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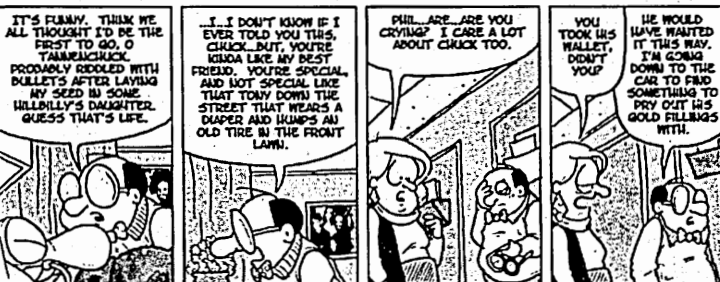


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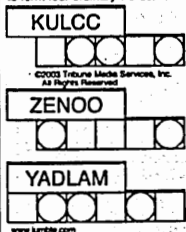


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# JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by Heret Arnold and Mike Arlyton

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Ans: O \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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Answer: How Dad felt after fixing the clogged sink - DRAINED

# Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (April 23). Recent experiences have made you stronger and brought you up to new challenges. These take more than persistence and willpower to overcome. Also use your inquisitiveness and imagination.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - You can make more money without doing any more work. Cut expenses and streamline your entire operation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Your practical insight may be too advanced for a scholarly type to comprehend. If you're persistent, the person who thinks he's smarter than you are might eventually understand.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You deserve a nice reward for a battle you've recently won. Where would you like to go, and whom do you want to go with? When there's a will and a way, there's a way.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - When you and your partner and/or teammates set your goals, the next step is setting your budget. Talk it over and start forming a plan.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - It may initially look as if your dreams are being thwarted. Hang on - it looks like help will come from an unexpected direction.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - As you get into a new routine, your efficiency improves. It may take more time, however. Have faith in yourself and in others.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Friends provide a lot of good ideas, but they can't make your savings grow. You're going to have to do that yourself.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - You're starting to come up with good ideas, but you need time to think them over. You worry that one of them won't really work, and with good reason. Fix it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Ever feel as if you're doing your job the hard way? Maybe you are. More education might help, but how to squeeze it in? Start with a basic plan.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - If you have to make the choice between love and money, choose love. You can always find more money.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - The more of your old tasks you complete, the better prepared you'll be. There's a new challenge coming your way, so continue clearing the decks.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - You're under more pressure than you like, and you might feel stuck. It's a temporary condition. You can study your way out of it.

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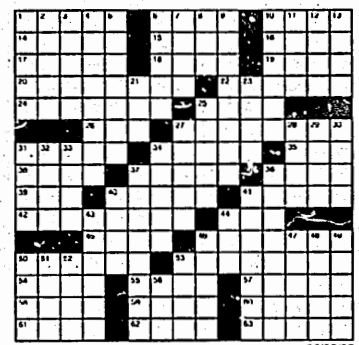
Adam

by J. Tierney



### Crossword

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### Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



### Solutions

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### Helen, Sweetheart of the Internet

by Peter Zale



COMMENTARY

## Life without Bruce

Envision the sight. Not half bad, except ...

Darren Brooks showing his usual lazy quicks on the court, lulling defenders to the cusp of unconsciousness then striking with a jet-like burst to the hoop.

His backcourt running mate, Stetson Hairston, displays Shaft-like smooth play with a shot slicing through the net like grandma's butter-kick biscuits.

Freshman wunderkind Jamaal Tatum is there with them, pressing forward as he makes his mark for Missouri Valley Freshman of the Year. But then comes a dumb turnover.

Silence. No high-pitched screams. No photogenic, mouth-half-open dumb-founded stares.

No Bruce Weber? Could that be SIU? Facing the annual coaching carousel as it starts to turn feverishly. After the big boys of Division I have stolen coaches from other schools, the mid-majors are about the feel the wrath. Bill Self bolted from Illinois to Kansas leaving a shock wave that might be felt all the way in Carbondale.

Monday night on ESPN, college basketball insider Andy Katz mentioned Marquette's Tom Crean as the top candidate for the vacated spot at Illinois, but the next face shown was SIU's skipper. The touch of death.

Crean recently signed a contract extension last season that contractually locks him up, but Self also endorsed a contract this past fall.

Marquette is a proud school and is beaming after going to the Final Four. Crean is what Illinois wants: a Midwestern guy with ties across the region, a hard worker and someone who has shown the ability to recruit Chicago. But rest assured, the Golden Eagles will use every resource they have to keep him in Milwaukee — and those resources are not limited.

Crean will be more tempted to jolt from Champaign (as the locals there call it) if his top stud and arguably the top player not named Carmelo



**Fear and loathing at SIU**

By ZACK CREGLOW  
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in college basketball Dwayne Wade declares for the NBA Draft. Chances are he will.

But someone would have a better shot at picking the Kentucky Derby winner than actually figuring what precisely is going to happen, which is what makes me queasy. Although Weber has supposedly not been contacted, neither has Crean.

Illinois also does not want to get embarrassed nationally like it did when Kruger left by undergoing an exhausting coaching search that just eventually led to the ugliest issue on any front — racism.

Illinois' leading candidate after Kruger left was Oklahoma's Kelvin Sampson, who is a native American. Being that Illinois' mascot Chief Illiniwek is a controversial racial issue, Stephen Kaufman, a professor at Illinois, informed Sampson of the matter. The whole situation left Illinois open for media scrutiny all across the country and rest assured, this time they will not leave their jaw vulnerable.

Guenter, as always, is looking for a conservative family man in his search. Weber is that and lives an All-American life. There are not any skeletons in his closet. If Kent Williams is a boy scout, then Weber is the scout master. They feel by having families, then they would be more obligated to stay for the long haul as opposed to a nomadic single coach.

Weber's ability as a coach should not be in question. He outcoached and out-duded Missouri's Quin Snyder in the first round of the NCAA tournament. He made SIU the feel-good college basketball story of March in 2002. Hell, he even

dawgged Self in 2001 at the Las Vegas Invitational. In recruiting, he already has developed strong lines in St. Louis, which is a breeding ground for athletes. In the Chicago area, which Illinois has never really recruited well from, Weber has had only marginal success. But the Illinois job would prompt him to a much larger realm to recruit from, and then it becomes more about the coach. Weber is chock full of charisma and has an appreciated dry sense of humor.

Weber is the best coach on the list, which also includes Oregon's Ernie Kent and Xavier's Thad Matta.

Speaking of Williams, he is gone. So is Jermaine Dearman. Part of Weber will also leave now that the two's playing days are over in Carbondale. Right now, they are his legacy. Coupled with Weber's coaching, they were the main components that catapulted SIU to the top of the Missouri Valley Conference. That is not to say that Brooks and Hairston did not play an integral role. Sheesh, even David Carney helped with his attitude. The last two years were a special situation at SIU that will be hard to ever mimic again.

Weber is not a poor man. He makes a healthy 250k a year and add in the cost of living in southern Illinois, that equals out to even more. But SIU can't contend with Illinois in this arena. On the basketball court, yes, but not here. Not ever. We are in the midst of a financial crisis here. Self was given 900k to coach the Illini.

But this is not just a money issue. Say Weber is completely content living out his life here, the money SIU pays him is more than enough to live in the upper class and enjoy the finer things. But there is ambition involved. The U of I job provides a much larger platform to accomplish larger endeavors. If money is the issue, I will call up SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk and offer my services from anything from chippin' in the money I get from donating plasma to knocking off some backwoods gas station to start a "Keep Bruce" fund. Join in.



The Illinois Civil War Begins

So one must ask himself is the timing right? Has Weber accomplish all there is to at a mid-major? Frankly speaking, he has. SIU will not win a national championship. The best we could ever hope for is the Sweet Sixteen, which has already happened — the stars would have to be in perfect alignment for an Elite Eight. He has led SIU to two-straight regular season MVC titles. The Salukis cannot be on top of the MVC forever, even Rome fell.

We, as fans, are on a teeter totter we have no control over. We have Crean on one side, bobbing with our fate. If Weber is extended the offer, chances are we might have to say goodbye to our beloved skipper.

His path seems to lead to Purdue, where he served under current head coach Gene Keady and his hair piece for 18 years, but Illinois is on the verge of being a national power. Purdue is just a good team.

If Weber does jet, don't let it be in haste. How can fans here be sour after the last two seasons have been sweet? We will leave all negative bitching and griping about former coaches

to the class acts in Champaign and Lawrence, Kan.

As a mid-major, we are only lent a great coach such as Weber. At some point, tears will have to shed and our goodbyes said. But if Crean opts to stay with Laverne & Shirley, then surely we may have to be hurt in Carbondale. This will sting.

But as a close friend of mine said when I asked him what he'd do if something this depraved happened we can "just drink until the hurt stops."

That is what is the end result, folks, survival of the fittest. Just like the weaker brain cells are killed off first as the strong survive, and the same holds true with the bigger schools stealin' from the smaller ones. It is not fair. It is NCAA college basketball, which is anything but. Another matter, another rambling, though.

But "Hey Illinois!" Dana Altman is available too!

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GUEST COMMENTARY

## The Diamond Dawgs are down but not out

It was not a good weekend for Saluki baseball. I think that's all that can really be said about our performances on Saturday and Sunday. After Jake Alley comes out on Friday and sets the tone for the weekend with a pitcher-of-the-week-type performance, we couldn't even manage to collect a split for the series.

What makes the weekend losses sting even more is the fact that first place Wichita State dropped three out of four games this weekend, which was a perfect opportunity for us to take control of the Valley.

But all of this is done and over with. We now sit in third place in the conference and are still easily in reach of the first-place Shockers.

I remember having a conversation with Nick Baughman earlier in the season about how good it felt to start the conference season off with a sweep and how everyone was excited about our

team. I also remember us reminding each other that there was going to be a time this season when the team would hit a low point, and the key to our success would be how well we dealt with adversity and came back out after that low point.

I feel this weekend was that bump in the road for us. There are 12 more games left in our conference season, and I know that everyone on the team wants to win them just as badly as I do, if not more.

We need to go into Creighton and play like we have something to prove, because we do. We have something to prove to the rest of the conference, our coaches, ourselves — even the rally-boy guy.

I've sat and watched the basketball team in envy the last two years. What they have done just makes you want to win championships. They have brought a winning attitude to our sports



**Deep thoughts from ...**

By JOSH JOINER

Junior starting pitcher, SIU baseball

program on our entire campus. I've seen them celebrate two conference championships and NCAA tournament berths, now we want to celebrate one ourselves.

I'm not trying to sound like some big motivational guy because people who know me know that that's not me at all. I'm just a laid-back person who kind of goes along with things, but when we

are presented with an opportunity like we have right now, it's hard not to get a little fired up.

It's just one of those things that you want so badly not only for yourself, but also for everyone else involved. Jake Alley (eighth-year senior), Sal Frisella, Toby Barnett, and Ross Kowanz may only have a few short weeks of baseball left in their lives, and I would love nothing more than to see them go out as champions.

The coaching staff has put in so much time and effort through our careers to make us better as players and people, and it would be a great way to reward them.

I want it for the hill-gang that supports us every weekend and shows other teams that we have by far "the best fans in the MVC". So in closing, let's play the rest of the season like an "unstoppable rebel force" (Dave Isaacson), have fun, and EARN a ring.

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Tennis players Tana Trapani, Alejandra Blanco, and Maria Blanco speak with Mary Mertzluftt, associate director of the Newman Catholic Student Center, following Good Friday mass. The group went to mass just an hour after finishing their match with Southwest Missouri State.

## GOD is in their court

story by MICHAEL BRENNER

photos by STEVE JAHNKE

Alejandra Blanco had just won her match at No. 1 singles sealing a solid victory for the SIU women's tennis team.

But there was not much time to celebrate.

She helped the team gather up the equipment, attended a brief team talk with head coach Judy Auld and watched as her teammates iced down and briefly tended to their various injuries.

After a quick meal consisting of Vanilla Wafers, a banana and Gatorade, Blanco left University Courts in a hurry.

It was time to forget about tennis for at least a few hours because for Blanco and three of her teammates — her sister Maria, Jessica Knitter and Tana Trapani — there were more urgent matters to attend to.

It was Good Friday, and they had to get to church.

They left the courts at about 6:15 p.m., giving them only 45 minutes to drive home, change out of their sweaty tennis clothes, shower and make it back to the Newman Center for 7 p.m. mass.

Trapani and Blanco made it just before the service began, but Maria and Knitter walked in 10 minutes later.

They could have blown off the Friday service and their parents would never have been the wiser. They could have used the fatigue of play-

ing a collegiate tennis match as an excuse.

But they did not because to them, attending mass is not a chore — it is a privilege and a huge part of their lives.

"You always have something to thank God for, and it's just my way of having my time with Him," Trapani said. "I can just focus on me and Him and I don't have to worry about other people or what other people are thinking."

The four attend as many masses as they can, and were especially eager to make it during holy week. Auld intentionally schedules matches to allow her four Catholic players to attend church, and as a result, the four did not have to go through the same routine two days later on Easter.

Auld attempts to avoid the conflicts not only because half her team is Catholic, but because she knows how important it is to the four women.

Back in her native California, Knitter, like both Blancos and Trapani, grew up in the Catholic Church and took her beliefs with her to Carbondale, which turned out to be the perfect setting for her — and her mother.

Knitter's mother is always reminding her to go to mass, and with three other teammates around to do it with, it is that much easier for her to practice what she deeply believes is the one true faith.

"It's truly what I believe," Knitter said. "Going to religious education classes, I got a chance to explore the Catholic faith, and I just sincerely think that what I believe is the truth."

But for Knitter, religion is about more than pursuing the truth. For her, religion has always been a means of dealing with adversity, be it tennis, school or everyday life.

In the past few years her sister has died, her mother has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and her grandmother has suffered through Alzheimer's. Without her faith, ordeals such as these would be infinitely more difficult to overcome.

"It's definitely a very strong force in my life," Knitter said. "Basically, all the tough times I've been through, I've always looked to my faith

to help me through them. It's kind of been my crutch through life.

"Even if I just have a bad day, it just helps me bring peace into my life."

Trapani shares sentiments similar to Knitter's. She used religion as a leg-up when she suffered continuous injuries last season. Tired of worrying about it, Trapani decided that whatever was going on with her injuries was for the best, so she put all of her stress, uncertainty and worries into God's hands.

"You know what God, I'm giving it all to you," Trapani told her Creator last year. "I'll let you worry about it because I can't worry about it all right now."

It's a faith she learned from her grandmother, who she called Nana. She died when Trapani was 14 after she had lived with Trapani's family for three years.

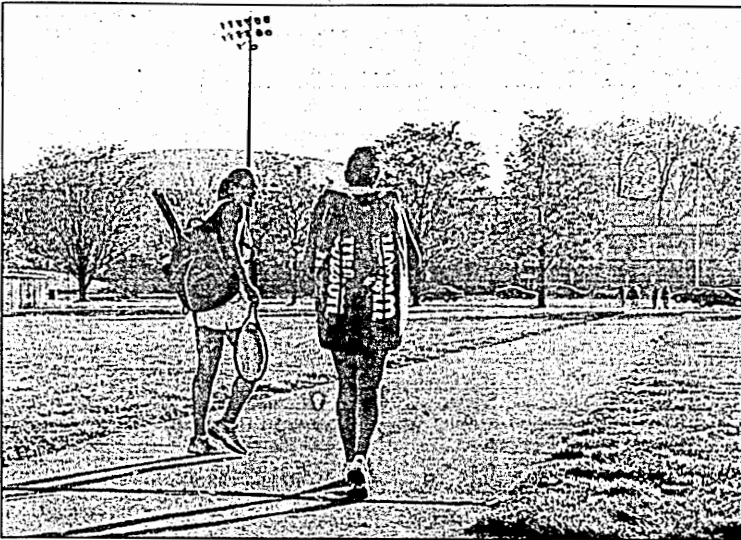
Although technically a Catholic through

*For four members of the SIU women's tennis team, sports take a backseat to their Catholic faith*

See FAITH, page 19



Maria Blanco locks the door of her second floor room in Baldwin Hall on her way to church Friday evening.



Alejandra and Maria Blanco talk about the match they had just finished against SMS Friday on their way back to the training room in the Arena before preparing for church.

## FAITH

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baptism, Trapani said it was during those three years she developed her faith and her appreciation for the Catholic Church.

"I really watched her deteriorate for about three years and I got to watch her faith in God all the way to the end," Trapani said. "I think that made me believe in God a lot more just to see how strong she was going through it and how she wasn't scared to die because she knew she was going to go to heaven."

"That was the first time I really was proud to say 'yeah, I'm Catholic. I do really believe in this. It's not just something mom and dad make you go to. It's something I want to do for myself.'"

For the Blanco sisters, becoming a Catholic was not as much of an active choice as it was a pre-ordained destiny. They grew up in Mexico, where nearly everyone is Catholic, and both went to an all-girls Catholic school for 15 years.

But when the two arrived in Carbondale, the word Catholic took on a whole new meaning.

The Blancos are used to huge, magnificent churches with gorgeous statues and stained glass like the one they attended in Guadalajara — a stark contrast from the folded chairs and utilitarian style employed at the Newman Center. Churches in America, they said, are much smaller and much more social.

American masses are also longer, something that clearly got to Maria during Friday's mass. She said she was already hyper from her tennis match, and she fidgeted for the duration of the 1 1/2-hour mass, jokingly saying "Just let me go," at the one-hour mark.

"I'm getting used to it, but in pretty much all I do I'm hyper," Maria said.

There are also religious differ-

ences. The two did not accept Holy Communion at Friday's mass because in Mexico, you are not allowed to take communion unless you have undergone confession. They have not gone to confession because they want to do it in Spanish, and the Newman Center does not have anyone that would understand them.

But they still feel like part of the church community and are content with what they have found in Carbondale.

"I like both," Blanco said of the American and Mexican churches. "Sometimes I kind of need the church structure (the building itself). Because at the Newman Center, it's not really like a church."

"But it's nice that you can go and talk to people."

Occasionally, like it did on Friday, the church's schedule conflicts with their tennis schedule, and they are forced to make compromises. The four were unable to fast on Good Friday because they had a match and knew they would probably lose if they didn't eat.

But that's fine with them.

When it happens, they don't stage any protests or complain. They call themselves progressive Catholics and believe God understands that they have to play tennis.

"Faith is not having to attend church everyday. Faith is your belief in God," Knitter said. "Yes, the Catholic Church is the structure in which you can practice that faith and you should try to follow the rules as much as possible, but God understands that you have other obligations as well that you have to fulfill."

"It's OK to have an occasional conflict."

But all four made it known that despite having to occasionally choose between a mass and tennis, faith is still the first priority in their lives, and no other facet of their lives would exist without God.

"I look back and at my past years and I thank God because I know all that I have is because of him," Maria said.

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Tana Trapani talks with a personal trainer Friday inside the Arena. Trapani had her back worked on following the match with SMS, which caused her to be late for Good Friday mass.

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# High heat

SIU freshman pitcher Adam Snyder throws in the low 80s but still dominates out of the bullpen

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He was tall, skinny and threw in the low 80s, but from the first time SIU baseball head coach Dan Callahan saw him, he knew the kid would be something special.

SIU freshman Adam Snyder was pitching in a showcase at Notre Dame in 2001 when Callahan and hitting coach Ken Henderson made a trip to watch the talented group of ballplayers that had made their way to South Bend, Ind.

That was when the two coaches saw the 6-foot-4 left-hander from Pittsburgh, Pa. His pitches had good arm action and were thrown with control. They were impressed immediately.

"You can go to a tryout camp or a showcase, and typically what a lot of coaches or pro scouts will do is they'll see a guy that's throwing 80 or 82, 83 mph and they'll put their [radar] guns down," Callahan said. "Some guys are just into velocity more than other guys."

Callahan said he knew there would not be much interest in Snyder, because he did not light the gun up. He saw his chance and wrote Snyder a letter. Soon after, Snyder took his one and only official visit to Carbondale. He loved it right away.

SIU was the biggest Division I school that looked at Snyder. Other Division II and III schools were

interested and West Virginia showed interest after he signed with the Dawgs.

Now it looks as if the other schools' loss is the Salukis' gain.

Snyder, who pitches out of the bullpen, is second on the team with a 2.22 ERA behind only sophomore Jim Vogel, who has a 0.00 ERA, but has only 1 2/3 innings pitched.

He is also 1-0 in 12 appearances and 28 1/3 innings pitched.

Snyder is a good complement to Saluki ace pitcher Jake Alley who throws in the upper 80s to low 90s. The change in speeds between the two pitchers is more than enough to offset opposing hitters and send them back to the dugout. Hitters will be expecting Alley's heat then be early on their swing for Snyder's pitch.

Snyder's pitches, a fastball, curveball and changeup, have drawn the ire of opposing batters enough to have them yell things at him after their at-bat.

"Man, you throw so slow," a Southwest Missouri State player yelled at him last weekend.

"That doesn't bother me at all," Snyder said. "I'll throw it underhand if I can get him out."

"I hear it a lot. 'Stay back' or 'He throws the junk' and stuff, but if I can get guys out, I'm happy with it."

The low speeds on his pitches require him to have to locate his fastball and throw strikes. When he had an off day and missed the zone, threw

a lot of balls and walked a batter, no one was harder on him than himself.

"You could ask anybody in the crowd how he did, and they'll say, 'He threw really well,' but he's a really hard critic on himself," Saluki infielder and Snyder's roommate Nathan Emrick said. "If he walks somebody, he's upset with his performance. He expects to be flawless in every aspect of his game and if he messes up in any little way, he's hard on himself."

Snyder is known as a quiet guy, but has been known to make his fellow teammates laugh during games or when out having dinner.

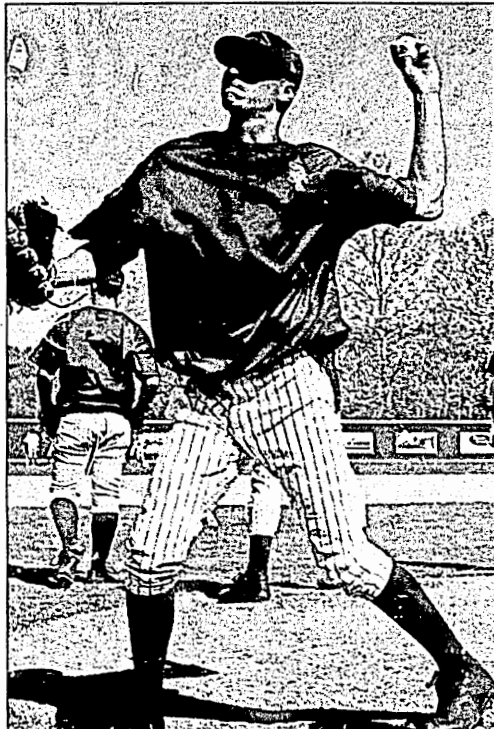
While watching one of the SMS pitchers throw in the mid-90s, he turned to a few teammates and asked them if he looked like that.

That is just the way Snyder is. Joking around when appropriate, but when it comes to pitching or schoolwork, it is all business.

Snyder said he is in school for an education and plans to be a sales representative for a sports company like Nike after graduation — that is if baseball does not work out.

So far it has been nothing but success for the southpaw and Callahan knows what he has in Snyder.

"Adam Snyder is a role model freshman," Callahan said. "He's a conscientious student. He's a conscientious person. His work ethic is very good and from a baseball standpoint, we're pleased because of the success he's experienced to date."



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SIU freshman pitcher Adam Snyder warms up during practice Tuesday. Although he lacks some velocity on his fastball, Snyder has baffled batters all season and is one of the Dawgs' top relievers.

Snyder's success is scheduled for at least three more years of Saluki baseball, where, coming out of the pen, hitters will continue to gear up for that high heat, but whiff on the 80 mph fastball.

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# Women's golf finishes fourth in MVC Championships

Tarrolly ties for second, named all-conference

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After a low start to the third day of the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, the SIU women's golf team finished fourth, right where it was predicted to end up.

The Salukis entered Tuesday in a tie for second and 10 strokes behind Bradley, but filtered early in the final day and shot a 327. The host Panthers of Northern Iowa fired a 310 in the final day to pass the Salukis.

Megan Tarrolly scored a triple bogey on the first hole and Stefanie Pate did the same thing on the second hole, something head coach Diane Daugherty said could be attributed to

pressure the Salukis felt being within striking distance of the lead.

"I think that they did feel pressure (Tuesday)," Daugherty said. "I think that's why we got off to such a bad start. Hopefully they'll learn from that and handle it better the next time around."

"They're not happy being fourth. I think that they know they're probably better than Northern Iowa, even though we didn't show it."

Tarrolly was the bright spot for her team, finishing in a tie for second and earning All-Conference honors.

"It's a great feeling," Tarrolly said. "Coming in on the last hole, I knew that I would be somewhere up there, but I wasn't really sure where I had placed. I was so nervous. I was a nervous wreck. I was shaking on the last hole, my last putt."

"It's an amazing feeling. I'm very excited about it, and definitely nice for me because

I didn't do so well last year at the conference tournament."

Despite this year's disappointment, the Salukis have plenty of reasons to be optimistic at next season's prospects. Four of the six team members were competing in their first conference tournament.

"I think they definitely learned from it, and I think that it will just make us that much stronger next year," Tarrolly said. "On top of that, we'll host it next year, so it will be hopefully something to learn from and something to work forward from."

Amy Rankin finished 14th and Stefanie Pate tied for 18th place. Tiffany Fritsche tied for 24th Abigail Johnson finished 40th and Sara Pate ended up with a 43rd place finish.

The Salukis led after day one of the event in Cedar Falls, Iowa, but fell behind eventual champion Bradley by 10 strokes in the second

day, a day marred by poor weather conditions.

The Braves lost their 10-stroke lead over Illinois State in the final day, then came back to win their second straight championship, this time with a one-hole playoff.

"Bradley always seems to play really well at conference," Daugherty said. "It's kind of befuddling to me because we beat them twice in the regular season, and then come conference championship time they're right there."

Daugherty said a summer of hard work is ahead for the team as it looks to capture its first conference championship since 2000 next year.

"I like being conference champions," Daugherty said. "We've gotta wait a whole year to try to get back on top."

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