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# Low aid hinders affordability

SIUC seeks options to keep costs down

**Sean McGahan**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Though the buildings, technology and students have all come and gone since the 1800s, SIU President Glenn Poshard said he is committed to keeping one cornerstone of the SIUC campus around — affordability for students.

Poshard said the university has been an option for low- and middle-

income students to get a quality education since it was a small teacher's college more than a century ago, but that goal has become more difficult with the rise of tuition and student fees.

He said the rising cost of an SIUC education is in direct response to decreased funding and grants from the federal and state government.

"What you end up with now is increased tuition and fees, which falls most heavily on those middle- and low-income families," Poshard said. "Instead of widening the path and opening more doors, govern-

ment is now contracting in terms of their responsibility to help young people get through school."

Some institutions are better equipped to deal with the flat funding, but SIUC's large population of students from low- to middle-income families makes it more difficult, said Vice President for Academic Affairs John Haller.

"Some universities, given their student population, their income group or whatever, can absorb the escalating cost of tuition and fees, but not all campuses can do that, because campuses have different

missions, different cohorts of students and different abilities to pay," he said.

Administrators are sensitive to this, Haller said, and are working to find an alternative.

He said several senior administrators in and outside of the Office of the President recently formed a group to come up with solutions at the institutional level. He said the group is still in the early stages and has not decided on any policy changes.

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# Campus readies for potential deer attacks

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 DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC is gearing up for deer season. A committee of staff and wildlife specialists are set to meet Friday to discuss how to prevent deer attacks such as those on campus in recent years, a university official said Wednesday.

Tim Crosby, a public relations staff member at University Communications, said he was not sure what the committee would decide to do to prevent the attacks, but the focus would be on educating the public.

There have been 15 reported deer attacks in the Thompson Woods and Campus Lake areas since 2005. Several injuries have resulted from the attacks and one of the rogue deer was shot and killed after attacking an SIUC police officer in June 2006.

Last year, university staff put up caution tape and warning signs to warn pedestrians about potentially dangerous deer, Crosby said.

"They were up during the height of fawning season last year," he said. "They were up at several strategic locations where there was a lot of cover for deer."

Todd Sigler, director of public safety, said his department assists in education, but it doesn't increase patrols during fawning season, the time of year when deer take care of their young.

"With only a limited number of officers, it's difficult to be everywhere at the same time," he said.

People often disregard the signs and caution tape that warn them to stay out of areas where deer are more likely to be present, Sigler said. He said the police don't take any action against those who ignore the warnings.

The previous attacks all occurred during the summer, which is probably because most fawns are born in late May or early June and female deer are protective of their young, said George Feldhamer, a professor of zoology.

Feldhamer said he has never heard of incidents similar to those that took place at SIUC and he isn't aware of any clear reasons for the attacks.

He said that when fawns are studied in the wild, humans often come in close proximity to the mother deer without major problems.

"The doe normally stands off about 20 yards and stares at you and that's the whole show," he said.

Anthony Clemente, who said he saw seven deer Monday near his dorm at Thompson Point, said he thought pedestrians could avoid deer problems by using common sense.

"I imagine if you walked up with a doe and it had a young deer next to it, it would be defensive of its young," said Clemente, a freshman from Gurnee studying mechanical engineering. "But I don't think it would maul you for no reason."

Jennifer Shelton, a freshman from Hillsboro studying early childhood education, said she is not scared when she encounters the deer on campus.

"I think I feel more threatened by the squirrels than the deer, actually," she said. "I've had a couple squirrels kind of run at me."

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DuVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

After performing a dance routine, members from the group Kwiet Storm dance with people from the audience who jumped on stage to dance with the group Saturday afternoon during the Kappa Carnival at the Triad playing fields. For more on the Players Ball see CURRENTS page 8 and 9.

# Federal money could help students study abroad

**Ryan Rendleman**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

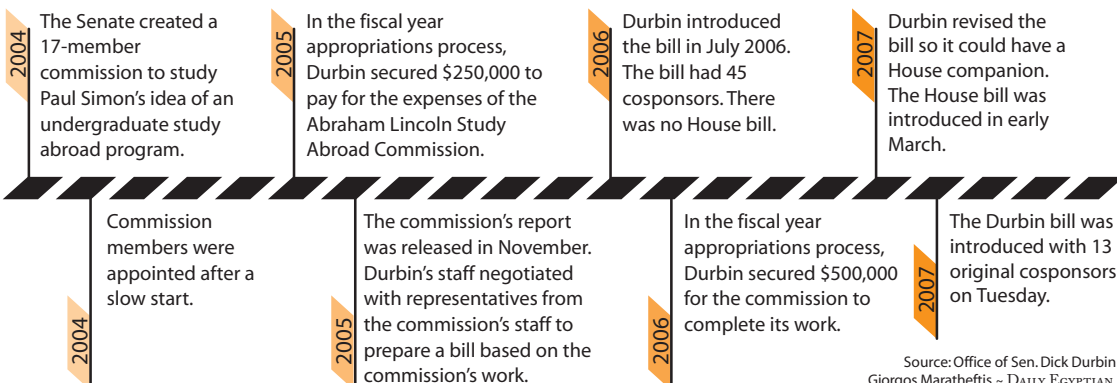
Students who may have otherwise never had an opportunity to study in another country may get the chance.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., introduced the Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act before the U.S. Senate Tuesday.

The bill calls for federal money to help university students pay for a foreign education in honor of the late Sen. Paul Simon — a former SIUC professor who was a proponent of a similar bill prior to his death in December 2003.

The bill would help 1 million students study abroad within a 10-year period, create study abroad opportunities for underrepresented students and increase the opportunities of developing countries, according to a statement released by Durbin.

## Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act



Source: Office of Sen. Dick Durbin  
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"Sen. Paul Simon was one of our nation's great public servants," Durbin said. "He had a vision — to strengthen the role of the U.S. as a world leader by investing in the education of our young people. The international study abroad program we are introducing is based on his vision and advances his work."

Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif.,

with the support of Rep. Lleana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., introduced a similar bill in the House of Representatives earlier this month. The bill requests \$800 million in federal funding to help send students to study overseas.

John Jackson, a visiting professor at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, said the institute strongly

supports the bill because it was an initiative Simon had been working on in the years prior to his death.

"It's something he was working very hard on when he died," he said. "In a real sense it would be his legacy and something he felt very, very strongly about."

See ABROAD, Page 5

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**Women's Club announces two \$1,350 scholarships**

• The SIU Women's Club Dorothy Morris Scholarship will be awarded to a female undergraduate of at least junior standing with minimum 3.0 GPA  
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**Viva Laldjérie Introduction by Dr. Clarisse Zimra**

• 7 p.m. Friday at Lawson 201  
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**Asian-American Heritage Month opening reception**

• 4 p.m. Saturday at Parkinson Laboratory, Room 124  
• Will include a showing of the film "Ju-On"  
• For more information contact Yuki N. at himerie2@yahoo.com or Student Development at 453-5714

Submit calendar items to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call 536-3311, ext. 266.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Jury selection starts in trial of '93 murder suspect**

CHICAGO (AP) — It's been 14 years since the gruesome, execution-style murders. But jury selection finally got under way Wednesday in the trial of an appliance installer accused of participating in the 1993 killings of seven people at a Brown's Chicken & Pasta restaurant in suburban Chicago.

Juan Luna, a 33-year-old with no history of criminal violence, looked relaxed as he appeared in a Cook County courtroom wearing a black suit and blue tie, his black hair closely cropped. He occasionally smiled and laughed as he spoke with his attorney.

After Judge Vince Gaughan asked trial participants to introduce themselves to about 150 prospective jurors crowded into the room, Luna stepped forward, his hands folded, and said in a soft voice, "Good morning ladies and gentlemen."

The potential jurors — some lined against courtroom walls because of a shortage of seats — listened to Gaughan read the sometimes-graphic 21-count indictment. At one point, it describes how one of the victims had her throat cut and was shot.

Luna was just 18 when he and his former classmate, James Degorski, allegedly walked into the restaurant at closing time on Jan. 8, 1993, and carried out the killings during a robbery, prosecutors have said. The bodies of the victims, some of whom were stabbed and all of whom were shot, were found in a walk-in freezer and a cooler.

**No damage reported after funnel cloud**

MCLEAN (AP) — A funnel cloud touched down Wednesday in a field near this small central Illinois town, but caused no damage, weather officials said.

The funnel cloud was sighted about 3:19 p.m. by law enforcement and touched down briefly in a field about two miles southwest of McLean, a town of about 800 people between Bloomington and Lincoln, said Ernie Goetsch, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Lincoln.

Goetsch said the reported funnel cloud was part of a slow-moving storm front that typically only brings small touchdowns in open areas. But he said those storm systems can spin up small tornadoes that can touch down in populated areas.

The reported funnel cloud prompted a brief tornado warning Wednesday afternoon for southwestern McLean County, northeastern Logan County and western DeWitt County in central Illinois.

**Smoke billows from downtown office building**

CHICAGO (AP) — Gray smoke that billowed from atop a 45-story office building in downtown Chicago Wednesday afternoon was caused by an equipment fire on the building's rooftop and posed no danger to occupants, authorities said.

The fire brought 150 firefighters to the scene and was extinguished within an hour, said fire department spokeswoman Eve Rodriguez.

District Fire Chief Gregory Lewis said the only damage was to the exterior of the building. He said authorities did not call for an evacuation, but assisted people who wanted to come out.

Emergency medical responders were checking some people as "a precaution," Larry Langford, a fire department spokesman, told reporters. Lewis said two people who "self-evacuated" were transported to the hospital after experiencing exhaustion.

The fire began shortly before noon, sending workers into the street as firefighters rushed inside.

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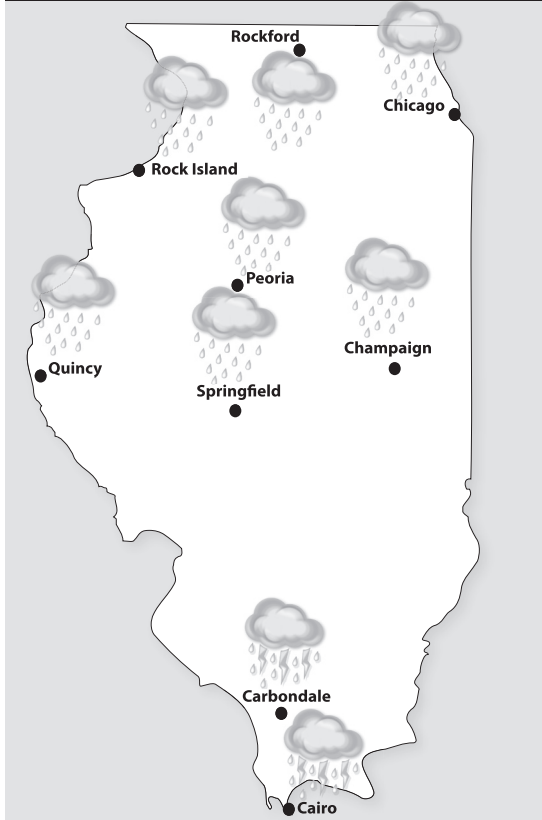
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**ILLINOIS WEATHER**



**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	TODAY		THURS.	
	HI	LO	HI	LO
Bloomington	65	49	67	56
Champaign	76	58	75	61
Chicago	58	42	66	45
Edwardsville	78	56	75	58
Moline	62	51	68	52
Mount Vernon	75	55	74	57
Paducah	81	59	77	60
Peoria	64	52	65	51
Quincy	72	53	71	53
Rockford	57	43	63	49
Springfield	70	55	72	57

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	TODAY		THURS.	
	HI	LO	HI	LO
Atlanta	80	50	67	53
Boston	44	32	56	34
Dallas	76	64	73	57
Kansas City	78	58	70	52
New Orleans	81	64	81	66
New York	56	37	60	42
Phoenix	75	53	77	54
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# Events set for Asian American month

**Alicia Wade**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC looks to expand its focus during its observance of Asian American Heritage Month.

Events throughout April range from a viewing of the films "Ju-On" and the original version of "The Grudge" to an annual Iron Chef competition. Presentations on the Middle East are also scheduled.

Abed Abukhdair, a graduate assistant in Student Development, said programmers attempted to include all of Asia in this year's observance, moving beyond an eastern Asia focus.

"During the last week of the month there will be a Middle Eastern week," he said. "In my four years at SIU I've never seen that aspect of Asian culture."

He said he hoped as many people as possible would get out and participate in the events, and the first 50 to attend the screening of "Ju-On" would receive free T-shirts that list the month's events.

## Asian American Heritage Month

For a complete calendar of April's events, go online to [www.siu.edu](http://www.siu.edu).

The month will also feature the speaker Xiaosi Yang, who is a teacher in the humanities department at Harold Washington College in Chicago. He was also the former director of the Asian Studies Center at Lake Forest College.

His discussion is titled "The Global Significance of China's Rise."

There will also be a panel at another event called "Asian Myth Busters" led by associate professor Alan Kim, which will discuss the culture, facts and myths about Asian people.

Yuki Nakayama, a senior studying speech communication, said planning the month was hard work, and diversity was the goal.

"Last year, it was much more focused on the east side of Asia," she said. "Now — it's the whole thing."

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**Dan Boomgarden, a senior from Chatsworth studying cinema, films textures on a building in a vacant lot on Jackson Street near Big Boys Q'n on Wednesday.**

**MAX BITTLE**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

# Painted shirts express pain of sexual assault

**Danny Wenger**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sometimes it's easier to put emotions on a shirt.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and several events are planned to educate the public. One event, put on by the Women's Center, is the Clothesline Project that displays shirts decorated by sexual assault survivors.

Other events aim to involve men in preventing sexual violence.

Ami Lilley, program coordinator for rape crisis services at the Women's Center, said the Clothesline Project was an expression of how assault affects people.

"The T-shirts that are displayed during the Clothesline Project are shirts that are made by survivors of violence or in memory of those who died as a result of that violence," Lilley said.

"It's a really powerful expres-

sion of how sexual violence really truly affects a person."

Lilley said survivors often make the shirts as part of a counseling or therapy process.

"It's similar in some ways to the AIDS memorial quilt," she said. "It's a way for them to put a piece of themselves out there on something that will be kept by us for years and years."

Lilley said the Women's Center has collected more than 1,000 shirts from local assault survivors over the years.

Susie Toliver, a crime victim advocate, said the project could be an emotional experience for survivors who attend.

"They're always shocked that it's so many people that it happens to," Toliver said. "I've had several people say how emotional that was for them."

Toliver said some people returned to counseling after attending the project and reliving the trauma they went through.

However, she said returning

**"It's a really powerful expression of how sexual violence really truly affects a person."**

— Ami Lilley  
program coordinator for rape crisis services at the Women's Center

## Clothesline Project schedule

- April 4: Clothesline Project at Faner Breezeway, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- April 10 to 11: Clothesline Project at John A. Logan College, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- April 12: Speakout at Longbranch Coffeehouse, 7 p.m.
- April 19: 'Until the Violence Stops' film at Longbranch Coffeehouse, 6:30 p.m.
- April 26: Clothesline Project at Faner Breezeway, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

to counseling was something positive.

"They've learned through their counseling that it's not going to go away and it's better that they deal with it, which makes me proud of them because they got something out of the counseling and they know how to use it," she said.

Other events are planned to address and involve men in sexual violence prevention.

Christy Hamilton, sexual health education and violence prevention coordinator at the Wellness Center, said tables would be set up at the end of April targeting men. The tables would have information about the White Ribbon and These Hands Don't Hurt campaigns.

"Basically, the White Ribbon Campaign is awareness to end violence against women," Hamilton said. "The white ribbon symboliz-

es a man's pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women."

The hands campaign is similar to the white ribbon.

Men make a commitment to not be violent and make cutouts of their hands, Hamilton said.

"Although men, statistically, are perpetrators of violence more so than the female gender, I always tell people that does not mean that all men are perpetrators of crime," she said.

Hamilton said men are powerful tools that help change some of the violent culture trends.

"Any males on campus that would like to support the White Ribbon Campaign and These Hands Don't Hurt, we would love to have them come," Hamilton said.

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## WIRE REPORTS

## ATLANTA

## Man fakes death to avoid rape charges

ATLANTA (AP) — A man who police say faked his own death to avoid trial on charges he molested his fiancée's 12-year-old daughter was convicted in the sex abuse case Wednesday.

Julian Dale Pipkins was convicted of sexual molestation and statutory rape and sentenced to 20 years in prison, said Peachtree City Police Chief Jim Murray.

In November, days before Pipkins' trial was to begin, his 16-year-old son told police his father drowned while the two were fishing near Galveston, Texas. The teen soon recanted, telling them his father made up the tale and was hiding from authorities in north Texas.

Pipkins, 40, was arrested in December in Miami, where he was living in a homeless shelter and working as a laborer.

Last March, Pipkins was arrested after his fiancée flagged down a police officer and told him she caught Pipkins having sex with her daughter in their Peachtree City apartment.

Pipkins took the stand and denied harming the girl.

Murray said Pipkins now goes to Texas where he faces additional charges, including the claims he faked his death.

## WYOMING

## Snowstorm causes vehicle pileups

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A major snowstorm hit the central Rockies on Wednesday, causing a pair of interstate pileups in northern Wyoming, including one involving a school bus.

The bus was carrying 36 students from Tongue River High School to a competition in Cheyenne in the state's southeast when it was involved in a collision with two minivans on Interstate 90, school officials said.

Soon after, another pileup in the same area involved several passenger vehicles and seven big rigs, two of which were hauling diesel fuel. One of the diesel haulers rolled over and authorities said the other leaked around 1,000 gallons of fuel.

Four people were taken to a hospital, and one injury was considered serious, according to Wyoming Highway Patrol spokesman Sgt. Stephen Townsend. It was not immediately clear which vehicles the injured had been in, but no one on the bus was hurt.

The wintry weather closed a 100-mile stretch of I-90 and 45 miles of I-25. Thirteen other state roads were closed.

## IRAQ

## Dozens killed in Shiite revenge attack

BAGHDAD (AP) — Shiite militants and police enraged by deadly truck bombings went on a shooting rampage against Sunnis in a northwestern Iraqi city Wednesday, killing as many as 70 men execution-style and prompting fears that sectarian violence was spreading outside the capital.

The killings occurred in the mixed Shiite-Sunni city Tal Afar, which had been an insurgent stronghold until an offensive by U.S. and Iraqi troops in September 2005, when militants fled into the countryside without a fight. Last March, President Bush cited the operation as an example that gave him "confidence in our strategy."

The gunmen roamed Sunni neighborhoods in Tal Afar through the night, shooting at residents and homes, according to police and a local Sunni politician. Witnesses said relatives of the Shiite victims in the truck bombings broke into Sunni homes and killed the men inside or dragged them out and shot them in the streets.

Gen. Khorshid al-Douski, the Iraqi army commander in charge of the area, said 70 were shot in the back of the head and 40 people were kidnapped. A senior hospital official in Tal Afar, who spoke on condition of anonymity out of security concerns, said 45 men were killed.

## Prosecutors fired for not supporting Bush

Laurie Kellman  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Eight federal prosecutors were fired last year because they did not sufficiently support President Bush's priorities, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' former chief of staff says in remarks prepared for delivery to Congress on Today.

Separately, the Justice Department admitted Wednesday it gave senators inaccurate information about the firings and presidential political adviser Karl Rove's role in trying to secure a U.S. attorney's post for one of his former aides, Tim Griffin.

In a letter accompanying new documents sent to the House and Senate Judiciary committees, Justice officials acknowledged that a Feb. 23 letter to four Democratic senators erred in asserting that the department was not aware of any role Rove played in the decision

to appoint Griffin to replace U.S. Attorney Bud Cummins in Little Rock, Ark.

Gonzales' former chief of staff, Kyle Sampson, in remarks obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, spoke dismissively of Democrats' condemnation of what they call political pressure in the firings.

"The distinction between 'political' and 'performance-related' reasons for removing a United States attorney is, in my view, largely artificial," he said. "A U.S. attorney who is unsuccessful from a political perspective ... is unsuccessful."

Democrats have described the firings as an "intimidation purge" and a warning to remaining U.S. attorneys to fall in line with Bush's priorities. Political pressure, Democrats say, can skew the judgment of prosecutors when deciding whom to investigate and which indictments to pursue.

## Iran demands Britain admit entering its waters

Salah Nasrawi  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Iran's foreign minister said Wednesday that Britain must admit that its 15 sailors and marines entered Iranian waters in order to resolve a standoff over their capture by the Mideast nation.

Manouchehr Mottaki's statement in an interview with The Associated Press came on a day of escalating tensions, highlighted by an Iranian video of the detained Britons that showed the only woman captive saying her group had "trespassed" in Iranian waters. Britain angrily denounced the video as unacceptable and froze most dealings with the Mideast nation.

Mottaki said that if the alleged entry into Iranian waters was a mistake "this can be solved. But they have to show that it was a mistake, that will help us to end

this issue."

"Admitting the mistake will facilitate a solution to the problem," he said late Wednesday night in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he was attending a summit of Arab leaders.

It was the first time that Iran has publicly suggested a way to resolve the crisis, but British acquiescence appeared unlikely as the country has been insisting since the crisis began that its troops were in Iraqi waters and released documents on Wednesday to back up the claim.

There was no immediate comment from the British to Mottaki's statement. A call to Britain's Foreign Office in London was not answered early Thursday.

Mottaki also backed off a prediction that the female sailor, Faye Turney, could be freed Wednesday or Thursday, but said Tehran agreed to allow British officials to meet with service personnel.



MARSHA HALPER ~ MCT

A Haitian migrant awaits further medical care inside the Hallandale Beach Fire Rescue Station Wednesday on Hallandale Beach in Florida. More than 100 famished Haitian migrants slogged through waves and staggered ashore after their wooden sailboat ran aground.

## Migrants reach U.S. after weeks at sea

Laura Wides-Munoz  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — More than 100 Haitian migrants reached South Florida on Wednesday after spending at least three weeks at sea in a dilapidated sailboat, officials said. One man died in the crossing, and three people were in critical condition from dehydration.

Many of the 101 migrants looked gaunt and exhausted as they were taken into custody by local and state officials. Nearly a dozen minors, including a 10-year-old boy, were among the group. The body of one man washed ashore, and officials said they believed he drowned.

"Our condolences go out to anyone who was on the boat who actually knew the individual," said Zach Mann, a spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection

in Miami.

The migrants reached land at Hallandale Beach, about 15 miles north of downtown Miami. Haiti is about 700 miles southeast of Miami.

At least 11 people were taken to a hospital. Besides the three in critical condition, four were in serious condition. Two were in good condition, Mann said. He did not know the condition of the other two.

The migrants told officials they had been at sea for about three weeks.

Unlike Cubans, who are gen-

erally allowed to stay once they reach U.S. soil, most Haitians who illegally make it to the U.S. are sent back.

U.S. Rep. Kendrick Meek urged immigration officials not to send the migrants out of Florida as their cases are reviewed.

Florida Gov. Charlie Crist promised that at least while the migrants remain in Florida, they will be cared for and treated well.

"As the grandson of an immigrant, I appreciate people's yearning for freedom and a better opportunity for themselves and their family. We have a

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— Barbara Gonzalez  
Customs Enforcement spokeswoman

federal policy that's a little bit different from that," Crist said.

Ludner Ermitus, 26, who said he helped sail the boat, told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel: "I know (the U.S.) is a big power. They help most countries in the world. I come to see what they can do for me."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Barbara Gonzalez said the agency was investigating whether the migrants were part of a human smuggling operation.

"This is why the U.S. government discourages illegal migration, not only because it's illegal, but more importantly it can be deadly, as we witnessed today," she said.

Last year, Coast Guard agents patrolling the waters of South Carolina, Florida and the Caribbean stopped 6,093 migrants, 769 of them from Haiti.



## Get lost in 'Vice City Stories'

**Matt Dreuth**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

'Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Stories'  
Platform: Playstation 2  
Release Date: March 5



When it comes to crime, corruption and captivating game-play, "Grand Theft Auto" has always led the pack. With "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Stories," the game is still as addictive as ever, but fails to be par with the best of the series.

"Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Stories" is an extension of the popular "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City," and allows players another chance to wreak havoc on Miami-inspired beaches.

"Vice City Stories" takes place in 1984 in a city emerging with potential. Vic Vance, brother of Lance Vance from the previous game, serves as the main character. After being discharged from the military for his love of drugs and hookers, Vic is forced to work odd jobs. As this character, you eliminate your boss and take over his empire. You form a gang to help protect and expand your turf. The missions are your typical drug selling, gang banging and run-of-the-mill hoodlum tasks that made the series so popular.

The only problem with the missions is that there aren't enough of them.

The graphics in this game are the exact same as the other GTA

titles. There is nothing fancy about them, but the lack of amazing graphics doesn't hurt the game. Considering the vast environment of "Vice City," the graphics will suffer at the expense of freedom players are allowed.

This game plays exactly like "Vice City" but players have the ability to swim and drive more vehicles. Unfortunately, "Vice City Stories" suffers because it will be compared to the overall quality of "San Andreas." The improvements make it a much stronger title over "Vice City."

It is obvious the swimming element was taken from that game, but where are the upgradeable stats and the ability to workout or get fat? Also, there are far less things to do in the businesses that you can enter. Speaking of business, players can create brothels, drug dens and other money laundering methods to make their empires grow.

The music in this game is the best new attribute, which has always been a strong point in every "Grand Theft Auto" game. An entirely new soundtrack makes driving around in this game more enjoyable. Hits from the early '80s that are included in this game are the only thing the original game lacked. Artists such as Kiss, Motley Crue, Rick James, and Ted Nugent grace a soundtrack that is packed with quality tunes.

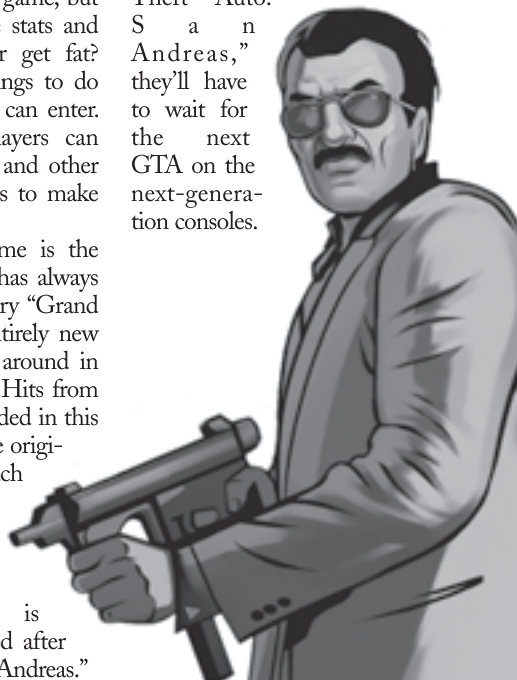
"Vice City Stories" is penalized for being released after "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas."

That game set the bar so high that this game could never live up to its standards. However, at the very least, it is a noticeable improvement over the original "Vice City."

It's a fun game that will be noticed if you try not to remember all the great features introduced by San Andreas. For being a direct port from the Playstation Portable version, "Vice City Stories" is good for a quick fix.

This title is sure to please the violence-craving gangster fantasizing gamers of the world. For those looking for something better than "Grand Theft Auto:

San Andreas," they'll have to wait for the next GTA on the next-generation consoles.



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Monday

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Hangar 9 — Blue Print, Greenhouse, DJ Rare Groove, Zero Star, Hyphenate & DJ Pickel  
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Saturday

Hangar 9 — Super American Happy Fun Goodtime Jam Band  
Big Boys Q'n — Heavy Metal Showcase: Ommipresent, Hybrid Theory, Adversity in Red

## ABROAD

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Jackson said Simon was an early proponent of public schools teaching foreign cultures and languages to its students. He also said Simon traveled frequently and saw a need for similar experiences for students at the university level.

"He traveled abroad himself and he thought American students should travel and see the world," Jackson said. "Perhaps American students would be less ethnocentric, less parochial, if they had those broader experiences."

Tom Saville, the associate director for study abroad international programs and services, said he is excited about the bill and the possibility of federal funding to assist students interested in traveling around the world to get an education.

"I think it will be a great opportunity for students, particularly stu-

dents like ours who are on financial aid," he said. "The real purpose of this is to significantly increase the number of students who are able to study abroad."

Saville said more than 200 SIUC students choose to study in another country every year.

One of the most important aspects this bill would help is financing students while away so they don't have to work, Saville said. He said it is important for students to be able to soak in as much culture while away and not be pinned down with a job. He also said some countries don't allow students to work while abroad.

"You really can't understand your own country until you've had the opportunity to meaningfully experience other countries," he said. "Otherwise you can't really put it into perspective."

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OUR WORD

# Take a walk, SIUC

At about 9:50 in the morning, something special happens on campus. It's habitual, hectic and horrendous.

It's the prowl for a parking spot in one of the many parking lots on campus, and it's a problem.

The problem doesn't lay in the parking lots; instead it rests in the hands of student drivers.

Brian Mager, administrator for the parking division, said there are a number of parking spaces available for students.

The only problem is that most of those spaces are on the outer fringes of campus. The SIU Arena, where parking is free with a yellow decal, has hundreds of open parking spots.

Some students who live relatively close to campus will park at the Arena and then walk to a distant class. This is the equivalent of walking to class from home, thereby accomplishing nothing.

Let's save those highly coveted parking spots for the people who truly need them — non-traditional students and those who live outside of town.

That isn't to say that parking should be denied to students who live on campus, but students who live on West Mill Street and drive to the Communications Building are simply being lazy.

What is the point of spending an extra twenty minutes finding a parking spot when those "precious" minutes could easily be spent walking to class?

Granted, there are certain occasions when walking might not seem like a viable option. Circumstances like hailstorms, blizzards, drenching rain and southern Illinois' infamous humidity make the drive practical and can be forgiven.

But in all other occasions, it's not that difficult to step



LYDIA BARGIELSKI ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

outside and enjoy a brisk walk to class instead of driving around the parking lot, frantically looking for a spot.

And what happens if people can't find a spot close to their classes? Do they realize that they'll have to park far away in order to avoid a ticket? Or do they just give up, skip class and go home?

Some students don't have a problem with finding a

parking spot close to their classes because they arrive so early that there are plenty of open spots close enough to the building.

This is ridiculous.

Until professors offer an extra absence for students who can't find parking spots, walking might be the best idea.

Gus Bode says: It's time to send the DE a letter. Don't like what our student columnists and editorial board have to say? Want to make your opinion heard on some other university policy? Do something about it.

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**Abe Traverso**  
 Two Boutique co-owner  
 on the aesthetic of his store

# INSIGHT



## One man's trash, another man's art

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In alleys, on buildings, on windows, on trashcans and dumpsters, a person spray-painted the words "moist" and "trash." This is considered graffiti and vandalism. I consider it art.

Art has evolved in the last century, allowing artists to be completely free in what they consider their art. Art to me only needs two elements: to be aesthetically pleasing and have a message to be conveyed. Even then, the latter isn't always necessary as the aesthetic element can create its own meanings for different people.

Environmental, or guerrilla, art can be on anything and be just about anything. An artist in the United Kingdom

who refers to himself as Banksy has done work ranging from graffiti to placing his own fake exhibit into a museum, on top of more traditional and less illegal forms of art.

Environmental art changed the canvas for all artists, allowing artists to use any materials and of course, put their work anywhere they want.

Some of the art is illegal. Some of it is legal and done with permission and even payment. I think all of it adds flavor to an area and can help us think of something in a different way. Whatever it does for the individual, it all adds a bit of color to our lives —whether we like it or not.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Cole's campaign belittles citizens' true struggles

DEAR EDITOR:

On March 23, I opened my mailbox to discover a half-page sized Brad Cole campaign leaflet. The leaflet states that "while others sit back as electric utility rates soar . . . Brad Cole is fighting to protect residential customers." It also contains a faded newspaper headline "Cole: City should seize power system."

First, I am shocked that a Republican who rose to the ranks of deputy chief of staff under former Gov. (and now con-

victed felon) George Ryan would suggest such a massive expansion of government.

Second, I am disappointed that Mr. Cole, who holds a master's degree in legal studies, persists in his advocacy for this unrealistic solution. Need I remind Mr. Cole that the U.S. Constitution requires the government to pay "just compensation" for property seized through eminent domain?

Mr. Cole has yet to distribute any estimated cost for his proposal or any hint of how these funds are to be raised. The fact is this pesky constitutional just compensation requirement, the cost of assessing the power system's value, baseline attorneys' fees and the inevitable litigation

costs are more than \$100 million dollars and can easily be a multiple thereof.

Was Mr. Cole sick the day his class was taught eminent domain? Perhaps he didn't do the reading that day. But surely he has consulted the city's attorneys and they must have explained the cost of his proposal. Surely his proposal is grounded in factual investigation and due diligence.

Surely Mr. Cole's proposed solution to the very real energy cost crisis that is forcing students and families into financial disaster is not merely a campaign strategy and promise that cannot possibly be kept.

**Delio Calzolari**  
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**Bryan Hill, a junior in university studies, stands outside a dressing room in Shryock Auditorium waiting for his turn to perform during the Players Ball on Friday night.**



**Jaleesa Funches, center, a freshman studying business, dances to a song as a pair of pumps hangs off a fence during the Red Light Special party at the SIU Arena on Saturday night.**



**Sharon 'Suga-Shay' Hicks, a freshman from O'Fallon, Mo., performs at the Players Ball Friday night at Shryock Auditorium. Hicks was crowned Player of the Year for her skit.**

# Players Ball

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity hosts weeklong celebration

story by **ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ** • photos by **DUVALE RILEY**

and comedy in skits to win a \$500 scholarship and the prestige of being named Player of the Year.

The Student Programming Council, Undergraduate Student Government, Black Affairs Council and the Racial Ethnic Minority Programs helped sponsor the event.

The ball had been a bit vulgar in the past, but that has changed, said Antwone Turner, a 2006 alumna from Chicago.

"Other years, the show was really adult. Just the words that they used in their skits, it just wasn't for kids, honestly," Turner said.

"Now, the show has hit a totally different phase. It was just pure entertainment, whereas other years it was more adult entertainment," he said. "This year, I would honestly say you could've brought younger people in here and no one would have been offended."

Hicks, a freshman from O'Fallon, Mo., studying radio and television, said she practiced her winning player skit every day for two months.

"We worked on everything from my swagger to the basics — what I might say and how the crowd would react," she said.

"I was just talking to this guy and letting him know how it was going to be if he was going to be with me — his expectations and my standards."

Last year's Player of the Year, Leslie Murillo, a senior from Kansas City, Mo., studying physiology, said she was happy to hand over the crown.

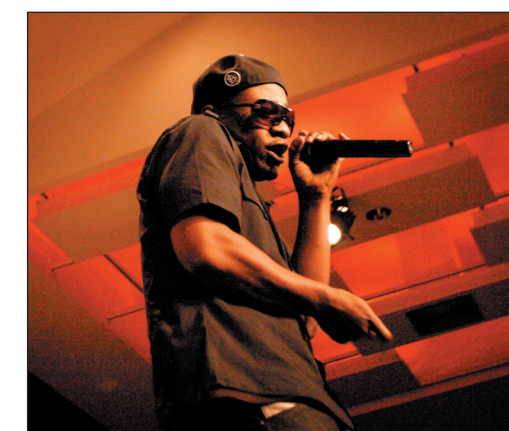
"I was just so happy to give it to another lady because one of my themes from last year was 'Ms. Lizz keeps it pimpin' for the ladies,' so it's really exciting to see another lady win it," she said.

The Players Ball exists because it has history and it's unique, said Brandon Wynn, president of Kappa Alpha Psi.

"It's something that our older brothers started a long time ago and we just continue with it," Wynn said. "People like it. It's just something different to watch. It's all fun."



**Aaron Mallory, left, a sophomore studying engineering, and Brandon Wynn, a junior studying aviation management, volunteer to paint cars to be given to charity Monday evening in the Craft Shop.**



**Quincy, of the band Just Bryan from St. Louis, performs before the comedy show Thursday night at the Student Center.**

**"It's something that our older brothers started a long time ago and we just continue with it. People like it. It's just something different to watch. It's all fun."**

— Brandon Wynn  
Kappa Alpha Psi president

While the event brought many people to Shryock, it was only one highlight in a week of programs that cost the fraternity more than \$25,000, said Wynn, a junior from Oak Park studying aviation management.

The week also included a comedy show, time designated to "Kommunity" service, a sold-out party at the SIU Arena and the "Kappa Karnival."

"The Karnival is for everybody. It's to give back to the community," Wynn said. "We started the car show last year to add a little flavor to it. It's a pretty cool event."

Kappa Karnival, the most important event of Players Ball week, had all sorts of entertainment including a barbeque, rides, music and a first-class car show.

Ryan Collins, a sophomore from Evansville, Ind., studying business, showed off his sleek, black 1988 Chevy with large, blue flames on the sides and hood.

Collins arrived late to the car show so he was just enjoying the Karnival.

He said he didn't understand the controversy surrounding the event in the past.

"It was cool. It was just normal to me, normal life," Collins said. "You could take it as something else, but it's just all in fun."

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**Roy Tate, a 1984 alumna from East St. Louis, is reflected in a side mirror of his 2005 Corvette Coupe as he finishes polishing it for the car show at the Kappa Karnival on Saturday afternoon at the Triad playing fields.**

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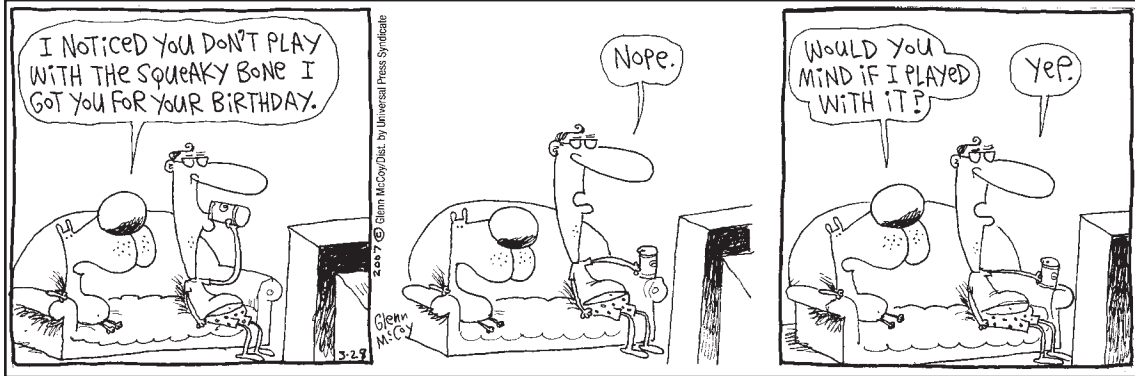
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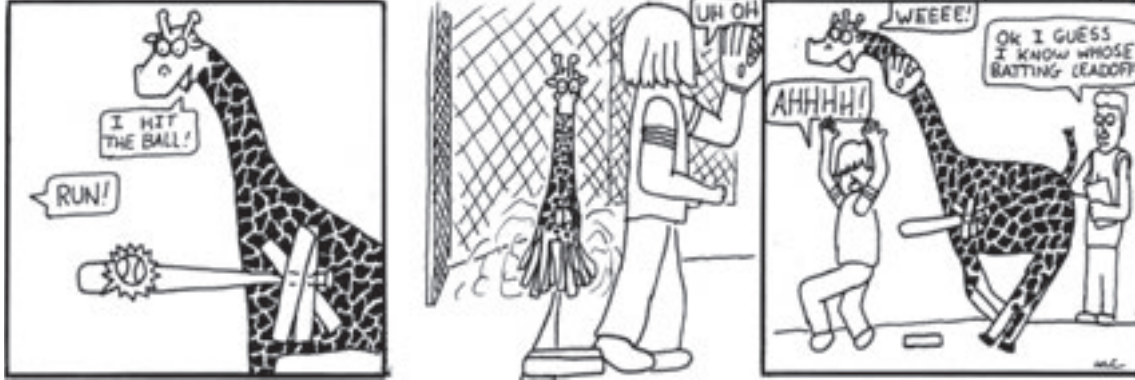
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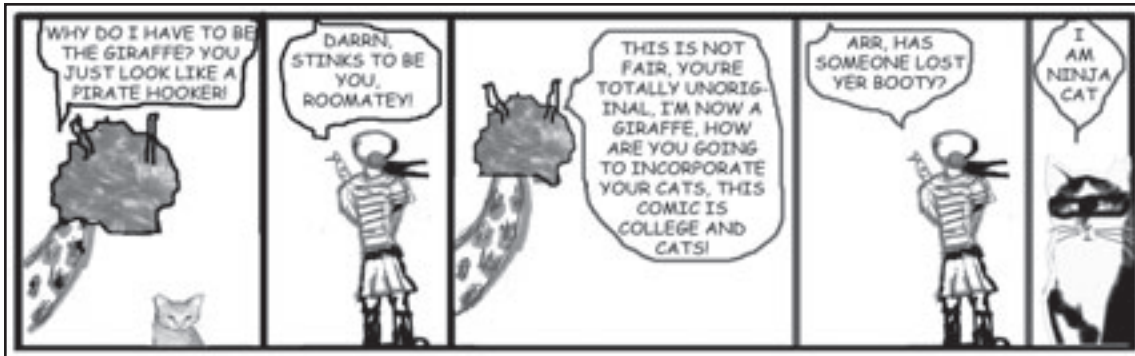
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Level: **1 2 3 4**

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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1	4	5	9	6	8	7	2	3
6	8	3	2	1	7	4	9	5
3	6	9	5	7	2	8	4	1
4	5	1	8	9	6	2	3	7
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**By Linda Black**

**Today's Birthday (03-29-07).** Amazing things are possible this year for you, and the ones you love. Travel is recommended, along with publishing and filmmaking. Do it all for the experience and for what you'll learn. You'll make enough money to get by, but the big bucks come later. 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** - Your friends are in a hurry, but should you follow their lead? Listen to their suggestions but don't veer away from your assignment. Their plan will be too expensive.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5** - You're not dead, you're only resting. Your friends understand. Get one of them to go out for pizza, so you don't have to cook.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7** - You're naturally a communicator, so it's hard for you to stay quiet. You'll gain a lot more information, however, if you do.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 10** - You could make a lot of money now. You have what you need. This is not a gamble. Your good business sense makes the difference.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6** - The problem is not your confidence now. That is increasing every day. The challenge is communications. You're in delicate negotiations.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6** - Silver looks like a good investment, along with real estate. Gold's not a bad idea either, come to think of it.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6** - The person you feel most comfortable with is like a brother or sister. Actually, that could be the reality, too. Or a cousin. Make the connection.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9** - Although there is some controversy, it does not pertain to you. Keep out of the way and keep doing your job. You're becoming indispensable.

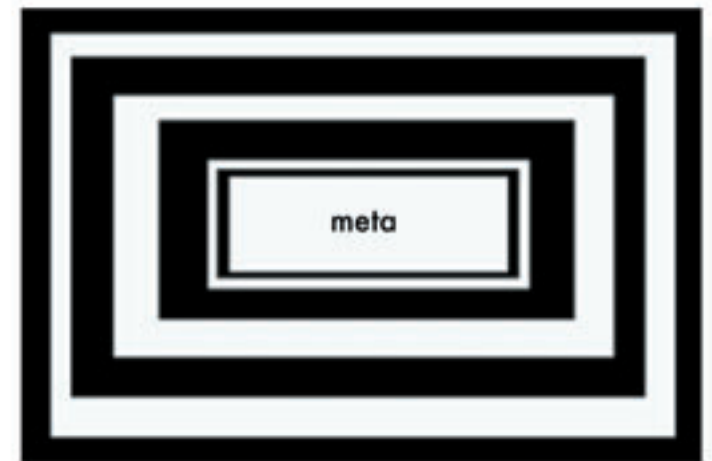
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7** - Take care, there's a test coming up. The talent scouts will be watching, soon. Don't be scared, but don't be a show-off, either. Be a charming, loveable fuzzleball.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8** - Pull enough out of petty cash to finance an excursion. Find out what's outside your safety zone, but be careful. It's a jungle out there.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7** - It's good to have a person around that's good at scheduling. Sometimes you get lost in thought and forget what day it is. If you get a wake-up call, just thank them for their service.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 9** - You don't have time to go back and re-think your plan now. If something doesn't work, try something else immediately. Creativity will occur, trust that. You don't need to skip a beat.

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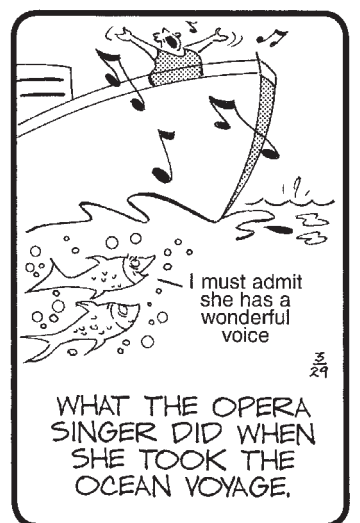
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A: THE " "

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHYLY AGONY TAWDRY SUNDAE  
Answer: Why the editor rejected the italic headline — IT WAS "SLANTED"

# 'Ask the AD' launched

Saluki fans given opportunity to ask Moccia questions

Scott Mieszala  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Saluki Athletics Web site recently started a feature for athletics director Mario Moccia to field fans' questions.

"Ask the AD" was launched on [sialukis.com](http://sialukis.com) Wednesday, with fans e-mailing Moccia questions that he personally answered.

Moccia said "Ask the AD" was thought up by he and SIU sports information director Tom Weber as something to spruce up the Web site and give fans from all over a chance to ask Moccia their questions.

"Folks from California or whatever, they don't have to worry about chasing me down," Moccia said. "I thought it was a nice segment, people would want to enjoy just something different on the Web site, as well."

There is no set schedule for when future installments of "Ask the AD" will run. Moccia said he thinks it will be a monthly feature with a set schedule so people will know when to look for it.

Moccia answered nine questions in the inaugural "Ask the AD," with topics ranging from the men's basketball schedule for the upcoming season to Saluki Way — questions Moccia said he has been asked before.

"It was just kind of interesting just to see what everybody's questions were about," Moccia said. "That way you can kind of give

them the information direct from the horse's mouth."

One e-mailer asked if Gonzaga had denied a game request from the SIU men's basketball team.

Moccia answered them saying the rumor was false, that he knows the Bulldog's athletic director, and a possible bout with Gonzaga could be more than the Salukis could handle next season. SIU has games next season against Butler, Indiana, Western Kentucky and Saint Mary's on its non-conference schedule — another question he answered.

The idea for "Ask the AD" was also a way to reach out to the Salukis' fans, Moccia said, and a way for him to dispel rumors that can surface.

"That's kind of the way we can hopefully have an open-door policy, and at the same time, just want to let them know if there's anything on SalukiTalk or anything that people are wildly speculating, at least you can come here and hopefully get the correct answer," he said.

Another question that was asked was the status of Salukis men's basketball coach Chris Lowery. Moccia answered that he was trying to sign Lowery to a multi-year deal with a raise in pay.

Jon Iaccino, a freshman from DeKalb studying radio and television, said the school's effort to retain Lowery is the issue he cares about.

"I really think our basketball program can go a lot further than the Sweet 16 if we keep Lowery," Iaccino said. "We can't keep the stepping

stone perspective of our college."

Chuck Stone, a sophomore from Vernon Hills studying radio and television, said he enjoyed the feature and would like to know about the possibility of the Salukis men's basketball team playing Illinois.

"I was impressed that he did it," Stone said. "Since he's been here he seems pretty open to questions and open to letting people know what's going on with the whole athletic program."

SalukiTalk.com is a Web site for fans to get together and discuss matters involving SIU athletics and other issues, something Moccia said being a fan is all about.

"I'm a firm supporter of that," Moccia said. "(I) obviously wouldn't say take everything you read on there as the gospel by any stretch, but I think it's a fun medium for the fans."

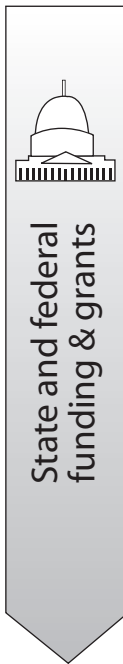
A plan to expand "Ask the AD" as a live chat session, but Moccia said he won't be doing any question and answer sessions on the radio like Lowery or football coach Jerry Kill have.

"I don't think that anybody wants to hear the AD live on the radio in that kind of format," Moccia said. "I think for right now we're just going to start this and see what happens."

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— Mario Moccia  
SIU athletics director



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"We don't have any solutions at the moment," Haller said. "We're now at work to figure it out."

Poshard said it is up to the entire higher education community to get involved with the federal and state government and demand a change in how universities are treated.

He said the community includes university students, employees and their families — making up the largest constituency group in the state.

"If the government really heard from that constituency group and said, 'Stop cutting this money because it is resulting in such high increases in tuition and fees on the backs of our families,' you'd see higher education restored to its previous position, but we don't speak up," he said.

Poshard encouraged members of the constituency to organize letter writing and phone calling campaigns to legislators and participate in events such as the SIUC lobbying day in Springfield on April 25.

"If we're silent, we're going to get cut," he said. "It's that simple."

Poshard said the lobbying event allows students and others involved with SIUC to speak with legislators and have their concerns heard. He said anyone is allowed to attend, and the university buses students there.

Xavier Mims, a junior from Harvey studying management, said he plans to attend the event.

He said he receives some federal funding in MAP and Pell grants, but still has been forced to take out a large amount in loans to combat the rising

cost of attending SIUC.

"I really am fortunate because I do get a nice little sum, but I know some people who don't get anything," he said. "More is always better."

Mims said he views himself as a leader, and will visit Springfield to help himself as well as students who will need financial aid in the years to come.

"If you don't invest in the future, you don't invest in these kids, who else will? If you don't give them something to do in the future, you might as well send them to prison," he said.

David Macak, a senior from Goreville studying electrical engineering, said he doesn't worry about fees and loans because he is on a presidential scholarship that pays for all of his tuition and housing.

He said he is too busy to attend lobbying day, but thinks it is a good idea.

"It'd be good to see a lot of people up there. I think anyone who wants a chance to go to school should be able to," he said. "My parents don't have any money to give me, so the only reason I'm able to come here is because I receive that financial aid and that scholarship."

Mims said the university should promote events such as lobbying day more if it wants to see a change.

"Get the word out," he said. "Let the people know, hey, if you guys come in numbers then we can get more funding for you, because if you don't let people know about it, they're not going to come."

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Choate allowed two hits and four earned runs in his two-thirds inning of work.

He balked twice in the inning and the second one sent assistant coach Greg Andrews over the top — Andrews was tossed by third base umpire Shane Alexander after getting a little too animated.

After Choate was pulled, Lawrence got the Salukis out of the jam.

He pitched 4.1 innings and picked up his second win of the season. He allowed one run off a hit and four walks.


SIU coach Dan Callahan said he

was disappointed with the amount of people the Salukis walked.

"I'd give Brad Lawrence a 'C' because he threw up some zeros and only allowed one run, but had too many walks and too much two-out damage," Callahan said. "When you walk 10 guys you got some issues."

Tennessee-Martin inched closer and closer but Saluki senior pitcher Shane Garner finished off the wild game, giving up two runs in his only inning of work. The SIU bullpen finished with 8.1 innings pitched and allowed four runs while walking eight.

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# Saluki Insider

Ohio State star Greg Oden and Texas sensation Kevin Durant have a big decision to make. There is speculation that one or possibly both will opt to stay in college since they are both freshmen. The NBA draft would be turned upside down if they do not declare for the draft, but should they declare or should they stay in school?



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"I am not one to say throw away an opportunity at a free education, but who needs a free education when you can easily pay for one later with the 50 million dollars you can make. Oden and Durant were men among boys in the NCAA this season and I think they should take their talents to the NBA. They were born to play the game."

"Who's to tell them what they should do? They're grown men. The minute they moved out of their parents' house and into the house the boosters paid for they earned the right to make their own decisions."

## SALUKI TRACKER

STEVE FINLEY



With three games remaining on the Colorado Rockies' spring schedule, Steve Finley currently has a batting average of .286 with four extra base hits and four RBI. Finley, a former starting Saluki outfielder, went 0-for-4 but managed to score a run in a 13-9 Colorado loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks Tuesday.



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"The money is in the NBA; If they really want to get that diploma, there have been many athletes who finish college while in the pros, so it can be done. I would really like to see Durant stay and see what he could do with a year of experience under his belt. Oden has done enough this year to ensure his departure for the NBA."

**Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?**  
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### WOMEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

April 6	Illini Spring Classic	All Day
April 7	Illini Spring Classic	All Day
April 15	State Farm/MVC	All Day
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May 10	NCAA Regionals	All Day
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### MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

April 2	Pepsi Shocker Classic	All Day
April 3	Pepsi Shocker Classic	All Day
April 9	ASU Indian Classic	All Day
April 10	ASU Indian Classic	All Day
April 23	State Farm/MVC	All Day
April 24	Missouri	All Day

### BASEBALL SCHEDULE

<b>March 28</b>	Tennessee-Martin	2 p.m.
March 30	Evansville	6 p.m.
March 31	Evansville	2 p.m.
April 1	Evansville	1 p.m.
April 3	Missouri	6:30 p.m.
<b>April 7</b>	Valparaiso	2 p.m.
<b>April 8</b>	Valparaiso	1 p.m.
April 10	Missouri State	3 p.m.
<b>April 13</b>	Wichita State	3 p.m.
<b>April 14</b>	Wichita State	2 p.m.
<b>April 15</b>	Wichita State	1 p.m.
<b>April 18</b>	Missouri State	3 p.m.
April 20	Bradley	6 p.m.
April 21	Bradley	6 p.m.
April 22	Bradley	1 p.m.
April 25	Saint Louis	7 p.m.
<b>April 27</b>	Missouri State	3 p.m.
<b>April 28</b>	Missouri State	2 p.m.

### SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

March 31	Creighton	12 p.m.
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April 1	Creighton	12 p.m.
April 3	SEMO	3 p.m.
April 3	SEMO	5 p.m.
<b>April 6</b>	Drake	6 p.m.
<b>April 7</b>	Drake	12 p.m.
<b>April 7</b>	Drake	2 p.m.
<b>April 10</b>	Evansville	4 p.m.
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### BASEBALL



**Tyler Lairson bats during the SIU vs. Tennessee-Martin game Wednesday afternoon at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis defeated the Skyhawks 13-8.**  
MELISSA BARR  
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# Offense buries Skyhawks

**Matt Hartwig**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After freshman pitcher Tyler Choate had trouble finding the plate in the first inning, it looked like it would be a long day for the SIU baseball team.

Down 4-1 going into the bottom of the fourth, the Salukis (20-6) gathered eight runs off

nine hits en route to a 13-8 win against Tennessee-Martin (7-16) Wednesday.

Senior designated hitter Kevin Koski went 3-for-6 yesterday and started the comeback with a hit off Skyhawk's starting pitcher, Eric Walker. The single into shallow center scored junior Chris Crank.

After freshman center fielder Aaron Roberts singled again to

load the bases, junior right fielder Adam Hills drove in another run.

Roberts and Koski then scored on a hit to second base by junior left fielder Dean Cademartori. He later scored along with freshman shortstop Michael Finigan after a double by Lairson.

Cademartori was 2-for-4 with a run scored and four RBI.

He said he was lucky to get a

piece of the ball on his two-RBI single, but it got the job done.

"When things are going good they say hits are contagious and the ball had eyes as we like to say," Cademartori said. "Scoring eight runs in an inning is a big game breaker. It's really nice to see people come out and step up because it gives everyone a big confidence boost."

The eight-run inning lasted so long that Saluki junior pitcher Brad Lawrence had to start warming up again.

Lawrence came in during the first inning after Choate struggled with his command. Choate hit the leadoff hitter and walked a pair of Skyhawks.

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### MEN'S TENNIS

# Salukis take to the road

## SIU takes winning streak to Indiana State

**Josh Johnston**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Salukis men's tennis team (7-3) has a rough schedule ahead of them, playing three matches in four days because of a change in the schedule.

The match with Indiana State (5-7) that was originally scheduled for Wednesday has been moved to this afternoon. This marks the first Missouri Valley Conference match for the two squads. The Salukis head into the match winning five in a row.

In all five of those games, the Salukis grabbed the early 1-0 lead by taking at least two of the three doubles in each match.

Saluki coach Dann Nelson said the winning streak is the result of physical ability and attitude.

"We're confident in how we're playing right now," Nelson said. "We

are playing really well right now and we need to go up there and have a good showing against Indiana State."

The Salukis currently have three players with winning streaks of six or more in singles competition.

"I don't think the winning streaks matter up to this point," junior Felipe Villasenor said. "We are going to play better teams in the conference and it's going to be a good test for us."

Sophomore Hugo Vidal and senior Rodrigo Lama claim the Salukis' best doubles record at 6-1 and are on a five-match winning streak.

Vidal said he believes the Salukis' run will continue.

"Rodrigo is a good player," Vidal said. "I think we will win a lot of matches this year, and we fit together."

Indiana State has dropped five of

its last six matches. The Sycamores' only two players with a winning percentage better than .500 are freshman Mpiloenhle Migogo and junior Rishi Behl, each posting a 7-5 record.

The Sycamores, though, have a potent duo that could cause problems for the Salukis' doubles game. Behl and junior Anton Tsymbalov lead the team with a 7-3 record in doubles play.

The Sycamores are 2-0 at home this season, defeating Butler March 24 and Eastern Illinois February 17. The Salukis are the second match of a four-match homestand for the Sycamores.

The Salukis return to Carbondale to host Chicago-Illinois on Saturday at 11 a.m. and Western Illinois on Sunday at 11 a.m.

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**Felipe Villasenor, a junior from Santiago, Chile, returns a backhand during a singles match against Northern Illinois University Saturday afternoon at the SIU tennis courts. Villasenor defeated NIU's Alex Friesen 6-4, 6-3.**